

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales northwest to west fair and cold.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Forecast: New England—Fair and continued cold Wednesday and Thursday.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The pressure continues very low in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but over the greater portion of the continent it is abnormally high. Gales are still blowing from the Great Lakes to Newfoundland accompanied by light local snow and decidedly colder weather.

| Temperatures. | | |
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| | Min. | Max. |
| Victoria | 34 | 40 |
| Vancouver | 32 | 38 |
| Edmonton | 8 | 18 |
| Calgary | 2 | 10 |
| Moose Jaw | 23 | 29 |
| Winnipeg | 20 | 28 |
| London | 1 | 13 |
| Toronto | 6 | 19 |
| Ottawa | 0 | 10 |
| Montreal | 10 | 16 |
| Quebec | 6 | 10 |
| St. John | 18 | 24 |
| Halifax | 16 | 28 |
| *—Below zero. | | |

GALLANT MEN
OFF TO FIGHT
FOR BELGIUM

205 in City Waiting to Sail on Scandanavian—Anxious to Get at Germans.

Ninety-five more Belgians, who will join the colors of the Belgian king, came to the city last night over the Intercolonial and joined the other contingent of 110 Belgians already here.

The whole company will embark on the Allan liner Scandinavian and every member of the party expressed the hope that he would soon be fighting against the Germans in Europe.

The scene in the Union Station last evening when the train arrived was an animated one and practically all the Belgians who arrived Monday night, were on hand to greet their brothers. Belgian flags were conspicuous among the crowd and three large ones, suitably arranged on poles were carried in the crowd.

The men will be cared for by the Allan Line people until the ship sails. The Belgian reservists were quartered in the hotels and boarding houses in the vicinity of the station.

The reservists are men who could not go at the first call because of the great distance at which they lived from home, and the long time which it has taken to straighten out their affairs. A number of them were the front line men, and some of them were fathers and sons, three brothers and two brothers who already have two brothers in the firing line. The men were constantly singing the Belgian national song.

One of the members of the party was said to have deserted from the Belgian army some years ago but he was now going back to fight. The Belgian government had issued a proclamation granting pardon to all deserters who returned to the colors. This soldier had deserted to come to Canada and had worked himself into a good position in the far west. The call to arms had an especial appeal for him and he will soon be on the firing line if at all possible.

All the men were imbued with the idea of helping their countrymen drive the German invaders from Belgian soil and they all felt confident that the work would be accomplished to the satisfaction of all.

The Belgians expect to go aboard ship this morning.

WITH THE
SOLDIERS

Major Harrison has already completed the contingent for the divisional ammunition column which this district was asked to raise, and the men have been sworn in and instructed to report at Fredericton on Friday, where they will be sent to training.

The 26th Battalion had a route march out Fairville way yesterday and were given drilling in formation work.

Sergt. Chas. Jenkins has been presented with a wrist watch by the Portland Methodist church.

Gordon Smith has been presented with a set of military brushes by friends.

Gunner George W. Chambers has been presented with a wrist watch, the ceremony taking place at the home of Miss Ada Wilson, 53 Carman street.

Major Harrison has received authority to issue uniforms to his men and will commence at one o'clock this afternoon. M. R. A. have kindly loaned the use of their building on Chipman Hill for this purpose.

Fire in Tailor Shop.
Last evening about 7:45 o'clock a fire started in the tailoring store kept by Abraham Dreakin on Main street, North End. The alarm was sent in from box 145. The building is owned by Hugh McKelroy and before the fire was extinguished considerable damage was done.

Patrol Ship.
It has been stated that the C.P.R. steamship St. George, which has been laid up in Rodney ship, West St. John, will be put into commission within a very short time and will be a coast patrol ship. It is said that she will be taken to Halifax to fit out and to receive guns.

TURNED BACK
BY DEATH OF
HER HUSBAND

Wife of Red Cross Worker Was About to Sail on Hesperian When Sad Word Came.

