WEATHER.

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...ington, Dec. 31.—Fore... Northern New England— ... Friday; Saturday cloudy; ...mer. Moderate, variable, ...ostly southwest and west ...winds.

Toronto, Dec. 31—The weather of today has been fair throughout the Dominion. It has been mild in British Columbia and Alberta, and moderately cold in the other provinces.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	46
Vancouver	36	46
Calgary	18	38
Edmonton	18	24
Battleford	0	34
Prince Albert	2	14
Winnipeg	*20	16
Port Arthur	*12	8
Parry Sound	6	26
Toronto	17	22
Kingston	14	22
Ottawa	0	14
Montreal	0	12
Quebec	*2	6
St. John	14	20
Halifax	13	24

*—Below zero.

Around the City

For Drunkenness.

Frederick Ross was arrested about 11.30 o'clock last night for being drunk and profane on Waterloo street.

Reid Newfoundland Company

advise that commencing January fifth there will be no sleeping or dining cars on trains leaving Port Aux Basque, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Building Operations in 1914.

Building permits for December, 1914 were eight in number, value $16,900. Permits for December, 1913, were seven, value $12,950. Total for the year 1914, $515,300; total for the year 1913, $2,412,000.

Army Service Corps.

Members of the Canadian Army Service Corps stationed at West St. John, were entertained in the Carleton Methodist church last evening. Refreshments were served and a musical programme was carried out.

Funeral of Mrs. John Allingham.

The funeral of Mrs. John Allingham, West St. John, will be held from her late residence, 113 Guilford street, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and not this afternoon as stated in an evening paper yesterday.

New Police Bloter.

The arrest book in the central police station was finished to the last page last night and the year 1915 will be started with a brand new book this morning. The greetings of the Chief of Police to the officers of the department is written on the front page of the new book.

Soldiers Are Grateful.

Col. J. L. McAvity, the officers and the "non-coms." of the 26th Battalion overseas expedition force wish to publicly express their cordial appreciation of the generous hospitality extended by the President and members of the Women's Canadian Club to the men of the Battalion during the Christmas and New Year's season.

Allies Aids Dance.

The amount raised by the sale of tickets at the recent dance promoted by the Allies' Aids, whose work has been under the superintendence of Miss Lois Grimmer and Miss Violet Whittaker, was $86, this result demonstrating the feasibility of doing two good things at one time—a good turn in the dance room, and a good turn for the wounded soldiers.

Refused The Chance.

A soldier who was intoxicated and disorderly on King street last night refused a chance to accompany a couple of other soldiers to the Armory and he was placed under arrest by Officers Ross and Armstrong and locked up in the Water street lockup. A drunk was found lying in a doorway on Church street last night and was placed under arrest.

Youthful Thieves Arrested.

On Wednesday Alfred Hanson, aged 14, and Pearl Hampton, aged 13 years escaped from the Boys' Industrial Home, and they were not long away from the Home when they managed to break into J. M. Roche's residence in Lancaster and stole four diamond rings, one flash light, a revolver, one hand bag, some cards, 12 cigars and some keys. Hampton was arrested Wednesday afternoon by Sergt. Finley, and Hanson was gathered in yesterday by Deputy Chief Jenkins.

Complimentary Reception.

The Fishermen's Protective Association of Lorneville, will tender a complimentary reception and smoker to Hon. Mr. Baxter on Saturday evening, the function taking place in Coronation Hall. All friends and supporters of Hon. Mr. Baxter are invited to be present.

New Year's Reception

The Beaconsfield Conservative Association will hold open house in their rooms, Dufferin Row, on New Year's afternoon. All residents of the Parish of Lancaster are invited.

St. John Business College.

Day and Evening classes will reopen Monday, January 4th.

Rich Furs.

There is still a chance to buy some of those handsome rich furs which F. A. Dykeman & Co. are selling at such attractive prices. They are selling a natural fox set worth $70.00 for $41.00. Black wolf sets, worth $50.00 for $32.00, also black wolf sets worth $75.00 for $45.00. Black fox sets worth $90.00 on sale at $68.00. China lynx sets black, with long fur, looks like fox, worth $65.00, on sale at $44.00.

Closed on Saturday Evenings.

The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will not be open Saturday evening during the months of January and February.

ST. JOHN WELCOMES NEW YEAR WITH CUSTOMARY CEREMONIES

Gathering at Head of King Street Smaller Than Usual and Jocund Spirit Prevails—Many Church Entertainments Mark Close of Year.

With the toting of steam whistles, and the singing of Tipperary and the Soldiers of the King St. John welcomed the New Year. The crowd which gathered at the head of King street was much smaller than usual, and it gave vent to its exuberance by singing patriotic songs. Watch night services were well attended.

