

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair to clear with light to moderate westerly winds, fair and cold.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair today and probably Saturday; light variable mostly northwest winds.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion except in British Columbia where light snowfalls have been experienced.

Temperatures	Min.	Max.
Dawson	9	14
Prince Rupert	30	36
Victoria	26	34
Vancouver	22	30
Kamloops	10	18
Edmonton	0	12
Calgary	0	14
Battleford	10	14
Prince Albert	20	24
Moose Jaw	15	18
Winnipeg	4	10
Port Arthur	18	26
Parry Sound	12	18
Toronto	10	20
Ottawa	2	14
Montreal	8	16
Quebec	2	10
St. John	12	20
Halifax	20	26
*—Below zero.		

Around the City

Gain in Bank Clearings.
Bank clearing for the week ending today were \$1,269,771, and for the corresponding week last year, \$1,213,514.

An Appreciated Gift.
The secretary of the Associated Charities has received Mrs. C. F. Woodman's annual gift of \$25. Similar donations will be greatly appreciated by the executive. The money will be used for special purposes.

Condition the Same.
It was stated early this morning that Thomas Wilson, who was taken to the General Public Hospital after receiving severe injuries to his back from a fall on board the steamship Metagama, remains in about the same condition as yesterday.

Hampton Clergyman to Remain.
The Rev. J. F. Rowley, pastor of the Methodist church in Hampton has been tendered by the official board of the church an unanimous invitation to remain for another year. It is understood that Mr. Rowley has accepted the invitation.

Sallores' Entertainment.
There was a large attendance at the sallores' entertainment given in the Seaman's Institute last evening. The programme of musical and literary numbers was provided by members of the crew from the C. P. R. steamship Metagama, and every number was heartily received.

Appointed Traffic Inspector.
E. D. Ring has been appointed traffic inspector for the port of St. John and will immediately commence his new duties. The appointment is a popular one and well merited as Mr. Ring has had over twenty years of experience with gear, especially along the harbor front, and he is fully competent to look after the work.

Fish Market.
There have been no changes in the prices of fish during the week. Retailers say that trade has been quite brisk of late. Fresh cod and haddock bring 10c per pound; chicken halibut 20c. There has been a good demand for oysters and clams, the former bringing from 80c to \$1.25 per quart. Fresh herring and smelt are obtainable at usual prices, but lobsters are scarce and small.

At Home to Sleep Battery.
Misses Vera Pike and Helen Brittain were a committee in charge of an "at home" held last night in the Carleton Odd Fellows' Hall, West St. John, to about 45 members of the sleep battery. Mrs. D. Brittain and Mrs. E. A. Young were the chairwomen. The 104th Battalion Band was present and furnished music during the evening. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed until about midnight when a most enjoyable time was brought to a close.

Recruiting Committee.
There was a brief meeting of the citizens' committee yesterday afternoon. It was announced that Rev. Father Burke, of Toronto, and Major Brown would give addresses at Imperial Theatre next Sunday and that the Imperial orchestra would give musical selections. Officers of the battalions stationed here will, it is stated, be on the platform with members of the recruiting committee. It is possible that Rev. Father Burke will give an address at the armory on New Year's day.

Treat for the Orphans.
Yesterday evening about thirty-five children from the Protestant Orphans' Home were entertained at supper in the schoolroom of Main street Baptist church. A large Christmas tree was provided and the many presents thereon were distributed amongst the young people. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson presided, and a committee of ladies and gentlemen attended to the requirements of the occasion. A few brief and appropriate remarks were made by the pastor and others and music was provided. The evening was much enjoyed by all present.

SCHOLARS IN FIGHT TO THE BITTER END

New Year's morning demonstration of Sunday School children to be interesting feature.

Tomorrow, New Year's morning, the Sabbath schools of the city, West End, East End, Fairville, Brookville and Silver Falls of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches will start the new year with grand rallies.

The Methodists in Centenary church at 10.30 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Barracough chairman, and Rev. E. A. Westmorland will give the address.

The Presbyterian and Congregational schools in St. Andrew's church at the same hour, 10.30, Rev. R. J. Houghton chairman, Rev. J. A. MacKegan will address this rally. At both rallies each one present will be presented with a Union Jack in the Presbyterian and Congregational schools there is quite a warm competition to capture the prize banner awarded each year to the school having the largest percentage of their enrollment present. Last year the new school at East St. John won the banner.

The morning is fine, at close of services a march will be undertaken, the Methodist schools will leave Centenary church, coming down Princess street and the schools from St. Andrew's church will go up Princess street meeting with the Methodists at the corner of Princess and Sydney streets at 12.15 o'clock. At this point, through the kindness of the Recruiting Committee, the 69th Band will head the parade and escort the combined forces on a short march to the foot of King street, there the National Anthem will be sung and parade disbanded. It is expected over two thousand scholars, teachers and officers will be in the march.

BOYS ADMIT THEFT OF TEAM AND FOOTWEAR

Parents of lads arraigned in Police Court scored by Magistrate.

In the Police Court yesterday James Phalen and Henry Crawford, the two twelve year old boys arrested on the charge of stealing Gordon Allan's express wagon and horse along with nineteen pairs of rubbers, admitted their guilt. The magistrate reprimanded the boys' parents and imposed upon them the obligation of making good any damage done.

When this case was finished, Detectives Barrett and Briggs preferred two other charges against the boys, that of breaking and entering the store of Charles Richardson on Waterloo street, and of H. H. Barker on Brunel street. The breaks were made about the 25th of November and considerable confectionery, etc. were stolen. The boys admitted the breaks and were remanded until 9.30 o'clock this morning when these cases will be heard against them.

A DAY OF PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

The following proclamation has been issued by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Wood:

Proclamation of His Royal Highness the Governor General, issued December twenty-fourth, reciting that the Empire has been forced to take up arms in defence of rights and liberties unjustly attacked, and to fulfil pledges solemnly given, therefore believing it to be fitting that the people of Canada should be enabled to make a public and solemn avowal of duty to Almighty God and of need of guidance, that Sunday, second January, be proclaimed a day of humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken by Empire and Allies and those offering their lives for it, and for a speedy and favorable peace that shall be founded on understanding and not hatred to the end that peace shall endure. Secretary of State and Right Honorable the Prime Minister desire that prayers should be offered in accordance with Proclamation in all churches.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT WANAMAKER'S.
Watch night dinner served from 11 p. m. to 1 a. m., with big cabaret, including Zingari girls. We reserve these tables early.

In City With Produce.
E. E. Folkins, of Millstreet, the well known poultry dealer, arrived in the city yesterday. He brought with him a choice selection of prize turkeys, chickens, butter and eggs, the opinion of many in the local market and others being that the produce was the best seen here for a long time.

ES WILL FIGHT TO THE BITTER END

Britain and France determined to go on until victory comes, says Canadian back from Europe.

Dominick Burns of Vancouver, a member of the firm of P. Burns & Co., Ltd., the cattle kings of the west, is in the city for a few days. Mr. Burns has just returned from spending the summer and fall in England and France, where he has been looking after the interests of his firm who have large contracts from both the British and French governments. While on the other side Mr. Burns visited London, Paris, Marseilles, Bordeaux and other centres.

When asked if the war had made any particular difference in conditions, Mr. Burns said the people did not talk much about war in London, in fact not as much as they do on this side. They had made up their minds that there was a talk to be done and it was now considered a part of the ordinary day's work. The people have no doubt at all of the ultimate outcome, all they are concerned about is the length of time necessary to finish the job.

There is more of the actual effect of war to be seen in France, it being nearer the scene of action, wounded and sick soldiers are to be seen in every street but the French people are just as determined to fight this war to a finish as are the people of Great Britain.

Mr. Burns said his firm had been shipping beef and pork all summer and fall to the Allies both to France and England. The British government buy all their meat already killed and have it shipped in cold storage. The French buy theirs on the hoof and have it shipped alive to the different ports from which it is distributed to the army in the field. Some idea of the labor involved in getting a cargo of beef ready for shipment may be gathered from the fact that it requires from seven to eleven thousand head, according to the size of the boat, to be killed and dressed. The Burns Co. have four large abattoirs located at Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Seattle. They also have a number of ranches in Alberta and raise a large number of the cattle they kill themselves. Since the beginning of the war they have been shipping large quantities of meats to the Allies armies and they have large contracts yet to be filled.

