

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Winds increasing to gales by night, with snow.	
Toronto, Jan. 1.—A disturbance now passing across the Great Lakes is causing snow this evening in many parts of Ontario. The temperature has risen to the freezing point in the peninsula of Ontario, but continues low from the Ottawa Valley eastward. Another cold wave has come in over Manitoba, but nearer the mountains the weather is quite mild.	
Temperatures.	Min. Max.
Prince Rupert	44 48
Victoria	44 48
Vancouver	44 48
Kamloops	18 34
Edmonton	6 10
Battleford	10 14
Regina	11 16
Winnipeg	2 10
Port Arthur	4 26
Douglas	24 32
Parry Sound	12 33
Toronto	14 26
Kingston	14 26
Ottawa	4 12
Montreal	20 26
Quebec	14 26
St. John	4 16
Halifax	4 20
Below zero.	

Around the City

Other People's Money.

A pocket book containing a sum of money was found on the corner of Douglas avenue and Main street yesterday by Clifford McAvity and James Chown who handed the same to the police and the owner can procure the same on application at the central police station.

Says He Was Robbed.

Shortly after the Manchester Line steamship Manchester Inventor docked yesterday morning, a Russian stoker from the ship called at the central police station and complained that during the voyage out to St. John he had been robbed of clothing and his watch. The matter was clear up to Sgt. Finley who is trying to clear up the case.

Pay As You Enter.

The pay as you enter system was put into service on the street cars yesterday and from this out passengers will be obliged to pay their fare as they enter the cars instead of waiting until the conductor comes round to them with the box. The conductors say the new style of collecting fares worked well yesterday and there was little or no delay.

Steamships Arrive.

The Str Pretorian of the Allan Line arrived in port yesterday morning from Liverpool via Halifax and docked at No. 6 berth. The ship brought out a fair general cargo and 725 passengers. The passengers were sent West in the afternoon by special train. The Manchester Line Manchester Inventor arrived in port yesterday morning and docked at No. 5 berth where she is discharging general cargo.

Injured on Lily Lake.

James Sinnott of Main street, North End, met with a severe accident on Lily Lake yesterday afternoon. With a number of young men he was playing hockey when he collided with another skater. The blade of his companion's skate cut deep into one of Sinnott's legs severing one of the arteries. Dr. Manning rendered first aid and it was found necessary to put a tourniquet on the limb to stop the bleeding. The injured man was weak from the loss of blood and he was placed in Thomas Mallory's sleigh and driven to the General Public Hospital for treatment.

BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATIVES KEPT OPEN HOUSE

Many electors of district and number from city enjoyed hospitality of Beaconsfield Conservative Club.

The Beaconsfield Conservative Club rooms, 19 Dufferin Row, West End, were open to the public yesterday afternoon. A large number of the electors of the district and several from the city called during the afternoon and enjoyed the hospitality of the executive committee. Refreshments were served during the afternoon and shortly before four o'clock, the President of the Club, H. Colby Smith called those present to order and speeches were delivered by Luther B. Smith, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P., P. Attorney General, Counsellor William Golding and John T. O'Brien, Florence McCarthy, Jeremiah McCarthy, Geo. E. Dawes, Fred R. Whipple, P. J. McMurray, John J. Wood, John A. Barry, G. Marie Logan, Chas. O. Morris and Edward J. Neve. Thomas B. Carson, M. P., sent his regrets on being unable to be present and wished the club prosperity for the coming year.

Mr. Barry announced that Hon. J. D. Hassen, M. P. was unable to be present on account of an interesting event which took place at his residence in the afternoon. Mr. Barry further announced that on the twentieth instant a public meeting would be held in the club room to be addressed by prominent speakers whose names would be announced at a later date.

Hon. Mr. Baxter was the recipient of congratulations on the occasion of his election from a large number of his supporters on both sides of politics in the district.