According to the weather man New Year's Day will be cold and fair, and the people of St. John will be able to celebrate it in an old-fashioned way. At the Opera House there will be a special matinee performance as well as the usual evening performance. All the moving picture houses will have special programmes, and the skating rinks will have bands to entertain their patrons.

The year of 1914 died out and 1915 was ushered in last night with but little excitement in the city. There were a few hundred men, women and boys at the head of King street, but not nearly as many as have appeared on the street during the past few years. The fife and drum band of the 26th Battalion was on hand and rendered a number of selections, and as the fire alarm sounded two blows at midnight the band played "Auld Lang Syne," and the crowd cheered. The whistles of the steamships and tugs in the harbor were sounded and the New Year was given a proper welcome Chief of Police Clark had a large squad of officers on duty last night, and Chief Blake of the fire department had a number of his firemen on duty near some of the boxes to prevent any false alarms being sent in. Commissioner McLellan was about looking over the situation, but the crowd was quite orderly and were contented with singing and cheering. They only remained at the head of King street for about an hour when they gradually left for their homes.

Portland Methodist Church.

An entertainment for soldiers was held at the Portland street Methodist church last evening, which proved to be a very enjoyable affair. Over 180 soldiers were present, and they had a very enjoyable time. Dainty refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

Carleton Methodist Church.

Last evening members of the Army Service Corps were entertained by the ladies of the Carleton Methodist church. After being given a fine programme of games and songs, the soldiers were provided with a fine supper by the ladies of the church. Rev. H. E. Thomas made a brief address, extending a cordial welcome to the soldiers, and Sergt. Black responded on behalf of the soldiers. The Carleton Methodist church has opened a reading room for soldiers every Thursday evening, and this courtesy is much appreciated by members of the Army Service Corps.

New Year's at Y. M. C. A.

On New Year's Day the Y. M. C. A. will keep open house At 10 a.m. there will be a basketball match and at 10.30 a boys' athletic contest. At 2 p.m. there will be a reception to all the friends of the association. At 3 p.m. there will be an exhibition in the boys' gymnasium, including aquatic exercises. At 4 p.m. the orchestra will render a musical programme. In the evening there will be basketball games between the ...igh School and Business boys, the ladies and the East St. John Y. M. C. A. A.; the Halifax Technical College and the Y. M. C. A.

Y. M. C. A. Games

The Y. M. C. A. junior Bible classes held their first athletic meet yesterday morning. All four classes were well represented and the spirit was very keen throughout the meet. This is one of the three meets to be held in this class.

Each event won was counted by points. Tht first place, five points; second, three points; and the third, one point. The events were as follows:

Relay Race—Only three teams entered. The Aletos took first place, time 2 min. 5 sec.; Enasonas second place, time 2 min. 3 sec.; Beavers third, time 2 min. 2 sec.

Running Broad Jump—Aletos taking first, second and third.

Standing Broad Jump—Aletos again taking first place, Enasonas second place, Beavers third.

Running High Jump—Aletos first and third and the Senecas taking second.

Pull ups—Enasonas taking first and second, Beavers taking third. The Aletos were successful in taking four firsts, 20 points, one seond 3 points and two thirds 2 points making 25 points.

Enasonas taking one first 5 points, three seconds nine points making a total of 14 points.

Beavers three thirds, 3 pts. and Senecas one second 3 points.

The Aletos won the next by a margin of 11 pts. The second meet will take place the latter part of January.

Y. M. C. A. Junior League

Yesterday afternoon the junior "B" league played another one of its scheduled games. In this contest Jordan and Trentowsky met in two fifteen minute periods. The game proved a very hot one as Trentoswsky's team was determined to take Jordan down from first place.

He was successful, winning by the close score of 20 to 18.

The first half ended in the score of 11 to 10 in favor of Trentowsky. After a short rest the game was off again. This half proved quite exciting, but it seemed that Jordon's team could not cover as well as their opponents.

McCavour and Clark did splendid work as forwards, while Nase stopped some very wise plays for their opponents.

The scores follow: Trentowsk:y 20, Jordan 18. McCavour, F; Clark, F; Waddington, C; Trentowsky, G; Nase, G. Jordan, F; Nystrous, F; Wetmore C; Whittaker, G; Regan, G.

Field goals, McCavour 7, Jordan 5, Clark 1, Regan 3, foul goals Clark 3, McCavour 1, Jordon 2. Time 15 minutes.

Standing

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Jordon	2	1	.667
Seely	2	1	.667
Trentowsky	2	2	.500
Cairns	1	2	.333
Willet	1	2	.333

WIGGINS INSTITUTION CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Young people have good time at annual entertainment last evening.

A good time was had by the boys and girls at the Wiggins' Institution last evening. There was a very large attendance of those who take an interest in the work of the institution.

The boys gave fine evidence of drill and were applauded by the onlookers for their capable work, the different movements in drill being precise and altogether satisfactory. Archdeacon Raymond, in a few words, paid high compliment to the work of the boys. Songs, recitations and other incidents of a good time were present. Refreshments were served during the evening by a capable willing staff of ladies. A particularly pleasing feature was the occasion when enneth Linton, Thomas Rowley and Walter Rowley, boys going to the front took the rear-guard, in fine fashion, when Victor, a boy with a fine voice and presence, sang "Tip."

A. W. Adams was in the chair, Senator Thorne and Rev. H. A. Cody were also present, all giving the boys words of encouragement. The full programme was as follows:

God Save the King; carol, In the Fields, by the boys; recitation, The Indian's Self-Control, by Tommy; carol, Bethlehem Star, by the boys; recitation, "Plural and Singular," by Cecil; song, The Lads in Navy Blue, by Victor; recitation, "Bravo!" by Ethel; action song, "Flag of Empire," by the boys; dialogue, Peter the Great's School, by Marjorie, Victor, Arthur, Morris and Cecil; song, British Grenadiers, by the smaller boys; recitation, "Something Which May Last," by Jack; recitation, Going on an Errand, by Morris; song, Britannia's Flag, by the boys; recitation, The Union Jack, by Marjorie; medley of choruses, by all.

Everyone present at the annual function voted the occasion one of the best that the youngsters have had for a long time.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTION AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Thompson Musical Company at the Opera House have prepared a special holiday programme for today, with some new features. Matinee at 2.30, night performance at 8.15. Regular prices prevail. Box offices open from 10 a. m.

ST. DAVID'S SABBATH SCHOOL IS PROSPEROUS

Annual meeting on Wednesday evening—Reports submitted and officers chosen for ensuing term.

The annual meeting of the teachers and officers of Saint David's Presbyterian Sunday School was held on Wednesday evening, December 30th, at 8.45 in St. David's Presbyterian Church. Andrew Dodds was in the chair.

The report of the secretary, J. F. Archibald, showed an enrollment in teachers, officers and scholars of 329. Mrs. F. Shaw, superintendent of Home Department, reported an enrollment of 62, and Mrs. Robt. Reid, superintendent of Cradle Roll, has an enrollment of 42, making a total enrollment of 433.

Mr. F. J. Punter, financial secretary, reported the following amounts raised in the various funds for the year:

General account	$256.00
Missions	296.00
Home Department	38.00
	$590.00

Miss J. Milligan, secretary of I. B. R. A., reported 100 members.

The following officers were lected for the ensuing year:

Honorary Superintendent—Andrew Dodds.

Superintendent—Robt. Reid.

Secretary—I. Frank Archibald.

Assistant Secretary—Percy Long.

Financial Secretary—F. J. Punter.

Recording Secretary—W. R. Jones.

Librarians—J. Gordon Henderson, J. Stuart Henderson.

Supt. of Temperance Department—F. S. P. MacFarland.

Secretary of Temperance Dept.—John M. Dawson.

Supt. Primary Dept.—Mrs. Robert Reid.

Supt. Cradle Roll—Mrs. Robert Reid.

Secretary Primary Dept. — Miss Helen Jack.

Supt. Home Dept.—Mrs. Geo. Shaw.

Secretary Home Dept.—Mrs. A. Douglas Malcolm.

Secretary I. B. R. A.—Miss J. Milligan.

Supt. Teachers' Training Dept.—Miss J. Vanwart.

Leader of Orchestra—M. Goudy.

Pianists—Miss H. Campbell, Miss G. Fowler.

The executive committee was appointed as follows:

Mrs. Jamieson, Miss Milligan, Miss Helen McMurray, A. Dodds, R. Reid, Alex. Watson, I. F. Archibald.

MISS HAZEN AND MAJOR M'AVITY TO WED TODAY

Wedding in St. Paul's (Valley) Church at Four-Thirty O'Clock This Afternoon.

The wedding of Miss Frances Hazen second daughter of Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and Major T. Malcolm McAvity, of the 26th Battalion, will take place this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock in St. Paul's church. Miss Hazen will be unattended. She will wear a white satin gown. James McMillan will be best man, and Captains McMillan and McAvity will act as ushers.

After the ceremony, which will be performed by Rev. E. B. Hooper, rector of St. Paul's, luncheon will be served at the residence of Hon. J. D. Hazen. Major McAvity and Mrs. McAvity will leave on the Boston train tonight for a short honeymoon trip

Both Major McAvity and Miss Hazen have a wide circle of friends, who will wish them a happy future.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT BOY'S CLUB

Turkey supper and Christmas Tree provided for members by Playgrounds Executive — A pleasant function.

The St. John Boys' Club presented a festive appearance last evening when a fine turkey supper and Christmas tree was provided them by the members of the Playground Executive Everything for this jolly good time was contributed by people of the city who are interested in this work. About sixty boys sat at table. The room was beautifully decorated with flags of Great Britain and allied nations and evergreens with brilliant red Christmas bells appearing here and there among the greens.

A large and gaily decoratel Christmas tree occupied the centre 6666 mas tree occupied one corner of the room and especially gladdened the hearts of the boys.

The decorating was done entirely by the boys of the club under the direction of Supt. Howard.

A great many trips were made by committees of boys over a large portion of the city throughout the day bringing the decorations and donations to the club, so that much expense of delivery was saved and the boys had a real part in the labor as well as the enjoyment.

The two long tables presented a most attractive appearance, decorated with Christmas napkins and red candles and the food most attractively displayed. The bright, happy faces of the lads themselves presented a very pleasing picture.

Much credit is due the following ladies of the Playground Executive for their untiring work and devotion to the cause: Mrs. H. Colby Smith, Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. G. L. Wetmore (chairman), Miss Emily M. Goodwin, Mrs. A. E. Prince, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. R. A. Corbett, Mrs. J. F. Bullock, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Miss Lauise Parks, Miss Lillian Deinstadt, Miss A. M. Pitt, with also Mrs. C. D. Howard.

The following gentlemen of the executive were present and lent their assistance last evening: President W. B. Tennant, Mayor Frink, Judge Ritchie, Com. Potts, Geo. R. Ewing, F. deL. Clements, W. F. Nobles, M. E. Agar, R. B. Emerson and A. M. Belding, besides Supt. Howard, H. S. Kein, physical director, and Sergt. Sullivan, who gives the boys military drill. Mrs. Frink accompanied the Mayor.

A musical programme was given on piano and violin by Miss Hogan and the Misses Lynch, and E. A. Belding sang "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall" and "Tipperary," the boys giving a rousing chorus. Short addresses were given by Messrs. Tennant, Ritchie, Potts, Frink, Emerson, Agar, Belding and Howard; and after the National Anthem every boy was presented with a bag of candy and fruit from the Christmas tree.

The Playground Executive and Supt. Howard heartily thank all who contributed supplies or money for this occasion, and feel special mention should be made of the following: Peas for supper, contributed and cooked by Victoria Hotel; potatoes, contributed and cooked by Dufferin Hotel; ice cream by Mr. Bell, St. John Dairy; candy by Ganong Bros., and a coffee urn by R. B. Emerson. The table silver was hired for this occasion by the Young Ladies' Guild of Trinity Church.

One visitor remarked that the only think lacking in this grand spectacle was space in which everyone in St. John could be a witness to this grand work. Citizens are invited to drop in any evening and see these "Men in the Making.'

EDWARD C. WEYMAN MOVES HIS LAW OFFICE.

Mr. Edward C. Weyman, LL. B., Barrister-at-Law, is moving today into the offices formerly occupied by the late George C. Coster at No. 120 Prince William street opposite the Bank of Nova Scotia. Mr. Weyman was admitted as an attorney in 1909 and has since practiced in this city. During the last three years he has had his offices with Messrs. Weldon & McLean. Hereafter he will continue the practice of law independently.

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Dumb Bells, 30 to 80 cents the pair.

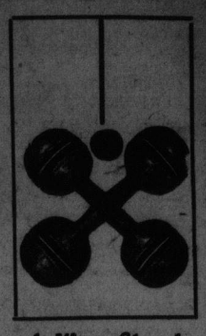
Indian Clubs, 50 cents to $1.35 the pair.

Punching Bags, $1.95 to $9.00 each.

Punching Bags, with Platforms, $11.50 each.

Boxing Gloves, $2.15, $2.70, $3.25, $4.00, $4.25, $4.30, $4.50, $4.80, $5.80, and $6.50 the pair.

Exercisers, light, $2.00; heavy, $2.50 each.



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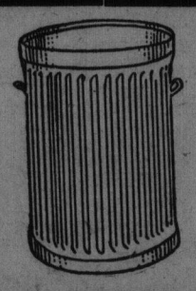

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