

## Local and General News.

**SALVATION ARMY.**  
There will be an Apron Sale at the Salvation Army on Thursday, Dec. 10th at 8 p. m.

**MILD WEATHER.**  
Weather which was more like summer than December graced the week end. A rains storm which was heavy at times set in Saturday and continued throughout Sunday.

**W. M. S. MEETING.**  
The Presbyterian W. M. S. of the Upper District, held their regular monthly meeting at Miss Morrell's on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th. Quite a number were present and at the close of the meeting were treated to a delightful lunch.

**AN UPWARD TREND.**  
At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal yesterday, Sir Vincent Meredith said that there was no question but that the trend of business in Canada was slowly but surely upward. As an evidence of this, car loadings were the largest on record, while wholesale and retail business showed a fair degree of increased activity.

**SANTA CLAUS OVER RADIO.**  
Listeners in last night heard Santa Claus speaking from the Arctic Circle. Santa said, that because of the terrific storms which at present are visiting the Northlands he has been compelled to change his plans, but expects to arrive in Newcastle as usual on Christmas Eve. If it is impossible for him to do so, he will let the children know later.

**SMELT FISHING.**  
It is reported that the smelt catch down river, so far this season, has been good. Further up the river the catch has not been so large, because of the early ice-making. The quality of the fish is excellent and last week the price was 10 cents per pound on the ice. Tom Cods are plentiful and are netting the fishermen \$1.50 per hundred pounds.

**COMPENSATION ACT.**  
A meeting to discuss the Compensation Act was called Friday morning by Premier Baxter and was held in the rooms of the Compensation Board. A lengthy discussion pertaining to the act was had. Among those present besides the Premier were Angus McLean, Bathurst; A. D. Ganong, St. Stephen; Senator Robinson, Moncton; M. Lodge, Moncton; L. W. Strains, F. M. Scanders, W. S. Fisher, Saint John; L. O'Brien, Nelson, North; C. L. Fenderson, Carleton Place.

**L. O. L. NO 47 IN.**  
**STALL OFFICERS.**  
At the regular meeting on Dec. 7th of L. O. L. No. 47, the following officers were installed:  
W. M.—G. W. Miller  
D. M.—H. D. Atkinson  
Chaplin—Thos. A. Clark  
Recording Secretary—James J. Bethune  
Financial Secretary—W. J. Sutherland

**Treasurer—Wm. Corbett**  
**Lecturer—Joseph Street**  
**Deputy Lecturer—Clifford MacDon-**  
**ald.**  
**Marshall—Wm. Touchie**  
After the installation speeches were given by the following Bros.:  
Wm. Corbett, G. W. Miller, H. D. Atkinson, Jas. Bethune, Joseph Street, Clifford MacDonald, Daniel MacDonald, Hugh Shepard, Eldon Atkinson and Frederick Gough.

**The Baby's Cold**  
VICKS VapoRub  
"Confidential" Advice  
"Vicks VapoRub" is the only medicine that relieves colds, coughs, croup, whooping cough, influenza, sore throat, and all the ailments of the throat and chest. It is a natural remedy, and is safe for all ages. It is the only medicine that relieves colds, coughs, croup, whooping cough, influenza, sore throat, and all the ailments of the throat and chest. It is a natural remedy, and is safe for all ages.

**RIVER OPEN.**  
The ice in the river opposite Newcastle moved last night and this morning there was an open stretch of water instead of the ice bridge, which some thought had come to stay.

**BALTIC SKATER.**  
Clas Thunberg, Baltic thunderbolt, who captured the Olympic Speed skating championships will arrive in St. John on December 30th. Thunberg will be the big attraction in the world's championship skating meet, scheduled to be held on Lily Lake, the latter part of January.

**APPOINTMENT ANNULLED.**  
That portion of the order-in-council passed November 10th appointing Hubert Arseneau of Tracadie, Gloucester County, to be a retail vendor under The Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, has been revoked and the appointment annulled the same having been made by mistake.

**PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE.**  
Rev. A. Ferguson, M. A., of New Glasgow, N. S., conducted Presbyterian Services in Chatham at 11 o'clock a. m. and in Newcastle at 7 p. m. Sunday. Next Sunday, Rev. David Williamson of Hamilton, Ont., will conduct services in St. Andrew's Sunday School building, Newcastle, at 11 o'clock a. m., and in Chatham, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

**RETURNS FROM WESTERN TRIP.**  
Mr. J. F. R. MacMichael, well known C. N. R. train despatcher Moncton, and Mrs. MacMichael, returned home Thursday afternoon from a month's trip to Western Canada. They visited in North Bay Winnipeg, Stephen and Field, B. C. Mr. MacMichael's brother is C. P. R. agent in Stephen, B. C., the highest point in the Rockies on the C. P. R. route.

**PASSED EXAMINATION.**  
Miss Annie B. Mullin, of the Miramichi Hospital staff is one of the successful nurses to pass the recent examinations for registration in New Brunswick. Misses Dorothy Bohan, Annie M. Ryan and Mary K. McGrath, of Hotel Dieu, Hospital, Chatham, were also successful in passing the examinations.

**PRINCE OF WALES TROPHY.**  
His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales has offered a cup for professional hockey, which he hopes will be to the great Canadian game what the America Cup is to yachting and what the Davis Cup is to lawn tennis. The trophy will be the prize when the New York Americans and the Canadiens, of Montreal, face off next Tuesday night, in the first match of the National Hockey League season in New Madison Square Garden. The team winning the cup will hold it until the end of the season, when it will go to the Championship team to be held for one year. It is a perpetual challenge cup and will be called "The Prince of Wales Trophy."

**SERVICE AT DERBY.**  
Ferguson Presbyterian Church was filled to capacity on Sunday evening to hear the Rev. David Williamson preach an eloquent sermon from St. John, Chap. 1, Verse 12. The Rev. gentleman also sang a solo entitled "The Prodigal Son" which was rendered very beautifully. Miss Hazel Bell presided at the organ. Mr. Williamson in the course of the service gave to the children of the Sunday School fifteen awards for memory work. The Ladies of the church intend having a Christmas tree and treat for the children in the church on Christmas night and the Misses Derby and Annie Ferguson have donated prizes for each child. A call has been extended to Mr. Williamson to remain in this field and all are earnestly hoping that he will see his way clear to accept.

**GOVERNMENT SESSION.**  
The time of the December meeting of the Provincial Government has not been fixed. It is expected to be on the 15th, a week from today.

**RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coughlan are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a baby boy, born at the Miramichi Hospital, Monday, Dec. 7th.

**BUSINESS REMOVALS.**  
Miss Alice A. Morris has removed her millinery store, to the store recently occupied by Mr. Jas. O'Donnell in the Morrison Block. Mr. O'Donnell has removed to the Dalton Store on Henry Street.

**HAS OPENED OFFICE.**  
Mr. Vincent J. McEvoy, L. L. B. has opened a Law Office over Jas. Stable's Grocery. Mr. McEvoy was admitted as Barrister of the Supreme Court, at the last sitting of the Appeal Court.

**MARRIED.**  
At Grace Church Point St. Charles, Quebec, on Saturday, December 5th, by the Rev. J. Ellis Ireland, Rector, Harry Lockwood of Buckingham, Que., to Josephine, daughter of the late George Burchill Sn. of Birch Hill Miramichi. N. B. widow of the late Charles Sargeant of the same place.

**AUTO LICENSE FEE.**  
Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, says automobile license fees for 1926 will be about 20 per cent less than the existing rates in view of the introduction of the gasoline tax. The reduction will put the new scale at about the same figures that existed before a surcharge, was inaugurated a couple of years ago to pay for the patrol system of the public highways. The gasoline tax will in all probability be three cents per gallon.

**CHRISTMAS.**  
Christmas Day this year falls on Friday which means that it is now less than three weeks away. Thus far there has not been very much doing in the way of Christmas trade, but things are pretty sure to liven up within a very short space of time. The farmers, or at least those who specialize on pork or potatoes, are better off than was the case last year, if higher prices have any meaning. Most of the stores are pretty well stocked up with Christmas goods of high quality which they are hopeful of exchanging for cash in the very near future.

**INDUCTED THURSDAY NIGHT.**  
Rev. Dr. R. M. Stevenson, who has accepted the call of the continuing Presbyterians of Moncton, will be inducted as pastor on Thursday night of this week by the Presbytery of St. John. The Moncton congregation are to be congratulated on securing a Minister of Dr. Stevenson's recognized ability. He has travelled extensively and preached in many lands and his services were eagerly sought by other congregations in the Maritimes. Dr. Stevenson is a relative of the noted author, Robert Louis Stevenson.

**NOTICE**  
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**HAD LITTLE TO SAY.**  
W. L. McFarlane, Chief Inspector under the Prohibition Act, has been busy with members of his staff checking up the stocks of liquor held by the St. John vendors. The inspector would not verify the report that the stock now in possession of vendors, who did not have their licenses renewed, was to be taken by the liquor commission and sold to those who had their licenses renewed, or to those, who secured new licenses. When questioned regarding the time the vendors, who lost their licenses would have to dispose of the stocks on hand, the chief said that he had nothing to say. On Saturday, the stocks on hand of the local vendors were taken by sub-inspector Manderson.

## For That Christmas Cake Mince Meat And Christmas Pudding

With the Holiday so near, it is not too early to do that Christmas baking. These eatables taste so much better when made early, and given the opportunity to ripen, especially so when made from a choice selection of materials.

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Cleaned Currants 16 oz.....	20c	Powdered Sugar 2 lbs for.....	25c
Pulled Figs per lb.....	20c	13 lbs Granulated Sugar.....	\$1.00
Bulk Dates 2 lbs for.....	25c	Club Egg Powder 2 for.....	25c
Mixed Peel per lb.....	50c	Fancy Molasses per gal.....	70c
Shelled Walnuts per lb.....	60c	Almond Paste, Almond Meal, Chocolate Spray.....	
Shelled Almonds per lb.....	60c	Jello all flavors 3 for.....	27c
Fine Coconut per lb.....	30c	Good Quality Bulk Tea at.....	60c
Pure Cocoa per lb.....	15c	Orange Pekoe Bulk at.....	75c
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