

**THE WEATHER.**

**Forecasts.**  
 Maritime—Strong northwest and west winds, local snow flurries, but mostly fair and colder.  
 Washington, Dec. 17—Northern New England—33 Monday; Tuesday increasing cloudiness followed by snow; fresh northeast to north winds.  
 Toronto, Dec. 17—Local snowfalls have occurred today in the lake region and in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fair and for the most part cold.

**Temperatures.**

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	33	42
Vancouver	35	40
Kamloops	12	20
Medicine Hat	6	16
Battleford	6	8
Port Arthur	10	22
Parry Sound	12	21
London	3	21
Toronto	14	24
Kingston	2	24
Ottawa	9	14
Montreal	6	12

—Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Three Stormy Drunks.**  
 While it is quite possible that there were more than three men under the influence of liquor during the heavy storm on Saturday, only three were unfortunately caught to have a heavier cargo than they could navigate and they were arrested by the police.

**A Driving Accident.**  
 A man named Savage, who resides on Hammond street, had a narrow escape from being killed about nine o'clock Saturday night on the Marsh Road. As snow was badly drifted he was driving along the street railway track. The snow was blowing at the time, and when he reached a point near Fernhill cemetery gates, he was struck by a street car. Mr. Savage was thrown out on the roadway but escaped injury. The sleigh was badly damaged.

**Burns Gets Two Years.**  
 James Burns, colored, was before Magistrate Adams in the Brookville court Saturday afternoon, charged with breaking into R. C. Gilmour's camp at the upper Loch Lomond, and with stealing clothing, also with stealing a lamb from the premises of Mr. Baker, a Loch Lomond farmer. After the evidence of Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Baker and County Policeman Saunders had been heard, Burns was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to a term of two years in Dorchester prison.

**Wet But Not Injured.**  
 There was quite a stir along the water front on Saturday afternoon, when a rumor was in circulation that a man had fallen from the tug G. S. Mayes and had perished. After making inquiries from persons in a position to know regarding the accident and subsequent death, Mr. Saunders learned there was no foundation for the story. Although several of the men interviewed stated that the harbor was very rough, yet no drowning accident occurred. There was, however, a slight accident at Lower Cove wharf, when Lang Coram fell in the water. He was wet but not injured.

**Enemy Samples Exhibit.**  
 The enemy sample exhibit was brought to a close Saturday night and Mr. Kershaw, who has been in charge of this exhibit at all the cities in which it has been shown expressed himself as more than delighted with the interest taken by the manufacturers and merchants of St. John and the province generally. The total attendance of the week was 743, and of this number 653 registered from St. John. Moncton came next with 13, and Fredericton sent 8; practically every town in the province was represented and the interest shown was genuine and deep.

**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.**

**Sweaters and Spencers.**  
 Sweaters are very hard to get owing to the factories not having fine wool to make them out of, so when a firm receives a shipment of these goods that should have been to hand four months ago, they feel very pleased over it. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have just received a shipment of these fine sweaters in old rose, Copenhagen, maize and purple at \$6.00, \$6.95 and \$7.50 each. All of these are belted and have Brushed Collars and Cuffs, and are the prettiest sweaters that have been shown in St. John this season.

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

**Deaths Last Week.**  
 Last week twelve deaths were reported to the secretary of the Board of Health. There were two each from senility and accident, and one each from pneumonia, carcinoma, enteritis, endocarditis, appendicitis, cerebral hemorrhage, softening of brain and pulmonary tuberculosis.

**PETER M'INTYRE TO BUILD 400 TON SCHR. AT MOSS GLEN YARDS**

**Merritt's Shipyards to be Scene of Revival of Shipbuilding.**  
**Work Already Underway and Will be Rushed to Completion.**

Merritt's shipyard at Moss Glen, Kings county, which for years has been deserted from a shipping standpoint bids fair to resume its place in the maritime world. Peter McIntyre is laying the bed logs for the construction of a tann schooner, of 400 tons. The shipyard has been leased from J. F. Merritt, who is making preparations for a big cut of lumber at Moss Glen this year.

Mr. Merritt has had broad experience in the building of ocean going vessels, and he is supplying the timber to be used in the construction of the new schooner.

It will be remembered that when New Brunswick was foremost in the construction of vessels the shipyards in Kings county were working day and night and very few months passed that there was not launched a "beauty" for the deep. This is the initial step in the revival of that great industry which twenty-five years ago furnished a large number of men with profitable employment.

It is understood that the work of construction will be carried on with the least possible delay.

**BONAR LAW IS THE BIG FIGURE**

**Capt. Guinness Speaks of Worth of Former N. B. Resident—Fighter and Pusher Takes Place of Obstructionist.**

"The fighters and pushers" have replaced the "wait and see obstructionists" in the British administration. I feel that the change is a most desirable one, and that a more vigorous prosecution of the war will result from the policies of the new government," said Captain the Hon. Rupert Guinness, A. D. C., member for South East Essex, and a leading member of the Unionist forces in the Imperial Parliament, to a Standard reporter at the Royal Hotel yesterday.

"The situation really has changed greatly from what it was seven months ago when I left England for Canada. At that time Asquith was the big figure. He was no doubt an able statesman, but we needed more energetic pushers at the head of affairs in these momentous times. Lloyd George is himself a great worker, and he seems to have gathered about a number of brilliant men whose policy it will be to push the war to a successful issue. Your province gave a fine man to the councils of the Empire in Andrew Bonar Law. He is certainly a big figure, as you say in Canada. In fact he is the best we have in the Unionist party.

"The Tory is to a certain extent a Socialist. He is not afraid of outside interference. He is well represented in the new cabinet. Again Lloyd George has given adequate representation to the important Labor party. The Free Trader seems to have not been included in the slate, but he, too, is not antagonistic to the new cabinet and is willing to give it a fair trial. Sir Edward Carson, as the First Lord of the Admiralty, is a particularly admirable choice.

"There is no doubt that our cause will triumph in the end," said Captain Guinness. "Really I wouldn't care to venture an opinion as to the duration of the war. It will take six months from the beginning of the end to complete it, and the beginning is not here yet. The present peace proposals emanating from Germany seem to me as an indication that she is getting sick of war, that she has practically captured all she thinks she can capture, and that the sooner she makes peace the better. The best answer to the proposals was the advance made by the Allies in the Verdun section.

"Your Canadians are doing truly wonderful work at the front. The tribute paid to them by Admiral Jellicoe a few months ago was well merited and I heartily endorse every word of it."

**NEW PHASE IN MILK QUESTION MAY ARISE AT TO-DAY'S COUNCIL**

**How Far Will Ruling in Sydney Case Apply to St. John**  
**If Local Dealers Declared Themselves Combine They May be Liable to Fine.**

Today is the day on which the milk dealers are supposed to file their answers to the question of the city council in regard to the recent increase in the price of milk. In connection with the increase and the way in which it was brought about the following despatch from Ottawa will be interesting reading:

Ottawa, Dec. 17.

"The milk dealers of Sydney, N. S., have got themselves into a fix. They met recently and decided to raise the price of milk from ten to twelve cents. Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, heard about this and he notified them that if the price was raised they would be liable to criminal action under the new cost of living regulations. "Having met and made the decision they in effect declared themselves to be a combine and if they increased their price they may have to go to jail or pay a fine of \$5,000."

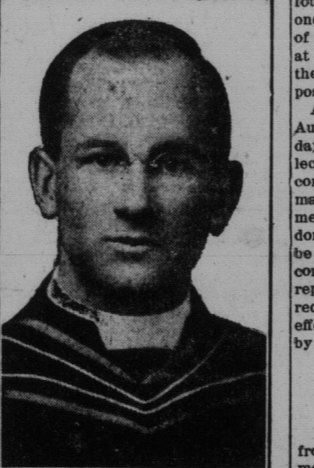
Ten cents is the highest price charged in Nova Scotia for milk.

It will be remembered that before the price of milk in St. John was increased from eight to ten cents per quart, the milk dealers held a meeting in the Palmer building, and there agreed among themselves to raise it. It is interesting to consider whether according to the interpretation of the order in council by Hon. Mr. Crothers, they have made of themselves a combine and are liable to criminal action and subject to a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment.

**INDUCTION OF NEW RECTOR OF ST. MARY'S**

**Bishop Richardson Presided at Ceremony Last Night—Rev. R. Taylor McKim's Appointment Now Complete.**

The induction of Rev. R. Taylor McKim took place last night in St. Mary's church. His Lordship Bishop Richardson officiating. There was a large congregation. Rev. R. P. McKim, of St. Luke's church, North End, was the only other clergyman present at the ceremony. The bishop preached an eloquent sermon, taking as his theme the parable of "The Good Shepherd," and pointing out the



REV. R. TAYLOR MCKIM.

need of earnest and helpful leadership. Special hymns were sung during the evening. The officers of the church were in attendance and David Hipwell, the senior warden, presented the keys to the new rector.

Rev. R. Taylor McKim was appointed unanimously by the congregation of St. Mary's on October 24 last, in place of Ven. Archdeacon W. O. Raymond, who had retired in consequence of ill health. He is a son of Rev. R. P. McKim and was born in Brandon, Manitoba, December 16, 1886. He received his early education partly in the public schools of St. John, including the High school, where he attained distinction in many subjects. Subsequently he took a position in the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, giving efficient service in that institution for about five years. In 1915 he graduated from Wycliffe College, Toronto, afterwards serving for some months at the Church of the Epiphany in that city. He also assisted Rev. C. W. Nichols at Westfield for a short time. On the retirement of Archdeacon Raymond the new rector took up the work in St. Mary's where his zeal and earnestness soon won for him the esteem of the entire congregation.

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.

**STEAMER HAMPSTEAD PARTIALLY BURNED SATURDAY EVENING**

**Upper Works Destroyed and Boiler Thought to be Damaged.**  
**Cause of Fire Unknown—Loss \$2,000, no Insurance—May Not be Repaired.**

The upper works of the steamer Hampstead were destroyed by fire Saturday night and it is thought that the boiler is damaged to some extent. The cause of the fire is unknown as the boat was laid up for the winter.

About 11.30 Saturday night an alarm from Box 123 called out the North End firemen and on arrival at the box they found the fire was on the steamer Hampstead, at Hilyard's wharf. It took fourteen joints of hose to reach from the nearest hydrant to the boat, and by the time the hose was stretched the fire had gained much headway. Before it could be subdued the upper works were about all burned, and the after part of the hull badly gutted. The firemen worked for about one hour and a half before the fire was all out.

Joseph Williams, owner of the boat, did not know of the fire until yesterday morning, and when asked about it could not assign any reason for it, unless some person had broken in and made a fire in the stove in the cabin and gone away and left it burning.

Mr. Williams had no insurance on the boat and estimated his loss at \$2,000. It is not likely the boat will be rebuilt as she would probably require new machinery.

**MAY USE AUTO IN COLLECTION OF CITY MAIL**

**Four Mail Bags Found or Thorne Ave.—Automobile Association Sends Request to Government.**

It is a frequent matter lately to hear of the slack manner in which the mails are handled by the city collectors, and as near as can be learned the old system of collecting the city mail from the boxes, by the use of horse and vehicle, will be done away with by the postal authorities, and an automobile used instead.

Saturday night at 8.30 o'clock County Policeman Saunders found four mail bags on Thorne avenue, and one of the bags contained a number of letters. He left the bags and mail at police headquarters for safety, and they were called for yesterday by a post office official.

At a meeting of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, held on Friday, the 8th inst., the matter of collecting mails was discussed and a communication was sent to the Postmaster-General in Ottawa, recommending that the present system be done away with and that the mails be collected by automobile, under the control of the post office officials. A reply from postal headquarters was received on Friday night last to the effect that the matter of collecting by automobile was being considered.

**PERSONAL.**

Miss Myrtle Burley returned Friday from Montreal, after spending three months as the guest of her brother, Ira D. Burley.

Henry W. Woods, M. L. A. of Welsford, observed the 52nd anniversary of his birth yesterday.

Another well known man who had a birthday yesterday was F. J. G. Knowlton, barrister, of this city. Mr. Knowlton is forty-nine.

Mrs. Hewson, wife of Judge R. W. Hewson, of Moncton, was a guest of the Royal yesterday.

A. C. Selig, E. A. Rellly, J. Reid, J. W. Frazer, J. S. O'Dwyer, G. W. Steeves and W. C. Barnes of Moncton were at the Royal yesterday.

Mrs. E. W. Blair of Woodstock was at the Royal yesterday.

A. E. Hanson and Mrs. Hanson of Fredericton were at the Royal yesterday.

Rev. G. O. Cheese of Oxford, N. S., was a guest of the Royal yesterday. Rev. Mr. Cheese officiated at St. Paul's church.

Mrs. John Esterson left this morning for Lunenburg to attend the funeral of her late brother, Leonard G. Holder.

Miss Marion Jack, of Paris, France, is a guest at the Prince William Hotel.

Mrs. A. H. Merrill has returned to St. John after a month's visit to Boston relatives.

Mrs. J. Barry and Mrs. H. Whalen, of Waterloo street, have left for Boston to spend the winter with friends.

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

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

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Boys' Hockey—Nickel	..... 1.05	Ladies' Hockey, "Glacier"	..... 3.00
Hockey, "Bulldog"	..... 1.25	Ladies' Hockey, "Velo"	..... 6.00
Hockey, "Climax," Plain	..... 1.50	WHELPLEY'S SKATES.	
Hockey, "Climax," Nickel	..... 2.00	Long Reach, Boys'	..... \$1.40
Hockey, "Scandia"	..... 2.50	Long Reach, Men's	..... 2.25
Hockey, "Regal"	..... 5.50	Child's Woodlog, with toe and	
Hockey, "Velo"	..... 6.00	Heel Strap	..... 1.25

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		AUTOMOBILE D	..... \$6.00

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