

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, northwest to northeast; cold, with snow.
 Washington, Dec. 18.—Northern New England—Snow Tuesday; Wednesday fair, Northeast gales; Tuesday, diminishing Wednesday.
 Toronto, Dec. 18.—Local snow-falls have occurred in the Maritime Provinces and in Alberta; otherwise the weather over the Dominion has been fair. Cold weather prevails from Saskatchewan eastward. A disturbance, now centered near Cape Hatteras, is likely to move northeastward off the Nova Scotian coast.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	46
Vancouver	38	44
Kamloops	30	38
Calgary	24	32
Edmonton	2	14
Medicine Hat	12	20
Battleford	14	20
Prince Albert	50	50
Saskatoon	25	35
Moos Jaw	5	15
Toronto	8	22
Kingston	4	28
Ottawa	0	18
Montreal	8	18
Quebec	4	16
St. John	22	28
Halifax	20	28
Below zero.		

Around the City

English Letter Mail.
 An English letter mail closes on Wednesday morning, Dec. 20, at five o'clock.

Protestant Orphans' Home.
 Any contributions addressed to the Protestant Orphans' Home will be gratefully received for the Children's Christmas tree.

School Estimates Next Week.
 A special meeting of the board of school trustees will be held on Friday, the 29th inst., for the purpose of dealing with the school estimates for next year. Several other matters will be brought forward for consideration at the meeting, including the matter of the salaries of school teachers.

Morning Fire in Clarence Street.
 Between 6.30 and 7 o'clock yesterday morning a slight fire occurred in a house in Clarence street occupied by a family named Babineau. It was caused by defective jointing in the brick of an open fireplace and was quickly extinguished by the men of the fire department. The damage was inconsiderable.

Patriotic Fete Nets \$1,200.
 The ladies of Royal Standard Chapter, I.O.D.E., are more than pleased with the returns from the patriotic fete held at the Union Club on Tuesday last. The net proceeds will amount to about \$1,200, and will be devoted to patriotic causes. The ladies worked hard and are grateful to the public who patronized the fete so liberally and made possible the splendid result.

No Council Yesterday.
 Owing to the bereavement of Commissioner Russell no meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday and it will probably be Thursday before the replies from the milk dealers in regard to relations for the recent increase in the price of that commodity are dealt with. Some nine or ten replies had been received by the common clerk at noon yesterday, and these were mostly from men in the county. Some of them have sent back the form sent to them by the common clerk and some have merely sent in a reply in general terms. Replies have also been received from a number of coal dealers in regard to the price of coal in small bags and these will be dealt with at the same time. The council will meet today at the usual hour and adjourn probably until Friday.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens.
 \$2.50 to \$7.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King St.

Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of King Edward Lodge No. 30, held in the Prentice Boys' hall, on Guilford street, West Side, the following officers were elected:
 Wm. H. Price, Worthy Master.
 A. W. McAfee, Deputy Master.
 John Hersey, Chaplain.
 Robert Jones, Recording Secretary.
 L. E. Rolston, Financial Secretary.
 A. L. Belyea, Treasurer.
 Clifford Price, Director of Ceremonies.
 John Filmore, Lecturer.
 Harry Weaver, Deputy Lecturer.
 Archibald Thomas, Inside Tyler.
 Charles Dykeman, Outside Tyler.
 David Wells, Foreman of Committee.
 Frank Irvine, Roland Sweet, Burton Ring, Wm. Belyea, Committee.
 David Arrows, Assistant Secretary.
 David Wells, Isaac McLeod and John Hersey, Lodge Trustees.
 John Filmore was added to the hall trustees.

Toilet Travelling Rolls for Ladies
 and Gentlemen at The Rexall Store, 100 King St.

Beginning Wednesday and for the balance of the week M. R. A.'s stores will be open every evening until ten o'clock.

EFFICIENCY VS. APATHY
MUST BE CANADA'S MOTTO

Major L. P. D. Tilley, Provincial Director of National Service, Says People Must Awaken to Complete Realization of Great Crisis—Luxuries Should be Abandoned and All Energy of Country Concentrated on Task of Winning the War.

"The sooner people of this country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, wake up as one in strengthening the hands of the mother country, both by men and by money, just so much sooner will we assist in bringing this war to a more rapid termination. Let our motto be, therefore, from the first of January next, when the national service week will be inaugurated, Efficiency vs. Apathy."—Major L. P. D. Tilley, Director of National Service for New Brunswick.

A Standard reporter found Major Tilley busily engaged at his new office in the post office yesterday afternoon, and asked him for some information concerning the national service in the territory which the Dominion government has undertaken.

National Service Week.
 "The first week of the new year has been set aside for the national service," said Major Tilley. "Do the people of New Brunswick fully realize what national service means? Outside of the men who have volunteered and gone overseas, those now in khaki and ready to cross the Atlantic to go to the front, and the citizens of this country, both men and women, who have given freely and willingly of their time and energy to the work of those splendid organizations such as the Patriotic Fund, the recruiting committees, the Red Cross, the Soldiers' Comforts, the Daughters of the Empire, the Returned Soldiers' Committee and all other such noble and worthy organizations what are the rest of the public doing in this great national crisis?"

Praises French People.
 "If the people of this province really wish to understand what the meaning of national service is let them ask any returned wounded soldier who has been in France as to what the French people are doing in the nature of national service. There every man, woman and child is making every effort and prepared to sacrifice the last dollar to hold their country intact."

"In England, perhaps not to as great an extent, but yet, generally, the manhood and womanhood of the country are straining every nerve to see this war successfully through. The man or woman who engages in any unnecessary expense and adds to his personal comforts, that which at any other time might be excused, is looked down upon with considerable contempt and told as regards the food question that only the actual necessities of life are considered. We speak of the Englishman sometimes as being very slow, but can we, as Canadians throw a stone at the Englishman in this respect under our present conditions?"
 "The people of this country must awaken to a full realization of the absolute crisis that exists—this life and death struggle for the maintenance of the British Empire, for the very protection of our own country and our own homes. Let us sum up the whole question and then we get at the root of the matter when we discuss the future of our national service in Canada. Here it is: Efficiency vs. Apathy. Let us meet fire with fire. Let us be a united people in our effort to ask one another what race, creed or nationality we belong to as long as we are brother Canadians, willing to see this fight through to a successful termination. Let politicians bury politics as far as politics will hamper the national life of the country in the present great war crisis."

Efficiency vs. Apathy.
 "The British Empire and her Allies can win this war and win this war," said Major Tilley. "But it cannot be won by simply saying so and the sooner the people of this country from the Atlantic to the Pacific unite as one people in strengthening the hands of the mother country both by men and by money, just so much the sooner will we assist in bringing this war to a more rapid termination. Let our motto be, therefore, from the first of January next, Efficiency vs. Apathy."

MUCH DAMAGE
BY STORM ON
GRAND MANAN

Telephone Company Alone Sustained Damage of \$5,000—Many Boats Smashed—Roads Blocked With Snow.

The recent storm was the worst experienced in years at the mouth of the bay, and a great deal of damage was done on the islands of Grand Manan and Campobello. The snow locked the roads to such an extent that it was almost impossible to travel on Saturday. The steamer Grand Manan, which carries the mails to and from the island to the mainland could not make her regular trip on Saturday to St. Andrews as the sea was too heavy. The mail driver left Seal Cove, at the southwest end of the island, at 4.30 a.m. on Saturday and did not arrive at North Head a distance of twelve miles, until 5.30 that afternoon, having taken thirteen hours to make the trip.

The seas were the heaviest seen for years and it was impossible for any of the boats to leave their moorings. The boats on Grand Manan suffered much damage and at Wilson's Beach, on Campobello Island a number of small boats were destroyed by the heavy seas. At Lubec on the Maine coast a dredge was driven ashore.

The heaviest sufferer from the storm on Grand Manan, however, was the Grand Manan Telephone Co., Ltd., who own and operate a line between North Head and Woodwards Cove. The snow and wind together wrought havoc to the line, and when the storm ceased there were not more than a dozen of their poles left standing. The damage done will amount to about \$5,000, and it will be some time before the line will be in operation again, probably not until next spring as it is very hard to place poles in the winter season.

One peculiar feature of the storm was the fact that it drove the wild geese ashore, and after the storm had ceased the citizens of Whale Cove found the bodies of nine of them on the shores of the cove. It is supposed that the wind was so strong that it was impossible for them to make headway against it and perished.

Half Rates This Week.

During this week only scholarships in Isaac Pitman shorthand or book-keeping, including books and stationery, with guarantee of a position, will be sold at half price, good for entrance any time afterwards, at Currier Commercial Institute, Oddfellows' Hall, 87 Union street.

J. D. PALMER SPEAKS
OF THE SHOE INDUSTRY

Prices High Due to Cost of Leather—Believes in Advertising Provinces Advantages.

J. D. Palmer, the well known shoe manufacturer of Fredericton, in reply to an inquiry from a Standard reporter yesterday said that the Hart Boot & Shoe Co. Ltd. had enjoyed good business during the past year. "We have had a satisfactory business during 1916. The opening of our Montreal branch has proved a big success. Things are busy at our Fredericton factory, upwards of 200 operatives being employed."

"How are prices of boots as compared with former years?" asked the reporter. "There has been some advance in prices in the shoe trade," said Mr. Palmer. "This is largely due to the upward trend of the price of leather."

Mr. Palmer is a leading member of the Fredericton Board of Trade and a past president of that body. He expressed himself as convinced that the board would do well to push vigorously after the war the advertising campaign that had been inaugurated a few years ago. "Community advertising shows that the city has a full realization of the advantages it possesses and is desirous of making the outside capitalist aware of those opportunities. New Brunswick should come in for big development after the war, and naturally I hope that Fredericton will get its share."

The Hart Boot & Shoe Co. Ltd., of which Mr. Palmer is the president, enjoys a large business throughout the entire Dominion. Mr. Palmer himself is a former St. John resident, a man of keen business instincts, who is now one of the capital's foremost citizens.

Mary Garden Perfume, \$1.25 to \$5.00 at The Rexall Store, 100 King St.

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, 79 King street.

TO GET JUST WHAT HE WOULD LIKE BEST—THAT'S THE QUESTION.

This store with its big selections of bright new Christmas merchandise in styles and qualities that men like best, offers an extremely easy and satisfactory solution of your gift problem for men and boys. Store open evenings, Hunt's Busy Up-down Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

BUT 35 MEN
HEARD CALL
LAST WEEK

Recruiting Statement for Province Poorest on Record.—St. John Supplied More Than Half of Total.

Not since the war began has there been such a poor showing in recruiting throughout the province as that of last week, when but 35 men volunteered for service. No special reason can be advanced by military men for the sudden decrease in the weekly total. Recruiting officers claim that the peace proposals launched by Germany no doubt might cause some intending recruits to delay making application.

Another regrettable incident from a recruiting standpoint is the fact that eight counties were unable to secure a man. Never before were there so many counties reporting "nil" as for the week ending Saturday, December 16.

The List is as Follows:

St. John County—
 Canadian Engineers 6
 236th Battalion 4
 8th Field Ambulance Train 4
 Machine Gun Draft 2
 R. C. N. V. R. 2
 Home Service 1

York County—
 236th Battalion 1
 8th Field Ambulance Train 1
 Canadian Engineers 1

Carleton County—
 236th Battalion 2
 9th Stages Battery 1
 65th Field Battery 1

Westmorland County—
 16th Battalion 2
 Canadian Engineers 1

Queens and Sunbury Counties—
 236th Battalion 1
 Charlotte County 1
 236th Battalion 1
 Northumberland County 0
 Victoria County 0
 Gloucester County 0
 Albert County 0
 Kings County 0
 Restigouche County 0
 Kent County 0
 Madawaska County 0

Total 35
 J. L. McAVITY, Lieut.-Col.
 Chief Recruiting Officer for N. B.

CITY WANTS MEN FOR
SNOW REMOVAL WORK

Storm of Friday and Saturday Providing Employment for More Men and Teams Than Can be Obtained.

Street Superintendent Winchester was a busy man yesterday, and will have his hands full for the next couple of days in removing the snow which fell in such large quantities on Friday and Saturday last.

Bright and early yesterday morning every available team in the city was pressed into service to remove the numerous drifts which were piled up on the sides of the streets and made driving difficult except in the car tracks.

In the east end of the city the eight city teams were at work—four double and four single—and in addition fourteen double and two single teams were hired. Twenty-eight men were required to shovel the snow for these teams, which were engaged in hauling from Prince William, Union, Charlotte and Princess streets.

In the North End seven double teams and twelve men were employed, and their work was confined principally to Paradise row and Mill street. Today these teams and men and as many more as care to apply will continue the work, and the department will engage all the men and teams that can get until the streets have been cleared and are in good condition again.

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.

Finest line of Christmas Candles to be found in the city, at The Chocolate Shop, 26-28 Charlotte Street. Also afternoon tea and luncheon at all hours.

NOTICE.

To accommodate our customers who wish to make their purchases in the evenings, beginning Wednesday, our King street store will be open every evening until Christmas.

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 WHEPLEY Skates are too well known to require mention here, and we need only quote some of the

STARR SKATES.

Acme	.....	\$1.00
Boys' Hockey—Plain	.....	.85
Boys' Hockey—Nickel	.....	1.05
Hockey, "Buildup"	.....	1.25
Hockey, "Climax" Plain	.....	1.60
Hockey, "Climax" Nickel	.....	2.00
Hockey, "Scotia"	.....	2.80
Hockey, "Regal" Featherweight	.....	5.50
Hockey, "Velox"	.....	6.00

PRICES:

Tube Hockey	.....	\$4.80
Tube Racer	.....	6.40
Ladies' Hockey, "Regis"	.....	2.50
Ladies' Hockey, "Glacier"	.....	3.00
Ladies' Hockey, "Velox"	.....	6.00

WHEPLEY'S SKATES.

Long Reach, Boys'	.....	\$1.50
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

Velour Hats

Feather Hats

Toys

Christmas

Gifts

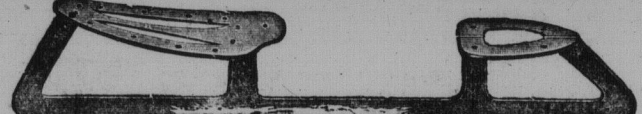
Velvet Dress Shapes

Fashionably Trimmed Hats

Dolls

Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS.

Always Popular Christmas Gifts
Automobile - SKATES - Long Reach

YUKON	.....	\$1.25	AUTOMOBILE A	.....	\$3.00
MODEL CYCLE 25	.....	2.00	AUTOMOBILE B	.....	4.00
LADIES' AUTO	.....	2.50	AUTOMOBILE C	.....	5.00
			AUTOMOBILE D	.....	\$6.00
HOCKEY SKATES	.....	50c. to \$3.50			
WHEPLEY'S LONG REACH SKATES	.....	\$1.40 to \$2.25			
SKATE STRAPS, HOCKEY SKATES, HOCKEY PUCKS.	.....			

Emerson & Fisher Ltd

STORES OPEN
 8-30
 CLOSE
 6 P.M.
 SATURDAYS
 10 P.M.



KING ST.
 GERMAIN ST.
 AND
 MARKET
 SQUARE

Umbrellas and Walking Sticks
Make Gifts That Should Please

We are showing an interesting assortment of each in the new styles.

UMBRELLAS—In many handsome handle designs. Neat in appearance, and made to fit the hand comfortably. Artistically ornamented. Novel inlaid and mounting ideas. Ebony with silver inlaid. Gold, horn and ivory mountings. Best wearing covers in the extreme light weight and close rolling styles. Also the Novelty Folding Umbrella, to fit in suit case or club bag. \$1.00 to \$12.00.

WALKING STICKS—Made more popular than ever by the military influence, are universally used. Our variety is greater than ever, and contains many novelties in shape and color in the favorite woods. Also Regulation Military kinds, 35c. to \$5.00.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT.



Ladies' Kid Gloves of the Best Quality

Dependable Gloves, the product of the most reliable makers, in all the New Colors, form the basis of our Holiday Stock.

As a gift they have long been popular, numerous pairs of different shades being necessary accessories to the modern wardrobe.

PERFECT FITTING.

REASONABLY PRICED.

KID GLOVES, in Black, White, Tan, Grey, Putty, Mastic, etc.	.....	\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75
WASHABLE KID	.....	\$1.65, \$1.90, \$2.00, \$2.25
CAPE GLOVES	.....	\$1.50, \$1.75
MOTOR GLOVES, Tan or Grey	.....	\$2.75 pair
SUEDE GLOVES, Tan, Grey, Black	.....	\$1.75, \$1.90
MOCHA GLOVES, Grey and Tans	.....	\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00
LONG WHITE GLOVES	.....	\$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.25

BOYS' CAPE GLOVES. MISSES' CAPE GLOVES.

GLOVE DEPARTMENT—FRONT STORE.

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AND UNTIL CHRISTMAS, OUR STORES WILL REMAIN OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited