

## MINISTER GREET'S DEFENCE FORCES

MacDonald Thanks and  
Congratulates Officers and  
Men For Year's Work

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—Greetings and good wishes have been extended by the Minister of National Defence to the Defence Forces of Canada. The following message was issued:

"I desire to thank and congratulate the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian Defence Forces for their loyal service and support during the past year. I feel that all ranks have taken advantage fully of the opportunities available to become as efficient as possible under existing conditions of service and training. The enthusiasm shown in overcoming the recognized difficulties is deeply appreciated and is a happy omen for the future efficiency of our forces."

"I send to all who serve my cordial greetings and good wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year."

(Signed) "E. M. MACDONALD,  
"Minister of National Defence."

### CANADIAN PACIFIC COMPARTMENT-OBSERVATION SLEEPERS

A most attractive feature of Canadian Pacific service between Saint John and Montreal is provided by the Compartment-Observation sleepers which are now running on train 16, leaving Saint John at four o'clock in the afternoon, and on train 15, leaving Montreal at seven o'clock in the evening.

Each of these cars contains one drawing-room, three compartments, a large observation room and an observation platform, the latter of course being always placed at the rear end of the train. The observation room, which is fitted with large windows, giving a practically unobstructed view on three sides, is intended as a lounge for the benefit of all sleeping-car passengers on the train. It is supplied with the latest magazines, as well as with stationery and a writing-desk. Each compartment contains one lower and one upper berth, and all toilet facilities, much like a drawing-room. Patrons traveling alone or in parties of two, who are unable to secure a drawing-room, will find a compartment most convenient, as well as distinctly lower in price.

Needless to say, the whole car is fitted up to the latest Canadian Pacific standard, thus ensuring complete comfort to the traveler.

Minard's Liniment for Stiff Muscles.

### Rubbing Alcohol Taken From Indian

FREDERICTON, Dec. 25.—Inspector Fraser Saunders, arrested Peter Brooks, an Indian, at the North Devon reservation today, on a charge of intoxicating the liquor laws. The inspector seized two bottles of rubbing alcohol.

Hiram Stewart was arrested at McGivney Junction on Wednesday by Inspector Edward Duffy and charged with an offence against the prohibition law. Three bottles of moonshine liquor were found on his premises. Stewart served three months in the county jail last summer on a similar charge.

## One of Many Unsolicited Testimonials!

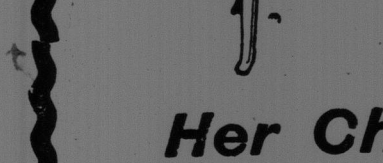
Sufferer from Chronic Constipation and Headaches Finds  
Only Cure in Dr. Watson's Tonic

Up to about nine months ago, I was so run down in health, that I began to despair of recovery. I suffered constantly from constipation, loss of sleep, and loss of all faith in medicine, as any relief I got from them was only temporary. A friend of mine who had experienced similar troubles to my own, recommended me to try Dr. Watson's Tonic, as it had cured him of his troubles. I commenced taking it forthwith and am pleased to bear testimony to its wonderful efficiency. I am clear of headaches, my bowels move regular, my appetite is good, and I owe it all as a duty to myself and my fellow-sufferers to recommend its use.

(Signed) JOHN T. METCALFE,  
829 Ontario Street, Toronto.

## DR. WATSON'S Tonic Ale or Stout

If you have any difficulty securing this, write Dept. 1,  
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## Her Christmas Check Does This

Some Husbands give a check at Christmas so her Ladyship will pick out something she likes best of all.

Even if it is but \$20 she will find it enough to cover the deposit on a Moffat Electric Range. As for the monthly installment, no worry at all. The amount the Moffat saves her in fuel expense takes care of the ten monthly payments.

And such a lovely cooker, so beautiful, always in its enamel dress. So suddenly hot of a cold morning. So free from dust, pot soot and fumes. And installed completely for nothing.

## Your Own Hydro

CANTERBURY STREET

## He Did It



The old newspaper axiom has it that when a dog bites a man it isn't news, but if a man bites a dog, it is. James M. Johnson, of Los Angeles, has finally done it. His dog bit both his hands, and Johnson got the animal's throat between his teeth and held on until it died.

### BUSINESS LOCALS

**SHOE REPAIRING**  
George P. Jones removed from Sydney to 97 Broadview avenue and solicits former customers' trade. 12-27

**COAL HANDLERS' UNION.**  
Special meeting Sunday, December 27, at 2:30 o'clock. Business of importance. All members requested to be present. By order of president. 12-28

Good ice—East End Rink. 1-4

**SACKVILLE TO TORMENTINE—**  
CANCELLED JAN. 4TH

Train No. 240 on the Sackville-Tormentine line, now leaving Sackville at 7:15 a.m. and arriving at Tormentine at 9:30 a.m., will be cancelled on and after Jan. 4th, 1926.

The first train for Tormentine will be No. 42 leaving Saint John at No. 44 at 7:05 a.m., leave Sackville at 1:10 p.m. and connecting at Tormentine with the S.S. "Prince Edward Island" for Island points.

### WARNS OF STORM IN EASTERN AREA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—The weather bureau today issued the following storm warning: "Advisory northwest storm warning 12 o'clock noon Cape Hatteras to Provincetown, Mass. Disturbance central over Lake Ontario moving east-northeastward with increasing intensity. Will be followed by rapidly rising pressure and increasing northwest winds this afternoon probably reaching gale force tonight."

### AFTER MANY YEARS.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Arrested on a warrant issued 25 years ago, William Hardy was sentenced to three months at hard labor. The warrant, issued in 1900, charged abandonment of his wife and four children.

## PAY OF SOLDIERS IS NOT INCLUDED

N. S. Bill of \$134,084 Covers  
only Extra Expenditures For  
Coal Strike

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—The Federal Government's account for \$134,084.65 against the Province of Nova Scotia, as a result of sending troops to Cape Breton during the coal strike last year, does not include the pay of members of the permanent force who were sent. It was learned at the department of national defence today.

The total amount covers only extra expenditures, which would not ordinarily be expended by the department, and is composed largely of transportation charges, while in one or two instances, was found necessary to use the services of men outside the permanent force, on which charge, of course, made.

### BEFORE GOVERNMENT.

Payment of the account, which is now before the Nova Scotia government, may be made, it is understood, either by cheque or by the Federal administrative department charging the amount against the annual subsidy of approximately \$662,000 received by Nova Scotia by yearly vote of the Dominion Parliament.

### Letters to the Editor

**WHY IS IT?**  
To the Editor of The Times-Star:  
Sir,—I am enclosing a clipping from a late English paper which may be of interest to the general public. It reproduced in The Times-Star.

Probably some of your many readers may be able to advance a logical reason why wheat grown in Canada can be purchased in England for 41 shillings per 280 lbs.—equal to \$9.84, Canadian currency—while the Canadian consumer is obliged to pay about the same price for a package containing 190 lbs. of wheat, which is a quarter loaf of bread—four pounds—can be bought in England for nine pence—eighteen cents, or 45¢ per pound—while the Canadian consumer is obliged to pay 12 cents for a 1½-lb. loaf, or eight cents per pound. I am,

Yours,  
CHAS. P. NAYLOR.

Saint John, Dec. 24, 1925.

The clipping to which Mr. Naylor refers deals with the price of bread, and is as follows:

Bread prices, varying according to the cost of flour, are included in the report of the Food Council, just issued. The table is as follows: The sacks of flour referred to being of 280 lbs., and the loaf the quarter:

Above 48s., but not above 52s.	10d.
Above 44s., but not above 48s.	9½d.
Above 40s., but not above 44s.	9d.
Above 36s., but not above 40s.	8½d.
Above 32s., but not above 36s.	8d.

Any variation of 4s. in the price of flour would mean a variation of ½d. in the price of the loaf. The council recall that on Sept. 25 they reported that there was no justification for the maintenance of the price of 10d. per quarter loaf in London. At that date flour in London was 46s. per sack. On the day of the council's meeting the two bakers' associations announced that the price of flour having fallen to 45s., their price per loaf would be reduced to 9½d. On Oct. 9 the council submitted a further report stating that, as flour had fallen to 42s., there was no justification for maintaining the price of the loaf at 9½d. On the day of this meeting the associations announced that the price of flour having fallen that day to 41s., their price per loaf would be reduced to 9d. The council regard their prices as maximum. Many bakers could afford to sell below them, especially where the trade is largely or entirely over the counter.

### COST OF LIVING.

"The Ministry of Labour Gazette" states that on Oct. 31 the average level of retail prices of all the commodities taken into account in the statistics compiled by the Ministry of Labour—including food, rent, clothing, fuel, light, and miscellaneous items—was approximately 78 per cent. above that of July, 1914, while for food alone the percentage was 72. This represents a drop of 7 per cent. in a twelve month.

### TANKER WITHOUT RUDDER TOWED IN

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 25.—The tank steamer City of Freeport, which lost her rudder while 52 miles off the Virginia Capes, was towed into port here by the coastguard cutter Carhasset. The tanker, with a cargo of molasses from Wilhelmshaven via New York, met with her mishap during heavy seas.

### Notables Attend Lady Davies' Burial

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—Attended by citizens prominent in all walks of life, by the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, by Right Hon. MacKenzie King, Premier of Canada, the funeral of Lady Davies, widow of Right Hon. Sir Louis Davies, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, who died Tuesday, was held here yesterday from her residence, to Christchurch Cathedral.

### STEVE RIDES A PLANE.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Steve Donoghue, English jockey, has purchased an airplane. He will use the "bus" in preference to railways in making a contemplated trip to various French tracks. He declared it was faster than horses and safer than French railways.

About one oyster shell in a thousand contains a pearl.

### COUGHING!

Take half a teaspoon of Minard's internally in molasses. Ease's the throat, stops the cough.



## MINARD'S "KING OF PAIN" LINIMENT

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Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
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## MOVE TO CHANGE CALENDAR GAINING

Societies All Over World Give  
Proposed Alterations  
Attention

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—The movement for drastic change in the world's calendar is steadily progressing, according to the promoters of the scheme. Recently Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, notified M. B. Coatsworth, apostle of Calendar reform and director of the International Fixed Calendar League, of the approval of the 13 months of 28 days each.

Mr. Coatsworth announced a short time ago that the fixing of Easter for the second Sunday in April every year would probably be made effective by an international committee in 1928. This would be an important step in the new calendar movement.

Societies and associations in all the foremost countries of the world have been giving the matter attention and it has been made the subject of an elaborate report to the League of Nations.

### Captain Greenlaw Receives Medal

CANSON, N. S., Dec. 25.—Mayor Robinson presented the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal last night to Captain Alonzo Greenlaw, of the tug Ocean Eagle, of the Saint John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, for conspicuous bravery on May 24 last, when he was instrumental in saving the lives of eight members of the crew of the homeward bound Grimby traveler, which was totally wrecked off Cape Porcupine, near here, with a loss of nine lives.

### BURNED TO DEATH IN ACTING SANTA

CLEVELAND, Dec. 25.—While preparing to play Santa Claus for her seven-year-old son, Mrs. William O. Beck, 36, was fatally burned today. Cotton trimmings on her home-made suit were ignited as she stood near a kitchen range where she was giving which to paste Santa Claus whiskers on her face.

### BUILT AT NIGHT.

Teacher—When was Rome built?  
Pupil—At night.  
Teacher—Who told you that?  
Pupil—You did. You said Rome wasn't built in a day.



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## PROSPERITY SEEMS RETURNED IN WEST

Merchants Report Unex-  
ceeded Christmas Spend-  
ing—Crops Profitable

WINNIPEG, Dec. 25.—Western Canada celebrated Christmas this year with every evidence of a returned prosperity. With most of the population of the prairies dependent upon the outcome of its summer's labors in the fields, a Christmas celebration lacks fullness in a lean crop year.

With the crop this year exceeding a billion dollars in total value and with prices for grains satisfactory from the farmers' viewpoint, groaning boards and light hearts are the rule this year. The wheat crop alone exceeds by \$146,488,000 the value of the crop of 1924.

### BUSINESS GOOD.

Merchants in the chief cities of the western plain, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Moose Jaw and all the towns and villages that are centres of rural trading, report unexceeded sales over the past week. Unemployment is reported at a low ebb everywhere.

It was a white Christmas over the greater part of the Prairie Provinces. This week saw mild balmy weather turned to seasonable cold with snow. More westerners trekked east this year than for many years past, according to reports from the two railways.

### HAS HEARD NOTHING OF BANK WINNING

MONTREAL, Dec. 25.—When questioned regarding a London cable that its branch in Barcelona had won \$400,000 in a great Spanish lottery, the head office of the Royal Bank of Canada here said it had received no word to that effect. It was customary, it was said, for the Barcelona branch to hold tickets on lotteries for its customers in the name of the bank, and it was proved to be the winning ticket it did not necessarily mean that the bank had won anything.

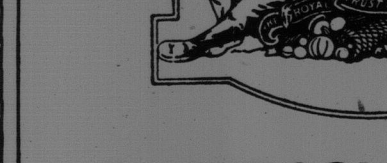
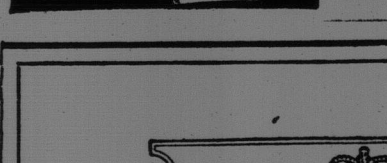
### THOUGHTFUL.

Mother—What, Bobby! You ate all of that cake without thinking of your little sister?  
Bobby—I was thinking of her all the time. I was afraid she would come before I had time to finish it.



## for Business Girls SNAP

removes Ink and  
Carbon stains from the  
hands—keeps the skin  
smooth and soft. 128



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15 lbs Granulated Sugar	\$1.00
3 lbs Icing Sugar	30c
15 oz pkg Seeded Raisins	15c
2 pkgs Currants	35c
Mixed Peel, pound	50c
Oranges, dozen	45c
Shredded Coconut, lb	25c
3 lbs Bulk Cocoa	25c
Lemon, Vanilla Extract, 2 bottles	25c
Apples, peck	35c
4 bags Salt	25c
6 rolls Toilet Paper	25c
Peas, Corn, Tomatoes, tin	15c

### FLOUR

98 lb bags, all kinds ..... \$4.65  
24 lb bags, all kinds ..... \$1.25

Goods delivered to all parts of City,  
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98 lb Bag Robinhood or  
Cream of West Flour ..... \$4.65

98 lb Bag Purify or Five  
Roses Flour ..... \$4.85

24 lb Bag ..... \$1.25

15 lbs Lantic Fine Granu-  
lated Sugar ..... \$1.00

3 lbs Pulverized Sugar ..... 25c

Orange Pekoe Tea, 45c, 55c, 60c. lb.

5 lb Tin Eastfirst Shorten-  
ing ..... 82c

5 lb Tin Pure Lard ..... \$1.10

15 oz Pkg New Seedless  
Raisins ..... 15c

15 oz Pkg New Seeded  
Raisins ..... 15c

1 lb Pkg New Currants ..... 17c

New Lemon and Orange  
Peel ..... 28c. lb.

New Citron Peel ..... 60c. lb.

2 lbs New Dates for ..... 25c

2 lbs Cooking Figs ..... 25c

Shelled Almonds ..... 70c. lb.

Shelled Walnut Halves, best  
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