

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts:

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, south shifting to north-west. Rain at first, then clearing and becoming colder.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair, cooler Saturday; Sunday probably fair, westerly gales.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The disturbance has moved with increasing intensity from the lower Mississippi Valley to the Ottawa Valley, and has caused rain and sleet in Ontario and western Quebec. The weather continues very cold in the western provinces, with snowfalls.

Temperatures.

Table with columns: Min., Max. and rows for various cities like Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Edmonton, etc.

A. N. McLEAN JOINS FIRM OF SCOVIL BROS. IN IMPORTANT OFFICE

He Takes the Position Held by Late Frank C. Smith.

NEW BRUNSWICKER BACK TO PROVINCE

Returns After Extensive Business and Financial Experience.

A. N. McLean has been appointed a director and secretary-treasurer of Scovil Bros., Ltd., succeeding to the office held by the late Frank C. Smith.



A. N. McLEAN.

Mr. McLean, who has a great many friends in St. John, is a native of Carleton county, and in his early years entered the employ of the Bank of New Brunswick, soon afterwards rising to a position on the head office staff in this city.

Later, when the Bank of New Brunswick and the Bank of Nova Scotia were amalgamated, he continued with the latter institution as assistant manager in the local office. Subsequently he was promoted to a position on the head office staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Toronto, being made an inspecting officer for the bank.

Mr. McLean enjoys an excellent connection in a financial and commercial way in Toronto, where he has many friends, and feels that in associating himself with the firm of Scovil Bros., Ltd., which concern he has known directly and indirectly for a long period, he is not only enjoying a return to his home province, but is becoming associated with a progressive and successful institution.

LT. M'GINLEY'S CLOSE CALL IN THE TRENCHES

Former Standard Man One of Four to Escape Death When Shell Destroyed Dug-out—Now in Hospital

Letters received yesterday from the front conveyed the information that Lieut. Willard G. McGinley, formerly of The Standard editorial staff, was one of four out of ten soldiers who escaped from being killed when a shell hit their dug-out and completely demoralized it.

Lieut. McGinley was one of Col. Beer's officers in the 140th Battalion. A few days after his arrival in England he was successful in getting a chance to go into the trenches, transferring to another battalion in the front line. He was doing his bit when the big shell struck the dug-out.

DEALERS PAY ONLY FORTY CTS. PER CAN

City Faces Milk Famine as Farmers Will Not Ship at 40 Cents While Dealers Charge 10 Cents Per Quart

From the latest developments it is evident that the milk dealers of the city do not intend to pay the farmers more than forty cents a can for milk. The Standard received information yesterday from a thoroughly reliable source that Primocrest Farms, Ltd., had sent a circular letter to each of the farmers who supply them, that they would not pay more than forty cents per eight quart can for the milk shipped to them.

If the dealers stick to their determination not to pay more than forty cents per can there will likely be a milk famine in the city, as it is understood that the majority of the farmers will not sell at that price, while the city dealers are charging ten cents per quart, but will send their milk to the cheese factories or make butter.

PILOT COMMISSION PRESENT THE ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 1916

Total Tonnage Amount Paid and Individual Earnings.

VESSELS PAYING FEES NUMBER 563

British Steam and Sail 372—Foreign Vessels 191—Robert Doherty Leads Pilots in Earnings.

A report from the St. John Pilot Commission for the year 1916 has been received, showing the pilotage fees collected for the year, from British and foreign steam and sailing vessels, the amount of tonnage and the amount paid; also the individual earnings of pilots for the year.

The total amount of pilotage paid was \$42,272.48.

In the list of individual earnings Pilot Robert Doherty leads with \$4,015.96; Fenwick M. McKelvey is next with \$3,760.24; Joseph Doherty, next with \$3,724.21; and Bartholomew Rogers fourth with \$3,598.98.

The following is a tabulated list of the total tonnage, total amount paid, and individual earnings of the pilots:

Table with columns: Tonnage, Amt. Paid and rows for various vessel types like 304 British steam vessels, 68 British sailing vessels, etc.

