

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, northwest to north decreasing at night.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Snow flurries have occurred in nearly all districts, but the weather has been on the whole, fine, except that the winds have attained the force of a moderate gale in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.

Victoria	Min.	Max.
Victoria	35	48
Vancouver	36	40
Calgary	12	30
Medicine Hat	18	30
Edmonton	2	14
Battleford	4	10
Prince Albert	6	22
Moose Jaw	10	20
Regina	8	14
Winnipeg	18	28
Port Arthur	8	10
Parry Sound	12	10
London	18	27
Toronto	16	26
Kingston	12	24
Ottawa	14	24
Montreal	14	20
Quebec	12	22
St. John	28	32
Halifax	30	34

Around the City

Arrested in Depot.
James Stephenson was arrested yesterday afternoon for being drunk and disorderly in the I. C. R. Depot.

Died in Cambridge.
The death is announced in Cambridge, Mass., of Thomas Alexander McNaughton, formerly of St. John. Mr. McNaughton died suddenly. He resided at 362 Highland Ave., Somerville.

Injured by Fall on Ice.
About 8.30 o'clock last evening M. J. Daley, a fireman on the Government steamer Lansdowne, slipped on the ice on Water street and was so badly injured that he was taken to the General Public Hospital for treatment.

Accident Whilst Working.
Whilst coaling the steamer Monmouth yesterday morning Thomas Gray, of Mill street, employed by the Dominion Coal Company, sustained cuts about the mouth and forehead. After treatment by Dr. P. Kenney he was taken home in a coach.

Patients for New Hospital.
Four permits for admission to the St. John County Hospital were issued yesterday by the county secretary. It is expected that applications for admission will be frequent during the next few days, but only urgent cases will at first be dealt with.

Reception for 140th.
At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the citizens' recruiting committee arrangements were made for a public reception for the men of the 140th Battalion, 300 strong, who are expected to take up quarters on the West Side on Monday.

Musical Comedy Coming.
The Parisian Girls' Musical Comedy Company, with Elyse Wallace, Ralph Austin, Tom Carroll, "Happy" McNally and fourteen others including a famous beauty chorus will open at the Opera House Tuesday night of next week in "The Passing Show," a frolicsome and vaudeville. Popular prices. Seats now on sale.

Peanut Social at Y. M. C. A.
The Y. M. C. A. was the scene of a peanut social last evening after the regular gymnasium class. The boys gathered around the fire place and popular songs were sung. A section of Jack London's book, "The White Fang," was told in story form and was much enjoyed by all present. The Monarchs, one of the Bible study classes of the Y. M. C. A., held a supper last night. This class is under the leadership of Horace Wetmore.

Prosperity on North Shore.
J. B. Hickey, M. L. O. for Gloucester, was in the city yesterday and stated to a Standard reporter that business was very good on the North Shore. The lumbering concerns are sending to the woods as many men as before the war; nobody is suffering from lack of employment. A. R. C. Clarke & Son are making good on their Bathurst contract, and if impossible weather conditions had not prevailed, the installation of the water system would now be complete; even as it is, the water will be turned on next week and a test of the main part will be made.

Telephone Conference Ends.
The conference held in this city for the chief operators of the New Brunswick Telephone Company was brought to a close last evening by a banquet in Bond's restaurant. The eighteen representatives from outside and about twenty from the local exchange, gathered together and enjoyed a social evening. A splendid banquet was spread and after the last course had been served a round table talk was enjoyed and a short musical programme was carried out. The conference was considered by all to be a splendid success. The majority of those attending from outside will leave for their homes today after having spent a few instructive and very interesting days in the city.

A number of young ladies intend holding a tea and sale in aid of Soldiers' Comforts, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11th, at the home of Mrs. M. W. Galley, 159 Leinster street. Tickets, 15 cents.

COMMISSIONER NAMED TO ACT IN FILM CASE

Judge Armstrong to Decide Appeal in Matter of "Neptune's Daughter."

ANOTHER COMPLAINT.

Universal Film Company will Protest Decision of Censors in Regard to Admissibility of "The Frame Up."

