CHRISTMAS THRIFT

In these days when H.C. stalks through the land and did the well in the fairy tales of our childhood, it is rather important that our Christmas spirit be interwoven with at least a strand or two of the thrift that guides us between holiday seasons.

Christmas time is, and should be, a time of generous giving—a time to remember those near and dear to us and all our friends, but Christmas time is above all a season of merry joy. Who, who has not received expensive or poorly selected gifts beyond his or her means can be happy? Who, who has received foolish, useless gifts can be happy? So we say again, Christmas time is another time to practise thrift.

Remember the children with toys and sweets at Christmas time. These are really useful presents—even the roaring drum and the squeaky horse may be excused for the pleasure it brings to the little ponders and booties. Remember the grown-ups, too, but select your gifts with care so that those who are remembered may enjoy the gifts they receive.

More blessed is it to give than to receive, but if we will all use a little more than the accustomed care in selecting our gifts this Christmas season, we may pass on at least a portion of the blessing to those who receive.

Be generous but practise thrift. It is easy to do both. Give to the limit of your means if you will, but do not give one cent beyond.

To all members of Imperial Oil Limited—

May this be a Happy Christmas, and may the New Year be filled with prosperous days.

C. O. Stillman, President

A DAY FOR EVERYBODY

When the leaves come out of their joyous sidings on Christmas morning and the spirit of giving and thankfulness lays a kindly hand on all, remember that it is not your Christmas or just the Christmas of your dear ones, but a Christmas for all.

Yes, a Christmas for all; for the rich and the poor; for the well and the sick; for those who dwelt in palaces of marble and for those who are pinched at the end of their bodies for all it is a day of thanksgiving and joy.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY!

The Steamer's Greetings from a Happy Named Son of You, at Port Good Hope

No one was denied or turned aside on that first Christmas. All mankind was given a hand in love and friendship. We are all staying at a place where we may bring our gifts to the world. The hand of the manger before the Wise Men did.

The man who goes to the machine shop and the following Star of giving has his love and his family; the clerk in the office brings the gifts of faith and goodwill; the employer who brings the gifts of inspiration, unselfishness and selfless care and friendship helpfulness— these are all consciously or unconsciously worshipping at the manger in which began the perfect life which we commemorate to-day.

OIL ARGONAUTS OF THE FARDEST NORTH

The Story of a Christmas Dinner Close to the Arctic Circle.

S. S. "Mackenzie River" at Fort Smith

A New Tavern—The Hudson's Bay Company

Set down upon the banks of the Mackenzie River there stands a quay of a house in the midst of the wilderness that marks an exclamation point in two thousand miles of frozen silence. Within its four walls there will be spread on Christmas Day a banquet to be enjoyed by the most remarkable company of pionering Canadians who have ever crossed the Arctic Circle in a scientific and methodical search for the riches of the illimitable north.

Though few in number—there are only five of them—this little cohort are the eminences whose duty it is to open the wilderness to the uses of mankind. They are the vanguard. In their rear may come railways, cities, the multitude. Their search is for the new magic fluid—the fuel of the modern Aladdin's lamp—petroleum. They are the drilling crew sent in by Imperial Oil Limited to test the Mackenzie River area for oil.

Canada's Great Unknown

Centre your calipers on Fort Norman and swing a circle. It will take a twelve hundred mile radius to reach the nearest point on the map, at McMurray on the Arctic. Included in that circle to the east are the hundreds of thousands of miles of barren lands, the pasture ground of the millions of caribou, Canada's great unknown.

To the west rise the nameless peaks of the Rockies, a serrated phalanx that pivots on the frozen ocean and stretches to Capetown, in these latitudes a jumbled wilderness of snow-covered summits, magnificently grand, appalling, vast and unexplored.

To the north the Arctic, home of the Eskimos, arena of the whaler, scene of Steffanson's adventurous travels.

To the south a trail to civilization that is as long as from Toronto to Winnipeg and through a much hospitable country.

Below the cabin the river sweeps silently on, sheathed in a ten-foot coat of ice. The spirit in the thermometer has settled into the hilt. Into the crystalline twilight of the midwinter moon there rises from the muddy chimneys a never-ending procession of sparks, marking the only camp-fire in league upon league through a loneliness.

