

### COMMISSION MEMBERS ON THE NEW ACT

Dr. Campbell and Dr. Kierstead Tell Citizens Proposed System is the Most Equitable.

A large and representative gathering of citizens in the High School building last evening heard an excellent explanation of the proposed new system of assessment by Dr. J. Roy Campbell, chairman of the Assessment Commission, and Dr. W. C. Kierstead, of Fredericton, a member of the commission.

Mayor Hayes occupied the chair and called on Dr. Campbell as the first speaker. Dr. Campbell spoke for about an hour taking up in detail the various recommendations of the commission as outlined in the report, which has already been made public.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE Y. M. C. A. BOYS

Arrangements for Holiday Attractions From Today Until January 6th.

Following their usual custom the Y. M. C. A. have suspended the formal programme for the holidays and they have substituted the following special programme which commences today:

### MORE VESSELS SENT TO BOTTOM BY ENEMY PRIVATEERS

Washington, Dec. 26.—Lloyd's reports, in despatches received today by the state department from London, tell of the sinking of the Norwegian bark Amagar and the British steamers Istrar, Lincoln, Langri and Murex, not previously reported from other sources.

### THREE SCHOONERS WRECKED YESTERDAY

The Roger Drury, Daniel McLeod and Ravola, Three Vessels Well Known in St. John, Wrecked Near Nantucket During Gale.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 26.—American schooner Roger Drury, with coal from New Jersey for St. John, N. B., (cargo for R. P. & W. F. Starr), was sunk off Green Point, Sch Daniel McLeod was stranded on the northern end of the Rip off the point, and the British schooner Ravola was wrecked on the southern end of the Rip, in a northwest gale today.

The coastguards had barely handed the men when the Daniel McLeod was stranded on the other extremity of the Rip, and her crew also was brought ashore in the lifeboat. Both the Ravola and the Daniel McLeod are coal laden, bound from New Jersey ports to the eastward. Little hope of saving either was expected by the coastguards.

### MEXICO AGAIN WAS A WALL ST. FACTOR

Stock Market's Speculative Element More Concerned With Conditions on the Border Than With Hun Peace Talk.

New York, Dec. 26.—Judging from the movement of special stocks today Wall Street's speculative element appeared more concerned in the Mexican situation than in the course of European peace negotiations. Shares most affected by conditions across the southern border rose vigorously on reports in financial circles of a possible agreement between the United States and Mexico.

Shipping issues, in which dealers were relatively most active, were highly erratic. Mercantile Marine preferred recording an extreme decline of 7 1/2 points, with 3 5/8 for the common, on further heavy selling ascribed to England's policy of "nationalization," while Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies, owing no allegiance to the British government, registered a gross gain of 9 points.

Renewal of Germany's peace overtures, which became known in the latter part of the session, was followed by a moderate strengthening of representative stocks, including United States Steel, but this advantage was partly forfeited on the failure of the note to set forth any definite terms.

The movement otherwise constituted a confusion of gains and losses, munitions and equipments reflecting the conflicting views of professional traders, whose operations governed prices throughout, with minor advances predominating at the end. United States steel fluctuated between 106 and 108 7/8, closing at 107 1/2, a gain of 1 5/8 points.

At no time were rails more than moderately active, low-priced shares displaying more firmness than the investment group. Coppers contributed measurably to the day's business, but some unsettlement in trade quotations kept those issues within narrow bounds. Sugars, leathers, Industrial Alcohol and such utilities as Ohio Gas and Columbia Gas, the former at an extreme gain of 5 1/2 points, were among the few less conspicuous issues of strength. Total sales approximated 850,000 shares, the smallest full day in weeks.

Of all foreign remittances, marks, which hardened slightly, were the only bills to show any change. Anglo-French 5's were slightly lower, with similar issues unaltered. Total sales of bonds, par value, aggregated \$3,225,000.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Royal. Mrs. K. Shives, Miss Mills, R. K. Shives and wife, A. K. Shives, Campbellton; D. F. Maxwell, St. Stephen; A. Shirk, New York; A. W. Rogers, Halifax; F. P. Robinson, W. Cruikshank, Fredericton; P. J. Gerety, New York; G. J. Ross, Shediac; Mrs. G. M. Hughes, Halifax; F. J. Crosson, W. Williams, Sydney.

Miss T. Alward is home from the Halifax Ladies' College for the Christmas vacation.

### MUST TONE DOWN NOTE TO HOLLAND

Germany Advised to Moderate the Terms She Employed in Reply to Protesting Neutrals.

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—The Telegraph says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen is framed in such terms that it was inadvisable to communicate it to the Dutch parliament and that the government has requested Berlin to alter the reply in such a manner that it may be presented to the parliament.

The Dutch government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that the Belgian deportations had caused a painful impression in Holland. A Rotterdam despatch to the London Times, on December 5, said Germany had responded in words which were tantamount to saying, "mind your own business."

British and foreign mails will close on Saturday forenoon, Dec. 30; letters at 9 o'clock; parcels and papers at 8 o'clock.

### THE NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

Every Man in Canada Will Have a Card to Fill Out Soon.

National Service Week is drawing very near and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest. The men are interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 65 years, through the post office authorities. The women are interested because their co-operation is being invited, in seeing that their men-folk attend to this important duty.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

Lecture For Patriotic Fund. Tomorrow evening at the St. John Art Club an opportunity will be given to those eager to assist the ever-growing demands of the patriotic funds.

Major Bartlett of Charlottetown, P. E. I., has consented to lecture in the club studio on Peel street at 7 1/2 o'clock on the topic, "The Path of the Hun" and his address will be illustrated with ballooning views. Major Bartlett is an able speaker and has travelled extensively throughout the war-burdened country. The proceeds of this lecture will be subscribed to the patriotic fund and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

## Why You Should Read The Standard

DO YOU READ THE PAPER REGULARLY? If you do and if you are now a subscriber the following will not interest you; but if you are in the habit of taking another paper and just chanced to see this issue we have something to say which will be of much interest to you.

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Possibly your failure to be a regular subscriber is caused by the fact that you only know this paper as it was a few years ago. Quite likely you were not pleased with it then; but The Standard of today is vastly different from the paper you read then. A glance through the columns of this issue will convince you of that.

The St. John Standard of today is the ideal family newspaper. We carry, on leased wires, the entire Canadian Press service, which completely covers all war news and other happenings the world over; we have special correspondents in every town and village in New Brunswick, and we carry more provincial news than any other daily. In addition, our paper contains features which appeal to every member of the family, both old and young. Glance over the following list and see for yourself.

<i>The War on All Fronts.</i>	<i>Sporting Events.</i>
<i>Canada's Share in the Great Struggle.</i>	<i>A Woman's Page.</i>
<i>What Neutral Countries Are Saying and Doing.</i>	<i>Stage and Movie Stars.</i>
<i>Personal Mention of N. B. Boys.</i>	<i>Fashions.</i>
<i>Local and Provincial Happenings.</i>	<i>Society in All Provincial Centres.</i>
<i>Finance and Shipping.</i>	<i>Uncle Dick - Children's Page</i>
	<i>O'er 5,000 Advice Members.</i>
	<i>Daily Cartoon - "Bringing Up Father."</i>

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## The St. John Standard

St. John, N. B.

### 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR ENTERTAIN BOYS CLUB

About a dozen of the members of the choir of the 1st Presbyterian church, West Side, visited the Boys' Club last night and entertained the boys with a good musical programme. Choruses were sung by the choir and solos by Miss Lingley and Percy J. Cruikshank. Mr. Cruikshank sang a number of popular songs and the boys joined heartily in the choruses.

Peter Berry, a member of the club, gave an exhibition of step dancing which was enjoyed very much by the visitors.

R. E. Armstrong presided and extended the thanks of the boys to the entertainers. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

### THE ALL YEAR MACHINE

Runs like clockwork all the time—Remington Typewriters. A. Milne Fraser, Mgr., 37 Dock street, St. John, N. B.



NOTICE TO MARINERS. Notice is hereby given that a three-masted schooner is reported sunk in St. Mary's Bay, in twenty fathoms of water, four miles southeast off Dartmouth Point, N. S.



NOTICE TO MARINERS. Notice is hereby given that the Cat Rock bell buoy is gone from position. Will be replaced soon as possible.



NOTICE TO MARINERS. Notice is hereby given that the light on Trinity Ledge gas and whistling buoy has been reported not burning. Will be relighted as soon as possible.

### TRAVELLING?

Passage Tickets By All Ocean Steamship Lines. WM. THOMSON & CO. Limited. Royal Bank Bldg., St. John, N. B.

### TUBES FOR STEAM BOILERS

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### HEAD LINE.

St. John to Belfast. S.S. Ramore Head . . . . . Dec. 16 S.S. Bray Head . . . . . Dec. 20 St. John to Dublin. S.S. Torr Head . . . . . Jan. 9 S.S. Benore Head . . . . . Dec. 23 Dates and steamers subject to change. WM. THOMSON & CO., LTD., Agents.

### FURNESS LINE.

From London to St. John Dec. 22 Dec. 30 From St. John to London Dec. 26 Jan. 20

### The Maritime Steamship Co., Limited.

On March 3, 1916, and until further notice the S.S. Connors Bros., will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warehousing Company, Ltd., on Saturday, 7.30 a. m., daylight time, for St. Andrews, N. B., calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay or L'Etete, Dear Island, Red Store or St. George's. Returning leave St. Andrews, N. B., Tuesday for St. John, N. B., calling at L'Etete or Back Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor. Weather and tide permit. Agent—Thorne Wharf and Warehousing Co. Ltd., Phone, 2351. Mgr. Lewis Connors.

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After Oct. 1st and until further notice S. S. Grand Manan leaves Grand Manan, Mondays 7.30 a. m., for St. John, returning leaves St. John Wednesdays 7.30 a. m., both ways via Campobello Eastport and Wilson's Beach. Leave Grand Manan Thursdays 7.30 a. m., for St. Stephen, returning Friday 7 a. m., via Campobello, Eastport and St. Andrews, both ways. Leave Grand Manan Saturdays 7.30 a. m., round trip St. Andrews, returning 1 p. m., both ways via Campobello and Eastport. Atlantic Standard Time. SCOTT D. GUPPILL, Mgr.

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