

**THE WEATHER**

Forecasts

Maritime—Strong winds shifting to northwest, some light snow falls as flurries, and turning much colder.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—The depression which was over the lake region last night has moved eastward to the Maritime Provinces, with diminishing intensity. Light local falls of snow and rain have occurred from Ontario eastward, while in the western provinces the weather has been fair and cold.

**Temperatures**

Place	Min.	Max.
Victoria	22	28
Vancouver	20	28
Calgary	18	26
Medicine Hat	26	36
Battleford	30	30
Prince Albert	24	26
Winnipeg	28	32
Port Arthur	26	32
Parry Sound	0	40
Toronto	19	24
Kingston	22	28
Ottawa	18	40
Montreal	16	38
St. John	18	32
Halifax	26	34

—Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Knights of Columbus Company.**  
At a meeting of Knights of Columbus Property Company, last evening, the following directors were elected: James B. Daley, Timothy Collins, H. Regan, W. J. Mahoney, Richard O'Brien, C. A. Owsen, John Crowley, James Quinn, Dr. S. McDonald, W. E. Scully. The directors at a subsequent meeting elected Mr. Daley president; Mr. Collins, vice-president, and Mr. Regan, secretary-treasurer.

**City Cornet Band Entertainment.**  
A very enjoyable time was spent last evening at the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases, when the City Cornet Band went over to the institution and tendered the inmates the usual entertainment which they have given for the past ten years or more. Vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed during the evening and dancing was also engaged in by the inmates of the institution. All present at the entertainment thoroughly enjoyed the affair.

**Log Drivers Elect Officers.**  
J. Fraser Gregory returned yesterday from Van Buren where he had been attending the annual meeting of the Madawaska and Upper St. John River Log Driving Association. The officers elected for the year were as follows:—Upper St. John Driving Master, W. J. Nobles; president, A. W. Brown; directors, Frederick Beatty, Alfred Currier, Charles Jones, J. A. Morrison, Madawaska Driving Master, Charles Jones; president, James Crawford; directors, J. Fraser Gregory, A. W. Brown, Charles Jones, George V. Coalliffe.

**The Opera House Company.**  
The annual meeting of the Opera House shareholders was held in the Opera House building last night. The following officers were elected: President, R. H. Dockrill; first vice-president, E. W. Paul; second vice-president, John Mitchell. Directors: John Ross, David Connell, T. A. Linton and T. L. Reed. Board of management: R. H. Dockrill, John Ross and E. W. Paul. The appointment of a secretary treasurer was held over until a special meeting of the directors to be called at a later date by the president. The company passed its dividend but decided to expend the money on repairs.

**Acquitted of Theft Charge.**  
Fred O'Dell, a soldier, arrested on Wednesday on suspicion of having robbed the cash register in St. Clair McKell's store, at Colbrook, of about sixty dollars, was taken before Magistrate Adams in the Brookville court last night. St. Clair McKell, Mrs. McKell and her daughter gave evidence of seeing O'Dell walking near the store for about half an hour on the day the store was robbed, and of missing the money shortly after he left the vicinity. The magistrate concluded there was not sufficient evidence on which to convict and the defendant was discharged.

**St. John Man Killed.**  
Word reached the city yesterday to the effect that Fred Belyea, a railway conductor, had been killed in a railway wreck at Flint, Lookout, Fort William. The deceased was a former resident of Browns Plains on the St. John river, but had been residing in the west for the past twelve years. He leaves a wife, three children, three brothers and two sisters to mourn. One of the sisters is Mrs. Charles London of Metcalf street in this city. His wife was formerly Miss Gertrude Warden of Browns Plains. The late Mr. Belyea was on the train that was wrecked. He was quite well known in this city.

