

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Southwesterly to southerly winds, becoming fresh to strong; fair today with a little higher temperature; light local snow or sleet by Sunday.

Toronto, Dec. 18 - Light local snow has occurred today over Lake Superior and in Saskatchewan; otherwise the weather has been everywhere fair and for the most part milder.

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Around the City

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION

W. R. Tennant, Chairman. Phone Main 484. G. Earle Logan, Secretary. Phone Main 1300.

Liquor Licenses

Applications for liquor licenses in the county of St. John must be filed on or before the 25th inst with E. J. Lewis, Inspector for the county, 19 Dufferin Row.

Drunk and Disorderly

Last night about 8.30 o'clock Detective Lucas and Patrolman Storm arrested Gordon McKenzie on a charge of being drunk and interfering with pedestrians on the King Square.

Calendars

The Standard has received wall calendars from the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, Limited, of which W. M. Jarvis of 118 Prince William street is general agent for the Maritime Provinces, and from the Northern Life Assurance Company, the provincial manager of which is P. W. F. Brewster of St. John, both are attractively prepared.

A Soldier Married.

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of the officiating clergyman, when Joey James Allen of the 26th battalion was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Lobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Lobb, 183 Brussels street, by Rev. F. H. Wentworth. The bride was supported by her sister, Mary, and Walter Armstrong, also of the 26th, acted as groomsmen.

Elks' Social

Last night the members of the Elks gave a smoker and social evening to their friends. About 500 were present and the affair was one of the most pleasant ones ever held by the order. D. Arnold Fox presided at the piano, and there were a number of selections by Jones' Orchestra. Among those who took part in the programme were D. B. Pidgeon, F. C. McKean, Lyon Osborne, F. C. MacNeill, Edward Bonnell, L. R. Ross presided and an efficient committee who had the affair in charge had refreshments served during the evening.

Allies Aid Activities.

The Allies Aid have now \$25 in the bank and expect to raise \$1,000 by the New Year. Through the courtesy of John E. Moore they were able to give a successful ban supper at the Bungalow on Thursday evening, and on December 29th they will give a dance on the top floor of the C. E. R. building, the use of which has been donated by the company. At this dance the band of the 62nd Regiment will be present and furnish music, having volunteered its services free of charge. The Allies will only have two more nights at the tea room and express the hope that the public will give them generous patronage.

Presentation to Organist.

The choir of Lennox St. Baptist church spent a pleasant evening at the house of Dr. E. M. Davis yesterday. After choir practice and refreshments had been served the pastor, Rev. W. Camp, on behalf of the choir, presented to Miss Beatrice Price, the organist of the church, and leader of the choir, with a beautifully framed picture of great musical composers, viz. Bach, Greg, Gluck and Gounod. This gift was an expression of appreciation of Miss Price's services during the past year. She has held together a large choir and has given great satisfaction. Dr. E. H. Davis presented Miss Price with a handsome and costly baton.

Retail Market Prices.

There was a good supply of provisions in the country market yesterday, especially of meats and poultry. Some of the prices are here given for the guidance of the housewife and others: Beef, roasts, 12 to 25c. pound; mutton, 18 to 18c.; lamb, 13 to 22c.; veal, 12 to 18c.; pork, 18 to 20c.; chickens, 22 to 25c. pound; geese, 20 to 22c.; turkeys, 24 to 26c.; ducks, 25c. Butter, prints, brings 84c. pound; tub, 30c.; eggs, fresh, 40 to 45c. dozen; case, 35c. Vegetables remain at about last week's prices. There has been no scarcity of fish, and prices rule about the same, mackerel being obtainable at from 30 to 50c. each, halibut, 18c. pound, cod and haddock, 5c. The quality of the beef on sale is excellent, a large proportion being New Brunswick meat. Amongst others in the market having prize stock for sale is S. Z. Dickson, who has two first prize steers exhibited at the Amherst Fat Stock Show. They were bred by Rupert Ecker of Westmorland Point.

J. E. McAnlay, ex-warden of Kings county, is at the Victoria.

MR. HAZEN SECURES IMPORTANT CONTRACTS FOR FIRMS IN THIS CITY

Saddles to the value of \$52,000 being made in St John owing to active interest in this city of Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Through the efforts of Hon. Mr. Hazen a number of contracts have been awarded to St. John firms for military supplies for the Canadian militia and the British army. A couple of days ago Messrs. Horton & Son received their second contract. This came from the Militia Department at Ottawa, acting as agent for the British War Office. The first contract of the kind to come to St. John was for thirty-four thousand dollars worth of equipment. This second contract is for an additional eighteen thousand dollars worth and will consist wholly of universal saddlery. The time limit is fixed at about the middle of March, but Messrs. Horton will be able to ship the entire order a month earlier than that if necessary. Already some seventeen thousand dollars worth of goods have been sent including one shipment of nine thousand dollars worth this week.

FOR BELGIANS NEW BRUNSWICK

Government of that country does not want its people scattered - J. B. Daggett writes.

The idea of bringing Belgian refugees to New Brunswick and settling them on the land has been abandoned for the present, as the Belgian government protested against the scattering of its people in other lands. Yes, the idea of immigration, superintendent of immigration, received the following letter from the secretary of the N. B. Department of Agriculture, who has been in London:

"I have gone into this question thoroughly and find that the Belgians have no desire to go to Canada in any number. Only a small percentage have any interest in emigration at present; all those in England are looking forward to going to their own native land. Then I have been informed that the Belgian government has intimated to the British government that they do not look upon the proposals of other countries to take their people, but are anxious that as many as possible should be retained here until the end of the war. The government had expressed to them the desire that the campaign should be put off, and the C. P. R. has done so. Therefore I have deemed it wise not to take active steps at present in this connection.

(Signed) "J. B. DAGGETT" Mr. Daggett expected to sail for home on December 11th on the Gramplan.

HAD DAY'S MARITIME TRAINING FORWARD FOR 26th MOVEMENT

Battalion engaged in manoeuvres in Lancaster - Divisional Ammunition Column to Fredericton Monday.

The 26th Battalion put in the hardest day's work yesterday since it was mobilized here. The battalion left the army at 2 o'clock and marched out to Lancaster where they spent the day in field operations. The battalion was given a severe drilling in infantry attack. It was supposed that an enemy's force was being landed on Mahogany Beach, and that the enemy had occupied the ridge between Mahogany Beach and the Mahogany Road to cover the landing of their forces. The business of the battalion was to attack the heights, and drive off the enemy, and they were given a lot of practical work in storming an enemy's position. The field operations lasted from 2.30 to 8.30 o'clock, but the men in spite of the hard work returned to the city in good shape.

SOLDIER ENDS SPENT ENJOYABLE EVENING AT GERMAIN ST. CHURCH

Sixty of them royally entertained last evening at Germain Street Baptist Church.

About sixty soldiers visited the Germain street Baptist church institute last evening, according to invitation, and it was evident that they were glad to be here. The program was well marked by the singing and refreshments and a general welcome were in evidence throughout. It was an evening marked by the sociability and unconventionality. The billiard table, ping-pong table, checker board and other things with whose aid one meets the other follow for the express purpose of downing him were kept very busy. No small credit is due for the large attendance to the Boy Scouts connected with the church. They rounded up the soldier men who are to fight for all that is worth while without ostentation. They lived up to their code of honor, which embraces, although not in these express terms: "Help the other fellow."

EXCELLENT RESULTS EXPECTED FROM SUCCESSFUL AMHERST CONVENTION - WILL DEVELOPE MARITIME MARKETS.

The delegation of St. John businessmen who attended the Forward Movement Convention at Amherst arrived home yesterday morning. Some of the delegates expressed the opinion that the Forward Movement launched at Amherst would have a good effect, and that its objects should receive the encouragement of business men everywhere. One criticism made of the convention was that it had been attempted to crowd too much work into a short time. Owing to the length and importance of the programme of addresses no time was left for organization work on Thursday. The committee appointed to arrange for organization work stopped over at Amherst yesterday for publicity and organization, and arrange a programme of publicity work for the directing of interest to the possibilities and resources of the Maritime Provinces.

NO TRUTH IN RUMORS

Despite the fact that the newspapers yesterday announced there was no truth in the rumors that the steamers Hesperian, Missanab and other ships, which had recently left port, and that the German warships were in the Atlantic, new rumors started afresh yesterday afternoon from some wandering minds, to the effect that the Hesperian and Missanab had been sent into a port in Newfoundland for safety. There came the rumor that one of the ships had sunk. The telephones in The Standard office were working overtime last evening denying these rumors and assuring anxious persons that there were no grounds for such reports.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney-General Baxter visited Golden Grove and Loch Lomond yesterday afternoon and received hearty congratulations by the large number of his supporters in these portions of the county.

SIMONDS NO. 1

Local government supporters of the Parish of Simonds No. 1 will meet in Peck's Hall, East St. John on Monday, the 21st inst for organization purposes.

FAIRVILLE AND MILFORD ELECTORS

Local government supporters of Fairville and Milford will meet in the Temperance Hall, Main street, Fairville, on Monday, the 21st inst, at eight p.m. The committee room will be open each evening until the close of the campaign. Friends and supporters of the Hon. Mr. Baxter are invited.

PRESENTS FOR LADIES.

The handsome silk waists being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co's are attracting a lot of attention, and they are of such extremely low prices that any one can afford to buy one to give to a lady friend. The prices run from \$1.50 for a lap silk waist, up to \$8.00 for the finest silk waist. Their silk dresses and evening gowns which were made especially for the Christmas trade, are the daintiest that have been shown in St. John for a long time, prices run from \$7.50 to \$25.00.

SIMONDS NO. 2

Local government supporters of the Parish of Simonds No. 2 will meet in Wallace's Hall, Gardiner's Creek on Saturday, the 26th inst, at eight p.m. for organization purposes.

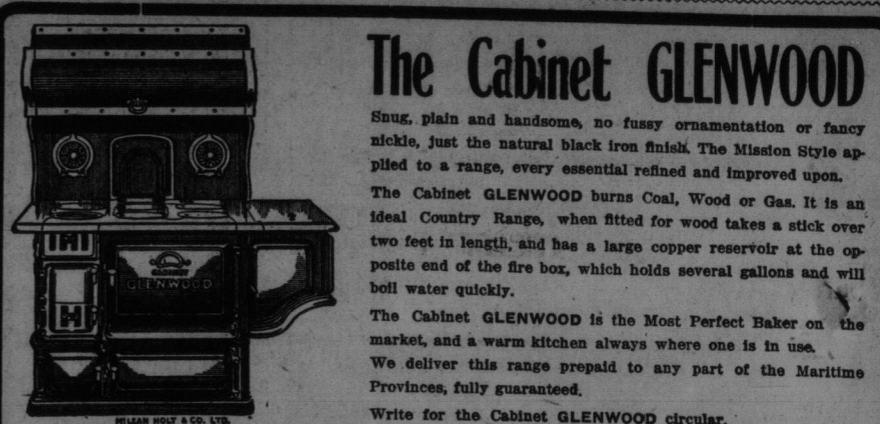
PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE. MUNICIPAL HOME.

The Commissioners of the Saint John Municipal Home, request that all accounts against the Board be rendered not later than the 2nd of December to ensure payment before the 31st inst. By order, W. M. WETMORE, Secretary. Saint John, N. B., Dec. 18th, 1914.

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All M. R. A. Stores will be Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of next Week Until 10 O'clock p. m.

Sales for This Morning in Three Departments

9 10 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Sofa Cushions. New Sofa Cushions in finest grade of French Cretonnes, beautiful floral patterns in fast colors, filled with best quality white silk floss, superior workmanship, all made in the new double frill effect. Morning sale price, each \$1.25 and \$1.50. HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT--SECOND FLOOR.

9 10 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Blouse Waists. New Waists, in Voile and Lingerie, embroidery and lace trimmed, low neck and long sleeves, several attractive styles to choose from. Sizes 34 to 42. Morning sale price, each 95c. BLOUSE DEPARTMENT--SECOND FLOOR.

9 10 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Ladies' Umbrellas. Ladies' Umbrellas in good silk mixture, steel rod, reliable frames, handles in plain, mission wood, fancy horn, celluloid with silver plated mountings. Morning sale price, each 95c. SILK DEPARTMENT--SECOND FLOOR.

Hand Bags and ParTEE Cases for Gifts

NOVELTY SILK HAND BAGS in black and fancy stripes. Each .12 to \$ 8.75. NOVELTY HAND BAGS in moir and gros grain silk. Each .15 to 9.00. WHITE SILK BAGS, fancy design with fans. Each .185 to 9.00. BEADED BAGS. Each .75c to 20.00. MESH BAGS. Each .10 to 14.00. LEATHER BAGS. Each .10 to 17.00. LEATHER PARTEE CASES OR BEAUTY BOXES. These dainty novelties will make more acceptable Christmas Gifts. All are nicely lined and have fittings of gilt and silver.

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