

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Strong winds and gales, mostly westerly and decreasing in force; clearing and becoming a little colder. Washington, Dec. 22—Forecast: Northern New England—Snow and colder Saturday; Sunday fair, strong west and north-west gales. Toronto, Dec. 22—A disturbance which developed last night on the middle Atlantic coast is now centered near the Bay of Fundy, causing gales with rain in the Maritime Provinces, and a heavy snow-fall in Eastern Ontario and Quebec. In the west the weather has been fair and cold. Temperatures. Min. Max. Prince Rupert... 20 40 Victoria... 24 35 Vancouver... 24 20 Kamloops... 4 20 Calgary... 16 6 Battleford... 10 0 Prince Albert... 6 22 Saskatoon... 11 1 Moose Jaw... 12 0 Regina... 21 2 Winnipeg... 12 2 Port Nelson... 12 8 Parry Sound... 10 18 Toronto... 22 25 Kingston... 20 24 Ottawa... 16 26 Montreal... 20 32 Quebec... 22 32 St. John... 26 40 Halifax... 24 42 Below zero.

Around the City

NO STANDARD MONDAY. On Monday, Christmas Day, The Standard will not be published.

Horse Caught in Trestle. Shortly after six o'clock last night an alarm was rung in from Box 155, corner of Hilyard and Sheriff streets. The firemen responded only to discover a horse caught in the trestle near Hilyard's ship yard. The animal was removed with very little trouble. Evidently the horse had got on the railway track at the Portland street crossing and walked to the trestle.

In Hospital With Fever. C. Dowling of Brantford, Ont., brother of the Rev. F. S. Dowling of St. Andrew's church in this city, who went overseas with the 4th C. M. R.'s but later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, has been admitted to Winchelsea Hospital, suffering from a severe attack of fever. This is the third time Mr. Dowling has been in the hospital, once for three months with a fractured skull, later for three days as a result of a fall from a tree since when his respirator saved his life. In November he was called to the Royal Flying Corps, and while in training was taken with fever.

Council of Board of Trade Meet. The council of the Board of Trade met yesterday morning in the Royal Rooms, Prince William street. A resolution expressing the sympathy of the council with the family of the late P. C. Smith was passed, and a copy will be sent to Mrs. Smith. They endorsed the proposal to collect the mails in the city by automobile under the direct supervision of the post office department. A communication from the Montreal Board of Trade in connection with registration, and one from the Duncan B. C. Board of Trade re nickel refinery in Canada were placed on the table.

LAST DAY COAT BARGAINS. Tremendous reductions prevail on all coats at F. A. Dykeman & Co's on Saturday. They are all this season's garments and some of them having come in late in the season they are the last worn in style and are made from good materials. Prices now run from \$6.95 to \$15.00. They are having a great silk waist sale also which offers an opportunity for a person to get a real nice Christmas present at a very attractive price.

GILMOUR'S TODAY for gifts for men that will carry a frequent remembrance of the giver: Mufflers, Sweaters, Neckties—no man ever said he had too many neckties. 68 King street.

CHRISTMAS FISH. We can supply you with all kinds of fresh fish, also choice oysters for Christmas—Smith Fish Market, 25 Sydney street. Phone Main 1704.

We have said 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 an unique position in regard to Brackett, Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before and we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 79 King street.

Toilet and Manicure Sets in Rolls and Cases, \$1.00 to \$20.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

Thermos and Vacuum Bottles, \$1.19 to \$7.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

LAUNCH VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO FILL UP RANKS OF 165TH

French Acadian Citizens Decide on Systematic Campaign—Major Legere Expresses Appreciation to St. Vincent's Alumni—The Christmas Leave.

The leading Acadian representative of the Maritime Provinces at a conference with Lt.-Col. D'Algie, officer commanding the 165th French-Canadian Battalion, now stationed in St. John, decided to launch a vigorous campaign to fill up the ranks of the battalion. The meeting was held on Thursday evening and was characterized by a spirit of optimism that the ranks of the battalion could be filled up by a systematic recruiting campaign. Major Legere had a conversation with Col. D'Algie over the telephone yesterday and the colonel expressed himself as delighted with the decision of the meeting and the prospects for a successful campaign. Major Legere told The Standard that the battalion's strength at the present time amounted to 750 men and that 300 men were needed to bring the 165th to full strength. "As a part of the campaign the men of the battalion have undertaken to bring in as many new men as possible during the holiday season. It will be the endeavor of each private to secure at least one recruit during his visit home and we are looking forward to satisfactory results from the efforts the men propose to make," said Major Legere.

