

THE WEATHER.

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Maritime, Washington, Toronto, and other cities, listing min/max temperatures and conditions.

Around the City

McMILLAN'S STORE. McMillan's store will be open every evening until Christmas.

Four Drunks. Four drunks registered at police headquarters last night.

At the Queen's Rink. The indoor skating season was inaugurated last evening when R. J. Armstrong threw open the doors of the Queen's Rink.

H. R. McLELLAN HEAD OF MYSTIC SHRINE

Annual Meeting of Luxor Temple Held Last Evening—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of Luxor Temple, A. O. N. N. S., was held last night in their room, Masonic building.

The report of the retiring pontefate was read which showed the temple to be numerically strong, and the report of the recorder was one of the most satisfactory presented for a number of years.

The report of the representatives to the imperial council, which was held in Buffalo in July last, was presented by Representatives George Ackman of Moncton and F. W. Munro.

The election of officers resulted as follows: H. R. McLellan, Pontefate; B. W. Coyle, Moncton, Chief Rabban; Rev. R. G. Fulton, Charlottetown, assistant Rabban; E. R. W. Ingraham, H. P. and Prophet; T. Giles Allan, Oriental Guide; A. M. Rowan, treasurer; Charles Robinson, recorder; Sheriff George Willett, Moncton, and A. E. McDougal, Kentville, N. S., representatives to the imperial council, which will meet in Minneapolis in June next.

Additional members of the executive committee, Past Pontefate George E. Day, Nobles J. H. Crockett, William H. Smith, Pearl L. Jordan, Hall A. Brown. Room committee, LeBaron Wilson, H. H. Brewer, F. W. Munro, W. B. Wallace, William J. McCafferty. Audit committee, Roy E. Crawford, Pearl L. Jordan, P. F. Burpee.

Port Hawkesbury, C. B., Dec. 19.—The ship Daylight, bound from Toledo, O., for New York in tow of a Standard Oil Co. tug, is ashore at Habitant Bay on the Cape Breton side of the Straits of Canso. She is in no danger.

M. R. and A's stores will be open every evening until 10 o'clock for the balance of the week.

ST. JOHN MAY GET SOME CHEAP PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS TURKEYS AFTER ALL VIEW OF THE PEACE TALK

Report Last Night that Quantities of North Shore Birds will be Available Saturday at a Low Figure

Although disquieting statements have been made of late concerning the likelihood of almost prohibitive prices for poultry, turkeys especially, The Standard was informed last night that there is a probability that turkeys and geese may be sold towards the end of this week at prices which will constitute a record for cheapness. It is understood there will be an opportunity on Saturday of buying turkeys and geese at from 18c. to 22c. per pound, and this for A1 stock.

buying in Dalhousie and vicinity as well as in other parts of the North Shore, those engaged in the undertaking being, it was stated, Mr. McDonald of Pettitodiac, and two others. They had originally intended to ship the poultry to the States, but found that the market there does not offer sufficient inducements to make the project profitable and they came to the conclusion that the St. John public would welcome the opportunity to purchase the consignment at prices that would make even those of moderate means to become possessed of the bird of their choice, and still leave a fair margin of profit for handling the stock.

Hon. G. J. Clarke Says New Brunswickers Will Commend Lloyd-George's Stand—The Forestry Survey.

Premier George J. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke are in the city, guests at the Royal Hotel. The premier is here to attend the sessions of the inquiry before Chief Justice McKeown into the claims in dispute between A. R. Gould and the government in connection with the construction of the Saint John Valley Railway. He will watch the proceedings in the interest of the government.

S. S. GRAMPAN REACHED PORT LAST NIGHT

Allan Liner Had Twelve Military Men Aboard Beside Civilian Passengers and Heavy Freight.

The Allan Line S. S. Grampian docked at 8 o'clock last night at her berth, West Side. She had on board, besides general freight and civilians, twelve military men, some of whom are home on furlough, and others who will remain in Canada, having been wounded at the front. There were none for the military discharge depot in the city. The majority of the men live in the West or Upper Canada.

In conversation with Captain Harris, of the Imperial forces, who is home on furlough for three weeks, he stated that the voyage over was uneventful and to the stereotyped question "did you see any submarines," he answered in the negative. He stated that he had spent many months on the firing line attached to the R. M. C.'s and that the Germans were far from beaten as yet. "It will take time to defeat the Central Powers," said Captain Harris, "but it can be done, and the Allies are gradually wearing down the Kaiser's once powerful army."

Captain Harris went over to England during the early stages of the war, where he secured his commission in the Imperial forces, and has since that time passed through some of the largest battles. Fortunately, however, he has so far escaped the German bullets. He will leave this morning for his home in Toronto.

FISH BUSINESS NOW COMING INTO ITS OWN

A. H. Brittain, of Maritime Fish Corporation Says Great Demand For All Varieties.

"The fish business is coming into its own. The fisherman is getting the highest price for his fish in the history of the Canadian market," said A. H. Brittain of Montreal, managing director of the Maritime Fish Corporation, one of the largest handlers of fresh fish in the Dominion. The company have branches at Digby and Canso, and in addition to their own fishing vessels, handle the returns of a great many of the Atlantic ocean steamers.

