

## THE WEATHER.

## Forecasts.

Maritime—Fresh to strong southwesterly winds, mild and partly fair, with local snow or rain.

Washington, Dec. 27—Northern New England—Rain south, rain or snow north, Thursday; Friday, cold and fair; moderate southwest and west winds.

Toronto, Dec. 27—Sheet and rain have occurred in Southern Ontario since last night, and light snow has been fairly general in Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Quebec. Cold weather now prevails throughout the west.

## Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	23	29
Victoria	30	34
Vancouver	26	34
Kamloops	12	6
Calgary	26	3
Medicine Hat	28	20
Edmonton	32	20
Moose Jaw	11	8
Winnipeg	2	8
Port Arthur	4	20
Perry Sound	16	38
London	23	41
Toronto	27	46
Ottawa	8	14
Montreal	4	12
Quebec	4	16
St. John	8	20
Halifax	18	32

—Below zero.

## Around the City

## English Mail.

English and foreign mails will close on Saturday forenoon, December 30; for letters at 9 o'clock and for parcels and newspapers at 8 o'clock.

## Only Seven Arrested.

The drunk cop is one that apparently never fails as far as the police blotter at police headquarters shows. The constables arrested seven men yesterday afternoon and evening, and all are charged with drunkenness.

## Wants Inspectorship.

R. H. Cother, late of the People's Dairy, called up The Standard last night and stated that he would be a candidate for the office of chief inspector under the new prohibitory law which goes into effect on May 1st next.

## A Christmas Treat.

A most enjoyable Christmas tree service was held in the school room of St. John's Presbyterian church last evening. After an interesting program of recitations and songs by the juveniles in which twenty or more took part Santa Claus made his appearance and from a well trimmed tree treated the children to many delicacies.

## "The Path of the Hun."

An intensely interesting illustrated lecture will be given at the St. John Art Club studio on Peel street tonight at eight o'clock. The lecturer, Major Bartlett, will speak on "The Path of the Hun," from personal knowledge of conditions in war devastated Europe. Tickets are for sale at 25 cents. A large attendance is looked for as the proceeds will go into the Patriotic Fund.

## Public Utilities.

Only routine business was transacted at yesterday's session of the Public Utilities Commission in the government rooms, Prince William street. P. P. Robinson, secretary of the commission, told The Standard that the Christmas business at Fredericton had been the heaviest in the history of the capital city. Saturday was the biggest day ever experienced by Fredericton merchants. The operation of the Valley Railway brought in hundreds of additional shoppers to Fredericton the majority of whom had previously purchased from the mail-order houses in Upper Canada.

## Soldiers Leave Today.

Provided with transportation and such other requisites as are needed for their journey home, ten returned men will leave the discharge depot this morning for their respective homes. The Metagama arrived on Monday night at St. John and by tonight every man who is able to return home will have left the discharge depot. The groupiness which attends the deserting of the men after they arrive at this port speaks volumes for Capt. Bruce and the secretary of Returned Soldiers' Commission, Charles Robinson. The party leaving today are: W. Beck, E. Bouteller, R. T. Fleming, P. Noyes and B. Wier all of Halifax; E. Glass, Shubenacadie, N.S.; D. G. McFarland, Springhill, N.S.; J. W. Maxwell, Glace Bay, and W. Diamond and P. Doron, Glace Bay.

## Funeral of Mrs. L. White.

The esteem in which Mrs. Leslie White of Sydney, for many years a resident of St. John, was held was testified to yesterday afternoon by the large number of friends who attended the funeral and by the number of floral tributes. The funeral was held from the residence of her brother-in-law, Frank C. Wry, 165 Leinster street, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. MacKelligan, assisted by Rev. Mr. MacPherson and Rev. Dr. Frazier. Interment was at Fernhill.

Mrs. White died in the Moncton hospital on Christmas Day. She was a very estimable lady and was greatly beloved wherever she was known. The Daughters of the Empire of Sydney, of which she was a member, sent a beautiful floral tribute, and a number of friends in Sydney attended the funeral.

## FRENCH ACADIANS ARE PLAYING FULL PART IN WAR GAME OF EMPIRE

F. J. Robidoux, M. P., Says Acadians of New Brunswick Have Done Well

## CONDITIONS GOOD IN KENT COUNTY

## Change in Fishing Regulations on Buctouche River Have Proven Very Beneficial

F. J. Robidoux, K.C., M.P., of Buctouche, is in the city, a guest at the Victoria Hotel. In reply to an inquiry from a reporter he said that conditions generally were good in Kent county. While the unfavorable weather conditions had served to keep back the fishing industry there, good prices were prevalent. In fact the fishermen were securing the highest prices in the history of the county, ten and a half cents per pound having recently been paid at Buctouche for smelts.

On the Buctouche river the fishing season usually opens on December 1st, but this year, carrying out the wishes of the fishermen, Mr. Robidoux was successful in arranging a postponement of the opening until December 15th. It has been the experience of the fishermen in past seasons to catch a considerable quantity of fish in the opening weeks of December, but, on account of the mild weather, they were unable to market them in good quality, thus entailing a considerable loss. The action of the active Kent county member in securing the change, The Standard learns, is greatly appreciated among the fishermen.

Mr. Robidoux said that the French-Acadian residents of Kent county have been doing his part in the present war. A considerable number had enlisted and he looked forward to the early completion of the ranks of the 165th Battalion. He has a brother with the 55th Battery at Woodstock who is regarded as an excellent gunner.

Mr. Robidoux said that the people of Shediac greatly mourned the passing of Lieut. H. C. Barr of this city, a member of the flying corps, whose death at the front was announced last week. "While in Shediac, young Barr was the chauffeur for the late W. A. Russell. He made many friends who regret his tragic death," said Mr. Robidoux.

The father of the late Lieut. Barr is now with the 55th Battalion. The deceased was formerly chauffeur for Col. McAvity, but his mechanical knowledge was soon appreciated and he was offered a post with the flying corps which he readily accepted. He was killed while doing his duty as a member of the aerial fleet.

## R. S. MULLER TO BE GENERAL MANAGER

## Well Known Advertising Man Will Direct Policies of the Canadian Adver'tg Agency Limited After January 1.

After the first of the year the policy and operation of the Canadian Advertising Agency Limited, with offices in the Unity Building, Montreal, will be directed by Robert S. Muller, who has been appointed general manager of the organization. Mr. Muller was formerly associated with N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Morse International Agency of New York; Steinhardt Bros. & Co. of New York, and assistant advertising manager of the New York Times. His Canadian connection has been as eastern manager of the Gagner Advertising Service, a post which he has held for three and a half years.

## Handsome Evening Dresses.

When one buys an evening dress they like to know that they possess something different. The artistic designs and exclusiveness of the styles which are to be seen at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s make these dresses entirely different from others and with all the prices are moderate, from \$10 to \$25. Such beautiful touches of Edwardian here and there on the collar or corsage, with little cuffs of ribbon, and dainty intricate pleatings, make them without doubt the most attractive dresses that this firm has shown in many years. They have a large range of colorings, in light evening shades down to the more sombre colors.

We have said it before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject—Generally one merchant is equal to another merchant, provided they can both pay their bills. Just occasionally does it fall to some one merchant to pull off a scoop. We are in an unique position 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.

Meeting of the Can. Imperial League tonight in U. W. Veterans Hall, Charlotte street.

## THREE MEN ON THE ROLL YESTERDAY

## Siege Battery Menbers Return From Christmas Holidays.—Military Notes.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

William Cane, England.

James Burns, England.

Fred Titus, Gibson, N. B.

Three men made application for enlistment in the city yesterday. Fred Titus was unable to pass the doctor. He was informed that he would have to undergo a slight operation before he could be accepted. He has decided to be operated upon, and if the operation is successful will report back to the naval recruiting office.

## On the Island.

Last night's Halifax train brought back to the city the last party of Siege Battery boys who had been home spending the holiday. Today regular work will commence again in real earnest. On the island yesterday the members enjoyed their routine work in the open. It was a perfect day and too many such days cannot be had for outdoor training. The members who were not home for Christmas will be granted leave of absence for the New Year.

## May Leave Soon.

Once again it is reported that the two drafts from the Field Ambulance Training Depot will soon be leaving for England. The boys are making preparations for an early departure, probably the first week of the New Year.

## Military Notes.

Colonel Harry McLeod, M.P., for York, commandant of the Canadian Camp at Shorncliffe, has been reported seriously ill with pneumonia. An official telegram from Ottawa states that he is in Westcott Hospital.

Gunner J. M. Barton, who went overseas with the 68th Howitzer Battery has received the rank of sergeant, and is now attached to the Canadian Postal Corps, and is now stationed at Whitby. His parents reside at Torryburn, N. B.

Robert A. Hickey, 14 Sydney street, received official word yesterday that his son, Pte. Wm. Louis Hickey, infantry, is dangerously ill at No. 2 Western General Hospital, Manchester, Eng.

Mrs. John McCluskey of 80 St. Patrick street, received word yesterday from Ottawa to the effect that her son, Pte. James McCluskey, Cyclist Corps, was admitted to No. 3 General Hospital, Lethbridge, Dec. 17, with gunshot wound in abdomen.

## Recruits for Militia.

Sergeant C. W. Allen of the 236th Militia was in the city yesterday, having brought a party of recruits for the Militia from the west. For the past fifteen years the sergeant has been located in Saskatchewan and has been farming on an extensive scale. He is a former resident of Grand Pre, N. S., and left yesterday on a visit to his former home. He reports that conditions are improving in the west, and speaks enthusiastically of the record established by the western provinces in recruiting. He brought about ten men in his party and says that while the numerical strength might be bigger, the recruits are invariably good soldiers and men who are prepared to fight to the last ditch.

## ST. JOHN'S DAY OBSERVED BY THE MASONS

## Installation of Officers in Different Lodges Throughout City Last Night.

As is the custom on St. John's Day, the installation of officers in the different Masonic Lodges throughout the city took place last night. After the ceremony the members enjoyed a banquet which was followed by a speaker. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Dr. W. L. Ellis, P.M. for the Carleton Union Lodge. The officers are as follows: Sam Irons, W.M.; Jarvis M. Wilson, L.P.M.; Frank K. Stuart, S.W.; W. L. Stewart, J.W.; D. C. Clark, chaplain; Enoch Thompson, P.M.; secretary: J. P. Cruikshank, S. D.; Harold W. Ketchum, J. D.; Glenison H. Allen, S. S.; Harold Mayes, J.S.; W. Leonard Adams, D. of C.; Hedley C. Blisset, L.O.; and R. Gordon, Tyler.

The officers installed in the Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., were as follows: R. L. Hunter, W.M.; Dr. J. S. Bentley, S.W.; Blanche Fowler, J. W.; Dr. Thomas Walker, treasurer; Dr. Frank Godson, secretary; Dr. J. Leonard, S.D.; J. McMurtry, J.D.; Dr. F. T. Dunlop, S.S.; M. Cook, J.S.; L. Benjamin, D. of C., and Robert Clarke, Tyler.

## SIXTY-ONE YEARS OLD BUT BOUND TO LONDON TO TAKE UP WAR WORK

Noted Italian Engineer Offers His Services to the Empire.

## FRANCESCO TONI HERE YESTERDAY

## Has Been Engaged in Important Railway Project in the Barbadoes.

"I am going to England to offer my services to the British government in any capacity they may care to use them in the present war," said Francesco Toni, the noted Italian consulting engineer who arrived in the city yesterday from Barbados and who is a guest at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. Toni who has been associated with railway projects in all parts of the world has been in Barbados for three years in connection with the transfer of the Barbados Light Railway, which is being operated between Bridgetown and Saint Andrews, and which has just been purchased by the government. The railway was constructed in 1888 by English capital and involved an expenditure of a million and a half dollars. The price paid by the government is considerably lower than the initial cost.

Mr. Toni announced that it was the intention of the government of Barbados to extend the railway throughout the island to the various sugar plantations.

"Sugar is the chief industry in Barbados," said Mr. Toni to The Standard. "The past year has been a most successful one for it. Canada is the largest market for sugar, in fact the sole market since the Dominion has extended the preference."

"I am here on my return to London to offer my services to the British government. I believe every citizen should offer his services to his country. I am an Italian myself, but have been associated with railway projects throughout the British Empire since I left Italy after I concluded my course at Naples. I spent twenty-five years in Australia, being associated with railway work there."

"I am naturally proud of the important part that Italy is playing in the present war, and I am equally as proud of the magnificent work of the British navy and army. We must win this war and it is the duty of every citizen to do his part."

Mr. Toni is sixty-one years of age and he attributes his success in life to hard, earnest work. He says he is young enough to be of some service to the Allies and is willing to do his full share towards bringing the present struggle to an early and happy termination.

## GOOD WORK DONE IN BATHURST HARBOR

Capt. F. A. McFadden, of Northern Dredging Company Tells of Progress Made in Important Undertaking.

"We have made substantial progress during the past season with our contract at Bathurst harbor," said Capt. F. A. McFadden of the Northern Dredging Company, who was in the city yesterday. Captain McFadden is spending the Christmas vacation at his home in Rothesay.

"The company's contract is for a million yards and we were able to remove about 400,000 yards during the past season," said Captain McFadden. "We have employed three dredges and four tugs during the year and had about seventy-five men actively engaged on the work. Weather conditions forced the company to discontinue operations for the season on December 15th last."

"When the company commenced its contract in 1912 there was only about seven feet available at low water on the bar at the entrance to the harbor. At the present time there is fully sixteen feet at low water. During the past year ships drawing nineteen feet water have been able to sail out of Bathurst harbor."

Captain McFadden reports the busiest season in shipping in the history of the North Shore town. The operation of the ice breaker of the Bathurst Lumber Company was instrumental in keeping the harbor open, which resulted in the shipping season being two weeks longer in length than for several years past.

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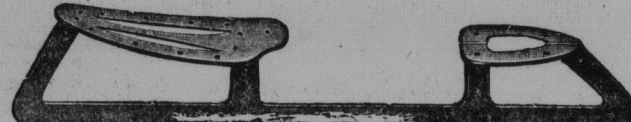
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