

THE WEATHER.
Forecast.
 Maritime—Northeast and north winds, strong breeze to moderate gales off the coast; cloudy, local snow or rain chiefly in the eastern portion.
 Toronto, Nov. 24.—A wide-spread depression covers the western states and another appears to be situated near Bermuda. The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion, with a heavy rain, elsewhere moderately warm.
Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	36	44
Victoria	38	46
Vancouver	35	48
Kamloops	28	40
Calgary	22	42
Edmonton	10	34
Battleford	0	20
Prince Albert	0	20
Medicine Hat	24	34
Port Arthur	24	38
London	30	39
Toronto	34	46
Ottawa	26	34
Montreal	28	34
Quebec	24	32
St. John	24	36
Halifax	28	36

 Below zero.

Around the City

Committed for Trial.

The preliminary hearing against five men, arrested as the result of voluntary statements to the police by twelve-year-old girls, has been concluded in the police court. They have been committed for trial and about the first of the week they will appear before the higher court.

Sardine Catch.

Sardine fishermen report a falling off in the catch. About 100 hogheads were taken Tuesday night as against 200 the previous night. A large fleet of Passamaquoddy boatmen are waiting here for the fish. The Sea Coast Company's buyers have been paying \$5.50 per hoghead and independent factories, \$9.00.

From Soldiers.

Field cards were received in the city yesterday from Sergeant W. Lewis Gifford and Sergeant Major Edwards of this city who are with the 26th, also from Dan Heywood, a Standard employe, who are at the front. They all say they are in the best of health and wish to be kindly remembered to their many friends in old St. John.

Policeman's Wife Sick.

The many friends of Mrs. Donohue, wife of Police Officer Harry Donohue, will learn with regret that she is critically ill at her home, Duke street, and grave hopes are entertained for her recovery. She lapsed into unconsciousness yesterday morning and had not recovered up till a late hour last night. Three physicians held a consultation yesterday and they hold out small hopes for her getting better.

Utilities Commission.

The monthly meeting of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission was held Wednesday afternoon in the provincial government rooms, Prince William street. The chairman, G. O. D. Otty, presided with Commissioners A. B. Connell, K. C. of Woodstock, and Felix Michaud, of Buctouche, and the secretary, F. P. Robinson, of Fredericton, presiding over the routine business was transacted.

To Help the Men.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Canadian Club held a short time ago, the matter of the club taking an active part in the recruiting campaign was brought forward, the view being then expressed that the ladies might exert a powerful influence in securing recruits. It was decided, however, at a meeting of the club held yesterday in the Board of Trade rooms to defer taking action on these lines for the present, and to leave this feature with the citizens' recruiting committee. The unanimous feeling, however, was that there should be no abatement of interest in the soldiers, outside of concerted attempts to get recruits, and that the club would continue to do everything possible for the men's comfort and welfare.

Ladies' Separate Skirts.

A special all wool serge skirt with two pockets and buttoned front can be bought at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s during the next few days at \$2.25. It comes in navy blue and black, and can be had in a large range of sizes. If these skirts had been bought since the advance in prices they could not be sold for less than \$4.50. They are also showing the popular corsetry skirts in brown and white.

SALE OF LADIES' FLANNELETTE AND KNITTED UNDERWEAR AT M. R. A.'S.

This will be a sale to greatly economize in the purchase of the winter's supply of these garments for ladies and children's wear. This is the usual before-cold-weather clearance of manufacturers' samples and oddments in substantial and warm flannelette and knitted underwear and the prices will be very much reduced in order to make a complete clearance. The sale will start this morning promptly at 8.30 in the Ladies' Wear Department, 2nd floor.

YOUNG BOY DROWNED IN LILY LAKE

Earle Merritt went through the ice while skating yesterday morning.

Earle Merritt, thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Merritt of Seely street, was drowned in Lily Lake yesterday morning. Accompanied by Gerald McGrath, he left his home a little after eight o'clock to have a skate on the lake. They enjoyed the sport near the shore for some time and then young Merritt started towards the centre. According to his companion, he had gone only a short distance when he disappeared from view. The first news of the tragedy was heard by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLellan, who were horrified to hear young McGrath approaching their home screaming "Earle has gone down in the lake." Mr. McLellan, accompanied by the father of young Merritt, hurried to the lake and quickly launched a boat and rowed to the spot. The body was visible in about seven feet of water, and the father with the aid of a rake soon brought it to the surface. The lad was apparently dead, and Dr. G. A. B. Addy, who arrived soon after the body was taken out of the water, found that life was extinct and that resuscitation efforts were of no avail. The body was then conveyed to the home of Mr. Merritt.

Mrs. Merritt was nearly distracted with grief when she heard that her son was drowned. She said she had repeatedly warned her children not to go near the lake, and not later than the evening before had warned Earle to keep away from the ice. It was while his parents were upstairs that the boy secured his skates and went to the lake. The ice at the edge measured about one inch and a half and less than one inch where the boy went through. The accident happened about 100 feet below the old shoot-the-chutes and about twenty feet from shore. Besides his parents there are three brothers and two sisters.

A sad feature of the accident is that Mr. Merritt was reading a telegram from New York announcing the death of his mother when he heard the cry that his son had gone down in the lake. He was so affected by the shock that he is now confined to his bed. When news of the accident reached the city Commissioner Russell sent men to the scene with grappling irons which are kept at Pettigall wharf. Coroner Roberts viewed the body of the boy and gave permission for burial.

WILL WELCOME BATTALION ON ARRIVAL HERE

Citizens' Recruiting Committee arranging for arrival of 69th—More meetings.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the citizens' recruiting committee several matters of importance were brought forward for consideration. Announcement was made that the 69th Battalion, with Lieut-Col. J. A. Danvers in command, will leave Montreal this evening for St. John, travelling by I. C. R. This battalion is largely composed of French-Canadians who have undergone considerable training. It is uncertain how long they will remain in the city. The battalion will occupy the quarters vacated by the 52nd Battalion. It is at full strength. A band numbering sixteen men will accompany the 69th, and it is hoped to add to this number at a later date so as to bring the number to at least twenty-four.

Sunday Meeting.

Hance J. Logan, of Amherst, ex-M.P., will, it was stated, be the principal speaker at Imperial Theatre next Sunday evening. Other speakers at the recruiting rally at the theatre will be announced in due course. It was mentioned that no official intimation had been given as to the mobilization and quartering of the 104th. Sixty men for this unit are already on subsistence allowance. The disposition of the surplus men of the 104th has not yet been finally decided upon, it was announced.

Colonel B. R. Armstrong stated that headquarters at Halifax had expressed itself as satisfied that quarters can be had in St. John for a large number of troops and that there was no feeling in matters concerning accommodation adversely to the interests and claims of St. John. It was decided to give the 69th Battalion a suitable reception on its arrival here, and it was notified that the ladies of the different organizations of the city would probably arrange to supply the men with refreshments and generally to assist in welcoming them upon the same lines as those prevailing when the 52nd came here.

FROM MISSION FIELD OF INDIA

Rev. J. T. Taylor gives interesting lecture in St. David's Church.

A very interesting and instructive lecture was delivered in St. David's Presbyterian church last evening by the Rev. J. T. Taylor, who has lately returned from the missionary fields of India. He spoke of the mission work going on there and in the thirty-nine years past practically every branch of the work was being carried on, including the higher educational work for both men and women. Rev. Mr. Taylor has been connected with M. H. O. W. Station for the past sixteen years and his tales of the native life of India are very interesting. Many pictures and maps in connection with his work were thrown on the screen and explained. Rev. Mr. MacKegan presided and at the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker by Robert Reed and seconded by George K. Ewing. Mrs. R. A. Jamieson also thanked the speaker on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society.

West End Meeting.

There will be a recruiting meeting tonight at eight o'clock in the Temperance Hall, Carleton. Magistrate Ritchie, R. Ingleton and others will speak and Mr. Tonge will sing. The band of the 104th Battalion will be present. The West End recruiting committee is in charge of the arrangements.

PERSONAL.