"People are realizing that fish is a cheap food, and the demand was never better. If the people of your province will eat fish when it is in season they will have no complaint to make about the high price of fish," said Mr. Brittain. "Of course if salmon or halibut is not in season they can hardly expect to get it at the same prices when there is an abundant supply."

Mr. Brittain attributes the good price to the fact that in former years there was a demand for only certain kinds of fish, while at the present time there is a demand for all varieties. He points out that the fisherman will merit the price he is receiving, as the cost of operations, due to the high price of provisions, lines, rubber boots, oil skins, etc. has materially increased.

Mr. Brittain left last evening on a business trip to Halifax, and will return to the city about Thursday.

Finest line of Christmas Candles to be found in the city, at The Chocolate Shop, 25-27 Charlotte Street. Also afternoon tea and luncheon at all hours.

BATHURST'S PULP PLANT READY SOON

Angus McLean Says Plant Will Commence to Operate in February.—Paper Mill to Employ 1,000 Men to Follow.

Angus McLean, vice-president and manager of the Bathurst Lumber Company, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. Mr. McLean, since coming to New Brunswick seven years ago, has been one of the most enthusiastic residents of the province, and a business man of keen instincts, alive to the great possibilities of the province.

"No, there is no objection to your saying that the company had a good year with its operations," said Mr. McLean to a reporter. "We have at the present time in the vicinity of 1,200 men in the woods at Gloucester and Northumberland counties, and look for at least at average cut."

"What progress are you making with your new mill?" asked the reporter. "Very satisfactory under the circumstances. I expect that the new pulp plant will be in operation about the first of February. The 500 h.p. boilers in connection with our Kraft plant will be in readiness early in January."

Replying to an inquiry, Mr. McLean confirmed the report that it was the intention of the company to manufacture paper. They hope to start the erection of a new paper mill in the near future which will serve to employ upwards of 1,000 men. The pulp plant will afford employment for 250 men. In connection with the building of the paper plant the company propose the development of 10,000 horse power at the Grand Falls on the Neplisquit river, about eighteen miles from Bathurst and the second largest water power in the province.

Mr. McLean told the reporter that there was a great scarcity of houses in Bathurst, in fact fully a hundred new houses were required. This was a healthy sign of the advancement of the town. The company were completing the erection of twelve new houses to accommodate some of the pulp mill employes and further building operations were projected. "Bathurst is making big strides and I think there will be greater development in the future," concluded Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean's visit to St. John is purely of a business character. Mr. McLean accompanies him to the city.

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

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.

PERSONAL

Mr. Henry F. Morrissey, C. E., of the Marine Department, Ottawa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, 58 Hazen street. J. L. Ryan, Bathurst, was in the city yesterday. Edgar H. Fairweather has returned from Edmundston. Mrs. William Murdoch, Crossfields, Alberta, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, St. James street.

WILL DISCUSS PLANS TO FILL THE 165TH

Col. Daigle or Major Legere to Confer With French Academic Residents at Moncton.

It is proposed to inaugurate a vigorous campaign at the commencement of the new year to fill up the ranks of the 165th French-Canadian Battalion, now stationed in this city. Col. d'Aigle, if his health permits, will go to Moncton tomorrow to meet the leading French-Canadian residents of the Maritime Provinces at a conference in that city on Thursday evening. Major Legere will meet the gathering in the event of the colonel's health preventing him from making the trip. The proposal is to formulate plans for a recruiting campaign which will speedily result in the completion of the ranks of the battalion. About 300 more men are required.

It was said yesterday at the army that the Christmas vacation for the officers and men of the 165th would commence on Friday next. Those who are unable to get away then will be granted leave of absence for the New Year.

HUNT'S

An attractive commodious institution thoroughly organized to fill every requirement of the Christmas shoppers—extra salesmen and extra deliveries. Store open evenings this week—Hunt's Busy Uptown Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

The City Boy Scouts. Last night three of the city troops of Boy Scouts, namely, St. Paul's, Mission Church, and Waterloo street troops, met at their respective headquarters. District Scoutmaster Waring paid them all a visit, and addresses given to the boys were highly instructive, and well received. During the course of the evening Dr. Stevens of the hospital, called at the Waterloo street troop gathering and gave the Scouts a valuable demonstration in first aid, which will greatly assist them in passing for their first aid badges.

NOTICE. To accommodate our customers who wish to make their purchases in the evening, beginning Wednesday, our King street store will be open every evening until Christmas.

WATERBURY & RISING, LTD. "If you buy it at Hunt's he will surely like it."

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.

SKATES Popular Seasonable. There is nearly always someone among relatives or friends, especially the younger ones, who would welcome a pair of skates on Christmas morning. The superiority of the old reliable STARR and WHELPLEY Skates are too well known to require mention here, and we need only quote some of the PRICES: STARR SKATES. Acme \$1.00, Boys' Hockey—Plain .85, Boys' Hockey—Nickeloid 1.05, Hockey, "Buildog" 1.25, Hockey, "Climax" Plain 1.60, Hockey, "Climax" Nickeloid 2.00, Hockey, "Scotia" 2.80, Hockey, "Regal" Featherweight 5.50, Hockey, "Velo" 6.00. Tube Hockey 6.40, Ladies' Hockey, "Regis" 2.50, Ladies' Hockey, "Glacier" 3.00, Ladies' Hockey, "Velo" 6.00. WHELPLEY'S SKATES. Long Reach, Boys' \$1.40, Long Reach, Men's 2.25, Child's Woodtop, with toe and Heel Strap 1.25. SPORTING DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

Angora Wool Caps, Tams, Scarves. Ribbons, Christmas Novelties, Toys, Dolls. TRIMMED HATS—For the Holiday Season or for Christmas Gifts, large assortment just received from our workrooms and every one marked at an extra special price. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd. STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS.

What Gift Will Be More Welcome. GIFTS THAT BY THEIR CONTINUED SERVICE KEEP YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS A LIVING MEMORY FOR YEARS TO COME. "Perkins" Combination Carpet and Vacuum Cleaner. ABSOLUTELY NEW IN EVERY RESPECT. PERFECT BRUSH ADJUSTMENT—OPERATED BY FOOT. WHEELS FLANGED—No more tire trouble. Price \$8.00. The easiest, simplest and most practical brush adjustment ever offered. BISSELL'S CARPET SWEATERS. STANDARD \$3.00 CYCO BEARING \$3.25. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Stores Open at 8.30 Close at 10 p.m. KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE. Comfort Garments For Christmas Giving. Buy your husband or brother a gift that will make him more fully appreciate his evenings at home. A Comfort Garment to wear while lounging about the house will give him more enjoyment than any other gift at the same outlay. Our exhibit of Comfort Garments for this year is better than ever, and a great variety of materials and trimmings will be found. SMOKING JACKETS—in soft wool fabrics, plain, plaid and stripe, cord and braid trimmings—greys, greens, browns and wine shades, \$6.50 to \$17.50. DRESSING GOWNS—Materials and trimmings similar to the Smoking Jackets—greys and browns, \$9.00 to \$21.00. BATH ROBES—Velours in stripes, checks and floral designs; all the new colorings, \$5.00 to \$7.50. SOMETHING NEW—Bath Robe and Slippers to match, in grey and brown plaids, \$6.50. BOYS' BATH ROBES—Ages 4 to 18 years, \$3.50 to \$5.75. MEN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. DO YOUR SHOPPING IN THE MORNING AND AVOID THE AFTERNOON CROWD.

THREE PRACTICAL GIFT SUGGESTIONS. LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S WARMER GLOVES FOR GREATER COMFORT. We have Gloves in all the popular makes, in weights and quality to meet the requirements of colder weather. Mercerized Seamless Gloves—Grey, brown, black, 75c. pair; white, black, 50c. pair. Chamollette Gloves—White, 75c., \$1.00 pair; grey, black, \$1.00, \$1.10 pair. Angola Gloves—Grey, black, white, 75c. to \$1.25 pair. Gauntlet Wool Gloves—White, black, grey, 75c., 85c. pair. Fur-Lined Mocha Gloves, \$2.50 pair. Boys' and Girls' Wool Gloves—Heather, etc., 25c. to 75c. pr. Boys' Tan Lined Cape Gloves, 90c. pair. Children's Mittens, 25c., 30c., 35c. pair. Baby Mittens, 15c., 20c., 35c. pair. Glove Dept.—Front Store. HAND BAGS AND PURSES. Are always acceptable and useful. Our extensive stock comprises the staple as well as the novel in shape and material. You will find everything demanded by fashion in a great range of prices. Silk Bags—Various colors, \$3.35 to \$14.75. Beaded Bags, \$2.25 to \$15.00. Black Vachette Bags, \$2.25 to \$4.35. Velvet Bags—Latest shades, \$2.00 to \$11.00. Leather Strap Purses, 40c. to \$7.50. Black Vachette Purses, \$1.50 to \$3.00. Front Store. CHRISTMAS HANKERCHIEFS. Ours are extra values, as the price has not been affected by the latest advances in linen. Finest Irish Linen, good firm weaves and rich finish. Women's Linen Handkerchiefs—With 1/2 or 3/4 inch hem, 50c. to \$2.00 per 1/2 doz. Women's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs—3 in box, 80c. per box. 6 in box, \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$2.35 per box. Women's Linen Handkerchiefs—Embroidered corners, 25c., \$1.00 each. Women's Linen Handkerchiefs—Colored borders, 25c. each. Patriotic Handkerchiefs—White or khaki, 35c. each. Children's Handkerchiefs—In Fancy Boxes, 15c. to 25c. box. OUR STORES WILL BE OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.