

Around the City
FAIR AND COOL.

MICHAELMAS.
Yesterday, the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, was observed by the Anglican churches.
LEFT FOR WORCESTER.
Frank Galvin, of the composing room staff of the Times last Saturday for his home in Worcester, Mass.
TO ATTEND MEETINGS.
L. A. Buckley, Maritime boys' secretary, is expected in the city today to attend a series of boys' work meetings at the Y. M. C. A.

ARRIVED IN ENGLAND.
Miss Sarah ...
FROM CHICAGO.
F. Marion Lawrence and E. O. Esel ...

REPORT FOR SERVICE.
The ...
FAIRVALE DONATION.
The Local Red Cross has received ...

UNDER QUARANTINE.
The Commissioners of the Municipal ...

WAS ON MISSISSAUBIE.
Lieut. (Bud) Tippet, who returned ...

A NARROW ESCAPE.
Norman Mott, deckhand on the ...

BEEN REDECORATED.
The large lodge room of the Masonic ...

HIKED TO GREEN HEAD.
A pleasant time was spent Saturday ...

NEW TRIAL TUESDAY.
The new trial granted Robert Kierstead ...

POLICE COURT.
At Saturday's police court one man ...

HE WAS DELAYED.
Because of unavoidable delay in ...

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HERE
A. B. Cook, Dr. J. D. Page and Percy ...

PUTE OVER WATER RATES ON ST. CROIX
New Brunswick and Maine Public Utilities Commissioners ...

The Maine public utilities commission ...

The increase of water rates in the ...

A SKELETON OF MR. JAMES McQUEEN
PRESIDING AT POTATO ENQUIRY

Commissioner Has Been Somewhat Prominent in Both Dominion and Provincial Politics on the Liberal Side in Westmorland County For Years—Has Been Long Closely Associated in Business Affairs With Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines—Has Been Liberal Worker and Delegate To Foster Government Conventions.

The action of Commissioner James McQueen in admitting as evidence in the potato enquiry documents, the inadmissibility of which was clearly pointed out to him by F. R. Taylor, K.C., has been the subject of much comment since Thursday last. The opinion of gentlemen versed in the law is that Mr. Taylor's objection was made on correct grounds and that his withdrawal from the case in protest against what he considered a flagrant violation of the rules of evidence was practically the only course open to him.

The affair has created not a little street talk and much curiosity has been expressed as to the identity of the commissioner who, prior to the opening of the potato enquiry, does not appear to have been widely known in the city or province outside of his own county. For the information of its readers The Standard publishes the following sketch of Commissioner McQueen, covering his professional career and relations with the former federal Liberal party, the present Laurier party and the existing administration at Fredericton.

A Native of Shediac.
James McQueen was born at Shediac Cape, two miles from Shediac town, upwards of sixty years ago, the son of Alexander McQueen, for many years harbor-master of the port of Shediac. He attended the public schools and afterwards prepared himself for the school teaching profession. He abandoned that profession, however, for that of law, and nearly thirty-five years ago entered the law office at Shediac of the late William J. Gilbert, Q.C., at one time a member of the New Brunswick legislature. He continued the study of law for some years, and was admitted to the bar of the province. Upon the death of Mr. Gilbert, over thirty years ago, Mr. McQueen succeeded him in his law practice and has remained in the profession with an office at Shediac ever since.

Soon after Mr. McQueen was admitted to the bar he became the attorney of Edward J. Smith, a leading lumberman and merchant of Shediac, and one time a member of the legislature for Westmorland. Mr. Smith was the leading Liberal of the parish of Shediac and a brother of the late Sir Albert J. Smith, who was a member of the cabinet of the Hon. Alexander MacKenzie, Premier of Canada from 1873 to 1878. Mr. E. J. Smith was the father of Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines in the Foster government.

Business Partner of Dr. E. A. Smith.
Under the terms of the will of the late Mr. E. J. Smith, who died in 1893, Mr. McQueen and Dr. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines in the Foster government, were appointed executors of the extensive estate, which consisted of a mercantile business, lumber lands, mill and much other real estate. The will provided that the executors should carry on the business and extend it. When Dr. E. A. Smith took up the lumber and mercantile business in his own name, Mr. McQueen was his partner.

THE SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS CAUSE SCHOOLS TO CLOSE
Teachers in Province Are Scarce—Some Have Gone West, Others Nursing, While Some Have Married.

A number of school districts in the province are still short of teachers, and in consequence the school houses there are empty. Teachers in New Brunswick are scarce. Some have gone west, some have taken up nursing, and others have married. Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, states that he is endeavoring to work out a plan for giving teachers increased salaries. "It is a difficult thing to reach a conclusion," Dr. Carter says, "as conditions vary according to districts, in regard to valuations and the like, and the willingness of districts to give. The poorer districts are often more generous than the richer ones."

The Nova Scotia plan of increase is based upon the minimum salary average of the last five years. This plan will bear somewhat heavily upon the poorer districts, which have responded generously. It would seem to be a fairer proposition to base the minimum salaries upon the valuation of districts. There should be, in Dr. Carter's opinion, larger school units. Instead of the present sized school districts there should be, said he, districts taking in a whole parish, even a whole county. This would, he thinks, equalize the assessment. At present there

are districts assessing three dollars on the hundred for school purposes, while in other districts in the same county the assessment is only fifteen cents on the hundred.

THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS
HERE YESTERDAY

Hon. Samuel W. McCall En Route To Halifax—Will Deliver Address on Duties of Citizenship—This Afternoon.

Hon. Samuel W. McCall, of Worcester, Mass., governor of Massachusetts, was in St. John for a short time early yesterday morning, on his way to Halifax, where he is to deliver an address on the duties of citizenship this afternoon. Gov. McCall will open the series of lectures to be given at Dalhousie University, under the auspices of the Department of Government and Political Science, founded by Senator Dennis, in memory of his son, Lieut. Eric Dennis, who was killed at the taking of Vimy Ridge.

Gov. McCall was invited to speak by Lieut. Gov. Grant, as a mark of appreciation for the aid furnished by the governor and people of Massachusetts at the time of the great Halifax disaster last December.

Gov. McCall is grateful to Halifax for sending him a dozen nurses to Boston to assist in grappling with the terrible Spanish influenza epidemic which is causing havoc in that state. The Brockton fair has been called off, the Republican State Convention postponed two weeks to Oct. 19, and other conventions deferred because of the influenza. Theatres, schools and churches have been closed in many places. The hospitals are badly crippled by the illness of nurses and physicians, some of whom have died, and much outside aid has been necessary. Many of the nurses in Massachusetts hospitals, and many outside of the institutions are young women from the provinces—than whom there are no better guardians of the sick. The family of Gov. McCall is related to that of Thomas W. Lawson, by marriage. Mr. McCall served many years in Congress and took a leading part in national legislation.

RALPH C. GALE
DIED IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP

Young's Cove Hero Died of Lung Trouble in Munster, Germany, July 29—Taken Prisoner in June, 1915.

George H. Gale, of Young's Cove, Queens County, yesterday received official notification that his son, Ralph C. Gale, had died, from lung trouble, at the prison camp, Munster, Germany, on July 29, 1918. Private Gale enlisted with the 6th C. M. R. in June, 1915, and at the third battle of Ypres, was taken prisoner on July 3, 1916, since which time he has been at the prison camp. One brother, Captain John R. Gale, enlisted with the 64th Battalion, and was later transferred to the Nova Scotia battalion. Capt. Gale is now in England, convalescing from a wound received in action.

MASS MEETING
IN FAIRVILLE

Large Attendance in Fairville Baptist Church Last Evening—The First of a Series.

The first of a series of monthly mass meetings was held last night of the men of the Fairville Baptist church at the conclusion of the evening service. The purpose of the meeting last night was to launch a campaign amongst the church people for funds to carry on the church work. During the service, an pastor made a stirring appeal to the men to put their shoulders to the wheel and carry the campaign to a successful conclusion. It is the hope of the Victory Loan Committee that the interest thus awakened in the pupil will be communicated to the parent to the mutual benefit of all. The committee has been informed that the Dominion Executive propose inaugurating an Essay-Competition in connection with the Victory Loan for which prizes will be awarded in each school compete. Full particulars will be furnished you when the necessary arrangements have been completed.

ENLIST THE AID OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

It has been decided by those in charge of the Victory Loan campaign to enlist the aid of the school children and the following letter has been sent to the principal of each school: St. John, N. S., Sept. 26, 1918. To the Principal of City Schools, Gentlemen—The Victory Loan Committee of the City and County of St. John, desirous of enlisting your sympathy and energetic co-operation in the Victory Loan Campaign, which opens on Monday, October 28, would respectfully request that during the two weeks between October 14 and 28 you seek frequent opportunities through your teaching staffs to have talks with your pupils as to the intent and meaning of the Victory Loan and inform them as to the varied uses to which the money so raised will be applied. It is the hope of the Victory Loan Committee that the interest thus awakened in the pupil will be communicated to the parent to the mutual benefit of all. The committee has been informed that the Dominion Executive propose inaugurating an Essay-Competition in connection with the Victory Loan for which prizes will be awarded in each school compete. Full particulars will be furnished you when the necessary arrangements have been completed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD YESTERDAY

St. Mary's Church Crowded Last Evening By Relatives and Friends of Privates John Patterson and Wm. McKenzie.

A memorial service was held last night at St. Mary's Church, for Privates John Patterson and William McKenzie. This church has on its honor roll one hundred and twenty-five names, and of this number twenty-four have given their lives and lie buried in France. The church was crowded, and many friends and relatives of the two, in whose honor the service was held, were present. The Rev. R. Taylor McKim, spoke on the lives of the two heroes who had given their all for the cause, and appealed to the congregation to pray more for those who today were bearing the brunt of this war. He asked what we at home were doing for the cause, and for those who were sleeping in the Canadian cemeteries, "somewhere in France." At the close of the service, Miss Marjorie Lane sang an appropriate solo. The Dead March in Saul was played by Miss Lillian Bromfield, and the Last Post was sounded by Pte. Swaford.

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Autumn's early nightfall suggests the convenience and comfort of Electric Reading Lamps which bring so the needed air of brightness and just the required touch of color.
Our large, comprehensive showing of Electric Reading Lamps embraces the most pleasing effects in dull brass finish with art glass shades, also mahogany with silk shades.
Floor Lamps of mahogany with silk shades, Boudoir Lamps, Banquet Lamps and Desk Lamps are equally prominent in our
ELECTRIC LAMP SECTION—KING STREET STORE
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On Sale Today at Less Than Wholesale Price
We purchased an extra large number of these Hats from a manufacturer, which enables us to sell them at the unheard of low price of \$3.00 each
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Ash Sifters and Ash Barrels
The Success Ash Sifter will pay for itself in a single season.
Saves You Coal, Time and Labor.
Fits over top of ordinary wood or galvanized ash barrel.
Success Ash Sifters All Steel Ash Sifters
Metallic and Reacon Ash Sifters
Galvanized Ash Barrels, Coal Hods, Canvas Gloves, etc.
Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

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NOW BEING SHOWN IN WHITEWEAR DEPARTMENT
New wool "Hug-mettes," hand crochet and knitted, also knitted Jackets with sleeves, White with Sky, Pink and Heliotrope, Black and Purple. \$2.50, \$3.10, \$3.50
Children's White Velvet Corduroy Coats, very stylish \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.00
Cashmere Serge Coats \$3.75, \$7.00
Infants' Cape in White Velvet Corduroy with hood \$3.25
Infants' Silk Puffs \$1.60, \$1.90
With Dresden Silk Centers \$2.25
Infants' Long Jap Silk Kimonos \$2.25
Short Matinee \$1.60, \$1.90, \$2.75
Baby Bunting Carriage Robes, Pale Blue, Pink and White \$2.65, \$3.00
Ladies' Fleece Lined Black Satteen Bloomers, \$1.80 pair; White Stockette Bloomers, \$1.00; Blue Stockette Bloomers, 95c.
The Most Desirable Weights and Qualities At Extra Good Values
MEN'S FURNISHINGS.
LADIES' SILK SCARFS
Heather Stripes \$6.75 each
Roman Stripes \$4.25, \$5.75, \$8.25
Soft Colors \$3.00, \$2.50 each
Soft Colors with Fancy Colored Ends \$4.50 each
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LADIES' WINDSOR TIES, all colors.
Messaline Silk 40c. each
Crepe de Chine 75c. each
MIDDY TIES—
Hemstitched Ends, Standard Colors 75c. each
ANNEX
Manchester Robertson Allison Limited
KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

HAS A BARGAIN DAY.
A novel and enterprising advertising "stunt," new to St. John at least, was that displayed in the window of a popular tinsorial artist on Saturday afternoon in the form of a card which read: hair cuts, 23 cents; shaves, 13 cents. There were several callers looking for the cut prices before the barber learned that the card was in the window and some joker had put one over on him.
Yours very truly,
VICTORY LOAN COMMITTEE.
CANADIAN RED CROSS
Local Branch
Next Meeting
Oct. 4th, Friday 2.30 p.m.
St. John Church Schoolroom.
viewing this handsome setting, which we deem worthy of a special visit.
St. John Business College
Classes will open next Wednesday evening. See advertisement on editorial page.
WEARING A SMILE.
Thomas A. Barrett, of East St. John, was wearing a happy smile and receiving congratulations yesterday on the event of his becoming the father of twins—a healthy boy and girl, born Saturday evening in the St. John Hospital.