Mr. P. P. Cowan of the firm of McDougall Gowen, Montreal, returned from Halifax this morning and will spend a few days in the St. John office. Miss Maud Wyman of Yarmouth, N. S., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfred Wells, King street east, left for Boston yesterday. She received word that her mother was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peck of Riverside, Albert County, announce the engagement of their daughter, Theodora Alyda, to Mr. Harold Bliss Welmore of Truro, the marriage to take place in January.

It is taken for granted that all bank notes that come into the Jacobson store in the future will be given a thorough examination before being accepted.

ST. JOHN BOY RECEIVED PROMOTION

Holly H. Patchell given commission in Imperial artillery—Rose from the ranks.

Holly H. Patchell, son of R. R. Patchell of Stanley street, who left here as Sergeant Major with the 23rd Battery, C.P.A., has received a lieutenant's commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery. Friends in St. John will be pleased to hear of his promotion, which is direct recognition of his military ability. Mr. Patchell has always taken a keen interest in military affairs and has applied himself to matters of this nature.

He was in the Canadian militia for seven years and took the artillery course at Quebec qualifying him for a commission. He was with the 28th Dragoons at the time of organization and was largely responsible for the gathering of that body. When war was declared he offered his services and was attached to the 23rd Battery, which was mobilized at Fredericton under Colonel Seely and later under Major J. K. McKay.

When the battery went to England Mr. Patchell was appointed an instructor in the school at Shorncliffe camp and was engaged with the school of field artillery as gunnery instructor. He was also selected to train with officers of the first Canadian Contingent, who had returned from the front. This experience with heavy artillery proved a great value and Mr. Patchell was also given a position as lecturer on artillery map reading as used in the war.

Mr. Patchell holds his commission from the Imperial authorities and his advancement was wholly due to his good work with the artillery school.

MOUNTED RIFES IN THE TRENCHES

Doing their turn on the firing line—Some crack shots in ranks.

A letter received in the city from one of the boys of the 6th Mounted Rifles, tells of their first experience in the trenches. He is with B Squadron and says they were distinctly honored by being among the first chosen to enter the trenches on the firing line. Some boys of this squadron were found to be crack shots, one of the members of which scored a possible fifteen bull's eyes in target practice. They arrived at the line November 3rd, and have been continually taking turns on the firing line. Each squadron goes into the trenches for a turn of twenty-four hours and is then replaced by another. As soon as they have had enough experience their position on the line will be permanent. The boys had a stiff training in England. They have full camp equipment and also trench implements. They have been issued their long heavy boots and gas masks and are prepared to withstand any kind of warfare. They speak of the weather as having been quite disagreeable since they landed in France, almost each day raining. While in England some of the boys took courses in bomb throwing and many have perfected themselves along many lines of this variety.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN ANNUAL SESSION

Women of Main Street Baptist Church had interesting meetings.

The annual gathering of the Women's Missionary Society of Main Street Baptist church took place yesterday, there being both afternoon and evening sessions. Mrs. David Hutchinson presided during the afternoon and gave a helpful address. Other ladies also gave short addresses along the lines of missionary effort. Special music was provided, including a solo by Mrs. Olmstead. Tea was served by the ladies aid committee of which Mrs. W. H. Dunham was convener.

At the meeting in the evening Rev. Dr. Hutchinson gave an address after Mrs. Hutchinson, as president of the society, said the two vice-presidents had conducted the opening exercises. He took as his theme "Individual work in connection with God's Kingdom," pointing out the responsibility resting on each person in upholding the cause of Christianity. There was a large attendance at both sessions and the gatherings compared favorably with those of past years.

A Serious Charge
 Leonard Jones was arrested on a warrant last night, charging him with beating his wife.

Christmas Crackers
 Festive merriment reaches its height when Cracker time comes 'round; indeed, Christmas would be incomplete without the time-honored Cracker bon-bon which we offer you this year in an immense variety of the latest novelties, including delightfully original patriotic effects and containing all sorts of mirth-provoking prizes. The splendid range embraces:
 Spirit of Christmas, 90c. a box
 France, 90c. a box
 Russia, \$1.10 a box
 "Bright and Gay", \$1.65 a box
 Carnation effect, \$1.65 a box
 Jewellies, 90c. a box
 Butterfly Dancers, \$2.25 a box
 Carnations (varied), \$1.50 a box
 Allies, 90c. a box
 British Navy, \$1.10 a box
 Belgium, \$1.50 a box
 "Seasonable", \$1.15 a box
 Kiddies, \$1.25 a box
 Glad Eye, \$2.90 a box
 Grottesque, \$1.75 a box
 Hoop Skirt Fancies, \$1.50 a box
 TOY DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR, KING STREET STORE.
 Market Square - W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - King Street

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.
 Saturdays our stores will be open until 10 p.m.; open at 8 a.m.; close 6 p.m., excepting Saturday 10 p.m.