On her way to England with her children to attend the sick bed of her husband, Lieut. Edward Wilgess Parker, assistant commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Mrs. Parker who intended to sail by the Hesperian was halted here by a telegram announcing the death of her husband, and decided to return to her home in Montreal.

Lieut. Parker died at the Hotel Cecil after a short illness with congestion of the lungs. His sister, Lady Drummond of Montreal, was at his bedside when he died. The news of his death, occurring as it did so soon after the sudden death of Col. J. H. Burland, who first went to London to direct the work of the Canadian Red Cross, will cause a painful impression.

Lieut. Parker went over with Col. Hodgson, who succeeded Col. Burland, about six weeks ago. A fortnight ago he went to Liverpool to superintend the removal of Red Cross supplies, and also to meet Lady Drummond. He caught a severe chill and on his return to London he immediately took to his bed, where he remained until his death.

Lieut. Parker's death is a most serious loss to the Canadian Red Cross activities in England, for even in the short time he had been there he had acquired a thorough grasp of the peculiar intricacies which beset those who are managing this work. The tactful manner in which he set about overcoming the difficulties of the work and the quiet capability with which he received dozens of enquiries daily were invaluable in bringing about the smooth working of the organization.

A COMPANY
IS ACTIVE

Six German spies were shot by the members of A Company of the 62nd near St. John. At any rate this was the report that reached the city yesterday. A Company is doing a lot of drilling and route marching, and as it is the only company doing anything it is much feared by the German spies. On Monday evening this company marched out around Lily Lake and took up a station near the One Mile House. It was supposed to be a scouting party for the British forces stationed in the city. From the company seven men were to go out into the woods and play the part of German spies trying to get into the city past the scouting party to gather news. Six of these spies were shot because they did not have the password and because A Company were quick on the trigger. What became of the other spy is not known, but as his investigations do not appear to have assisted the Germans it is believed he got half-shot before he reached the city.

A Company needs about sixty more men. Those who wish to join should be at the Seamen's Institute on Thursday evening.

W.C.T.U.
PROTEST

"The annual county convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union now in session here would place on record a protest, the strongest that can be made, against the continuance of a license to sell intoxicating liquors in the neighborhood of the armory. The members would strongly endorse the action of the Dominion Temperance Alliance in regard to this tremendous menace to the morals of our soldiers."

The above resolution was adopted at the annual meeting of the St. John County Women's Christian Temperance Union in session here yesterday. Mrs. Mary McAvity reported the chair and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Morton Smith; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Patterson.

ELECT OFFICERS
IN VERNER L.O.O.F.

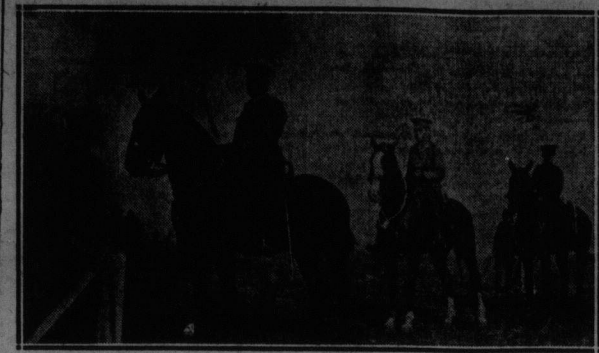
W. B. Wallace Provincial G. M. L. O. A. visited Verner L. O. No. 1 last evening and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: W. M. Alex. Ellison; D. M. John F. Lawson; Chap. D. C. Fisher; financial secretary, Jas. E. Arthur; recording secretary, Wm. M. Campbell; treasurer, C. B. Ward; D. of C. Geo. D. Welter; Wm. Bennett; foreman of committee, B. L. Gerow; committee, E. W. Rowley, Wm. Lunn, D. D. McArthur, J. P. Mosher.

This lodge has had a very successful year both in point of increase in membership and finances. Further applications were reported as being before the lodge, and it is expected that a considerable number of new members will be received during the present winter season.

Speeches were delivered by Grand Master Wallace, Past G. M. David Hill, newly installed officers and others, after which the lodge closed in due form.

