

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Fresh westerly winds, fair; not much change in temperature.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Northern New England—Fair and colder Monday; Tuesday, probably fair; strong west winds.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—The weather today has been fair throughout the Dominion except that light local snowfalls have occurred in all the provinces except Manitoba and even there the temperature has been higher than for some days past.

Table with columns: Temperatures, Min, Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, etc.

Around the City

Five Drunks Arrested. Three drunks on Saturday and two yesterday was the total number of arrests made by the police.

To Hold Pantry Sale. The members of the Catholic Girls' Guild met yesterday afternoon in their rooms on Coburg street to discuss matters in connection with the pantry sale which will hold next Saturday in the new hall of the Y. M. C. I. the proceeds of which will go towards the work of the guild.

Will Cancel Sunday Trains. The Montreal Sunday trains will in a short time be cancelled, as has been the custom in former years. It was reported from Montreal that the C. P. R. Fredericton train which leaves St. John at 5 p. m., would be cancelled, due to the carrying out of the national policy of economy in connection with train service, but up to Saturday night it was running as usual.

PERSONAL. W. J. S. Myles returned home on the Boston train on Saturday. F. S. Thomas returned from Montreal on Saturday at noon. G. S. Mayes has returned from Montreal. Rex R. Cormier came in on the Boston train on Saturday.

FIRE IN CIGAR FACTORY EARLY THIS MORNING

Isaacs Building on Princess Street Slightly Damaged With Considerable Stock Loss.

The fire department was called out last evening about eight o'clock and again this morning at one o'clock. For the evening alarm the fire was in a room in a Dorchester street residence. The fire caught from a defective register grate, and after part of the floor had been torn away, it was only a few minutes when the fire was extinguished. The damage was slight.

The Isaacs Cigar Factory. About one o'clock an alarm from box 24 called the firemen to the A. and I Isaacs cigar factory on Princess street. The fire started in the excise officer's room, just over an alley, on the western side of the building. The blaze worked up through the floor into one corner of a work room. In very quick time a couple of streams were at work and the fire was extinguished. The work room is on the top floor, facing Princess street, and it was choked with dense smoke which made matters rather difficult at first for the firemen to work in.

The damage done to the building will not amount to much, but that done to the tobacco leaf and cigars on the factory floor could not be estimated by those in charge this morning.

The salvage corps did excellent work in covering a large amount of the stock with their rubber covers, especially the goods in the bonded warehouse.

Members of the firm and some workmen who were present this morning could give no reason as to the cause of the fire, as the building is heated by hot water.

BERGT. OSBORNE APPRECIATED CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Sergt. Jas. Osborne wishes to thank his many friends in this city for the Christmas gifts they so kindly forwarded to him a few weeks ago.

Sergt. Osborne is undergoing treatment in an English hospital for wounds received while fighting in France some time ago. As the wounds are quite serious Sergt. Osborne is likely to be moved to Canada in the near future.

MORE LIGHT ON THE PRICE PAID TO THE PRODUCERS BY THE CITY MILK DEALERS

Primcrest Farms Notify the Men Who Supply Them That They Will Only Pay 40 Cents Per 2 Quart Can—Less One Cent Per Can for Handling.

The following circular letter has been sent to milk producers by Primcrest Farms Ltd.:

BREEDERS OF PURE BRED HOLSTEINS. PRIMECREST FARM SOUTH BAY. L. C. PRIME Proprietor. H. H. WOOD, B. Sc. Superintendent. DAIRY EXPERTS. Producers Milk, Buttermilk, Cream, Ice Cream, Butter, Etc. Telephone West 374.

Dear Sir:— On or after January 1st our price for milk will be forty cents per can until further notice. Our terms will be on the 15th of each month instead of twice a month. Cheques for December will go out on that date, namely the 15th.

It is understood that forty cent price will be minus one cent for handling charges, for our agent or whoever handles your milk.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, we remain Yours truly, PRIMECREST FARMS LTD.

The above will make interesting reading for the public in view of the sworn statement of Mr. L. C. Prime, representing Primcrest Ltd., which was submitted to the city council in answer to the questions they sent to the milkmen.

Item No. 14 on the list reads: "State quantity and cost of milk purchased and points of delivery to you."

The answer returned, to this under oath was 44 and 45 cents per can, and 3 cents freight, making cost in St. John about 48 cents per eight quart can.

It will be noticed that from the price of forty cents offered in Primcrest's circular is to be subtracted one cent per can for handling, which brings the net price down to thirty-nine cents per eight quart can for the farmer.

It might also be pointed out that out of all the milk dealers in the city only four submitted answers to the questions, the others who replied being producers who live in the county and sell in the city.

The original of the letter herewith produced is in The Standard office and can be seen by any of the members of the city council who so desire.

MAJ. POWERS, D.S.O. TO BECOME HEAD OF CAN. SIGNALLING SERVICE

Will Take Up Duties of Office Last of January if Imperial Authorities Will Grant His Discharge.

Major T. E. Powers, D. S. O., returned yesterday from Ottawa where he had been in consultation with the government in regard to the position of director general of the Canadian Signalling Service.

It is understood that Major Powers will accept the position and take up the duties of the office the latter part of January, provided the Imperial authorities will grant him his discharge.

Major Powers is one of the Canadians who made good in his particular branch of the service and was regarded as one of the best signalling officers with the British troops. His many friends will be glad to learn that his services have been recognized, but will be sorry that the duties of this office will require that he make his home at Ottawa where his office will be located.

HALIFAX DIVINE HEARD IN CITY CHURCHES SUNDAY

Rev. (Prof.) Shaw of Halifax preached at St. Stephen's Presbyterian church yesterday morning and in the evening he preached at St. David's Presbyterian church.

His text for the morning service was taken from II. Corinthians, 13, 14: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all." His discourse was based on the Apostolic Benediction.

Despite the inclement weather of the evening a large audience heard him preach an eloquent sermon on the text from Psalm 24, 1: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein." In his sermon he emphasized the need of a call to national consecration based upon the sovereignty of God over men and nations.

Capt. Pearson's Lecture. Capt. Pearson will give an address at a meeting in the Elks' hall, Wellington Row, this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, on "Trench Life Among the Canadian Soldiers in France." Admission, 25 cents. Receipts for patriotic purposes.

VICTORIA RINK. Band and good ice tonight.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM ARTHUR STEELE

Glad to Get "Smokes" From St. John—Cold Weather at the Front When Letter Was Written.

F. E. Porter, 303 Union street, received a letter recently from Arthur Steele, who is connected with one of the Canadian batteries on the firing line in France, and the soldier's many friends will be glad to learn that at the time of writing, Gunner Steele was in the best of health, and in most excellent spirits. The letter was dated December 3rd, and the young gunner heartily thanked Mr. Porter for a parcel of smokes received. He says that tobacco is what the boys at the front need, and that received from old St. John is certainly far ahead of the weed issued by the government. The writer says the boys were having pretty cold weather but up to the time of writing had no snow. The battery he is with was formed up from the reserves, and the majority of the boys are from Montreal. The major is a Halifax man, and no battery on the front has a better lot of officers.

There is some talk of getting a ten days' leave to "Blisby," but the writer says he don't think it will materialize; it certainly would be fine, he says, to get back to civilization again for a short time.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

The regular meeting of the Typographical Union No. 85 was held on Saturday evening in the union rooms. The following officers were elected and duly installed: For the ensuing year: George T. McCafferty, president; Stanley Fitzpatrick, vice-president; Frank W. Stanton, recording secretary; Herman T. Campbell, secretary-treasurer; Richard W. Lawton, sergeant-at-arms; George Maxwell, John Longon, W. D. Essington, trustees; Fred Stubbs, Alphonse Keller and F. G. Fisher, I. T. U. audit committee. The executive committee appointed was as follows: Bayard Stillwell, John Thompson, John Longon, Edward L. Sage, Alfred Gillen and Herman T. Campbell. Allied trade labor delegates: Fred Stubbs, Fred Morrissey and John Standring. Local audit committee, Frank Magee, John H. Balsey and Henry McEachern. Room committee, F. Stubbs, D. Thomson and W. D. Essington. Apprentice committee, George Maxwell, Fred Evans and J. C. Merrill. Label committee, W. Honneberry, Ernest E. Toole and Henry McEachern. Hall committee, E. L. Sage, E. H. Toole and F. Morrissey. Sanitary committee, E. L. Sage, George F. McCafferty and J. W. Stanton.

EIGHT MEN SIGN ROLL SATURDAY

Week-End Recruiting Showing Was Very Satisfactory—Military Notes of Interest.

HONOR ROLL.

- Ernest M. Latham, St. John. Wm. H. Nicholson, New River. Stanley, M. B. Joseph Woods, Glasgow. Canadian Engineers. Daniel Chisholm, Mass. Ray Mullins, Halifax, N. S. James W. McAleer, St. John. 238th Klitties Battalion. Clement J. Cleary, St. John. Alphonse Tullite, St. John. 65th Battery.

Eight men were secured in the city for the week-end. Two others were unable to pass the medical doctor.

Since the Klitties have been denied the right to recruit in the province of Ontario on account of talking away so many of the eligibles from other units it is likely that an active campaign will be inaugurated in this province to fill the ranks. There were three men secured in the city on Saturday for the unit, and with Sergeant Whittonet again on the war path for men the indications are that next week will be a banner one for the 236th.

At the Armory. The 165th Battalion held a church parade yesterday. There were nearly 900 in the parade and the march discipline was excellent. After mass which was celebrated at St. John the Baptist church on Broad street, headed by the regimental band, the battalion paraded through the principal streets of the city. The 165th have made rapid strides towards efficiency since their arrival in St. John. The men looked splendid yesterday as they marched along Charlotte street and many eulogistic remarks were passed by the citizens who saw them.

Brigadier General H. H. McLean, after inspecting the battalion last week told Lieut. Col. D'Algie that he never saw a battalion so well trained in handling the rifle.

Measured by the number of men who are daily reporting for duty with the 165th Battalion, having been signed on by recruiting officers in the province there is every reason to believe that the battalion will leave New Brunswick up to full strength, on Saturday five men reported for duty.

On the Island. No. 9 Siege Battery attended dringo service in a body on the island yesterday, the services being conducted by the Rev. G. F. Scovill.

On Saturday evening the boys of the battery held an interesting and delightful entertainment on the island. Besides the usual musical and literary programme several snappy boxing bouts were staged.

WILL HELP B. AND F. SAILORS' SOCIETY

Longshoremen to Take Up Collection Next Saturday—Fifty Dollars Voted Yesterday as Beginning.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Longshoremen's Association, Local 273, held in their hall yesterday afternoon a resolution was passed in favor of taking up a general collection from all longshoremen next Saturday in aid of the funds of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. Speakers at the meeting and the men as a body, expressed themselves as alive to the importance of the heroic work of the seamen who have fallen during the war and which has helped to make possible the continued employment of men in the shipping interests of the Empire.

The sum of \$50 was voted as the nucleus of the longshoremen's contribution, and it is anticipated that the individual efforts of the men will result in a good sum being raised for the aged mothers, widows and orphans of the seamen who have passed away.

The action of the association is the direct result of the appeal recently made by Mrs. Lloyd-George, wife of Premier Lloyd-George, who in a recent letter appealed to all Canadians, as well as to the people of the Mother Country, to assist the British and Foreign Sailors' Society in a special effort to raise a substantial sum for the objects indicated.

Tremendous Clean Up of Ladies' Coats. Think of buying a coat worth \$20.00 for \$7.89. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have decided to clean their coats out before the spring goods commence to arrive, and they are putting them all on two racks and placing one price upon them. Nearly all of these coats are made from fine pure wool English cloths, and are of this year's styles. They are perfect fitting garments, and just think of the price, \$7.89.

Safety First for Horses. NEVERSLIP HORSESHOE CALKS. You can save your horse many a slip, perhaps prevent losing him, and incidentally, cut down your shoeing bills, by using Neverslip Calks which will hold firm, even on glare ice, are self-sharpening, and can be put on in 20 minutes. MARKET SQUARE - W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - KING STREET

Stylish Millinery for All. Trimmed Hats, Feather Hats, Velvet Shapes. At Most Attractive Prices. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

Solve Your Stove Problem NOW. THERE'S A SENSE OF SATISFACTION FOR THE HOUSE-KEEPER who feels she has in her kitchen a range that can be depended on at all times to do the work required of it. ROYAL GRAND RANGE. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

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OUR ANNUAL FREE HEMMING SALE OF HOUSEHOLD LINENS AND COTTONS Starts This Morning. WILL BE HEMMED FREE OF CHARGE BY EXPERT MACHINE OPERATORS. BLEACHED DAMASK CLOTHS—Numerous designs and qualities, ranging in size from 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 yards square to 2x5 yards long. BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED SHEETINGS—1 1/2 to 2 1/2 yards wide; many grades. CIRCULAR PILLOW COTTONS—40 to 54 inches wide. TOWELLINGS—All kinds, by the yard. MARSEILLES, DIMITY AND CROCHET QUILTS—For Single, Double and Extra Large Beds. SPECIALS. TOWELS—Put up in half dozens, from 33c. to \$3.65 for the half dozen. BATH TOWELS—Two Specials at 36c. and 48c. a pair. WHITE CROCHET QUILTS—Three Specials at \$1.40, \$1.50 and \$1.90 each. MANY OTHER ITEMS WILL BE OFFERED LATER ON. LINEN ROOM.

Early Spring Sale of White Embroideries. Commencing Today and Continuing Through the Month. A Beautiful Selection in All the Ordinary Qualities and in All the Finer Makes and Styles. Child's Embroidered Skirtings. Flouncings in All Widths. Edgings, Insertions, Beadings, Corset Coverings, Etc.

SALE OF MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERCOATS CONTINUED IN CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited