

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate to fresh southwesterly to northwesterly winds, for the most part fair but a few light local falls of snow or sleet.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday, cloudy; fresh west winds.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Pressure is lowest tonight in Alberta and highest in the middle Pacific states. Light snow has fallen in a few portions of Ontario and Quebec; otherwise the weather has been fair generally.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature (Min. Max.). Includes entries for Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Regina, Battleford, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, and Below zero.

Around the City

Adjustment of Fire Loss.

The fire loss at Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co. and Messrs. T. McAvilly & Sons through water damage is under way, but it is not expected to be complete for some days.

Cartridge Exploded.

Yesterday afternoon an eleven year old boy named Bashara, residing at 73 Erin street, was fatally injured in the face by the explosion of a cartridge. It is said the young fellow found the cartridge frozen to a piece of board that had been removed from the ruins of the W. H. Thorne and Co. building, Market Square.

Baseless Rumors.

The Standard has been shown a letter written by a well known business man who is now in uniform in Halifax preparatory to going overseas. In this letter the remark is made that the writer had, at different times, heard suggestions of improper dealings in connection with the administration of military affairs in the way of food and clothing and other supply contracts, and that he had made it his business to look for any evidences of wrong doing of this nature.

To Practice Law in West

Leslie G. Bell, B. A., L. L. B. of Medicine Hat, Alberta, has been in the city completing his examination requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the St. John Law School, under the direction of Dean Elias Alward, L. L. D. Mr. Bell is a graduate of the Universities of Michigan and Dalhousie, and in his examinations here passed with high honors. He was admitted to the bar of Nova Scotia at Halifax last week, but intends to practice his profession in the west. His many friends in the Maritime Provinces will wish him every success.

ARRANGING FOR THE NEW YEAR'S PARADE

Citizens Recruiting Committee reports that plans are well in hand.

The Citizens' Recruiting Committee held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms when the different sub-committees to arrange for the parade on New Year's Day reported progress. The band committee reported that the City Cornet and Temple bands had offered their services and they expected others.

Capt. Tilley reported enlistments for the week from the different centres to be 186. Number from the 4th of September to the 18th of December, 2,658. A vote of thanks was tendered to the estate of Dr. James Walker for the use of the store on Prince William street while the King street quarters were being got ready.

Col. Danereau promised to have the 69th Battalion turn out in the New Year's parade.

BRAYLEY'S a Buy Word in Flavoring Extracts.

BOXES SENT TO SIX MEN ON ST. JOHN'S DAY OBSERVED BY LOCAL MASONS

ARRIVED "O.K."

Captain Gamblin and Major D. D. McArthur acknowledge receipt of gifts

Miss Marie Hamilton, secretary of the Pamdenec Knitting Circle, has received interesting letters from Capt. G. A. Gamblin, of No. 1 Section of the Divisional Ammunition Column in France, and from Major D. D. McArthur of the 26th. Both officers acknowledge receipt of boxes sent to the soldiers through the agency of the Soldiers' Comforts Association, Capt. Gamblin's letter is as follows:

Dear Miss Hamilton, I have arranged for nuts, fruit and also ordered 150 lbs. of turkey for Xmas dinner, and with all the extras from the boxes we should spend a good day.

I want to thank your circle for their very useful gifts, and assure them that their kindness will never be forgotten by the officers, N. C. O's, and men of the 2nd D. A. C.

Would like to tell your members a few of the interesting things that take place here, but as we are not permitted to, must be content to wait until I arrive home.

The mud here is terrible and occasionally a fellow leaves his rubber boots in the mud, but my boys are the best ever and take their work very cheerfully, even if it is muddy.

Yours sincerely, G. A. GAMBLIN, Capt. Sect. No. 1, 2nd D. A. C., Major McArthur writes as follows: Dec. 10, 1915, Miss Hamilton, 1 Orange street, St. John, N. B.

I beg to report that the Pamdenec parcels have arrived. They came this morning. Many, many thanks to the circle for all their kindness.

The ladies of the Pamdenec Knitting Circle wish to thank the Soldiers' Comforts Association for their very great kindness in shipping the above mentioned boxes.

MAJ. DUNFIELD IN HOSPITAL

Letter to brother says he is ill—Other Kings County boys with 26th heard from.

Harry Dunfield, Anagnone, received a letter from his brother, Major C. L. Dunfield, now with the 26th somewhere in France, which stated that he had been sent to the hospital on account of sickness. Major Dunfield has had some very narrow escapes.

AFTER CHRISTMAS PRICES

On Wednesday morning P. A. Dykeman & Co. will put on sale a large lot of ladies' fine quality winter coats at the extraordinary price of \$4.95 each.

SIX MEN ON HONOR ROLL

Activity at Recruiting Headquarters yesterday

—Twenty men applied, Six examined and passed.

ROLL OF HONOR.

- Robert Stafford, Brussels St., St. John. David Laird, Middle St., St. John. Robert Stewart, Clarence St., St. John. William E. Joy, Seal Cove, Grand Mans. Nikolaus Spilov, Antopol, Russia. John Lovett, Seely's Cove, Charlotte County. Two others for Siege Battery.

Yesterday was a fairly busy day at recruiting headquarters, Mill street, 20 applications being received. Six applicants were examined and passed.

At last night's meeting H. H. McLeellan acted as chairman, Dr. Barton presided at the piano and R. C. Carson sang several songs. Prof. Fox playing the accompaniment. Judge Armstrong was the first speaker, and he outlined in a very forceful manner the reasons why every young man who is able should go and help the Empire in this time of crisis.

Capt. Tilley, the next speaker, said: "We are doing very well but we can do better. This war is a matter of starving the enemy and we need enough men to make a complete ring around them."

He told of an experience he had on the train. While on the way to Woodstock, recently, two fine looking chaps were sitting opposite him. He approached them and asked if they were going to don the khaki. They said they might next spring. He then asked "Why wait until then, do you not think the country needs you now?"

ROTARY CLUB DINNER GUESTS

Bond & Scott tendered complimentary dinner to Retirians — A pleasing function.

The members of the Rotary Club together with several invited friends were the guests of Bond & Scott at their restaurant at lunch yesterday. The Rotary Club for some time have held their weekly luncheons at Bond's and the firm prepared yesterday's affair as a little surprise to their fellow members.

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ST. JOHN'S DAY OBSERVED BY LOCAL MASONS

Albion and Carleton Union Lodges installed officers last evening — Presentation in West End.

Yesterday was the Festival of St. John the Evangelist and, according to custom Masonic lodges in the city which could arrange to do so held their annual installation of officers.

- At a meeting of Albion Lodge P. & A. M. held last night, Past Master Dr. Thomas Walker installed the following officers: R. S. Orchard—W. M. John L. MacMurray—I. P. M. D. C. Maitland—S. W. R. L. Hunter—J. W. Rev. J. A. MacKellan—Chap. Thomas Walker—Treas. F. A. Goddard—Secretary. J. H. Bentley—S. D. B. Fowler—I. D. J. G. Leonard—S. S. James MacMurray—J. S. P. T. Dunlop—D. of C. E. A. Hoyt—I. G. Robt. Clarke—Tyler.

Past Master Dr. W. L. Ellis installed the following officers in Carleton Union Lodge last night:

- Jarvis M. Wilson—W. M. Geo. N. Kennedy—I. P. M. Samuel Irons—S. W. Frank K. Stuart—J. W. Daniel C. Clark—Chaplain. Enoch Thompson—Treasurer. J. Firth Britton—Secretary. Wm. L. Stewart—S. D. J. Percy Cruikshank—J. D. Harold W. Ketchum—S. S. Edward G. Howard—J. S. Glenoid H. Allan—D. of C. E. S. Peacock—Organist. Harold C. Mayes—I. G. Frederick Gordon—Tyler.

After the installation the members enjoyed a reception, and a most pleasing feature of the festivities was when Charles H. B. Wright, Battalion Sergeant-Major of No. 4 Siege Battery was presented with a Masonic ring by the members of the lodge. The presentation was made by George Kennedy, the retiring master of the lodge.

BUSY DAY IN POLICE COURT

Large number of cases dealt with by Magistrate yesterday afternoon.

For a couple of hours yesterday afternoon business in the police court was brisk. Thirteen drunks were each fined eight dollars or two months jail, a number of other cases dealt with.

Henry McLean, James Gobbie, Daniel McLaughlin, James Ewen, Robert Garey and John Halsey, seamen from a Donaldson Line steamship, were charged with broaching the cargo and stealing liquor. They were remanded to jail until this morning at request of the captain of the ship.

Samuel Carson was charged with supplying liquor to a soldier in uniform. He pleaded not guilty, stating that in some manner he wandered into the armory, and at the time, unfortunately, had a bottle of liquor in his pocket. The first thing he knew he was arrested. He was remanded to jail.

Fred Bell was adjudged guilty of being drunk, profane and resisting arrest in the I. C. R. depot. He was fined \$48 or eight months in jail. Alfred Williams for being drunk, profane and resisting the police was fined \$48 or eight months in jail.

John Kinghorn, of West St. John, was charged with beating his wife and child. Mrs. Kinghorn gave evidence that they came from Digby to St. John about two months ago and during that time the defendant had only given her \$2.50 to live on and had been drinking a great deal. In addition to the non-support he had assaulted her and their child. The prisoner was remanded.

Fred Keefe was adjudged guilty of selling liquor to a soldier in uniform and was fined \$50. Elton Kimball for abusing his wife was ordered to pay her the sum of five dollars every week and promise to keep away from her. He was remanded to jail until he could secure securities that he would adhere to the judgment of the court.

FIRE SALE AT THORNE'S. As a result of the recent fire in our establishment, we have decided that during the process of rebuilding and repairs, to clear the remaining stock in our King street retail store, consisting of Sterling and Patent Ware, Lumber Goods, Japanese Strawware, Table Cutlery, Cut Glass, Clocks, Brosses, Electric Reading Lamps, Cigarolas, Dishes, Toilet Table Accessories, Toys, Games, etc., at the earliest possible moment, and allow, therefore a Special Discount on All Goods. In these departments, thus affording an excellent opportunity both for the purchase of New Year's remembrances and to supply household needs in these lines AT CONSIDERABLE SAV- ING. The greater portion of the stock is in good condition and purchasers will have the advantage of securing practically perfect goods at much less than regular selling prices. First and Second Floors—King Street Store. Market Square — W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. — King Street

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Saturdays our stores will be open until 10 p.m.; open at 9 a.m.; close 6 p.m., excepting Saturday 10 p.m. FULL YARD WIDE PRINTS Are Quite a New Width Here. The usual width of English Cambric Prints being 31 inches. This new make, new colors and patterns, full 36 inches wide, we are selling at 15 Cents a Yard. Just the thing for children's dresses, aprons, house dresses, etc. Navy Blue and Black British Made English Suiting Serges For Ladies' Coat and Skirt Costumes. Full 54 inches wide, \$1.90, 2.00, 2.25 and 2.50 a yard. All are first-class all-wool, a make that will be difficult to procure later on. MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

"Hustler" Ash Sifter. If you want to make a saving in your winter's coal bill, buy the "HUSTLER". It will save you coal, time and labor, as well as keep the dust down. It will save its cost in a single season. Price \$5.75 each. SIMPLE TO OPERATE. NO DUST—NO DIRT. GEM ASH SIFTERS..... \$2.50 Each. Galvanized Ash Barrels. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Men's and Boys' Pyjamas and Night Shirts. The Utmost Comfort is Assured Wearers of Our Sleeping Garments. PYJAMAS — In a large variety of cloth and different styles to select from. Fine Wool Taffetas, English Ceylon Flannel, Shakers, Madras, Silk-like Soisette, Mercerized Cloths and All-Silk. Men's Sizes . Prices from \$1.00 to \$9.00 Boys' Sizes . Prices from \$1.00 to \$1.75 LITTLE FOLKS PYJAMAS—For ages from two to eight years, in very soft, light-weight shakers and printed flannellets . \$1.25 to \$1.50 NIGHT SHIRTS—Our special "Defiance" brand with extra large bodies, best custom made with double yokes, all seams double stitched and gusseted. Night shirts in white cotton, plain and twilled, with and without collars; also fine shakers in white, also in neat colored stripes, with and without collars. Men's Sizes, fourteen to nineteen . Each 85c to \$2.00 Boys' Sizes, from two years to fourteen inch-neck . Each 75c and 90c MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT.

New Wash Goods. Dainty Waist Lengths and by the yard in Voile, Crystal Silk, Silk Crepes and Light-Weight Flannels. Every waist length in box . 70c to \$1.50 Silk Marquisettes, plain colors and floral effects. Yard . 70c Novelty White Waistings in many designs . Yard . 28c Novelty Crinkle Wash Goods for early spring wear. Yard . 15c Peerless Waistings, Pomona Waistings, Golf Waistings, Spartan Waistings. These woven waistings come in spots and stripes . 22c, 25c, 28c VELOURS in all colorings . 14c, 20c, 22c, 25c, 28c, 30c WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT—FRONT STORE.

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