

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast, Jan. 6.—Light snow falls have occurred today in the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

St. John	36	15
Dawson	44	20
Prince Rupert	34	40
Victoria	34	42
Edmonton	34	42
Winnipeg	34	42
Regina	34	42
Winnipeg	34	42
White River	34	42
London	34	42
Toronto	34	42
Ottawa	34	42
Montreal	34	42
Quebec	34	42
Halifax	34	42

Below zero.

Merit—Decreasing north-easterly winds and quite cold. Northern New England. Fair and continued cold Friday. Saturday cloudy and warmer, fresh southwest winds, shifting to southerly Friday afternoon.

## AROUND THE CITY

**CROWDS ENJOY SKATING.**  
The cold weather did not deter a large crowd of young folks from enjoying the splendid sheets of ice on the South End and East End open air rinks last night.

**SAILED FOR LIVERPOOL.**  
The Metagama sailed for Liverpool at 3 o'clock last night, carrying 400 passengers and a general cargo. The Pretoria will sail tonight for Glasgow with a general cargo and about 300 passengers.

**WEEK OF PRAYER.**  
The topic for the Week of Prayer services yesterday was "Foreign Missions." Meetings were held at the following churches:—Knox, Central, Victoria street, and First Presbyterian.

**MEMORIAL TO COSSAR BOYS.**  
H. McGrath and Sons, Sydney street, have erected a large monument of black granite in memory of the boys of Cossar Farm, nine of whom were killed in the Great War. These boys all came from Scotland and were farming at Cossar Farm, Gagetown, N. B.

**GAS MAIN BREAK.**  
A bad break in the gas main was discovered yesterday at the corner of Wentworth and Mecklenburg streets. Men were immediately set to work making repairs. Gas was shut off in radius of two blocks, affecting about half dozen houses about 2 o'clock, and will be turned on again at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

**DOCKS THIS MORNING.**  
The St. John, C. P. O. S. liner, is expected to dock at 10 o'clock this morning, coming from Antwerp. The Empress of Britain, from east reports, is expected to reach here some tonight, but will probably not dock before Saturday morning. The Empress has 1,500 passengers, mails and a general cargo.

**LIVE DEAD ONE.**  
A rumor was circulated about the city last evening that His Worship Mayor Schofield had suddenly dropped dead in his home. An enquiry at the Mayor's residence secured the good news that the report was totally unfounded. Those who attend the next session of the city council will have no difficulty in ascertaining that the first citizen is very much alive and going strong.

**POLICE KEPT BUSY.**  
Seven arrests were made by the police yesterday afternoon and evening. George MacDonald was arrested on suspicion of holding up the proprietor of the King Cafe and stealing \$70 from the cash register on the morning of January 2. Daniel Foote was held for investigation and a charge of being an accomplice may be lodged against him. Sergeant-Major Wood, the alleged fraudster, was arrested by the detective department. His military record will be investigated.

**ORPHANS WELL REMEMBERED.**  
It was stated at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Board of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, that the donations this year for Christmas are good both in money and gifts more than the institution had ever received. Mrs. F. W. Murray presided, and a new member of the Board, Mrs. R. Taylor, was welcomed. Miss Hayward was appointed visitor for next month. A list of donations received for the Christmas tree was read and gratitude expressed for the generous contributions.

## Police Officers Working Hard

**Under Certain Circumstances Police and Detective Force Are Showing Results.**

Chief of Police Smith, his constables and his staff are working overtime and are obtaining results in the taking in to custody of persons wanted for criminal offences. The arrest of George Drew for assault on the little Northrup girls, the taking into custody of the alleged father, Victor Cross, and the arrest of the supposed gun men who held up the Chinese cafe proprietor, along with a number of other cases dealt with in the past few days, are being well and deserve every credit on the efficiency that one and all display in the carrying out of their duty. They are working night and day and are doing more than could be expected.

## Alleged Hold-Up Man Arrested

**Chinese Cafe Manager Recognizes Man, Calls Police and an Arrest is Made.**

George MacDonald, of Hamilton, Ontario, the alleged King Cafe hold-up man, is behind the bars, and all because of Charlie Johnson, the young Chinese waiter.

The identification. Charlie was going into the post office yesterday when he passed the cafe man. One of them said, "Hello Jim," and Charlie gave him the once over. His almond eyes did not betray the quick working of the Oriental mind behind them, nor the fact that Charlie recognized the man as the one who had held him up New Year's Eve at the point of a revolver and robbed the cash register of \$70.

