

## THE WEATHER.

## Forecasts.

Maritime—Increasing easterly winds with some snow or rain.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Forecast: Northern New England—Cloudy Friday and Saturday; probably snow, moderate north and northwest winds.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Light snow-falls have occurred today in Western Ontario; elsewhere the weather has been fair.

## Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson .....	26	30
Prince Rupert .....	38	40
Victoria .....	34	38
Vancouver .....	34	38
Kamloops .....	18	24
Regina .....	30	38
Edmonton .....	22	34
Calgary .....	22	34
Winnipeg .....	22	34
Port Arthur .....	20	24
Parry Sound .....	12	24
London .....	25	30
Toronto .....	28	32
Kingsport .....	18	24
Ottawa .....	15	18
Montreal .....	10	12
St. John .....	22	28
Halifax .....	32	38

—Below zero.

## Around the City

**Congratulations to Mr. Berrie.**  
Rev. J. C. Berrie will enter his 77th year on Christmas Day. His friends will be glad to know he is recovering from a recent illness.

## A Queer Combination.

A small boy was taken into custody yesterday on the charge of breaking into a Brunswick street building and stealing a pair of rubber boots and a rooster.

## Police Headquarters Decorated.

The officers in police headquarters were busy yesterday decorating the guard room for the holiday season. The decorations are most artistic and reflect credit on the artists.

## The Assessment Report.

Rev. Dr. Kierstead and Dr. J. Roy Campbell of the Assessment Commission will discuss their report and the proposed changes in the law at a public meeting in the High School building on Tuesday evening next.

## Enemy Samples Away to Halifax.

The enemy sample exhibit was sent to Halifax last night and will be shown there from December 29 until January 2. Mr. Kershaw left for Halifax on Tuesday night last and Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Musson left with the exhibit last night. When the exhibition closes in Halifax the goods will be shipped back to England.

## Safety First Work.

The current issue of the Canadian Government Railway Magazine contains an excellent article by Edward P. McDade, formerly of this city, now assistant to the safety first engineer of the Intercolonial system. The article deals with the advantages of safety on all railway work and makes a strong plea for the exercise of safety methods on the part of all employees.

## The Minto Labor Difficulty.

Major L. P. D. Tilley, director of the National Service, returned yesterday from Minto, where he went to investigate the labor situation in an endeavor to regulate the enlistment of the miners. He told the reporter that he went carefully into the matter with the mine owner and would make recommendations immediately to the director general, R. B. Bennett, K. C., M. P.

## A December Record.

The month of December promises to be a record one for shipping from this port. The berths have been fully occupied all the month and last night one vessel was lying in the stream. One unusual shipment which passed through the port this week was a cargo of raw sugar from the West Indies for Montreal. As a usual thing the refineries at Montreal import enough of the raw material while the St. Lawrence is open to last them until navigation opens again in the spring, but evidently they did not do so this fall. There was between three and four thousand tons in the shipment.

## St. Vincent's School Closing.

The following is the programme for the closing exercises this morning at 10 o'clock to be carried out in the music room of the St. Vincent school: Infants' March; Christmas chorus; presentation of the St. Vincent Alumnae gold medal to Miss Mary M. Chaisson by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc; solo, G. O'Neill; presentation of the Corporation gold medal to Miss Chaisson by His Worship the Mayor; Christmas essay; presentation of Mrs. James Dever's gold medal by the donor, and of the Ellis gold medal, to Miss Chaisson; National Anthem. Friends are invited to be present at the closing.

We have said it before, in fact we have said it many times—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 Bracelet Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before and we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 79 King street.

ONTARIO CAPITAL TO DEVELOP  
BIG NEW BRUNSWICK MINES

L. H. Timmins, Jr., of Timmins Mining Concern, Here to Carry on Exploration of Tungsten Mining Property—Big Development Anticipated.

Another big mining concern from Upper Canada has become interested in the development of the mining areas of New Brunswick. The Messrs. Timmins, millionaire mining men of Montreal, Toronto and Timmins, Ontario, have entered the New Brunswick field and are now busily engaged in carrying on exploration work at the tungsten mines at Burnt Hill, a short distance from Maple Grove on the Miramichi.

## Freeze Property.

This is the mining property that was discovered by the late Mr. Freeze of Doaktown, Northumberland county, father of Walter Freeze of the Doaktown planning mill. It was not until Matthew Lodge of Moncton became interested in the proposition that very much was done in a practical way towards the development of the mines. Messrs. Timmins sent a well known mining engineer, Mr. Porteous, into Burnt Hill more than a month ago and his report to his principals must have been very satisfactory because L. H. Timmins, Jr., arrived here the other day en route to the New Brunswick tungsten mine. A Standard reporter had an interview with Mr. Timmins and Mr. Porteous. Mr. Timmins said at that time had not been to the mine and contented himself with the statement that under a forward mining programme great mineral wealth might be found in this province as has been the case in many of the other provinces. Considering, he said, that this province and Nova Scotia were in such close proximity, and in fact they had originally been one province, and further that it had been established beyond any question of doubt that what is now the province of Nova Scotia had rich minerals, there was no

reason why with proper exploration, with confidence and optimism—a great necessity in mining life—and with capitalists interested that New Brunswick should not come to the front in connection with its valuable mineral deposits. As his people had dealings with the Dominion and New Brunswick governments he would not undertake to make any suggestions, but he was pleased to know that the New Brunswick government contemplated a vigorous mining policy at no distant date.

## Burnt Hill Mine.

Mr. Porteous said that there was tungsten in the Burnt Hill mine. He would not like to say that it was there in paying quantities but he had no hesitancy in saying from what he had seen that he was very hopeful of the future of the mine. The product of the mine has been commandeered for the British government, the intention being that the output shall be used in connection with steel and other war supplies.

Among the mining propositions controlled by the Messrs. Timmins, the father and uncle of L. H. Timmins, Jr., is the Hollinger mine at Timmins, Ontario. This is said to be one of the most valuable gold mines in the world, and while Mr. Timmins, Jr., and Mr. Porteous spoke modestly with regard to it, it is a pretty well known fact that already \$400,000 worth of gold bullion has been taken out of that mine.

The Standard learns that several licenses or leases have been taken out in the vicinity of the mine at Burnt Hill by Frederickton and other people. This is an indication of a vigorous development of our mining areas during the new year.

NEW BRUNSWICK OFFERS GREAT  
VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO  
MEN WILLING TO TILL HER LAND

Secretary James Gilchrist of Farm Settlement Board is Thoroughly Alive to Possibilities—Beans, Onions, Poultry, etc., Hold Great Chances for Profitable Effort

After a pleasant half hour's chat with James Gilchrist, the secretary of the Farm Settlement Board, a Standard reporter came away yesterday afternoon more firmly convinced than ever that the general secretary is one of the biggest optimists the province possesses.

Mr. Gilchrist is thoroughly alive to the great possibilities of New Brunswick and expressed the intention of the board and himself to inaugurate a still more vigorous campaign to place before the outside world our many advantages.

"Nine complete reels of moving picture films, showing the agricultural, industrial, educational, religious and social life of the province have arrived from Montreal. We are planning to have a special exhibition of these pictures on the arrival of my chief, Hon. James A. Munro, from the old country. They will then be widely circulated among the countries of Europe and every effort made to carry out a successful advertising campaign," said Mr. Gilchrist.

"I am now engaged on the preparation of my annual report on the activities of the Farm Settlement Board. Despite the conditions that have been prevalent, due to the great war crisis, we have enjoyed an average year. We have placed a considerable number of native residents and settlers from the west and the United States on farms in the province and all are doing nicely. Many settlers from New Ontario have come to New Brunswick to locate, taking advantage of the provisions of the Farm Settlement Act, while several have located here, independently of the terms of the act. The western settlers are apparently dissatisfied with conditions existing there. They are able to raise a large amount of farm produce, but the trouble is to find a desirable market.

## Planning for Active Year.

"The Farm Settlement Board is already planning an active year for 1917. Independently of the act, it is the intention to introduce illustration settlements, showing to the new settler what can be done along that line. It is hoped to build up typical New Brunswick farms, which will serve as

## 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 Candies to be found in the city, at The Chocolate Shop, 26-28 Charlotte Street. Also afternoon tea and luncheon at all hours.

an illustration of the opportunities existing in this province.

"To my mind there is a great opportunity in this province for special lines of farming, such as the raising of beans. At the present time nearly all the beans consumed in the province are imported and I am firmly convinced that conditions here are equally as favorable, if not more so than in other parts, for bean raising. Land not suitable for mixed farming or general agricultural purposes could be very well utilized in this direction. What is a fact in connection with the opportunity for bean raising is equally true in connection with onions. Good prices prevail in the market for onions and there is no reason why the New Brunswick farmer should not be getting his share.

## Poultry and Small Fruits.

"Again, there is an unlimited market for poultry in the province, and if the people were assured of an abundant supply, there is no reason why this industry should not see big development. In other directions there are also excellent opportunities. Take the raising of small fruits, why the land along the route of the Intercolonial Railway from this city to Moncton, is fully fifty per cent. better than the soil in the Annapolis Valley, which is considered first class fruit growing land, while the beauty of our land is that it can be secured for a comparatively low price. We also plan to further encourage bee culture, fruit farming and the raising of fancy vegetables in which direction there is no doubt New Brunswick has great possibilities."

Mr. Gilchrist said the heavy storm had made it necessary to suspend the inspection of the farm lands of the province with a view of securing suitable farms for the great number of settlers who are expected to come after the present war. On a recent visit to Westmorland county Mr. Gilchrist and his party were forced to walk over twelve miles in a heavy snow storm, and it has been deemed expedient to discontinue the inspection until conditions are more suitable.

## Good Cheer Through the Year.

The useful and seasonable presents in Rubber Boots and Shoes "double the wear in every pair" and Tweed and Rubber surface clothing, for all ages, at ESTEY & CO.'S, Dock street—give good cheer all through the year.

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

## Feast of St. Thomas.

Yesterday the feast of St. Thomas was observed as a holy day in the Anglican churches.

AFTERMATH OF  
RECENT STORM  
ON THE COAST

Marine Agent Chesley Receives Word of Schooner Sunk in St. Mary's Bay and Another on Irish Ledge

J. C. Chesley, agent of marine and fisheries, received a telegram yesterday from the steaming agent at Westport, stating that he sighted a three-masted schooner sunk in St. Mary's Bay. With the government lifeboat Grace L he visited the wreck and found her lying in twenty fathoms of water and four miles south-east of Dartmouth buoy. Southwest Ledge buoy is four miles from position to westward.

A second dispatch was received from Saulterville which reports that a three-masted schooner on Irish Ledge and a man is lashed to the rigging. The wreck is a menace to navigation. Saulterville is about thirty miles from Yarmouth, near the mouth of St. Mary's Bay, and the schooner mentioned in both dispatches is supposed to be one and the same.

The schooner is supposed to be the William Mason, bound from New York for Yarmouth with a cargo of hard coal, and it is thought she has foundered with the loss of all her crew.

When the lifeboat Grace L visited the wreck yesterday morning the name of the schooner could not be seen, it being 120 feet below the surface.

## DEATH OF CHAS. E. FARNHAM

Well Known Citizen Passed Away Yesterday — Had For Many Years Been Engaged in Printing Business.

A large number of friends will hear with much regret of the death of Charles E. Farnham, of 194 Charlotte street. The deceased had not enjoyed good health for some time, but immediate demise was not expected. He had been confined to the house during the past fortnight and hopes had been entertained that he would soon be able to resume work in The Standard composing room, where for a long period he had been engaged in type-setting, a branch of the printer's business in which he had few equals. Charles Farnham, familiarly called "Doc" by his fellow workers, was much liked and will be sadly missed from his old position at the case. Years of service in connection with newspaper activities had enabled him to attain a degree of efficiency that was appreciated by all. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia.

Mr. Farnham, who was sixty-four years of age, was born in Digby, N. S., and was for a time proprietor of the Digby Courier. He came to St. John about twenty-four years ago and was identified with several newspapers here including the Gazette job room, of which he was foreman; the Sun and later The Standard. He had been a member of the Masonic order and of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. He leaves his widow, four sons and three daughters; J. Utley and Charles E., of this city; W. Scott, of Jamaica Plains, and W. E. of Chicago, are the sons, and Mrs. J. A. Brooks, of this city; Mrs. O. F. Vaughan, of Moncton, and Miss Lettie, at home, are the daughters. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, service beginning at 2.30 o'clock.

Last night at a meeting of The Standard chapel a resolution of condolence was passed and ordered to be sent to the family of the deceased.

Thronged with Customers.  
The enlarged premises of F. A. Dykeman & Co., is a place of great attraction for Christmas buyers. They are showing a much more varied stock than usual, and everything that is on display is priced in accordance with the reputation of this store. They have a large range of ladies' and gents' travelling toilet sets, and celluloid brushes and combs. They are also showing a very attractive assortment of real hand painted Nippon and Satsuma China at attractive prices. Hand bags, purses and leather travelling cases.

M. R. A. wish to advertise an extensive showing of the well known Bunny Cortex Nursery Blankets, beautifully finished, soft and warm. Regular crib size, 70c. to \$1.00 each. They come in pink and blue, Nursery Rhyme patterns, Bunny, Teddy Bear, etc., most desirable as a present for baby.—Housefurnishings Department.

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

## PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. O'Reilly has left for Sydney, N. S., to spend a few days. W. T. Inch, of Hampstead, and daughter, Miss Rheta M., of Mount Allison College, arrived in St. John yesterday.

Toilet and Manicure Sets in Rolls and Cases, \$1.00 to \$30.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

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for the Home

Beauty and usefulness find happy combination in our Electric Table Lamps, which form a particularly attractive feature of our Ornamental Brass Section.

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Christmas Gifts that represent the truest spirit of Christmas giving. Beautiful and not extravagant as true Christmas Gifts should be.



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Casserole Dishes \$1.75 to \$8.00	Sugars and Creams, \$6.50 to \$7
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Butter Dishes . . . \$1.75 to \$6.00	Vases . . . . . \$2.75 to \$3.50
Salad Dishes . . . \$4.50 to \$12.00	Spoon Trays . . . \$2.75 to \$3.50
Pickles Dishes . . \$1.75 to \$4.00	Knife Rests . . . \$2.75 to \$3.50
Ton Sets . . . . . \$12.00 to \$25.00	Celery Dishes . . . . . \$3.50
Toilet Sets . . . . \$7.50 to \$12.00	Salt and Pepper Shakers . . .
Cake Baskets . . . \$4.75 to \$8.00	..... \$1.50 to \$3.00

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Fancy Baskets, Shopping Bags, Purse, Handkerchiefs, Plain and Initialed; Gloves, Waists in Pretty Boxes, Bedroom Slippers, Bath Robes, Blankets.

## Velours for Robes.

Apron Lengths, Novelty Silk Mixture Waists, just arrived for Christmas.

## Gifts in Silk Department

Furs, Umbrellas, Blouse Waists, Silks, Corduroys, Velveteens.

## Gifts in Whitewear Department

Kimono, Boudoir Caps, Chemises, Lawn and Fancy Aprons, Silk Shirts and Combinations, Silk and Lawn Skirts.

For the Infants—Shoes, Silk Puffs and Dressing Gowns, Toys, Celluloid Goods in Brush and Comb Sets, Trinket Boxes, etc.

Wool Hug-me-tights for Mother.

## Gifts in the Millinery Dept.

For the Children  
Dolls—Greatly  
Reduced

Best Quality, Reliable Make, Reduced Prices, Character Dolls, Baby Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Flexible, Jointed, very durable, 15c. to \$6.00.

## MECHANICAL GAMES AND TOYS.

British Defense Box, a Wonder Toy Game, containing soldiers, artillery, cavalry, dreadnoughts, and battleships. Special reduction, \$1.25.

Meccano, Builder Toy, \$1.00 to \$12.

Naval War Toys, 75c.

Quacky Doodles and family, now 75c. to \$7.75.

Sandy Andy, an ingenious mechanical toy, Medwood Toys, Locomotives, Autos, Tinker Toy, Tinker Pins, Dolls' Bedsteads, Papeteries and Perfumes.

## Gifts in Christmas Show Room

Novelties in Mahogany, Trays, Bud Vases, Candlesticks, Nut Bowls, Book Rests.

Smokers' Sets, New Pieces in China, Limoges, Minton, Anysey, etc.

Boudoir Lamps, Empire Pattern.

Cut Glass, Silverware, Trays, Brassware, Egyptian Pottery Ornaments, Portable Lamps, Parisian Ivory Manicure and Toilet Sets.

## Gifts in Annex

Stylish Neckwear, Scarfs, Art Needlework, Hosiery, Hair Ribbons, Bash Ribbons, Christmas Ribbons, Tea Cosies, Table Covers, Sofa Cushions, Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes, Cushion Covers, Bedroom Slippers, Fans, Bath Robes, Blankets.

## Gifts in Housefurnishings Dept.

Shirt Waist Boxes, Elderdown Puffs, Fancy Wool Blankets, Sofa Cushions, Screens.

## Gifts in Costume Department

Afternoon and Evening Dresses, Ladies' and Children's Coats, Raincoats, Separate Skirts, Children's Dresses, Children's Sweaters, Cotton House Dresses, Ladies' Sweaters, Wool Spencers, Silk and Woolen Scarfs.

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