MAJOR GENERAL HUGHES
VISITS ST. JOHN TODAY

Minister of Militia will Inspect Soldiers quartered here—Arrangements for entertainment—Has had distinguished career and is able man.



Major General Hughes and some members of his staff.—Photo by The Standard staff photographer at Valcartier Camp.

Major General the Hon. Sam Hughes will arrive in the city this morning on the I. C. R. train which reaches here at 10:40 a. m. When word was received that the Minister would come here it was the intention to have the men of the 26th Overseas Battalion paraded at the station to meet him. So far as could be learned last night, from officers of the 26th, it appears that the minister was not in favor of having his visit disturb the regular routine of the work of the battalion or of any other arms of the service stationed here. Col. McAvity stated last evening that no definite arrangements had been made for the reception of the Minister by the soldiers of the overseas battalion.

When Major General Hughes arrives in the city he will no doubt be met by a number of military officers as well as prominent civilians, but so far as could be ascertained last evening the idea that the minister should be welcomed to the city by a military demonstration was contrary to the ideas of discipline laid down by the Minister himself.

While here the Minister will inspect the quarters occupied by the various arms of the service on duty here. "And that ought to give us plenty of trouble," said one officer, "for as the Major General has a way of prying into every corner and finding out everything."

The Minister will no doubt inspect the 26th overseas battalion, and then go to Partridge Island to inspect the artillery men on duty, and then go to the West Side to inspect the Army Service Corps on duty under Major McKean.

Luncheon and Reception.

A special meeting of the Men's Canadian Club will be held at the Masonic Hall on Germain street at 6:15 at which luncheon will be served, and at which Major General Hughes will be the guest and speaker of the evening.

At nine o'clock a public reception will be tendered the Minister at the Imperial Theatre under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club. Seats will be reserved on the lower floor for members of the club, the various chapters of the Daughters of the Empire, the Red Cross Society, the Soldiers' Wives League, the Patriotic Citizens' Committee and the Belgian Relief Committee until quarter past nine. Tickets may be purchased at Ritchie's or E. G. Nelson's on King street.

SPECIALS IN FOUR DEPARTMENTS
AT M. R. A.'S FOR THIS
MORNING.

That interest is being taken in these morning sales is evidenced by the increasing number of shoppers who are taking advantage of the sale. In this instance the special offered are all suitable for Christmas giving, kimono velours and Homalla fannel waistings in Wash Goods Department; aviation or elder wool yarn in the Lace Department; baby Irish lace border center pieces at Front Store Counter, and embroidered table covers of natural linen in the Needlework Department. The sale will commence at 9 o'clock and end promptly at 1 p. m. All of the items are at bargain prices and it will be worth while coming during the forenoon in order to get them.

CONCERNING GENERAL HUGHES
AT IMPERIAL.

There will be the usual two shows at the Imperial Theatre this afternoon when Robert Edson will be seen in Stewart Edward White's "The Call of the North," but only one show in the evening. The evening show will commence at 7 o'clock as usual and will terminate about 8:45. After 9 o'clock the theatre will be given over to the Women's Canadian Club who will listen to an address from Major General Hughes, Minister of Militia. This will be a public meeting save that the lower floor is to be filled with persons holding special tickets dispensed under the supervision of the Canadian Club. "The Call of the North" is to be a truly wonderful production and will be continued on Thursday. The Miniature Musicals of the Minelochs Four made another splendid impression yesterday.

AN ATTRACTIVE STORE.

One of the most attractive stores in the city to visit at the present time is F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. In their large premises they are looking for bigger business, and every department is overflowing with the most attractive and desirable Christmas gifts that can be found. The store and goods have an appearance of Christmas, especially those that are daintily boxed and ribboned. Their wonderful display of linen products is calling forth admiration from all of the ladies. The assortment is without doubt the best to be seen in the Maritime Provinces.

All the seats on the upper floor will be open to the public and after nine fifteen any seat on the lower floor not occupied.

Some Facts About Minister.

Hon. Sam Hughes, who will be the guest of the evening, and who is expected to make a brief public address, has long been one of the most outstanding figures in the public life of Canada, and his position as Minister of Militia and Defence during the present Imperial crisis has made him even more prominent.

Major General Hughes was for some years a newspaper man. He took part in the military display in London, England, in connection with the celebration of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee in 1897. He visited New Zealand, Australia, and the Fiji Islands in the interests of colonial assistance in Imperial wars in 1897-8. He served in the Penan Raid in 1870 and received the general service medal. In 1898-1900 he took part in the Boer war, and rose to be assistant to the Col. Wynter on transport to Modder River.

After that he became assistant to Inspector General Sir H. H. Settle on lines of communication traveling all rail routes through South Africa and was chief of intelligence staff to everybody. Sir Charles Warren in the Transvaal campaign, May and July, 1901. He commanded the mounted brigade in the attack on and capture of Douglas and Orpen Heights, being mentioned in the despatches; also in the attack on Orpen Heights when he was mentioned in the despatches. He took part in the operations around Koops Mts., at Twerfontein, Knofffontein and Campbell. He commanded an advance force into Bechuanaland, capturing 300 Boers near Kurman and an immense stock of animals and munitions of war in June, 1900, being again noticed in the despatches.

In 1900 he was made assistant Adjutant General of the South African field forces and was promoted to the rank of colonel in 1902.

Major General Hughes has held many offices in Canada. In 1911 he was sworn in as Minister of Militia and Defence in the Borden Cabinet. He believes in one great Imperial Parliament, in which men of England, of Canada, India and Australia may gather.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a political opponent, has said of him: "Col. Hughes has done more in his life and generation for the upbuilding of the militia in Canada and the Empire than other men."

SIMONDS ELECTORS TO
MEET.

Conservative Electors of the Parish of Simonds, District No. 3, are requested to meet at Mayall's on the Loch Lomond Road, on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., at 8 o'clock, to elect officers and delegates.

G. FRED STEPHENSON, Chairman.

JAS. W. WILLIS, Secretary.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THE
BARGAIN AT THE HENDER-
SON & HUNT STORE THIS
WEEK.

Our "Discontinuation Sale" offers you an unusual chance to supply your winter needs at remarkable saving. Donaldson Hunt, 17-19 Charlotte street.

Simonds Electors to Meet.

The Conservative electors of Simonds No. 3 will meet in Mayall's, Loch Lomond Road, tomorrow evening at eight o'clock to elect officers and delegates. The meeting will take the form of a smoker and will be addressed by Commissioner R. W. Wigmore, John B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P., P., Thomas B. Carson, M. P., P., H. Colby Smith and others.

Macaulay Bros. and Co. wish to announce that their stores will remain open each evening until 10 o'clock commencing tomorrow, Thursday, continuing until Xmas for the benefit of their customers who are unable to do their shopping in the day time.

ASK FOR THEM.

Take an interest in boosting your home town—wear shoes made in St. John. See that they are stamped "Humphrey's Solids," or "Humphrey's Goodyear Welts" on the soles.

ST. JOHN BOYS.
When school boys in this city want new shoes it is only natural for them to think of "Humphrey's Solids."

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Not toys, but Tools—Tools of real practical value—of good quality and which will prove useful and amusing to boys of all ages.

To a well equipped Tool Chest many a boy owes the development of his mechanical ability and the start of a successful career in the field for which nature intended him.

Our English Tool Chests contain more and better Tools than ordinary ones at the same prices, and in each is placed an illustrated book of instructions.

Prices range from 75 cts. to \$13.50
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SLATER SHOE
STORE

to be closed up



BIG SALE
NOW ON

A Good Time for Bargains

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 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. | |
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| Basket Balls | \$2.00 to \$6.00 |
| Basket Ball Goals | \$5.00 |
| Punch Bags | \$1.50 to \$7.50 |
| Punch Bag Platforms | \$8.00 |
| Sallyard's Hockey Sticks | 10c. to 60c. |
| 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.

Specials in Four Departments for This Morning

These special are appropriate for Christmas Gifts and as they are specially reduced to appeal to morning shoppers it will be necessary to come early to get them. The sale will start at nine o'clock and be in force until one p. m. and no longer. The following items are all offered at reduced prices only from nine until one o'clock:

| IN WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT. | |
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| Kimono Velours, wide width | Sale price, yard 36c. and 41c. |
| Homalla Flannel Waistings | Sale price, yard 39c. |
| IN LACE DEPARTMENT | |
| Aviation or Elder Wool Yarn, sixteen skeins in box | Sale price, per box, 50c. |
| AT THE FRONT STORE COUNTER BABY IRISH LACE BORDERED PIECES | |
| 24 inch round | Sale price, each \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.40, \$2.75 |
| 36 inch round | Sale price, each \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 |
| 32 inch square | Sale price, each \$2.20 |
| 36 inch square | Sale price, each \$2.00, \$2.90, \$4.00 |
| IN THE NEEDLEWORK DEPARTMENT | |
| Embroidered Tablecovers of Natural Linen | Sale price, each 30c., 40c., 50c., 60c., \$1.25 |

VISIT THE CHRISTMAS SHOW ROOM

Dainty Handkerchiefs for Christmas Gifts

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| Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs—18 and 14 inch hem. Doz. \$1.65 to \$4.10. Each 15c. | Colored Bordered Glove Handkerchiefs—Each 15c. | English Thread Handkerchiefs—Each \$2.65 to \$5.00. |
| Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs—With embroidered corners, 14 to 12 inch hem. Doz. \$1.75 to \$8.50. Each 15c. to 30c. | Colored Bordered Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs—Each 35c. | Carriack-Ma-Cross Handkerchiefs—Each \$2.10. |
| Initial Handkerchiefs—Dozen \$1.80, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.95. Each 15c., 20c., 25c., 35c. | Armenian Lace Handkerchiefs—Each 25c. to \$2.25. | Baby Irish Lace Handkerchiefs—Each 25c. to 50c. |
| Madeira Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs—Each 50c. to \$1.45. | Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs—Each 85c. to \$4.35. | Children's Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs—Ea. 5c. to 20c. |
| | Cluny Lace Handkerchiefs—Each \$1.35 to \$11.85. | Children's Colored Handkerchiefs—Embroidered corners—Each 12c. to 30c. |
| | Real Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs—Each \$6.50 to \$8.50. | Children's Linen Handkerchiefs—Each 20c. to 25c. |
| | | Odd lots from 5c. each. |

HANDKERCHIEF DEPARTMENT—FRONT STORE.

CHRISTMAS RIBBONS

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| RIBBONS—In Roman and Bayadere stripes; widths from 5 to 8 inches. Yard 25c. to \$1.50. | EMBOSSED VELVET RIBBONS—2½ to 9 inches. Yard | BLACK AND COLORED RIBBONS—In velvet all widths. |
| RIBBONS—In Dresden, Tapestry and Floral designs, light and dark mixtures, some with metal effects, suitable for Girdles, Dress Trimmings and Millinery; 5 to 11 inches wide. | 1 to 2 inches wide. Yard | MILLINERY BANDINGS—In gilt and silver; 1 to 2 inches wide. Yard |
| Per yard | 35c. to \$4.50 | WASH AND LINGERIE RIBBONS—In plain, spot and fancy effects. |
| "DOROTHY" DAINTY HAIR AND SASH RIBBONS to match, many new designs. Yard 60c. to \$1.70. | | TRICOLOR—¼ to 8 inches wide. |
| RIBBONS—In black and white. | | SILK ELASTIC BELTING. |
| RIBBONS—In stripes and checks. | | FLORAL ACCESSORIES TO WEAR WITH THE NEW COSTUMES. |
| MOIRE RIBBONS, SATIN AND GROS GRAIN RIBBONS—All widths and colors. | | New Corsets, Epaulet Bouquets, Single and Cluster Roses, Gift Gun Metal and Velvet Flowers, Violets in Boxes. |

RIBBON DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

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