

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair and cold.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Thursday and Friday; fresh west winds.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion, with the exception of a few snow flurries in Ontario and Quebec. In the west the cold is moderating.

Temperatures.

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	32	36
Vancouver	24	34
Battleford	10	22
Prince Albert	8	20
Calgary	8	20
Moose Jaw	8	20
Winnipeg	14	18
Parry Sound	0	16
London	12	16
Toronto	12	21
Ottawa	14	21
Montreal	2	13
Quebec	10	20
St. John	8	20
Halifax	8	24

—Below zero.

Around the City

Glass Broken
The glass in the fire alarm box at 63 Erin street is reported, by the police, to have been broken.

Chimney May Fall
Patrolman Sullivan reports that a chimney in the house at 168 Union street is in a dangerous condition and is liable to fall.

Warrant For Assault
Kenneth Hamilton was arrested on a warrant yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Clarke of the West Side and is charged with assault.

Absent Without Leave
Yesterday afternoon a sailor was given in charge of Sergt. Baxter by Captain F. Foyson of the bark Pestozoff on the charge of absenting himself from the vessel without leave he being an article seaman.

Found By Police
The police report the finding of a case, the property of Fleischman Yeast Company, on Princess street. It awaits the owner at the Central Station. A pair of mittens found on the north side of the King Square is also at Central Station.

County Hospital
The St. John County Hospital Board of Directors met yesterday afternoon in the office of J. King Kelley, K. C., when W. F. Burditt was asked to make suggestions in regard to the planning of the grounds about the new hospital. Thomas Irwin was appointed inspector of the installation of the heating apparatus. The building is well advanced and it is expected to have the heating system ready for use at the end of January.

Prentice Boys
Union Jack Lodge No. 35, P. A. P. E. met last evening in Orange Hall, Union street, when I. E. Rolston, worshipful master of the West Side lodge, installed officers as follows: P. M.—E. H. Morrill; W. M.—George Earle; Inside Tyler—S. Nesbitt, outside Tyler—T. Morrill; Lecturer—J. Oram; D. of C.—D. Nelson; F. of C.—R. Chambers; Committee—T. Snyder, W. H. Blair, T. E. Donnet, R. Goodrich. The lodge will attend Zion church Sunday afternoon.

M. R. A. 9 TO 12 O'CLOCK SALES FOR THIS MORNING.

For this morning shoppers there will be saving opportunities in three different departments of things that may be used suitably as Christmas gifts. These offerings will be available only until noon, after that the regular prices will prevail.

In the Clothing Department there will be boys' sweaters and fancy overcoats for ages from 2 to 16 years, \$3.25 to \$8.50 garments, at from \$3.20 to \$6.40.

In the Costume Section, ladies' new winter coats, \$12.75 to \$18.75 garments at from \$6.75 to \$8.75. Also evening coats at \$7.50, which is less than half price.

In Men's Furnishings Department, shirts, motor scarfs, silk mufflers, Irish linen handkerchiefs, umbrellas, hair and cloth brushes, tan mocha gloves, underwear, cuff links, scarf pin sets, etc., at liberal reductions for the morning hours.

All of these sales positively end at noon, so come early if you intend to take advantage of the bargains.

A Nice Present for a Lady.
The new military style dresses have been received at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. A firm in Toronto made a lot of these dresses up to send out as samples, and then discovered that they could not get any more material, so they sold them at a third less than the regular price, and you can buy them at the same big discount for Christmas presents; that is an \$11.00 dress can be bought for \$6.75, or a \$10.00 dress for \$6.25. These are handsome models and are something entirely new.

The cloth and dress goods department at their store is offering some great bargains in coat and dress lengths at very special prices.

M. R. A. STORES NOT OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

Shoppers are advised that M. R. A. stores will not be open after six o'clock any evening this week with the exception of Saturday night as usual. But next week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights all M. R. A. stores will be open until 10 o'clock.

BARGAINS IN DOLLS AT M. R. A.'S.

Mothers will now have a chance to get the kiddie dollies for Christmas and save some money if they will come to the Millinery Salon this morning.

In dressed dolls there will be two special prices of 25c and 50c, and in undressed dolls every one remaining will be offered at reduced prices. Come promptly for them.

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"I was really surprised at the excellence of the material," he added. "The young men from New Brunswick who have enlisted for the second contingent have the right spirit in them. They realize that they are not going on a twelve day's jaunt. They take the matter seriously and know they are going to war."

"I inspected the 26th Battalion and I was much pleased with their appearance. Of course they are a little raw. Some of the men do not know how to wear their belts yet, but that is a detail—something they have to learn. They did not all slope arms at the proper angle, but considering some companies were only served with rifles three days ago, they did remarkably well. In a few weeks they will be just as fine a battalion as you can find anywhere."

"What about the arrangements for the accommodation of the men here—did you find them satisfactory?"

"Everything is of course new, I was well satisfied, and think the officers here have done well, everything considered," said the Major General. "I inspected the artillery on the island, and the Army Service Corps."

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As far as the training of cadets went he felt that even if no war ever took place that some good had been accomplished if the boys had been only taught to hold their heads erect on their shoulders.

Backed By All
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Those who had foreseen the present conflict and had made preparation to some extent for it had been called all sorts of names by the people but for his part he did not regret one dollar of the money spent on the militia of Canada.

When the present conflict started England was unprepared, France was unprepared, Russia was unprepared and Belgium was unprepared. But England and France would be ready in the spring and then they would turn the tide against the Germans. The ambition of the autocratic ruler would be stopped at the proper time.

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General Hughes then told of the raising of the first contingent and its equipment all within the space of six weeks. Thirty-three thousand fighting men were enlisted, equipped and trained and embarked for England in that time.

In England the Canadians had acquitted themselves well. On review the men presented a fine appearance and Lord Roberts when he saw the Canadian Highland regiment marching into place asked if they were regulars or members of the Canadian militia. The marksmanship of these thirty-three thousand was remarkable. At the targets the whole body had made a percentage of 87 which placed them as the best shooting men in the world today.

At present there were 90,000 troops being mobilized in Canada to help to keep the old flag flying for liberty. Many a poor boy would go down but it would be in a good cause and his memory would be kept green in the hearts of all Canadians for years to come. Those who got through and there would be tens of thousands of these would take part in the greatest triumph the world has ever seen.

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Tribute to British Soldier.
He paid a glowing tribute to the excellent qualities of the British soldier, and especially the fine work done by them in the present war. It had been said that the British were decadent but never before had the British troops stood up under such fearful odds. They had stood up against ten times their number and although many fell still the British trimmed the Germans everywhere.

General Hughes then recited Bayard Taylor's famous poem connected with an incident in the Crimean War. The City of St. John had done itself honor in connection with the raising of troops. A splendid lot of officers had been selected and the men were also especially good.

Some might take a little liquor, but he felt that when they became more accustomed to the conditions that they would no longer be addicted to this habit.

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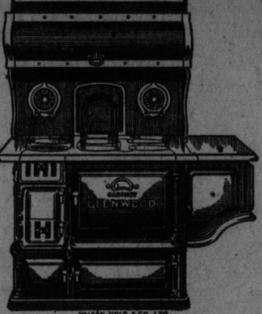
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9 to 12 O'clock Sales in Three Departments FOR THIS MORNING

9 TO 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Boys' Overcoats

A Christmas Gift to the boy of a warm Overcoat. What could be more sensible or practical? This before noon sale will give you a chance to purchase boys' overcoats, the reliable, fashionable M. R. A. kind at considerable reductions. The sale prices hold good remember, only until noon, no longer.

Boys' Regular and Fancy Overcoats, Ages 2 to 16 years.

\$3.50 and \$3.75 Overcoats. Morning Sale price, each	\$3.20
4.00 to 4.50 Overcoats. Morning Sale price, each	\$3.65
5.00 to 5.50 Overcoats. Morning Sale price, each	\$4.40
6.00 to 6.50 Overcoats. Morning Sale price, each	\$5.25
7.25 to 7.50 Overcoats. Morning Sale price, each	\$6.20
8.00 to 8.50 Overcoats. Morning Sale price, each	\$6.40

BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

9 TO 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Ladies' Coats

Ladies' Coats—Your choice of fifty new Winter Coats in the latest styles and cloths. Regular \$12.75 to \$18.75 garments. Morning sale prices, each from

\$6.75 to \$9.75

Ladies' Evening Coats—52 to 54 inches long. Broadcloths in fawn, drab, hello, grey. Offered at less than half price. Morning sale price, each

\$7.75

9 TO 12 O'CLOCK Sale of Men's Furnishings

CUFF LINKS AND SCARF PIN SETS. Morning sale price	50c. and 75c.
SOFT CUFF LINKS—Half price during this sale. Pair	75c.
EBONY MILITARY HAIR BRUSHES AND CLOTH BRUSH SETS Morning sale price	\$2.50
UMBRELLAS—English made, fine silk mixed coverings, plain unmounted handles. Bargains at morning sale prices. Each	\$2.00 and \$3.50
BOYS' SWEATERS—Cost style with high collars. In grey and brown. Morning sale price, each	\$1.25
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