

**THE WEATHER.**

**Forecasts.**  
Maritime—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy, not much change in temperature.  
Washington, Jan. 4.—Northern New England—Increasing cloudiness, followed by snow or rain Friday; Saturday clearing and colder; Fresh east winds.  
Toronto, Jan. 4.—A moderate disturbance is centered tonight in the lower Mississippi Valley, and another cold wave has spread over the western provinces from the northward. From Ontario eastward the weather has been mostly fair and mild.

**Temperatures.**

|               | Min. | Max. |
|---------------|------|------|
| Prince Rupert | 26   | 32   |
| Victoria      | 42   | 46   |
| Vancouver     | 36   | 40   |
| Kamloops      | 16   | 26   |
| Calgary       | 10   | 11   |
| Prince Albert | 13   | 14   |
| Saskatoon     | 20   | 21   |
| Moose Jaw     | 2    | 10   |
| Regina        | 13   | 11   |
| Winnipeg      | 18   | 6    |
| Port Arthur   | 16   | 28   |
| Perry Sound   | 30   | 34   |
| London        | 26   | 38   |
| Toronto       | 34   | 40   |
| Kingston      | 22   | 40   |
| Ottawa        | 22   | 34   |
| Montreal      | 22   | 22   |
| Quebec        | 18   | 28   |
| St. John      | 23   | 32   |
| Halifax       | 30   | 36   |

\*—Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Fractured an Arm.**  
Amon Collette, of Fairville had the misfortune of falling through the hold of the steamship Scotian while engaged in longshore work yesterday morning. He fractured his right arm and after being treated at the Emergency Hospital was sent to the General Public Hospital.

**Fire at Cumberland Bay.**  
Henry Clay, well known resident of Cumberland Bay, Queens Co., met with a serious loss on Tuesday last when his home was practically destroyed by fire. The roof was completely burned off and the interior badly gutted. The neighbors gathered quickly on the receipt of the news that the house was on fire and by strenuous efforts succeeded in saving the other buildings on the farm.

**Sabbath School Scholars Entertained.**  
About eighty of the older Sunday school scholars of St. James church on Broad street were entertained at a supper and concert last evening in the church parlors. During the concert a humorous play was enacted by four boys, Robert Jones, Ralph Kee, Wm. Waring and Jack Holman, entitled "The Dentist's Den." Mr. Kee spoke a few words in closing. The supper and concert were under the charge of the Sunday school teachers.

**MARITIME AND CANADIAN NAIL COMPANY ANNUAL DINNER AT MANOR HOUSE**

**Salesmen and Executive Staffs, With Guests, Enjoy Banquet and Hear Interesting Business Talks.**

The annual dinner of salesmen and executive staff of Maritime Nail Co., and Canada Nail and Wire Company, was held in the Manor House, Glen Falls, last night. About thirty people sat down to an excellent repast, at which S. E. Elkin, general manager of the Maritime Nail Co., Ltd., was chairman, and E. E. Bishop, vice-president of Canada Nail and Wire Co., Ltd., was in the vice chair.

Among those present were: S. E. Elkin, president Maritime Nail Co.; Leslie Smith, Ontario territory; G. V. Flower, Nova Scotia territory; B. Y. Elkin, sales manager Quebec and Ontario; E. Pressault, Quebec territory; W. G. C. Simpson, Montreal manager; L. Marshall, assistant superintendent Maritime Co.; A. Martineau, manager Quebec branch; W. A. Pattison, P. E. I. and N. B. territory; Frank Scott, secretary-treasurer, Canada Nail Co.; Wm. Boucher, Quebec territory; H. A. Marvin, assistant general manager, Maritime Nail Co.; George S. Bilzard, superintendent, Maritime Nail Co.; C. N. Labelle, Quebec territory; Major G. M. Johnson, former sales manager; Wm. Cameron, Ontario territory; S. S. Elliott, director, Maritime Nail Co. There were also a few invited guests present.

The toast to the King was received with the National Anthem. The health to the guests was proposed by Mr. Bishop and was responded to by R. E. Smith and Major Johnson. The health of the ladies was proposed by Mr. Martineau and responded to by T. B. Blair. Brief addresses were given by F. T. Short, J. D. P. Lewis, M. McCutcheon, Wm. Cameron, L. Smith, H. A. Marvin and S. E. Elkin.

**F. S. WEST SUCCEEDS C. B. ALLAN**

**C. B. Allan Resigns As Secretary Treasurer of Patriotic Fund—F. S. West Appointed.**

A meeting of the executive of the Patriotic Fund was held yesterday afternoon at four o'clock in the Board of Trade rooms. The resignation of C. B. Allan as secretary-treasurer was reluctantly accepted by the committee and F. S. West, who has been assisting him for the past year, was appointed to the position. Mr. Allan will continue to supervise the work of the office without salary, for which the committee feel deeply grateful. Mr. Allan's report covering the operations of the office since the beginning of the war until the present time was read. Some extracts from the report follow: In December 1914 the number of families receiving aid from the fund was 280, amount paid out, \$4,304.25, average per family \$15.75; in January 1915 the number of families had increased to 616, amount dispersed \$9,275.80, average \$14.75; December 1915, families 895, amount \$13,890.34, average \$15.18; January 1916, families 1,025, amount \$14,621.77, average \$13.98; December 1916, families 1,030, amount \$14,556.86, average \$14.14.

The total amount sent to Ottawa since the beginning of the war is \$318,796.71, amount requisitioned \$306,099.68, balance to the credit of the account at Ottawa \$12,697.03, and in addition to this there was an deposit in the Bank of Nova Scotia here \$1,500.

During 1916 there had been paid out through this office the sum of \$175,314.97. The expenses of the office for twenty-nine months had been \$7,000 or about 2 1/2 per cent. In June 1916 the cost of administering the fund in Montreal was 3 1/2 per cent, in Quebec 3 1/2, St. John 2 1/2, in July Montreal 3 1/2, Quebec 3 1/2, St. John 2 1/2.

The thanks of the committee were tendered to the Bank of Nova Scotia for use of rooms and banking facilities Mrs. J. V. Ellis and the Globe Publishing Co. for use of the present offices, A. P. Barnhill, J. F. Robertson, W. C. Allison, United Typewriter Co., Burroughs Adding Machine Co. and J. A. McMillan for office supplies. To Senator Thorne and T. H. Estabrook for their services in connection with the raising of the amount necessary to make up the deficit in the amount needed to square this district, and to all who had in any way helped along the work.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that the local executive of the Canadian Patriotic Fund accepts with very great regret the resignation of Mr. C. B. Allan, who since the establishment of the fund has been the capable secretary-treasurer of this city, and who by his painstaking and willing efforts has contributed much to the successful administration of the fund in this district. The executive would take this opportunity of testifying to the efficient and faithful manner in which Mr. Allan has discharged the duties of this very onerous position. In acknowledging the courteous and valuable assistance which Mr. Allan so readily extended to the executive and subordinate committees at all times, it would voice the gratification of its members that he will still be able to extend to them the benefit of his experience and ability."

**GEORGE M. LARKIN DIES SUDDENLY**

**Well-known Boatman Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon—No Inquest.**

A well known and much liked citizen, George M. Larkin, died suddenly about 3.45 p.m. yesterday. He had been at work as usual during the day and at about 3.30 went to J. Knox's office, Walker's wharf, to attend to some rope. It was soon seen that Mr. Larkin was not in his usual health, and after being placed in a chair he was seen to snap and expired.

Mr. Larkin was a competent boatman and greatly respected. For a long time he had been a well-known figure about the harbor, latterly taking trips with a boat for supplying water to vessels. He was a member of Peerless Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is survived by five sons, John, Burpee, Fred, Arthur and Maynard, and one daughter, Miss Mary, all residing at 49 Main street. Only as recently as May last deceased lost by death his daughter Elma and soon afterwards his son James. The body was taken to Chamberlain's undertakings parlors pending funeral arrangements. Coroner Dr. W. F. Roberts has decided that no inquest is necessary.

**COMPENSATION ACTS WILL BE INVESTIGATED**

**Government Appoints Commission to Consider Legislation of Ontario and Nova Scotia—Grant for Sailors' Fund.**

The provincial government was in session at the local rooms yesterday afternoon. Hon. J. A. Murray presided and others present were Premier Clarke, Attorney-General Baxter, Hon. B. Frank Smith and Hon. Dr. Landry.

The Government appointed the following gentlemen as members of the commission: F. J. G. Knowlton, J. B. Cudlip, Lewis W. Simms and James L. Sugrue. The commission is a representative one and will undoubtedly do good work.

A grant of \$2,500 to the British Sailors' Relief Fund was passed by the government at yesterday's meeting.

The Government also considered the matter of the subsidy in connection with the Yarmouth-St. John line, operated by Hugh Cann & Sons, Ltd., in conformity to the proposals of the Board of Trade the Government grant a subsidy to this company of \$1,000 for three years on the conditions imposed by the Dominion government.

**N. B. BIBLE SOCIETY IN ANNUAL SESSION**

**Report of Secretary Encouraging—Fine Address by Rev. John Hardwick—Officers Re-elected.**

The annual meeting of the St. John branch of the New Brunswick Bible Society was held in Germain street Baptist church last evening. Rev. F. S. Poole presided in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Justice McKewen.

The secretary's report showed that during the past year the St. John branch of the society had pursued its usual activities. The finances were satisfactory; already \$950 had been received with indications of further receipts that might equal the receipts for 1915 which amounted to \$1,895.

St. John is honored in Bible society work by having in its midst the Bible house, which is a center for all Bible society activity throughout the eastern provinces as well as in Newfoundland. The district secretary, Rev. H. B. Boyer, M. S. T., directs the affairs of the district from this center.

Rev. Mr. Hardwick in his address traced the history of the British and Foreign Bible Society since \$6,485,000 copies had been distributed through the agency of the society. The Bible, he remarked, is not a book, but a whole library of books. From it all modern laws have been framed, laws in their most dignified sense. The policy of the society had been to disseminate the Bible just as it is, and it had been of immense use to the world over. Last year the Canadian Bible Society had raised \$29,200 for the

**FOUR MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY**

**Canadian Engineers Still the Popular Unit—Inspection of 165th by Lady Aberdeen**

**HONOR ROLL.**  
+ Matteo Filardo, Italy  
+ DeRosario Berneno, Italy  
+ Canadian Engineers  
+ James McCaffrey, St. John  
+ N. B. 236th Killies  
+ Arthur Kennedy, St. John  
+ 65th Battery

Only four men were secured yesterday for overseas service. Several other applications were made but had to be rejected. Three recruits are expected today for the 65th Battery, mobilizing at Woodstock. This unit requires at least fifty more men to complete its establishment.

Quite a large number of military men and citizens assembled yesterday near the residence of Lady Tilley to witness the inspection of the different units of the 165th Battalion.

The band of the 165th Battalion rendered patriotic airs, which seemed to please Lady Aberdeen, and the expression of pleasure was plainly made manifest upon her countenance.

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.

**BILLY SUNDAY EXCURSION.**

The committee having charge of the excursion met last night for final arrangements and it was decided that owing to the fact that the C. P. R. could not be prevailed upon to give a rate for less than 2 cents per mile on a longer period than 7 days that the excursion would be run by boat, Eastern Steamship Company lines, leaving St. John on Thursday, January 11th, 9 a. m. Tickets, return \$7.00. Good to return either the 15th or 22nd. For further announcements see daily papers.

**ROBT. H. COTHER, Chairman of Committee.**

British and foreign mails will close on Saturday forenoon, January 6th, 1917. Letters at 9 o'clock; parcels and papers at 8 o'clock.

**MANNISH CLOTHS**

AN EXCEPTIONAL SHOWING  
Serges, Gabardines, English Worsteds, Cheviots, British Tweeds and Domestic Honespuns, 75c. to \$3.25 per yard.  
DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.

**SALE OF LACE EDGED LINENS**

Runners, Five O'clock Tea Cloths, Tray Cloths, etc. Only a small number to sell. They have been soiled and mused in showing, hence the reduced prices. At Front Counter, 65c. to \$4.00 each.

**WRINGERS**  
That Pay for Themselves  
Housewives who know will tell you that HORSESHOE BRAND CLOTHES WRINGERS do the same work much better and with less effort, will last longer—in fact, quickly pay for themselves.

**PRICES**  
ROYAL, 11 inch rolls . . . \$6.25  
NOVELTY 10 inch rolls . . . 4.50  
NOVELTY, 11 inch rolls . . . 5.00  
NOVELTY, 12 inch rolls . . . 5.50  
IMPERIAL, 11 inch rolls . . . 4.75  
RIVAL . . . 4.25  
RIVAL, Ball Bearing . . . 4.75  
EUREKA, 11 inch rolls . . . 4.50  
CROWN, 10 inch rolls . . . 3.25  
CROWN, 11 inch rolls . . . 3.50  
STAR, 10 inch rolls . . . 3.00  
STAR, 11 inch rolls . . . 3.25  
WRINGER ROLLS, \$1.50 to \$2.25

Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

**FEATHER HATS**  
These Hats are very popular in New York just now for skating. We are showing them in a colors and different styles.

**Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.**

**THE MODERN LABOR SAVER**  
THE WASHING MACHINE does away with the old wash-day troubles and saves both your health and strength. With an up-to-date Washing Machine the week's wash may be done in a few minutes and done well.

**Prices - \$5.25 to \$15.75**  
E. & F. Special Wringer, 11 inch roll . . . \$5.50  
E. & F. Wringer, 12 inch roll . . . \$6.50  
The best wringer made  
Wringers (Iron and Wood Frame) . . . \$3.20 to \$6.50

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**MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED**

KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE

Our Annual Free Hemming Sale of Household Linens Starts Monday, Jan. 8th, in Linen Room.

**DRESS MATERIALS**  
FOR THE NEW YEAR

Anticipating a Considerable Increase in the Cost of All Dress Fabrics, We Made Our Purchases Early Last Year and have Now in Stock, and are in a position to Offer, Good Values in all Materials for the Making of Ladies' and Children's Dresses and Suits.

**SHEPHERD CHECKS**  
They promise to be in great demand this Spring. Black and White, Navy and White, Brown and White and Novelty coloring effects.  
45 to 54 inches wide.  
45c. to \$1.90 a yard.

**NOVELTY PLAIDS**  
Gaining in popularity every season. Smart and stylish All-wool and Silk and Wool, brown, blue, green, black and white, etc.  
42 to 50 inches wide.  
\$1.45 and \$2 a yard.

**SCOTCH PLAIDS**  
Standard Tartans  
Never out of fashion. Splendid for girls' dresses. Black Watch, Campbell, McLeod, Gordon, McKenzie, Malcolm, MacDonald, Royal Stuart.  
40 to 46 inches wide.  
70c. to \$1.50 a yard.

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