Down the broad valley stretches the undying vista of those countless aspens, those searing lights. From the crest of the hill behind the cabin there comes the black wolf's chiding howl, continuing the overpowering silence which holds the vastness in its grip. Even the squat spruce trees seem to stomp and huddle.

But from within the cabin there echoes a laugh—full-throated, masculine, care-free. The latch string hangs loose; pull it and step within—what a transformation scene!

At the head of the table sits Emery Dubuc, black eyes sparkling, white teeth flashing in a smile, wavy hair unraveled by the heat from the blazing fireplace, coatless beneath the candle light. A typical son of Lower Canada, scion of generations of pioneers to whom the wilderness is home and the battle with the big distances all in the day's work. To the left and right, gathered about a table made from pewter planks and covered with oil cloth, sit the members of the little company.

Christmas Dinner

On the boards is spread the Christmas dinner—a fat Canadian goose that has hung in the woods since the freeze-up; tenderloin of moose, juicy and tender; Arctic trout with strips of bacon; tomatoes and curl corn from the ears that were put up in October; roast potatoes; and apple sauce and apricots that have been desecrated to save the shining brightness. To the bear, to the moose and the hickory and the hickory stay on the shelf on Christmas Day.

"HERE'S LUCK TO YOU FELLOW!"

The crew which is that (Left to right)—Ed. Wilson, Sam Dyren, Jim Rankin, Emery Dubuc, Gabriel Gauthier.
Lakes' boats could ply these waters, but shallows at the source of the Mackenzie where it takes in the outpouring of Great Slave Lake reduce the draft to six or eight feet.

Steamship Service

Mackenzie River steamers are built on the plan and general proportions of the Mississippi steamers in planter days. A paddle wheel at the stern furnishes the motive power, and would cut and plow along the banks by Indians during the winter is the fuel, although oil will probably supplant this at some date.

In fact the Lampson-Hubbard people, who are building a new steamer 140 feet long in a shipyard just below Smith Rapids, are so equipping her that she can be changed from wood to oil feed on a day's notice.

Down the Mackenzie, the trip is magnificent beyond description. In these latitudes there is no night in summer.

For league after league the banks are clothed in the densest spruce forest. The white man has not yet ravaged it, but down the frozen rivers of the north the loggers have followed, carving and piling the pigny mountains along the shore line.

Then Winter Closed In

The three men, upon whom devolved the duty of filing the claims staked, boarded the boat for the Redford Office at Smith, and thence to the outside. As the steamer rounded the bend the whistle blew a long farewell. The link with the thrashing world of the telegraph, the railway and the untoo was severed for ten full months. The silence closed in.

Slashed for the long Arctic winter, the Argonauts of the New North settled down placidly to their workday existence of getting the hole started before the bottom dropped out of the thermometer.

One mail came out with the river steamer, and one has gone since in the close of navigation. There will be another before spring.
The Season's Greetings
From Vancouver and Calgary

Heartiest greetings at this festive season. May you all have a real good time and in the New Year boundless good cheer and prosperity.

C. M. Koelstom.

To all in Imperial Oil Limited, heartfelt and best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

J. G. Siegelman.

Wishing you all the Compliments of the Season, and may 1940 be a banner year for Imperial Oil Limited.

M. B. Green.

My very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Vic Green.

On behalf of the Accounting Department Staff at Ioco, I extend to all our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

S. M. McCann.

The girls of the Calgary Division extend to all Imperial Oil girls a cheery Christmas Greeting. With it goes our wishes for happiness throughout the year 1940.

S. G. Burgess.

Let us go forward with the same spirit and determination, that the past four years of trial and anxious thought has taught us, and the future of reconstructions is assured. May we all fully appreciate what the directors are doing for us in way of benefits and enjoy a Merry Christmas; though out perhaps everything we could wish for let us at least have thankful hearts that our lot is cast in pleasant surroundings. This will do much to encourage us as we enter on the beginning of another New Year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W. C. Boswell.

The Imperial Club of Vancouver hopes that the Christmas Season may bring to all much happiness and joy, and the New Year mutual goodwill and prosperity.

C. M. Spears (Secretary).

My heartfelt Greetings I extend to one and all with the hope that there may be a consciousness in every heart of the real Christmas spirit and that as the New Year dawns we may all with clear vision see our personal obligations to every other human soul.

Alfred Huggett.

In the true spirit of Christmas goodwill, I send my heartfelt and best wishes to fellow workers of Imperial Oil Limited throughout Canada, with the hope that to all may come increased happiness and prosperity.

