

THE WEATHER

Forecasts
 Maritime—Strong winds or gales from southwest and west, light snowfalls, turning colder at night.
 Washington, Jan. 16.—Northern New England—Cloudy and much colder Monday, with snows in interior Maine; Tuesday, fresh to strong west and northwest winds.
 Toronto, Jan. 16.—Local snowfalls have occurred from the Great Lakes eastward, while in the western provinces the weather has been mostly fair and milder.

Temperatures

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	24	36
Kamloops	16	34
Medicine Hat	20	32
Winnipeg	20	32
London	20	32
Toronto	12	24
Kingston	16	26
Ottawa	14	26
Montreal	14	24
Quebec	2	18
Halifax	6	26

Below zero.

Around the City

Five Drunks Arrested.
 Five drunks were arrested by the police on Saturday night.

Shot a Horse.
 At 3.30 o'clock, yesterday morning, Patrolman Rankine was called into a barn on Golding street, and at the request of Harry Golding, shot a horse that was of no further use.

Winnipeg Physician Here Enlists.
 Dr. Bridgman, of Winnipeg, was in the city Saturday on his way to join one of the overseas units. While the doctor was in St. John he was the guest of Theodore E. Titus.

P. E. I. Man Honored.
 George H. Webb, formerly of Charlottetown, has been elected mayor of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. Mayor Webb is a son of George Webb, of Charlottetown, and a nephew of Charles Cumlin, an officer of the steamer Northumberland.

Presented with Purse.
 On Saturday afternoon Rev. Father O'Brien of the Cathedral parish was made the presentation of a purse of gold by the members of "The Children of Mary" of the congregation. Nominations were made for the election of officers of the society which will be held on Wednesday.

Quelled a Disturbance.
 The police were called into the Dominion cafe on Charlotte street, Saturday night, to assist in ejecting soldiers who were not wanted there. Saturday afternoon Sergeant Cameron was called into the Gem restaurant on King square to quell a disturbance that John O'Leary and Thomas Atkins were creating.

West Side Fire.
 At 10.50 o'clock Saturday night the West Side fire department was called out by an alarm from box 221 and found a fire in a house 183 Prince St. The house is owned by Mrs. J. P. Bowes and occupied by Murray Stacks. The fire started near a stove and before the fire was quenched considerable damage had been done.

St. Peter's Retreat.
 In St. Peter's church, last evening commencing at 7.30 o'clock, a retreat was commenced for those of the parish. The retreat which is being conducted by the Rev. Father Phail, will be continued throughout the week. The special service in the church last evening marking the opening night was well attended and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached from the pulpit.

For Free Dispensary.
 The tea and fancy candy sale held on Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. T. E. O. Armstrong, Queen square, was in every way a success. Mrs. Armstrong was assisted by Mrs. C. B. Allan and by ladies of Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. E. The proceeds amounting to about \$70 will be given in aid of the Free Dispensary fund for tuberculosis cases in the city.

Shipments of Horses.
 Large shipments of horses for the Effieffe Affies are being made by way of Halifax, Boston and Portland, and a number are going through the port of St. John. Nearly 3,000 horses are at Portland for shipment to the French army during the next ten days. The stock yards at East Deering, near Portland, were abandoned by the British government Saturday, and the English remounts will hereafter be shipped by way of Canada. Of 20,000 horses shipped from Portland it is said only two animals had been lost.

Winchester at Newport, R. I.
 The three-masted schooner Winchester, from St. John, which was ashore five days near Seconnet Point Rhode Island, and subsequently floated, will be towed to New London, Conn., for repairs. Her rudder and part of her keel are gone and some of the bottom planking on the port side was torn off. Before the schooner was floated 120,000 feet of her deck load was lightened. The Winchester carried 210,000 feet of spruce lumber shipped by F. E. Sayre & Co. of this city to a Bridgeport, Conn., firm, J. Willard Smith, of St. John, agent of the vessel, went to Newport a few days ago to look after the schooner.

FOODSTUFFS FOR EXPORT RAPIDLY PILING UP HERE; STEAMER TONNAGE SCARCE

Thousands of boxes of cheese included in goods held at this port—Wheat also accumulating rapidly.

The entire eastern portion of the North American continent is threatened with the worst blockade of foodstuffs in transit ever known. Grain is not only piling up at various ports along the Atlantic sea-board, but the congestion is extending back thousands of miles into the country, both in Canada and the United States. Wheat is accumulating at St. John, Halifax, Montreal, Winnipeg, Port William, Portland, Boston, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, the southern and gulf ports and thousands of grain-laden cars are held on sidings along the lines of many railroads.

In St. John there are thousands of boxes of cheese which cannot be shipped because of a scarcity of ocean tonnage.

No doubt some folks will blame the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for the blockade, but even the Liberals of the Board of Trade can hardly hold him responsible for conditions in the United States, unless they think he is responsible for the war itself and a phenomenal grain crop in the west. Seriously, however, the general blockade is unprecedented. The railways of the United States have had to place an embargo on freight, for they simply cannot handle all that offers. The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad recently sent to the Bangor and Aroostook railroad for several locomotives to help handle traffic.

The British Admiralty orders to all ships flying the British flag to the effect that they must have fifty to seventy-five per cent. of their cargoes of wheat or flour, is affecting consignees and those holding contracts to deliver other foodstuffs on the other side of the Atlantic. The ocean tonnage situation was bad enough before this order, but since it has been put into

effect it is worse for those who had already delivered shipments of produce at seaboard and cannot get it away. When ships arrive the ocean freight room available is very limited, as space is very small when flour and grain cargoes have been taken aboard to the average of sixty per cent. of their capacity. The result of the great scarcity of ocean tonnage has caused freight rates to mount to almost prohibitive heights. The insurance rates also have advanced to much higher levels, due to the renewed activity of the enemy submarines reported in the Mediterranean.

In Canada an embargo has been established west of Port William and no empty cars are allowed to be sent westward of Winnipeg as the few available are needed to take grain, or to store the same east of Fort William and Port Arthur. Storms have been raging in the Canadian west and have delayed movements considerably and no trader really knows when he can deliver orders which are on the way east. The railway companies have issued orders to reduce the speed of their grain freight trains to avoid accidents. The weather has been so cold that locomotives were hardly able to move as fast as the regular stations allow and therefore the delivery in the east is slow. This is not to be regretted, however, as receipts are arriving as fast as they can be taken care of and storage room found for the grain.

Montreal grain elevators are holding many quarters of grain which are already sold but which do not appear in the stocks in store figures, and are only awaiting shipment through the ports of Portland and St. John, as fast as ocean tonnage can be secured. From Montreal the shipping rates through the ports of St. John and Portland are practically equal.

NEW L.C.R. TIMETABLE IN EFFECT YESTERDAY

Ocean Limited off route on Sundays—Other changes of minor nature.

The new Intercolonial timetable went into effect yesterday. With the exception of the Ocean Limited which will not run on Sundays, there are only a few minor changes. One of the principal features of the change is the placing of an accommodation train between Newcastle and Campbellton, the night mixed trains between Moncton and Hanover being withdrawn.

No. 9 express leaves Halifax fifteen minutes earlier and the maritime reaches Moncton from Montreal at 7.50 a.m. instead of 8.35. The maritime leaves Moncton for St. John at 8.15 a.m. instead of eight o'clock. The people of the North Shore are much pleased with the new service afforded by the new accommodation train, inasmuch as it allows residents at points down the line to go to Dalhousie and Campbellton to transact business and return home the same day.

CANDIDATES ALREADY OUT FOR CIVIC HONORS

Indications point to contest for Mayoralty and vacant Council seats.

Civic politics are rapidly assuming an interesting phase. In the spring elections the voters will express their choice for mayor and for two commissioners, the terms of Commissioners McLellan of the public safety department, and F. L. Potts, of the public works branch, expiring.

Former County Judge Forbes, a man new to city politics, announced his candidacy for mayor late in the fall. Mayor Prink has not yet indicated whether he will be a candidate for re-election.

For commissioners G. Fred Fisher, Clarence W. deForest and Miles E. Agar are aspirants, and it is probable that they will contest the election with Commissioners Potts and McLellan.

Mr. Agar was commissioner of public works when the commission system of city government was adopted. Mr. Fisher and Mr. deForest were candidates for commissioners at the last election, but were defeated.

Race at Vic Tonight.

There will be a special attraction for lovers of speed skating in the Victoria rink tonight in the form of a half-mile race in which the following well-known skaters will participate: Murray Bell, Robert Belys, Jerry Tracey, Ed. Gibbons, Frank Garnett, Thos. Gillen and Harvie McLeod. The race will be called between the fifth and sixth bands.

POTATOES CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN PRICE

Now selling, locally for \$3 to \$3.50 per bbl. with prospect of further jump.

Potatoes are still going up, to use a market phrase. In Boston sales are being made by retail markets and grocery stores at 50 cents a peck or at about \$5 a barrel. The restaurants and hotels in Boston are planning to make an extra charge for potatoes.

In St. John the wholesale prices range from \$2.50 to \$3 a barrel, according to quality. At retail they are selling here at from \$3 to \$3.50 a barrel in small quantities. There is every indication of a further rise in this city.

Woodstock quotes potatoes at \$2.75 a barrel at first hands. In Westmorland and Kent counties potatoes are scarce and many of them are of inferior quality. At Shediac the prevailing prices are \$1.50 and upwards. Prices in Cuba are still advancing.

WILL HONOR THE MEMORY OF SIR CHARLES TUPPER

Amherst plans to erect monument to most famous of her sons.

The friends and admirers of the late Sir Charles Tupper are planning to erect a monument in honor of his memory at Amherst, the birth-place of the deceased baronet. The movement was started by the Amherst Board of Trade, Amherst Town Council and the Cumberland County Council. Liberals as well as Conservatives are taking part in the movement and it is hoped to erect a costly memorial before the year ends.

The project is in the hands of a committee, headed by R. C. Fuller, E. J. Lay is secretary and the other members of the committee are: H. J. Logan, former Liberal member of parliament for Cumberland; Percy C. Black and George Charles Bragg.

Railway Men Meet.
 Division No. 3, Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, met yesterday afternoon in Forester's Hall, Coburg street. This was formerly two divisions, No. 45 and No. 8, but an amalgamation had been made and the new division will be known as No. 8. The officers are as follows: President, F. J. O'Hara; vice-president, William N. Collins; treasurer, James I. McManus; financial secretary, P. Donovan; recording secretary, Robert K. Fleet; warden, John Murphy; chaplain, John Holland; tinner guard, W. T. Inghram; outer guard, Mc-Montague; reporter, Wm. N. Collins. The main business was the consideration of the schedule to be presented to the railroads.

SHELL ORDERS A BONANZA FOR MANY WORKERS

Establishments in St. John and Moncton looking for lathe-workers—A wage question.

The manufacture of shells in Canada and the United States continues unabated. In St. John there is good demand for men who understand operating a lathe and in Moncton shell makers are in strong request. In fact it is said that a concern in Moncton is paying an advance over the prices generally prevailing. A number of St. John men go to Moncton today to work at shell making. The New Brunswick munition factories are running night and day.

The population of Bridgeport, Conn., has been increased 50,000 by the shell making boom. Millions in the erection of new factories and dwellings have been spent. Some of the lumber used in Bridgeport was shipped from St. John. Detroit has added 80,000 to the population by the construction of new munition plants.

The machinists in the United States have taken advantage of the boom times to obtain higher wages. In that country as in Canada thousands of green men have been engaged and in a few weeks they become fairly good shell makers. The wages of a shell maker vary from \$20 to \$30 a week. Many in St. John have made from \$20 to \$25 weekly, and some even more.

The union in Canada maintains, however, that the munition contractors are not paying enough, and the matter recently came before the Trades and Labor Council in St. John. A conference with the government to discuss the matter was held the other day. The Winnipeg council started the movement for higher wages.

CHARTERING SCHOONERS FOR LUMBER TO EUROPE

Shortage of ocean tonnage means money for old sailing vessels.

Because of a decided shortage of ocean tonnage, a number of provincial, Boston and Gloucester fishing vessels are being chartered to load lumber at provincial and American ports for Europe. G. A. Moulton and others of Halifax have purchased the American bark Normandy for \$25,000. Mr. Moulton and associates have also bought the steamers Lady of Glance and Harry E. Packer for \$55,000 and \$60,000, respectively. Both steamers will load cargoes for Europe. The Normandy will carry a load of motor-cars to Australia.

Few schooners have been hauled up this winter, so brisk is the demand for vessels. Many vessels are using the Cape Cod canal thereby avoiding the danger of piling up on the ocean graveyard of the cape or of pounding to pieces on the shoals during tempestuous weather.

As an illustration of the boom in tonnage, the Sewalls of Bath have purchased the New England ship-building yards in that city, which have long been idle and work will soon be resumed.

Sold Valuable Skins.
 David Ogilvy, the well known hunter and guide, and member of the Guelph Silver Black Fox Co., of Oxford, Victoria, county, and Arthur L. Slipp, raw and dressed furs, Woodstock, N. B., were at the Victoria, St. John, Thursday. Mr. Slipp had a number of ermine, mink and other skins to fill orders. Mr. Ogilvy purchased from E. W. Mansel Esq., of Summerside, P. E. I., two of the finest silver black fox skins to fill an order from the President of a well known Western American business house.

Greetings to Travellers.
 On Saturday a beautiful Christmas card was received by the New Brunswick Travellers Association and sent in care of L. C. Armstrong. The card was from Captain Fred A. Kirkpatrick, quartermaster for the 5th Battalion, in training at Bramshott Camp, Hants, England. The card is neatly arranged with the figures 55th and a crown on the front, as well as the names of the officers of that battalion. Captain Kirkpatrick wishes all the travellers a prosperous New Year. Should any of the travellers wish to communicate with the officer they will reach him at the above address.

Whitewear Sale.
 The whitewear being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s is of a very superior quality. The styles shown are different from those to be seen in any other store as they have the exclusive sale of this particular manufacturer's garments for St. John. They are being sold at extremely low prices to make this annual sale eclipse anything they have had in the past. The gowns that are being sold at 45 cents are equal to those usually sold at 75 cents and their 75 cent gowns are the usual \$1.00 kind.

FIRE SALE AT THORNE'S

We have a limited supply of High Grade Nickel Plated Tea and Coffee Pots, slightly damaged by water, at \$2.10, 2.17, 2.42, 2.50, 2.71, 2.78, 2.92, 3.00 each.

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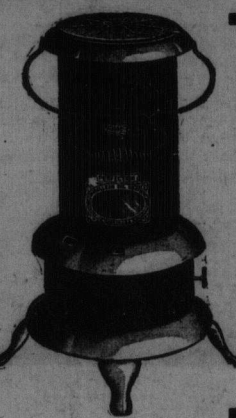
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 At \$1.35—Coutil, high or medium bust, four supporters.
 At \$1.50—Coutil, medium bust, extra long hip, six supporters.
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