

**THE WEATHER.**

Maritime—Fair and very cold.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Forecast: Northern New England—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday. Winds North Atlantic, strong north and northwest.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Fair, very cold weather prevails in all portions of the Dominion, except that light snow is falling over Southern Alberta.

**Temperatures.**

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	40	44
Vancouver	24	44
Battleford	28	0
Prince Albert	40	6
Medicine Hat	4	8
Moose Jaw	38	4
Winnipeg	22	2
Port Arthur	18	4
London	0	17
Toronto	0	17
Kingston	2	9
Ottawa	10	2
Montreal	12	2
Quebec	22	6
St. John	6	2
Halifax	8	8

Below zero.

**Around the City**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION**

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**WHAT THE GLOBE DOES NOT KNOW.**

(St. John Globe.)

According to the Telegraph, one of the speakers at the opposition convention on Wednesday said the Globe newspaper knew that Mr. Baxter dictated this bill (the Foreshores bill). The statement is deliberately false. The Globe neither knows who dictated the Foreshores bill, nor who prepared the spurious Rothesay voters' lists.

**Drunk and Disorderly.**

Thursday evening James Smith was given in charge of the police by Captain F. L. Peters on the charge of having been drunk and disorderly in the Armory.

**Boisterous Sailors.**

Thursday night Patrolmen Kane and Young were called on board the Norwegian bark Jona at the McLeod wharf to quell a disturbance a number of sailors were creating.

**Christmas Drunks.**

In addition to the other arrests on Thursday afternoon and night the police managed to gather in five common drunks. There should be quite a bunch full in the police court this morning.

**New Companies.**

Applications have been made for letters patent incorporating the Frederick Barrel and Box Milling Company Limited with a capital stock of \$9,900 and the Equitable Realty Company Limited with a capital stock of \$260,000.

**Had Liquor and Perfume.**

Thursday night Angus McDonald had obtained too much liquor for his own good and was accordingly arrested by Deputy Chief Jenkins for being drunk and profane on Union street. When searched Angus was found to be pretty well provided as he had a party bottle of liquor and a full bottle of perfume.

**Found Lying Drunk.**

Thursday night, while the weather was bitterly cold, William McAfee had a narrow escape from being frozen to death. Word had been sent to the central police station that man was drunk on the Westmorland road and Patrolman Armstrong, responding to the call, found McAfee lying drunk on the road and placed him under arrest.

**Christmas Eve Wedding.**

An interesting event took place on Christmas Eve at the residence of James McCavour, of Lunenburg, his daughter, Rachel Vera, was united in marriage to James Leslie Ferguson, son of J. K. Ferguson, also of Lunenburg. Rev. W. W. Malcolm performed the ceremony. A large number of friends and relatives of the happy couple attended the wedding.

**Jail Prisoners Fared Well.**

The 45 male and female prisoners in the County Jail enjoyed one great big real good dinner yesterday. There were no turkeys or chicken but the prisoners enjoyed a good hot and well cooked dinner of roast beef, cranberry sauce, vegetables, fruit and candy. They all ate heartily and found it a great change from bread and tea, and perhaps some soup, the usual diet.

**Few Travellers in Town.**

Christmas was a rather quiet day at the local hotels. Special dinners were served, and the guests were presented with souvenir menus, which were tastefully gotten up, though not as elaborate as in former years. There were very few people from other parts of the province at the hotels for Christmas.

**New Justices.**

The following appointments as Justices of the Peace are recorded: Restigouche county, J. E. McCollum; city and county of St. John, Albert E. Marsie, Frederick C. McLean, Richard H. Dockrill, Arthur O. Dawson, Thomas Malcolm McAvity, James L. McAvity and Charles Ira Dunfield; York county, Clyde Lawson, Bruce A. Ingraham, Atwood T. McKay, William H. Harrison and George Edward Gamblin.

**SIMONDS NO. 3.**

The Local Government Supporters of Simonds No. 3, will meet at May, all on Monday next at eight p.m. G. Fred Stephenson, Chairman.

**THE CHURCHES BEEDEVILENT SPIRIT MARKS THE OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS**

**Methodists in Centenary and Baptists in Leinster Street—Good sermons. St. John people celebrate old-fashioned Christmas, and make abundant provision to carry good cheer to poor and unfortunate — Salvation Army plays Santa Claus.**

Christmas Day was celebrated in the home of the churches yesterday. The Methodists of the city assembled in Centenary, and the Baptists in the Leinster street church.

