

THE WEATHER.

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Maritime, Washington, Toronto, and others, listing min/max temperatures and weather conditions.

Around the City

Who Owns the Dog? The police found what they term a valuable white Scotch terrier on the street last night. The dog is being held at police headquarters awaiting the owner.

Another Bootlegger. Only two arrests were made last night, one was a drunk, while the other was a civilian who was gathered in on the charge of lying and lurking in Powers' alley off Charlotte street, and offering liquor to soldiers.

Thank You. St. John, Dec. 13th, 1916. The Editor of The Standard. Sir—Your Saturday's paper is most creditable and for such times as these, wonderful. Its merits are past words. Yours faithfully, JOHN C. BERRIE.

Confirmed in His Rank. It was published yesterday that Lieut. H. G. Wood of the 26th Battalion had been temporarily appointed to the rank of captain. Word has reached the city that he has been officially promoted to a captaincy for distinguished service at the front. And since the promotion he has been acting adjutant of the 26th Battalion. Captain Wood was one of the first officers to reach Courcellette.

The Late Frank C. Smith. The board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. met yesterday morning and passed a resolution expressing their sense of loss in the death of the vice-president, F. C. Smith, and a copy of the resolution will be sent to the family. Mr. Smith was a member of several of the committees and took an active part in all the work of the association, and his death will be a distinct loss to them. The officers and members of the association will attend the funeral today in a body.

Dental Officers Leave. The army dental draft, consisting of three officers, two non-commissioned officers and six privates, left last night for Halifax. The party will be joined at Moncton by Pte. B. L. Wadman. The party who left last night on the late train were: Captains Frank Smith, J. A. LeBlanc, B. Rommel, Sergeants W. H. Ross and R. F. McCharles, Privates J. H. Benson, C. A. Snyder, B. G. Seeley, M. Grace and B. N. Grant.

Daylight Savings. A communication was received yesterday by the local Board of Trade from the secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario, calling attention to a resolution passed by that body at their annual meeting held in Hamilton on November 21-22 asking the federal government to pass a daylight saving bill to be incorporated from May 1 to September 30 in each year. They are sending copies of this resolution to all the Boards of Trade in the Dominion and asking that it be endorsed by them. The local board has already taken action along this line and some time ago passed a similar resolution.

Christmas Gift For Orphans. It will be remembered that during the summer months Mr. J. D. O'Connell of Cuba, who spent some time at his old home at Sussex, gave a number of picnics at which he entertained the orphans of Sussex and St. John. In yesterday's mail Judge Armstrong received from Mr. O'Connell sufficient funds to enable him to present a twenty-five cent treasury note to each of the inmates of the three different orphanages in St. John. This is just a Christmas reminder from a friend of children. Mr. O'Connell has been in the habit of sending such remembrances to orphans in Cuba; he did the same in St. John last year. His interest in children seems always to find expression in some tangible way such as this, which brightens the lives of those to whom Christmas may not mean as much as it does to others more fortunately placed.

ALBERT COUNTY OIL FIELDS TO BE MORE RAPIDLY DEVELOPED

New Brunswick Gas and Oil Fields, Ltd., to Do More Aggressive Work Than They Have Done Since War Commenced.

Matthew Lodge of Moncton, a director of the New Brunswick Gas and Oil Fields, Ltd., was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. He told a Standard reporter that the development work at the oil fields in Albert county was proceeding nicely. The depth of over 1900 feet and everything pointed to the further expansion of this important industry. The annual meeting of the company was held at Edinburgh, Scotland, on Tuesday last, when matters relative to the operation of the oil fields occupied attention. New Brunswick interests were represented by F. W. Sumner of Moncton, agent-general for New Brunswick, M. E. Agar of this city, and Thomas Williams of Moncton. Mr. Williams represented Mr. Lodge, while Messrs. Sumner and Agar acted in their capacity as directors. W. Walker of Edinburgh is the president of the concern, and James A. Pattullo of Edinburgh is the secretary. The New Brunswick Gas and Oil Fields, Ltd., is the company formed following the amalgamation of the New Brunswick Petroleum Company and the Maritime Oil Fields, Ltd. While several attempts had been made to demonstrate that oil and gas could be found in paying quantities in New Brunswick it was not until about 1893 that evidence became undoubted that this igniter could be made a splendid success. The leading spirits at this time were M. Lodge, the late Hon. H.

LAST PARADE OF THE 211TH HERE TONIGHT

Men Will Leave Armory Between 5 and 6 o'clock for March Out - Inspection Yesterday - Pleased With St. John.

General McLean in conversation with The Standard after the inspection of the 211th Battalion yesterday, stated that the men of the western battalion were as fine a body of men as has yet assembled under a commander. "The men of the west," remarked the general, "make splendid soldiers." The unfortunate part of the visit of the 211th Battalion is the short length of time they are to be in the city. It was hoped that their stay would be extended, but according to advice which reached the city last night, the battalion will hold its last parade to-night between six and seven o'clock. It will leave the barracks about six o'clock. This will be positively the last opportunity citizens will have to view the marching of the Calgary battalion. The appreciation which is felt among the men of the 211th for the manner in which they were received by the city is best expressed by the following verse which was given to the Standard yesterday by one of the members. The verse was written by Private C. W. Johnson of "C" Company. 211th Overseas Battalion in Transit. There are those we've left behind us; There are those we'll see ahead; There'll be hard times in the trenches; There'll be wounded, there'll be dead; But we're glad that we are going; Glad we're on the way; And you gave us such a welcome; That it seemed to be 'our day.' Perhaps we may be lucky; once again sail o'er the sea; Then we hope to renew acquaintance With dear old St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN BOY WRITES FROM GERMAN EAST AFRICA

Harold McLellan, With British Expeditionary Force in Africa, Tells Interestingly of His Experiences.

Commissioner McLellan received a letter on Monday from his son, Harold, who is with the British forces in German East Africa. The letter says in part: Nairobi, October 20th, 1916. Dear Mother and Father, No doubt you must have wondered at the long interval between this and my last letter, but after you have read the following you will understand. My last letter to you was written on August 14th, from Camp Misha (now known as Shell Camp, amongst the boys). Shortly after that date the division moved to Russongo and thence to Dakaava (Wami river), where I saw my last fight and where we nearly captured the entire German force opposed to us. To write in detail of the hardships and trying tasks of this trek would necessitate pages and pages and finally would be erased by the censor, but believe me it was "some trek" in some time. The action of the Wami river was fierce while it lasted. One of the German machine guns and its crew were actually blotted out by the fire from our armored car maxima. The Germans were completely routed and have since retired to swamps, miles south of the Central Railway. On August 21st I contracted a severe attack of fever, which was diagnosed as "recurring fever." From May 19th up to Aug. 21st I had fever 17 times, and on medical advice, was evacuated from the division. The following morning I was sent back in motor lorries, with other sick and wounded to Lukigira and thence to Handeni, Korogwe, Tazeta, Mt. Uyun, and finally admitted into the general hospital at Nairobi on September 24th and given my discharge to fight duty and medicine on October 9th. I am very much disappointed to think that I shall be unable to be with the division at the end. I had stuck to the work all through previous attacks of fever with a view to going through the whole campaign, but now I am doomed to spend the balance of this affair in British East Africa. I have practically been under fire and witnessed every action of the 1st Divi-

TWILIGHT CONCERT AT THE IMPERIAL THEATRE

211th Band will Give Farewell Entertainment This Afternoon.

Through the kindness of Col. Sage, J. C. 211th Battalion, the battalion's excellent band will render a "twilight concert" at the Imperial theatre this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the regimental fund.

PERSONALS

The many friends of Mrs. Percy Gibson, Lansdowne House, will be glad to learn that her condition is quite satisfactory after an operation which she underwent in the General Public Hospital on Tuesday. Rev. Wellington Camp is in the city on his way to Fredericton to see his brother who is in ill health. Mrs. Philip Graman has returned from Campbellton to which place she had been called owing to her brother-in-law's illness. Mrs. Grace Roberts Ober of Cambridge, Mass., is a guest at the Prince William Apartments. All persons having accounts against the commissionars of the St. John Municipal Home are requested to send the same to the office of the secretary on or before the 20th inst., to ensure payment this month. S. M. WETMORE, December 14th, 1916.

ADVOCATE AN AUTO FOR MAIL COLLECTION

Automobile Association Takes Action Regarding Matter Which Has Created Much Comment.

For some time past there have been complaints regarding the manner in which the mail is collected from the boxes in the city and the general idea is that collecting by horse and wagon should be abolished and an automobile used. At a recent meeting of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, among other matters discussed, was the mode of city mail collecting. As a result of the discussion the secretary was instructed to communicate with the postmaster general informing him that a resolution was adopted by the association to the effect: "That

Christmas Shopping Made Easy.

In their enlarged premises F. A. Dykeman & Co. are enabled to display their increased stock to advantage, and it is easier to shop at their store where you can see goods on display and where their increased staff will be pleased to show others that are not on display. They are showing a fine collection of Japanese Mahogany Bamboo Baskets, Celluloid Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets and hundreds of attractive and useful Christmas presents can be seen at their store at the most attractive prices.

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.

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Nickel and Copper Table Ware. To the housewife, a piece of Nickel or Copper Table Ware of graceful design, always comes as a delight on Christmas morning. In our large, comprehensive showing, you find a select range of the most favored prevailing patterns. Our offerings include: Coffee Percolators, nickel... at \$2.50, \$4.35, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$9.00; Coffee Machines, nickel... \$8.75 to \$16.00; Coffee Machines, copper... \$7.40 to \$13.00; Electric Coffee Percolators... \$9.00 and \$10.00; Electric Coffee Machines... \$12.50 to \$15.25; Electric Coffee Machines, copper... \$13.40; Coffee Machine Sets, consisting of Coffee Machine, Tray, Sugar, Cream, Coaster... \$30.00; Also Nickel and Copper Pots, Hot Water Kettles, Chafing Dishes, Serving Trays, Crumb Trays, etc., in many sizes and patterns. HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT—FIRST FLOOR. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

Large Showing of Fashionably Trimmed and Tailored Hats For Ladies and Misses. Hand Blocked Velvet Hats for present wear. All Wool Angora Caps, Tams and Scarfs, Ostrich Feather Boas, Ribbons, Toys, Dolls, Many Christmas Novelties. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

Gift Suggestions for Your Boy. Headquarters for gifts for the boys. Our stock offers innumerable suggestions. Speedway Flexible Flyers, ... \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$3; Sleds and Framers ... 35c to \$3.35; Express Wagons ... 70c to \$6.50; Wheelbarrows and Carts ... 45c to \$1.40; Skates ... 50c to \$3.00; Watches ... \$1.25 to \$8.00; Tool Boxes ... \$1.00 to \$6.50. SHOP EARLY. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Comfort Garments FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. You could not select a present more useful nor one that would give greater pleasure to the average man. Every time he puts it on he will realize more fully what enjoyment his Christmas gift has given him. If you wish to be absolutely certain of his appreciation, give him a Comfort Garment. SMOKING JACKETS in Soft Wool Fabrics—Plain, Plaid and Stripe, Cord and Braid Trimmings, Greys, Greens, Browns and Wine Shades ... \$6.50 to \$17.50; DRESSING GOWNS—Materials and Trimmings similar to the Smoking Jackets, in Greys and Browns ... \$9.00 to \$21.00; BATH ROBES—Velours in Stripes, Checks and Floral Designs. All the new colorings ... \$5.00 to \$7.50; SOMETHING NEW—BATH ROBE AND SLIPPERS TO MATCH, in Grey and Brown Plaids ... \$6.50; BOYS' BATH ROBES, 4 to 18 years ... \$3.50 to \$5.75. MEN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Christmas Hosiery in Silk. Ladies' Stockings of delicate shades in Gauzy silk have long been considered as most desirable gifts. We show some beautiful shades, now fashionable, in various qualities. Black, White, Pearl, Grey, Taupe, Copenhagen. Black, with White Clock ... \$1.75 to \$2.50; Fawn, Sky, Pink, King's Blue, Emerald and Heliotrope ... \$1.35 pair; Black, White, Putty, Sand, King's Blue, Ivory, Castor, Pearl, Grey, Taupe and Fawn, \$1.60 pair; Black, White, Brown, Taupe ... \$2.00 pair; Black, Drop-Stitch Ankle ... \$1.60 pair; White, Drop-Stitch Ankle ... \$1.50 pair. HOSIERY DEPARTMENT—ANNEX. We are proud of our store service, but during the holiday season a good deal depends upon the co-operation of our patrons. Do your shopping in the mornings, early, and avoid the busy crowds that throng the store during the rush hours, thus receiving attention and an opportunity to make a deliberate selection. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited