

THE WEATHER.

Forecast. Maritime—West and north-west winds; mostly fair; mild at first, then colder again. Washington, Jan. 1.—Northern New England—Fair Tuesday and probably Wednesday, not much change in temperature; fresh winds.

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NEW BRUNSWICK OFFICERS WIN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER IN KING'S NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

It is Now Major Thomas E. Powers, D.S.O.—Lt. Col. A.E. G. Mackenzie, Major Eric MacDonald and Major John Mackenzie Also Included.

New Brunswick's heroes share largely in the New Year's decorations which were announced yesterday. No less honor than the Distinguished Service Order has been conferred on four gallant officers, Major Thomas E. Powers, who lately arrived here on a brief furlough, Lt. Col. A. E. G. Mackenzie, the popular officer commanding the 26th Battalion, Major Eric W. MacDonald and Major John Mackenzie.

Gallant Work on the Somme. It was for gallant work on the Somme that Major Powers was recommended for the D. S. O. and it is presumed the other distinguished officers also merited their decorations in connection with the Somme fighting.

Other officers well known in New Brunswick have also received the D. S. O. Major Barry Wentworth Roscoe is a Halifax man and was until a few years ago one of the officers of the R. C. R. stationed at Fredericton. Lt. Col. John S. Stewart is a former prominent Halifax physician who sailed for England early last year in command of the Dalhousie Hospital unit.

Invested With D. S. O. by the King. Yesterday's despatches also contain the information that the King personally invested Major Charles Fairweather and John Mackenzie with their Distinguished Service Order at the palace on Saturday.

Now Major Powers, D. S. O. As soon as it became known about the King's last evening that Major Powers had received the D. S. O., numerous friends of the popular local officer extended their genuine congratulations. While the major spoke to The Standard on his return about the gallantry of his men, he positively refused to say anything about himself, and he was equally as persistent in his refusal to talk about the matter last evening. All The Standard was able to learn from the major was that he understood he had been recommended for the D. S. O. for doing his duty on the Somme.

Sir Max Writes of Major Powers. Those who know Major Powers have no doubt that the high honor he has received from His Majesty the King was well merited. The story of the Somme has not as yet been written by the Canadian eye witness, Sir Max Aitken, the former New Brunswick, but Sir Max has written a splendid work on Canada in Flanders. He pays a tribute to Major Powers' work at the second battle of Ypres in the following terms: "Captain T. E. Powers of the signal company, attached to General Mercer's command, maintained communication throughout with the advanced line of the attack under a heavy shell fire that cut the signal wires continually. The work of the company was admirable, and was rendered at the price of many casualties."

Major Powers is well known throughout the city and province. He was for a time connected with the teaching staff at the High School, but resigned his position to engage in business for himself. He always manifested a keen interest in military affairs and volunteered immediately at the outbreak of the war. His work at the front was a revelation and served to win for him promotion after promotion until he became one of the chief assistants to General Mercer, who has since been killed in action. An all-round good fellow, every inch a soldier, Major Powers will prove a valuable acquisition to the country's quota of distinguished officers who have been decorated by the King. Col. Mackenzie Big Military Figure. The friends of Lt. Col. A. E. G. Mac-

kenzie will be delighted with the announcement that he has been awarded the D. S. O. by the King. He is one of the most brilliant military men which New Brunswick has contributed to the Empire, and enjoys the unique distinction of being the officer commanding the famous 26th New Brunswick Battalion, having succeeded Lt. Col. McAvity in that position, when the latter's health made it incumbent on him to return to Canada.

Commands the Famous 26th. "Ern," as Colonel Mackenzie is popularly known, is a fine chap. No better soldier has ever crossed the ocean to fight for liberty and freedom than he. Going to France as second in command of the 26th Battalion, his military ability was soon appreciated by the authorities, and it was only natural that they should choose him for the important command.

Col. Mackenzie, D. S. O. is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick in Arts, having made a brilliant course. He was the principal of the Albert street school in West St. John for some years and during his principalship took up the study of law, successfully passing the provincial examinations. He practised his profession at Campbellton and when he volunteered soon after the outbreak of the war he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. He was an officer in the 73rd Regiment at Campbellton and was for some time the adjutant of that regiment. During his stay in St. John during the mobilization of the 26th Battalion he increased his number of friends who will remember the genial officer's pleasant smile which was always in evidence.

Fighting Father and Son. Major Eric MacDonald, formerly of the Rev. J. A. MacDonald, formerly of this city, but now a chaplain on the firing line, was a member of the original 12th Battalion, which afterwards became a reserve battalion at Shorncliffe. This did not suit Eric, then Lieut. MacDonald, and his efforts to get to the front were finally rewarded. He proceeded to France to take the place of an officer in the 10th Battalion who had been killed. His work was of such a character that he was mentioned in despatches. A large host of local friends heard with much pleasure the good news of his decoration.

Major MacDonald was Star Athlete. It is not a great many years ago when Eric MacDonald was the star athlete and football player for the Fredericton High School. He was equally as prominent in the intercollegiate athletics as a member of the University of New Brunswick track team. In fact, he was the best all-round athlete at that time attending any of the colleges in the Maritime Provinces. Major MacDonald was doing well in the west at the outbreak of the war, but returned to St. John to join the 12th. He is probably the youngest major in the Canadian army—at least in that portion of the Dominion's army which is now on the firing line.

Mention has already been made of the D. S. O. having been awarded to Major John Mackenzie and Major Charles Fairweather. Both are New Brunswick officers who have rendered the Empire gallant services. Lt. Col. Unlache and Lt. Col. Twining, who have been appointed Major-Generals, are former Halifax men, who had been active in the Canadian militia for many years. Telegraphic Announcement Premature. The list of civilian bodies will not be announced until the middle of the month. The sensational story printed in the Telegraph on Saturday last was entirely too premature.

while fighting in France. Letters have been received by Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick and Lieut. Col. Warden, and these officers speak in the highest terms regarding the brave young hero. They state that he met his death in the first line trenches during a terrible engagement in which five other officers were killed. They speak of him as the best loved officer in the battalion. He was loved by all the men. He was genial, and looked after the welfare and comfort of his men in every way possible. The men of his company would not consent to have his body buried in the spot where he fell, but got the consent of the colonel and carried it for miles on a stretcher under heavy fire, and he was buried in a cemetery in a town.

Service First. Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trade at? Gundry's is open to demonstrate its capabilities. You are welcome to exchange any piece purchased. You may return goods, if so agreed, and receive back your money. You may practically do as you wish in making a square trade, anything but cut the price.—The First Price is the Best Price.

Billy Sunday Campaign. The committee reports progress and will meet tonight at eight o'clock and make final arrangements. Any information required, ring up Main 2852. Signed, R. H. Cother.

HAD ALMOST EXHAUSTED COAL SUPPLY

Allan Liner Arrives Yesterday After Terrific Battle With the Heavy Seas.

Twenty-one days on the Atlantic, and for the most part in terrific weather, was the experience of the officers and crew of the Allan liner Ionian, which reached port yesterday morning and docked at No. 6 pier at West St. John about 4.45 p. m.

The Ionian was on the ocean during the heavy gales which were experienced towards the latter part of December. For two days she was unable to make practically no headway against the heavy sea. The long time occupied in connection with the voyage proved a great drain on the coal supply on the steamer, and it is a fact that when she reached port yesterday, she had scarcely a day's coal left aboard.

The Ionian brought no passengers. She carried the remains of the young Campbellton hero, Captain Robert Kilgour Shives, of the Royal Flying Corps. Captain Shives will be buried this afternoon, interment being made at Fernhill. The service will be held at the chapel in Fernhill at 2.30 o'clock. The young hero was given a funeral with full military honors at Epsom, England, where he met his death.

HON. MR. HAZEN AND R. J. BENNETT WILL SPEAK HERE THURSDAY

In the Interests of the National Service Movement—Imperial Theatre Engaged.

The Imperial Theatre has been engaged for Thursday night by the National Service Directorate for the purpose of giving to the public a clear conception of just what National Service, or the man power census means. Arrangements are being made for one of the largest meetings ever held in the city. The director-general of National Service, R. B. Bennett, M. P., in company with the Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, will arrive in the city on Thursday, and will both speak in the Imperial in the evening.

R. B. Bennett has just returned from a trip to the west where he was most favorably received by the thousands who turned out to hear him. The manner in which he handles his subject has rapidly brought him to the front as one of Canada's best speakers in public life.

Major L. P. D. Tilley, who is completing detailed arrangements for the meeting, told The Standard last night that the meeting would open at 8 o'clock. The City Cornet Band will be engaged for the evening.

BOOKS PRESENTED TO CHOIR MASTER

Members of Waterloo Street U. B. Church Visit Mr. Harmon Hoyt and Present Him With Rack of Books.

Mr. Harmon Hoyt of 256 Rockland Road was taken completely by surprise last evening when a number of the members of Waterloo Street United Baptist church arrived at his home at the close of the prayer service. He was not long, however, in learning their mission, for the pastor, Rev. F. H. Wentworth, briefly stated that they were there in the name of the church to express their high appreciation of Mr. Hoyt's work as choir master, and to present him with a slight token of that appreciation and esteem in some tangible form. The pastor then handed Mr. Hoyt a solid brass book rack containing thirteen books on many subjects, such as history, religion, travel, fiction, the war, and humor. Mr. Hoyt was almost too overcome for words, but managed to reveal his deep gratitude for the kindly thought of the people of the church.

After speeches referring to the high regard with which Mr. Hoyt is held by the members of the church, from Deacon Galley and Mrs. Wentworth, Mr. Hoyt and family were left to sample the new additions to their library.

We have said it before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject—Generally one merchant is equal to another merchant, provided they can both pay their bills. Just occasionally does it fall to some one merchant to pull off a scoop. We are in an unique position in regard to Bracelet Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before and we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 79 King street.

WRINGERS advertisement featuring an image of a wringer machine and a list of prices for various models like ROYAL, NOVELTY, IMPERIAL, RIVAL, EUREKA, CROWN, STAR, and WRINGER ROLLS.

Marr Millinery Co., Ltd. advertisement for Trimmed Hats for All Occasions, Feather Turbans, Skating Caps, Tams and Scarfs, and other millinery items.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd. advertisement for Heating Quality - Economy - Desirability, featuring The New Silver Moon heating stove.

During January, February and March Our Stores Will Open Daily at Nine and Close at Six O'clock.

NEW YEAR BARGAINS advertisement listing various items for sale at reduced prices, including blouses, kimonos, dresses, hats, and more.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LIMITED advertisement for ANNUAL FREE HEMMING SALE OF HOUSEHOLD LINENS AND COTTONS, starting on Monday, January 8th.

Around the City

Board of Trade to Meet Tonight. Owing to the fact that the first Monday in this month was New Year's day, the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held tonight at the board rooms, Prince William street.

Quiet for Police. The holiday passed off quietly for the police, not one arrest being recorded. The only occupants of head-quarter cells are three drunks who were gathered in Saturday.

Was Thrown Overboard. Last evening a large dog took a hold on a small terrier on the east side ferry floats and after a couple of shakes the smaller dog was tossed into the water. With much difficulty a sailor climbed over the side of the floats and rescued the drowning animal.

First of the Season. The run of gasperaux at the mouth of the Kennebecasis has set in, and yesterday William H. Dunham bought the first catch of the season and brought them to the city. The public generally will be glad to learn that this toothsome fish is again on the market.

Time Extended. The Board of Trade has received notice that the time for filing objections to the proposed freight classification No. 17, has been extended by the Board of Railway Commissioners until February 1. Strong opposition has developed among the business men to the increases which the proposed change will effect.

CAPT. KUHRING'S LEAVE HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Reported He Will Come Home Later—Acting Rector of Stone Church Ill.

Mrs. G. A. Kuhring received a cable yesterday announcing the fact that the leave of her husband, Captain Rev. Mr. Kuhring had been canceled, and that he would be unable to return to Canada this month as he had expected. It is hoped that Captain Kuhring's duties at the front will permit him to get the necessary leave in the early future.

MANY ATTEND WEEK OF PRAYER MEETING

Four meetings were held last evening in connection with the week of prayer services. Group number 1 assembled in the Calvin Presbyterian church, where Rev. Thomas Hall was the speaker. Group number 2 met at the Leinster street Central Baptist church, where the Rev. Thomas Hicks was the speaker. Group number 3 met at the Ludlow street Baptist church, where the Rev. J. H. A. Anderson was the speaker. Group number 4 met at St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, where Rev. F. P. Dennison presided. The subject of the various speakers last evening was "Faith and the Present Struggle." The services will be continued throughout the week.

Week of Prayer. The week of prayer services will be held tonight as follows: Topic, "Missions and Present Struggle"; group 1, Tabernacle, Rev. John Hardwick; group 2, Cartharthen street, Rev. J. H. Jenner; group 3, Methodist, Rev. F. H. Wentworth; group 4, St. Luke's, Rev. F. S. Dowling.

Band at Victoria Rink this afternoon and evening.

LIEUT. P. COPP WAS FORMER ST. JOHN BOY

Popular Banker Who Made Supreme Sacrifice Did Great Work—His Will Probated.

Application for the probate of the will of the late Lieutenant Pearson Copp, of Vancouver, has been made in that city. The esteem and love in which the gallant young man was held was shown in a number of letters which were filed as a proof of death in connection with the application. Lieutenant Copp was well known in St. John, having been with the Bank of Nova Scotia in this city for some time. He was about 25 years of age, and the son of Captain Alfred and Nancy Pearson Copp, formerly of Riverside, Albert county. His aunt is Mrs. E. E. Peck, of Riverside. He entered the Bank of Nova Scotia at Riverside when about seventeen years of age, and after working there for some time was transferred to St. John. He was then sent to Vancouver, and his father and mother went west with him to make their home. He enlisted in Vancouver, and was killed in action on October 23rd last,