All services were largely attended and special music was rendered at each.

The sermons dealt with the Christmas theme and were ably presented. In Leinster street Baptist church Rev. H. R. Boyer, M. S. T. preached. Rev. Dr. Helme gave the invocation. The Scripture reading was by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, and Rev. J. D. MacPherson offered prayer. Miss Audrey Mullin heard in a solo and a male quartette also gave a selection. Rev. H. R. Boyer in his sermon said:

In a leading editorial, in a prominent religious journal, last week, the Editor said: "We know how hard it is going to be to celebrate Christmas joyously, when so many millions will seem not only a mockery, but a irony, but a funeral day." That editorial expresses the thought that has been in the minds of thoughtful Christians during the past days. The joy incident to Christmas are subdued, as we meditate upon the awful tragedy that today fronts the world. It is a far cry, indeed, from the principles which the Child Jesus came to establish in the world, and that are in our hearts and minds at Christmas tide, and the lowering war clouds, with their accompanying thunders, despair, guilt, misery and death.

But shall we, because of this, allow Christmas to pass by unheeded? Are there no reasons why we should celebrate Christmas this year? We believe that growing out of the present situation, there are certain reasons, clear-cut and well defined, why we should this year celebrate the advent of Jesus Christ, and celebrate it with profound gratitude. We will concern ourselves first with a consideration of why Christmas should be observed in this time of world tragedy. First, the world is receiving a notable object lesson on national honor. Not only will the sons of Britain, in future years, look back with pride on the position taken by the Empire's leaders during the early days of the crisis, and the later decision reached, but because of Britain's stand treaties made between nations will be honored as never before, and a higher standard of international ethics will be inaugurated. For Britain's pledge had back of it "The Nation's Honor," whence came this national ideal? Almost two thousand years ago, there came to the world a babe, Jesus was His name. The grandest of all religions was born that day; the religion for which the Christian church stands.

Unconsciously there has been wrought into the warp and woof of Britain's national life something of the principles of the Kingdom, Jesus came to establish.

The ships that had left our ports carrying succor to the poor people of unhappy Belgium were due to the spirit of love established by Christ.

Rev. Mr. Boyer referred to the contribution of doctors, nurses and supplies given by the people of the United States and this too showed the spirit of Christ.

Christianity had also quickened and moral conscience, for there had been protest against the shelling of defenceless towns. This in itself showed that Christianity had made great strides.

The progress of the war had shown that the brotherhood of man was a reality. Christmas had taught us not to despair because of the warfare of nations for God only had always wrought some good and the world purged and made better by the war now being waged would rise to a higher moral level.

During the past decade there had been statements made concerning the lack of interest taken in religious matters by the people. This most gigantic struggle now under way had made a change. The people were flocking to the churches. Men began to meditate upon the deeper things of life and their minds naturally turned to religion. A mighty religious awakening was predicted by the speaker.

The first lesson learned, as we stood in awe before the manger where the Christ child was cradled as the supremacy of love among human virtues and the great need of love in the relations of life.

The lesson learned as we gaze on the Christ Child is the priceless value of the human soul.

The third lesson was that the true ideal of life was not dominion and power but human character wrought out in the individual and wrought in the fibre of the nations.

The Methodists of the city met in Centenary church at eleven o'clock and members of all the city churches were present. Rev. H. E. Thomas conducted the service. The choir of Centenary was present and Mr. Skelton sang a solo.

Rev. Hammond Johnson preached the sermon. He took his text from the tenth chapter of John in the words: "I am come that ye might have life." Rev. Mr. Johnston told the story of the coming of Christ and pointed out the many things modern people would have missed had Christ not come to earth. The loss to civilization would have been enormous. Song would have been bereft of much that satisfies, and literature would have lost many high and inspiring works. All through the human family the life of Christ has cast its influence to some extent at least.

Then our hope of immortality would have been comparatively nothing if immortality more sure and its meaning into the hearts of men.

The collection, which amounted to about \$35, will be given to the Belgian fund.

**WILL HOLD A RALLY.**

There will be a grand rally of Hon. Mr. Baxter's friends and supporters in Beausfield at the local government committee rooms, 19 Dufferin Row, on Tuesday evening. Addresses will be delivered by Hon. Mr. Baxter, Hon. John E. Wilson, C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A. and others.

With bright skies, a mantle of snow on the ground, little wind and a temperature sufficiently bracing, all the conditions were favorable for the celebration of an old-fashioned Christmas in St. John, and the people generally observed the day in an old-fashioned way, and perhaps with more solemnity than usual. Although it was decidedly cold during the morning the church services which marked the day were usually well attended.

In the afternoon and evening the places of amusement were well patronized, but there were few people about the streets except when on their way to or from the amusements houses. A great many people spent the most of the day in their homes indulging in the joys of a family reunion, and helping the children make the best of the day.

A large crowd of younger people went out to Lily Lake to enjoy the skating there, and there were good crowds at the city rinks. The Opera House did a good business, and at the moving picture houses, nearly all of which had special Christmas programmes, there were full houses at every performance.

Special arrangements were made by the Women's Canadian Club for providing the soldiers remaining in the city with Christmas dinner, and these were ample for all requirements.

The Salvation Army and other organizations which annually assume the task of carrying some of the spirit of Christmas to the poor or unfortunate carried out successfully their usual plans for the distribution of Christmas cheer. These messengers of good will bearing Christmas food and gifts visited the homes of the poor, the jail and other institutions, and brought glad smiles to the faces of many who might otherwise have had a dull Christmas.

It is interesting to note that the demands made upon the Salvation Army this year in the matter of providing Christmas cheer for homeless men at the Metropole were much less than usual. Only 27 men took advantage of the opportunity to secure a hearty Christmas dinner at the Metropole, whereas as the institution usually feeds twice or three times that number at Christmas. It was explained that the remount boats had picked up a lot of men who have been in the habit of hanging around St. John in previous winters, and that though there are a number of unfortunate men here who are "on their uppers" the number is not one-third what it was this time last year.

In addition to providing a hearty dinner at the Metropole Adjutant Cummings distributed forty-two bags of food, candies, nuts, apples, among the prisoners at the jail. These bags weighed 270 pounds.

While, however, the Metropole features of the Christmas work of the Salvation Army was less than usual, officers of the army report that they found a good many homes where real distress existed and that their house to house distribution was larger than usual. This year the army delivered 135 baskets of provisions and gifts to poor homes, and in addition to this were able to contribute over 100 pair of shoes to children. This is the first year they have distributed shoes.

Brigadier Taylor stated last evening that while full returns had not been made of the contributions made by citizens towards helping the army in its work, he thought they would be about up to the average. This is very gratifying considering the conditions in the city and the many demands which have been made upon the generosity of the people," he said.

**Xmas Tree For Children**

The Salvation Army claret in Charlotte street was the scene, last evening, of a joyous gathering of children, plans for whose entertainment had been arranged for by the officers of the different city corps under the direction of Brigadier Taylor. Santa Claus was there with all kinds of good things, fruit, candy, and other articles for consumption, being in abundance.

There was a Christmas tree, as well, laden with toys and useful presents for the youngsters. In addition to the other features, a lantern entertainment was given, the views being explained in an interesting way. Everybody present, including a few grown-ups, was delighted with the good time had, and it will be long remembered by many.

**Boys' Industrial Home**

Dinner of the proper Christmas type was supplied to the boys of the Industrial Home at Crouchville, thirty-two being provided with an excellent repast by the governors of the home. The general arrangements were in charge of Superintendent and Mrs. MacDonald. Throughout the day the boys were well entertained and spent a happy time. The closing exercises will be held next week when it is expected that most of the governors, with other prominent citizens, will be present. The day chosen for this annual function will be announced when it has been decided upon.

**Soldiers at Hospital.**

The soldiers on the sick list at the General Public Hospital were not forgotten yesterday. Some of the ladies of the Women's Canadian Club visited that institution, taking with them various articles for presentation to the men. Other articles had been previously forwarded to the hospital through the agency of the club, including a case of oranges.

**Donation for Christmas.**

The treasurer of the Associated Charities has received from the Woodman a cheque for \$25, this being the usual sum annually donated by her for special purposes in connection with the Christmas work of that organization. The treasurer desires to express the thanks of the association for this generous donation.

**Presentations.**

Edward Willis, who was messenger in the Customs House, and who left

the service to go to the front in the Army Service Corps, was presented Wednesday by the staff of the Customs House with a gold wrist watch and \$25 in cash. Collector Dunn made the presentation. Mr. Willis thanked the donors very cordially. Several of the staff spoke, and Mr. Willis was loudly cheered.

At the Royal Hotel, the manager, Thomas Reynolds, was presented with a handsome chair by the staff and the employees received cash presents from the management.

At the Victoria Hotel, A. M. Philips, the manager, was presented with a smoking set and Mrs. Philips was the recipient of a foot-warmer for a similar set. The employees of the hotel presented the manager with a gift of the staff were given cash presents.

At the Dufferin Hotel the manager, F. C. Giesse, was presented by the staff of the hotel with a drop light and silver shaving cup. The management of the hotel presented all the married employees with a turkey and made cash gifts to the others.

Miss Edna Leonard, Duke street, was presented this afternoon with a beautiful cut glass vase by members of the boys' business men's and senior gymnasium classes at the Y.M.C.A. The men and boys composing these classes took this opportunity of expressing their appreciation for the services of Miss Leonard has rendered them by officiating at the piano during their drills.

The men in the Y.M.C.A. dormitory on Christmas Eve very pleasantly remembered the janitorial staff of that institution with much appreciated gifts. Frank Christopher, Thomas Bird and Mrs. G. J. Cochrane, matron, composed the staff.

The management of the St. John Railway Company extended Christmas greetings to their employees in the form of turkeys. Two hundred and sixty birds, the combined weight of which exceeded one ton, were thus dispensed.

The employees of the National Drug and Chemical Co. were remembered by the management with turkeys and other gifts.

**CONSERVATIVES REMEMBERED EDW. J. NEVE**

**Beaconsfield Conservative Club made presentation — Hon. Mr. Baxter present.**

A pleasing incident took place in the Conservative Club rooms, Beaconsfield, Christmas eve, when Edward J. Neve, who donated the club room property to the club and who for thirty years has been actively engaged in the interests of the Conservative party and for many years was general chairman for the Parish of Lancaster, was presented with a handsome electric reading lamp by the members of the executive of the Beaconsfield Conservative Club. The presentation was made by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., who referred to the fine record of Mr. Neve and his interests in the advancement of the Conservative cause in Lancaster. Mr. Neve has worked faithfully and to him was due in a great measure the success of the Conservatives in that parish. Mr. Neve had been instrumental in bringing before the electors the different progressive measures of the Conservatives.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, was unable to be present but a letter from him was read. He spoke in the highest terms of the faithful service of Mr. Neve and the excellent work done by him. Mr. Hazen expressed his appreciation of the gift of the club room property. Reference was also made to the good work of William Riddick, who had been active with Mr. Neve in the interests of the party.

Short speeches were also made by G. Earle Logan, H. Colby Smith, Charles O. Morris, Fred Henderson, George M. Ballie, Luther B. Smith, George E. Dawes, Charles Morrison, John A. Barry, S. Murray Beattie and William Riddick.

**Too "Smooth" for Dobbin.**

About 3.30 o'clock Thursday afternoon a horse owned by Thomas Graham, and which was smooth shod, slipped and fell on the corner of King and Charlotte streets. The horse could not stand on the ice so willing hands loaded it on a sled and the animal was hauled to Sydney street where the footing was better and then Mr. Horse stood up and was able to be driven home.

**LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.**

The prizes given by C. W. Tins, during his Christmas sale of jewelry, at 13 Waterloo street, have been awarded to the following persons:

Miss Sadie McDermid, snow shoes, ticket No. 200.

W. H. Orchard, cuff links, ticket No. 175.

Not drawn, brooch pin, ticket No. 150.

Name not known, pipe, ticket No. 125.

E. G. Allan, scarf pin, ticket No. 100.

Not drawn, tie, ticket No. 100.

Miss Sadie McDermid, snow shoes, ticket No. 200.

W. H. Orchard, cuff links, ticket No. 175.

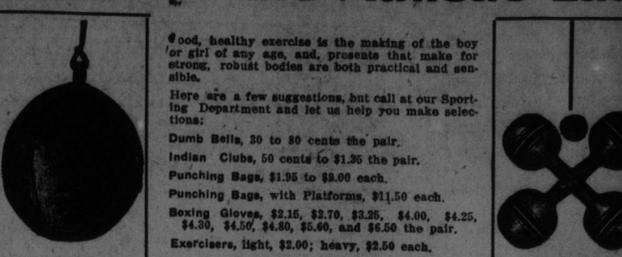
Not drawn, brooch pin, ticket No. 150.

Name not known, pipe, ticket No. 125.

E. G. Allan, scarf pin, ticket No. 100.

Not drawn, tie, ticket No. 100.

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