

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, generally fair and cold today, winds shifting to east and southeast at night.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Northern New England—Generally fair Friday; Saturday snow, warmer in Maine; fresh north-east winds.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Local snowfalls have occurred today in Ontario, but the weather over the Dominion has been mostly fair and cold.

Temperatures. Min. Max. Prince Rupert 36 42, Victoria 34 40, Vancouver 32 32, Kamloops 20 26, Calgary 0 30, Edmonton 0 24, Battleford 4 16, Prince Albert 10 14, Medicine Hat 18 32, Moose Jaw 18 18, Regina 12 20, Port Arthur 16 0, Toronto 15 23, Kingston 2 24, Ottawa 6 12, Montreal 2 18, Quebec 2 10, St. John 8 18, Halifax 13 24.

Around the City

Sugar Cheaper. There was a slight drop in the price of sugar yesterday, all grades being quoted at ten cents per one hundred pounds less than the figures of last week.

Flour Down Again. Manitoba flour dropped forty cents per barrel yesterday, the jobbing quotation for this brand being \$10.50 per barrel, as against \$10.90 last Friday. It is expected that Ontario flour will recede during the present week. Yesterday's price was \$9.95 per barrel.

Found in Vacant House. Shortly after nine o'clock last night the three "B's," Officers Barrett, Briggs and Biddiscombe of the police force entered a vacant house on Pond street where they found a man who gave his name as James Lindsay. He was arrested and is charged with lying and lurking.

No Meeting. The usual Thursday meeting of the common council in committee was not held yesterday as one of the commissioners was absent and Commissioner Fisher did not wish to bring up his proposals in regard to amendments to the Local Improvement Act unless the full council were present.

Lecture on Universal Brotherhood. At Miss Hanson's Women's Exchange, last evening, Mrs. Grace Roberts Ober, of Cambridge, gave an address on Universal Brotherhood. Mrs. Ober is a very fluent speaker and she had a deeply attentive audience. She told of the message of the world wide unity in an inspiring way. An unanimous vote of thanks was given Mrs. Ober.

Canadian Club. A meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the mayor. The secretary read a communication from Sir Cecil Spring-Rice acknowledging their invitation to address the club but regretting that he was unable to accept same as the time of his visit was very uncertain. The club is in correspondence with several speakers but has no definite engagements with any at the present time.

Fell off Wharf. Whilst working near No. 14 shed early yesterday morning William W. Williams, of Murray street, fell off the wharf into the water. He was rescued by men of the tug Wolsey after some difficulty. As it was seen that he was in a serious condition the ambulance was summoned and the unfortunate man was taken as speedily as possible to the General Public Hospital. Inquiry of the hospital authorities last night elicited the information that Mr. Williams is progressing satisfactorily.

Retail Fish Market. Prices ruled yesterday about the same as last week. Retailers say that fresh fish is still anything but plentiful. Fresh halibut continues dear, 25c. per pound being the quotation yesterday. Haddock and cod brought 10c., mackerel from 20c. to 35c. each. Finnan haddies continue to be sold freely at the high price of 12c. per pound. Lobsters are on hand at prices that bring this shell fish without the reach of the ordinary consumer. Oysters and clams have been in good demand at about last week's prices.

An Excellent Concert. An excellent concert was held last evening in St. Philip's A. M. E. church. A fine programme was rendered including a solo by Miss Rebecca Edison, a duet by Messrs. Marsh and Edison, a reading by Mrs. Ritchie, solo by Mr. Marsh and a number of songs by an excellent chorus. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Pinkney, made a few introductory remarks and then introduced the different entertainers. After the concert a fine collation was served by the ladies of the church. The proceeds realized will go towards the fuel fund.

THE CASUALTY LIST DOES NOT SOLVE MYSTERY OF A. M. MAGEE

How St. John Boy, Announced Yesterday as "Presumed to Have Died," Disappeared from Dressing Station After Battle of Ypres—Father Has Sought Information in Vain.

In yesterday's casualty list the name of A. M. Magee appeared as "presumed to have died." This laconic announcement by no means solves the mystery of the fate of a St. John soldier, son of John B. Magee of Mecklenburg street.

On no trace of A. M. Magee has been found. The lad's father had the postcard photographed and by that means got in touch with the chaplain who wrote at the dictation of Magee. The chaplain could give no information, so he communicated with militia headquarters in London, but got no information there. At one time they would inform him that they had information relative to his son and later on contradict themselves and say they had no information.

BIGGEST PRICES IN HISTORY OF AMERICAN LUMBER MARKET

Archibald Fraser, Head of Concern With Ten Mills, Reports Big Demand for N. B. Lumber—New Pulp and Paper Plant.

That the American lumber market was more attractive than ever before was the statement made to The Standard by Archibald Fraser, of Fredericton, at the Royal Hotel yesterday afternoon. Mr. Fraser is the head of the well known firm of Fraser, Ltd., who operate no less than ten mills, five of which are situated in this province and five in the province of Quebec. He is one of the most prominent figures in the lumbering industry in the maritime provinces.

use every effort with a hope of inducing Messrs. Fraser, Ltd. to erect their new pulp and paper mill in that city. They are aware of the fact that Edmundston is making an attempt to secure this important new industry, and they are also acquainted with the chief arguments that are used in favor of that point—the arguments including the statement that Edmundston is almost in the centre of the various lumbering propositions of the company. Fredericton's chief argument would be that the city is in close proximity to the coal fields of Queens county, and that probably several hundred dollars a day could be saved on the fuel bill alone. Then there seems to be a general opinion that the Board of Trade, which numbers the great majority of the leading citizens of the capital, and the Fredericton city council are prepared to join in a guarantee to the Fraser Company that there would be an exemption from all local taxes—almost a perpetual exemption. Another argument that the Fredericton people will advance is that it is almost a certainty that between Fredericton and Woodstock on both sides of the river pulp wood could be produced in sufficiently large quantities to supply the pulp and paper mill for an indefinite number of years, in that way the Messrs. Fraser would not have to touch their private owned or leased lands for lumber purposes. The Standard's informant said that he never saw greater interest in any business proposition shown by the leading citizens of Fredericton than they are manifesting in this matter of the location of the new pulp and paper mill.

DEATH OF MRS. E. L. WILLIS RECALLS ACT OF KINDNESS

Much regret has been occasioned in St. John by the news of the death of Mrs. E. L. Willis at Newcastle, which was announced in The Standard yesterday. Mrs. Willis' death recalls an incident in this city during the time that Mr. Willis was the proprietor of the Dufferin Hotel here that gives an index to the generous nature of the deceased lady. A well known citizen had lost his wife with diphtheria and he was almost a wreck physically because of loss of sleep previous to her death. After the funeral he was in no condition to hunt up one of the commissioners of the hospital to obtain admission and was on his way to the Misericordiae Hospital when he was overtaken by Mr. Willis who insisted on taking him to the Dufferin until he could be restored to reasonable health. The citizen remarked that Mr. Willis was forgetting that he was just from a house that had been fumigated, and that his going to the hotel might stampede the many guests. Mr. Willis replied that his wife insisted on the bereaved gentleman going to their hotel and that neither he or she cared whether all the boarders stamped. She further assured him that even if none were left in the house with an exception of herself, Mr. Willis and daughter he would be most welcome. The citizen accepted the invitation, none of the guests were alarmed and he was soon restored to good health. Needless to say this kindly act on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Willis was greatly appreciated by the gentleman in question as well as his many friends. Mrs. Willis' life was replete with

such kind deeds and her death is deeply mourned by a large circle of local friends.

EIDERDOWN KIMONOS. Mother or grandmother would just delight in getting one of these lovely, comfy kimonos for a Christmas present. They are different from other kimonos. The material is extra soft and heavy. They are beautifully trimmed with silk or satin, and have cords to match, and they come in the newest and most attractive colorings. The prices of this special lot at F. A. Dykeman & Co's are \$4.50, \$4.75 and \$5.25 each.

Kodaks and Brownie Cameras, \$1.25 to \$30.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

All persons having accounts against the commissioners of the St. John Municipal Home are requested to send the same to the office of the secretary on or before the 20th inst., to ensure payment this month.

S. M. WETMORE. December 14th, 1916.

For Manicure Cases go to the Rexall Store, 100 King street.

Service First. Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trading 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.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, a good gift suggestion, \$2.50 to \$7.00 at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

THOUSANDS SAW 211TH ON MARCH

Hearty Cheers for Calgary Battalion When They Marched Out Last Evening

Thousands of citizens lined the streets last evening to witness the route march of the 211th Overseas Battalion, which has made a host of friends in its brief visit to St. John. Col. Sage's men were never seen to better advantage than in last evening's march and the enthusiastic reception they received from the citizens afforded a strong evidence of their undoubted popularity in the winter port city.

NO INQUEST AS TO SANDPOINT FATALITY

Coroner Decides That It Was Purely Accidental—Widow and Children of Deceased Interned by Germans.

Coroner Dr. W. F. Roberts said last night that he had carefully considered the circumstances attending the fatal accident to Chief Officer Geddes which occurred on board the steamer Memling on Wednesday afternoon and had come to the conclusion that the unfortunate man's death was purely accidental and that an inquest would not be necessary.

Being Sent to Dalhousie. The old man who has been arrested on two occasions on the charge of vagrancy, will be given his third trip on the government railway, at the expense of others. He will be taken from a cell in police headquarters early this morning and conducted to the Halifax express where he will be given a ticket to carry him as far as Dalhousie, also some money with which to purchase food on his journey. The old man arrived in the city a couple of weeks ago without funds and was arrested for vagrancy. He claimed to have walked from Bathurst. He was sent to Moncton and the officials in the railway town sent him back to St. John. If he is sent back here from Dalhousie the local officials will have quite a problem on their hands in knowing just what to do with him.

At the Military Y. M. C. A. The ladies of the Cathedral Parish called at the Military Y. M. C. A. rooms at the armory last night and entertained the boys of the 165th Battalion with a good programme of music and readings which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. During the evening the drawing for the piano scarf was held and as a consequence of this lottery the band fund of the battalion is \$100 better off. Capt. Gaudet, chaplain of the battalion, acted as chairman, and the following programme was carried out: Selections by the 165th orchestra; reading, Mrs. A. C. Wilson; vocal selections, 165th Battalion quartette; solo, Corp. A. Johnston; solo, Miss Ash; step dance, Pte. F. Lotter; drawing for piano scarf, which was won by Major Stellain; refreshments served by the ladies; God Save the King.

Left with Dental Draft. Private E. S. Johnson left with the army dental draft for Halifax on Wednesday. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list.

One Recruit Yesterday. Only one recruit was secured in the city yesterday, John A. Gotro of St. Pauls, Kent county, N. B. He enlisted in the Canadian Engineers.

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, 78 King street.

SKATES Popular Seasonable. There is nearly always someone among relatives or friends, especially the younger ones, who would welcome a pair of skates on Christmas morning. The superiority of the old reliable STARR and WHELPLEY Skates are too well known to require mention here, and we need only quote some of the PRICES: STARR SKATES. Acme \$1.00, Boys' Hockey—Plain .85, Hockey, "Bulldog" 1.05, Hockey, "Chimax" Plain 1.25, Hockey, "Chimax" Nicked 2.00, Hockey, "Scotla" 2.80, Hockey, "Regal" Featherweight 5.50, Hockey, "Velox" 6.00. Tube Hockey \$4.80, Ladies' Hockey, "Regis" 2.50, Ladies' Hockey, "Glacier" 3.00, Ladies' Hockey, "Velox" 6.00. WHELPLEY'S SKATES. Long Reach, Boys' \$1.40, Long Reach, Men's 2.25, Child's Woodtop, with toe and Heel Strap 1.25. SPORTING DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

Large Display of Fashionable Millinery including Pattern Hats, Trimmed Hats, Hand Blocked Velvet Dress Shapes. We are now offering some wonderful values. All Wool Angora Caps, Tams and Scarfs, Toys, Dolls, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, Ostrich Feather Boas, many useful Christmas Gifts to be found here. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

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DAINTY NECKWEAR FOR CHRISTMAS. DIFFERENT SHAPES, NOVEL FABRICS, NEW TRIMMINGS ARE THE NOTICEABLE FEATURES IN OUR HOLIDAY NECKWEAR. GEORGETTE COLLARS, Hemstitched, Tucked, Lace Trimmed, Beaded and Fancy Embroidered, 50c., 75c., \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.75, \$2.65. CREPE DE CHINE COLLARS, White, Malze and Flesh Colored, Plain Lace Trimmed, 70c., \$1.10, \$1.35, \$1.50 to \$2.15 each. CREPE DE CHINE SETS \$1.50, \$1.75 each. SATIN COLLARS \$1.50, \$1.75 to \$2.25. SILK COLLARS, Hemstitched, Frilled and Lace Trimmed .75c., 95c., to \$2.00 each. BROADCLOTH AND FLANNEL COLLARS—Plain, Braid Trimmed, Beaded, Also combined with Satin, Silk and Georgette \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.70 to \$2.00 each. VOILE COLLARS, Plain and Lace Trimmed .50c., 70c., 80c. each. EMBROIDERED VESTES, in Net and Organdie .75c., \$1.25, \$1.35 to \$2.00 each. CREPE DE CHINE TIES, in All Shades, Plain and Striped .35c. to 75c. FANCY NECKTIES, Crepe de Chine and Silk \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25. SCARFS, Crepe de Chine, New Shades .35c., 40c., 75c. SCARFS, Fibre Silk, Roman and Fancy Stripes \$1.35, \$2.50, \$3.90, \$4.00 to \$5.25. IN NECKWEAR DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

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