Judge J. R. Armstrong of the county court, was named by the government at Fredericton yesterday to hear the appeal of Charles Margetts of the Universal Film Co., from the decision of the board of censors expurgating three scenes of "Neptune's Daughter," which is being shown at the Opera House. Judge Armstrong said he would take no action until he had been officially notified of his appointment. Mr. Margetts said last night that he would run the pictures as produced before the censors whenever the judge is ready to see them.

UNLICENSED MILK DEALERS IN COURT

James O'Connell Reported by Board of Health—Given two Weeks to Satisfy Law.

In the police court yesterday afternoon James O'Connell was charged with selling milk in the city without a license. The information was laid by the Board of Health, which body was represented by J. Roy Campbell, K. C. O'Connell was not present but was represented by S. A. M. Skinner, Mrs. Monahan, of Elliott Row, testified to purchasing eight quarts of milk from the defendant during November. She stopped taking milk delivered by the defendant because she had been informed that he was not allowed by law to sell.

JUDGE DISCHARGES ALEX. McMULLAN IN THE COUNTY COURT

His Honor Severely Scored Young Girls for Giving Evidence Proven to be Untrue.

Judge Armstrong of the St. John County Court made a very sharp criticism yesterday of the witnesses for the prosecution in the case of the King vs. Alex. McMullan. The girls, by their own evidence, confirmed themselves as thieves and perjurers, he said, and therefore he could not give any credence to their testimony. About ten witnesses testified to the good character of the prisoner and His Honor felt it his duty to discharge him.

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR THE XMAS DINNER TABLE

Meats Likely to be in Good Supply and Fairly Reasonable in Price—What Dealers Say.

Notwithstanding war conditions there will, it is expected, be no shortage of provisions in the city for the Christmas fare. Those who had forecasted comparatively bad times for the householder at the festive season of 1915 were wrong in their calculation, for dealers in commodities say that, except in a few cases, there will be a plentiful supply of necessities and luxuries, with prices that will compare favorably with those obtaining last year at about this time.

A good supply of meats and poultry is anticipated by dealers, with prices ruling about the same as before last Christmas. Beef, lamb, and veal remain at about last year's prices; pork, however, has increased in price, being on an average two cents per pound dearer. Turkeys at this time last year brought 50c. per pound and this was the figure yesterday. Chickens were 24c. per pound and now bring 25c. and are now sold at \$1.50 to \$2 per pair as against \$1.25 to \$1.75 last year.

Plenty of Vegetables. There will be a good supply of vegetables at Christmas although not quite so large as a year ago. Potatoes will be a trifle dearer, 30c. per peck being now obtainable as against 25c. Herbs, so necessary at Christmas time, are already on hand in sufficient quantities, parsley, sage, marjoram and other kinds being obtainable at usual prices.

Sugar Lower. In the grocery department some slight decrease in the price of sugar is noticeable. During the corresponding week last year standard sugar sold at 77 per one hundred pounds wholesale; the present quotation being 74.50. Flour has not changed materially. Today the wholesale quotation is for Manitoba, \$7.25, Ontario \$7; last year, \$7.55 and \$6.85 respectively. This shows a decrease of 30c. in Manitoba and an increase of 15c. in Ontario. Raisins, cleaned, have increased one-half of one cent a pound, currants are much dearer, yesterday's price being 12c. per bushel, last year's 8 3/4c. Almonds are dearer; in fact most items in the fruit department have increased in price during the year.

California navel oranges are rather late coming in this season, but there will be a fair supply of this fruit. Grapes are higher in price than has been the case for twenty-five years, Malaga, especially, are scarce and California are not on hand in the usual quantities. The apple season is not so good as in former years, Ontario Spys being particularly scarce. The Nova Scotia crop secures much higher prices than those of last year. Lemons, too, are scarce, but the price has not unduly increased. Figs are scarce, but such stock as is on hand is of good quality. Of course this fruit has soared in price in consequence of Turkey's participation in the war and other incidences of the conflict.

Next Saturday it is expected that there will be a fine display of meats and poultry in the local market, including some prize stock from Guelph, Ontario. The prices existing during Christmas of last year will prevail, it is thought, except in the case of those which are scarce and likely to go higher. Mistletoe has already arrived in the market and altogether it is considered that the average citizen will have but little to complain with respect to this Christmas fare, either on the score of variety, quality and prices, although it will, of course, require slightly increased expenditure to get the many things the one likes to purchase as an almost indispensable incident of Christmas.

The Hoop Controversy. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., yesterday replied to a criticism of the firm made by Commissioner McLellan during a discussion of the fire hose question at last Tuesday's council meeting. Messrs. Thorne stated that "it is not a question of our ability to supply Titan hoses. The main point is, is it in the interest of the taxpayers that the system of public tenders should be abandoned, whereby every citizen is given a square deal. In this case it is not whether W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., can or will supply Titan hose at 50 cents a foot, but the fact is established that in consequence of an arrangement between the commissioner and Messrs. Eagles & Co., the taxpayer pays \$1.06 per foot for hose that should be sold here for 80 cents."

With the 69th. The 69th Battalion were out for a route march yesterday afternoon. The morning was taken up with physical drill and company training about the Armories. Twenty-five recruits under Captain Ballargon, quartermaster, arrived in the city on Thursday night from Montreal. They will join the battalion and complete their training here.

300 MEN OF 140TH WILL COME TO CITY

Expected this Number will Arrive at West St. John on Monday.

COL. GUNNING IN COMMAND

Arrangements Made Yesterday for Quarters of Soldiers—Additional Officers for the 115th.

It was announced yesterday that part of the 140th Battalion will be transferred from Sussex on Monday to winter quarters in the immigration building on the West Side. Lieut. Col. G. W. Gunning, of Halifax, formerly G. W. Gunning, of St. John, quartermaster of the 140th, and Capt. H. P. Davies, adjutant of the same organization, arrived in the city yesterday and took up the work of preparing for the reception of the 140th.

Capt. Davies will be active adjutant of the 140th, and Capt. Rising he acting quartermaster. The latter has been given authority from Halifax to equip the battalion, and Capt. Davies is attending to the interior work, assisting Col. Gunning.

The 140th at present numbers about 600 men. Half of this number is expected Monday. Other officers will arrive in the city within the next few days to proceed with the muster work, including Lieutenants Good, Young and Teed. The officers will probably be quartered at the building formerly occupied by the Martello Hotel.

Fifty carpenters will rush work on the immigration building tomorrow, and it is expected the quarters will be ready by the time the men arrive from Sussex on Monday. The officers who came yesterday expressed satisfaction with the building and thought the men would be very comfortable. By the end of next week it is thought 600 men will be in the quarters on the West Side.

Appointments to 115th. Further appointments to the 115th Battalion were announced by Lieut. Col. F. W. Wedderburn yesterday. The additional officers are Major J. L. Kennedy, of Centerville, Carleton Co., who has been in command of the 67th regiment since the appointment of Lieut. Col. Kitchin to the 67th, Capt. E. T. Goodfellow, of Sussex, 8th regiment, Princess Louise Hussars, now in Halifax completing a course of instruction; Lieut. Irvine H. Price, of Moncton, 5th Hussars, and Lieut. D. B. Clarkson, St. John, 4th regiment.

PRIMECREST FARMS WILL INCORPORATE

An Industry Which Has Won Favor by the Purity of its Product.

Primecrest Farms are applying for incorporation. This flourishing industry established only a comparatively short time ago by L. C. Prime, has met with more than ordinary success and is gaining in favor every day. Yesterday, for instance, there were sent out more than twenty-three hundred quarts of milk and more than one hundred quarts of ice cream. New customers are being added to the lists every day and it is apparent to the proprietors that people generally are appreciating the qualities which are the strong talking points of Primecrest, namely, sanitary conditions and purity of the products.

Christmas Presents. On the second floor of P. A. Dykman & Co.'s store will be found displayed for quick inspection one of the finest assortments of goods suitable for presents for ladies that can be found in St. John, all done up in attractive Christmas boxes. Fancy aprons, bonnet caps, Christmas gowns, silk sweaters, umbrellas, silk wafers, fine furs, silk undershirts, silk neckties, silk head shawls, mantle draperies, and many other very attractive goods can be seen on this floor.

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They are heavy Brush Knitted Wool Suits of Norfolk Jacket with Belt; Trousers with feet and cap to match. Some special suits in Norfolk Jacket and Trousers with feet in tan color, grey, light blue and cardinal.

FIRST-CLASS ALL-WOOL OVERSTOCKINGS—in light blue, white, cardinal and scarlet; tops and socks to match.

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No article around the house is more useful than a clock. A Clock should be attractive, as well as good timekeeper.

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Dresser Clocks	\$2.00 to \$4.50	Watches	\$1.00 to \$4.50
Alarm Clocks	85 cts. to \$3.00	Wrist Watches	\$4.50 to \$9.00

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USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS IN GREAT VARIETY.

Novelty Leather Bags The latest shapes, good fastenings, an inexpensive present 75c. ea.	Attractive Leather Bags Several new shapes. All with purse. Safety fastenings. Moire lining. \$1.00 ea.	Shaped Corset Covers Daintily embroidered. Easy to make up. 65c. each	Corset Covers Fine French Embroidery. All ready to make up. 95c. and \$1.25 each
Leather Bags In three different shapes, over strap fastenings and safety catch. Moire lining. \$1.25 each	Leather Bags Nickel and leather covered frames. These bags are "Peggy" style—pleated and gathered. Lined with Moire and Leather. \$1.50	Embroidered Lawn Skirting For Children. 27 inch. Special 50c. and 75c. In Lace Dept.	Corset Cover Embroideries 17 in. wide. Special 14c. and 25c. yd.
A Beautiful Leather Bag Lined with a light leatherette good fastening. Excellent value. \$1.75	Superior Leather Bags Nickel and Gun Metal frames. Also leather covered. Very choice. \$2.25 each	Printed Voiles In beautiful floral designs. Opened specially for the Holiday Trade. 40 inch. 35c. yard	Crepe de Chine 35 in. wide. All the new colors. 55c. yard 2 yds. for Waist, \$1.10 6 yds. for Dress, \$3.30
Banded Bags, \$1.35 to \$15.00 each Silver Bags, \$1.60 to \$7.00 each Silk Bags, \$1.00 to \$14 each Gift Bags, \$2 to \$12.50 each	Leather Bags In Black, Greys, Browns, Tans, Green, Navy Blue. \$1.50 to \$7.00 each	Crystal Silk 36 inches wide. For Waists or Dresses. Beautiful fabric for Evening wear. All the new colors. 55c. yard	New White Waistings 27 inch wide. Spring designs. Yard 25c.
Indian Moccasins \$1.25 and \$1.75 pair. (Front Counter.)	Sweet Hay Baskets 15c. to 65c. each. (Front Counter.)	Neck Mufflers Special, 75c. each. (Centre Counter.)	Floral Waste Paper Baskets, 15c. ea.
White Swansdowns Trimmings 40c., 52c., 65c. yard.	Marabou Trimmings Pink, Hello, Grey, Black and White. 60c. yard.	New White Laces For Christmas Fancy Work. 1-4 to 5 inches wide. 2c., 3c., 4c., 5c. up.	Novelty Rose Bud Trimmings A special lot just arrived. Dainty colorings.
Silver Thimbles 18c., 30c., 35c., 40c. In Cases, . . . 75c., 85c.	New Net Laces New Batiste Laces New Silk Laces All for the making up of Christmas neckwear.	Waist Lengths, Kimono Lengths In Flannels, Velours, etc.	Child's Wool Mittens, . . . 15c. Child's Handkerchiefs in Boxes 12c., 15c., 18c., 22c.
Battenburg Centres 50c., 75c., 85c., \$1.00 Large size, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.25	Fur Edge Belts Brown, Black, Purple and all White. 75c. and \$1.50 each.	Kimono Girdle Large size and Mercerized. 25c. each.	New Prints For the Christmas Trade, Turkey Chins Prints for Comfortable
Plum Pudding and Cake Jewellery in Sterling Silver. 3 for 25c.; 4 for 35c.; 6 for 55c.; 8 for 75c.	Mercerized Handkerchiefs for Fancy Work. 3 for 25c.	Shoe Trees 3 Pcs for 25c Suitable for any size boot.	Rose Bead Necklaces in Colors and White. Special, 35c. each. Pearl Necklaces.

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