

THE WEATHER

Forecast:
Maritime—Strong westerly winds, fair and a little colder.

Toronto, Dec. 20—The weather has been generally fair and moderately cold today, except along the British Columbia coast, where rain is falling heavily.

Temperatures

Place	Min.	Max.
Battleford	12	12
Prince Albert	10	10
Medicine Hat	16	44
Moose Jaw	17	32
Winnipeg	0	12
London	19	26
Toronto	28	33
Kingston	26	34
Ottawa	18	28
Montreal	24	28
Quebec	18	24
St. John	22	36
Halifax	26	49

—Below zero

Around the City

Shipping Item.
Allan Line Scandinavian arrived at Liverpool 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Police Activities.
Three soldiers were gathered in by the military police last night and at their request were detained in cells at police headquarters. Four drunks were arrested by the local police.

Injured at Work.
Whilst at work in No. 15 shed yesterday afternoon John Ward, of 460 City Lane west, sustained an injury to a finger of the left hand. He was treated at the Emergency Hospital.

\$5,000 Legacy for Dalhousie Girl.
Miss Beaulieu J. Purloin, of Dalhousie, a niece of H. S. Doyle of St. John, has been notified that her mother, Mrs. Alexander P. Purloin, who died in New York recently, left her the sum of \$5,000. Mrs. Purloin left Dalhousie more than fifteen years ago and had not been heard from for a long time.

Death of A. W. Davis.
John K. Schofield, of Messrs. Schofield and Beer, commission merchants, agents for the Acadia Refinery Company, received a telegram from Montreal yesterday announcing the death of A. W. Davis, secretary of the latter company. Mr. Davis was well known in St. John and throughout the eastern provinces and Canada generally.

Orphans' Christmas.
Donations for the Christmas trees will be gratefully received at the Protestant Orphans' Home on British street, or by any of the following committee: Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. F. W. Murray, Mrs. C. A. MacDonald, Miss Bayard, Miss Mabel Sidney-Smith, Miss Grace Leavitt, Mrs. F. J. Harlow, Mrs. H. Stetson, Mrs. David Hutchinson, Mrs. J. S. MacLaren.

Five Hundred Men of 140th Now Here.
With the arrival of 125 men from Sussex about noon yesterday the number of those of the 140th Battalion now stationed in St. John for the winter is about 500. There was much approving comment yesterday on the fine appearance of the latest draft from Sussex, which, preceded by the 140th band, with some of the instruments decorated with blue streamers bearing the words "140th band" in white, marched in line order from the depot to their destination. The men were given a good reception. Members of the recruiting committee were on hand to meet them.

Johnston Lodge, L. O. L., Elects.
H. C. Lawton was elected worshipful master of Johnston lodge, No. 24, Loyal Orange Lodge, at the annual meeting held last night. The other officers chosen were: Deputy master, Eugene Clark; chaplain, John Harrow; A. S. Robert Mills; P. S. Williams; Simpson; treasurer, James Hoffman; D. C. James S. Paver; lecturer, N. J. Curtis; inside tyler, Porter Brown; foreman of committee, J. Norman Eberle; committee, J. V. Thompson, A. J. Trean, Robert Jamieson, Jr., Munford; financial committee, D. D. Webster; Robert Mills, F. V. Thompson; representative to F. C. Robert Mills.

Another Horse Story.
Last night D. Watson reported to the police that he had lost a horse and wagon. The men who had hired the rig went into a restaurant on Union street about 9 o'clock for lunch and when they came out the team was gone. About 2 o'clock this morning Policeman Harry Donohue arrested Phillip Neal, and he is charged with the stealing of the horse and rig. The team has been returned to Mr. Watson.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT IS SOMETHING TO WEAR.—This store now presents a fascinating exhibition of things which men and boys would buy for themselves and associated with the spirit of Christmas. Every department is full to bursting with merchandise delightfully suggestive of the Christmas spirit and gift giving. Carefully selected goods embodying all the newest and best ideas that make for the comfort and pleasure of men and little men vie with each other in this store for your attention. We advise shopping early, when free, intelligent advice on gift selections will be given by our salesmen if desired. See our windows. Store open evenings.
Hunt's Busy Uptown Men's Store,
17-19 Charlotte St.

GENERAL BENSON PLEASED WITH MEN STATIONED HERE

Officer commanding 6th Military District on inspection visit to city — Ladies arrange recreation rooms for Siege Battery men.

Upon the result of the inspection of the facilities for housing and accommodating troops in St. John by Major General Benson, general officer commanding the 6th divisional area (the Maritime Provinces), and Lieut. Col. A. H. H. Powell, D. A. A., and Q. M. G., who are here, will depend the future status of this city as a centre for quartering troops. These officers arrived from Halifax yesterday and registered at the Royal.

Gen. Benson said last night that he was very well satisfied with what he saw at Partridge Island. He was favorably impressed with the men of the siege battery there.

Gen. Benson and Col. Powell will inspect the armory and the 69th Battalion, the agricultural building, where the 15th will be quartered, and the 140th Battalion and immigration sheds at the west side tomorrow.

While Col. Gen. Benson did not say so, it is expected other militia units will come to St. John, if he and Col. Powell find conditions and facilities here satisfactory. The visit of the general is the first he has made to St. John since he succeeded Gen. Rutherford, who retired on reaching the age limit.

A committee representing the recruiting committee endeavored to arrange a meeting with Gen. Benson yesterday for the purpose of talking over the enlistment situation, but the general was too busy in the day time to receive the committee. Last evening, however, the committee, E. T. Sturdee, T. H. Estabrooks, A. M. Belding and E. A. Schofield, met Gen. Benson. The general told the committee he would do all he could to assist the recruiting

PLANNING FOR WORK OF THE LOCAL BOY SCOUTS

R. C. Waring appointed Secretary of Scout Management Committee.

Last night the committee of the local Association of Boy Scouts held their monthly meeting in the Church of England institute rooms. Among those present being A. C. Skelton, in the chair; Senator Daniels, Rev. H. A. Cody, W. B. Turnbull and Mr. E. C. Waring.

During the meeting Mr. Turnbull, who has been secretary, tendered his resignation, he having enlisted for overseas services, and R. C. Waring was appointed in his place.

It was decided that one or two persons should examine candidates for certificates as first class scouts. The examiners will be appointed by the chairman. The proposed New Year's Day parade was also discussed, and it is expected the Scouts will form an important part of the procession.

Lieut.-Col. Wedderburn is arranging the matter.

Another very interesting subject considered, was that of the Boy Scouts organizing to meet returning wounded soldiers, in a manner similar to that which has met with such success in Quebec. Mr. Skelton will see what arrangements can be made.

THE W. S. HARKINS' PLAYERS SEAT SALE OPENS TODAY

All seats for both holiday performances will be reserved and big rush is likely.

The seat sale for the engagement of the W. S. Harkins' Players opens this morning at the Opera House office. The engagement opens on Christmas Day, with a matinee and night performance, the selection for the matinee being "Our Wives," a swift moving comedy, and at night an intensely dramatic play, "A Spy in the House."

All seats for both holiday performances are reserved, the scale of prices being as follows:—Orchestra 50c.; last two rows Dress Circle, 50c.; balcony of the Dress Circle, 35c.; first two rows of Balcony, 35c.; and the remainder of Balcony, 25c. There is going to be a big demand for tickets and it would be well to make selections early.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION WILL BE RECORD BREAKER

Recruiting Committee has arrangements well in hand — To confer with clergymen today.

At the meeting of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee yesterday afternoon the arrangements for the rally on the afternoon of New Year's Day were advanced, with particular reference to what troops could take part in the proceedings and what bands would be available. It was announced that there would be another recruiting meeting in the temperance hall in St. James street tonight at eight o'clock, at which prominent speakers would be present and that on Thursday Rev. G. P. Scovill will preside at a meeting in the temperance hall, west end. Plans were also discussed in connection with the conference, this afternoon at three o'clock, with the ministers of the various denominations to consider the means to be adopted for the observance of Sunday, January 2, as a Soldiers' Memorial Day, and any other matters that may be brought forward in the interest of recruiting.

PERSONAL

J. Isadore Coll of the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Campbellton, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Coll, Douglas avenue, for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. C. P. Carleton of Peterborough, came to the city yesterday.

F. E. Williams returned to the city from Boston yesterday.

Misses Edith and Victoria Scribner, and Miss Ada Parvin of Bloomfield, N. B. are guests of Mrs. H. R. Arrow-smith.

J. Kerr Higgins, principal of the Grammar School at Grand Falls, N. B., is visiting at his home in north end for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. M. O'Brien of the Cathedral staff, has returned from his enforced vacation considerably improved in health.

W. F. Moore of Quebec was in the city yesterday afternoon seeking information for the guidance of the hospital commission for the whole Dominion of which Dr. T. Walker is one of two maritime representatives.

Miss L. C. Sutherland of Providence, R. I., is in the city, visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Davidson, 76 Dorchester street.

Capt. Roy Bell of this city, who recently completed a course in military work at the Royal Military School, Kingston, Ontario, arrived here yesterday.

A cablegram was received yesterday afternoon from London announcing the safe arrival there of Mrs. Good, wife of Colonel Good, and daughter of Rev. J. C. Berry of this city.

Last night it was reported that the condition of George Blake, chief of the fire department, had improved. The chief has been critically ill with pneumonia.

German War Vessel Was In St. John in 1912.

Officers and men roamed over city and were entertained — Took notes and made drawings?

The small German cruiser Bremen, which has been sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic Sea, is well remembered as a visitor to this port in 1912. At the time the Bremen carried several hundred young men of whom were undergoing a process of nautical training to fit them for the German navy.

The cruiser's officers were entertained here and many of the crew were given shore liberty. It was said then that some of the Germans made copious notes and probably took some drawings relating to the harbor, works and defence posts. This feature of their visit was mentioned at the time, but as Germany was then supposed to be a friendly nation, at least nominally, no serious trouble over the matter developed.

The Bremen was built in 1903, had a displacement of 3,250 tons. In time of peace she carried a crew of about three hundred and apprentice classes.

She visited many ports in the United States and Canada along the Atlantic seaboard, and afterwards went to South American waters. She was the only one of the German cruisers at large at the time the war broke out last year to escape the British cruisers and reach German home waters. The other German war vessels in American waters were sunk, with the exception of two which this year put into Newport News, Va., and were interned there by the United States government.

GORDON A. NUTTALL NOW AT HIS HOME

St. John soldier had thrilling experiences on battle line—Was through battle of Ypres.

Gordon A. Nuttall, one of the St. John boys who was in the battle of Ypres, has practically recovered from severe experiences he underwent. He is now at his home, and Nuttall was the driver in the cable department of the divisional signalling corps. He suffered from gas fumes and from sunstroke. The roar and concussion of the artillery also contributed to a nervous breakdown and he was sent to a hospital in England. He remained in the hospital two months and a half. He said last night that he was treated splendidly by Major McDougall in charge of the hospital.

Nuttall was not wounded in the fighting, but some of the men and horses in his unit were killed at Ypres. He had many narrow escapes from fragments of shells.

He left Canada for England Sept. 1 last year and after remaining at Salisbury Plains until the holiday season went to Flanders. He will remain in St. John until he is thoroughly rested. He is willing to go back to the front, but does not know when he will go.

Nuttall is a son of John T. Nuttall. He has a brother, Sergeant "Jack" Nuttall, who went from Winnipeg with the 10th Battalion. When he left Canada he weighed 142 pounds. His weight now is 176. He is twenty years of age.

Many of those in Nuttall's unit were from Western Canada.

Silk and Wool Dresses for Christmas Presents.

At Dykeman's you will find a very extensive range of ladies' silk dresses that were made up especially for the Christmas trade. They run in prices from \$7.75 to \$22.00 each. They are also showing a very comprehensive range of serge dresses in the very latest styles at prices from \$3.75 to \$16.50. Some very handsome velvet dresses, fur trimmed, are on sale at \$9.00 and up. Do not forget the big sale of rich furs going on at this store.

Santa Claus—Up-to-Date.

In Estey & Co.'s show windows, Decker street, Santa Claus is seen attired in Rubber Coat, Boots and Gloves of the finest quality. "Santa" endorses and recommends Estey & Co.'s useful goods for all ages for Christmas presents.

Was Badly Injured.

Mrs. John Spittle of Queen street was removed to the General Public Hospital on Saturday evening suffering from a broken leg which she sustained by falling in the yard in the rear of her home. After being admitted to the hospital and an examination made it was found that she was badly injured internally. A report late last night was to the effect that her condition was critical.

Charged with Begging.

Yesterday Ray Cowes was arrested by Detectives Barrett and Briggs on the charge of begging on Charlotte street.

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Tabourette—Oak or Mahogany finish. Price \$2.75.

Work Stands—Rattan, \$4.25, \$4.75 and \$5.50.

"Speedway" Sled—For boy or girl. Five sizes, \$1.35, \$1.60, \$2.15, \$2.50, \$3.10.

Foot Rest—Spanish leather cushion, \$3.50.

Folding Card Tables From \$2.50 to \$20.00
Folding Sewing Tables Each \$1.75
Magazine Stands From \$6.00 to \$10.00
Pedestals From \$4.25 to \$12.50
Wood Baskets Each \$2.75, \$3.25, \$6.00
Baby Sleighs, \$1.85, \$2.75, \$4.25, \$6.50, \$7.25 to \$11.50.
Umbrella Stands From \$3.25 to \$7.50
Parlor Cabinets From \$14.50 to \$30.00
Christmas Tree Holders 30c.
Den Rockers From \$8.00 to \$30.00
Morris Chairs From \$9.75 to \$32.00
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Child's Table and Two Chairs (Set) \$2.50
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