

# The Ontario Argus

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## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

After four years of warfare the world this year will enjoy in part a Christmas such as the angels proclaimed in Judea nineteen hundred and eighteen years ago; "with peace on earth."

But it can not be said that there exists on every hand a "good will toward men." Until that condition exists and the nations can feel in their hearts, good will, toward even their enemies, we will not be upon the plane which generally existed prior to the great barbarian raid.

But no one will deny that from the fire of war has come a chastening of the spirit that will raise all mankind to a higher level of service than the world has ever known. And that we are approaching nearer to the reality of ideal of the brotherhood of man taught by Him whose birthday we will commemorate next week, is indicated by the discussions of a League of Nations which shall protect the rights of small nations and make war impossible.

For tho we may be from the realization of that glorious condition when;

"The War drums throb no longer,

And the battle flags are furled;"

yet we are steadily progressing toward that goal and seem bound to go farther toward its realization during the year to come.

With such a prospect before us; with assurance that many of the sons and fathers who left our shores within the past year to fight for freedom and democracy will be home safe again, blest with material prosperity such as the world has never known truly every American should have a Merry Christmas.

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## THE SHRINKING DOLLAR

A prominent Ontarian, speaking of the annual city tax levy made a pertinent observation the other day when he said:

"Most people when they think of taxes, and the cost of administering public affairs, fail to take into consideration the fact that a dollar paid in taxes today will do only half as much as it would five years ago. It therefore follows that instead of remaining stationary taxes in reality should have raised almost proportionately with all other commodities."

There is no doubt concerning the first statement that the dollar is only half as efficient as it used to be. And it is also true that since everything else has gone up one would naturally believe that property values would do likewise. Strange to say this is only relatively so. In some cases the very rise in prices has caused some property to actually decrease in value, since it has resulted in a depression in real estate in many small communities, so that actually non revenue producing city property has less value than in normal times.

This however, is off-set by the increased value of personal property, if it could all be marked up to war prices, which of course it can not.

These few considerations, however, are sufficient to show how complex is the problem which municipal governments are called upon to solve these days. Taxpayers should take these facts into account.

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Keep in step with Hoover while keeping pace with the Christmas Spirit.

We Close Our Store Week Days at 6 O'clock. From Saturday Until Christmas Open Evenings Until 8:30.

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# RADER'S

## For a Victory Christmas



Those who are desirous of keeping alive the spirit of Christmas, yet are anxious to comply with the Government's request for war-time conservation, will find an answer to the perplexing "What to Give," in useful gifts such as Women's Wearing Apparel.

In almost every family, women have denied themselves little niceties of dress their hearts just long for, in their patriotic and commendable effort to stretch the family war-time purse to a point where it can cover the demands made upon it.

Make "her" heart glad by giving her for Christmas something she can get good use out of and, perhaps, really needs.



### Gift Suggestions

- Georgette Crepe Waists
- Crepe de Chene Waists
- Camisoles and
- Silk Lingerie Sets of beautiful design to gladden the heart of women.
- Ivory Sets or individual pieces. Combs, Brushes, Nail Files, Manicures, Buffers, Trays, Etc.

### Modish and Well Made Coats

A new coat, selected from our display of handsome modish, well tailored coats in Plush, Velvet, Wool Vellour, Fur Trimmed garments will crown any woman's Christmas joys. The prices are attractive and as low as

**\$29.50**

### CHARMING DRESSES

What could be better for a Christmas present than a charming dress. We have excellent selections Satins, Silks and Serges, embroidered trimmings; excellent style, as well as a number of ADVANCED SPRING MODELS.

Another suggestion from this Dept.—A Silk Petticoat. We are offering substantial values from a widely varied stock of designs, all taffetas, and some with Jersey tops. The prices are from

**\$3.50 Upward**

### Practical Gifts

- Handkerchiefs,
- Hand Bags,
- Lace Collars,
- Boudoir Caps,
- Bath Robes,
- Pendleton Blankets,
- Fur Sets,
- Fur Caps,
- Muff,
- Gloves,
- Etc. Etc.

### Women's Shoes

As in every department of our store you will find good substantial, useful Christmas gifts in our shoe department. Make your selections from our late models in All leather with cloth tops, in all shades, and with medium or high heels. Excellent Christmas values from

**\$5.50 to \$9.50**

Any member of the family would appreciate a pair of our handsome and comfortable bed room slippers to keep their feet warm.



### Dress Shoes for Men

For a man's Christmas get a pair of Dress shoes. He always needs them. Make selections from our offerings in Kangaroo, Vici kid, and calf skin made up in all the best lasts to give comfort and satisfaction. They are priced from

**\$5.00 to \$9.50**

Any man will be pleased to receive a pair of silk socks, or a pair of comfortable house slippers. We have lots of them.

### Give Him Something to Wear---That's What Men Like Best.

TRAVELING BAG  
NECK TIES  
GLOVES

SILK SHIRT  
MILITARY BRUSHES  
LEATHER BELT

SAFETY RAZOR  
CUFF BUTTON SET  
RADIOLITE WATCH

KNIT HELMET  
BILL BOOK  
SUSPENDERS

### For That Christmas Gift for Your Wife

Don't forget substantial piece of aluminum or a handsome percolator, or some flat plated ware Knives, Forks and Spoons.

Get a good Knife for the boy.

**TAGGART HARDWARE**  
Ontario, Oregon

Notice of Annual Meeting  
The annual meeting of the share holders of the Ontario National Bank, will be held in the banking office in the city of Ontario, Oregon, at 8 p. m., on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1919. Election of directors and other business.

W. F. HOMAN, Secretary

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### Greetings:

A Happy, Happy Christmas,  
Be yours today!  
Oh, not the failing measure  
Of fleeting earthly pleasure,  
But Christmas joy abiding,  
While years are swiftly gliding  
Be yours, I pray,  
Through Him who gave us  
Christmas-day!  
—Francesa Ridley Havergal.

ONTARIO BAPTIST CHURCH C. H. BLOM, Pastor