The Chinaman dodged into a doorway as soon as the men got by and watched them go into the Seamen's Institute, then he left for a cop.

He found three of them, Sergeant McLeod and Officers Dykeman and McFarlane. They accompanied him to the mission where all the men were closed up for observation. He had no difficulty in locating his man whom the officers promptly arrested. The prisoner was taken to the Water Street lock-up and William Hunt, the other Chinaman who was held up by the gunman, also identified MacDonald as the assailant.

## New Street Car Rates On Monday

**President L. R. Ross Makes Statement—One Man Car Solution.**

"We are going contrary to the advice of our experts in regard to street car fares," said L. R. Ross, president of the New Brunswick Power Co., when interviewed by a Standard reporter last night. "After careful study of the facts presented, and after taking into account all local conditions, we have decided that the recommendations of our experts for a 10c street car fare, without any reduction, would work a hardship on the community and would not get us as much revenue as could be obtained by the schedule of fares which we propose introducing. The schedule we have in mind, which will go into effect on Monday next, will call for a 10c, cash fare; three tickets for 25c; fourteen tickets for \$1, with \$2.50 as the price per thousand feet for gas."

**Experts Engaged.**  
"For some time," said Mr. Ross, "we have had J. W. Lester, chief accountant of the Department of Public Utilities, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, engaged in examining our accounts and reporting upon a schedule of rates that would yield the company the return allowed it by law. Mr. Lester, who has had many years' experience in the field of public service accounting in the employ of the regulating commissions of Massachusetts, states that, even with the straight fare, with no reduction per ticket, our railway will not come within \$24,000 of earning the interest on the money invested in it, nor will the gas and the business even at a \$2.50 rate, pay its running expenses and carry any share of the company's investment."

**One-Man Car Solution.**  
"So far as the Street Railway is concerned," said Mr. Ross, "the figures submitted to us by these experts very clearly show that there is only one solution of this difficulty, and that is the one-man car. It has been tried out in so many places and with such marked success that it is no longer an experiment."

When asked what the saving in the one-man car, Mr. Ross said that the best estimate obtainable shows that one-man cars operating would mean a saving to the company of somewhere in the vicinity of \$70,000 annually.

To give the public a better idea of what this means," said he, "it should be pointed out that we carry about 6,000,000 passengers each year, the company would be able to reduce the cost of carrying each person by from 10 to 15c and still make as much money in operating as we would under the proposed new schedule."

**Rates Effective Monday.**  
"The company intends to put these new rates into effect on Monday next," said the president, "and then it intends asking the Board of Public Utility Commissioners to pass upon them." Under the law we are limited to 8 per cent. earnings on the money we have invested, and all that we hope to do is through earning this amount to re-establish the credit of the company's securities so that we may get new and additional capital from investors. When this is done, it is our intention to put the different parts of our property into better shape, particularly our gas plant, our tracks and our rolling stock. If we can get the money from this re-establishment of credit, it is our intention to co-operate with the city in their work on the Milldam extension. "Of course," said Mr. Ross, "our ability to do all these things depends upon how good a showing our earnings will make, as at the present time it is absolutely impossible to get the shareholders to invest any new money with us."

## VICTORIA RINK

Starting this afternoon, said tonight.

\$10 reward to anyone who can give information as to where a military furnished apartment could be obtained. Address F. O. Box 1165.

P. J. Vanet, Jr., of Bathurst, is at the Royal.

Mamma, G. P. and J. H. McGrath of St. George, are in this city.

STATION HOUSE, ALL SEALS ON.

## Cabotia Arrives From Glasgow

**Brought Over Forty Thousand Cases of Real Scotch Whiskey for the West.**

The Cabotia, Captain W. E. Mitchell in command, from Glasgow, docked at No. 7 berth yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The big freighter consumed thirteen steaming days in the trip across the Atlantic. Aside from a few days of very rough weather, the trip was an uneventful one.

Pleanty of Whiskey. She brought a capacity cargo of a general nature, but more especially whiskey of the popular Scotch brands. There are over forty thousand cases aboard consigned to the western provinces, where a tremendous thirst has developed that can only be assuaged by a few Scotch highballs.

This is the first trip of the Cabotia to St. John since last winter. On her first trip last year it will be recalled, she brought a large consignment of the goods that made Scotland famous and there was wholesale swiping of the tempting boxed goods from the warehouses when they were unloaded from the steamer.

**Experienced Officers Aboard.**  
The Cabotia is officered by the following experienced men: Chief Officer, Capt. W. E. Mitchell; Chief Officer A. MacLean; Second Officer, Robert Horne; Third Officer, Jack Keldie; Chief Engineer, David Purdie; Second Engineer, Alexander McLagan; Third Engineer, Alexander Cherry; Fourth Engineer, Robert Taylor; Fifth Engineer, "Dublin" Thompson.

Both Christmas and New Year's were spent on the Atlantic. It was a great surprise to the ship's company that provisions had not been made for a proper celebration of Christmas day at sea. "It was the same as any old day," said one of the officers to The Standard last night.

**Celebrate New Year's.**  
"But, look here, boy," said he, "we were not to be kept napping on unburning in the New Year. In Scotland at all our homes, special plans are made to give the New Year's a proper reception, and, although on the sea, away from wife and bairns, we were determined to welcome 1921 as our families were doing in bonnie Scotland. From the attitude we were in on last Friday night it was nine o'clock by our watches when it was midnight over in Scotland. The officers of the ship gathered in the mess hall and celebrated the advent of 1921 in the same manner as we knew the wives and kiddies were doing at home."

**Guests of Chief Officer.**  
"After that we became the guests of Chief Officer Angus MacLean whose hospitality was partaken of liberally. Music and mirth mingled gloriously to while away a dull hour at sea. When the ship's clock sounded the midnight hour, officers and crew took a noisy welcome to the New Year, in a real Scotch fashion. The fact that the steward's dinner bell lost its tongue in the racket and din that followed, and some of the chairs were minus a leg didn't matter. We did our part to welcome the year and the fish that swim the sea must have known about it."

"Did any of the crew get sea sick coming over during the rough days?" was asked of one of the officers.

"Only the captain," said he. "The rough and boisterous days caused even his seasoned legs to get wobbly and he was obliged to lay by a few days and employ first aid treatment for those in distress. He recovered well and, believe me, as you say over here, he is one of the best captains commanding a ship that ever sailed the seas."

## Employees' Letter To General Manager

**Maritime Nail Works Men Give Public a Letter Sent to General Manager Elkin.**

The employees of the Maritime Nail Co. say they did not receive the letter of Stanley E. Elkin, M. P., manager of the company, which he said, he sent them and a copy of which appeared in yesterday morning's Standard, until the day it appeared in public print. The employees further say that Mr. Elkin was quoted as saying the company was ready to resume work as soon as there was a readjustment of the wage scale. "Now, they say, according to the letter received from the manager, there is no work at all. We do not know where we are at," said one of the men.

**The Letter.**  
The following letter was addressed to Stanley Elkin, M. P., Jan. 5, 1921, Mr. Stanley E. Elkin, M. P., General Manager.

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of our organization held on Sunday, January 2, the situation arising at the plant of the Maritime Nail Co. was discussed as fully as possible with the information available. We have appointed a committee of three, namely, Brothers Wm. Treartha, John McQueen and John Devlin, who are prepared to discuss the situation fully with you in order to arrive at a possible solution as early as possible. We feel in view of our past relations with your company that we are justified in asking that you meet our committee at as early a date as possible. In making the above request we feel we are following your often repeated suggestion of consultation. Trusting you will give this matter your careful consideration, I remain, Sincerely yours,

(Sgt.) JAMES A. McCAFFREY, President.

## Sgt. Maj. Wood Self-Confessed Fraud

**Admits, After Arrest by Detectives He Was Putting up Bluff Games.**

Sergeant-Major Wood, V. C., is a self-confessed fraud. He admits that he never won the Victoria Cross and the military authorities at Ottawa state that the returned soldier's button he is wearing belongs to another man.

Wood was arrested on King street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Detectives Hennessey and Donahoe and taken to the police station.

An Admission. There he admitted that he had no claim to the Victoria Cross nor to the other decorations—practically all that could be secured by a soldier from the British or French armies—which he had claimed.

He further admitted that he was the man described in the telegram from the Victoria G. W. V. A. as having been sentenced to two years in prison for deserting his battalion and wearing wound stripes to which he was not entitled.

**Liable to Punishment.**  
After serving his time he said he drifted into the States, getting possibly as far as Texas, and then up to Montreal, and from there to St. John. A wire from Ottawa was received by the G. W. V. A. last night stating that the returned soldier's pin Wood has is the property of another man.

Wood is liable for wearing each and every decoration to which he is not entitled. The penalty for wearing the returned soldier's pin is a \$500 fine or six months in jail.

**Hearing Today.**  
The alleged Sergeant-Major will be paraded before Magistrate Ritchie this morning. He was arrested by the detective department on their own initiative. Military honours and decorations will not press any charges against him, nor will the G. W. V. A., according to officials of both bodies last night. Wood is indictable under the civil law and the civic authorities will be left to conduct the prosecution.

President W. J. Brown, of the G. W. V. A. stated last evening that while the Vets would not press any charges against him they were of the opinion that the claims of the returned soldiers were sufficiently strong without having the public unnecessarily bothered by fakirs and it was their intention to see that all such be shown up to the people in their true colors.

**Word From Ottawa.**  
A despatch received last night from E. H. Scammell, deputy minister of Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment at Ottawa, explains that he received word from Major Schofield of the alleged hero's arrest and his confession. When Mr. Scammell saw the story in the newspaper he immediately consulted in inquiry and soon learned that Wood's name does not appear in the list of winners of the Victoria Cross. He advised Mayor Schofield to this effect and received the above message in reply.

**SEAT SALE FOR "MAPLE LEAF" TODAY.**  
The sale of seats for the coming revues of the Fourth Division C. B. F. concert party "The Maple Leaf" opens at the Imperial this forenoon at 10 o'clock and will continue until 8 P. M. daily up to the day of performance, next Monday.

**SEPARATE SKIRTS WERE NEVER SO LOW AS THESE.**  
A great sale of travellers' samples. Every skirt far below its regular value. Heather Tweed—Dark brown mixture, pockets and belt tucking and buttons. Regular \$15.25. Sale price, \$8.15.

All Wool Serge—in green, plaid, one side button effect, two slash pockets. Regular \$15.50. Sale price, \$11.95.

Taffeta Silk—in lovely black and white—finished with fancy girle. Regular \$14.50. Sale price, \$12.95.

Accordian pleated Serge, Tweeds, etc., all at special prices.

Dykeman Clearance Sale.

**FUNERAL NOTICE.**  
The funeral of the late Captain Adams at Hampton, N. B., will take place subsequent to the arrival of the afternoon express from St. John on Saturday, January 9th, not during the morning as previously stated.

## OPENING OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Classes will be opened on Thursday and Friday, January 6th and 7th, at 7:45 P. M. as follows:

Show Card Writing—St. Vincent's High School, Cliff Street.

Motor Mechanic—Mowell's Garage, Carleton Street.

Book-keeping, etc.—Modern Business College, corner Union and Mill Street.

Sewing, Dressmaking, Millinery—O'Dell's Building, Corner Union street and Hazen Avenue.


Domestic Science—Manual Training Building, 30-32 Waterloo Street.

These enrolled have already been admitted to classes.

The afternoon classes in Dressmaking will meet on Friday at 3:30 P. M. All members of the Book-keeping class will meet on Thursday evening. Commencement of the other courses will be announced later.

**STANDARD CALENDARS.**  
The Standard has a number of rather attractive wall calendars which we will be pleased to give away as long as they will last, to any of our friends who may happen to call. The calendars will not be given to children.

**VICTORIA RINK.**  
Starting this afternoon. Skating and band tonight.



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**Don't Miss This: MONDAY NEXT Begins Our Annual Free Hemming Sale of Household Cottons and Linens.**

The best reliable, well known makes are included in this selling event; many woolen garments in the assortments.

Prices are very low—sizes complete—and we venture to say, the children's supplies are getting low. High prices have been the means of restricting many a child's wardrobe. This sale makes further restriction unnecessary.

It would be well to buy enough of these sale garments to take care of next winter's needs too.

These prices are very extraordinary.

### VESTS AND DRAWERS

Natural color and white—Vests have long sleeves and high necks—Drawers are in long lengths.

All sizes from infants' to 14 years.

Sale prices 39c., 50c., 65c., 79c., 89c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.95, \$2.25 and \$2.50 garment.

### BLACK TIGHTS

Sizes 4 to 14 years. Sale prices 50c. to \$1.00. (Sale in Children's Shop, Second Floor).

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