C. S. MacMillan.

To my fellow employees, greetings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas, trusting that during the ensuing year Imperial Oil products may continue to hold the "Premier" position they have done in the past.

Anjus M. Abbey.

A Merry Christmas to all and may the year 1940 bring Prosperity and Happiness to every member of our Organization.

T. J. Miller.

THE ROMANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE
All Year at Sarnia Buy Hand Made Candles for the Dominion's Christmas Trees.

By Mr. Roy Woollery, Sarnia Refinery.

PACKING CHRISTMAS CANDLES AT SARNIA
The Girls Pack Millions of These Candles Every Year.

MANY countries have their popular legends claiming for them the honor of having given to the world the Christmas tree with its Christmas candles. A Scandinavian myth of great antiquity speaks of a "service tree" which sprang from the blood-drenched soil where two lovers had been killed by violence. On certain nights during the Christmas season, unceasing lights which no wind could extinguish, were seen flaring in the branches of the tree.

The Martin Luther Story
Still another tale bestows the honor upon Martin Luther. One Christmas Eve, traveling alone over the snow-covered country, the sky with its thousands of glittering stars made such a deep impression upon the reformer that after arriving home he tried to explain it to his wife and children. Suddenly an idea suggested itself to him. He went into the garden, cut off a little fir tree, put some candles on its branches and lighted them.

One of the most popular engravings of Martin Luther represents him sitting in the bosom of his family with a lighted Christmas tree on the table before him.

A Popular Custom
Myths aside, the history of the Christmas tree, with its burning candles is difficult to trace. It may have some remote connection with the great tree Yggdrasil of Norse mythology. It may be a revival of the pine trees in the Roman Saturnalia, which were decorated with images of Bacchus. We know, however, that the custom first became popular in the provinces along the Rhine and from there spread over all Christendom; and to-day this

MACHINES FOR MOLDING THE CANDLES
Each Machine Contains Hundreds of Molds.
The Christmas Candle

Not many years ago most candles were made by dipping the wick repeatedly into the molten wax, each layer of wax being allowed to solidify before the next dip; or the melted stock was poured in a slow stream over the wick, which was stretched in a frame. While still plastic, the candles were rolled on a flat table under a board to give them a uniform diameter.

To-day candles are moulded in machines containing several hundred cylindrical metal funnels through which the cotton wicks are drawn in the line of their axis. The moulds are surrounded with hot or cold water to facilitate the casting and removal of the candles.

In Six Colors

The stock used in these candles is principally paraffine wax, colored by the use of dyes. Christmas candles are made in colors of red, white, blue green, yellow and pink.

From the machines the candles are carried to the packing tables where girls pack millions of these small candles each year.

In the Sarnia candle factory there are four small Christmas candle machines, each a different size. When working eight hours a day and three hundred days in a year, these machines will supply enough colored candles to decorate a Christmas tree in every house in Canada.

Unloading Tank Cars at Our Expansive Station

Mr. F. T. McKeen

Effective December 1st, Mr. F. T. McKeen, who has been the Assistant Manager of the St. John, N.B., Branch, has been transferred to the position of Assistant Manager of the Eastern Ontario field.

Successful Dance

Imperial Oil Limited Baseball Club held their dance in Forestes’ Hall, Toronto, November 15th.

Mr. F. T. McKeen Retires

As this issue of THE REVIEW was going to press the editors heard with regret, which will be general throughout the organization, of the retirement of Mr. W. T. McKeen as Director and Secretary-treasurer of Imperial Oil Limited.

Although this action was generally against the wishes of the Directors, Mr. McKeen’s will create a gap in the organization, and he will be missed by many, the Directors in deference to Mr. McKeen’s wishes and in view of his long service, accepted his resignation, which is effective Dec. 31st.

A fuller reference to Mr. McKeen’s long and important connection with the Company will appear in the near number of THE REVIEW.

Juno Good Cheer Club

Imperial Ward, Davisonville, Hospital, this year will have a Christmas tree and Christmas cake, in addition to the usual season’s decorations and good things to eat.

As last year, each patient will be given five dollars and some small gift from the tree.

The members are looking forward to this event, with a great deal of pleasure, and desire to thank their many friends who have helped to make it possible and to extend to them most sincere good wishes for a Jolly Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

Mr. F. T. McKeen

To my friends and associates in the Company, the heartiest Christmas greetings. May you enjoy sound health and financial prosperity in the fullest measure during the coming year. May we all appreciate to the utmost the true Christmas spirit. A Merry Christmas to all.

E. C. Hickey

It gives me great pleasure to greet employees of all branches and wish them a Merry Christmas.

G. P. Harby

The staff at Lethbridge wishes all their fellow employees a very Merry Christmas.

C. S. Francis

To all fellow employees all over this Dominion of ours—Heartiest Christmas greetings from,

Imperial Oil Limited, Edmonton.

May the coming year be a banner one in construction and in our ideas and efforts to build a greater Canada.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Gregg.

Good health, good friends, pleasant surroundings and a mind freed of troubles is my wish to all Imperial Oil co-workers this Xmas and a very Happy New Year.

To Sister Stenographers.

As we finger the keyboard of life, may our thoughts for others be expressed in our every touch, that the type may be set for “Merry Xmas and Happier New Years.”

Branch Manager.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and happiness, health and prosperity throughout the coming year.

Margaret S. Campbell.

May the coming Christmas be the merriest ever, is our wish to all.

Harold Snag

At this Christmasmide, the happiest time of the year, it is a great pleasure to join in extending the Season’s Greetings with the wish that good fortune may attend on you and all.

D. A. Thomson.

Let us all as good Imperial Oil employees, take on the spirit of goodwill, not only towards our fellow workers, but to each and everyone with whom we daily come in contact, thereby mak- ing life happier and brighter for all. Let the Christmas spirit be with us 365 days of the year.

F. Twedle.

A Bright and Happy Christmas, and may the New Year bring you health, happiness and prosperity.

S. T. McCabe.

Wishing everyone, and especially the girls of our Organization, the Com- plements of the Season.

Gladys Alfords.

Just to wish all employees of Imperial Oil Limited a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

Violet Harestone.

Wishing that a Christmas Cheer may follow you through the coming year.

Martina Johnston.

To Sister Stenographers. As we finger the keyboard of life, may our thoughts for others be expressed in our every touch, that the type may be set for “Merry Xmas and Happier New Years.”

Branch Manager.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and happiness, health and prosperity throughout the coming year.

Sylvia Mitchell.

Have you ever experienced a thrill when wishing this age-old greeting in a “really-mean-it” manner? Would you like to have this goodwill feeling stay with you during 1949? Then un- derstand and develop the same spirit of brotherhood and usefulness which prompts you to wish at the close of 1949, a very Happy Christmas and Successful New Year.

J. B. Benv.

Fellow Employees: I take this opportunity of thanking you for your co-operation and help given during this past year. It is through your co-operation and help that we were able to have a successful year in Northern Saskatchewan Divi- sion, and I wish you a most Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

C. S. Greifeld.

Saskatoon Accounting Department

Wishing you all the Compliments of the Season and success in the coming New Year.

J. R. Stowe.

Like our tank cars, may our thoughts and actions be kept moving constantly in service. To all fellow workers, sincere greetings.

W. Hanceford.

Being one of the “old timers,” I am going to welcome back all “red- turned boys,” as well as all new em- ployees into our big family and trust that those who come in as many happy ones we will have to- gether.

Wm. J. Ryan.

I extend a hearty greeting to all readers of THE REVIEW, but more espe- cially to those, my comrades, who spent many of the past Christmas seasons in the wet and mud of France.

Don’t do more than dripically recall any of those days.

This year the cold breath of the Canadian winter, the brilliant blue sky and the thought of being reinstated in the Big Family of Imperial Oil Limited will be all the sweeter for those dull days that have passed.

So a “trees ben” time to all.

E. T. Noile.
The Compliments of the Season

From Regina

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" is my Christmas wish that by the co-operation of all this goal may soon be gained and that by our success we may light the way for others in the right direction.

R. B. Dempsey

The Christmas season with its spirit of good will and kindness is again with us. In keeping with that spirit I wish to all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

F. M. Townsend

At this season of the year when kindly greetings abound it is only right and proper that employees of our organization should exchange Christmas wishes, and so, I extend to all, my wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

H. Smith

Once again Christmas has come to us with its usual wealth of goodwill and kind wishes for peace and prosperity, and it affords me much pleasure to add my greeting to the rest, wishing all employees of Imperial Oil a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Geo. Duncan

May your hearts be full of cheer
This joyful Christmas.

Gertrude Jarvis

This might pre-eminently be termed the "Reconstruction" Christmas. The Latin derivative is: con—together, strus—build up.

Let us take this for our Christmas Greeting: the building up together of a stronger and larger organization, through the Christmas attributes of goodwill, fellowship and friendly endeavor.

W. J. Harris

And Winnipeg

The sales force of the Manitoba division desire to convey to their brethren in other divisions, heartiest greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

C. M. Moore

Christmas being a season of rejoicing, one always thinks of one's friends and associates with a most friendly feeling. It is with this feeling that we, the members of the Iola Club, think of you all and especially the members of sister clubs of Imperial Oil Limited.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

(Miss) E. I. Lynn
(Chairman) Iola Club

The Iola Club

SUCCESSFUL DANCE OPENS SEASON'S PROGRAMME

As a beginning of activities, the Iola Club recently organized at Regina held a dance in the City Hall, November 17th, which was a decided success. About one hundred couples present, dancing commenced at 8.30 p.m. and was kept up till one a.m. Cooper's Orchestra furnished a splendid programme of dance music.

The patrons were Mrs. W. M. Martin, Mrs. Norman McKenzie, Mrs. Henry Black, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mrs. E. C. Halley, Mrs. W. E. Campbell and Mrs. E. H. Toogood. Much credit is due Miss Craddock and Mr. Woodburn for the manner in which they served the dainty buffet luncheon. Messrs. Snook and Burgess were in charge of the check room.

One of the first objects of the Iola Club is to raise funds to help furnish the Community Hall when it is completed, and it was very gratifying indeed to realize the sum of $15 clear from this first undertaking.

D. T. Cunningham

Wishing the Company and all its employees every success for 1920 and a Very Merry Christmas at the close of the present year.

Thomas Westcombe

The employees of the Winnipeg office unite in sending to their colleagues throughout the Dominion, best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

P. Kilton

While the bells are pealing out the joys of Christmas and on every hand Christmas greetings are being exchanged by young and old, I take pleasure in extending to every member of Imperial Oil Limited from coast to coast my heartiest wishes for a Bright, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

(Miss) E. Ross

The NEW IMPERIAL BUILDING AT CALGARY

A WELL-EQUIPPED SERVICE STATION AND OFFICE BUILDING WITH MANY UP-TO-DATE FEATURES

Serving at the new and handsome premises of Imperial Oil Limited at Sixth Avenue and Second Street West, Calgary, commenced on the first of November. Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. M. B. Green, the district manager of this division, and the opening was well attended by customers and other interested citizens of Calgary.

Big Business Centre

Calgary is the centre of many big business enterprises in Western Canada. The city has many imposing buildings housing the western branches of Canadian firms doing a national business.

The present building is considered by responsible people as being a distinct acquisition to Calgary, as it will give them one of the largest and best equipped auto service stations west of Toronto. The building cost $100,000 and is modernly equipped throughout. Upstairs the Company's clerical staff numbering seventy work in a spacious well-lighted room. The offices of the manager and his assistant, Mr. V. E. Green, are both comfortably furnished with up-to-date filing and sample cabinets.

The corner space downstairs and facing Sixth Avenue, is at present vacant but will shortly be occupied by a prominent business firm. The whole building covers an area of 50 feet by 120 feet and the main construction is such that at any future time if conditions so demand, it can be erected on the structure.

The Service Station

As will be seen from the accompanying pictures there is one entrance and two exits. Both are capable of accommodating several cars at a time so that there is no danger of jams or collisions. These passages are well-lighted by six large arched lights which at the same time will give considerable illumination and brightness to this business corner of the city.

Spacious Driveways

The auto driveways run right through the building from Sixth Avenue to Second Street, describing half-circle in doing so. Along the driveways are three 7-1/2 gallon pumps, each of which is capable of delivering five gallons of "gas" in five seconds. They are situated about twenty feet apart, are of the most modern design and are each served by tanks that hold 500 gallons of gas.

Back of the big pumps is an office, well furnished with a rest-room. Here is kept a constant supply of lubricating oils for the use of customers. A free air service has also been installed and in full working order. The surface of the service station driveway is covered with fine sand. This will be frequently swept off and removed to prevent the floor from becoming slippery and thereby helping to give the customers a clean appearance and to protect the

TWO VIEWS SHOWING THE NEW IMPERIAL OIL BUILDING AT CALGARY, ALTA.

The upper picture shows the spacious driveways, pumps, office and rest-room. The lower picture gives a good idea of the splendid type of building erected.
Greetings to All from Ontario

Now that the great worries and sacrifices of the past few years (which none of us have) have ended, it gives me an unusual amount of pleasure to extend my heartiest good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

H. J. Gilchrist

If it is true that you get out of life just what you put into it and a little more, I hope that you will find in your Christmas stockting a big investment carrying large dividends.

P. W. Gordon.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Bright and Prosperous 1920.

May our 1920 motto be: "Co-operation and "our criticissim" and any constructive.

Accounting Department, Toronto Division.

With Christmas comes the spirit of good fellowship and with this feeling prevailing, I take this opportunity of conveying to everybody my sincere wishes for a Jolly Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

S. McKee.

As workers under one head we are brethren; may the season's greetings bring happiness and prosperity to our whole family.

R. F. Cooper.

May smoothly run the sands of Time,
In perfect peace to Thee and Thine.

J. A. W. Melhuish.

On behalf of the executive and members of the Royalite Club, I extend to the officers and employees of Imperial Oil Limited our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

May peace reign forever in our fair Dominion of Canada.

D. E. Leslie.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my fellow employees of Imperial Oil Limited.

G. E. Bousville.

The spirit of the employees of Imperial Oil Limited during the past year is embodied in one word—"Service."

With a full appreciation of its significance and of the happiness it has brought you in the realization of duty well done, we assure you of our sincere gratitude that such excellent service.

To the officers and all employees of Imperial Oil Limited, heartiest Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.

T. C. McEw.

Christmas Greetings and my best wishes for Health, happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year to my fellow-workers.

E. V. A. Kennedy.

Never before, since the first Christmas, has the spirit of "peace on earth" appealed to the world with such profound significance as it does this Christmas; and how our hearts, overflowing with thankfulness and good fellowship, better express their feelings in the honest, old-fashioned words "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"?

W. J. Whiting.

I take this opportunity of extending to all my sincere wish for a good old-fashioned Merry Christmas, with an up-to-the-minute Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Geo. H. Gabler.

"The Amities and Benefits Committee of the Sarnia Works, on behalf of the employees, wish to convey to all other employees of Imperial Oil Limited and their families their hearty greetings at this Christmas time for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

J. Hamilton.

Elected Delegate.

Wishing all employees and their families a Happy, Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Horace Spratt.

"What is the use of friendliness, unless we sometimes show it? What is the use of giving, unless we let them know it? We like you and want you to know it. So this message goes to say, Merry Christmas in a very friendly way."

Room No. 664.

At this season when there is so much of giving and receiving, let us hear in that "merry blessings both the gift and the giver." Let that be true of our service. May we give of our best and receive satisfaction for willing service well rendered.

Annie Brown.

In olden days, from year to year, The Christmas spirit gave us cheer, But now (according to reports) The "spirit" must be had in spurs. - The "Office Boy."

Here's to everybody—a Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year, with many "ups" and few "downs."

C. Bird.

G. Fortin.

P. Boulanger.

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Annie Brown.

It is with heartfelt regret that owing to the state of my health I feel it compulsory to retire from active service in the company after thirty-three years of continuous service in their interests. Since the division of Ontario into two divisions, eastern and western, I believe I have held the unique position of being the only salesman who has worked under both managements, and I would like to emphasize the fact that both Mr. Hamby, Eastern Manager, and Mr. Wolfe, Western Manager, I have found the associations and work most agreeable and pleasant. I have already found our new Western Ontario Manager, Mr. P. W. Gordon, most agreeable and courteous in our business associations. To Mr. G. W. Mayer, our esteemed Vice-President and General Manager, I feel a debt of gratitude, since when four years ago I found my health giving way he arranged for my taking a long leave of absence to regain it, and has since allowed me to have it comparatively easy. This has strongly impressed me with the fact that no employee, who has given long and faithful service to the Company, need fear but what he or she will be considered and justly treated by the management.

To my fellow employees, and particularly to the ones of long service with whom I have been associated for many years, I would repeat that it is not without deep regret that I am severing these business ties at the New Year of 1920, for I invariably found in very agreeable and obliging, perhaps even more so than I sometimes deserved, for I realize that at times you might not always have been able to say that same of me.

In severing these business associations I will not say farewell, but adieu, and in doing so I wish you one and all, Vice-President, Managers and Employees, a continued successful business career with Imperial Oil Limited, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,


Merry, happy and bright.
Is my wish to all this Christmas Day.
Rella Scott.

May the old, old wish fond and true.
This Christmas bring good luck to you.

May this Christmas be the happiest you've ever had, and may the New Year bring you joy and prosperity.
Rose S. Lucia.

Best wishes and all kinds of luck to my fellow employees of Imperial Oil Limited.
Rod. David.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Muriel G. Guin.

That you may all be merry at Christmas and contented through the year.
Is my wish for you all this season of cheer.
Gertrude Chaplin.

Wishing the employees of the Imperial Oil a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with success and happiness.
A. E. Collagher.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my fellow employees of Imperial Oil Limited.
G. E. Bouville.

Toronto, Dec. 18th, 1919.

It is with heartfelt regret that owing to the state of my health I feel it compulsory to retire from active service in the company after thirty-three years of continuous service in their interests. Since the division of Ontario into two divisions, eastern and western, I believe I have held the unique position of being the only salesman who has worked under both managements, and I would like to emphasize the fact that both Mr. Hamby, Eastern Manager, and Mr. Wolfe, Western Manager, I have found the associations and work most agreeable and pleasant. I have already found our new Western Ontario Manager, Mr. P. W. Gordon, most agreeable and courteous in our business associations. To Mr. G. W. Mayer, our esteemed Vice-President and General Manager, I feel a debt of gratitude, since when four years ago I found my health giving way he arranged for my taking a long leave of absence to regain it, and has since allowed me to have it comparatively easy. This has strongly impressed me with the fact that no employee, who has given long and faithful service to the Company, need fear but what he or she will be considered and justly treated by the management.

To my fellow employees, and particularly to the ones of long service with whom I have been associated for so many years, I would repeat that it is not without deep regret that I am severing these business ties at the New Year of 1920, for I invariably found in very agreeable and obliging, perhaps even more so than I sometimes deserved, for I realize that at times you might not always have been able to say that same of me.

In severing these business associations I will not say farewell, but adieu, and in doing so I wish you one and all, Vice-President, Managers and Employees, a continued successful business career with Imperial Oil Limited, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Greetings from Quebec

Heaviest Christmas Greetings and sincere Good Wishes for the coming year to Imperial Oil Limited employees.

J. S. Finlay

To my colleagues and co-workers in the Company I send my greetings and best wishes and am sure we all are feeling proud to have the privilege of being the Company’s representatives in our different spheres.

To our agents throughout this dear old province of Quebec. I extend my heartiest wishes for a Happy Christmas, Health and Happiness in the New Year.

E. A. Hovett

Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a New Year of prosperity and success.

J. E. Paradis, E. Breccott, A. Skelly.

Best Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes to the employees of Imperial Oil Limited.

A. H. L.

Best Wishes to my fellow employees of Imperial Oil Limited for a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Jas. McCarthy

Sincere good wishes to my friends and co-workers of Imperial Oil Limited for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

W. Flanagan

To fellow employees of Imperial Oil Limited, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. H. Bartlett

Wishing everyone connected with Imperial Oil Limited a very real Christmas and prosperity throughout the coming year.

E. G. Albright

A right Merry Christmas to all.

Virginia Dupuis

Kind remembrances to my friends and co-workers for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

J. B. Wright

The Season’s Greetings. May 1929 be a happy and most prosperous year for all.

J. McCauley

Wishing my fellow employees of the Imperial Oil Limited a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

K. J. Frayne

To fellow employees of Imperial Oil Limited I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C. Monet

To all Imperial Oil people a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. Rainie

With all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

C. Abram

With Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Letitia D’Ellet

May this Christmas bring you every joy and the New Year be a Happy and Prosperous one.

Irene Connell

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year.

Compliments

Sincere Good Wishes to my fellow workers of Imperial Oil Limited.

Leon Godward

To my fellow workers of Imperial Oil Limited a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

P. H. King

Wishing all my friends and co-workers of Imperial Oil a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

C. M. Basina

Wishing to my fellow employees of Imperial Oil Limited a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hoping that the co-operation and good fellowship that exists will be continued.

