

THE WEATHER
Forecast: Maritime - Strong westerly to northwesterly winds, light snow flurries, but generally fair and colder.
Washington, Dec. 29 - Northern New England - Fair day and Tuesday; moderate west winds.
Toronto, Dec. 29 - Pressure is decidedly low over Newfoundland and the northern British Columbia coast, and highest over the west and southwest states. Light snowfalls and flurries have been general today in Ontario and Quebec; elsewhere the weather has been for the most part fair.
Temperatures: Min. Max.
Victoria 38 46
Vancouver 32 44
Edmonton 15 24
Bathford 2 30
Prince Albert 0 24
Calgary 18 40
Moose Jaw 5 32
Winnipeg 10 30
Port Arthur 8 20
Perry Sound 18 32
London 24 31
Toronto 27 34
Ottawa 16 27
Montreal 22 26
Quebec 22 26
Halifax 36 40

Around the City

Births and Marriages.
Seven marriages and fifteen births were recorded at the office of Registrar J. B. Jones last week. Of the births ten were boys and five girls.

Church Sale.
A party and fancy sale was held in Leicester street Baptist church on Saturday afternoon by the ladies of the church. The proceeds will be given for patriotic purposes.

For Disorderly Conduct.
Yesterday afternoon Police Officer Winter arrested two young men on the charge of acting in a disorderly manner on the corner of Brussels and Brunswick streets.

Seven Stalwarts in Cells.
"We are seven" would be a neat little motto to head a parade from the cells at police headquarters into the police court this morning, for that is the number of drunks gathered in by the police on Saturday night.

Aiding Soldiers to Desert.
For some time it has been believed that civilians have been assisting soldiers to desert, but the police have been unable to make an arrest until Saturday evening, when Detectives Barrett and Briggs placed in custody William Corrier, charged with aiding and assisting deserters. Corrier is said to be from Montreal and is now up against a serious charge. It found guilty he is liable to a fine of two hundred dollars or a term of six months in jail.

More Soldiers Coming Today.
It is expected that about 120 men will arrive this morning from Sussex to be stationed in West St. John during the winter with the 140th battalion. Among the other officers of the battalion whose names have already been published as being on duty at West St. John are: Lieut. W. H. Teed of this city, acting as assistant adjutant; Lieut. Jas. Bennett, Lieut. Calkin of Sackville; Lieut. J. E. Harper and Lieut. F. B. Young of this city, and Lieut. Good of Fredericton.

Subscriptions Acknowledged.
The treasurer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions, viz: Mrs. Silas Alward, \$2; James Myles, \$2; W. E. Golding, \$1; W. E. Earle, \$1; Mrs. Geo. F. Smith, \$1; Mrs. T. B. Robinson, \$2; J. C. Cullinan and Son, \$1; H. N. DeMille, \$1; G. Ernest Fairweather, \$2; H. F. Chad-dington, \$1; H. B. Schofield, \$1; Chas. McDonald, \$2; F. A. Dykeman, \$1; L. M. Curran, M. D., \$2; P. R. Inches, M. D., \$1; A. F. Emery, M. D., \$2; Hon. J. E. Wilson, \$2; Robertson, Foster & Smith, \$2; John Russell, \$1.

Police Visit a Yacht.
Yesterday Detectives Barrett and Briggs made a visit to a yacht lying in Courtenay Bay, near the foot of Orange street, and owned by a man named Wilson. In the cabin they found three men also a number of empty whiskey bottles, and one bottle partly filled with liquor. The detectives took the names of the three men and ordered them to get on shore. It is believed by the police that this yacht has been used for some time as a sort of club room and the officers notified the owner if he did not have a lock placed on the cabin door and keep men out of it that he would be reported. About four weeks ago two young men were arrested for stealing a saw from this yacht, pleaded guilty and had a narrow escape from being sent to Dorchester.

Ladies' Neckwear.
A large shipment of Christmas neck wear arrived at F. A. Dykeman & Co. on Saturday. Some of the very new and exclusive designs are to be seen in this lot at the price of 50 cts. and 75 cts. Many of them have a touch of fur and a large number of them are made from bolting cloth finely embroidered. There are also a lot of the Georgette silk crepe collars in the newest shapes and colors.

CATTLE "PIRATES" STOLE 30 ANIMALS BELONGING TO KINGS COUNTY FARMERS

Meat and Hides may have been sold in St. John or Moncton markets—Stock Raisers offer substantial reward for detection and conviction of criminals.