LADIES' BATH GOWNS, DRESSING GOWNS AND KIMONAS
 LONG OR SHORT SILK QUILTED GOWNS—in black, red or navy, with several different colored silk linings.
 HEAVY VELOUR GOWNS AND KIMONAS—Soft, warm and perfect in wash, light to dark colors, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$5.00 each.
 FANCY FLANNELETTE DRESSING GOWNS... \$1.25 and \$1.50 each
 COTTON CREPE KIMONAS—Long length, in fancy designs and plain colors... \$1.25 to \$3.75 each
 SHORT, FANCY COTTON CREPE DRESSING SACQUES—Special price, 69c. each
 We make to order handsome Robe Blankets with cord for back, frog fasteners and heavy cord stridle, all to match perfectly, men's or ladies' dressing gowns at short notice. You can have in this way a greater range of colors and patterns to select from. The Robe Blankets are sold in box complete, from \$2.75 to \$3.60, so anyone may make up as they wish.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

"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
 Fits over top of ordinary wood barrel or galvanized ash can.
 —NO DUST CAN ESCAPE—
GALVANIZED ASH BARRELS
 Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Stores open 8.30. Close at 6 o'clock. Saturdays 10 p. m.

Continued This Morning the Remnant Sale of Dress Goods, Suitings and Coat Cloths in Dress Goods Dept.

Sale of Flannelette and Knitted Underwear
 Ladies' and Children's Garments at Wonderful Bargain Prices at This Pre-Winter Clearance of Manufacturers' Samples and Oddments
COMMENCING THIS MORNING

This is a complete outgoing of samples and oddments, all priced so low as to provide the most exceptional bargains. These garments are exactly the thing for cold weather wear and will be sold without reserve so that everybody should come promptly to prevent disappointment.

Ladies' Knitted Underwear
 A wide range of weights and qualities in such well known makes as Turnbull, Hygeian, Shaw-Wood, Watson, Penman, etc., plain and fancy ribbed; white, cream and natural shades, some slightly mused from use as samples. Included are several qualities in O. S. sizes.

VESTS, DRAWERS AND COMBINATIONS. Sale prices
 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25
 INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S VESTS AND DRAWERS. Sale prices
 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c, 65c

Ladies' Flannelette Wear
 Flannelette wear in white and pink, heavy, fleecy material. Night Dresses, tucked and self-embroidered, in lengths from fifty-four to sixty inches; Underskirts, plain and frills, others fancy lace trimmed.

NIGHT DRESSES. Sale prices 35c, 50c, 75c, 95c, \$1.10
 UNDERSKIRTS. Sale prices 40c, 50c
 INFANTS' PETTICOATS. Sale price 25c.
 INFANTS' SLEEPERS. Sale price 35c.
 INFANTS' DRAWERS. Sale price 15c.

SALE WILL START AT 8.30 SHARP IN LADIES' UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

Newest in Ladies' Neckwear
 JACK FROST TIES—Assorted colors Each 25c.
 WINDSOR TIES—Assorted colors Each 25c. to 75c.
 WHITE ICELAND NECK RUFFS Each \$1.50 to \$4.25
 FEATHER RUFFS Each \$2.25 to \$3.00
 MALINE RUFFS Each 50c. to \$1.00
 GEORGETTE CREPE COLLARS Each 50c. to \$1.50
 SWISS EMBROIDERED COLLARS Each 35c. to \$1.00
 COLLAR AND CUFF SETS Each 50c. to \$1.75
 ART SILK MUFLERS—Black, white and colors Each 35c. to \$1.75
 NECKWEAR DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

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