

## THE WEATHER.

**Forecasts.**  
Maritime—North and west  
gales, decreasing by night;  
turning decidedly colder, with  
local snowfalls and furies.  
Washington, Dec. 12.—North-  
ern New England—Snow and  
colder on Wednesday; Thurs-  
day fair; westerly gales.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The distur-  
bance which was near Lake  
Erie last night is now centered  
over the Maritime Pro-  
vinces, while an area of high  
pressure and cold weather cov-  
ers the western provinces and  
northwest states. Snow has fallen  
in many parts of Ontario,  
and throughout Quebec and  
Northern New Brunswick, while  
heavy rains have fallen in  
Nova Scotia.

## Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	40
Vancouver	36	40
Kamloops	14	26
Calgary	4	28
Medicine Hat	14	28
Battleford	20	28
Prince Albert	22	16
Moose Jaw	20	16
Winnipeg	12	16
Parry Sound	6	14
London	23	40
Toronto	21	34
Ottawa	16	20
Montreal	19	22
Quebec	14	18
St. John	20	34
Halifax	22	56

\*Below zero.

## Around the City

## English Mail.

An English mail will close on Fri-  
day forenoon, December 15; letters, 9  
a. m., parcels and papers, 8 a. m.

## Bean Supper.

A bean supper, given by the Ladies'  
Aid Society of Zion Methodist church,  
last evening, was enjoyed by those  
present. A fine instrumental concert  
was given during the progress of the  
supper. The proceeds will go towards  
the church funds.

## Soldiers' Comfort Association.

The first circle, Soldiers' Field Com-  
forts, held a meeting last night in their  
rooms in the Curling Rink, Rodney St.  
A report was served after which Com-  
missioner Wigmore officiated at the  
drawing of a patriotic nightdress, the  
proceeds of which are to be used  
to send comforts to the first Canadian  
contingent.

## In Glasgow Hospital.

J. T. Dunlop, manager of the Dufferin  
Hotel, received a postal card yester-  
day from Geo. T. Winfield, formerly  
clerk at the hotel, who enlisted with  
the 4th Siege Battery. The postal is  
dated from the 4th Scottish General  
Hospital, Glasgow, but gives no par-  
ticulars as to whether he is wounded  
or confined from sickness. He wishes  
to be remembered to all his friends.

## One Recruit Yesterday.

The Field Ambulance Training De-  
pot has the honor of being the only  
unit in the city to receive a recruit  
yesterday. W. A. Russell arrived in  
the city from York county and re-  
ported for duty with the ambulance.  
The draft consisting of 85 men and two  
officers, which are expected to be cal-  
led anytime now for service overseas,  
are ready to leave at short notice. The  
nominal roll is expected to be ready  
today for publication. The draft will  
be under command of Captain McDon-  
ald.

## Prize Winners at Patriotic Fete.

The successful winners of the draw-  
ing conducted by the ladies of the  
Royal Standard Chapter at the fete  
held at the Union Club last night were  
as follows: Miss M. B. Lawrence, 91  
King street, basket of candy; Mr.  
Sterling of the Union Club staff, a box  
of candy; the sweater coat, worked by  
Mrs. Fred Macneil, was won by Mrs.  
E. A. Smith; Mrs. Henderson, Mount  
Pleasant, a fancy cake; and Mrs. E.  
Rising, a Christmas tree cake. The  
winner of the basket of candy, Miss  
Lawrence, will kindly communicate  
with Mrs. Stanley Elkin.

## Entertainment for Boys' Club.

The weekly entertainment for the  
Boys' Club was given by eleven young  
ladies of Main street Baptist church,  
under the direction of Miss W. Mc-  
Alary. They gave a dialogue entitled  
"Sunbonnets," which was thoroughly  
enjoyed by the boys. After the dis-  
cussion the Misses Green and Earle of  
the Girls' Club were heard in a duet.  
Peter Barry gave a clever exhibition  
of berry dancing, and the boys sang  
a number of patriotic songs. A. M. Bel-  
ing presided, and Mr. and Mrs. N. C.  
Scott, Mrs. W. E. McIntyre and W. P.  
Nobles were present with the enter-  
tainers.

We have said it before, in fact we  
have dwelt upon the subject—Gener-  
ally one merchant is equal to another  
merchant, provided they can both pay  
their bills. This occasionally does it  
fall to some one merchant to pull off  
a scoop. We are in an unique posi-  
tion in regard to Bracelet Watches  
and Diamonds. Our offerings are  
better value than ever before and we  
are open to demonstrate. Gundry's,  
79 King street.