MUST BE NO CHANGE IN NAME OF KITCHENER TO BERLIN

C. Stuenkel, Prominent Business Man of Ontario Manufacturing Centre, in City, on Business, Says People Aside From Few Agitators are Loyal.

Business in Ontario Was Never Better—Factories Working Night and Day—Further Development is Expected

"The people of Kitchener will not tolerate a change in the name of Ontario's busy industrial centre to Berlin," said E. G. Stuenkel of the Canadian Consolidated Felt Company, Ltd., who was in the city on a business trip yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. "Aside from a few agitators, the German population of Kitchener is as loyal as the people of any other section of Canada," continued Mr. Stuenkel. "The Citizens' League are the moving spirits in the campaign to change the name. These were the same body of men who so earnestly fought the proposed change in the first instance, but who were unsuccessful in their efforts to defeat the bill before the Ontario House, authorizing the taking of a plebiscite. They again sought to defeat the wishes of the people, expressed at the polls by urging their customers in different parts of the Dominion to address them 'Berlin' instead of Kitchener. 'The Citizens' League have gone so far as to threaten to turn out the City Council if the members of that body would not agree to change the name. They refused all offers from our citizens to come to an amicable settlement of the matter. 'Considering the fact that a large number of the Germans in Berlin have enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and that many have laid down their lives in the cause of civilization we do not appreciate the actions of the members of the Citizens' League, so called. These men may not be actuated by pro-German sentiments, but I would not describe their conduct as being proper in the present great national crisis. I am a son of a German myself, but I can tell you frankly that I am wholeheartedly in sympathy with the cause of the Allies in the present war—the cause of democracy as opposed to Prussian autocracy. Mr. Stuenkel said that business conditions in Kitchener were never better than at the present time. Factories were working night and day. His own company operated three plants, two in Kitchener and one in Elmira, about twelve miles from Kitchener.

LOYAL N. B. IRISHMEN RESENT NATIONAL HIBERNIAN ARTICLE

A past provincial president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has repudiated the effusions appearing in the National Hibernian and wants that paper excluded from the mails of Canada. "The Postmaster-General of Canada should take immediate steps to prevent the coming into Canada of the National Hibernian, a monthly newspaper published at Camden, N. J., and purporting to speak for the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary of that order," said the gentleman in question, who is a well known St. John member of the order, and an occupant of the position of provincial president on two distinct occasions. Continuing he said: "Although the Canadian Hibernians have protested against the publication of pro-German utterances in a newspaper which pretends to speak for the members of the A. O. H. of America, the National Hibernian continues its nefarious work of attempting to create hatred towards Great Britain and her allies. The most offensive article I have yet read in that paper is one appearing in the current issue under the caption: 'Ireland and the European war—a philosophic analysis of conditions affecting Ireland and its future.' It is written by the Rev. James F. Cassidy, who, no doubt, is a Catholic priest. The article occupies over three columns of space in the paper. 'There is no reason why Irishmen in the United States should not sympathize with Germany if they want to. That is their own business, although like Irishmen in Canada they should know that England and her allies are fighting for the principles of Christianity as opposed to the doctrine that might is right. But there is every objection to their views being circulated through the Canadian mails for distribution among Canadian Hibernians. As a matter of fact the Hibernians of Canada are as loyal as any other of the King's subjects. In common with men of other races and creeds they have willingly consecrated their lives to the service of the Empire in the present great war crisis, but the writer of the Hibernian article seeks to make it appear that Irishmen throughout the British Empire and in other parts of the world have no sympathy with England and her allies. 'Rev. James F. Cassidy, the writer of the article, seems to have forgotten that his church teaches and places above every other virtue loyalty to one's country as the highest of all virtues. He seems to have forgotten that with an Irishman in every part of the Empire devotion to the flag under which he lives is his first duty. 'That there are some Irishmen in the United States, who, having no longer any connection with the British Empire, are sympathetic with the Germans, no one can deny who intelligently follows the newspaper reports, but their sympathy with the enemy will disappear as soon as Premier Lloyd George successfully settles the Irish question, as there is no slightest doubt that he will. That great statesman will no doubt fully realize that the German propaganda in the United States seeks to cause dissatisfaction among the Irishmen there and in the mother country, as well as in Canada and Australia, and everywhere else where Irishmen and their descendants are. 'The Hearst newspapers have been excluded from Canadian mails by a prudent administration. That newspapers such as the National Hibernian should also be excluded there is no question, and I may tell you with all sincerity that no people in Canada will be better pleased by its exclusion than the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I may say that prominent members of the order in St. John, Fredericton, Woodstock, Mon-

BLAZE IN DOLAN BLOCK KEPT THE DEPT. BUSY

B. A. Smith, Fish Merchant Sustains Heaviest Loss in Last Night's Fire—Origin of Blaze Unknown.

The three story building owned by Henry Dolan on Union street was slightly damaged last night by fire which broke out at the rear of the store occupied by B. A. Smith, fish dealer. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building is occupied by Henry Dolan, who conducts a liquor business; P. A. Smith, fish dealer, and a shoe shine parlor. The upper part of the building is occupied by Mrs. Bell, who conducts the Stanley Hotel. All the occupants of the building have their losses covered by insurance.

According to Mr. Smith, when he left the store shortly after six o'clock with his son there was very little fire in the store. The cause of the fire, said Mr. Smith, when interviewed last night by The Standard, "may have been due to electric wires."

Owing to the fire being concealed between the walls it was impossible for the firemen to fight the fire as they would have liked to. The fire worked up through the first floor and gained the roof, where the firemen had a better opportunity to cope with the blaze. For the most part the damage was done by water. The furniture and household effects of Mrs. Bell were badly damaged, but it is covered by insurance amounting to \$500.

Mr. Smith is probably the greatest loser, as he had on hand a large stock of goods for the Christmas trade. He carried \$1,000 insurance with R. W. Prink.

The building adjoining the Dolan block, owned by John Hopkins, who conducts a meat business, was also slightly damaged. The stock at the rear of the store suffered by the fall of water. Both the building and stock are fully covered.

The upper part of the Hopkins block is occupied by William Crawley, who also suffered loss from water and smoke.

CHRISTMAS CARD AGENT LEFT CITY IN HURRY

The advantage of buying at home was never so clearly demonstrated to as many prominent citizens as it was this week. About a month ago a house to house canvasser, signing his name as R. Q. Riley, called upon many people in the city soliciting orders for Christmas greeting cards. On each order he requested a payment ranging from fifty to seventy-five cents, and, in some cases, a dollar. Besides the uniformed buyer was to have received his cards on December 10th. But when the day arrived the travelling salesman did not put in an appearance. He was reached by phone later in the week, and in the conversation he stated that the cards had not arrived, but as soon as they came from Toronto he would make delivery. As the cards were purchased for Christmas and the day was swiftly drawing near, the salesman was again called upon the phone. This was on Monday. In reply to the anxious purchaser he replied he would deliver the cards on Tuesday. The next day the "travelling" salesman called at the purchaser's house and told the party that the boy would be delivering the cards in the afternoon and he was collecting the money. With this story he succeeded in relieving several people of amounts ranging from \$1 to \$4. But in the afternoon neither did he or the boy put in an appearance. On Wednesday the whereabouts of the man could not be ascertained. In the meantime the cards were placed under the control of R. G. Dunn & Co., who left them with A. C. Fairweather for distribution. Most of those who purchased cards have been able to secure them from Mr. Fairweather, but in some cases the order had not been sent in, and the purchasers not only are minus the cards but also the amount of money they paid to the agent.

It is understood that one of the victims is contemplating action against the company.

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.

Finest line of Christmas Candles to be found in the city, at The Chocolate Shop, 26-28 Charlotte Street. Also afternoon tea and luncheon at all hours.

Your best souvenirs mounted on Eastman Calendar Mounts make excellent Christmas Gifts, 10c. to 15c., at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

ton and on the North Shore have expressed themselves very strongly against the vicious articles which have been appearing in this Hibernian organ since the war began.

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