THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Gales easterly gradually shifting to westerly and northwesterly, sleet and rain today, turning colder during the night or early on Tuesday with local snow.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Forecast: Northern New England—Snow, followed by clearing, much colder Monday; Tuesday fair; shifting gales.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—An important disturbance which has developed today now covers the country from the Georgian Bay region to the Middle Atlantic coast, indicating very stormy conditions from the Great Lakes to Newfoundland. Snow is falling over the larger part of Ontario, and Western Quebec. In the west the weather is fine and for the most part decidedly cold.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	24	32
Edmonton	*2	16
Calgary	6	26
Moose Jaw	*3	2
Winnipeg	*12	*8
Toronto	29	31
Ottawa	18	32
Montreal	26	34
Quebec	14	28
Halifax	6	32

*—Below zero.

Around the City

Heavy Easterly Gale.

Storm signal No. 3 was ordered to be hoisted yesterday, indicating a heavy easterly gale.

Gloves Found.

A pair of gloves found on Haymarket Square and handed to the police await the owner at the Central police station.

A Disturbance.

Saturday night Patrolman Gosline was called into William Watson's house on Short street to quell a disturbance.

Ill Treating Horse.

Policeman Merrick has reported Albert Alberts for ill treating a horse on Saturday night by having had it tied to a post in a yard off Metcal street.

A Serious Charge.

Saturday night about 9.30 o'clock Detective Lucas arrested a young woman who gives her name as Gertie Blizzard, and charged her with lying and lurking in an alley off Canterbury street and not giving a satisfactory account of herself.

Boots Found.

Mounted Officer Pitt yesterday found a pair of ladies boots in Rockwood Park, and the owner can receive the same on application at the central police station. It is thought perhaps they were a pair of shoes that were stolen from a young lady who was skating on the lake.

Peddling Booze.

Saturday night Sergt. Kilpatrick and Patrolman Garnett arrested Curry Clark, aged 24, and Thomas Gallagher, aged 21, on a warrant charging them with selling liquor illegally.

Yesterday the police armed with a warrant arrested Robert Stockley, aged 28 years, and charged him with having assaulted his sister.

Elm Street Building.

Strong objection has been made by some residents of the North End to the manner in which the Commissioner of Public Works is having repairs made to a city shed in Elm street. It is said that the building encroaches on the street and that it is to be used for a garage and barn. Commissioner Potts announced at the last council meeting that he was having repairs made to the building but no objection was made by the other commissioners at that time. There was some talk on Saturday of securing an injunction against the completion of the building. This action is hardly likely for it was said yesterday that the council might have power to order the work stopped if the members found that it would interfere with the traffic in the street. It is likely that the matter will be brought before the council on Tuesday.

A Special Service.

A special service was held in the Methodist church, Fairville, last night. The regular church service was set aside and an evening of songs, the unfolding of the story of Fanny Crosby, the famous authoress, and other special features were substituted. The Sunday school children occupied the front seats of the church and a very interesting part of the programme was the response of the different classes to the roll call. As each class was called the children repeated portions of Scripture in unison. The choir sang two hymns not generally known as belonging to the Crosby collection, and afterwards rendered the old favorite "Saved by Grace," Miss Blanche McColgan taking the solo part. The life story of Fanny Crosby was given by the pastor, Rev. Gilbert Earle, who was listened to with deep interest. A large number attended the service.

MONEY FOR GOOD CAUSE

The Germain street Brotherhood at a meeting yesterday afternoon raised $400 for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Free Kindergarten in the city during the coming year. The members will also endeavor to call upon citizens during the week and expect to augment this amount considerably. The matter of doing something for the soldiers, now stationed in the city was also discussed and it was decided to provide entertainment for the overseas men on Monday and Friday evenings in the Institute. A strong committee was selected to carry on this part of the work. There was a large attendance at the meeting and the members look forward for an active season.

The Henderson & Hunt store will be open this evening and every evening till Christmas.

26th BATTALION WILL WELCOME MINISTER OF MILITIA TO THIS CITY

Expect Major General Hughes on noon train Tuesday—Volunteers training hard—Eloquent sermons to men in different churches.

While Major General Hughes is expected on Tuesday, local militia officers have not yet received official word announcing the date of his arrival, Col. B. R. Armstrong received a telegram from the minister on Saturday, but in regard to his proposed visit the telegram merely said he would be coming to St. John soon.

It is the intention of the commanding officer of the 26th Battalion to have all the men of the battalion paraded at the station to welcome the Major General to the city. The artillerymen cannot leave their posts on Partridge Island. If the Major General arrives here as expected on the noon train he will spend the afternoon inspecting the military establishments and in the evening will probably be tendered a reception by the Women's Canadian Club.

It is said that the divisional ammunition column will probably be mobolized at Fredericton next week. More men have volunteered for this arm of the service than can be taken on the rolls.

Standing Up Well.

On Saturday the 26th Battalion were taken for a route march of 15 or 16 miles. They stood up to the tramp well, and on returning doubled up Princess street without apparently feeling the strain. Most of the work of the battalion is now being directed to the purpose of getting the men in the best physical condition.

The matter of providing accommodation for more men at St. John is being considered, but nothing definite is known as to what may be done in this connection.

There is need of more men for home defence. Those who volunteer for this service and go in training will be given first call to volunteer for foreign service in event of a third contingent being organized.

Church Parades.

The soldiers held their usual church parades yesterday. The Catholic members of the Overseas Battalion marched to the Cathedral, and the Protestants divided between St. Andrews and St. David's church. Officers and members of the Army Service Corps marched to the Charlotte street Baptist church on the West Side, where Rev. A. J. Archibald conducted divine service and preached an interesting sermon to the men.

At St. Andrew's church, the pastor, Rev. J. H. MacVicar, conducted the service, which was marked by several patriotic features, and preached a suitable sermon.

At St. David's church Rev. J. A. MacKeigan was the preacher and the general theme of his sermon was the making of a good soldier. He said that the fundamental qualities of a good soldier were obedience, discipline and devotion to duty. He dwelt on these qualities, and illustrated their application to the making of a good soldier of Christ. Bravery was not enough; even savages possessed that quality.

Speaking of the importance of discipline he said it was necessary in order that movements in formation might be effective, and went on to point out that in the religious life discipline in the form of prayer and devotion were also essential.

Self devotion to a great cause was a necessary characteristic of the soldier. They showed devotion when they volunteered, and this devotion was born of love of home and liberty, the desire to obtain freedom for the world at large.

Every Sunday morning Mr. MacKeigan gives a special talk to boys and girls, and yesterday morning he spoke on the subject of valor, and was able to show them a Victoria Cross won by a member of the Black Watch in the Crimea and now in possession of J. S. McLaren. It is said to be the only Victoria Cross in the city. The general devotional and musical services at all the churches to which the soldiers paraded were arranged in their interest.

An interesting suggestion for the entertainment of soldiers on Christmas has been made by Miss Millidge of Cranston avenue, who called up Col. B. R. Armstrong and extended an invitation to four artillerymen to take their Christmas dinner at her home. She gave the invitation to men who come from outside the city.

On Thursday night the officers and men of the Army Service Corps stationed on the West Side, to the number of 150, will attend an entertainment to be given in their honor in the Ludlow street Baptist church.

RECREATION FOR SOLDIERS IN CHURCHES

Reading rooms fitted up and games and refreshments provided--Much appreciated by the men.

Social centre work among the soldiers has been taken up by several of the city churches and religious bodies and arrangements for the opening of the vestries of churches have been completed. The idea has been to provide recreation places for the men of the overseas corps so that they will not have to spend their evenings in the streets.