W. H. McAllister

With Every Good Wish

St. John N.B.

In your hearts and in your home, may Christmas be a bright and joyous day.

May the happiness and satisfaction which comes from a knowledge of work well done, bring added joy to heart every member of this Merry Christmas Day.

Jas. MacTwiss

Wishing all in Imperial Oil Limited the very heartiest of Christmas Greetings and the best of good luck during the ensuing year.

R. M. Fidgen

I greet you all this Christmas with my very best “Hello.”

Essie Holland.

I stay with the “Customs,” “Happy Christmas and a bright New Year.”

John Brown.

Happy Christmas and I trust we’ll all be a credit to another until next Christmas—if not longer.

Francis D. Dornay.

For the thirty-fourth time I wish you all a very Happy Christmas “Keep the barrels rolling.”

John Conway.

May your lights burn bright and day to increase our sales and pay, and be sure your oil is Royalite, or your Christmas night will not be bright.

Frances Masius.

Here’s hoping that you will all have a better time with the full ones this Christmas than I have had with the empty ones all the year.

Stephen J. Terris.

Scott once said “But there is a guide time coming.” The future lies entirely with ourselves and if we, by the spirit of Christmas, make for a closer co-operation, then we shall be the gainers many times over.

F. V. Thompson.

Halifax N.S.

To all my business associates and helpers, my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

To our co-workers in other fields I extend the same greeting from their colleagues in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and hope the splendid spirit of loyalty and friendly rivalry may continue and help us enjoy still more the season devoted to good cheer.

The office staff at Halifax Refinery extends a hearty Christmas Greeting to all our officials and fellow workers: to the men and women for one and all a Happy New Year.

L. J. Ison.

A Merry Christmas to all L.O.L. Men.

The greatest aggregation of sincere O.L.I. men. Business getters, service givers, wise awake men, Not forgetting the ladies, Who all are dainties, Working with a will, A purpose to fulfill, Boom companions, For a class of characters, And so to all I say, A Merry Christmas Day, and a Happy New Year.

Francis R. J. John.

A Christmas Toast

A toast to all ships of the Imperial, With their cargoes of gasoline. A good honeymoon, too, for each of the crew, Where the flag of the Company is seen.

Here’s to the large ones of Halifax, And a health to the smaller ones too. On deck or below, wherever you go You find every one staunch and true.

And while each health we are drinking, We will add some good Christmas cheer; Sailormen true, captain and crew. We wish you a Happy New Year.

“M. F. G.”

The management and employees of the Dartmouth Refinery extend a hearty Christmas Greeting to all their fellow co-workers in the Imperial Oil Organization throughout Canada. Peace and goodwill to all. May the spirit of brotherly love prevail.

D. M. Allan, Jr.

Every good wish for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

D. P. Harris.

I take this opportunity to wish all in Imperial Oil Limited, heartiest of good wishes for Christmas, 1929. A. R. Evans.

Hoping you will have no trouble with your “balance” this Christmas (Prohibition here).

May M. Sexton.

Greetings from the “Recorders” of Nova Scotia.

Harry D. Newcombe.

What’s the use of having Christmas if we don’t all have a good time any way?

Tom O’Neill.

The very best of greetings and hoping you will all have lots of the “muff” it is my privilege to handle to make this Christmas the best yet. Francis Phillips.

This time WE dictate: Have a pleasant time this Yule tide and all next year.

Edith A. Brunning, Jean Travis, Mary M. Newton, Lorette M. Belliveau.

Here’s to fellow employees of Imperial Oil.

When plagued with the high cost of living and toll, Remember, kind friends, if you’re weary of living, It’s a fine insurance, the Company’s giving.

“S. C.”
The Ancient Greeting

IN a time when humanity is restless, and there are those who would destroy many dear and ancient things, it is a consolation to reflect that none seek the abolition of Christmas. He is a cynic indeed who would do away with this festival of open hands and open hearts.

For the young it has its own peculiar joys; for the old, memories that, though they may be sad, are nevertheless priceless. He is indeed a man to whom life has yielded nothing of sweet remembrance or present happiness, whose heart does not soften and whose spirit does not glow at the return of Christmas, and the thought of what it has meant to millions of his fellows.

“Merry Christmas” is the one greeting which is infallibly sincere with all who utter it. In the fullest sense of all it may convey, we once more extend the ancient salutation.