Individual Earnings.

Table with columns: Name and Earnings, listing pilots like John F. Abbott, James Bennett, Alfred Cline, etc.

Commissioners.

- James E. Cowan, chairman. Harold C. Schofield. John C. Chesley. James Lewis. J. Willard Smith. Henry Finigan. W. R. Bennett.

Purple Mask Souvenirs for Ladies and Children Attending Matinee at Unique Today.

A pretty easel and photos of Grace Cunard and Francis Ford will be presented to the first hundred ladies attending the matinee at Unique today, while the children will receive a puzzle card of The Purple Mask.

SERVICE FIRST.

Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trading at. Gundry's is open to demonstrate its capabilities. You are welcome to exchange any piece purchased. You may return goods, if so agreed, and receive back your money. You may practically do as you wish in making a square trade, anything but cut the price. The first price is the best price.

DR. DENTON'S SLEEPING GARMENTS.

No matter how cold the night if the desire to bed with one of Dr. Denton's Sleeping Suits on they can sleep warm and comfortable. They are the kind with feet, and are made from a good heavy knitted fleecy material which has warmth and will wear well, and is made without heavy seams. The child that has one of these suits is always ready for bed. They are to be had at P. A. Dykeman & Co's at from \$1.00 to \$1.30 according to size.

We have said it before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject. Generally one merchant is equal to another merchant provided they can both pay their bills. Just occasionally does it fall to some one merchant to pull off a scoop. We are in a unique position in regard to Bracelet Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before as we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 79 King street.

Volunteer Aid Department.

At a meeting of the Volunteer Aid Department held in Stone church Sunday schoolroom yesterday, the quartermaster, Miss Edna Austin, reported on the Christmas presents that were served the soldiers in the different hospitals. Various societies donated seventy-six parcels and \$96 was donated in cash. During a discussion on the work of the department it was shown that more volunteers were wanted. Miss Austin said that she had an address on scientific massage and consented to form a class.

Advertisement for NEVERSLIP HORSESHOE CALKS. Safety First for Horses. You can save your horse many a slip, perhaps prevent losing him, and, incidentally, cut down your shoeing bills, by using Neverslip Calks which will hold firm, even on glare ice, are self-sharpening, and can be put on in 20 minutes. MARKET SQUARE - W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - KING STREET

Advertisement for Marr Millinery Co., Ltd. Feather Hats, Trimmed Hats, Untrimmed Velvet Shapes, Velour Hats, Skating Caps, Tams, Scarves. Very Special Prices. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

Advertisement for THE MODERN LABOR SAVER. THE WASHING MACHINE does away with the old wash-day troubles and saves both your health and strength. With an up-to-date Washing Machine the week's wash may be done in a few minutes and done well. Prices - \$5.25 to \$15.75. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Advertisement for STORES OPEN AT 9 AND CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED. KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE.

Advertisement for SCHOOL CLOTHES TO START THE NEW YEAR. IN STYLES THAT APPEAL TO THE BOY HIMSELF, AND AT VALUES THAT ARE SURE TO GIVE SATISFACTION TO HIS PARENTS. Every ambitious boy desires to look as well dressed as his schoolmates. His parents demand that the clothes they purchase for him will stand the continual activity of school days. OUR BOYS' SUITS ARE THE STYLISH, GOOD-FITTING, AND EXTRA WEARING KIND. Fancy Suits, in great variety, \$3.50 to \$9.50. Norfolk Suits, thirteen to eighteen years \$6.00 to \$12.00. Norfolk Suits, Extra Bloomers, seven to twelve years .. \$7.25 to \$12.00. Norfolk Suits, Extra Bloomers, thirteen to eighteen years, \$8.75 to \$15.00. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Advertisement for Fireside Wood Holders. Illustration shows a neat style of Wood Basket in Rattan, natural brown, at \$3.00 and \$3.75. And in Verdi Copper or Old Ivory finish at \$4.25. FURNITURE DEPARTMENT. FREE HEMMING SALE STARTS ON MONDAY. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

Around the City

CAPT. PEARSON OF Y. M. C. A. TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

Capt. H. A. Pearson, the first Y. M. C. A. Secretary sent to France, has just returned. He will speak at the Imperial Theatre Sunday, Jan. 7th, at 4 P. M. on Y. M. C. A. Service to the men at the Front. Col. J. L. McAvity will preside at this meeting.

A False Alarm.

A false alarm was rung in from Box 132 last night about eleven o'clock. The men of No. 5 responded.

Charged With Vagrancy.

Yesterday afternoon James Sullivan was arrested, charged with vagrancy. Two other men were arrested morning, charged with a similar offense.

A Correction.

An error of the types yesterday omitted the name of Fred Daley from the list of the members of the commission appointed by the government to investigate the Workmen's Compensation Acts of Nova Scotia and Ontario. The commission is composed of F. J. O. Knowlton, chairman; J. B. Cudlip, L. W. Simms, James L. Segrue and Fred Daley.

PROV. GOVT. MEMBERS VISIT SAINT JOHN COUNTY HOSPITAL

Find Conditions Satisfactory—Impressed by Cheerful and Home-like Atmosphere of Institution.

The members of the provincial government paid an official visit to the St. John County Hospital yesterday and they were more than satisfied with conditions as they found them at that institution. They were deeply impressed with the cheerful and homelike atmosphere of the place and the evidences of the care taken of the sufferers from the dread plague. The building was spotlessly clean and every person connected with the institution from the popular and efficient superintendent, Dr. Ferris, and the matron, Miss Hall, down to the janitor, seemed to lay themselves out to minister to the comfort of the patients.

The capacity of the hospital is already overtaxed and there is a long waiting list of those who desire to enter it for treatment. Among those present were Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, attorney-general; Hon. J. A. Murray, minister of agriculture; Hon. B. Frank Smith, minister of public works; Councillors O'Brien, Shanklin and Shillington, H. B. Schofield, Dr. McDonald, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith and Mrs. J. H. Frank.

PERSONALS

His Lordship Bishop Richardson arrived in the city last night on the Boston train. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Josiah Wood also arrived in the city last night.

HE LOST HIS LEG; BUT LEO KILLORAN SAYS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE

Returned Hero of the 26th Home to Take Govt. Position in Customs House.

Leo Killoran is home from the front. One of the youngest members of the 26th he proved himself one of the most daring men of the famous New Brunswick battalion. Always ready to do his duty, he was well liked by officers and men. Private Killoran is a son of Mrs. Jennie L. Killoran of this city, and is one of two sons who volunteered and went overseas to fight for King and country.

Mr. Killoran reached Halifax this week and walked down the gangplank cheerfully on two crutches. He sustained such injuries in the fighting at Hooge that the doctors found it necessary to amputate his leg. But like the true Canadian soldier he wrote to his mother there: "Don't worry, mother, it might have been worse." The young man is now on his way to Toronto, where he will secure an artificial limb. He is not fit for military service, but he intends to take a position of importance in the customs because to which he has recently been appointed by the Dominion government. He expects to reach St. John in about a week.

CIVIC TAX RATE \$2.30 THIS YEAR?

City Must Raise Quarter of Million Dollars More This Year Than Last—Taxes Will Be Higher.

The citizens of St. John will in all probability face the highest tax rate this year that they have ever been called upon to pay if all the increases in the appropriations asked for are granted.

From present indications the increase in the appropriations will total very nearly if not quite \$100,000, this with the \$150,000 which must be raised for patriotic purposes will bring the increase in the assessment this year up to about a quarter of a million dollars. This will mean that the rate will have to be increased to about \$2.10 per hundred dollars on the general assessment and about twenty cents per hundred dollars for the Patriotic Fund, or a total of about \$2.30 per hundred dollars for the both purposes. The rate last year was \$1.95 and this will mean an increase of thirty-five cents per hundred dollars.