

**THE WEATHER.**

**Forecasts.**  
Maritime—Moderate winds, fair stationary or higher temperature.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Forecast: Northern New England—Partly cloudy and warmer Monday, probably rain or snow at night; Tuesday fair, warmer interior; moderate south winds.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast, and low over the central and southern portions of the continent. The weather in Canada today has been, for the most part, fair and mild.

**Temperatures.**

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	24	46
Victoria	38	43
Vancouver	38	43
Regina	16	41
Saskatoon	19	43
Prince Albert	28	44
Medicine Hat	32	50
Port Arthur	32	40
London	23	43
Toronto	26	40
Kingston	22	38
Ottawa	18	33
Montreal	32	34
Quebec	24	30
Halifax	28	32

\*Below zero.

**Around the City**

**V. A. D.**  
Members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment will kindly meet in the parlor of St. David's church, Sydney St., this evening at 8 o'clock.

**Misanable Here Today.**  
The second steamer the Misanable carrying wounded soldiers to the port of St. John is due to arrive today. She will probably dock this afternoon.

**In the Minority.**  
There were eleven persons arrested in the city Saturday night or early Sunday morning and of the lot the drunks were in the minority, there being only two taken in custody on that charge.

**Tea and Pantry Sale.**  
A most successful tea and pantry sale was held in the school room of the Queen Square Methodist church on Saturday afternoon in aid of the church funds. In the vicinity of \$175 was raised.

**Wife Beater Arrested.**  
Saturday evening at 6:10 o'clock Timothy Boyle was given in charge of the police by his wife, Edith, who claims that he assaulted and beat her in their home on Lilyard street. Boyle is also charged with escaping from lawful custody as he ran away from the chain gang one day last fall.

**Deserters Arrested.**  
At 3:45 o'clock yesterday morning Police Sergeant Sullivan with Constables Fuller and Pring arrested Scott Scribner and Theophilus Lavigne on Main street and locked them up on the charge of being deserters from the 8th Field Ambulance Company, which is in training in West St. John.

**A Busy Appearance.**  
With the arrival of five steamships in port yesterday morning the harbor presented a very busy appearance, and these arrivals made the total of twelve ocean liners in port to date. The arrivals yesterday were the steamships Saturnia, Dunedin, Bolga, Demeteron and the Muskonge. The number of sailings for this month will average about one per day.

**Stole from "Hello Girl."**  
For a long time, it is alleged, that young lady telephone operators in the headquarters office on Prince William street, have been complaining of losing small sums of money from the pockets of their coats which had been left in the cloak room while they were on duty. A short time ago one of the young ladies found that she had been robbed of \$4.50 which she had left in her muff. She complained of the matter to the chief operator with the result that the chief of police was notified, and the police matron was assigned to look into the case. The operators were questioned with the result that one of the girls broke down and acknowledged that she took the money. She also admitted having stolen money from girls' clothing on previous occasions. She was taken to the police court, and at a quiet session of the court was allowed to go as the persons robbed did not wish to press the charge.

**The Last Call.**  
The nobles of Luxor Temple of the Mystic Shrine will hold a ceremonial session in the Masonic building on Tuesday evening when a large class of pilgrims will essay the journey over "the hot sands." A plentiful supply of pomegranates and camel milk has been secured for the occasion and it is expected that nobles will assemble in force to help the caravan on its way.

**A CLEVER CONCEIT.**  
With each purchase Gundry's is enclosing a combination of Christmas cards and stickers so very handy in doing up a gift parcel. This consists of a nice card for the address, a gum label of the "Don't open till Xmas" variety, and two Xmas stickers for closing the parcel. These do not represent much value but they save you trouble and are just as nice as you can buy in a book store.

**CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO GRAPPLE WITH TEN CENT MILK AT TODAY'S MEETING**

**Belief Is They Will Find Price Too High and Ask For An Investigation**

**Longshoremen Ask Provincial Government To Take Action in Regard to Stocks of Foods Held in Cold Storage—More Evidence Concerning the Cost of Handling Milk**

Evidently the people are becoming aroused over the matter of the increasing cost of the necessities of life and are waking up to what may be accomplished under the recent order in council. Yesterday the Longshoremen at their regular meeting passed a resolution endorsing action along the lines of the order-in-council.

The milk situation remains practically unchanged but it is expected that there will be further developments today. The matter will be brought before the council at the meeting at noon and it is altogether likely that that body will pass a resolution expressing its opinion that the cost of milk has been unduly enhanced, and will ask the Minister of Labor to hold an investigation into the matter.

All of the commissioners have expressed the opinion that they did not see that any other course could be taken in the matter, particularly in view of the statement of the men who ship milk to the city that they did not know where the charge for handling in the country came in.

This charge was questioned by one of the commissioners at the conference on Thursday last, but he was assured that it was a legitimate charge, and one which could be substantiated.

**ANOTHER MAN WHO CAN'T FIND IT.**

The Standard has been making further inquiries in regard to this item and on Saturday a representative of this newspaper talked with a farmer who ships milk from Passakeag and asked him what he knew about this charge. He was just as surprised as the men at Sussex and Norton, and the story he told was that they had to put the milk aboard the train themselves or it would not come to the city. He and three of his neighbors who sent milk to town, took month about to stay at the station and help put it on the train, in order that all might not lose the morning from their work at home.

**THE SITUATION IN HALIFAX.**

Another phase of the situation that is causing people to ask questions is the fact that the farmers in the vicinity of Halifax are paid 6.3 cents per quart for their milk by the dealers and the consumer is getting it for 10 cents per quart. The Halifax dealers are not making any claims to be philanthropists and what the citizens of St. John want to know is: If the milk dealers in Halifax can do business on a margin of 3.7 cents per quart, why should it cost 5 cents per quart to do business here?

Mr. Bell and Mr. Prime, both claim that the figures submitted by Mr. Bell to the commissioners do not cover all the costs of doing business, and that when an investigation is held this will be demonstrated. They say, for instance, that the figures given make no allowance for rent, insurance, interest on investment and other items that enter into the cost of doing business.

**WHAT PUBLIC WANTS TO KNOW.**

Other items in the costs which the people will want fully gone into are those of wages, renewal of cans, loss of bottles, and the cost of washing and filling bottles. The amount in the list submitted for washing and filling bottles is 5 cents per can for each 35 can route and it should not take one man all day to wash and fill between 200 and 250 bottles, which would be about the number of bottles to be filled, for it must be remembered that 15 cans of this route are sold wholesale, according to Mr. Bell's estimate, leaving 160 quarts to be put in bottles.

**THE MATTER OF BOTTLES AND CANS.**

In regard to the amount for renewal of cans, Mr. Bell has estimated that for each 35 can route a man must have 140 cans. If it costs \$100 per year to renew those cans it means, at the price of cans today, that 75 new cans have to be bought for that route each year; in other words, if a man starts the first of January with 140 new cans at the end of December 75 of them have been thrown away and replaced with new. The charge for loss of bottles is also one which will need close scrutiny in view of the fact that both Mr. Bell and Mr. Prime have stated that they hold the drivers responsible as far as possible for bottles, and on Saturday a representative of this paper was talking with a merchant in the city who told this illuminating little story:

"One day a driver of one of the Primecrest milk teams was in the store and I said to him: I have a couple of bottles here with your name on them, and you might as well have them."

"The reply of the driver was: 'That's fine; that will just save me ten cents.'"

**WHAT THE 'LONGSHOREMEN DID.**

At the regular monthly meeting of the International Longshoremen's Association held yesterday afternoon, the following resolution in regard to the high cost of living was passed:

"Whereas it is in the opinion of this organization, absolutely necessary that more vigorous steps be taken to put a stop to the exorbitant increase in the cost of the necessities of life; and

"Whereas considerable of the increase is due to the fact that many of the necessities of life are being held for more exorbitant profits at the plant of the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company, of this city, and by other manufacturing and business interests throughout the province; and

"Whereas the government of the province did assist the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company to its present position by a guarantee of bonds totalling seventy-five per cent. of the cost of the building and plant, and also assisted various other interests by annual grants who are taking advantage of conditions and boosting food prices, and

"Whereas this organization having in mind the fact that the Empire is engaged in the present great war did accept the exceedingly trifling increase of wages offered in order that we might do our bit to aid by our work in the shipping of munitions and so forth; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we request the executive council of the New Brunswick government to give every assistance to the various municipalities that are investigating or intend to investigate the increased cost of living by compelling the industries assisted by the government to make a statement of the various necessities of life held by them, purchase price and price held for sale, with a view of establishing a fair profit for these articles; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the city council, a copy to the executive council of the New Brunswick government and a copy given to the public press."

**"ANTI-TEN" WANTS BREAD PRICE PROBED.**

Editor of The Standard,  
Sir,—Permit me to congratulate you on your able presentation of the milk question, as published in your paper the last few days. The evidence that you have produced goes to show that the dealers are making under the old prices a very good profit, and that there is no need of an increase except the one of "need," or squeeze the public as much as possible. Perhaps the dealers will enlighten us enough to explain why they want the same price for milk here as obtains in New York city. Milk can be purchased there at 10 cents per quart delivered, or 8 cents per quart if called for at the dairies, and even at that price the public there raised trouble. I don't think that any local dealer will have the nerve to claim that it costs as much to handle milk here as it does in New York. Now that you have had enterprise enough to tackle the milk question may I draw your attention to the price of bread in this city, as compared with other cities in Canada? You might make inquiries in these cities and I think you'll find we are paying one cent a loaf more than they are, and for the same weight. Allow me to assure you that you have the public with you in your milk campaign, and the same public are asking: "What is the matter with the other papers?" In any case yours is real up-to-date journalism and you speak for the masses.

Yours,  
"ANTI-TEN"

**COLLECTOR'S QUICK WITS SAVED ROLL**

**Attempted Highway Robbery On Loch Lomond Road—E. R. Bentley Held Up by Negroes.**

A hold-up and attempted highway robbery near St. John Saturday evening have furnished the county authorities with material for an investigation. It is so seldom that a hold-up occurs in this section of the country that the incident caused much surprise among the county constables.

On Saturday evening E. R. Bentley of Somerset street, a collector for a sewing machine house, was held up by two negroes on the Ben Lomond Road. Mr. Bentley left Salmon River with a horse and light wagon late in the afternoon and shortly before dusk was surprised by the actions of two men. One seized the horse by the bridle and the second negro grabbed Mr. Bentley by the arm. The collector was not armed but had about \$300 on him at the time.

Mr. Bentley, who is undoubtedly a quick thinker, did not give the men an opportunity to search him. Instead of handing over his roll Bentley shot out his strong right arm and knocked the nearest highwayman down. Before either man could make a move the collector whipped up his horse suddenly, the frightened animal plunging forward and knocking the second negro to the ground. The colored men were unable to catch Bentley who triumphantly made haste to find a constable, and later came to the city. The county officials suspect two certain men and they may be taken into court.

Mr. Bentley says that one of the men will remember the blow which he struck as he hit so hard that his hand was numb for several minutes afterwards. It is thought that the strange negroes knew that Mr. Bentley was a collector and that he usually carried quite a sum of cash with him.

In view of his experience the collector will probably obtain permission to carry a revolver.

The crime of holding up a person on the highway is a very serious offense in this province and carries with it usually a stiff sentence in the Maritime penitentiary at Dorchester.

**MOTHER AND BABY IN CELL TOGETHER**

**Pathetic Feature of Police Raid on Brussels Street House Early Yesterday Morning**

At one o'clock yesterday morning Detectives Barrett and Pring made a raid on a house on Brussels street kept by Eva Collett, aged twenty-five years, and a native of the United States. The woman was arrested and is charged with being the proprietor of a disorderly house. O'Leary Herbert, May Souccil and Anna LaBlanc were also arrested charged with being inmates of the said house.

A most unfortunate feature of the raid is that there had to be taken to police headquarters with the prisoners Edward Collett, aged five years, and Ernest Souccil but eight months old. When these children were brought into the station the officers were in a quandary what to do with them. There is no section of police headquarters which is a proper place for children of such tender years to be looked after. Arrangements were made to have the five year old boy cared for in the Children's Aid Society home on Elliot Row, but the eight months old baby had to accompany its mother to a cell in the basement of the building, and there they remained all night, all day yesterday and last night. Of course the police made the cell as comfortable as they could for the unfortunate woman and her child, but this added comfort could only amount to some old clothing on which she could make a bed on the wooden bench, the only piece of furniture there for a prisoner to rest on. It was indeed a sad sight to witness a little baby being taken to the cell in the arms of its mother, but there was nothing left for the police to do.

What is needed at headquarters is a room where such cases can be dealt with.


**HUNT'S STORE WILL OPEN THIS MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK.**

At 10 o'clock this morning we hope to have the stock in readiness to continue the greatest of our winter clothing and furnishings sales. Another week of bargains that no man should overlook. Now is the time to save money by spending it. Store closes at 6 o'clock. Hunt's Busy Up-town Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte St.

**Board of Trade.**  
The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held tonight in the board rooms. The annual report will be submitted and the election of officers and ten members of the council will be held.

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