Kodaks and Brownie Cameras,  
\$1.25 to \$30.00, at The Rexall Store,  
100 King street.

DEATH AT  
INFIRMARY OF  
F. C. SMITH

Prominent Local Citizen  
Passed Away Last Evening  
Following Operation for  
Appendicitis.

The death of Frank C. Smith, secre-  
tary-treasurer of Scott Bros. Ltd.,  
which took place at the St. John In-  
firmity last evening removes one of  
St. John's most prominent citizens.

The late Mr. Smith had been subject  
to attacks of appendicitis for some  
time and his condition became so crit-  
ical last week that an operation was  
considered necessary. He was removed  
to the infirmary and the operation was  
performed on Thursday evening last.  
He passed away about 8.30 o'clock last  
evening.

For the past eighteen years the late  
Mr. Smith had been actively associated  
with the Oak Hall concern and had  
been its present office as secretary-  
treasurer since the organization of  
Scott Bros. Ltd., about ten years ago.  
He was well and favorably known in  
St. John and was regarded as a man  
of keen business instincts. He took an  
active part in all matters appertaining  
to the advancement of the city gener-  
ally.

The late Mr. Smith was a member  
of the Union Club, the Elks Club and  
was also a keen courier, being the  
president of St. Andrew's Curling  
Club. He was also secretary of the  
Ball's Lake Fishing Club. Commis-  
sioner Russell, the president of the  
Fishing Club, paid a high tribute to  
Mr. Smith's business ability and said  
that during the years the deceased  
had acted as treasurer of the club he  
had been a strong factor in its suc-  
cess. The deceased was a director of  
the St. John Exhibition Association, a  
director of the Y.M.C.A., and chairman  
of the finance committee of the Y.M.  
C.A. He was a leading member of  
Centenary Methodist church and was  
a steward of the church for the past  
several years. He was the secretary  
of the Centenary Brotherhood and the  
secretary-treasurer of the Laymen's  
Missionary committee of the church.

The deceased was born in Sussex 45  
years ago but had been a resident of  
St. John for fully twenty years. He  
is survived by his wife, formerly Miss  
Sue Johnstone of Apohaqui, three sons,  
Gordon, Ronald and Laurence, and one  
daughter, Marion. Three sisters, Mrs.  
Robt. Morrison, Sussex; Mrs. W.  
Dean, Lorneville, and Miss Abbie  
Smith, Sussex; and two brothers,  
William, in Massachusetts, and Harry  
now at the front also survive. Mrs.  
Rye in Massachusetts is a half-sister,  
and Bryant Stockton of Sussex is a  
half-brother. To the bereaved family  
and relatives the sympathy of the com-  
munity will be extended. The funeral  
arrangements have not yet been com-  
pleted.

AGED WANDERER, NOT  
WANTED IN MONCTON,  
SENT BACK TO CITY

Calvin Hanson Again in Po-  
lice Cells Last Night, while  
Municipalities try to Evade  
Keeping Him.

Calvin Hanson, aged seventy-six  
years, and a resident of Buctouche,  
the St. John police and the Moncton  
police, are the principals in a human  
checker match, with the St. John po-  
lice magistrate as the referee, and  
the prospects are that Hanson will  
win the prize, it being a home for the  
rest of his life.

Early last week this old man ar-  
rived in the city claiming to have walked  
from Buctouche for the purpose of  
getting work as he had been told that  
there was plenty here. Stopped with  
age, unfit for any sort of hard labor,  
and without money or friends, he was  
gathered in by the police and locked  
up on the charge of vagrancy. In the  
police court the magistrate ordered  
that he be sent back to Buctouche,  
and acting on these instructions he  
was placed on an outgoing train, but  
only went as far as Moncton. It was  
then the turn of the Moncton chief to  
make his move and he shipped the old  
man back to St. John. He arrived in  
the Union Depot yesterday and said  
he had been informed when he came  
to St. John he would be looked after  
in the Municipal Home. The railway  
police were the next to take a play.  
Hanson was jumped and once more  
occupied a cell at police headquarters  
on the charge of vagrancy.

It now remains for the police mag-  
istrate to settle the game in court this  
morning. At all events the old man  
has been travelling some at the ex-  
pense of the community. It will be  
interesting to learn just how the game  
will finish, or if it is to be continued  
and Hanson kept on the move.

For Manicure Cases go to the Rexall  
Store, 100 King street.

Cathedral High Tea Drawings.  
The drawings in connection with  
the Cathedral high tea will be held to-  
night in the St. Vincent de Paul So-  
ciety rooms.

