

THE WEATHER

Forecast:
Maritime—Northerly winds, fair and colder, likely to be some storms during Thursday.
Washington, Dec. 22.—Northern New England—Cloudy, Wednesday probably followed by rain or snow at night and Thursday; moderate variable becoming south and increasing to gale force.
Toronto, Dec. 22.—A depression, which is developing quickly, is now centred over Alabama; another depression covers Dakota, while a pronounced cold wave is spreading into the western provinces from the northward. Light snowfalls have been general from Alberta to Manitoba and some light falls of snow or sleet have occurred locally in the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	30	32
Victoria	38	42
Vancouver	36	40
Prince Albert	3	8
Medicine Hat	12	22
Winnipeg	12	22
Port Arthur	14	16
Parry Sound	12	26
Ottawa	34	35
Montreal	16	22
Quebec	20	24
St. John	22	24
Halifax	26	38
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Around the City

Condition Serious.

Thomas S. Wilson, the sailor who was injured on the steamship Metagama, was reported early this morning to be still living, but there are some doubts as to his chance of recovery, the injuries to his back being of a serious nature.

Applied for Civic Grant.

At the council meeting yesterday the Associated Charities asked for a grant of \$25 for their work for the coming year. The application was referred to the committee on grants. A communication was read recommending that fishery lots A and B be sold as one lot as it was believed that by so doing a better price would be obtained. This communication was referred to the fisheries committee.

Turkeys Cheaper.

In the local market yesterday meats were on hand in rather large quantities, the quality being generally good, but no material changes in last week's prices were noticeable. Turkey's however, were on the down grade, thirty-two to thirty-five cents per pound being the prevailing prices for the limited quantity on hand.

Presentation to Fireman.

A pleasing event took place in No. 5 fire station on Main street, Monday evening when the permanent men and a number of friends presented John Cunningham, engineer of No. 5 steamers, with a costly pipe. Mr. Cunningham, who is one of the most popular men in the department, was completely taken by surprise and, in a brief address, thanked his friends for their gift.

Liquor Licenses.

Yesterday was the last day for making application for license to sell spirituous liquors in the city during the coming year. More than fifty applications were made for retail licenses, twelve for wholesale, seven for hotel and three for breweries. A new applicant was Harold Harley, C. M. Bewick applied for license for the Dufferin Hotel as did Mrs. E. Foster.

Concert in Armory.

The choir of the Exmouth street Methodist church gave a concert in the armory last night which was much appreciated by the men who were present. The men to the number of between 3 and 4 hundred gathered in the Y. M. C. A. rooms and thoroughly enjoyed the following program: Two anthems by the full choir and solos by Miss Edith Magee, Miss Minnie Myles, Miss Ada Baskin, Mr. Bayard Stillwell, and Mr. E. B. Thomas. At the close of the concert apples were given to the men as they were leaving.

Horse and Wagon Missing.

Yesterday afternoon at two o'clock the horse and express wagon owned by Gordon Allen, was left standing on Germania street, while the driver was attending to some business in one of the stores. When he returned a few minutes later the team was gone. The master was reported to the police and it was learned that two boys were seen driving the horse on King street, also on the north side of the King Square during the afternoon. Up to an early hour this morning the police had found no trace of the stolen team.

Met Several St. John Boys.

Miss Eva Swetka received on Monday last a very interesting letter from her brother William Swetka, who is a member of the Signalling Corps of the 26th, in which he tells of paying a visit to the first division ammunition column. He started out with three others in the morning; on the way he saw Major Thomas Powers, who was looking well and seemed to be enjoying himself. He was in charge of a bus and seemed to be in a hurry. A little further along he saw Capt. George Quimby and had quite a talk with him. He was feeling fine. They met a lot of the boys they knew and had a very pleasant day.

SEES CHANGE FOR BUSINESS WITH CANADA

Representative of Spanish government has been looking into conditions in Dominion.

Senor Ramon Tey, of Torrenia, Spain, who has been in Canada for the last eight months looking into the possibilities for increased trade between the two countries is in the city en route to his home. When seen last night Mr. Tey said he had covered Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and was satisfied that there was a great opportunity for trade between the two countries. The present war has disrupted business between Great Britain, France and Canada to a large extent, and the business men of Spain felt that the time had come for better trade relations between Canada and themselves. He intended to report to his clients that the market was here and only needed opening up. They intend to have a direct steamship service between Balboa, Spain, and Montreal in summer, and Saint John in winter. The principal lines they want to send to Canada are champagne, red wines, cognac, oranges and other fruits, particularly fruits. They would take from this country fish of all kinds, wood pulp and wood for construction purposes, and he believes that in a short time a large trade can be developed between the two countries. They expect to have a line of steamships to be known as the Spanish-Canadian S.S. Company in operation early next spring. Mr. Tey will return to Canada in the spring and travel through the west to study conditions there and open up that market.

