

## THE WEATHER

Forecast:	
Maritime—	Variable winds, fair today, snow or rain in some localities.
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Washington, Dec. 22.—	Forecast: Northern New England—Cloudy and warmer Thursday, probably snow at night and Friday.
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Toronto, Dec. 22.—	Snow has been fairly general today in Ontario, but everywhere very light, except in the vicinity of Toronto, elsewhere in Canada with the exception of a few light snowfalls in Saskatchewan, the weather has been fair.
Temperatures	
Min.	Max.
Victoria .....	42 44
Vancouver .....	36 44
Kamloops .....	30 42
Calgary .....	28 40
Medicine Hat .....	40 44
Edmonton .....	18 36
Moose Jaw .....	22 35
Regina .....	14 39
Battleford .....	6 34
Prince Albert .....	2 24
Winnipeg .....	16 22
Port Arthur .....	14 30
Perry Sound .....	6 22
London .....	9 31
Toronto .....	18 34
Kingston .....	16 3
Ottawa .....	12 24
Montreal .....	16 26
Quebec .....	10 24
St. John .....	26 39
Halifax .....	24 28

## Around the City

## THIRD CHAPTER OF THE WALLINGFORD SERIES WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW.

Because of the heavy and unexpected demands on space this morning the third chapter in the Wallingford series, which should have appeared today, has been omitted but will be printed in tomorrow's Standard.

**Public Utilities Commission.**  
A short meeting of the New Brunswick Utilities Commission was held yesterday afternoon in the government rooms, Prince William street. Routine business only was transacted.

**Entertainment at Armory.**  
An enjoyable entertainment was given in the Y. M. C. A. quarters at the armory last night by Mr. Golding, who presented selections on Edison's diamond disc phonograph. About 200 men were present.

**Scow Case in Court.**  
The hearing in the case of Robert R. Lee vs. Frank L. Boone was continued yesterday in chambers before Mr. Justice McKeown. The case arose over an agreement for hire of a scow in connection with the construction of the new marine wharf in West St. John. H. B. Keith appeared for plaintiff and J. B. M. Baxter, K. C. for defendant. All the evidence of witnesses was taken and argument was set for January 31.

**Flowers as Christmas Gifts.**  
With so much sadness and depression everywhere, cut flowers or potted plants seem to be the most suitable of all Christmas gifts. We suggest that you send to your mother, wife or sweetheart, a beautiful Azalea, cyclamen, potted tulips, hyacinths and ferns; a box of cut flowers, carnations, violets, narysuaus. These can be found in all varieties and at reasonable prices at K. Pederson, Ltd., Market Building, Charlotte street.

**The Pilotage Case.**  
In the matter of the suspension of Pilot Bartholomew Rogers by the St. John Pilotage Commission, Mr. Justice McKeown yesterday morning gave judgment, quashing the commission's order for want of jurisdiction. The matter came up before His Honor on certiorari, and was argued last Saturday. The commission found Pilot Rogers guilty of an error in judgment in connection with the docking of a steamer at West St. John, and suspended him for thirty days from November 20th. His Honor found that the Pilotage Commission had no power to dismiss for an error in judgment, or to dismiss for a breach of duty, and that there must be a breach of duty before a pilot could be rendered liable to suspension. At the hearing Mr. G. Teed, K. C., appeared for Mr. Rogers, and Attorney-General Baxter, K. C. for the Pilotage Commission.

## DIED.

**SINCLAIR.**—At Arlington Heights, Mass., on the 21st inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Bray, Jane, widow of Archibald Sinclair.  
Funeral on Friday, 24th inst., at three o'clock from residence of John A. Sinclair, 161 Waterloo street.  
**FRASER.**—Entered into rest on 21st inst., after a short illness, William M. Fraser, aged 68 years, leaving a loving wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn.  
Funeral on Saturday, 25th inst., from his late residence, 28 Paddock street. Service begins at 3 o'clock.

## PLANS FOR THE DEMONSTRATION NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Recruiting Committee Hears that Arrangements Are Well in Hand, Oak Hall Building, Corner King and Germain Streets to be Recruiting centre after May 1st.**

At the meeting of the citizens' recruiting committee yesterday afternoon satisfactory interim reports were received for the New Year's day demonstration in furtherance of recruiting for the 115th Battalion. It was arranged that speeches would be given in the Armory after the parade of the troops. Lieut.-Col. Armstrong and Capt. L. P. D. Tilley were appointed as marshals for the occasion.

Thomas Nagle advised the committee that he would require possession of the recruiting rooms at the corner of Mill and Union streets on January 1. The unanimous thanks of the committee was given to Mr. Nagle for his generosity in allowing the rooms to be used for recruiting purposes. The thanks of the committee were given to William Galley for his offer to do any sign painting required by the committee, without charge. C. W. Hallamore, on behalf of the room committee said he had in view the holding of two rousing meetings prior to the opening of the old Oak Hall premises in King street which will be used on or before May 1, as the new recruiting depot. Mr. E. Agar, W. A. Lockhart and Com. McLellan were appointed as a committee to supervise the meetings in Mill street next week.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Mae Mullin came to the city yesterday from Boston to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Mullin, Metcalfe street. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Blanche Gormley.  
Miss Ethel Wigmore, daughter of Commissioner Wigmore, returned yesterday from Simon's College, Boston.  
Miss Louise E. Waters arrived in the city at noon yesterday from Boston to spend the vacation with her mother, Mrs. A. T. Waters, 50 Kennedy street.  
Miss Amelia Green returned today from a visit to Boston.  
Sergeant Donsgaard, of the 104th Battalion, is visiting friends on the West Side.  
Miss Grace McIntyre, of Springfield, N. B., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Peter McIntyre, 354 Main street.  
Hon. and Mrs. J. D. Hazen arrived from Ottawa yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays.  
Montreal Gazette: Miss Kimball has arrived in town from St. John, to spend the Christmas season with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Dodd, Westmount.

## GEN. BERTRAM TO RETIRE FROM MUNITIONS BOARD

**Special to The Standard.**  
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—It is learned authoritatively tonight that General Bertram, former chairman of the shell committee, and since the reorganization, vice-chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, has resigned his position, or at least, that it is a definite matter that he will retire from the munitions board.

## DEBATE AT Y. M. C. A.

The first annual debate between the business boys' class and the High school boys of the Y. M. C. A. took place last night in the rooms of the association. The business boys were represented by Marvin White, leader, Ivor Nixon, the fifth member of the team failing to show up. The High school team consisted of Alexander Christie, Horace Wetmore, Harold Seely, Robert Cochrane and Max Singer, leader. The subject was: "Resolved, That the printing press has been of more benefit to mankind than the steam engine."  
The judges, Messrs. Gregg, Howes and Stephenson, decided that the arguments were in favor of the High school team, which took the affirmative view.

**A Suggestion.**  
New and baby cravats from 50 cents to \$1.50. The Men's Toggery, 37 Charlotte street.

## THREE MEN SIGNED ON LAST NIGHT

**Pte. Coates transferred to 115th Battalion—John C. Ferguson and Rev. Mr. Berrie last night's speakers.**

## ROLL OF HONOR.

T. Harriet Allaby, Norton.  
R. Seely, Hampton.  
D. K. Settle, Norton.

Last night's meeting at Mill street was addressed by Mr. John C. Ferguson and Rev. J. C. Berrie. Mr. A. J. Skinner was chairman. Dr. Barton presided at the piano. Mr. C. A. Cromwell played the bag pipes and gave an exhibition of club swinging and Mr. Robert Carr gave some selections on the accordion.  
Private W. A. Coates, of the 104th, who has been in charge of the recruiting office on Mill street for some time has been transferred to the 115th and will be in the quartermaster's stores. Col. Fowler has given his consent to the transfer and Pte. Coates will soon be Quartermaster Sergt. Coates. Lance Corporal Dore has taken Pte. Coates' place in the Mill street office.

## THE STANDARD WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Standard will not be published on Saturday, Christmas day. The usual Saturday features will be contained in Friday's paper.

## REQUESTS MAY BE HELD BY CORONER

**Cases of May Littlefield and Mrs. Spittell may be brought before Jury.**

May Littlefield, who was seriously injured on Tuesday afternoon after jumping from a taxi-cab in King street, died yesterday morning in the General Public Hospital, William J. Foster, the chauffeur, was arrested yesterday morning in connection with the fatality.  
Coroner Roberts said last night that he would probably hold an inquest in the matter and also an inquest concerning the death of Mrs. John Spittell, who died in the hospital on Tuesday following injuries sustained at her home in Queen street.

## CLAIM THEY ARE VICTIMS OF BOYCOTT

London, Dec. 22.—Various American mercantile and manufacturing firms doing business in Great Britain are said to be suffering losses due to a blacklist which they claim the British government maintains against neutral industries suspected of having affiliation with Great Britain's enemies.

Official circles admit that firms suspected of actual trading with the Central powers or their allies are objects of suspicion, and liable to meet with discriminatory treatment, but it is denied that simply because an American firm may have German stockholders it is placed in the same category as organizations which are known, or suspected, to be trading with an enemy country.  
It is pointed out that such treatment would be quite impossible of enforcement without great injustice, for scarcely any large industrial organization is without stockholders of varied nationalities. Some of the American firms which are suffering as the result of the alleged quiet boycott complain that they are the victims of commercial blackmail levied by British rivals. One firm, which already has suffered grievously, has tried in vain to ascertain from the government the nature of the charges against it.

## WESTERN UNION THANKS TO FIREMEN.

The Western Union Telegraph Company wishes to thank the St. John fire department for the very excellent service performed last night. The fact that we escaped without damage or interruption is undoubtedly due to efficiency of its system.

C. W. McKee, Dist. Comm'l Supt.  
McMillan's store will be open every evening until Christmas.

## MINISTER OF MARINE HOME FOR HOLIDAY

**Hon. J. D. Hazen Arrived in City Yesterday to Spend Christmas.**

Was guest of honor at luncheon tendered by Montreal Harbor Commissioners on Tuesday.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries and Mrs. Hazen, arrived in St. John yesterday via "C. P. R." to spend Christmas at their home.

The Minister spent Tuesday in Montreal, and was guest of the harbor commissioners at luncheon at the Mount Royal Club. Among others present were: Hon. C. J. Doherty, Senator Beaulieu, Jas. Carruthers, C. R. Hosmer, H. R. Drummond, Wm. McMaster, Geo. H. Drummond, W. Molson, Macpherson, Col. McLean, M. P., Col. A. A. Allan, W. G. Ross, F. Robertson, A. E. Labelle.

In proposing the health of the Minister, Mr. Ross, chairman of the harbor commissioners, referred to the very great services which he had rendered to Montreal and to the trade of Canada, by his sympathetic support of the action of the harbor commissioners both present and past, in developing the port so as to keep pace with the needs of the country. He said that the business community in Montreal appreciated very highly the invaluable services of the Minister in co-operating with the harbor commissioners in their efforts to make Montreal the best equipped port on the continent and expressed his personal appreciation of the kind co-operation and assistance which the Minister had lent during the past year in working out the many problems connected with the harbor.

In replying Mr. Hazen alluded to the desirability of co-operation on the part of the commissioners of the harbors of Montreal and St. John. Addresses were also made by the Minister of Justice and Senator Beaulieu.  
It is understood that members of the Montreal harbor commission will visit St. John next week for the purpose of seeing the conditions under which business is being carried on in the harbor this winter.

## MELBA CONCERT BRINGS \$5,000 FOR THE RED CROSS

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Over five thousand dollars will be given to the Canadian Red Cross Society by Madame Melba, the noted songstress, as a result of a concert in a theatre here tonight. Madame Melba and Edmund Burke, of Montreal, donated their services free, the former also paying for the rental of the theatre. A distinguished audience was present, including their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the Princess Patricia, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and members of the Dominion cabinet.

## Announcement.

The firm of W. H. Thorne & Co. announce that their stores will be open for business this afternoon at 3 o'clock and a discount on all goods will be allowed. As a large number of articles destroyed were paid for and ordered for delivery Christmas Eve, the firm also asks the indulgence of persons thus inconvenienced and are desirous that they notify the company at once, in which event the goods will be replaced or money refunded.

## For Transport of Frozen Produce.

London, Dec. 22.—Under an order-in-council issued today the government has requisitioned, for the transportation of frozen produce, all the refrigerator compartments of the steamships registered in the United Kingdom.

## ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY

Notice of New Train Service for Xmas Week.

Special train service will be in effect leaving Fredericton six a.m. and five p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday for Gagetown and on same days leaving Gagetown eight a.m. and seven thirty p.m. for Fredericton. After Xmas there will be a regular tri-weekly service on the same schedule Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday until further notice.

Satisfaction Guaranteed with BRAYLEY'S FLAVORING TRACTS.

An Acceptable Gift.  
Ladies' and Gent's Umbrellas from \$2.00 to \$6.00. The Men's Toggery, 37 Charlotte street.

## Nickel and Copper Chafing Dishes

## Coffee Pots—Tea Pots—Hot Water Kettles

An attractive, well-ordered table is the joy of the housewife who welcomes, at Christmas especially, some pleasing and useful addition to the family board. In our Nickel and Copper Tableware section you will find all the most recent patterns and novelties in Chafing Dishes, Hot Water Kettles, Tea Pots, Coffee Pots and Coffee Percolators at the following range of

PRICES:	
Chafing Dishes, nickel	\$5.40, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$10.25
Chafing Dishes, copper	\$7.50, \$10.10
Percolating Coffee Pots, nickel	\$2.00, \$2.50
Tea Pots, nickel	\$3c, \$3.50
Coffee Pots, nickel	\$1.00, \$3.50
Table Kettles, with Spirit Lamps, Nickel	\$2.65, \$7.90 and \$8
Separate Kettles, Nickel	\$1.25, \$3.50

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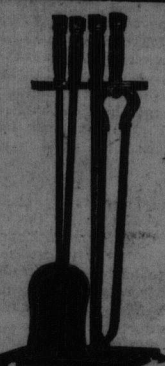
Saturdays our stores will be open until 10 p.m.; open at 8 a.m.; close 6 p.m., excepting Saturday 10 p.m.

## Every Department is Well Stocked With Most Useful Articles for Men, Women and Children

Our trade during the first part of this month has demonstrated that our stock for variety, lowness of prices for qualities has met with the public approval.

You can find in all departments goods for gifts that will please every age.

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## The Bright Christmas Gift

What can be more useful, more practical or more acceptable than gifts for the fireplace.

BRASS ANDIRONS	\$5.00 to \$12.00
BLACK ANDIRONS	\$2.50 to \$8.00
BRASS FIRE SETS	\$4.00 to \$16.00
BLACK FIRE SETS	\$3.50 to \$8.25
BRASS FENDERS	\$7.50 to \$15.00
BRASS COAL HODS	\$5.00 to \$8.00
GAS LOGS	\$7.50 to \$8.00

SPARK GUARDS, ROLLER GRATES, ETC., ETC.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

## Stores Open Tonight Until 10 o'clock

## A Ready Reference List Of the Kinds That Are Always Appreciated In Useful and Practical

## Christmas Gifts for Men

NECKWEAR—The latest productions in color and design. The most popular shapes and widths are offered in a great variety.	Prices from 25c. to \$1.75
NEWEST NECK WRAPS—English Madder Squares are the most popular.	Each 85c. to \$2.50
ALSO ENGLISH SILK SQUARES AND LONG SHAPES—Plain and hemstitched, in black and colors.	Each 75c. to \$3.00
KNITTED MOTOR SCARFS—In fibre silk, all-silk and fine wool.	Each 75c. to \$7.00
GLOVES—Best English and Canadian makes, all popular leathers in many weights and qualities.	
WOOL GLOVES	Pair 35c. to \$1.75
CAPE LEATHER GLOVES—Lined with wool or fur.	Pair 75c. to \$2.75
MOCHA, REINDEER AND BUCK GLOVES—Wool or fur-lined.	Pair 90c. to \$2.50
KID AND MOCHA MITTENS—Lined with wool or fur.	Pair \$1.10 to \$2.75
HALF HOSE—In fibre silk, all-silk, cashmere; also wool, in black, white, colors.	Pair 25c. to \$1.50
BRACES—The practical kinds, attractive and with strong webs and ends; in gift boxes.	Pair 50c. to \$1.50
ARMLETS AND GARTERS—Separate or boxed together.	Prices 25c. to 50c.
HANDKERCHIEFS—Plain linen with 1/4, 1/2 and 1-inch hems. Half dozens in handsome gift boxes. Per One-half Dozen, \$1.10 to \$2.75.	
INITIAL LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—Hemstitched, 1/4 and 1/2 inch hems.	Each 25c., 35c., 50c.
FINE CAMBRIC INITIALED HANDKERCHIEFS—Three in gift box.	For 40c.
SILK HANDKERCHIEFS—Plain, hemstitched, 1/4, 1/2 inch hems.	Each 25c., 35c., 50c., 75c., \$1.75
INITIALED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS—Hemstitched.	Each 25c., 50c., 75c.
COLORS BORDERED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.	Each 50c.
GIFTS IN NOVELTY SECTION, NICKEL AND SILVER-PLATED SHAVING SETS, with or without mirror.	Each \$3.35 to \$8.50
SHAVING MIRRORS—In leather cases.	Each \$2.25 to \$4.75
SHAVING MIRRORS—To fasten to wall; adjustable to any angle and also extends to different distances.	Each \$4.00
SHAVING PAPER PADS—With and without mirrors.	Each 35c. to \$2.25
EBONY BACK MILITARY BRUSHES.	Per pair \$1.75 to \$5.00
SOFT LEATHER COLLAR BAGS—A great variety of leathers and colors.	Each \$1.00 to \$2.00
TOILET, SHAVING AND MANICURE FITTED CASES AND ROLLS.	Each \$2.85 to \$20.00
COLLAR BUTTON AND TIE PIN BOXES—In leather.	Each 85c. to \$2.00
CHANGE PURSES.	Each 12c. to 75c.
BILL FOLDS—In many styles.	Each 25c. to \$3.25
BILL BOOKS—A large variety.	Each 75c. to \$4.75
LETTER CASES.	Each \$1.25 to \$2.75
CIGAR CASES.	Each 60c. to \$6.00
TOBACCO POUCHES.	Each 25c. to \$1.50
WRITING CASES FOR TRAVELLING.	Set \$2.50 to \$1.50
DRINKING CUPS AND FLASKS—In leather cases.	Each \$1.60 to \$10.00
CUFF LINKS—Rich new designs.	Each 55c. to \$7.75
NECKTIE PINS—Latest designs.	Pair 25c. to \$1.50
FULL DRESS SETS—Links and Shirt Studs to match.	Each 25c. to \$1.25
EVENING SHIRT STUD SETS.	Set \$2.50 to \$1.50
EVENING BEST BUTTON SETS.	Set 50c. to 65c.

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