

## THE WEATHER

Forecast:  
Maritime—Rain today and turning milder, followed at night by southwest gales, with some light snow or rain.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—Pressure is high near the Atlantic coast and over the northwestern portion of the continent, while a moderate disturbance is centered over Minnesota. The weather has been mild today in Ontario and cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In the west it has been decidedly cold, with strong northerly winds and light snow.

## Temperatures

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	36
Vancouver	32	38
Calgary	16	28
Medicine Hat	14	26
Edmonton	12	24
Battleford	10	22
Prince Albert	8	20
Moose Jaw	6	18
Parry Sound	12	28
London	17	34
Toronto	20	35
Kingston	22	38
Ottawa	10	2
Montreal	2	14
Quebec	12	6
Halifax	4	14
Below zero		

## Around the City

**Wrist Watch Found.**  
A wrist watch found on Pond street, yesterday morning, by Policeman Hayes now awaits the owner at police headquarters.

**Assaulted His Wife.**  
Herbert Gilroy was arrested on Saturday afternoon by Detectives Barrett and Briggs on a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife.

**Gold Ring Found.**  
Yesterday afternoon Andrew Gregory, of Lancaster, found a gold ring on the street and left it at police headquarters, where the owner can obtain it.

**Week of Prayer Closes.**  
The week of prayer closed yesterday night when all groups assembled in St. Matthew's church, Douglas avenue. The leader was Rev. John Hardwick, and the speaker Rev. W. R. Robinson.

**He Got His Clothes.**  
Saturday afternoon Sgt. Caples of the police force was called into Robt. Beckwith's house, 32 Brussels street, to prevent a breach of the peace while Jack Davis was getting his clothing from the place.

**Pressmen's Annual Meeting.**  
At a meeting of the Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union, held Saturday night, officers for the year were elected as follows: President, A. Dever; vice-president, R. J. Finlay; financial secretary, Wm. Ward; recording secretary, Wm. Howard; sergeant-at-arms, A. V. Reid. Delegates to the Allied Printing Trades Council, A. Dever, C. McHugh, and W. Howard. Delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, W. Howard, T. Reid, A. V. Reid, C. McHugh and A. Dever. Four members of the Union are on active service and these will be kept in good standing.

**Deserters Enlist.**  
Saturday afternoon Detectives Barrett and Briggs arrested George Ross and George Murree, who were given in charge by Captain Lamont, of the steamship Parthenia, for absconding themselves from the ship without leave, they being armed seamen. The two men were in uniform, and it appears that they deserted from the ship, sold their clothing and boots for \$1.60, and then enlisted with one of the battalions now in training here. After receiving their clothing, it is thought they will be placed on board the ship again.

**Y. M. C. A. Work With 104th.**  
Up to the present there has been no work done by the Y. M. C. A. in connection with the troops now stationed at West St. John. The difficulty has been in securing quarters, for apparently only one room was available and there was a feeling that it might be needed for another purpose. Now, however, this opinion has been changed and suitable accommodation is available. Arthur Mitchell, president of the Students' Association of Acadia University, came to the city on Saturday and will take charge of this work at the West Side, going on duty today.

## PERSONAL.

John M. Lyons, formerly general passenger agent of the Intercolonial Railroad, arrived in the city yesterday on the Maritime express and registered at the Dufferin.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Fredericton, was in the city yesterday. C. W. Halliwell, St. John manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and Miss Ruby Elizabeth Roy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Roy of Halifax. The marriage will take place at All Saints Church, Bedford, N. S., on Feb. 7.

The many friends of Mrs. J. T. Dalton, Fairville, will be glad to learn that she is recovering from a severe attack of laryngitis.

D. Arnold Fox returned from Sydney on Saturday evening.

## FACTS ABOUT PORT'S TRADE IN DECEMBER

Conditions Never More Prosperous Than During Past Month.

Increase of More than 200 per cent in comparison with figures for December 1914

Export statistics for the port of St. John show that trade is in a very prosperous condition. The export traffic during December was 200 per cent greater than that during the same month of 1914, a new record. Last month the total tonnage in exports amounted to 181,370 and in addition 1,168 horses were shipped. In December, 1914, the exports amounted to but 60,346 tons and 1282 horses. Shipments by eleven transports last month were 67,484 tons of cargo as compared with five transports in December, 1914, with 14,296 tons in increase of 400 per cent.

During December, 1915, eight steamers of the Canadian Pacific and allied lines cleared from West St. John with 67,892 tons of cargo and 1,168 horses as against four vessels containing 29,351 tons of cargo and 693 horses for the same period in 1914, an increase of 130 per cent.

Other lines in December, 1915, had 19 steamers from West St. John with 45,994 tons of cargo as against 11 steamers with 14,809 tons and 657 horses in December, 1914, an increase of 200 per cent.

These figures show that there is no ground whatever for complaints concerning the volume of business being handled through the port of St. John, but on the other hand they show excellent reasons why the citizens should be gratified. Very little wheat is being handled through Atlantic ports because of a tremendous shortage of tonnage due to war conditions.

All of the warehouses at West St. John are full of goods and 890 car loads of Imperial government supplies and general export freight are now on the tracks at West St. John. Hundreds of other cars are held on sidings between here and Montreal. All of this freight will be moved as soon as vessels are available.

**WANT SMELT FISHING SEASON EXTENDED**  
Fishermen and shippers claim short term deprives them of big catch consequent on Spring tides.

A movement to extend the smelt fishing season in certain districts of the Maritime Provinces is on foot and representations by Prince Edward Island and a number of New Brunswick shippers and fishermen will be made to the fisheries department at Ottawa within a short time. Northumberland Strait fishermen favor an extension of the season, which legally closes on Feb. 15, by ten days. The smelt fishery is important because of the open fall and early winter fishermen have been unable to take advantage of ice in rivers and bays and that they missed the important spring tide of last month. Because of the absence of ice many were not able to set their nets in time for the usual run of fish during the spring tide.

It is further claimed that by obtaining an extension of the season until Feb. 25 the fishermen will have the benefit of the big tide next month. The bulk of the catch is made at the time of spring tides, that is during the tides which accompany the new and the full moon.

The Prince Edward Island fishermen and shippers are especially desirous of having the season extended. The value of the smelt industry in the three provinces amounts usually to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. The principal markets are the Fulton market, New York and in Boston.

**Presentation to Soldier.**  
A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson when about thirty of the friends of Corporal Ira A. Henderson of the 14th Battalion presented him with a wrist watch. The presentation was made by T. Boyle. Refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed until the early hours of the morning. Corporal Henderson was also presented with a signet ring from friends in the city.

## FIVE ALARMS YESTERDAY'S FIRE RECORD

Four Fires and One Need—less Call Kept Firemen Busy.

West St. John House gutted—Minor fires in buildings on Duke, Water and Pine streets.

Damage to the extent of about \$100 resulted last night from a fire in a building at 136 Duke street, owned by Andrew Tufts, and occupied by him on the upper floor. An alarm was sounded about 11.30 o'clock from box 32, and the department quickly responded. The fire was located between the floors in the lower flat of the building occupied by D. C. Clinch. It was difficult to get at the seat of the fire as it had made its way up through the partitions, but a stream from hose No. 1, and a stream from the chemical were put in the building and prevented any serious blaze.

The fire first started in the furnace room in the basement of D. C. Clinch's premises. The building is heated by hot air, and it is thought there may have been some defective pipes in connection with the heating. It is supposed that in this way some inflammable material packed in a closet became ignited. There was considerable smoke which gave the appearance of a bad fire but the only real damage was caused by water, and in the cutting of the floors and partitions to locate the blaze. The loss is covered by insurance.

**Needless Alarm.**  
At 6.40 o'clock Saturday evening the West Side firemen were given a needless run to box 19, A person saw the reflection from a fire in the furnace in St. Jude's church, and thinking the church on fire sent in the alarm.

**Early Morning Blaze.**  
About one o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the dwelling owned and occupied by George Day on the corner of De Monts and Duke street, West St. John. The fire had started near the chimney and worked through the floors. For a time the occupants of the house tried to put out the fire with buckets of water, but were unable to quench the flames and an alarm was sent in from box 31. The house is situated in the county, but the firemen after stretching a long line of hose were enabled to get water on. A great deal of cutting had to be done before the fire was extinguished. The building was badly gutted and much damage was done to the furniture.

**Water Street Fire.**  
Yesterday afternoon at 2.45 o'clock the West Side firemen were given a third call, this time from box 113. The fire was on the roof of a house owned by Miles E. Asar, and occupied by Mrs. Mullin on Water street. The only damage done was a hole in the roof.

**Puddington's House Damaged.**  
Yesterday afternoon at 2.45 o'clock a fire was discovered on the roof of Mrs. Emily Puddington's house at 3 Pine street, and an alarm was sent in from box 253. Considerable damage was done the roof and one of the rooms was damaged by water.

**HUNT'S PRE-STOCK TAKING SALE CONTINUES ALL WEEK**

If you are an old customer of this store you know that when we advertise bargains they are fully worthy of the name. If you are not a regular customer of our store, you would not select a more opportune time to call and see how we help you stretch the purchasing power of your dollars. Even those who have become somewhat accustomed to the unusual values we always offer at clearing sale time will find many happy surprises for them at this sale for the prices in a great many cases have been reduced lower than ever before. Our assortments are exceptionally good now but of course will become greatly depleted in a short time of selling, so an early call is advisable. Our whole stock of clothing and furnishings with a few exceptions at reduced prices.

Hunt's Busy Up-town Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte St.

## BUSINESS CHANGE.

Mr. Richard P. Colgan, who for several years has been manager of Allen's Drug Store, has now purchased that business and will continue it at the present location, Corner of Waterloo and Peters streets.

## CHURCHES TO MERGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Brussels and Leinster Streets Baptist Organizations to Unite.

Leinster Street Church to house united body with Brussels Street pastor in charge.

In the Brussels street and Leinster street Baptist churches last night large congregations of members qualified to vote practically unanimously supported a joint resolution to merge the churches at an early date and to adopt the Leinster street edifice as the united church home. The pastor of the Brussels street church will become pastor of the united body, the pastor of the Leinster street church, Rev. Wellington Camp, having recently resigned to become pastor at Campbellton. Only five dissenting votes were recorded against the merger of the churches. The affirmative vote there totalled 96. At the Leinster street church the congregation rose in a body and unanimously declared themselves in favor of the amalgamation.

Both business sessions were held at the close of the regular memorial services. At the Brussels street church W. H. Golding was elected chairman. The other meeting was presided over by High Sheriff A. A. Wilson. Before the merger resolution was put to the vote the High Sheriff explained the standing of both churches. The resolution, which stated that the board of deacons of the Brussels street church deemed it for the betterment of the church and the advancement of its work that it should join forces with Leinster street and the properties of both bodies be pooled, the interests of each congregation becoming identical, was presented by Deacon L. A. Belyea, who moved the adoption. W. H. Bell seconded the motion. Before a vote was taken the matter was not discussed on the floor while the church was in session. The resolution was adopted by a vote of ninety-six to five.

Those who voted against union did not do so in a spirit of antagonism, but did so for personal and sentimental reasons. At the Leinster street meeting Sheriff Wilson explained to a large congregation the resolution. The members assented to it without discussion. Meetings leading up to reorganization will be held during the next few weeks. It is proposed to formally dismiss ten or twelve prominent members from each church who will proceed to form a new church. These will then admit both congregations en bloc. Deacons, trustees and other officials will be appointed in equal representation.

The membership of the Leinster street church is 465, of whom over 300 are active. The other church has over 300, more than 200 active. The financial status of the churches is about the same, except that Leinster street carries a heavier mortgage. Leinster street has property valued at \$45,000 and the other society \$15,000. Both are free from current debt and are not by any means in a weakened condition financially. The Leinster street church seats 900. It was instituted in 1858 by a number who seceded from the Brussels street congregation. The church was burned in 1877. The present splendid brick edifice was erected immediately after the great fire at a cost of \$40,000.

The Brussels street church was instituted in 1855, as an offshoot of the Gernah street church.

## Pre Stock Taking Sale.

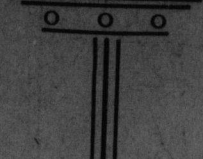
The ten days pre stock taking sale now going on at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s, is one of the most interesting events that this firm has ever held. A big lot of carpets, some worth as high as \$1.50 are being sold at 35 cents a pair. Children's white wool toques, worth 50 cents and 75 cents are being sold at 15 cents and 25 cents. House dresses at 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1.00. All of their fur coats are reduced more than one-third. Out of their large stock of fur coats they have one left consisting of electric seal, size 38, selling at \$75.00. It was \$115.00.

## WAR PICTURES AND REGULAR PROGRAMME AT IMPERIAL.

Elise Janis will be the Imperial star today and on Tuesday. At both matinees a sashet of exquisite 'Carolina White' perfume by Rigaud of Paris, will be presented lady patrons with the compliments of Miss Janis. A budget of actual war pictures—in the Vignes, in Northern France and in Flanders—will be shown as listed in the adv. this issue. A visit to Jamaica in the South American-tour, Pathe's Weekly and Fashion Review and Mr. H. P. Jones, tenor, will complete the bill.

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All our stock of Cottons, having been secured last June, will place us in the position to give all the benefit of the same low prices as last year on all Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, White Quilts; also Irish Linen Table Cloths and Napkins.

On our Linens you can save twenty-five cents on every dollar, as prices are that much below present market rates.

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The money that is used in constructing this range, is spent for durable materials, and trained workmanship.

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During January, February and March our stores will close at six p.m.

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## Fashionable Suits FOR MEN

M. R. A. Suits are always so dependable, and with that extremely fashionable appearance to be found only in expertly tailored garments that it is a pleasure to wear them.

Men who are particular about their dress will find this department the right place to get satisfactory clothes.

We are showing now a fine large range of stylish models in popular cloths and colorings at

PRICES FROM ..... \$12.50 to \$25.00.

Come in early and try on a few of these suits.

MEN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

## THE FREE HEMMING SALE Of Household Linens and Cottons is Now in Full Swing in the Linen Room

## Brand New Curtains and Materials

MARQUETTE CURTAINS, white, cream and beige, plain hemstitched, 2½ yards long. Pair \$1.65.  
MARQUETTE CURTAINS, white, cream and beige, hemstitched with narrow heading on edge, 2½ yards long ..... Pair \$1.85 to \$3.00  
MARQUETTE CURTAINS, white, cream and beige, with insertion and lace edge, 2½ yards long. Pair \$2.50 to \$9.00.  
SCRIM CURTAINS, white, cream and beige (plain), also with insertion and heading, 2½ yards long. Pair 85c. to \$2.65.  
DOOR PANELS in Voiles and Marquettes, cream and beige, lace insertion and lace edge. Each 85c.  
ALLOVER NETS, cream shade in conventional designs. .... Yard 45c. to 70c.

CURTAIN DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

## New Veils and Veiling

NET VEILING in black and popular colors, spot or fancy mesh. .... Yard 15c. to 75c.  
MOURNING VEILS in Net and Chiffon. .... Yard 25c. to \$1.20  
MOURNING VEILS ..... Each 62c. to \$1.85  
WATERPROOF MOTOR VEILS, popular shades ..... Each \$1.45  
CHIFFON VEILS ..... Each \$1.85 to \$3.10

VEILING DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

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