FOURTEEN ON ROLL OF HONOR

Good results yesterday in the Recruiting Campaign.

ROLL OF HONOR.

115th Battalion.
Harold C. Priddle, St. John.
William J. Merritt, St. John.
William A. Russell, St. John.
John Barclay, Forburgh, Scotland.
William B. McNutt, Yarmouth, N. S.
George T. Wood, Annapolis, N. S.
Antony Veremchirk, Russia.
Anton Mazur, Russia.
Mike Bohmuk, Russia.
Walter A. Preston, City.
Frederick B. Moulton, City.
Siege Battery.
Francis Gourley, Saint Owens, Jersey.
J. F. Hart, Annapolis.
A. A. Dixon, City.

Things are going with a swing at recruiting headquarters this week, fourteen men being examined and passed yesterday while several others are waiting for examination. The response for this week so far augurs well for the success of the campaign to fill the ranks of the 115th by the end of January.

At last night's meeting M. E. Agar was chairman, the speakers were A. M. Belding and John Condon. Prof. Ford officiated at the piano and Mr. Spencer recited. Mr. Belding was the first speaker. He referred to the records some of the Canadian boys had made and the pride their friends and relatives must naturally feel in their achievements.

Mr. Condon dealt mainly with the history and development of the Empire and claimed that the ideals for which Britain stood were well worth fighting and, if need be, dying for.

"The Spy in the House."
The W. S. Harkins Players present "The Spy in the House" at the Opera House tonight. The performance will be under the patronage of Major Barker and the officers of the Siege Battery. As a special compliment to Major Barker and officers, Miss Irene Gordon of the Harkins Company, who is a graduate of the concert and oratorio stage, and the possessor of a splendid voice, will sing "Till the Boys Come Home." "The Spy in the House" is the play that was presented on Christmas night, a splendid English war drama and one that carries a special appeal at this time. The advance sale for tonight is quite heavy, several theatre parties having secured seats. Some good seats are still to be had. The phone is Main 1363.

OPEN VERDICT ON DEATH OF AUTO VICTIM

Result of Coroner's inquest into circumstances attending fatal accident in King Street.

The enquiry into the death of Miss May Littlefield was held in the court house last night before Coroner W. F. Roberts and after being out for one hour the jury returned the following verdict at 12:30 o'clock this morning: "We, the jury empanelled to enquire into the death of May Littlefield, find that she died at the General Public Hospital on the morning of December 22nd from injuries received by coming in contact with the pavement whilst trying to alight from a runaway taxi-cab."

"We cannot find, from the evidence, that there was any carelessness or negligence on the part of the chauffeur in charge of the car."

(Signed) Charles Clark (foreman), R. Dykeman, W. H. Bell, C. W. Brown, Maurice Coll, Frank O'Regan, Robt. R. Boyer.

Dr. A. F. Emery was the first witness. He testified that on the 21st of December he was called to McDiarmid's drug store on King street and found Miss Littlefield unconscious. He ordered her removed to the hospital. She continued unconscious until about five o'clock in the afternoon when she partly regained consciousness and could talk, but would not tell her name. It was then thought that the case was one of concussion and she had a chance to recover.

On the following morning, Dec. 22nd, she took convulsions and died between nine and ten o'clock. Witness came to the conclusion she had a fracture of the base of the skull.

Clifford S. Williams gave evidence that on the day of the accident, about 1:30 o'clock, he saw a car coming down the south side of King street near Canterbury street. There was a person in the rear seat and no driver. Witness got one foot on the running board but could not get in the car owing to the steering gear being on the left side. The car was gathering speed, but would not tell her name. It was then thought that the case was one of concussion and she had a chance to recover.

Expert Evidence
Walter M. Sherwood of Model Farm testified he repaired automobiles in the Empire garage. Witness was called by the police department and made an examination of the car. He found that the emergency brake does not hold as it should. The front part of the car was broken in and no doubt damaged the brakes so much that he could not tell if the brakes had been properly adjusted before the car was in collision.

To Juror Coll witness said the brake was on when he examined it.
To Juror Bell—The brake on a Ford car should not be trusted on a steep hill as it is so small.

To Juror Brown—Witness had had a big car start on a hill when the brake was set.

To Juror Bell—Witness would always advise turning the wheels towards a curb when left on a hill, also stopping the engine.