The young women of Germain street Baptist church have made it possible for many of the soldiers to visit the church rooms during the last two Sunday evenings where a musical programme has been provided and refreshments served during the two hours between five and seven o'clock. Last evening about 70 men attended and showed their appreciation of the efforts being made for them. Arrangements have also been made by the brotherhood of this church to have the rooms open every Monday and Friday evening for the men on active service. This will be in addition to the Sunday evening social.

In St. John's (Stone) Church last evening the school house was open for the overseas men from 4.30 o'clock until 10 o'clock and many of the men attended. A suitable reading and writing room has been provided and the school house will be opened every evening. Games and other amusements will be available. Last evening coffee and cake were served by the Girls' Association under the direction of Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley. On next Sabbath evening the church workers under Mrs. J. H. Frink will look after the refreshments.

The Salvation Army has fitted up the lower room in the citadel, Charlotte street and this will be thrown open to the men on active service tonight and it will be kept open every evening until the men leave the city. It is likely that some special entertainment will be provided at least one evening a week. A reading room will be open every evening and magazines and papers will be available for the men there.

The members of St. James' Church, Broad street, have also taken up the work and this evening the school room of the church will be thrown open to the men who have volunteered for active service. The members of Loyalist Chapter, Daughters of the Empire will unite with the women of the church in providing refreshments for the men. This church is close to the armory and it is expected that many of the men will avail themselves of the opportunity offered there.

In Centenary church last evening a large number of the soldiers were present. The school room was thrown open at five o'clock and a musical programme was carried out. Refreshments were served by the women of the church. Many of the men afterwards attended service in the church.

WILL VISIT HUSBANDS AT SALISBURY

Wives of officers with first contingent off for Old Country on Hesperian—Winterport activities.

Throngs of people visited the docks at Sand Point yesterday morning and afternoon and the wharves presented a rather lively appearance. There were four steamships at the docks, viz, The Donaldson liner Orthia, the Allan liners Hesperian and Scandinavian, and the C. P. R. steamship Missanabie. The Scandinavian was paying her first visit to St. John, as was the big C. P. R. liner. The Missanabie is a new ship, and is about as fine a vessel as has ever entered the harbor. She was visited by a large number of people.

Just before noon the Orthia shifted from No. 4 berth to the berth at the Sugar Refinery where she will load horses for the Imperial army.

About five o'clock the Hesperian with a large cargo and passenger list left No. 5 berth on a voyage to Liverpool. There was a large crowd of people on the pier and the hundreds of passengers cheered as the ship was moving away from the dock. Their cheers were answered by those on the pier. The ship's passenger list included 30 saloon, 213 second cabin and 1,056 steerage. The majority of the passengers were returning to the Old Country to spend the Christmas holidays.

Among the passengers were Mrs. Ronald A. McAvity, child and maid; Mrs. Donald S. Grimmer, of this city; Mrs. H. F. McLeod, of Fredericton, and Mrs. Fred Mersereau, of Doaktown. The husbands of these ladies are with the Canadian contingent at Salisbury Plains. Other passengers of local interest were Mrs. Allen Fitz-Randolph, Mr. H. Randolph, A. M. Randolph, Mrs. A. Bentley, P. Butler, John Chaplin and Charles Cloes.

The C. P. R. liner Missanable will sail for Liverpool tomorrow, and all ready nearly every available berth on the ship has been booked by passengers who are going to the Old Country for Christmas The ship will also take a large general cargo.

The Furness line steamer North Point finished loading at the Long Wharf about six o'clock last evening and sailed for Newport News. The steamer took away a large general cargo.

The church will be open again next Sunday afternoon.

The idea of social centers in the churches was heartily approved by the soldier boys and by their attendance yesterday showed that they were in accord with the plan. It is expected that as the plan goes along more men will avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the churches.

Grand Sailors Concert.

Tonight at eight. Fine programme from C. P. R. Liner Messanable and ships in port. Admission 10 cents.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

GREAT BRITAIN IS JUSTIFIED IN FIGHTING

Rev. F. S. Porter points out the duties of all in clear sermon—Must have confidence.

In Germain street Baptist church last evening, Rev. F. S. Porter took as his theme, Our Duty in Time of War. The text chosen was part of the third verse of Psalm 27—"Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident." He said in part:

"There should be a clear and distinct understanding as to our duties in this conflict. A confidence similar to that of David should be in our minds. It is our duty to secure for ourselves an unshakable conviction as to the righteousness of our cause, both from the political and moral point of view. From the political standpoint, Great Britain would not have been able to look the other nations in the face had she not taken the action she has done. The British Prime Minister has stated that he would rather that Great Britain were blotted out from the nations of the earth than see her remain silent under the conditions brought about by Germany. It is surely just to vindicate the sanctity of treaty obligations and the laws of nations, to fight for honor, and Great Britain's quick response on behalf of Belgian neutrality was in every way justifiable. The German Chancellor had admitted that the action of Germany was wrong; but, said he, 'it is necessary, and necessity knows no law.' The Empire is at war because she will not allow any single power to dominate the other nations of the world.

"As to the moral justification of entering on this war, it is our duty to convince ourselves, to satisfy ourselves that it is justifiable to slaughter human lives. We must take a logical interpretation of the words in the Bible that evil is not to be resisted. If there is to be no modification of these words a man may enter your house, thieve, insult your family and do as he pleases; your resistance would be a breach of the word of God. There must be occasions when force must be used in the resistance of evil. Thank God Great Britain is able to defend her honor by force."

Speaking of the St. John riot this year, Rev. Mr. Porter said: "This gave the city an unsavory reputation from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and it will take years to get over it; we didn't have enough force to resist; to defend the fair name of our city.

"What I say now I say with confidence after much careful thought. We should place our all at the service of the state, without any reservation—everything. There should be a spirit of voluntary surrender of everything, life, property, of all except honor. We should, too, be optimistic and hopeful. Let not pessimism invade the soul and produce weakness. Let us hope in God in this day of trial. Some have said Christianity has gone bankrupt in this war. No such thing; it is the repudiation of the principles of Christianity, atheism, materialistic philosophy, the pernicious doctrine of might being right that have brought about the existing state of things. Christianity has received a lasting justification by reason of this war. Let us be hopeful that a new era is approaching.

"Think of Russia, a so-called Pagan nation, becoming sober in a day. If Russia could undergo so quick a change, why cannot St. John?"

Referring to a saloon near the armory, the speaker said it was not sought to close it because of any violation of the law, but simply for the moral security of our young men. If Russia could by a stroke of the pen so change the morality of the nation why could not a similar result be brought about here. The saloon should be closed in justice and fairness to the men, solely for this reason.

A large congregation was present including several soldiers. Special hymns were sung during the evening.

Will You Do It?

If "Humphrey's Solids" wear well tell your friends—if you have any trouble with these shoes advise J. M. Humphrey & Co. These shoes are made to build business.

Something New.

The new velvet to be worn over white waists in black and brown is on sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store from $2.25 to $3.75. The new polanaise dress with accordion pleated skirts is on sale at $10.50 in all the leading colors. Handsome evening dresses of pailette silk lace, in the dainties color, from $10.50 to $25.00.

"DISSOLUTION SALE" CONTINUES ALL THIS WEEK—ENDS ON SATURDAY, DEC. 19TH.

We start today on the last week of this great clothing sale. That means only six days for you to share in this bargain feast. Every department is still overcrowded with seasonable goods tremendously reduced in price. Shop in the morning if you can, but come anyway, the store will be open this evening and every evening till Christmas. Donaldson Hunt, 17-19 Charlotte street.

The Romance of the Red Cross.

This evening at 8 o'clock in the Stone church schoolhouse Mrs. Plumptre of Toronto, superintendent of Red Cross supplies, will give an address entitled "The Romance of the Red Cross," under the auspices of the provincial and St. John local branches. The Lieut. Governor, patron of the provincial branch, will take the chair. The programme will include two patriotic songs by Major McKean and Lieut. Pidgeon, and at the close of the address Mrs. Walter Harrison will sing the hymn composed by Mrs. Plumptre. D. Arnold Fox has kindly consented to act as accompanist. The public are cordially invited to attend. Silver collection at the door in aid of the Red Cross (local branch).

