

THE WEATHER

Forecast:
Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales southeast, shifting to southwest, with rain.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Forecast: Northern New England—Cloudy Friday, probably followed by rain; Saturday fair and colder; fresh southwest and west winds.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Pressure is lowest tonight over the lower lake region and highest over the British Columbia coast. Light falls of rain and snow have been general today in Ontario and western Quebec, otherwise the weather has been fine.

Temperatures

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	48
Kamloops	26	34
Calgary	16	40
Battleford	6	26
Prince Albert	18	22
Moos Jaw	6	26
Qu'Appelle	10	24
Winnipeg	18	20
Port Arthur	28	32
Parry Sound	32	34
London	28	37
Toronto	33	39
Kingston	28	38
Ottawa	18	32
Montreal	22	36
Quebec	12	24
St. John	16	36
Halifax	14	40

Around the City

For Street Railway Soldiers.
A box was mailed yesterday by the St. John Street Railway Company to every man at the front. Forty-seven boxes in all were sent, each containing useful articles such as tobacco, shaving materials, pipes, soap, brushes, etc.

Police Guard Room Decorated.
The guard room at police headquarters took on a new appearance last night when the officers doing duty there spent some time in decorating it for the Christmas season. With an abundance of holly leaves, berries and bunting, the old guard room now presents a pleasant sight.

A Christmas Wedding
A quiet wedding took place at 302 Princess street yesterday afternoon when Rev. W. Camp united in marriage Mr. R. T. Wood and Miss J. M. McKinney of Summer Hill, Queens county. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a short trip to the bride's home. On their return they will reside in Princess street.

Engagement Announced.
The engagement is announced of Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCready of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and grand-daughter of the late James Bennett, D. D., of Saint John, N. B., to Arthur Colledge Beattie, son of the late P. McN. Beattie, M. D., and of Mrs. Beattie, of Charlottetown, and grandson of the late Hon. Justice William H. Pope. The marriage will take place quietly in Charlottetown the latter part of January.

Ordination and Induction.
The Rev. John Hardwick was ordained and inducted into the charge of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church last night. Rev. J. A. MacKellan acted as Moderator. The ceremony took place in the church at eight o'clock. The meeting was opened by singing and reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Mr. Townsend of Fairville and was followed by the laying on of hands by the Presbytery. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson read the charge to the minister and Rev. Mr. Thompson the charge to the congregation.

W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD. EXPRESS GRATITUDE

W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., wish to express their great appreciation for the kind words of sympathy from hundreds of their fellow citizens and numbers of friends from all over the Dominion who have communicated to us by telegram.

The fire will interfere to some extent with serving our customers, but only for a limited time.

Our friends throughout the Maritime Provinces can rely upon orders entrusted to us being executed. The loss and inconvenience in doing business will soon be overcome, as our warehouses are not burned and only one of our main retail stores ruined.

We also wish to thank members of the fire department and Salvage Corps for the good work done, and saving what might have been a most disastrous fire.

Last Minute Fur Bargains.
Tremendous reductions on all furs can be had today at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. Handmade seal coats, \$115.00 quality reduced to \$75.00. Canadian Muskrat coats, nice shiny skins, reduced from \$75.00 to \$49.50. Splendid wolf sets, from \$225.00 to \$205.00, former price, \$35.00 to \$55.00. Children's white fur sets from \$1.65 a set to \$5.50.

BRAYLEYS FLAVORING. EXTRACTS, your grocer will supply them.

How The Thorne Fire Looked While It Was at It's Height

Unique Photograph of Wednesday Night's Conflagration — Firemen Still at Work Yesterday — List of the Insurances.



The accompanying photograph of the fire in the W. H. Thorne and Co. establishment is unique inasmuch as it was taken shortly before midnight on Wednesday night by The Standard's staff photographer. The illumination from the fire was sufficiently bright for photographic purposes as can be judged from the clear cut character of the picture.

The Thorne building was a centre of attraction all day yesterday. The ruins of the burned portion cased in ice where the water had run down and frozen. A number of firemen were on duty until one o'clock in the afternoon quenching the remnants of the fire in the ruins. In the morning steamfitters and plumbers were set to work clearing the building of water sufficiently to light the furnace fires and heat the sections of the building that had not been burned.

The retail store on King street was opened during the afternoon when a sale was held. So great was the rush of bargain hunters that the services of the police were required to keep the crowds clear.

The insurance appraisers appointed to estimate the loss were C. E. L. Jarvis, Edgar H. Fairweather and E. L. Philips for the companies generally and H. W. Frink for those companies in which H. W. Frink and Son are interested. The insurance lists as furnished by the firm yesterday afternoon are as follows:

Insurance on stock in buildings damaged by fire:	Amount
Acadia	\$ 2,500
Aetna	2,500
Atlantic	5,000
Atlas	4,000
Boston	5,000
British America	2,500
British Crown	2,500
Caledonia	4,000
Commercial Union	12,000
Connecticut	7,500
Fidelity Phoenix	5,000
Fireman's Fund	5,000
German America	5,000
Glen Falls	5,000
Hartford	2,500
Home	7,500
Liverpool, London and Globe	12,000
London	6,000
London Mutual	2,500
Manitoba	2,500
National	2,500
New York Underwriters	3,000
Northern	15,000
North British Mercantile	5,000
Norwich Union	10,000
Palatine	5,000
Phoenix of London	5,000
Phoenix of Hartford	3,000
Protectors	2,000
Quebec	6,000
Royal	10,000
Scottish Union	4,000
Springfield	5,000
Sun	5,000
Union	5,000
Windsor	5,000
Yorkshire	2,500
Total	\$193,500

Insurance on Buildings.

Glen Falls	\$ 2,500
Hartford	5,000
Liverpool, London & Globe	4,000
North British & Merchant	6,000
Palatine	4,000
Queen	6,000
Royal	8,000
Scottish Union	17,000
Westchester	2,500
Yorkshire	5,000
Total	\$60,000

Insurance on Fixtures.

Acadia	\$2,500
Northern	2,000
Queen	3,000
Total	\$7,500

Stock—

Thorne Building	\$105,000
McCullough Building	45,000
Montgomery Building	47,500
Buildings	197,500
Thorne Building	20,000
McCullough Building	20,000
Montgomery Building	20,000
Fixtures	60,000
Thorne Building	2,000
McCullough Building	3,000
Montgomery Building	2,500
Total	\$357,500

SOLDIER FELL TO HIS DEATH IN THE FALLS

Tragic fate of Private Scott of Vancouver — Leaped from bridge to recover cap.

Private J. R. W. Scott, of Vancouver, one of the eleven men recently brought back from the front suffering from nervous breakdown, jumped to his death in the Reversing Falls yesterday afternoon while being taken from the Provincial Hospital to the train which was to convey him to his home. These men were placed in the Provincial Hospital while arrangements were being made to care for them in the districts from which they had come. Yesterday morning word came from Ottawa that Montreal, Winnipeg and Victoria were ready to take care of the men who had gone from there. Six men belonged to the street railway had a special car arranged transportation for them on the 6.16 train last night. The medical officer who accompanied the men from the other side was to go with them to the coast and care for them on route.

With an escort of nine men he went to the Hospital to get his charges, bring them to the city. The street railway had a special car in waiting at the end of the Douglas avenue line to take them to the depot. The men formed up with one of the escort guarding each man and two in the rear. In going over the bridge Private Scott's cap blew off and went over the bridge and he tried to recover it. Before the guard could catch him he was climbing over the bridge rail intent on recovering the cap and not realizing that he was going to his death.

Two of the guard did manage to catch his clothing but could not get

CAPT. STURDEE DINNER GUEST LAST NIGHT

Union Club scene of pleasant function in honor of popular officer.

Captain H. E. C. Sturdee was given a complimentary dinner last evening at the Union Club. Many friends of the officer were present, including representatives of the different units located here. Mayor Frink presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Lieut.-Col. Wedderburn. The toast to the King and the guest of the evening were proposed by the chairman, and were honored by the company with much enthusiasm. Captain Sturdee expressed his pleasure to be privileged to meet those assembled and made brief reference to his experiences at the front.

Captain Sturdee, who will return to the front very soon, went with the first contingent as an officer of the 12th Battalion in command of Col. H. F. McLeod. He was subsequently transferred to the 48th Canadian Highlanders and served in the trenches for nearly five months. He contracted enteric fever and was invalided to England. After convalescence he was ordered to Canada in charge of wounded, being second officer in command of the men. Congratulations were extended to him last evening on his improved health and best wishes were expressed for his welfare on returning to duty. During the evening songs were given by F. C. McNeill, H. M. Stanbury and John Keefe.

ORIENTAL RUGS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS AT M. R. A.'S

This is a late arrival of extra fine Oriental Rugs intended for Christmas gifts. Shiraz, Kirmanshah, Afghans and Kazaks, beautiful colorings and designs in Hall Runners, Parlor Rugs and small pieces. See them in the Carpet Department, Germain street.

A TYPEWRITER FOR YOUR BUSINESS at a price you can afford. We have a number of good models in good order, most of them Remington and all intents and purposes new, as far as service is concerned, at least. The price will interest you, so will the terms. A. Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Manager, St. John.

Flowers As Christmas Gifts
With so much sadness and depression everywhere, cut flowers or potted plants seem to be the most suitable of all Christmas gifts. We suggest that you send your mother, wife or sweetheart a beautiful Azalea, cyclamen, potted tulips, hyacinths and ferns; a box of cut flowers, roses, carnations, violets, narcissus. These can be found in all varieties and at reasonable prices at K. Pederson, Ltd., Market Building, Charlotte street.

An Acceptable Gift
Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas from \$2.00 to \$6.00. The Men's Toggery, 37 Charlotte street.

McMillan's store will be open every evening until Christmas.

Nickel and Copper Chafing Dishes

Coffee Pots—Tea Pots—Hot Water Kettles

An attractive, well-ordered table is the joy of the housewife who welcomes, at Christmas especially, some pleasing and useful addition to the family board.

In our Nickel and Copper Tableware section you will find all the most recent patterns and novelties in Chafing Dishes, Hot Water Kettles, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots and Coffee Percolators at the following range of

PRICES:

Chafing Dishes, nickelled	\$5.40, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$10.25
Chafing Dishes, copper	7.50, \$10.10
Percolating Coffee Pots, nickelled	\$2.00, \$2.50
Tea Pots, nickelled	\$1.00, \$2.50
Coffee Pots, nickelled	50c, \$3.85
Table Kettles, with Spirit Lamps, Nickelled	\$2.65, \$7.50 and \$8
Separate Kettles, Nickelled	\$1.25, \$3.50

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON ALL GOODS IN KING STREET RETAIL STORES.

OPEN TONIGHT

Market Square — W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. — King Street

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.

Saturdays our stores will be open until 10 p.m.; open at 8 a.m.; close 6 p.m., excepting Saturday 10 p.m.

Men's Wool Sweaters

At Great Bargain Prices

Youth's and Boys' in Same Lot

FANCY SHIRTS

The best assortment ever held by us

At \$1.25 and \$1.50 each

MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

Electric Gifts

Gifts that are of real service. The largest and best assortment we have ever shown.

ELECTRIC PERCOLATORS	\$12.50
ELECTRIC CHAFING DISHES	\$16.50
ELECTRIC SAD IRONS	\$3.50
ELECTRIC TOASTERS	\$4.50 and \$5.50
ELECTRIC FLASHLIGHTS	85 cts. to \$4.50
ELECTRIC LAMPS	\$1.75 to \$3.75

—Store Open Evening—

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Stores Open Tonight Until 10 o'clock

Last Minute Shoppers Will Find All Departments Replete With Appropriate Christmas Gifts

Gifts in Christmas Show Room

BRASSWARE in Umbrella Stands, Jardiniere, Serving Trays, Smokers' Sets, Candlesticks, Trinket Boxes, Plate Stands, Vases, Writing Sets, etc.

SILVER-PLATED WARE in Jewel Cases, Trinket Boxes, Pin Boxes, Hair Receivers, Puff Boxes, Sugar and Cream Sets, Bonbon Dishes, Cake Baskets, Salt and Pepper Sets, Sugar Sifters, Leaf Sugar Holders, Cracker Trays, Spoon Trays, Syrup Jugs, Jelly Dishes, Vases, Candlesticks, Entree Dishes, Bean Jars, Casseroles, also a full assortment of Flatware.

DEPO-SART WARE in Sugar and Cream Sets, Candlesticks, Tea Sets, Tea Stands, Vases, Perfume Bottles, Bonbon Dishes, etc.

PARISIAN IVORY NOVELTIES in Trinket Boxes, Mirrors, Vanity Cases, Perfume Cabinets, Jewel Cases, Pin Boxes, Mantel and Desk Clocks, Sponge Boxes, etc.

MECHANICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE TOYS, Meccano, Dressed and Undressed Dolls, Electric Portable Lamps, Martin, Limoges, Wedgewood Coal-port and Minto China.

An exceptionally large and fine assortment of brand new Cut Glass, Dolls, Papeteries, Perfumes and Toilet Waters in the Millinery Salon.

Gifts in Costume Section

Ladies' and Children's Sweaters, Ladies' Silk and Satin Undershirts, Ladies' Mirette and Sateen, Ladies' and Children's Velours and Quilted Silk Bath Robes, Ladies' Wool Vests, Ladies' Silk Scarfs, Ladies' House Dresses, Ladies' Afternoon and Evening Dresses, Ladies' Tunics and Silk Slips, Ladies' Street Dresses, Children's Black, White and Navy Clouds, Ladies' and Children's Raincoats, Ladies' Evening Wraps, Ladies' and Misses' Costumes, Ladies' Wool Shawls.

Gifts in Whitewear Department

Boudoir Caps, Nainsook Night Dresses, Skirts, etc., Wool Shawls and Jackets, Dressing Jackets, Ladies' Flannelette Night Dresses, Ladies' Combinations (lace and ribbon trimmed), Ladies' Silk Vests (embroidered tops), Black Wool Tights, Silk 'Tights in Black and White, Ladies' Dressing Jackets, Ladies' Long Kimonos, in crepe, crepe de chine and silk; Lawn and Muslin Aprons, Corsets, Fancy Silk Suspenders, Brassieres, trimmed and untrimmed; Children's White Lawn Dresses, Children's Velour and Elderdown Dressing Gowns, Children's Flannelette Slips, Night Dresses and Drawers, Infants' Robes and Long Coats in white cashmere, Children's Cashmere hand-made Dresses and Drawers, Infants' French hand-made Jackets, Infants' Wool Jackets, Infants' Carriage Robes, Handmade Crocheted Wool Infants' Ribbon-bound Blankets, Silk Quilts, Infants' Quilted Silk Kimonos, Infants' Kid Slippers, Infants' Fancy Silk Puffs, Infants' Bibs, Infants' Feeders, Novelties of every description for the baby.

Gifts in Dress Goods

Broadcloths and Serges, Poplins, Honeycomb Cloths, Alligator Cloths, Tweeds, Shepherd Checks, Crowfoot Check, Silk Poplins, Silk Eolines, Silk Crepes, Wool Delaines, Washable Stripes, Spots and Rosebud Patterns for waists and dresses.

Gifts in Fur and Silk Departments

Black Silk Dress Lengths, Colored Silk Dress Lengths, Fancy Silk Dress Lengths, Black Silk Waist Lengths, Colored Silk Waist Lengths, Fancy Silk Waist Lengths, Corduroy for Dresses, Velveteens for Dresses, White Lingerie Blouses, Colored Silk Blouses, Black Silk Blouses, Ladies' and Children's Umbrellas, Feather Boas, White Voile Blouses, Crepe de Chine Blouses, White Jap Silk Blouses, Mink Stoles and Muffs, Persian Lamb Stoles, Ties and Muffs, Black Fox Stoles and Muffs, Black Wolf Stoles and Muffs, Ermine Ties and Muffs, Black Marten Stoles, and Muffs, Raccoon Stoles and Muffs, Children's White 'Tibet Sols, Children's White Coney Coats, Children's Blue Coney Coats, Children's White Goat Sleigh Robes, Ladies' Persian Lamb Coats, Hudson Seal Coats, Electric Seal Coats, Muffs, and Mitts.

High-Class Linens

Unhemmed, Hemstitched or Scalloped Damask Cloths, Napkins to Match

Hand Drawn and Hand Embroidered Lunch Cloths in Plain, Linen and Satin Damask.

Real Hand-made Madras Needlework in d'Oylee, Napkins and Lunch Cloths.

Embroidered Pillow Cases and Day Slips with Hemstitched or Scalloped ends.

Damask Huck Towels, Embroidered and Satin Bed Spreads.

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