SOLDIERS OF 26TH BATTALION GUESTS OF CITY OF ST. JOHN AT ENJOYABLE NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Mayor Frink, Attorney-General Baxter, Coms. Wigmore, Potts and McLellan and Col. H. H. McLean, addressed the soldiers — Hospitality of City was much appreciated.

The civic corporation of St. John celebrated the New Year by giving a dinner at the Armory to the officers and men of the 26th Battalion, a function which was a success in every way. Rows of tables were erected in the Armory, and a very substantial dinner was given the soldiers, about 125 girls being employed as waitresses. The Carleton Cornet Band was present and furnished music.

Civic Greetings.

His Worship, on behalf of the city, wished the officers and men a Happy New Year. He said that it had been deemed advisable that the city of St. John through its council should provide some entertainment for the soldiers on New Year's, and give them an opportunity to share in the general festivities. He hoped they had enjoyed the entertainment, measure as it was.

This New Year is the most momentous in the world's history, and you are all active on the stage. And we all know you have the spirit and the blood to keep alive the glories and traditions of British arms.

Wherever the British flag has been carried it has never been pulled down, because under it law and honor are assured, and right and justice to all men. (Loud cheers.)

There is the note of victory in your cheers. You will play your part; you will play the game, wherever you go, on the field and in the trenches, and show you are men of courage and resource, men who will bring honor to New Brunswick.

Continuing, His Worship said it would be the duty of the public life to see that the families of the men who went to the front were well looked after, and expressed the hope that all the soldiers would be permitted to return to their homes. When the Mayor concluded his speech the soldiers, led by Col. McAvity, gave him three lusty cheers and a tiger.

The Mayor then called for cheers for Col. McAvity and his officers and these were given with a will.

Col. McAvity Responds.

Col. McAvity, on behalf of the Battalion, then extended thanks to the Mayor and Commissioners for the entertainment given them. He said he was very proud to be commanding officer of the battalion and wanted every officer and man to try to make it the best regiment in the Imperial service. (Prolonged cheering.)

Col. H. H. McLean.

Col. H. H. McLean then briefly addressed the gathering. He said that as a New Brunswicker he was very proud of the fine body of men New Brunswick was sending to the front. He was not handing out any fatty. He had seen troops assembled at Valcartier, and in England, and he had had the honor of reporting to Major-General Hughes that the 26th Battalion was the finest he had seen. After inspecting the regiment General Hughes himself said to him: "You're right; there is no better regiment than the 26th."

Continuing, Col. McLean said the men should be proud to fight for the Empire and what it stood for, as the place of every subject of the Empire of military age was at the front. This war would be a long one. Germany had been preparing for this war for twenty years. Germany was determined to dominate the world. (Cries of never, never.) But she would not achieve her ambition.

It was said that it took years and years to make a soldier but if the men had the spirit and blood, they would become fighters in a short time. English terrorists were now going to the front, and it would not be long before the New Brunswick Battalion would take its place on the firing line.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter.

His Worship then introduced Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, a son of St. John who had been appointed to fill one of the most honorable and important positions in the province.

Mr. Baxter opened a brief but striking address by saying: "When the lion stands by his shore, alone and sends to the bounds of the earth and sea."

First low notes of the thunder to be, Then east and west, through the vast, mass cries of the lion, they answer him."

"You are the whelps of the lion, and you will go forth to the battlefields as representatives of one of the most loyal provinces in the British Empire. You go forth in the might of your British manhood, citizens first, soldiers afterward, proud of the title: 'I am a British citizen.' You are not of the breed of men who crowd women off the sidewalks, and slap the faces of civilians, after the fashion of courtesy as they have it in Berlin."

"You go forth as men and gentlemen to defend the honor of our Empire, and uphold the flag."

"It's only an old bit of bunting, But thousands have died for its honor And shed their best blood for the flag."

You will go in the name of the manhood of the British Empire to assist in

carrying this flag to Berlin, a symbol of what the British Empire stands for, an emblem which wherever it goes means freedom and justice for all peoples. In this day of trial we remember nothing except that we are all citizens of the Empire, that we are one in purpose, standing for one King, one Empire, one flag, which will dominate the world for freedom.

The City Commissioners

Commissioner Wigmore, the next speaker, said all knew that the men going from the Maritime Provinces would do their duty on the battlefields and that those who stayed behind would look after their families. He wished all a safe return.

Com. F. L. Potts said the hour was one of the happiest in the Commissioners' lives and he was proud to greet the men of New Brunswick going to the front.

There was much talk of what would happen if Germany won. But even the Almighty would not tolerate such a government as Germany would impose on the world. Germany could not win. (Applause.) Continuing, Com. Potts said the sons of New Brunswick would give a good account of themselves and expressed the hope that all would be able to return home.

Com. H. A. McLellan said it was a privilege and honor to address the men who were in the preliminary stages of a great work, the protection of the honor of the greatest nation in the world. Another responsibility they had on their shoulders was that of protecting Christian civilization. The methods employed by the Germans showed that they were savages and barbarians.

In going to the front you are making sacrifices and your women folk, whether mothers, wives and sweethearts are also making sacrifices.

In conclusion Com. McLellan said he had never seen a fitter body of men than the 26th Battalion and expressed the hope that all might be permitted to return home safe and sound.

The Adjutant

The men raised a cry for Capt. Brown who spoke briefly. He thanked the Commissioners for their hospitality.

"A few weeks ago it was said New Brunswick could not raise a regiment, or St. John a company. But here we are 1,000 of the finest. When we get to the front New Brunswick will have reason to be proud of its regiment," added Capt. Brown.

The Mayor then called for cheers for the Carleton Cornet Band which had provided free music and these were given with a will.

GREETINGS TO MEMBERS HERE

The Duke of Connaught extends greetings to Boy Scouts of New Brunswick

The following telegram from the Duke of Connaught was received yesterday by Lt. Col. F. W. Wedderburn and is self explanatory:

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.
Lt. Col. F. W. Wedderburn, St. John, N. B.

I desire to extend hearty New Year's greetings from the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association, to the officers and members of the Provincial Council of New Brunswick, and to all others in New Brunswick who are giving time, money and attention to this splendid work. The Boy Scout movement has more than justified its founder's hope concerning it by the results already attained. We look for a large increase in its membership throughout Canada next year.

ARTHUR, Chief Scout.
Oddfellows' Reception.

The Oddfellows of the city lodged held their annual New Year's reunion yesterday morning in the rooms of Peerless Lodge L. O. O. F. District Deputy Grand Master Segee occupied the chair and there was a good gathering of members. Brief addresses were delivered by Past District Deputy Grand Master H. E. Codner, Past Grand Master Dr. A. D. Smith, and by Messrs. A. E. McGinley of Pioneer Lodge, Chas. Fowler of Pioneer, Moore of Peerless, Duke of Golden Rule, Thorne of Peerless, M. D. Brown of Peerless, Wm. Boyer of Sileam, J. L. Collins of Pioneer, Wildes of Sileam, Cunningham of Peerless, Chase of Peerless, Fairweather of Sileam, Lingley of Peerless, Fish of Pioneer and Murdoch of Pioneer. Several songs were well rendered by Brother J. A. Murdoch of Pioneer Lodge. The gathering was voted one of the most successful held for several years.

New Year's Party.

A New Year's party was held at the residence of Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, Silver Falls, last evening. There was a large attendance, and everybody had an enjoyable time.

Soldier Marries.

George English, who is going to the front with the second contingent, has been united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Speight, daughter of the station agent at Brookville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton of Silver Falls.

SOCIAL REFORM ADVOCATED BY J. KING KELLEY

County Secretary comes out strongly in favor of a new system for handling "Misfits".

The county secretary of St. John, J. King Kelley, K. C., who is also president of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, in an interview with The Standard last evening said he considered the selection of J. B. M. Baxter as Attorney General would result in an uplift on humane legislation. The new Attorney General was an absolutely sane man with probably the broadest experience in municipal affairs of any man in New Brunswick. Conservatively inclined against "fads" but an enthusiastic supporter of the community theory and looked upon the city, town or municipality as a large family, wherein the strong should support the weak and the rich should be taxed according to their ability for the benefit of all.

The Attorney General does not believe in the German system for Canadian municipalities. The system of town management as developed in Great Britain which gives opportunity for individual responsibility and the cultivation of individuality appeals to him as the best for Canadian cities.

Mr. Baxter has been a strong advocate of home rule for municipalities, insulating from his earliest days in the city council that the people who pay the bills should be given the largest liberties in the working out and developing their purely local affairs. The wise heads in the legislature who oppose municipal legislation, either through jealousy or ignorance are detested by him.

The County Secretary could not forecast the legislation to be promoted by the municipality at the next session of the legislature, but he thought the municipality would be able to extend without increased taxation. He would give the police and stipendiary magistrate power to commit misfits, loafers and other undesirable to the home for in definite periods, not exceeding two years there to be set on some useful employment not in any way to conflict with their labor. He also pointed out that three thousand dollars worth of milk and eggs were supplied the General Public Hospital in St. John from Kings county. No good reason existed why the fellow who will not work for himself and who is a drag on his family should not be set to work on land owned by the county or the city, tending and caring for cattle, hens and pigs.

If the farm produced a surplus he would allow the family of the delinquent a sum of money or a bonus. The institution, suggested by Secretary Kelley, he claimed would produce a substantial revenue over expenses.

His idea was to erect an inexpensive brick building on the Municipal Home property in the rear of the new County Hospital and place it under the charge of a head master, who again would be under the supervision of the Municipal Home and the home board.

The County Secretary advocated the creation of one commission to manage all the county institutions with representatives from the General Public Hospital, the new County Hospital, the Municipal Home and the Boys' Industrial Home and all the accounting to be done by the County Treasurer and the purchasing to be under the management of one board. This the County Secretary thought would produce better results and secure greater efficiency.

RECEPTION TONIGHT TO HON. J. B. M. BAXTER

Attorney-General will be guest of honor at function under auspices of Lorneville fishermen.

The Fishermen's Protective Association of Lorneville will tender Hon. John B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P., for the County of Saint John and Attorney General of the Province a complimentary reception in the Coronation Hall in Lorneville tonight at eight o'clock. Mr. Baxter will be the speaker of the evening. Speaking to The Standard yesterday a prominent Liberal of Lorneville said "We have not forgotten the way Mr. Baxter worked for us last session and we will never forget it."

M. R. A. STORES OPEN AT 9 O'CLOCK INSTEAD OF 8.30

Commencing Monday morning M. R. A. stores will open for business at 9 o'clock instead of 8.30 during January, February and March.

This is for the benefit particularly of their salespeople who live in the suburbs of the city and in the country and customers of the firm are urged to co-operate with them in making a success of this privilege.

M. R. A. stores will open at 9 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. every day during these three months.

Complimentary Reception.

The Fishermen's Protective Association of Lorneville will tender a complimentary reception to Hon. Mr. Baxter on Saturday evening, the function taking place in Coronation Hall. All friends and supporters of Hon. Mr. Baxter are invited to be present.

St. John Business College.

Day and Evening classes will re-open Monday, January 4th.

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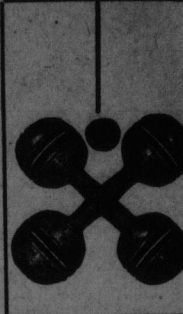
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Boxing Gloves, \$2.15, \$2.70, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.80, \$5.00, and \$6.50 the pair.
Exercisers, light, \$2.00; heavy, \$2.50 each.



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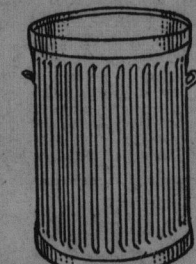
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Commencing Today and on Every Saturday Thereafter During January, February and March all M. R. A. Stores Will Close at 6 p. m.

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