

**THE WEATHER**

**Forecasts:**  
 Maritime—Strong north-easterly to northerly winds, cold; local snow at first then fair.  
 Washington, Dec. 29.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Thursday, preceded by snow on coast; Friday, fair; strong north and northwest diminishing winds.  
 Toronto, Dec. 29.—The depression which was in Alabama last night is now off the coast of Connecticut. Pressure is decidedly high from Alberta to northern Ontario. Snow has fallen over the southern portion of Ontario and it is snowing tonight in the Maritime Provinces. Cold weather prevails generally.  
**Temperatures:**  
 Min. Max.  
 Dawson . . . . . 8 2  
 Prince Rupert . . . . . 32 36  
 Victoria . . . . . 32 38  
 Vancouver . . . . . 24 35  
 Edmonton . . . . . 4 12  
 Prince Albert . . . . . 4 8  
 Moose Jaw . . . . . 3 8  
 Winnipeg . . . . . 8 14  
 Parry Sound . . . . . 4 22  
 London . . . . . 10 25  
 Ottawa . . . . . 4 16  
 Montreal . . . . . 16 18  
 Quebec . . . . . 10 18  
 St. John . . . . . 24 26  
 Halifax . . . . . 28 34  
 —Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Patient Returned.**  
 A patient in the provincial hospital escaped yesterday. He was pursued by a guard, caught at Nauwigewauk, and returned to the institution.

**Receives His Stripes.**  
 Friends of J. Walter McIntyre of Brookville, who is serving with the 29th Battalion in France, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal.

**Engagement Announced.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Gutuosa, of Moncton, N. B., announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Dorothy, to Dr. Duncan Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell, of North Bay, Ont. The wedding will take place quietly early in the new year.

**Assault Case Dismissed.**  
 The complainant failing to put in an appearance before Magistrate Adams in the Brookville court, Tuesday evening, Mildred Boyce and Harvey Boyce who were charged with assault, were dismissed on paying the costs of the court.

**Wrist Watch For Soldier.**  
 A large number of the friends of Douglas Hannah called at his father's residence, 10 Canon street, last night and his uncle, Charles Hannah, offered half of those present presented him with a wrist watch. Mr. Hannah is a member of the 104th and is home on leave for Christmas. A very enjoyable time was spent by all present.

**Hospital Contracts.**  
 A contract for supply of bread for the new St. John County Hospital, East St. John, has been awarded to Messrs. McMurray Bros. and to Messrs. F. E. Williams & Co., Ltd. for peals. Arrangements for the supply of milk were left in the hands of Councillor Dean. The tenders for vegetables and canned goods will be dealt with later.

**Inquest to be Held.**  
 An inquest into the death of Wm. Connel will be held in the court house on Monday evening by Coroner Roberts. Yesterday morning he empaneled the following jury: H. B. Hayes (foreman), Joseph T. Quinn, Charles O'Connell, John A. Brooks, V. L. Morse, J. W. Cassidy, H. W. Bromfield. The jury viewed the body after which permission was granted for burial.

**Taken to Industrial Home.**  
 David Thomas was taken in charge by Policeman John Collins of the I. C. R. depot staff yesterday morning. Information came to hand previously for the police to be on the watch for the lad as it was said he had escaped from jail after sentence at Sussex on a charge of stealing lambs from the militia stores. Sheriff Freeze arrived yesterday morning from Hampton and took him to the Boys' Industrial Home.

**Christmas Treat.**  
 The annual Christmas treat of the Ludlow street Baptist church was held last night in the vestry. The following program was carried out: The King, prayer by Rev. W. R. Robinson; 23 Psalm in unison; hymn, Crown Him Lord of All; exercise by the primary class; recitation, George Cameron; violin solo, Clarence R. Hupert; reading, Miss Wayne; chorus by school, melody of national airs; chorus by primary; address, John F. Ring, hon. superintendent. At this stage of the proceedings Santa Claus appeared and distributed between 450 and 500 bags of candy and nuts. During the evening the pastor, Rev. W. R. Robinson, was presented with a purse of gold from the church and Sabbath school. R. H. Parsons, superintendent of the school, presided, and Miss M. E. Mattin officiated at the piano. Arrangements were made to have the boys of the church between ten and seventeen meet at two o'clock Saturday to take part in the parade.

**ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR NEW YEAR'S PARADE**

**Recruiting demonstration expected to be greatest in history of Province—Procession will be followed by meeting in armory.**

All arrangements have been completed for the grand recruiting rally to be held on New Year's Day and the Recruiting Committee expect the affair will mark the real start for recruiting for the 115th Battalion. Up to the present time over two hundred men have enlisted and signed on the 115th and it is expected that after the big rally on Saturday this number will be greatly increased. It will undoubtedly prove to be the greatest recruiting demonstration ever held in the province, and the committee in charge have been untiring in their efforts to make it a sure success.

