

## THE WEATHER

Forecast.  
 Washington, Dec. 31.—Forecast:  
 Northern New England—  
 Cloudy and warmer Saturday,  
 probably followed by rain or  
 snow by night and Sunday.

## Around the City

Registered in Massachusetts.  
 Last October, when Dr. J. D. Maher, of this city, was in Boston he heard of the approaching Dental examination for that state and decided to take them. He returned a week later and presented himself for examination with the result that he has successfully passed and is now registered in the State of Massachusetts, a province that has more than any other dental in Canada, and is receiving congratulations from his many friends. There are five state examinations. The practical parts of the examinations were held at Harvard College and the theoretical portion at the Old Boston State House. The standard of the Massachusetts examinations is probably the highest of any State in the Union.

## OBITUARY.

**John B. Robertson.**  
 The death is announced as taking place in Boston on Thursday, of John B. Robertson, formerly a resident of St. John. Mr. Robertson was sixty-five years of age, son of the late Henry Robertson, who conducted a large crockery store on the north side of King square before the fire. He himself was a well-known citizen and took a prominent part in the work of the volunteer fire department. Since removing to Boston he had been a member of the staff of Jordan, Marsh & Company.  
 Mr. Robertson is survived by one brother, William, in British Columbia, and two sisters, Miss Henrietta, of Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. Claire, of California. Fred Blackadar of New York, a nephew, will accompany the body to St. John and the funeral will take place at noon today on the arrival of the Boston train. Interment will be made in the family lot in Fernhill.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS.

**Victoria.**  
 J. A. McNeill, E. Price, Partridge Island; J. C. Gillespie, Truro; J. R. Boes, C. R. Murray, Springfield; E. L. Boes, Amherst; B. W. Kay, Oshawa; Ont. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dunn, Hampton; B. F. McDermott and wife, Fredericton; E. Grandiere, Vanceboro; H. P. Morton, Penobscot; T. A. Edwards, Toronto; C. R. Murray, Springfield; John N. Gavel, Regina; J. V. Stacey, Moncton; J. L. Chisholm, Truro; J. Stacey, London; T. C. Dennis, O'Leary, P. E. I.; H. L. Sprague, L. A. Morrison, Partridge Island; R. R. Bradley, Grand Falls; H. H. Woodworth, Sackville; R. Jopson, St. John; Que. D. B. Gauthier, Beukfield, Me.; Major Kennedy, Centerville.  
**Royal.**  
 Warren T. Soper, Harold W. Soper, Walter E. Soper, Ottawa; G. C. Mafr, Montreal; J. F. Avar, Moncton; J. H. Crockett, R. W. McLeellan, Fredericton; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gahan, Pittsfield; Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Alward, Chicago; C. K. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rankin, Fredericton; H. S. G. Lindsay, R. A. Spencer, M. W. Maxwell, Montreal; P. L. Hamblin, Regina; Lieut. W. Scatter, Nellyville.  
**Dufferin.**  
 Fred Garreau, Montreal; Jas. E. Green, St. Stephens; W. T. Stackhouse, Winnipeg; H. E. Ellis, Woodstock; E. L. Palmer, Amherst; P. C. Price, Oakton; James H. McParland, Hamilton, Me.; W. A. Gallop, Dalhousie; M. R. Nutting, Fighting for France; Pauline P. Fox, New York; Elizabeth B. Fox, New York; Roy Sypher, Cookshire; J. J. McRae, Campbellton; W. T. Anderson, Nowell, P. E. I.; W. L. McGee, P. E. I.; Grady and wife, Summerside, P. E. I.; W. Wallace, Sussex; W. A. Heeman, do; L. A. Dawson, Boston, Mass.; J. A. Dawson, Lieut. 104th, Sussex; M. Barrett, Riverside; P. A. Oliver, do; Dr. W. H. White, Sussex; H. S. Whinnell and wife, Moncton; F. G. McNally, Brunswick, N. S.; E. L. Watter, Montreal.

**MATINEE TODAY — OPERA HOUSE, 3.15.**  
 No Mention of Place where accident occurred.  
 London, Dec. 31.—In accordance with its procedure of late, the Admiralty has given no indication as to the locality of the Natal disaster. The military regulations make it impossible to give this information publicly. The loss is generally attributed to foul play. In support of this theory attention is called to the similar disasters which overtook the British battleship Bulwark, which was blown up off Sheerness in November of last year with the loss of 700 or more men, and the British steamship Princess Irene, blown up in Sheerness harbor last May with the loss of between 300 and 400 lives.

**Says Germans Took British Trench.**  
 Berlin via Sayville, Dec. 31.—The announcement from the war office says that German troops, after exploding mines, captured an advance British trench near Hulloch, taking two machine guns and a number of prisoners. Allied aviators made an attack on Ostend. No damage was done to military establishments, but a number of buildings were shattered.

The heaviest damage is said to have been inflicted on the convent of the Sacred Heart. Nineteen Belgian civilians were wounded and one was killed.

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VISITING TAR WAS ON WARSHIP SUNDAY NIGHT'S  
TORPEDOED AT DARDANELLES MEETING AT  
THE IMPERIAL

Bombardier W. A. Clement had thrilling experience aboard H. M. S. Ocean, sent to bottom on March 18th, 1915, when Allied Fleet attempted to force the Narrows.

Among the sailors who are in the city are several who were in some of the fighting in the Dardanelles. One of them, Bombardier W. A. Clements, was on H. M. S. Ocean when that vessel was torpedoed on the 18th of March, 1915. When asked about his experience in that fight he said on the 17th they were given to understand that an effort would be made next day to force the Narrows. The Queen Elizabeth was flagship and the Ocean was second flagship of the fleet. On the morning of the 18th orders were given to weigh anchor and proceed up the straits. The fleet consisted of thirty English vessels and four French, they sailed up in two lines headed by the Queen Elizabeth and Ocean respectively. When they reached their stations the order was given from the flagship to commence independent firing and the Queen Elizabeth, on account of having very heavy guns, dropped back, the French battleship Bovet taking her place at the head of the line. About two o'clock the latter was torpedoed from the land and sank within short time, taking all her crew with her. The irresistible took her place and about four o'clock she too was torpedoed from the same battery, but did not sink immediately and her crew were saved. The Ocean was ordered to move up and take her in tow as it was felt that she could be saved. In obedience to the order the Ocean steamed up and just as preparations were being made to take her in tow she was herself torpedoed by the same battery that hit the other two.

When it was found that she was sinking the order was given every man to leave the ship. Most of the men jumped into the water and were picked up by the destroyers and torpedo boats of the Allied fleet. They were placed on board the Lord Nelson and Agamemnon for the time and later sent home to England. Bombardier Clements has four wounds as mementos of his campaign in the Dardanelles, two from bullets and two from shell splinters.

NINE MORE MEN  
ON HONOR ROLL

New Year's Eve recruiting showed good results—More men in line.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

For the 115th.  
 Alfred Maise, British street.  
 Clarence Wasson, Young's Cove Road.  
 Daniel McGlohan, Harcourt.  
 Edward Johnson, Perth.  
 Charles Armstrong, Perth.  
 Oscar L. De Marchant, Perth.  
 George H. Murchison, Perth.  
 For Siege Battery.  
 James J. Power, Saint Andrews.  
 C. H. Campbell, Exmouth Street.

The campaign for recruits for the 115th is going with a swing this week and after today's meeting the total should be near the 200 mark.

MAN AFFLICTED WITH  
EPROSY TO BE SENT TO  
LAZERETTO AT TRAGADIE

Swift Current, Sask., Dec. 31.—The suspected case of leprosy quarantined her has proved to be the genuine disease and the afflicted man will be sent to the leper hospital in New Brunswick, all precautions being taken to completely isolate the victim on the way to that institution.

OPERA HOUSE MATINEE  
AT 3.15 TODAY

Those who want to go to the matinee today at the Opera House and see that splendid comedy "Baby Mine," by the Harkins Players, and at the same time see today's big parade, will be interested in knowing that the matinee will not start until after the parade goes by, about 3.15. The parade starts at 3—It will pass down Union by the Opera House—take up your position on Union or Charlotte street, see the parade and then go to the Opera House and thus take in the two big events of the day.

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Toronto and Maj. Brown, of  
the 26th, to be the speakers.

Few, if any meetings so far held on Sunday evenings in Imperial Theatre have stirred up as much interest as has already been evinced in tomorrow night's gathering in the same place when Rev. J. E. Burke, C.S.P., of Toronto and Major W. H. Brown of the 26th Battalion, will be the chief speakers. The doors will be opened shortly before 8.15 and previous to the speaking the Imperial's orchestra will discover a programme. At 8.45 the speaking will commence after all the churches have been emptied.  
 The Rev. J. E. Burke is a brilliant young Catholic clergyman who has attracted a great deal of attention in Upper Canada since the war commenced, by his heavy espousal of Britain's cause through the medium of platform recruiting. The fact that he is a native of this city, son of Dennis Burke of the government offices in Ottawa will make him doubly welcome to St. John at this time. Major Brown who is a most interesting talker, has been asked to tell as much as possible about the work of the 26th on the other side and no doubt he too will attract large crowds bent on hearing our regiment's glorious exploits, although the Major usually shies at personal references.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR  
LAST MONTH OF OLD YEAR

The building permits issued in December of last year show a gain over the corresponding period of the year before. The number of permits issued in December last year was nine for a total of 22,875; number for corresponding month year before eight, for a total of 16,900, showing a gain of 5,975 for the month. The total amount for building permits issued for year 1915 was \$346,275; amount for the year 1914, \$15,300.

AMMUNITION FOR ARMY  
OF CARRANZA EXPLODES,  
FIFTEEN PERSONS KILLED

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 31.—Fifteen persons were killed, a score of others injured, some of them fatally, many railroad cars were destroyed and other property damaged affected in Monterrey, Mexico, yesterday at noon, when box cars containing dynamite and hand grenades for the Carranza army exploded.

## Imperial Theatre Today.

The first show this afternoon will start at 1.45 so that it will be over in time for patrons to witness the big patriotic parade due to pass the theatre between 3.30 and 4 o'clock. The second show will start immediately after the parade passes. The holiday programme includes Blanch Sweet in the Lasky detective story "The Clue," "The Broken Coin" and Arthur & De Witt.

St. John Business College, day and evening classes will re-open Monday, January 3rd.

Band at Victoria Rink this afternoon and evening.

GREAT WINDOW DISPLAY OF  
KNITTING YARNS AT M. R. A.'S

All those who intend answering the appeal during the next week of the Soldiers' Comfort Association for socks for the boys now in the trenches will be interested in the great display of knitting yarns in M. R. A.'s King street windows. Various kinds exactly suitable for "Sock Week" purposes and offered in grey, khaki and natural shades.

**THE ONLY TYPEWRITER** for you is the one you can afford. Take your choice between a brand new one, factory rebuilt or an ordinary second-hand. I have all three sorts, and all at different prices, and all on the best possible terms. A. Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, manager, 37 Dock street, St. John.

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**Serge Dresses.**  
 F. A. Dykeman & Co. are clearing out about fifty all wool serge dresses at about two-thirds their usual price. They are mostly in staple colors such as navy blue, Copenhagen, brown and black. The sizes run from 12 years up to size 44. They are good styles nicely trimmed and good fitting garments. The prices run from \$2.50 to \$5.39.

Fire Sale Bargains  
In Our Sporting Department  
SKATES

These are but Very Slightly Damaged, being EXCELLENT VALUES at the MUCH REDUCED PRICES.  
 Acmes, 52c, 56c, 59c; with Strap supporters, 93c.  
 Boys' Hockey skates, plain, 47c; Nickled 55c.  
 Climax, Plain, 92c; Nickled, \$1.50.  
 Miomac, \$3.00; Miomac, Featherweight, \$2.00.  
 Regal, \$3.40; Regal Featherweight, \$2.45.  
 Velox, \$4.25; Sootia, \$4.13; Tube Hockey, \$4.25.  
 Ladies' or Gentlemen's "Beaver" \$1.90.  
 Ladies' "Glasier," \$3.12; Tube Racer, \$5.10.  
 Skating Boots, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.25.

Sporting Department, Second Floor, Market Square Store.

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

## GUNS AND RIFLES

Interiors as Good as New, outside only slightly damaged. PRICES GREATLY REDUCED.  
 Single Barreled Shot Guns, \$3.00, \$2.15, \$3.40 and up to \$8.50.  
 Double Barreled Shot Guns, \$11.20, \$12.00, \$14.00, \$18.00 and up to \$65.00.  
 Pump Action Guns, \$21.30, \$23.40, \$28.00, \$30.40.  
 Rifles, 22 and 32 Calibre, \$2.40, \$2.60, \$3.60, \$3.80, \$4.20, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50.  
 Repeaters, \$10.20, \$10.65, \$12.50, \$14.50.  
 Remington Automatic Loader, 22 Calibre, \$21.40.  
 Carabines, \$10.35, \$11.80, \$16.00, \$17.00, \$17.95.  
 Rifles, \$13.70; \$13.80, \$15.50, \$16, \$18.25, \$20, \$21.75.  
 SPECIALS. IN RIFLES:—405 British, \$21.00; 308 British, \$23.00; 32 British, \$23.00.  
 Ross Rifles:—303, \$25.00; 250, \$44.00; 250 with Peep Sight, \$48.00.  
 Second Floor, King Street Store.

## Macaulay Bros. &amp; 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.

By a contract made by us in June last we secured then at the lowest point of the cotton market.

## 6,000 Yards of 36 Inch Wide White Cotton

Just the make and finish for family use, underwear, etc. This cotton is finished soft for the needle—extra fine, firm weave—and will be sold as long as the stock lasts at the extraordinary low price of 11½ Cents a Yard

Mail orders have prompt attention.

This Sale Commences Monday, January 2nd, 1916

It's a starter for the New Year.

## MACAULAY BROS. &amp; CO.

A happy and Prosperous  
New Year to All

## Emerson &amp; Fisher Ltd.

EVERY DAY DURING JAN., FEB. AND MARCH M. R. A.  
 STORES WILL OPEN AT 9 O'CLOCK AND CLOSE AT 6 P. M.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

## THE FREE HEMMING SALE

Of Household Linens and Cottons  
 Will Start Next Monday

TABLECLOTHS, SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, TOWELS AND QUILTS ALL NEATLY HEMMED FREE OF CHARGE, DURING THIS SALE.

This great annual event is of much interest to householders and hotel keepers, and our stock represents the best to be found in the British, Foreign and Canadian markets.

**BLEACHED DAMASK TABLECLOTHS** including all newest designs and ranging in size from 1½ yards square to 2½ by 5 yards long.

**TEA AND DINNER NAPKINS** to match the cloths.

**BLEACHED AND CREAM DAMASKS** by the yard. From 54 to 72 inches wide.

**BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED SHEETINGS**, 54 to 100 inches wide.

**PLAIN AND CIRCULAR PILLOW COTTONS**, 40 to 54 inches wide.

**BLEACHED MARSEILLES OR SATIN QUILTS**, for all size beds, in scroll and floral designs.

**ENGLISH DIMITY QUILTS, CROCHET QUILTS**, ready hemmed.

**TOWELS AND TOWELLINGS** of all descriptions, by the yard. Our counter display is worthy of attention.

**BLEACHED COTTON**, put up in ten yard lengths.

Also a Great Many Other Interesting Items are Included in this Sale and Will be Advertised Later.

LINEN ROOM—GROUND FLOOR

## Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited