

# His Excellency Goes "Down North"

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His Excellency, the Governor-General, has definite proof that there is a Santa Claus and that he lives in the far north of Canada. He met him, in fact, during the past summer when he made a trip to the Western Arctic by the Mackenzie River route. This is the story as it was told to the writer by a member of the party that accompanied Lord Tweedsmuir on this journey by river boat and portage transport arranged by the Hudson's Bay Company:



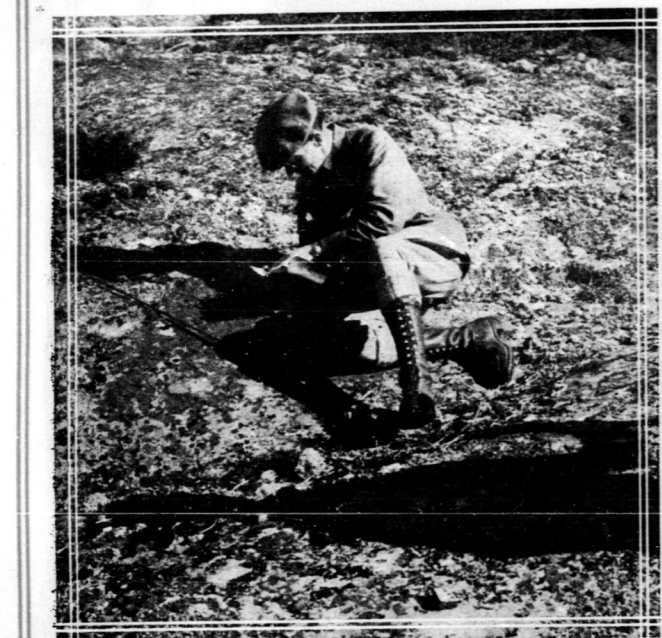
His Excellency The Governor-General

"We left Good Hope on the Mackenzie River about half past seven o'clock in the evening and did not proceed many miles down stream when we were hailed by a canoe containing the queerest collection of individuals. The ship hoisted to, to allow the canoe to come alongside, and out stepped a funny little man with a red face, wearing a parka and muskrat skin trousers all around him. Following him was a tall, dignified gentleman with a long white beard, dressed in a very ornate white moose-skin coat and leggings. Behind him was a large man in a yellow parka carrying a tom-tom and snow shoes and also generously adorned with furs of various kinds.

"The little man in front suddenly proclaimed in a loud voice, 'Make way for His Most Exalted Majesty'. . . . Of course we were approaching the Arctic Circle and this was King Santa Claus, accompanied by the Arctic Band and Priest, arriving to examine us before allowing us through. The captain was asked several searching questions, but Santa Claus eventually was satisfied and ordered his Bard to read the proclamation allowing His Excellency to proceed and giving him a welcome to the north. It was the general opinion that this was the first time that any ceremony comparable to crossing the equator had been enacted

down chickens and also a horse left with the owner about five miles from Fort Simpson. We stopped there early in the morning to take on wood. The bank was steep and covered with large boulders. The horse went ashore successfully but by the time we left the new owner had been unable to persuade him to climb the bank and was clearing a track.

"Extraordinary cheerfulness among the people seems to be a trait common in the north. It is curious how the latest mechanical devices are used there not to complicate but to simplify life. At the pleasant and historic post, Fort Chipewyan, His Excellency was shown a replica of a sundial which Sir John Franklin erected during one of his visits to enable the Indians to tell the time. The present one is on the original site but the Indians are each to get their time by radio. At each stop practically the whole population turned out to greet and welcome



His Excellency choosing a fly from his book before he attempts to lure the fish of northern waters.



The Governor-General in a reflective moment during his journey into the North.

crossing the Arctic Circle and we hope it is the last." The expedition had been on its way "down north" for several days after setting sail. The incident occurred. First it was necessary to fare forth on a snow pushed by a steamboat down the Clearwater, because of low water, to reach the stern wharves. "Athabasca River," in which the first part of the voyage was made. Then there was an eighteen mile portage from Fort Fitzgerald to Fort Smith—named after Donald Smith, afterwards Lord Strathcona—and embarkation there on the "Distributor," a similar but slightly larger edition of the "Athabasca River."

A query, "His Excellency does not mind hardships in travel?" was met by a prompt answer. "There really were not any and I do want to say how excellent the arrangements were made by the Hudson's Bay Company. Lord Tweedsmuir had a most comfortable cabin, in fact two knocked into one. I think. The cook took very good care of us. Of course, it got colder as we went towards the Arctic, but that simply was a matter of putting on an extra sweater.

"We were quite an imposing procession as we advanced through lake and river. The 'Distributor,' a flat bottomed boat, had two flat bottomed scows, about one hundred feet long, secured one ahead of the other in front. These scows were loaded with provisions, petrol, etc., for the northern posts. On the roofs were secured canoes, dog sleds, with a liberal supply of dried fish which was to be used as dog feed during the winter and bannard charts in the mornings. The 'Distributor' was used as a restaurant; 'the inhabitants of each post where she stayed long enough for a meal.' For the consumption of the passengers and visitors there were carried three bullocks, two sheep, three pigs, one turkey, about two

dren from the Roman Catholic school, the girls dressed in black with white Eton collars, were at the pier at Fort Resolute and waved assorted flags. At Providence the children from the Roman Catholic school presented a picturesque appearance in bright colors, pinks, browns, purples, with gay green scarves on their heads. We visited the spotlessly clean school and a concert was given for His Excellency by the children who had been rehearsing for the event since December.

"The region of the Rocky mountains is the only part of the river where the scenery is really impressive." Even on a pleasure trip, His Excellency had duties which also were a pleasure—and an especially great one for the members of his Canadian family which he had travelled so many miles to visit. He went to the new Anglican hospital at Athabasca and formally opened it—although it actually was open and serving twenty-six patients. The famous Bishop Fleming of the Arctic had come for the great occasion and was there when inspection was made of the American cathedral which is being built by Eskimo and Indian labor. The only nail put in the edifice by a white man was driven in the chance step by the Governor-General.

It was the intention to leave by aeroplane for Herschel Island the following morning but the weather was unfeasible. A start was made for Tuktoyaktuk, or for short, Tuktuk, later in the day. It was discovered that "Akavik from the north. It was a most amazing sight, with an enormous number of lakes and swamps, in fact more water than land."

Tuktuk has been given the name of Port Brabant by the Geographic Board, but the old one sticks. As in every place else, everyone was on the beach with a welcome when His Excellency arrived at the post established in 1934 at a harbor of the name, twenty miles north of the eastern outlet of the Mackenzie River.



Lord Tweedsmuir strides over the tundra on an inspection tour where Radium was found in 1930.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

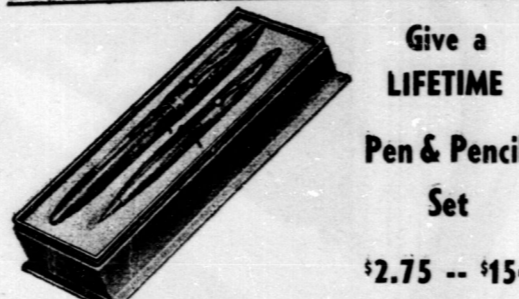


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Bring Your Kiddies to See Santa Claus on Thursday Afternoon, December 23th at 2. P.M.

## Garden Lang Presented with Gold Watch & Chain

Over Seventy Attended Annual Warden's Dinner Presentation Made by Lea Marshall

Officers and officials of Hamilton County gathered at the Camp-night for the annual Warden's Dinner. The host of the occasion was G. T. Lang, Reeve of Onondaga, who occupied the Warden's chair. This year in the County Council. About seventy-five guests were present including M. J. Senz, M.P. and Hon. Eric Cross, M.L.A. Harrison Arrell, K.C. Clerk of the County was the toastmaster and the following toast list was heard following the banquet:

### Another Case of Scarlet Fever Develops in Township

Another case of Scarlet Fever developed in the Township on Monday when Mary Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker developed the disease. Although the lad is quite sick, it is not expected any serious complications will develop. This is only the second case in the Township this year.

### Nanticoke Couple Will Soon Observe Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Corrigan will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on December 28th, the only couple in this district, having celebrated their marriage, level practically continuously in Nanticoke, where their home on Erie Street is regarded as a horticultural showplace in summer. Their celebration of this happy event will necessarily be a quiet one as Mrs. Corrigan recently had the misfortune to fall and suffer a broken right arm.

### BIRTH

On Sunday, December 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, a daughter. On Wednesday, December 15, 1937, in the Norfolk Hospital, Simcoe, to Mr. George Jackson of Nanticoke, a son.

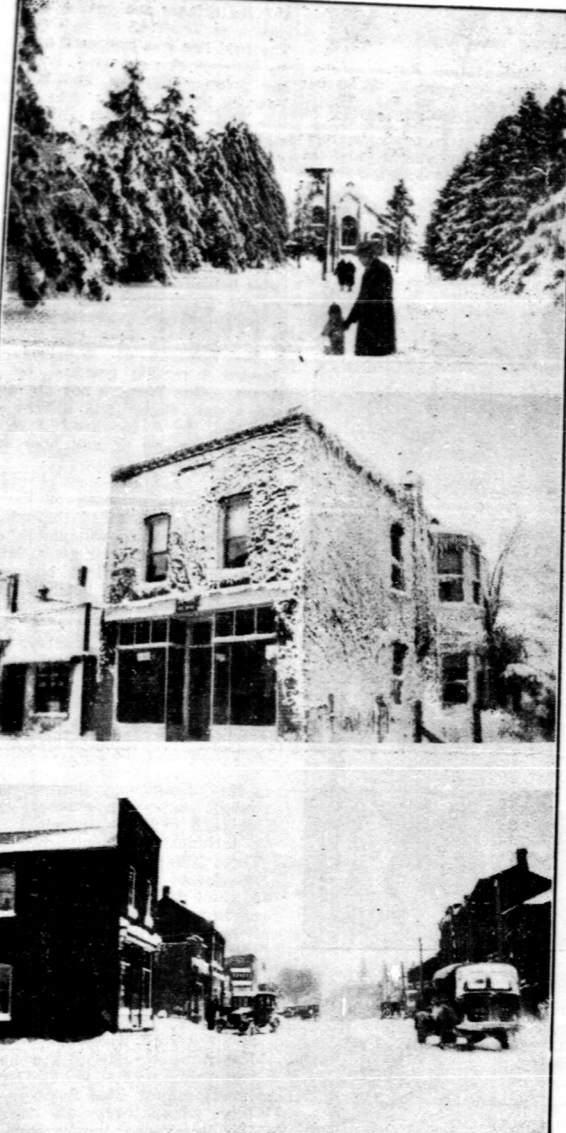
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LITTLE DOGGIE  
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Installed Wor. Master of King Solomon Lodge No. 329 at the regular installation meeting of that lodge last Friday evening.

## LOTS OF SNOW FOR SANTA CLAUS



Unless a heavy thaw sets in between now and Christmas, Santa Claus should have little difficulty reaching the children of Jarvis this year. The above group of pictures were taken following the snowstorm last week-end. TOP is a picture of the avenue leading to the United Church with the pine trees on either side heavily laden with snow. MIDDLE-The Jarvis Post Office with snow clinging heavily to the vines that lend attractiveness to the building with their green foliage in the summer time. BOTTOM-Looking north on Main Street from the intersection of No. 3 and No. 6 Highways.

## Dean Shaw Reports Study of United Kingdom Markets

Carry Over of Bennett Wheat Board Has Been Entirely Disposed of

Ottawa, December 14.—The report of Dean Shaw's visit to the United Kingdom last summer, will probably mark a new chapter in the story of our trade with Britain. Whatever may be the course of our industrial development in the future, Canada is still taking a leading position in the main agricultural country. In that way our hats respectively to our foodstuffs and our raw materials.

### Railways

The president of the C.P.R. has become more urgent in his advocacy of an operating amalgamation of the two great railway systems of Canada. Only in this way, with its resultant economies in the rail administration and operation, does he see a solution of the great transportation problem that faces the people of Canada. Amalgamation in the way suggested would not mean the submergence of either system. There is of course no question that there is a real railway problem. The Canadian National, which comes out of the picture (continued on page six)

## Lady Marooned Three Miles From Home After Travelling 1200 Miles

Mrs. Arthur Vokes of Nanticoke had the unique experience of being marooned for three days three miles from her home after travelling safely to Chicago and back last night. Mrs. Vokes accepted the hospitality of her host, until Saturday when the snowplow eventually got through. According to Mrs. Vokes, having the snowdrifts early Thursday morning, was not a very funny experience, but she did enjoy the extra three days holiday and the very enjoyable visit she had with her friends and Mr. Vokes.

## Raging Snowstorm Menace To Traffic Last Week-end

Attention! The Record will be mailed on Wednesday of next week. One day earlier than usual. We would therefore ask all correspondents and advertisers to kindly co-operate by having copy in one day earlier than usual. THANK YOU.

## Jarvis Streets Decorated with Colored Lights

Part of Plan for Children's Day, December 23 The appearance of the business section as well as a large tree on the corner with over thirty colored electric bulbs attached. If the weather is favorable it is expected Santa Claus will meet the children by this time he calls on Thursday, December 23rd.

### Henry Butcher Appointed To Staff at Simcoe Customs

Mr. Henry Butcher of Walpole, received word on Monday from the Customs and Excise Department at Ottawa of his appointment to the staff of the Customs office at Simcoe. Mr. Butcher commenced his new duties on Tuesday morning of this week.

### What Shall I Give? Your Problem Solved at Chadwick's Jewelry Store, Simcoe

Once again the happy Christmas season draws near, and with it comes that most important "What shall I give?" problem.

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### Changes in Residence

A number of changes in residence were made in the Village this week, when Mrs. W. Yallop moved into the Williams house on Main Street which was vacated by Mr. Albert Leng, who moved in the Thos. Harris home. The latter moved into the residence vacated by Mrs. Yallop in the Post Office Building.

## CAPITOL THEATRE, SIMCOE

Thurs. Fri. Sat. Dec. 16, 17, 18  
MATTIE FRI. SAT. "EASY LIVING"  
Jean Arthur, Edward Arnold, Ray Milland and "THE MIGHTY TREVE"  
Noah Berry Jr., Barbara Read also MICKIE MOUSE  
Mon. Tues. Wed. Dec. 20, 21, 22  
MATTIE DAILY "WINGS OVER HONOLULU"  
Jane Wyatt, Kent Taylor, Wm. Powell, Ray Milland and "MY DEAR ALDRICH"  
Edna Mae Oliver, Maureen Sullivan also NEWS