

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—South and south-west gales with rain.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Forecast: Northern New England—Rain Tuesday; colder by night; Wednesday fair, colder; strong and shifting winds, mostly south on Tuesday.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—A disturbance which has come from the Gulf of Mexico is now centred in Western Virginia and promises to become an important storm as it moves into the St. Lawrence Valley. The weather is mild throughout the Dominion, except in Northern Ontario, where it is quite cold. Storm signals are displayed along the Atlantic coast.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	40	44
Victoria	38	44
Vancouver	32	42
Kamloops	51	27
Calgary	34	46
Edmonton	30	36
Winnipeg	30	36
Regina	13	32
Port Arthur	0	14
Parry Sound	32	32
Toronto	32	33
Kingston	32	34
Ottawa	30	32
Quebec	38	44
St. John	38	44
Halifax	24	42

Around the City

Storm Signal.

Last night No. 4 storm signal was ordered up indicating a strong gale from a westerly direction.

A Juvenile Wanderer

A three-year old boy was found wandering about on Brussels street yesterday afternoon and taken to the Central Police Station where he was afterwards called for. It was then found that his name was Cyril Strong and he was taken to his home on Wall street.

New Brunswick Opportunities.

A new booklet on New Brunswick has been issued by Heaton's Agency of Toronto. It gives an interesting account of the agricultural, mining, forest, and fishing resources of the province, and the opportunities of developing new industries. A portion of the booklet is devoted to descriptions of the towns in New Brunswick.

A "Holy War"

Last evening Policeman Kane who is on call duty at the Central Station answered a call to Rock street where there was said to be a disturbance. When he reached the house to which he had been summoned he found a man and his wife had been having an argument on religion which became so interesting that they talked very loud and became real angry at each other. The officer did not settle their dispute but his appearance but a stop to the "Holy War" and when he left the house the loud talk had ceased.

An Uptodate Crook

It was learned yesterday that a crook is again at work on uptown stores and his manner of breaking in and entering is not the time-honored method of a rear window or a rear door. In this case, it is stated that an uptown drug store was, some time Sunday night, entered and some articles stolen but nothing of very great value. The entrance was made by some person who had a key which fitted the front door of the store and as the door is locked with a Yale lock the thief is thought to be pretty well up in his business.

Tenderfoot Badges for Scouts.

The Boy Scouts of the Waterloo street United Baptist church gave an entertainment last evening, the occasion being the presentation of tenderfoot badges. The chairman, Rev. F. H. Wentworth, gave an interesting address on the scout movement and scout law, and what they meant to boys. J. F. Smith also addressed the boys and Deacon E. H. Duval read a poem of his own composition on national character. M. W. Galley, scout master, who was in costume, gave a recitation. The boys gave a fine exhibition of club swinging, and were seen to advantage in other exercises.

Back From Empress Week.

Among the letters which went to the bottom of the St. Lawrence River with the ill-fated steamship Empress of Ireland, was one that had been mailed by Captain D. Seeley, of West St. John and addressed to a relative in the Old Country. On Saturday last Captain Seeley received from the dead letter office the letter he had sent. For many months it had been under water but, like other letters recovered, it was in good condition as it was on the day it was mailed, with the exception of one small spot on it. Captain Seeley recalled the letter yesterday to Ireland and it is quite a relic.

The Bank of Nova Scotia

The eighty-third annual financial statement of the Bank of Nova Scotia which is published elsewhere in this issue shows that this well-known institution has enjoyed a remarkably good year, in spite of the unfavorable conditions arising from business depression and the world war. The net profits of the bank for the year ending allowing for bad debts were \$1,196,116. The bank paid in dividends during the year \$845,760, being at the rate of fourteen per cent. In addition to paying dividends the bank contributed \$32,453.33 to the Canadian Newfoundland and Jamaica Patriotic Funds, \$5,000 to the Newfoundland Sealer's Disaster Fund, and \$50,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and was able to transfer \$100,000 from profit and loss to the reserve fund. Including the reserve fund from the Metropolitan bank, the Bank of Nova Scotia now has a reserve of \$12,000,000. The annual statement is a tribute to the efficiency of the officers of the bank and indicates the high standing it enjoys in the business world.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

PASSED BOGUS CHEQUES;
ARRESTED AT HAMPTON

Irving Stern Swindled St. John Citizen But Was Caught in Similar Game in Shiretown of Kings.

A keen-eyed, dark, well-dressed young man, giving the name of Irving Stern, aged twenty-two years and hailing from the United States, was successful yesterday morning in passing a forged cheque on a prominent St. John citizen and receiving a sum of money. He then made a quick exit from the city, attempted the same game in Hampton with the result that last night he spent his time behind the bars in a Central Police Station cell, and this morning will have to face the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Yesterday morning officials at police headquarters were informed that a forged cheque had been successfully passed in this city and had hardly got nicely worked after the supposed crook when they received word from Hampton that the man wanted was in charge of the trial of that village where he had been arrested on a charge of trying to pass a bad cheque for the sum of \$38.

Stern is a rather good looking young man, neatly attired in dark suit of clothes, has a late and up-to-date hat on his head, sports an astrachan collar on his overcoat, wears sporty light cloth topped patent leather shoes, while his hands are covered with a pair of grey gloves. The gentleman in the city on whom he managed to pass the cheque did not suspect

him and cashed the cheque for a sum which, by the way, was not large. He supposed the cheque to be real because the signature was supposed to be that of Alexander Taylor of the firm of Taylor Brothers, silver platers on the North Side of King Square. It was only when the gentleman tried to cash the cheque which he had received from the slick Mr. Stern that he learned that it was worthless and that the signature of Alexander Taylor was a forgery.

When it was learned that Stern had been arrested in Hampton on the charge of trying to work the same game in which he had been successful in St. John, Chief Simpson telephoned to the official in Hampton to hold the man and he would send an officer for him. The St. John man who had been swindled was called to the police court yesterday afternoon, about 2.30 o'clock, and he returned at 8.30 o'clock last evening with the prisoner.

It is suspected that Stern has been checking the cheque game in other sections of the country and it is believed that more will be learned when his arrest is known.

ASSESSMENT
FOR COUNTY
REDUCED TOO

Finance Committee of the Municipal Council Will Recommend a Reduction in Estimates as Formerly Announced.

The members of the finance committee of the Municipal Council met yesterday afternoon and reduced the estimates for county purposes to within \$9,505 of the figure set last year. It was felt by the members that some reduction should be made and cuts were made in several items and the estimates will be submitted to the meeting of the Municipal Council this afternoon.

The reduction over the estimates previously arranged was \$36,050. The chief items to be cut were \$14,000 from the valuers, \$2,000 from the Municipal Home and \$10,000 from the Tuberculosis Hospital.

The assessment in the county for last year was \$145,372 while the figure set this year was \$154,87. One of the councillors pointed out last night that in view of the grant for the patriotic fund and the extra interest items the assessment this year was smaller than last year.

PERSONAL.

A. E. O'Leary, chief game warden of the province, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Thomas Malcolm of Campbellton was at the Royal yesterday.

WEDDINGS.

Foster-Mabee.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Christmas night in Los Angeles, Cal., when Miss Emma Bertha Mabee, a graduate nurse, formerly of Markhamville, N. B., and Walter T. Foster, a well known cartoonist, both of Los Angeles, were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. McKensie of the Episcopal church. The bride, who looked charming in blue silk with lace allover, was given away by her uncle, Wm. H. Smith. Miss Cora Mabee, sister of the bride, and Mr. Emory Green acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen.

The presents were both numerous and useful, including silver, cut glass, china, linen and electrical cooking utensils.

The happy couple left for San Diego where they will spend their honeymoon, visiting the Panama Pacific Exposition. On their return they will reside at 3540 B. Eagle street, Los Angeles, Cal. Their many friends both in New Brunswick and California wish them a long and happy married life.

OBITUARY.

Mary Ann Cronk

The death of Mrs. Mary Ann Cronk, widow of B. R. Cronk, took place yesterday at the residence of Edgar Day, of Day's Corner, Greenwood, Kings County. She was 72 years of age. She had lived at Day's Corner all her life. Since the death of her husband last spring she has been in poor health, but it was only a few days ago that her illness took a serious turn. Her death will be regretted by many friends.

The remains will be taken from her late residence at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon to Brown's Plots where the funeral service will be held.

Daniel O'Brien.

Daniel O'Brien, a former resident of St. John, died in Boston on Sunday. The deceased was a resident of Lynn, Mass., and was employed as a Morris-dresser in one of the shoe factories there. Only a few weeks ago he visited his native city and appeared to be in good health. Mr. P. Killora, his brother-in-law, left for Boston yesterday morning. It is expected that the remains will be brought to St. John for interment.

ANOTHER BIG
BATTLESHIP
FOR BRITAIN

What "Shipping Illustrated" has to say regarding vessel taken over from Chilean Government.

The Shipping Illustrated of Jan. 16th, 1915, prints the following article: "Chilean Battleship Transferred to the British Fleet."

It has just transpired that the British Admiralty has taken over the two battleships building at the Armstrong Works, Newcastle, for the Chilean government, the "Almirante Latorre" and the "Almirante Cochrane." The first of the ships was launched November 27th, 1913, and has made her appearance in the British navy list under the name "Canada." The name is an indication that it may turn out later that the Canadian government has financed the purchase of these ships, for it was not at first contemplated to

Early in December the First Lord of the Admiralty mentioned that fifteen battle ships were being built for the British navy and would be commenced before the end of the present year. As no mention was made of the Chilean battleships, the inference was that they would not be taken over, but now that one has been added to the British navy before the end of the year. The battleship "Canada" (ex-"Almirante Latorre") is a very formidable type of battleship. According to the latest information available she has a displacement of 23,000 tons and measures 661 feet over all, 625 between perpendiculars, 93 feet breadth and 28 feet mean draft.

The main armament consists of ten 14-inch, 45 cal guns mounted in pairs in "stepped" turrets, all on centre line, number two firing over number one and number four over number five.

The anti-torpedo battery consists of sixteen 6-inch guns mounted on upper deck in superstructures. For repelling aerial attacks there are four 3-inch 14 pound guns of special design and the four torpedo tubes are designed to discharge a 21-inch torpedo. The armor defense is eleven inches thick amidships, tapering to six inches at the ends. The main deck sides amidships are plated with eight inch armor and there is seven inches of plating on the battery, and eleven inches on the turrets and barbettes.

The propelling machinery of the "Canada" was supplied by Messrs. John Brown and Company, Clydebank, and consists of Parsons Turbines mounted on four shafts, and developing a total of 37,000 s.h.p. at the normal speed of 23 knots. The total bunker capacity is 4,000 tons besides 450 tons of oil fuel which is used in connection with coal when desired. The steam generating plant consists of 20 water tube boilers. The berth arrangement was originally designed for a complement of 675 officers and men, and she was fitted as a Chilean flagship. Her original name "Almirante Latorre", was that of a distinguished officer of the Chilean navy, who commanded the Ombane when she fought and captured the Peruvian ironclad "Huascar" during the war between Chile and Peru in the late 70's. The "Huascar" is still afloat and serves as a naval barracks at Talcahuano the Chilean naval base.

Stock Taking.

Prior to stock taking there are many lines to be cleared out at P. A. Dykeman and Co.'s store. All over the store are to be found bargains which will interest every lady in St. John. Two huge lots of flannellettes for waist and wrappers as laid out for quick selling at eight and ten cents a yard. Some in these lots were made at twenty-four cents a yard. Another pile of sixteen fleece back flannellettes are marked at twelve and a half cents a yard; some in this lot were thirty cents. Ladies cashmere gloves, fleece lined, worth thirty cents, on sale at nineteen cents. A lot of collars which were slightly mended during the Christmas rush ten cents each. Another lot of collars, worth one dollar each, marked at twenty-five cents.

Looking for Snow.

A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist, was at the Victoria yesterday. Mr. Turney said things were quiet in his department. He thought orchardists would sooner have a good snow storm just now than rain.

A Company of 62nd.

Outdoor drill of A. Company 62nd Fusiliers was postponed on account of the rain last night and will take place this evening. The company will parade at the Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 this evening.

DIED.

JOHNSTON—Suddenly in this city on January 18, Dr. C. H. L. Johnston, aged seventy years.

Funeral from his late residence, 2 Germania street, Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

WALLACE—At Milford, on 17th inst., Margaret, widow of John Wallace, aged 73 years, leaving one daughter to mourn. (Montreal and Moncton papers please copy.)

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the residence of her son-in-law, Robert Carrier, Milford.

LEE—In this city on the 18th inst., James Lee, leaving six daughters to mourn.

Funeral from his late residence, 26 Richmond street Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

O'BRIEN—At Boston, Mass., on 17th inst., Daniel, son of the late Edward and Mary O'Brien.

Notice of funeral later.

CRONK—On the 18th inst., at Day's Corner, Greenwood Hill, Kings County, Mrs. Mary Ann Cronk, widow of B. R. Cronk.

Funeral on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. from her late residence at Brown's Plots.

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The Excellent Line of Sleigh Bells we are showing this season embraces an ample assortment, ranging from the Plain Team Bell to Handsomely Mounted Saddle Chimes, as displayed in our Market Square window.

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Loop Team Bells, Nickeled, 35 and 45c.	SADDLE CHIMES—4 Bells.
Swiss Team Bells, Brass, 35 and 55c.	Brass, \$1.20
SHAFT CHIMES—3 Bells, Light, 30c.	Nickeled, \$1.35, \$1.70
4 Bells, Light, 60c.	4 Bells on nickel mounts, \$2.00 and \$6.
3 Bells, heavy, 75c.	POLE CHIMES — 9 Bells, Nickeled, \$3.00, and 7 Bells, Nickeled, \$2.55.
3 Bells, heavy (Nickeled).....\$1.00	
3 Bells, heavy (Nickeled).....\$1.35	
BODY BELLS—Firmly riveted to strong leather strap—Nickeled, 75c., 80c., \$1.00, \$1.35, \$2.10, \$4.10. Brass, 75c., \$1.30, \$1.60, \$2.00, \$4.15.	

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Black Vellings, at prices ranging from 55c. to \$1.10 a yard	Black Serges, at prices ranging from 75c. to \$2.50 yd
Black Voiles, at prices ranging from 75c. to \$1.25 a yard	Black Broadcloths, at prices ranging from \$1.75 to \$3.00 a yard

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