

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime - Fresh westerly winds, fine and cold. Washington, Jan. 15 - Forecast: Northern New England - Fair Thursday and probably Wednesday; not much change temperature; moderate north-west and west winds.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Vancouver, Victoria, Kamloops, Barkerville, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

ST. JOHN DOES WELL FOR NAVY

Has Sent Thirty-five Men to Halifax for Training - Ranks Fifth in Point of Recruits.

Since active recruiting for the Royal Navy was first started in the Dominion the seaport city of St. John has managed to send as many men to Halifax or other point of embarkation, as other cities whose population is much larger.

PROVINCIAL PLAN MEETS WITH SUCCESS

Royal Colonial Institute of London Taking Up New Brunswick's Colonization Proposals.

Advices from London are to the effect that the Royal Colonial Institute has taken steps to bring before Canadian and British soldiers in France and in hospitals in England the details of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the New Brunswick Government plans for opening land in connection with after-the-war colonization.

NINETY-TWO MEN FOR THE PAST WEEK

Province Did Very Well, but Hardly Up to Last Week's Figures - Five Counties Blank.

The chief recruiting officers' report for the week ending Saturday, 13th, shows 92 men. This number does not represent the total secured by the 165th Battalion were recruited the week intervening Christmas and New Year's.

Carpenters' Tools advertisement featuring an image of a hand holding a tool and text: 'Carpenters who know good tools will tell you that Stanley's and Sargent's Planes, Chisels, Spoke-Shaves, Try Squares, Bits, Braces, Etc.; also Diagon's Gaws represent the highest attainment in the art of toolmaking.'

TRIMMED HATS advertisement with an image of a hat and text: 'Yesterday we added to our already large showing of Trimmed Hats, a number of very stylish hats in white and the wanted colors, to be sold at very moderate prices.'

Sleds and Framers advertisement with an image of a sled and text: 'Cold Weather Means Good Sport - Are You Ready? SPEEDWAY SLEDS (Strong and Serviceable) ... \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.'

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited advertisement with a logo and text: 'STORES OPEN AT 9 AND CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE'

Special Shirts for Cold Weather advertisement with an image of a shirt and text: 'These designs are all made with heavier fronts, giving extra warmth where protection is needed most. The New Cordulay Shirt. Not a pleated front, nor a starched bosom, but a new corded effect, comfortable and dressy.'

The Tweed Business Suit advertisement with an image of a man in a suit and text: 'Is the secret of the growing popularity of The Tweed Business Suit. Beside being Fashionably Correct. The extra service Tweeds give, without impairing their appearance in any way, has made them the Business Man's Favorite.'

Around the City

For the Fire Relief. Chief Engineer Blake wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a cheque for \$25 from A. & I. Isaacs for the Firemen's Relief Association.

Bricklayers Meet. At the meeting of the Bricklayers' Union held last night plans were discussed relative to the pensioning of about twenty of the older members of the union.

Half Dozen Drunks. The total number of drunks gathered in by the police yesterday was six. They will all appear in the police court this morning as none were allowed out on a deposit.

Entertainment Repeated. The Shakespeare Twelfth Night entertainment which was such a success at the Natural History Society rooms on January 6th was repeated at the St. Stephen's church last evening.

Will Face Four Charges. John Doyle, who was arrested last night on Union street by Police Constables Biddiscombe and Gorman, will have to face four charges when he appears in the police court this morning.

No Meeting. The common council did not meet in committee yesterday as there was not a quorum present. Those who were there talked over the proposed assessment act and decided to take up the matter at next Monday's meeting.

Inquest Thursday. Coroner W. F. Roberts has empaneled the following jury: Fred Lynch, C. Dwyer, L. H. Belyea (foreman), Robert Finnigan, A. F. Belding, J. Perley Lunney and A. J. Machin to officiate at an inquest to be held in the court house on Thursday evening at eight o'clock into the circumstances surrounding the death of Frank Lane, who passed away in the General Public Hospital on Saturday as a result of an injury sustained in McAvity's laundry. The jury viewed the body at noon yesterday in Power's undertaking parlors.

A Correction. The report published in yesterday's issue of The Standard of a complimentary dinner to H. W. Woods, M. L. A., at the Royal Hotel on Friday evening was incorrect. The information was furnished this newspaper by Kenneth Raymond of the Royal Hotel staff who insisted at the time that it was correct but who now states he was in error. The affair was a little gathering given by the management to a few citizens and marked the opening of the new private dining room. The Standard regrets the error made, but published the information at the time in good faith.

Special Serges. Fine all wool Serges can still be had at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s at 25c old prices. They are selling this week a 48-inch all wool suiting serge at \$1.59, in Black, Russian Green, African Brown and Navy Blue. Another special in the suiting department is a 56-inch Russian Green Cloth Suiting for \$1.25 per yard. This cloth would be good value at \$1.75 per yard. This firm still has a quantity of that famous all wool 64-inch serge at \$1.25 per yard. The only color now in stock are African Brown, Navy Blue and Black.

Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarette Cases, Signal Rings and Military Brushes. A grand selection of these articles is always kept in stock. The famous Wrist Watch is also shown in many styles.

OUR LUMBER IN BIG DEMAND IN UNITED STATES

Cannot Get Enough, Says Mr. Blanchard, Who Thinks High Prices Will Prevail for Entire Winter. "We can handle more Canadian lumber than we can get. The prices are highest in the history of the American lumber market and I think they will remain as good as they are at present for the whole winter," said Wells Blanchard of Boston, a member of the Blanchard Lumber Company, extensive manufacturers and dealers who operate a large eastern plant at Portage Lake, Maine.

HOSPITAL TO BE READY IN FOUR WEEKS

165th Battalion Vacates Army Today to Permit Hospital Commission to Start Work - Telegraph Wrong Again. The army will be officially taken over by the Dominion Hospital Commission this morning. Engineer J. H. W. Bower reached the city yesterday and registered at the Royal Hotel. He has completed arrangements for the taking over of the army and expects to place a large crew of men at work on the alterations and improvements to fit the building as a discharge hospital.

IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR COUNCILLORS

Improvements at General Public Hospital and Patriotic Fund Amount Will be Discussed. The Municipal Council will meet at the Court House this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in annual session. Several important matters are on the taps for discussion at this meeting. The most important question that will occupy the attention of the municipal representatives when Warden McLellan calls the meeting to order will be the recommendations of the finance committee to the erection of a nurse's home at the General Public Hospital. The opinion is expressed that in view of the lack of accommodation at the hospital this expenditure will be absolutely justified. The matter of the establishment of a maternity ward at the hospital will also be discussed at the meeting.

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Mr. Blanchard was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. He told a reporter that the price of lumber, cut to order, at the present time was \$32 per 1,000 board feet, while last June the price was \$24.50. While the price has declined as low as \$22.50 during the past eight months, the normal figure is about \$25. "Of course we are glad to get good prices," said Mr. Blanchard. "But then we need them as the expense of operations has greatly increased. Just at present we are paying \$40 for woodmen as against \$30 in previous years, while there has been a corresponding increase in food and an increase of more than a hundred per cent. in machinery. "We cannot meet the demand for lumber. The great difficulty lies in the scarcity of cars which has operated to reduce shipments. During November and December it was impossible to get any lumber at all. The big demand is caused by the fact that in many of the states building operations are considerably above the normal. In the case of the State of Connecticut houses are being erected by the thousands to accommodate the munition workers there." The Blanchard Lumber Company are the big Boston agents for Fraser, Ltd., the big New Brunswick and Quebec operators, who have a large number of mills and who employ thousands of men in the various branches of the industry. One of your most faithful workers is forced to ask for a raise and will set forth reasons in Wednesday's issue of this paper.

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Mr. Bower said last evening that he had no announcement whatever to make in regard to the new building, but The Standard learns that it is the intention to push the work both night and day and that the building will be in readiness in four weeks. It is learned that a large number of cot patients will arrive in the near future to be cared for at the Toronto, Halifax and St. John hospitals. The appointments of the large staff for the local hospital will shortly be announced. The taking over of the army as a discharge hospital makes it incumbent on the officers and men of the 165th Battalion to seek quarters elsewhere. For the present it is understood they will be stationed in the Agricultural Hall and the other exhibition buildings. It has not been announced whether the battalion will be permanently stationed in these quarters, but the statement is authoritatively made that the 165th will remain in the city until their departure for overseas service. The Telegraph yesterday made it appear that there was some doubt that the army would be taken over to be equipped as a discharge hospital. Head officials of the Hospital Commission state that there was absolutely no foundation for this report. As originally stated in The Standard the army is being taken over. This is the second blunder that the Telegraph has made in connection with the new hospital, as an announcement in that newspaper that negotiations had been in progress for the purchase of the Y. M. C. A. building for use as a discharge hospital was emphatically contradicted by officials of the Hospital Commission. Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarette Cases, Signal Rings, and Military Brushes. A grand selection of these articles is always kept in stock. The famous Wrist Watch is also shown in many styles.

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At today's session the council will take action in regard to the patriotic assessment which has been apportioned to the county for patriotic purposes. The four parishes of the county are required to contribute \$21,000 towards the maintenance of the Dominion Patriotic Fund. The act provides that this amount shall be raised either by direct assessment or bond issue. The impression seems to prevail that direct assessment will be the most expedient course to pursue in the matter. The city representatives will not vote on the question in view of the fact that the city's assessment of \$150,000 for patriotic purposes will be paid independently of the county. New Motor Truck. The water and sewerage department had a new two-ton motor truck put into commission yesterday and it attracted no little attention.