

**THE WEATHER.**

**Forecast:**  
Maritime—Gales, south, shifting to west and northwest, with rain; turning colder on Saturday.  
Washington, Nov. 23.—Northern New England—Rain followed by clearing and colder Friday; Saturday, fair and cooler; southwest gales.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—The disturbance which was developing in the Mississippi Valley last night is now centered over the Georgian Bay as an important storm, accompanied by fresh gales and rains over the Great Lakes. Rain has fallen over Quebec, and is now extending to the Maritime Provinces, with stormy conditions. In the west the weather has been moody fair and cold.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	42	45
Victoria	40	46
Prince Albert	4	18
Calgary	22	36
Moose Jaw	10	25
Saskatoon	10	25
Winnipeg	10	26
Port Arthur	20	36
London	32	35
Toronto	32	45
Ottawa	26	44
Montreal	38	40
Quebec	22	38
St. John	26	42

**Around the City**

**Furness Liner at Halifax.**  
Furness liner Tabasco arrived at Halifax at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

**Arrested for Stealing.**  
Police Constable Gill yesterday afternoon arrested Lewis Dritz, who was given in charge by Andrew B. Ruddock on the charge of stealing a quantity of rope, valued at ten dollars.

**Tampering With Fire Alarm.**  
Yesterday afternoon at 5.25 o'clock Police Constable Coiner arrested Joseph Flynn and Leslie Robinson on the charge of being drunk on Mill street. Flynn is also charged with tampering with fire alarm box 152 on that street. The two prisoners will be given a hearing in the Police Court this morning.

**Patriotic Fund Committee.**  
Lieut.-Governor Wood arrived in the city last night, and will attend a meeting tonight of the special committee appointed by the provincial executive of the patriotic association to apportion the amounts which each municipality will be expected to raise for the patriotic fund in 1917. The meeting will be held in the Board of Trade rooms.

**No Meeting of Council.**  
No meeting of the common council was held yesterday. At noon when the time for the committee meeting arrived there was no quorum present and as a special meeting of the council had not been called, it could not be held in the afternoon. It is not likely that a meeting will be held now before Monday.

**A Needless Alarm.**  
Last night a fire in a stove in the new building being erected on Cliff street, and thinking that the building was burning sent in a still alarm to No. 1 chemical on Sydney street. When the firemen arrived on the scene they found that their services were not needed. It was a case of safety first, without investigating, by the man who sent in the alarm.

**Teacher Training Class.**  
The second of the teacher training classes in the C. S. E. T. programme was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. About fifty men were present. The standard taken up last night was the physical. F. L. Smith discussed the characteristics of boy life from the physical side, and H. O. Bonk took up the different items in the standard and explained them. He also gave a demonstration of charting a boy. Next Thursday night the standard to be taken up will be the religious.

**Housewarming and Presentation.**  
About seventy-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. Huestis, of St. Patrick street, called on them at their home on Wednesday evening and tendered them a housewarming. They were married about two weeks ago and are just settling down in their new home. Before leaving those present presented the young couple with a handsome Dolton china tea set. After spending a very pleasant evening the friends left, wishing the young couple many happy years in which to make use of the tea set presented to them.

**Alexandra Temple.**  
About fifty of the members of Alexandra Temple, T. of H. and T., gathered at Temple Hall, Main street, last night to witness the exemplification of the initiatory degree by the degree team, assisted by Hon. David I. Robinson, of Gloucester, Mass., supreme councillor of the order. After the ceremony a pleasant social hour was spent and a number of short addresses delivered by the brothers present. The Temple have initiated a number of new members lately and a successful season is looked for this coming winter.

**Dr. L. DeV. Chipman** (from Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital), announces opening offices at 42 Colburn St. Phone 3081.

**GOVERNMENT WILL PROSECUTE ALL FOOD EXTORTIONERS**

**Necessary Authority Already Provided—Attorney General Baxter Ready to Aid Municipalities—Hon. B. Frank Smith Declares No Potato Combine Exists in New Brunswick.**

A great deal of discussion is being heard today in regard to the increasing cost of the necessities of life, and while the situation is not nearly so bad as many would have the people believe, still the cost of the prime necessities of life have with one or two exceptions advanced to where the poorer classes are finding it a problem to get along, and the grocers, particularly those who cater to this class of trade, are finding it increasingly difficult to do business.

The claim is made in some quarters that the increase is largely due to the operation of combines formed to keep up the prices, and make undue profits out of the unusual conditions which prevail at the present time. Some claim that the cold storage plants of the Dominion are filled to overflowing, and if the stocks stored in these plants were released for immediate consumption prices would take a drop.

**Government Active.**  
The government by an order in council has provided the necessary authority whereby these conditions if they exist as claimed, may be remedied. The government has undertaken to make an inventory of the amount of goods in the cold storage plants of the Dominion, and have given to the municipalities the power to investigate any case of alleged combine in restraint of trade, or of withholding from circulation any of the necessities of life and provided that where such conditions exist the offenders may be prosecuted by the attorney-general of the province in which the offense is committed.

**What Attorney-General Says.**  
Attorney-General Baxter when interviewed last night said that he would only be too glad to prosecute in any case where the municipality had after investigation found out that any person in this province was in any way unduly increasing the cost of the necessities of life to the consuming public and would do all in his power to see that such persons were punished as the law directed.

An article in the Montreal Evening

**RETAIL MILK DEALERS MAY RAISE PRICE**

**MAJESTIC WILL KEEP UP SERVICE TILL ICE COMES**

**Mild Weather of Yesterday Broke Up Ice—Steamer Arrived from Gagetown With Heavy Freight.**

A meeting of the retail milk dealers of the city will be held tonight in the Palmer building to consider the matter of an increase in the price of the commodity which they handle.

Several prominent dealers when seen by The Standard yesterday in regard to the matter, said, that while the matter of an increase in the retail price had been talked over among themselves on the street corners, no meeting had been held as yet, nor had any definite price been mentioned.

A. R. Macaulay said that so far as he knew no meeting had been held and he did not know when there would be one. He had heard the matter of an increase mentioned by some of the dealers but did not know that any action had been taken.

H. E. Northrup said no meeting had been held. The matter had been talked over informally by the dealers but no definite action had been taken.

Thomas Robinson said no meeting was held last night. There had been some talk at a meeting but as the largest dealer in the city was not able to be present it was decided to wait until Friday night when he would be in the city, as they wanted him present if possible.

He also said that so far the matter had only been talked over generally and no price had as yet been mentioned. All the dealers felt that with the increased cost of handling the milk the price would have to be raised somewhat but it had not been decided what the increase would be.

**INSPECTOR CAPLES MOST POPULAR POLICEMAN**

**Strenuous Voting Contest Feature of High Tea Under Auspices of Cathedral of Immaculate Conception.**

The last night for adults at the Cathedral high tea, closed last night. The inclement weather marred the attendance somewhat, but the various booths and attractions were well patronized. The ballot on the most popular officer in the city was the paramount attraction. Long before the hour set for the closing of the poll there was much excitement around the board on which were the names of the leaders. McNamee who led the poll for the first two nights, fell to third place during the early part of the evening and when the poll closed he was in the same position. Inspector Caples was the lucky winner of the \$25 in gold. He was not very far in advance of Officer Donahue up until 9.30, but his friends rallied to his aid and boosted the officer into first place. Officer Donahue's friends put up a stubborn fight but were unable to defeat the inspector. The

Every lady who visits Marr's this week-end will find many things of interest in trimmed and untrimmed hats. Plaid pattern hats, children's felt and silk hats, heather turbans and pheasant bands received today from New York in white, white and black, green, purple, and bordeaux; wings, ornaments, mounts, gold and silver flowers, and everything that's new in millinery trimmings purchased from the best manufacturers in the United States and Canada.

**Wonderful Bargains in Coats.**  
F. A. Dykeman & Co. have on display in one of their windows a lot of this season's coats priced \$8.75, \$10.95 and \$11.60. These coats are very choice styles, with large collars and full skirts, and dainty velvet trimming. They come in a large assortment of colors and full range of sizes.

**FIVE MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY**

**Naval Service Received Three of the Number—With the 165th—Military Notes.**

**HONOR ROLL.**

- Richard Keating, Northampton Mass.
- J. Watson, St. John, N. B.
- George Berth, St. John, N. B.
- Lindsay Tall, Naval Service
- A. Bourgeois, College Bridge, N. B.

The 165th Battalion

Five men enlisted yesterday. The naval service received three of the number. There were four applications received for the navy, but the fourth has not yet been examined.

The 8th Field Ambulance has an opening for several men. The unit was practically up to full strength, but the recent call for drafts has somewhat depleted the unit. The unit is endeavoring to raise sufficient funds to purchase instruments with for their band. The officer commanding the Ambulance Corps will be glad to receive any contributions for this worthy purpose.

**The 165th.**  
There will be a muster parade of the 165th Battalion this afternoon. All records of the battalion will be examined today. The orderly officer for today will be Lieut. J. Blanchard, and Lieut. A. H. Belliveau next for duty.

Sergeant F. LeBlanc, who has been attached to the staff company, has been returned to "C" company.

Lieut. R. A. Arsenau is no longer a member of the 165th.

Now that the snow has disappeared Lieut. Pierce, trench warfare instructor, is going right ahead with the work of training the officers and men of the 165th Battalion in the art of trench fighting. Company "B" commanded by Major Gallant, will proceed to the land which has been granted on the Loch Lomond road, for instruction purposes, where under the efficient instruction of Lieut. Pierce they will construct trenches. The men will leave the barracks carrying trench tools as well as their dinner.

Captain Doucet was yesterday promoted to second in command of "D" company of the battalion.

Lieut. Anglin Home.

Lieut. A. R. Anglin, assistant instructor of gunnery at Halifax, arrived in the city yesterday. Today he will commence a series of lectures and instructions in heavy gunnery on the island. He was accompanied by Sergeant-Major Whitfield of the Royal School of Artillery. Part of the equipment which is to be used on the island arrived yesterday. The 6-in Howitzer will probably reach the city about the first of the week.

**Military Notes.**  
W. A. Tupper, of Digby, N. S., reported yesterday for duty.

L. A. Dugal, son of L. A. Dugal, M. L. A., the young soldier who was seriously wounded a few weeks ago and had a leg amputated, is now out of danger, it is stated.

News has been received that Private Henry P. McDonald, a native of Liverpool, who was formerly in the employ of the James Robertson Company, Ltd., St. John, and resided at 268 Germain street, is seriously ill in the Welsh Metropolitan War Hospital, Whitechurch. He left here with the unit in charge of Capt. George Keefe.

Driver Kenneth Arthur Kinsman, son of F. C. Kinsman, Southwick St., has been admitted to No. 2 Western General Hospital, Manchester, suffering from pneumonia contracted on the Somme front.

Private Holly Turner, of the 26th Battalion, has written to his mother, Mrs. Turner, Rodney street, from Germany, where he is a prisoner of war.

More than 200 members of various overseas units, including twenty-five officers, are expected here soon. About twenty-three of these will remain here. At the same time three nursing sisters will arrive.

Sergeant Major Instructor Whitfield arrived here yesterday from Halifax and proceeded to Partridge Island to give instructions to the composite battery and conduct drill in preparation for the departure of this unit.

Gundry's is doing everything possible to make its 7th Christmas a memorable one. Seven years of steady upbuilding. Today Gundry's is offering a well balanced stock. This year's business has shown a large increase over any previous one. If you are in search of reliable lasting Christmas goods, you will be pleased with Gundry's holiday lines.

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standing at the close of the poll was: Caples 2,470, Donahue 2,377, and McNamee 1423.

This afternoon will be for the children.

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WHITE SILK (Black Clocked) . . . . . \$2.75 pair  
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