**Scandinavian Sailors Entertain.**  
One of the most largely attended and enjoyable concerts ever held in the Seaman's Institute was given last night under the auspices of the Fu Fu band of the Scandinavians. A number of visiting sailors were present and assisted to make the evening a success. The programme was as follows: Solo, Miss Alchora; song and dance, Mr. Lacey; song of his own composition and monologue, Leading Seaman Gordon; song, Mr. Brooks; solo, Mr. Alleton; solo, Corporal Duffin; reading, Allan Mayne, well known London actor; solo, Mr. Shore; solo, Leading Seaman Morgan; dance,

**TWO CRIPPLES  
IS GUILTY ON  
TWO COUNTS**

**Jury Declares That Socialist Leader Was Se-  
ditionist.**

**Case Finished in Circuit  
Court yesterday—Thurs-  
day next date of sentence**

The trial of Wilfred Gribble was continued yesterday in the Circuit Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Crockett and jury. The evidence of A. Taylor and the defendant was taken in the morning. The defendant denied using the several expressions attributed to him in the indictment, but admitted saying, "Crows and tilted kings are puppets in the hands of the capitalist class." Under cross-examination the defendant denied ever having been charged with any offence in the United States, and said he was convicted of obstructing the street in a town in Canada, and fined two dollars. This closed the case for the defence.

**Dr. Mullin For Defence**  
In the afternoon Dr. Mullin, K. C. addressed the jury, tracing the history of the law on the subject of seditious libel and claimed that the defendant had only exercised the right of free speech which was guaranteed to him as a British subject. He contended that any language used only referred to the position of the King under the constitution where according to authorities such as Bagehot he was a figure-head. Mr. Mullin repudiated the use of the word "puppet," but claimed that according to the testimony of seven witnesses for the defence that expression had not been applied to His Majesty. He commented on the discrepancy between the testimony of the complainant in the Police Court and his evidence on this trial, and concluded with an appeal to the jury to acquit the prisoner. Dr. Mullin's address throughout was forcible and eloquent and made a deep impression upon the spectators.

**Attorney-General For Crown**  
The Attorney-General then summed up the case for the Crown, saying that the only points for their consideration were whether the defendant used the language and whether it was used with seditious intent. He pointed out that the complainant could have no other than a patriotic motive in bringing the accusation and suggested that the jury should consider whether those witnesses for the defence who were members of the Socialist party possessed either an accurate recollection of what had taken place or a sincere desire to recall facts which might, through Gribble's position, reflect upon their order. He analysed the testimony of the witnesses and pointed out apparent discrepancies, advising the jury to give the prisoner the benefit of any reasonable doubt which might exist, but not to allow this crime, if committed, to go unpunished.

His Honor summed up the evidence in a lengthy and exhaustive charge and very clearly defined the law relating to the subject. He told the jury that the credibility of the witnesses was entirely a matter for them and that they might consider whether the fact that nearly all the witnesses for the defence were members of the Socialist order had or had not any effect upon their testimony. He also pointed out that if the language was used and simply pertained to a discussion of the problem of Capital and Labor it might have been used without seditious intent. On the other hand if the words were spoken of the Sovereign they were capable in themselves of a seditious meaning and it was for them to find whether the defendant intended to use them in that way.

After an absence of a little over an hour the jury returned with a verdict of guilty on both counts of the indictment. The prisoner was remanded until Thursday next for sentence. At that time an application will be made by his counsel for a case reserved.

**CLEARANCE SALE OF KNITTED  
AND FLANNELETTE UNDER-  
WEAR AT M. R. A.'S.**  
This will be an exceptional opportunity to buy underwear cheaply to finish out the winter. Ladies Knitted Vests, Drawers and Combinations. Infants' Flannelette Night Dresses, Underskirts and Infants' Sleepers and Drawers. Large assortments from which to select in oddments and manufacturers' samples, but early action is advised, as there is certain to be a great demand for the bargains. Sale will start this morning promptly at 9 o'clock in Ladies' Underwear Department, second floor.

**FREAK RIDE OF  
A WILD ENGINE**

**Freight Engine. Crewless  
Ran 37 Miles on  
Main Line.**

**District between Napadogan and Bantalone scene  
of unusual and dangerous  
happening.**

The residents of villages along the line of Transcontinental railroad between Napadogan, in York county, and Bantalone, in Queens county, were spectators of a freak wild ride which a crewless locomotive took a day or two ago. A freight engine, which was standing in the yard at Napadogan, with no one on board, started suddenly and went on a mad dash down the main line eastward for thirty-seven miles. As the driver and fireman were working in the roundhouse they were astonished to hear the exhaust of an engine and the hiss of the escaping steam. Rushing out of the house they were just in time to see their locomotive disappearing down the line. They rushed to the phone and called up every station on the line, but without results, except to assemble the available spectators along the line to watch the runaway go by. Numerous attempts were made to stop the engine, but all failed because she was running too fast to be boarded from any of the stations along the railway. Finally after wild-catting a distance of thirty-seven miles the steam got low and the runaway stopped on a slight hill near Bantalone. The crew followed down the line on a handcar and recovered their engine, which was none the worse for the trip. Fortunately there was nothing else on the N. T. R. line at the time, as the locomotive travelled at a lively pace while the steam lasted. It is believed that the runaway was caused by the engine slipping her throttle as she stood in the yard at Napadogan.

**THE BEST SPOT  
FOR REAL "FUN"**

**Visiting Jack Tar Talks of  
Conditions in the  
Navy.**

**Chasing Hua "water bugs"  
exciting sport—Some ad-  
ventures in the Channel.**

"If you want to enjoy yourself in the navy do so on a battleship but a destroyer and there you will have some fun," so said one of the boys in blue now in the city. He was one of the destroyers in the English Channel until about six weeks ago when, in company with a number of others, he was sent to the gunnery school in the West Indies to qualify as a gun layer for big guns. He said it was great fun chasing German submarines and they had blown up a number of them during the last year; two of those they got were the U-21 and U-3. They got the U-21 just after she had torpedoed the Carpathian. They were about 40 miles away when they got the word and they immediately started full speed for the spot; when nearly there they came up with a merchantman and they kept her between them and the submarine. The steamer was ordered to stop by the German. When she did they raced around her bow, the U started to dip but could not get down fast enough and they caught her in the drag, touched the button, and she was gone. The night they got the U they painted the sides of their boat white so that travelling at full speed she would be invisible and they caught the submarine on the surface and took her crew prisoners and blew her up. Asked if he was in the bombardment of Zebrugg he said: "Yes, and we got a wallop there." They were leading a fleet of mine sweepers ahead of the rest of the boats when one of the shells from the shore struck them, the captain was seriously wounded but they came out under their own steam and not much damage was done to the boat. At one time the Germans had five destroyers at Ostend, the French had a number of small boats at Calais, the Germans came out after them, we got the word at Dover and started full speed after them. We met them about half way and when we got through there was five less German destroyers afloat. Asked what the drag was like he said it was two wire hawsers weighted to make them sink in the shape of a "V" and in the "V" several hundred pounds of gunpowder connected to an electric battery and a gauge to show when anything was caught. When the gauge showed that they had made a catch they pressed the button and that was the end of that particular fish. He said he was anxious to get back and have another go at the enemy and he hoped to be appointed to one of the new destroyers which travel 45 knots an hour when going full speed.

**FIRE SALE AT THORNE'S**

Sterno Stoves with nickel plated kettle and stand, complete, \$1.25  
The stands are slightly rusted. The kettle can be taken from stand and used on the table as hot water kettle  
Another lot of Sad Irons at 10c each. No handles or stands.  
Sale of granite ware continues at greatly reduced prices  
**W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.**

**Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.**  
During January, February and March our Stores will close Saturdays at 6 p. m., same hour as other days of the week. Open each morning at 8.30

**BIG REDUCTION SALE**  
In Men's Furnishings Department  
**Stock-Taking Clearance Sale--Friday, Saturday, Monday**

Balance of our Great Shirt Sale up to \$2.25 Shirts	Now 68c. each
\$1.00 Umbrellas	Now 59c. each
\$1.75 Winter Tweed Caps with fur "pull-downs,"	Now 50c. each
\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 Summer Tweed Caps	Now 50c. each

It will pay you to buy now for summer requirements in this line.  
59c. a pair for "Dent's," "Ferrin" and other makes of Tan Cape Leather and Doekin Gloves, regular prices of which were \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75. Now only 59c. a pair

See Window for Samples of the Several Lines of this Great Reduction Sale.

**REMEMBER We Close at 6 p. m. Saturday**  
**MACAULAY BROS. & CO.**

**A Modern Labor Saver**  
THE WASHING MACHINE does away with the old wash-day troubles, and saves both your health and strength.  
WITH AN UP-TO-DATE WASHING MACHINE the week's wash may be done in a few minutes and done well.  
**Prices \$4.35 to \$14.75**  
E. & F. SPECIAL WRINGER 11 inch roll . . . . . \$5.50  
E. & F. SPECIAL WRINGER, 12 inch roll . . . . . \$6.50  
THE BEST WRINGER MADE.  
WRINGERS (Iron and Wood Frame) . . . . . \$2.75 to \$6.50 Each



**Emerson & Fisher Ltd.**

**Business Hours Are Daily from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.**  
**FREE HEMMING IN LINEN ROOM**

**Grand Clean-Up Sale of  
Knitted and Flannelette  
UNDERWEAR**  
Great Bargains to be Offered in this Clearing Out of Oddments and Manufacturers' Samples  
**COMMENCING THIS MORNING**

Who would not buy warm underwear, especially when it is offered at such low prices as this grand clearance sale will afford? These garments will be exactly the thing to finish out the remaining cold weather, and represent the most acceptable kind of bargains. While the assortments are large, the demand will be very great, so that you had better come early to avoid disappointment.

**Ladies' Knitted Underwear**  
These garments comprise a wide range of weights and qualities in such well-known makes as Turnbull, Hygeian, Shaw-Wood, Watson, Penman, etc., plain and fancy ribbed; white, cream and natural shades. A few have become slightly mussed from use as samples. Included are several qualities in O. S. sizes.  
Vests, Drawers and Combinations, Sale prices 15c., 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.25  
Infants' and Children's Vests and Drawers, Sale Prices, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

**Ladies' Flannelette Wear**  
Flannelette wear in white and pink, heavy, fleecy material. Night Dresses, tucked and self-embroidered, in lengths from 54 to 60 inches. Underskirts, plain and frills, others fancy lace trimmed.

Night Dresses	..... Sale Prices 35c, 50c, 75c and 95c
Underskirts	..... Sale Prices 40c and 50c
Infants' Sleepers	..... Sale Price 35c
Infants' Drawers	..... Sale Price 15c

**The Sale Will Start at 9 o'clock Sharp**  
LADIES' UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

**Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited**

**P. O. OFFICERS  
MOVING TO THE  
NEW QUARTERS**

**New Building One of Very  
Finest in All  
Canada.**  
Probably another month  
before removal of whole  
staff can be accomplished

Yesterday was moving day for Inspector Coulter and the superintendent of railway mails. Both transferred their quarters from the old post office to the new building. The old furniture was taken along, although it is hoped later when the strain on the treasury from war demands is over some new and up-to-date desks and tables and chairs will be forthcoming.

Both the inspector's department and the staff of the railway mail service are quartered on the third floor of the handsome structure on the easterly side of Prince William street, the inspector occupying the front offices and the railway mail staff the rear rooms.

Excellent ice and band at the Victoria tonight. Second heat of boys' race between the fifth and sixth bands.

**NO EXHIBITION THIS FALL  
IF WAR STILL CONTINUES**

Plant now engaged for  
Military and Munition  
purposes, so big show is  
unlikely.

It is doubtful if an exhibition is held in St. John this year because of the war. Mayor Frink stated yesterday that the directors had conferred with him. He told them that in his opinion an exhibition would be of great benefit to the city, war or no war, in that it would put more money in circulation and add to business.

It was pointed out, however, that the agricultural hall has been given up to the troops, machinery hall to T. McAulay & Sons, Ltd., for the manufacture of shells and that the amusement hall would have to be reconstructed.

For Dispensary  
The tea that is being arranged by Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong and Mrs. C. B. Allan under the auspices of Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E., to be held at the residence of Mrs. Armstrong, Queen Square, Saturday afternoon between four and six, is in aid of the Free Dispensary. Admission 25c.