HOTEL CLERK, TURNED SOLDIER, REMEMBERED BY FRIENDS "ON ROAD"

At the Dufferin Hotel, last evening, A. K. Munde, on behalf of a number of local travelling friends, presented to Geo. Winfield, late clerk of the Dufferin Hotel, now a member of the Siege Battery, a gold signet ring suitably inscribed, a fountain pen, a shaving brush, pocket mirror and a purse containing twenty dollars. Mr. Winfield, who when clerk at the Dufferin was a most obliging official, was completely surprised, but made a suitable reply. Accompanying the presentation was an address and a list of subscribers which closely resembled a page in a hotel register.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR BOYS AT THE INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Christmas festivities at the Boys' Industrial Home were continued last evening when nearly one hundred of the members of St. Luke's church, including the choir, visited the Home and provided an excellent entertainment. Rev. R. P. McKim, president, Rev. Mr. Martin and Rev. Mr. Ellis being also present. Short addresses appropriate for the occasion were given, and each boy was presented with a gift by Rev. Mr. McKim on behalf of the members and friends of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, impersonated respectively by W. A. Steiper and J. Warwick also handed out gifts. The superintendent, F. McDonald and Mrs. McDonald, were also the recipients of gifts.

A particularly interesting feature of the proceedings was the singing of Christmas carols by the choir. Throughout the evening the boys showed their appreciation of the kindness shown to them. Refreshments were served in varied form, much to the delight of the boys. The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close soon after ten o'clock, everybody voting the occasion one of real enjoyment.

St. John Business College, day and evening classes will re-open Monday, January 3rd.

PIERCE BREWSTER WRITES OF ROUTINE IN THE TRENCHES "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE."

P. W. F. Brewster, of Hampton, received a letter on Wednesday from his son Trooper Pierce J. Brewster. Trooper Brewster is connected with the 4th Mounted Rifles fighting "Somewhere in France," and gives some interesting news regarding the life of a soldier at the front. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Father—I received your letter of November 15, also the papers, and the clipping of Guy Turner's letter; have been looking for Guy ever since I have been here, but I guess he is some little distance from where we are. I saw two other fellows of our bunch that were on the Valley Railway staff—Jack McNaught and Colwell.

I have seen some of the boys of the 26th. They are on a different part of the line from us. Oty Barnes was looking for me one day, but I was out looking around a town near where we were, and so missed seeing him. He is sergeant now. Have not seen Ernest yet but will try to look him up as soon as possible. It is quite hard to find the boys as we are always on the move from one place to another.

We have just got out of the trenches after being in for eight days. We now have four days out, and then four days in the trenches again, but after that we expect to be out in rest billets for fifteen or twenty days, and if so we will be out for Christmas at a town near here.

While we were in the trenches it was work day and night. I was on listening post three nights, and on that job it is a pretty scary job to be in a post between the enemy's trench and ours and two men sit out there in a hole in the ground all night, in front of our barbed wire entanglements. Both sides send up flares all night, which light up the whole place. I tell you it is a pretty scary job to be there. Our brigade, including the 4th and 5th regiments was all in at once this last time. Both the 4th and 5th had quite a number of casualties, but we had very few—only three men wounded.

I am glad you are sending some more tobacco with my Christmas parcel, and keep sending along all the socks you like, as they can be put to good use.

I am quite well except for the cold which we all have. Will write again as soon as I can, but do not worry as long as you get a field card now and again, as it is pretty hard always to get a chance to write letters.

Your son,
PIERCE.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, has left for New York, whence he will sail for England to see his two sons who are on active service.

Many friends will regret to learn that William Grannan is seriously ill of grippe at his home in Adelaide street.

W. B. Chandler, K. C., was in the city yesterday.

Rev. A. Robichaud, of Fox Creek, Westmorland Co., and Rev. D. Corrier, of St. Mary's, York Co., were visitors to the Bishop's Palace yesterday.

Dr. J. D. Maher returned from Boston yesterday.

Owen Cameron, I. C. R. freight claims agent of Moncton, is in the city.

William McLean, inspector of schools, came here from Fredericton yesterday.

Attorney General Baxter arrived in the city on the express from Fredericton last night.

James H. Crockett of Fredericton arrived in the city last night.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AT CENTENARY CHURCH.

The time honored Watch Night Service will be held in Centenary Methodist church, corner of Princess and Wentworth streets on December 31, 1915, New Year's Eve, at 10.30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Barracough, and the sermon presented by Rev. Geo. Steel, Superintendent of Missions. Special music by the choir, closing with the "Circle of Brotherhood." The public are cordially invited. Offering on behalf of the Protestant Orphans' Home.

Children's Costs.
The coldest part of the winter is yet to come and you will want the little ones to be protected against those wintry blasts that are sure to meet them going to and from school. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have reduced the price of their coats to the point where it leaves no excuse for not getting the child a new coat from the standpoint of cost. The sizes run from two years to sixteen, and the prices from \$1.50 to \$5.50.

Fire Sale At Thorne's

Goods damaged by water and smoke are now being SOLD AT A DISCOUNT

IN OUR KITCHEN WARE DEPARTMENT we are offering SELF BASTING PANS and BAKE PANS, Sheet Iron, also a nice line of ALUMINUM WARE, slightly damaged by water and soot, at REDUCED PRICES as follows:

Sheet Iron Baking Pans, 8, 12, 14, each	Lip Sauce Pans, 25c-50c, each
Self Basting Pans, 70c, and \$1.25 each	Preserving Kettles, 45c-2.25, each
ALUMINUM WARE:	
Coffee Pots, \$1.70-2.25 each	Double Boilers, \$1.50, each
Tea Pots, \$2.00-2.25 each	Cake Pans, 45c-2.00, each
Frying Pans, 55c-1.20 each	Ten Kettles, \$3.50, each
	Berlin Kettles, \$1.00-1.40, each
	Steamer Sauce Pans, \$2.10, each

Also Cups, Funnels, Pie Plates, Soap Dishes, Pudding Pans, etc., at similar reductions.

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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.

A Snap in Pure Irish Linen Hand Embroidered Pillow Slips

Standard sizes for the regular pillow, 45 inches circular, 36 inches long, at \$1.75 a pair

IRISH EMBROIDERED PILLOW SLIPS with colored embroidery, 45 inches wide, 36 inches long, done in yellow, pink, blue, mauve or white embroidery; all fast wash colors. At \$1.50 a pair

A Few Dozen COTTON PILLOW SLIPS—45 inches wide, 36 inches long, embroidered in white. At \$1.50 a pair

MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

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If you want to make a saving in your winter's coal bill, buy the "HUSTLER." It will save you coal, time and labor, as well as keep the dust down. It will save its cost in a single season.

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The Best Models of the Most Reliable Makers Presented in the Correct Fashion Lines for the New Season's Styles

To be correctly corseted is to be comfortable as well as stylishly gowned, but in order to be perfectly fitted it is important to choose from a large and varied assortment of dependable corsets such as this department affords.

Practically all of the standard and tried makes are represented in this presentation of the new season's styles and a visit to this section will be amply repaid in the satisfaction and service your corset purchase will give.

At \$1.00—Coutil, short hip, medium bust, four supporters.

At \$1.10—Coutil, long hip, medium bust, four supporters.

At \$1.15—Coutil, high or medium bust, long hip, four supporters.

At \$1.35—Coutil, high or medium bust, four supporters.

At \$1.50—Coutil, medium bust, extra long hip, six supporters.

At \$1.75—Coutil, medium bust, long, six supporters.

At \$1.90—Coutil, medium and high bust, good length hip, double steered and especially suitable for stout figure.

At \$1.90—Coutil, low bust, extra long hip, two elastic gores, four supporters.

At \$1.90—Coutil, medium bust, extra long hip, reinforced front, six supporters.

At \$2.25—Coutil, medium bust, extra long hip, six supporters.

At \$2.25—Coutil, low bust, extra long hip, four elastic gores, six supporters.

At \$3.25—Fine Pique, medium bust and hip, six supporters.

At \$4.25—Coutil, front laced, medium bust, long hip and back.

ALSO MANY OTHER FINE CORSETS AT VARIOUS PRICES UP TO \$6.35.

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