The Gift for the Well-Groomed Man

Where will you find an offering that will be more keenly appreciated by relative or friend who should You might hunt the town over and find nothing more pleasing and practical than

A GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR

The thin, keen, tension-held blades glide over the face with velvety smoothness, removing the hardest beard easily and quickly, and leaving, even the tenderest skinsmooth and comfortable.

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The directors of the Slater Shoe Company have decided on closing up their retail stores and our instruction are to close out the stock immediately. With that end in view we are offering stirring bargains in new, clean, up-to-date Slater Shoes.

Holiday season is not generally selected as a time for a sale, but so that people may save some money on their Christmas shopping we are now giving them a chance to obtain gifts at bargain prices.

Slater Shoe Store, King St.

Let Us Help You

Here are a few suggestions of gifts that appeal to all boys or men:

REACH GUARANTEED GOODS.

Basekt Balls ..... $2.00 to $6.00
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Punch Bags ..... $1.50 to $7.50
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Striking Bag Swivels ..... 30c. to $1.50
Punch Bag Gloves 50c. to $1.00
Boxing Gloves ... $1.50 to $7.50
Medicine Balls $2.50 to $7.50
Hockey Skates ... 45c. to $6.00
Hockey Gloves ... $2.00 to $3.50

Shop Early.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Buy Gifts Now and During the Morning Hours

Chistmas Sale of Colored and Black Dress Goods

You could not think of a more practical or suitable gift than a coat or costume length from our up-to-date stock. This sale at holiday time is becoming more popular each year with Christmas shoppers who know that it is a great chance for economy and the securing of a gift that will give pleasure and lasting satisfaction to the recipient.

Commencing Tuesday Morning and Continuing Until Christmas

The materials are Cheviots, Serges, Tweeds, Poplins, etc., in black, navy, brown, green, grey and tan, and have been greatly reduced for the occasion.

Sale prices per yard, - - 40c, 50c, 75c

DRESS GOODS DEPT.—GROUND FLOOR.

-:- VISIT THE CHRISTMAS SHOW ROOM -:-

Fine Wilton Rugs for Christmas Gifts

These fine Wilton Rugs were bought especially to serve as Christmas Gifts. They may be had in all three sizes to match, and are offered in soft, beautiful colorings.

Size 18 by 36 inches ..... Each $2.00
Size 27 by 54 inches ..... Each $4.50
Size 36 by 63 inches ..... Each $7.00

CARPET DEPARTMENT—GERMAIN STREET.

Christmas Gift Gloves for Ladies and Children

REYNIER KID GLOVES — Two-dome; black, white and the popular shades. Pair $1.00, $1.40, $1.60.
REYNIER SUEDE GLOVES — Two-dome; black, tan, brown and grey. Pair, $1.60.
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DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—One-dome; tans. Pair $1.00, $1.25, $1.60.
DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—Grey. Pair $1.35.
DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—White. Pair $1.40.
DENT'S CAPE GLOVES—Black. Pair $1.60.
ENGLISH CAPE GLOVES—One-dome; tan. Pair 90c. to $1.00.
ENGLISH CAPE GLOVES — Two-dome; tan. Pair $1.00.
MOCHA GLOVES—One-dome; tan and greys. Pair, $1.15, $1.25, $1.60, $1.75.
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ANTELOPE GLOVES—Silk-lined, two-dome; tans and greys. Pair $1.35, $1.75.
DOE GLOVES (Washable) — White, one and two button. Price $1.00, $1.25, $1.35.
DOE GLOVES (Washable)—White, long. Pair, $1.35, $1.75, $2.25, $2.75.
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GLOVE DEPT.—FRONT STORE.

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