Dr. F. T. Dunlop who made a post mortem on the body stated he found a few bruises on the back of the right hand; there was no wound about the face. There was a fracture on the right side of the skull extending to the base. The heart and lungs were normal. The cause of death was due to a fracture of the skull.

The Chauffeur's Story
William James Foster, driver of the car, testified that on the day of the accident he met Miss Littlefield at Miss Eaton's. The passenger asked to be conveyed to the Dominion Express office on King street. On arriving at the office Miss Littlefield gave witness a parcel to take in to the office. He was in the office about six minutes and it was while he was in the office that the car left the place where he had stopped it. When he arrived at the office on King street he turned the wheels of the car towards the curb, put on the emergency brakes and stopped the engine.

There was a team standing behind the car. Witness could not say what started the car. Witness was sure he had left the car in a safe condition, and he never saw the car start before with the brakes on. He had informed Inspector Wickham that there was an express team near the car.

To Juror Brown witness said that he had had repaired the brake two days before the accident.

Inspector Wickham

Police Inspector Wickham said that Foster informed him that there was an express wagon near the car but could give no description of the same, and no further information on the matter could be obtained.
Charles Daniel Mahoney, foreman

J. A. BELVEA, K. C. PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT

Prominent barrister and highly esteemed citizen by whose death city sustains a heavy loss.

Death came suddenly to a prominent citizen of St. John last night when J. A. Belvea, K. C. passed away. Mr. Belvea filled a large place in the affairs of the city and his loss will be keenly felt.

Mr. Belvea was born in Queens county in the year 1850 and was a son of Col. Purdy Belvea. He received his early education in the schools of Queens county and later attended the U. N. B. from which institution he graduated in the year 1871 with the degree of B. A. After his graduation he studied law in the office of the late S. R. Thompson. He was with Mr. Thompson for three years and was admitted as a barrister. He was a partner of the late Sir Frederic Barker for the ten years preceding the latter's elevation to the bench. In the year 1902 a partnership was formed between Mr. Belvea, J. Roy Campbell and the late Dr. Earle under the firm name of Earle, Belvea & Campbell which was dissolved on the death of Dr. Earle in 1910. Since that time Mr. Belvea has practiced alone. In the year 1890 he was appointed K. C., an honor which was well deserved. He served the city one year as common clerk, but preferred private to public life. He leaves to mourn one daughter, Mrs. W. S. Johnson of Montreal. Mr. Johnson is a prominent barrister in this city, and his son, J. C. Belvea, a barrister of this city. Mrs. Belvea predeceased him about ten years. Mr. Belvea was a prominent Conservative. He was one of the leading men in securing commission form of government for St. John, acting as secretary to the Citizens' Committee, and did a great deal of his time while the campaign was on.

Mr. Belvea was of rather a retiring nature, not seeking publicity, but he could always be depended on to do his share in any work to advance the interests of the place in which he lived.

Aged Man Missing.
On Monday afternoon at two o'clock the father of Patrick Durning left his home on Brussels street and up to last midnight no trace of him had been found. The missing man was 83 years of age and the matter has been reported to the police.

Cloth Bargains.
F. A. Dykeman & Co. are selling a lot of heavy, warm winter cloths at less than the manufacturers price. They are suited for ladies' and children's coats, and come in large range of colors. They are all fifty-four inches wide, and the prices run 9¢ cents, \$1.39 and \$1.65. They are worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a yard.

HOW ABOUT TRIAL TRIP OF THE REMINGTON REBUILT?
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BRAYLEY'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS—Cost no more—Yet go further.
Wm. Foster recalled—On the Saturday night previous to the accident witness said he did not drive passengers to Miss Eaton's house. On the day before the accident he drove a sergeant to the house, looking for a couple of deserters. On the day of the accident he did not have a drink of liquor. He had never been intoxicated.

To Juror O'Regan—A person in the rear seat could reach forward and release the brake and turn the steering wheel.
To Juror Brown—There was another taxi cab turned over out the road about six weeks ago and broken up.

William Lobb, foreman for J. Clark & Son, automobile repairers, testified that Foster told him he had put on the brake and turned the wheels to the curb before going in the express office. Witness knew Foster as a careful driver. The brake on the Ford car is a good one if properly looked after.

Clifford Williams recalled said that if the car wheels were turned into the curb it should remain there irrespective of the brakes being on.

This finished the taking of evidence and the jury returned with the verdict as given.

Fire Sale At Thorne's

Goods damaged by water and smoke are now being SOLD AT A DISCOUNT

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ALUMINUM WARE:		Double Bollies.....	\$1.25 each
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Tea Pots.....	\$2.00—\$2.25 each	Tea Kettles.....	\$3.35 each
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