WILL BUILD  
PULP PLANT  
AT MILLERTON

J. D. Volckman in City, Yes-  
terday, Makes Important  
Announcement.

That work on the erection of a large  
pulp plant would be started at Mil-  
lerton, Northumberland County, within  
the next few weeks was the impor-  
tant statement made to a Standard  
reporter by J. D. Volckman yesterday  
afternoon. Mr. Volckman was the suc-  
cessful manager of the plant of the  
New Brunswick Pulp and Paper Com-  
pany Ltd. for some years and the de-  
struction by fire of the building and  
plant of this industry a few years  
ago has been considerably felt on the  
North Shore. Mr. Volckman has been  
successful in interesting Montreal capi-  
tal in the new project, while it is  
understood that old country capital  
will also be included. The plant at the  
outset will afford employment to a  
large number of operators. Although it  
is the present intention to manu-  
facture only pulp it is learned that as  
soon as conditions permit the manu-  
facture of paper will be undertaken.  
There was a big demand for the out-  
put of the old company and it is the  
intention to establish the new indus-  
try on equally as stable a foundation.

The directors of the St. John and  
Quebec Railway Company were in ses-  
sion at the Royal Hotel last evening.  
Col. Richard O'Leary in the absence  
of President F. W. Sumner, who is in  
England, occupied the chair, and the  
directors present were: J. D. Palmer,  
W. S. Fisher and E. Grouard, Mon-  
ton, the secretary. Matters relat-  
ive to the construction of the road  
were discussed, the business being  
largely of a routine character.

PUSHING WORK  
ON VALLEY RY.

Construction will be Contin-  
ued During Winter—Meet-  
ing of Directors Last Even-  
ing.

Ross Thompson of Fredericton,  
chief engineer of the company, was  
also a guest at the Royal yesterday.  
He told a reporter that good progress  
was being made with the work of con-  
struction. It was the intention to  
proceed with the work vigorously during  
the winter. Weather conditions would  
not interfere with the carrying on of  
the work. "Whatever work it is  
possible to do during the winter will  
be carried on," said Mr. Thompson.

"We are getting along nicely with  
the work on our contract from West-  
field north ten miles," said D. A. Mac-  
Donald of Antigonish, of the firm of  
Kennedy & MacDonald, to a reporter  
at the Royal Hotel last evening. The  
contract for the big cut at Woodman's  
Point has been let by Kennedy & Mac-  
Donald to Longley & Innes.

"Within the next few days we will  
be working four additional steam  
drills on the Woodman's Point cut,"  
said H. Longley, son of Hon. Mr. Jus-  
tice Longley of Halifax, and head of  
the firm of Longley & Innes. There  
are fully 200,000 yards of material in  
this cut.

About seventy-five men are employ-  
ed with Smith & Merrithew in con-  
nection with their contract from three  
miles above Oak Creek to Jones  
Creek. Mr. L. B. Smith told the re-  
porter that excellent progress was be-  
ing made on his contract. Poupore  
Bros. have a sub-contract from Smith  
& Merrithew and are getting along  
well. There is a large fill of about  
140,000 yards across the Nepereis.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, a  
good gift suggestion, \$2.50 to \$7.00 at  
The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

## To Facilitate Holiday Shopping.

M. R. A. Ltd., wish to announce  
that their showing of Dolls, Perfumes  
and Stationery for Christmas has  
been moved to the Millinery Depart-  
ment, to make space in the Christmas  
Show Room for New Holiday Wares  
just arriving, China, Cut Glass, Silver-  
ware, Etc. This does not in any way  
interfere with the millinery business,  
as a competent staff in work room  
are prepared to execute all orders  
promptly, and in the department it-  
self many desirable numbers in  
fashionable Pattern Hats are showing  
at bargains that are exceptional. The  
Headwear Novelties are also here,  
among them being the Knitted Togue  
and Throw-over Sets, so seasonable  
and popular just now.

## Service First.

Do you get the kind of attention  
you desire at the store you have been  
accustomed to trading at?  
Gundry's is open to demonstrate its  
capabilities. You are welcome to  
exchange any piece purchased. You  
may return goods, if so agreed, and  
receive back your money. You may  
practically do as you wish in making  
a square trade, anything but cut the  
price.—The First Price is the Best  
Price.

WILL RECRUIT  
AN AMMUNITION  
COLUMN HERE

Authorization Received Yes-  
terday for New Unit with  
Headquarters at Sackville—  
21st March Out Today.

Word has been received at head-  
quarters that a Divisional Ammu-  
nition Column has been authorized to  
be recruited in the Maritime Pro-  
vinces. The headquarters of the unit  
will be at Sackville, N. B. The com-  
plement of a section consists of 168  
men, including four officers. Lieuten-  
ant Colonel G. A. Carruthers of Win-  
nipeg is the officer in command of  
the depot. The section, which will  
be recruited in the Maritime Provinces  
will be commanded by Lieut. A. G.  
Gunn, formerly of the 19th Battery.  
He will have as assistant Lieut. A. E.  
Andrew, formerly of the 20th Bat-  
tery.

This branch of the service has al-  
ways met with the approval of the  
"eligibles," and there is no doubt but  
that the number of men required for  
this unit will be soon forthcoming.  
The recruiting officers throughout the  
province were notified yesterday to  
commence active recruiting for the  
section of the column.

It is understood that the object of  
the unit is to supply drafts and rein-  
forcements for the columns at the  
front which require them.

## The 21st.

Lieut.-Colonel W. M. Sage command-  
ing the 21st Battalion, told The  
Standard last night that he was very  
sorry the weather caused the post-  
ponement of the street march, planned  
for yesterday afternoon. If the weath-  
er at all favorable today the march  
will take place. Arrangements for the  
concert to be held tonight at the Im-  
perial at the conclusion of the second  
show have been completed. The band  
will render a choice programme of mu-  
sic and several local artists will par-  
ticipate.

With the exception of the equipment  
necessary for the feeding and bed-  
ding of the men nothing has been re-  
moved from the cars, as the battalion  
will not be very many days in the  
city and the unpacking of stores  
would only be extra labor.

## 23rd Soon to Leave.

Word has reached the city that the  
23rd Railway Construction Corps,  
which is now stationed at Windsor,  
N. S., will soon leave for overseas. The  
unit is practically up to full strength  
and ready to leave at any time. There  
will be quite a large number of New  
Brunswick men in the 23rd, having en-  
listed in the city last summer when  
that unit was carrying on an active  
campaign in the province. The unit  
is composed of an exceptionally fine  
body of men, nearly all of whom are  
mechanics in some branch of work. It  
will be remembered that only a short  
time ago several of the men of the unit  
raided a garage, owned and managed  
by Edward Muller, who it was claimed  
was in sympathy with the Germans,  
causing considerable damage to autos  
contained in the building as well as  
the garage itself.

## The 165th.

The 165th carried on their usual  
routine work in the armory yester-  
day. Several of the senior officers  
are confined to their rooms suffering  
with la grippe. Among the patients  
are the adjutant, Captain Richard,  
and Captain Doucet.

The many friends of Colonel D'Algie  
will be glad to learn that he is again  
able to take over the duties as O. C.  
He made his appearance for the first  
time at the battalion office yesterday.  
Last night the orchestra of the 165th  
Battalion rendered a splendid pro-  
gramme of music at the Union Club.

Inspection Postponed.  
The inspection of the Siege Battery  
and the Field Ambulance draft, which  
was to have taken place yesterday,  
will be dispensed with. It was the in-  
tention of the mayor to make an ad-  
dress yesterday to the men, who may  
at any time be called upon to leave  
St. John for the front, but the bad  
weather caused both inspection  
and address to be postponed. On the  
Island yesterday there was very little  
doing outside of the regular routine  
work.

## Christmas Dainties.

The exquisite loveliness of the  
Boudoir Caps, Chamisoles, Tea  
Aprons and Filigree Underwear which  
is on display at F. A. Dykeman &  
Co.'s on tables on the second floor,  
is attracting the attention of every  
lady in St. John. The assortment is  
so large to select from, and the  
articles so useful that one is bewildered  
in looking them over to know just  
which one to select, but all are so  
attractive that one could close their  
eyes and make a selection without a  
mistake. Prices of Chamisoles run  
from \$1.00 to \$3.00. Boudoir Caps  
from 25c. to \$1.75. Underwear at  
prices ranging from 50c. to \$2.50.

## Good Until Christmas.

Those who wish to give for a  
Christmas present, a course in Isaac  
Pitman Shorthand, Bookkeeping or  
Stenotypewriting should remember  
that until Christmas these courses  
can be purchased at one-half the regu-  
lar price, books and stationery free,  
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time later, at the Currie Commercial  
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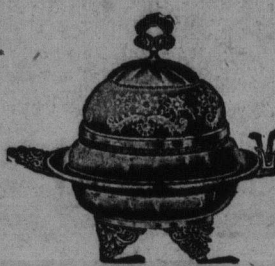
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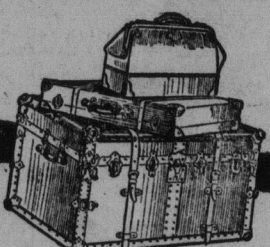
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