With the mammoth procession, headed by nearly one hundred officers and sailors from the British navy, every battalion at present here, along with the Siege Battery, Boy Scouts, Cadets and every brass band, bugle and drum corps in the city will take part.

While the various bodies of men will start from different sections of the city at an allotted time, they will all meet at the Market Square, from which point the grand procession will start at three o'clock. The arrangements have been well worked out by the committee, so that there will be no hitch in the proceedings. One line will extend along Dock and Mill streets, another will be along Water street, a third will be on Chipman's Hill, while the fourth will be along Prince William street, so that all sections of the procession will head towards King street, and as the first section starts on its march towards the armory the others will fall into their proper places in the line.

Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong and Captain L. P. D. Tilley have been chosen as marshals and all that is now needed is fine weather. When all arrive at the armory the multitude will be addressed by prominent military officers and citizens and the gathering will be presided over by E. A. Schofield.

**The Arrangements**

The following is the programme arranged by the committee, giving the position of each body of men in the procession and full information regarding the afternoon's arrangements.

**The Navy**—Lieut. Gardner, Sub-Lieut. Adams and ninety sailors of the British Navy will assemble at corner of Mill and Pond streets at 2:30 o'clock.

**115th Regiment** will assemble at Armory under command of Lt.-Col. Wedderburn. Proceed to Scott's corner with 62nd Band to accompany North End parade. Leave Scott's corner at 2:30. Proceed by way of Main street and Mill street. Halting at west corner of Union and Mill till the 69th pass into Dock street, then follow them down Dock.

**140th Regiment** will assemble at their quarters, West St. John, under command of Lt.-Col. Gunning. Proceed to ferry with 140th Band. Line up there with detachment from Siege Battery, Bugle Band and citizens from Fairville and Carleton. Leaving Carleton on 2:50 trip of ferry. Proceed along Water street and await orders at entrance to Market Square.

**69th Regiment** will leave Armory at two o'clock for East End, under command of Lt.-Col. Dansereau, proceed to the host at a dinner to be given by the host at the Soldiers' Club, and after the dinner there will be a musical programme.

Before leaving Lieut. Gardner and Adams promised the committee that the sailors would take part in the big recruiting procession to be held on Saturday afternoon. Accordingly the "lads" will be given the place of honor and will lead the procession. They are a hardy looking lot of men, and their presence in a body marching through the city streets will undoubtedly evoke much enthusiasm.

**"JACK TARRS" IN THE CITY FROM WEST INDIES**

**Party of ninety arrived in city yesterday on R.M.S. Steamer Chignecto.**

The Royal Mail Steam Packet steamship Chignecto, Captain Adams, arrived in port from the West Indies yesterday morning and docked at the Atlantic Sugar Refinery pier where she will discharge a large consignment of sugar. The ship had a good voyage and in addition to the mails and a large general cargo, brought about ninety man-o-war sailors under command of Lieut. Gardner and Sub-Lieut. Adams. The sailors left the ship early in the afternoon and are being billeted at the Grand Union Hotel.

Yesterday afternoon Lieut.-Col. E. T. Sturdee, Capt. A. J. Mulcahy, and C. W. Hallamore, representing the recruiting committee, called on Lieuts. Gardner and Adams, and in the absence of His Worship Mayor Frink, who was unable to be present, extended the hospitality of the city to the officers and seamen of the navy, to which the officers expressed their thanks. The committee informed the officers and sailors that during their stay in the city the Imperial Theatre, The Soldiers' Club and the Seamen's Institute were places to which they could have free access.

On Friday night the Mayor will be

**STARTLING DISCLOSURES BY OFFICIAL**

**Aliens in Charge of Large Quantities of Explosives Near City.**

**What was revealed by recent visit—Dynamite found near highway—Carelessness charged.**

Some rather startling facts have been disclosed by an officer who was doing a little bit of detective work in the vicinity of St. John, and his revelations undoubtedly deserve careful attention from the proper authorities. It is stated on good authority that a couple of nights ago the officer found seven sticks of dynamite in a parcel near the side of a highway, and that a county councillor was summoned and told of the state of affairs in that district.

In the vicinity mentioned there are three or four sheds which contain enough dynamite and powder, which should it explode, would certainly startle the citizens and cause great damage with, perhaps, loss of life. There is only one watchman and his duties are to keep guard on one of the houses containing the high explosives. When the officer was making a search it was stated this watchman was found asleep.

In other sheds where powder and dynamite are stored there was no person on guard and the boxes of explosives could easily be counted through holes in the wall or door.

Another story told is to the effect that a person who is called "The Head Dynamiter," and has charge of the blasting, and on whose order dynamite is taken from the shed, is an Australian. The officials do not say that the Australian is not a man of good intentions and a model living person, but, if the story is true, and an official is quoted as verifying it, the "Head Dynamiter" is an alien, and an enemy. This fact alone should be sufficient to cause suspicion. No doubt something more will be heard regarding the matter.

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**PORK FOR ST. JOHN**

**All Pork from this establishment is Guaranteed Perfectly Free from Disease.**

In addition to their fine, modern milk producing and dairy plants, Primecrest Farms, Limited have installed an abattoir department from which they furnish the retail market with tuberculin tested pork from their herd of four hundred hogs, thus ensuring to the consumer a strictly high grade of pork guaranteed absolutely free from disease. The names of dealers handling this pork will be given those who phone Primecrest Farms, Limited, South Bay, St. John. Phones West 373 and West 374.

**Patrick Durning Found.**  
 On Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the father of Patrick Durning, aged 32 years, left his home and no trace of the old man could be found. The police were notified Monday evening and the officers made a search but without result. Last evening the son of the missing man learned that his father had wandered to the St. John Infirmary on Coburg street where he had been taken in and cared for. He will be taken back to his son's home this morning.

**Seriously Ill.**  
 Burpee E. Brown, the druggist on the corner of Princess and Sydney streets, is reported very ill with pneumonia, at his home 92 Mecklenburg street.

**FUNERALS.**

The funeral of William Connel took place yesterday from O'Neill's undertaking parlors in Main street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Swin and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Frederick Devine took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 179 Prince William street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Wellington Camp, and interment took place in Fernhill.

St. John Business College, day and evening classes will re-open Monday, January 3rd.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

AT WANAMAKERS'  
 Watch night dinner served from 11 p. m. to 1 a. m., with big cabaret, including Zingari girls. We reserve these tables early.

**Fire Sale At Thorne's**

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

IN OUR KITCHEN WARE DEPARTMENT we are offering SELF-BASTING PANS and BAKE PANS of Sheet Iron, also a nice line of ALUMINUM WARE, slightly damaged by water and soot, at REDUCED PRICES as follows:

**ALUMINUM WARE:**  
 Sheet Iron Baking Pans, 8c, 13c, 14c each  
 Self Basting Pans . . . . . 70c. and \$1.25 each

Lip Sauce Pans . . . . . 20c.—40c. each  
 Frooswing Kettles . . . . . 45c.—\$2.50 each  
 Double Browsers . . . . . \$1.25 each  
 Cake Pans . . . . . 40c.—50c. each  
 Tea Kettles . . . . . \$3.35 each  
 Berlin Kettles . . . . . \$1.00—\$1.45 each  
 Steamer Sauce Pans . . . . . \$2.10 each

Also Cups, Punnels, Pie Plates, Soap Dishes, Fudding Pans, etc., at similar Reductions.

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In Soft Front, Soft Collars and Cuffs and Stiff Cuff styles, The colors and designs are quite new. All materials of which they are made being fast wash colors. Satisfaction in wear is guaranteed.

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**MEN'S WHITE DRESS SHIRTS**—In English and American makes.

All the new shapes in ARROW BRAND LINEN COLLARS, \$1.50 dozen; 2 collars for 25c.

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**"Hustler" Ash Sifter**

If you want to make a saving in your winter's coal bill, buy the "HUSTLER". It will save you coal, time and labor, as well as keep the dust down. It will save its cost in a single season.

**Price \$5.75 each**  
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**Galvanized Ash Barrels**

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Exceptionally Fine Fashion Will Be Observed All Through This Exhibit of Admittedly Superior Models

It is never just a suit when you buy it here, but a masterpiece of craftsmanship from the viewpoint of tailoring and design.

Our suits are from the first makers of Canada—great industrialists able to employ the highest priced talent in order to raise their products out of the rut of mediocrity.

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**ENGLISH WORSTEDS**—In navy, green, brown, grey; 52 to 58 inches wide. Yard \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75.

**MANNISH WORSTEDS**—In two-tone effects, grey, nigger brown, green, black and white effect; 52 inches wide. . . . . Yard \$2.10 and \$2.25

**SHEPHERD AND NOVELTY CHECKS**—Brown and white, navy and white, Belgian blue and white, tan and white, grey and white, black and white; 50 to 54 inches wide. Yard 75c., 80c., \$1.10, \$1.25.

**FRENCH POPLINS**—In myrtle, mauve, navy blue, Belgian blue, Sapphire blue, sand, putty, golden brown, mid. brown, dark brown, pearl grey, taupe, purple, black; 44 inches wide. Yard \$1.25.

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