A section of Kings county is afflicted with cattle and sheep "pirates" and stock raisers have been keeping a close surveillance of the St. John and Moncton hide markets, hoping by this means to find some trace of the culprits. In the vicinity of Hammondvale seven cattle and half a dozen lambs have been shot. Nearly all of the cattle were skinned and the meat taken as well. Devine Bros. of Hillsdale and W. P. Fowler, a well known farmer of Hammondvale, are offering a substantial reward for such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons who have committed the crimes. Conviction would mean a sentence to the Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester. The owners of the cattle feel certain that the hides have not been disposed of in Sussex. It is thought that the thieves would be too wary to attempt a sale in that town, as they could be easily traced. It is the theory of many that both the meat and hides would probably be marketed in St. John, or possibly in Moncton. As yet little in the way of a clue of a definite nature has been found. Several persons, it is said, are under suspicion, but actual proof has thus far not been established.

Devine Lost Six Cattle.
Devine Brothers lost six head of cattle. All had been shot, apparently last month. Four of the cattle were skinned and the hide and meat taken.

Stock Men Anxious.
Stock raisers throughout the district are much concerned as the result of these high priced cases of cattle piracy and fear that if the thieves are not detected more cattle and lambs will be slaughtered and stolen next season. Messrs. Devine and Fowler have made public through the columns of the Standard Record offers of a substantial reward.

The fifth ran into the woods and died. The sixth had a bullet in the shoulder, but recovered. Devine Brothers lost a three year old fat steer last year. It disappeared mysteriously and no trace of it was ever found. Mr. Fowler when he brought his herd from the pasture several weeks ago found that a pure bred Friesian heifer was missing. He was not particularly anxious at the time as he thought she had merely strayed away and would turn up. When she failed to rejoin the other cattle he went in search of her. He found the head and feet. She had been shot with a rifle between the eyes and at such close range that there were powder marks on the face. The head had not been skinned. The crime had evidently been committed early in the fall. The entrails and head and feet had been hidden under a brush fence.

F. J. Sherwood lost six lambs during the grazing season and thought bears had taken them until he found the pelts of two of them hidden under an old log.

Will Open New Year WITH BIG RECRUITING RALLY Citizen's Committee, at meeting in Board of Trade Rooms on Saturday, outlined programme for first day of 1916 - Plan to make Sunday, January 2nd, occasion of Memorial Services for Soldiers.

A special meeting of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee was held in the Board of Trade rooms on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of inaugurating a campaign to fill up the ranks of the 115th Battalion.

Among those present were: Lt.-Col. E. T. Sturdee, who presided; E. A. Schofield, Capt. Mulcahy, T. H. Estabrooks, G. A. Kimball, R. T. Hayes, M. E. Agar, A. M. Belting, H. H. McLellan, W. A. Lockhart, John Keeffe, A. M. Rowan, G. E. Barbour, E. L. Rising, Rev. Mr. Haughton, A. O. Skinner, R. E. Armstrong, E. W. McCready, Dr. W. L. Ellis, W. E. Clayson, C. B. Lockhart, Capt. Tilley, Lt.-Col. Wedderburn, Adjt. Sprenger, Coun. O'Brien, Coun. Golding, M. E. Mooney and Joseph Stackhouse. Mr. Belting reported that the south end had had a really good meeting the previous night. Coffee had been served and a most instructive program carried out. Mr. Mooney furnished some particulars with reference to the water supply at the Cushing property, near Fairville, which had been offered for the housing of troops. Lt.-Col. Wedderburn reported that good progress was being made at the Agricultural Hall, which was being prepared for the 115th Battalion.

Plans for New Year. Mr. Schofield then outlined the programme for the grand inaugural demonstration for the 115th Battalion, to be held on the afternoon of New Year's Day. All the men in khaki in the city, including the 69th Battalion, the Siege Battery, the 140th Battalion, and 115th Battalion, would be represented in the monster parade which it was proposed to gather from all parts of the city on that day. The several military and other bands, the Boy Scouts and the Cadet Corps would also be invited to attend. As at present suggested, this monster parade would converge at King Square, and proceed to the armory or such other building as might be decided upon and hold a big recruiting meeting therein, with special appeals to all men of military age to come forward and enlist in Col. Wedderburn's battalion. The committee want the people of St. John to start the new year right.

Committees Recommended. The following sub-committees were recommended: Bands—A. M. Rowan, H. H. McLellan, Capt. Mulcahy, Com. Fota. Recruiting rooms committee—C. W. Hallamora, E. L. Rising, F. W. Daniel, Signs and banners—T. H. Estabrooks, W. H. Golding, Capt. Mulcahy, John Keeffe. Speakers—T. H. Estabrooks, E. T. Sturdee. Armory or hall—G. E. Barbour, A. H. Wetmore, W. C. Allison, W. A. Lockhart, H. H. McLellan, Com. Wigmore. Advertising, printing and pictorial matter—W. H. Golding, A. M. Belting, W. C. Allison, C. W. Hallamora, G. E. Barbour, T. H. Estabrooks. Boy Scouts—Lt.-Col. Wedderburn.

Great Blast at Imperial. "THE RUG MAKER'S DAUGHTER" is being shown at the Imperial. It is produced by BOSWORTH, Inc. in association with the OLIVER MOROSCO PHOTOPLAY COMPANY. MAUD ALLAN, the celebrated dancer who in the star, is supported by a brilliant all-star cast headed by Forrest Stanley, leading man of OLIVER MOROSCO'S famous Burbank Theatre stock company in Los Angeles.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK MOST ENCOURAGING

Clarence Jameson, M. P., of Digby, in city yesterday, said desire is to avoid election.

Clarence Jameson, M. P., of Digby, reached the city yesterday from Ottawa, and will cross the bay this morning. In reply to The Standard's enquiry regarding the political outlook, Mr. Jameson said he thought there was a desire on the part of the leaders of both political factions to avoid the holding of an election during the war. The proposal has been made by the premier that the parliament of Canada ask the Imperial parliament to legislate authorizing the extension of the life of the present parliament for one year, that is until October, 1917. The leader of the opposition, as is known, has called a meeting of prominent Liberals to decide what their attitude shall be with regard to this when the house meets.

There is no doubt, continued Mr. Jameson, that a very general feeling exists throughout Canada that an election at present would be ill-timed, and the party which forced it would undoubtedly suffer at the hands of the electors. This opinion throughout the country seems to be based on the grounds that it would be a serious mistake to incur the slightest risk of "wrapping horses while crossing a stream," and that the duty of patriotic Canadians, aside from party, would be to support the government, as its defeat would be heralded by German leaders as an evidence that the people of Canada were opposed to participation in the war, and would prove a great stimulus and encouragement to the enemy. Aside from this, the energetic prosecution of the war by the Borden government, undoubtedly has the support of an overwhelming majority of the Canadian people and the government was never stronger in the country than it is now.

Any decision reached, said Mr. Jameson, will have to be assented to early in the session, as Imperial legislation will be necessary to legalize the extension, and there can be no assurance that the British parliament will not prorogue before the Dominion house rises.

MILITARY POLICE HELP RAID DISORDERLY HOUSE

Woman and three soldiers taken in charge while children are cared for by authorities.

Detectives Barrett and Briggs with the military police made a raid on a house kept by Mrs. Leslie Singer on Brussels street last night and found the most deplorable condition. Mrs. Singer and three soldiers were drunk. Two soldiers were occupying the only two beds in the house. In the house at the time were three of Mrs. Singer's children. Two of the youngsters, aged ten and twelve respectively, were taken to the Evangeline Home to be cared for, while a boy, aged fourteen years, was cared for at police headquarters.

The Singers are well known to the police, having for some time resided on Sheffield street. The husband was sent to Dorchester to serve a term for theft and was released for the purpose of enlisting for overseas duty and is now at the front.

HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF BEAUTIFUL NECKTIES. We don't believe you ever saw so many handsome neckties as you will see here now. It would be well worth your while to see this display even if you did not buy any, but neckties are a happy solution to many Christmas problems. No matter how many ties a man already has, he is always glad to get more. We are showing some beautiful silks in every conceivable shade in nice boxes at 50c, other prices, 25c to \$1.25. Store open evenings. Hunt's Busy Uptown Men's Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

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Punching Bags, mounted platform or cycle types, \$11.75 and \$12.00.
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WHITE CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS in tucked and hemstitched effects, both low and convertible collars. Sizes 34 to 44. Each from \$3.75 to \$8.25
COLORED CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS, in navy blue, Copenhagen, brown, pink, black. Sizes 34 to 40. Each from \$2.95 to \$8.25
JAPANESE WHITE SILK WAISTS, very popular and made of good quality material in plain tucked and hemstitched effects and will launder like a cotton blouse. Sizes 34 to 44. Each \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.00.
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