

**THE WEATHER.**

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds; fair and decidedly colder.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Forecaster Northern New England—Generally fair and continued cold Thursday and Friday; winds, North Atlantic, moderate to fresh west.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Fair, decidedly cold weather prevails in all localities, except that a few light local snowfalls or flurries have taken place chiefly over the Great Lakes.

**Temperatures.**

Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	40 46
Vancouver	40 42
Kamloops	38 42
Edmonton	32 40
Battleford	28 36
Prince Albert	24 30
Calgary	20 26
Medicine Hat	12 18
Moose Jaw	8 14
Winnipeg	4 10
Port Arthur	0 6
Parry Sound	-4 0
London	-8 0
Toronto	-8 0
Ottawa	-8 0
Montreal	-14 0
Quebec	-14 0
St. John	0 6
Halifax	2 16

—Below zero.

**Around the City**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION**

W. B. Tennant, Chairman.  
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G. Earle Logan, Secretary.  
Phone Main 1200.

**McMILAN'S STORE.**  
will be open every evening until Christmas. Largest stock of Christmas Booklets, Patriotic Souvenirs and Calendars in the city. All prices.

**Temple Band Entertainment.**  
The entertainment held by the Temple of Honor band on Tuesday evening was held, not in the school room of the church in Victoria street, as was stated, but in the room of the band in the same street.

**Let Him Come.**  
Wilfred Swindells of Mozart, Sask., has written to secretary of the Farm Settlement Board expressing his desire for life in the west, and asking for information about the possibilities of a farmer taking up land in New Brunswick.

**Gift to Soldier.**  
A very interesting function was carried out at the Park Hotel the other evening, when a number of friends presented a wrist watch to "Tommy" Corham, of Douglas avenue, who has enlisted with the 26th Overseas Battalion.

**Service Postponed.**  
Owing to the fact that a large number of the men of the 26th Battalion have left, or will be leaving the city for the Christmas holiday the special service intended to have been held in St. John's (Stone) church next Sunday morning has been postponed until Sunday, January 3.

**Home Guards.**  
Sergeant W. Lawrence was presented with a twenty dollar gold piece by L. P. D. Tilley on behalf of the members of No. 1 Company of Home Guards. The sergeant thanked the officers and members of the Home Guards for their generous gift and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Wins Fine Doll.**  
The lucky number which won the prize for the very handsome baby doll so kindly donated by Mrs. W. Yassie for the Belgium fund was No. 109, Miss Nellie Stanton, 6 Peters wharf. The donor wishes to thank Messrs. Macanlay Bros. & Co. for their kindness in exhibiting and selling tickets for same.

**Woodstock Electric Light.**  
The application of the Electric Light Company of the Town of Woodstock for permission to make a minimum charge rate per month of 75 cents for electric lighting, was presented before the Public Utilities Commission yesterday at the meeting here. Another meeting will be held at which arguments in favor and against the application will be received. Other business of a routine nature was transacted.

**Increased Population.**  
Although the outbreak of the war stopped immigration to this province it is interesting to note that the superintendent of immigration has figured that about 1,500 people came through his office to the province, and that if these people brought out their families as usually 2,000 or 3,000 people were added to the population. Many men who were brought out in the spring sent for and had their families brought here without the knowledge of the immigration officials.

**Wins the Furs.**  
The drawing for the set of furs presented by the Allies' Aid took place last night at the Sign of the Lantern. The winner was Mrs. William Warwick, who held ticket number 46. The Aids have been promised generous support for their dance to be held at the new C. P. R. building, King street, on Tuesday night next, and it is hoped that the sum necessary to make up \$1,000 for distribution in cash to the wounded allies will then be forthcoming.

**Band at Queen's Rink Christmas afternoon and evening.**

**NO STANDARD CHRISTMAS DAY.**

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, the Standard will not be published.

**MR. BAXTER SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE COUNTY GIRLS MARKETS THE PROMISION**

**No opposition will be offered to the new Attorney-General, who goes back to the Cabinet as the unanimous choice of the voters of St. John.**

Owing to the fine record of Hon. J. B. Baxter, and the fact that the people of St. John county, irrespective of political affiliations, were united in his support, the opposition at the convention in the Every Day Club hall Union street yesterday afternoon decided to place no candidate in the field against him. It seemed to be the feeling of those present that Mr. Baxter could not be beaten, and while some in the hall were in favor of an election the better element advised that no candidate be put up.

There were about forty persons at the convention, but it was said that only about two dozen were delegates from the county. At first some of the people present thought a candidate should be put up even in the face of sure defeat, but it was pointed out by others that there was absolutely nothing to be gained by the contest, and that Mr. Baxter, as a member of the government, could continue his work for this constituency and the province in general.

F. V. Hamm was selected as chairman of the meeting and he called those present to order shortly after two o'clock. After a brief discussion it was decided that no election be held, and a resolution to this effect was introduced by which it was resolved that on account of the present abnormal conditions it would not be expedient to have an election at this time.

Hon. C. W. Robinson was present, and he, with E. S. Carter, addressed the meeting. Others also spoke.

After the St. John county by-election had been settled the delegates decided to select candidates to contest the county at the next provincial election and it was decided that W.

**THE SALVATION ARMY ENTERTAINS CHILDREN**

**Plans to give Sunday School children good time on Christmas night.**

The entertainment to be given to the Sunday school children of the different corps of the Salvation Army in the city will, it is expected, be greatly appreciated by the scores of young people who have been promised a good time at the citadel in Charlotte street on Christmas night. The doors will be thrown open at seven o'clock and Santa Claus, beard, smile and all, will be there to give a welcome. The programme of amusements includes lantern views to be explained in simple language, so that the youngest can understand. There will be plenty of candies, oranges, nuts, cake and other things that will be sure to delight the hearts of the little ones; and, of course, there will be a Christmas tree with a lot of things suspended from its branches that will be taken down in due course and distributed amongst those present in good time to enable them to get home, before it is very late, tired perhaps, but happier.

**SCOTTISH MONARCH HAD TO PUT TO SEA FROM SEAL ISLAND TO AVOID DESTRUCTION.**

The steamship Scottish Monarch, chartered by the Allan Line for the London-St. John route, arrived in port yesterday afternoon about two o'clock and docked at No. 6 berth, West End. The steamship had one of the worst voyages across the Atlantic that her officers had ever experienced. The ship steamed from London with about 400 tons of general cargo on December 17th. Practically flying light she was easy prey for the heavy westerly gales and head seas. Gale after gale encountered almost the entire voyage and many days the ship made but little progress against the elements. Although she was battered about by the storm there was no real damage up to the ship reached Seal Island. Here she was brought to anchor on Monday night last. There was a heavy gale and sea and finally the ship's windlass was broken and she lost an anchor about one hundred and thirty fathoms of chain. There was nothing to do but to steam out to sea and thus save the ship from destruction. On Tuesday night the ship came up to the bay and was looking for a pilot but being unable to locate one she was obliged to steam out in the bay again and finally was able to come in to port yesterday afternoon. The ship will load general cargo for London and it is expected will leave port in a few days with a full freight.

**NEIL J. MORRISON BAOLY HURT**

**Struck by Street Car he receives injuries in Prince William Street—Much sympathy expressed.**

Yesterday afternoon, at about 5:50 o'clock, Neil J. Morrison, engineer and caretaker of the Customs House, was struck by the fender of a street car near the Globe office in Prince William street. It is assumed that he was going round the pile of stone and refuse from the excavation just outside the Globe premises, on his way from the post office to the Customs building, when he was unfortunately thrown to the ground and sustained bad injuries. W. C. Jordan assisted Mr. Morrison to his rooms, after which Dr. J. W. Daniel was telephoned for and rendered the necessary surgical assistance. It was found that he had sustained a broken collar-bone, and injuries to the head and arms. It is thought that as a result of the accident Mr. Morrison will be incapacitated for work for some weeks. Many friends will sympathize with him in his misfortune.

**ASSOCIATED CHARITIES**

**Secretary reports fine response to appeal for Christmas aid.**

Miss Grace Robertson, secretary of the Associated Charities, reports that a hearty response has been made during the past few days to the calls made on behalf of the poorer people of the city. Assistance has been given to many families whose circumstances had been brought to notice. Miss Robertson says that as a result of enquiries made by the association it has been found that many people are out of work just now, although conditions in this respect do not compare unfavorably with those of last year. "The help given by the public for brightening the Christmas period has been most gratifying," said Miss Robertson last night.

**PERSONAL**

Fred Payne of Lincoln, N. B., and formerly a St. John newspaper man, is in the city to spend Christmas.

E. J. Foulds, manager of the New Zealand Shipping Company, left for Montreal yesterday.

Many will be sorry to hear that Walter H. Golding is confined to the house through indisposition.

Miss Alice Reade has gone to Halifax to spend the winter.

**WILL HOLD A RALLY.**

There will be a grand rally of Hon. Mr. Baxter's friends and supporters in Beaconsfield at the Local Government Committee Rooms, 19 Dufferin Row, on Monday evening. Addresses will be delivered by Hon. Mr. Baxter, Hon. John E. Wilson, C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A., and others.

Misses Anna, Mary and Charlotte, all living at home. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. from Westmorland Road.

**BEACONSFIELD.**

The Local Government Committee rooms, 19 Dufferin Row will be closed tonight, Christmas night and Saturday night, re-opening on Monday night. All friends and supporters of Hon. Mr. Baxter are invited to attend Monday evening.

H. COLBY SMITH, Chairman.

Band at Queen's Rink Christmas afternoon and evening.

**SIMONDS NO. 3.**

The Local Government Supporters of Simonds No. 3, will meet at May, all's on Wednesday next at 8 p. m. G. Fred Stephenson, Chairman.

**PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.**

**Gifts for the Athletic Lad**

Good, healthy exercise is the making of the boy or girl of any age, and presents that make for vigorous, robust bodies are both practical and sensible.

Here are a few suggestions, but call at our Sporting Department and let us help you make selections:

Dumb Bells, 30 to 80 cents the pair.  
Indian Clubs, 50 cents to \$1.35 the pair.  
Punching Bags, \$1.95 to \$9.00 each.  
Punching Bags, with Platforms, \$11.50 each.  
Boxing Gloves, \$2.15, \$2.70, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.80, \$5.00, and \$5.50 the pair.  
Exercisers, light, \$2.00; heavy, \$2.50 each.

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Boudoir Caps, Nainsook Night Dresses, Skirts, etc., Kimonos Dressing Jackets, Silk Bloomers, Ladies' Flannellette Night Dresses, Ladies' Combinations (lace and ribbon trimmed), Ladies' Silk Vests, embroidered tops, Black Wool Tights in navy and pale blue, Silk Tights in black and white, Ladies' Dressing Jackets, Ladies' Wool Kimonos, in crepe and silk, Lawn and Muslin Aprons, Corsets, Fancy Silk Suspender, Brassieres, trimmed and untrimmed, Children's Flannellette Slips, Night Dresses and Drawers, Baskets, Infants' Bootees, Infants' Cashmere, Hamper, Infants' Robes and Long Coats, in white and cream, Infants' Wool Jackets, Infants' Carriage Robes, mere Jackets, Infants' Wool, Infants' Ribbon-bound Blankets, Hand-made Crocheted Wool, Infants' Quilted Silk Kimonos, Infants' Kid Slippers, Infants' Hand-made Moccasins, Infants' Bibs, Infants' Feeders, Novelties of every description for the baby.

**Gifts in Costume Section**

Ladies' and Children's Sweaters, Ladies' Silk and Satin Underskirts, Ladies' Mirette and Sateen Underskirts, Ladies' and Children's Coats, Ladies' and Children's Veilour and Quilted Silk Bath Robes, Ladies' Jaeger Vests, Ladies' Silk Scarfs, Ladies' House Dresses, Ladies' Afternoon and Evening Dresses Ladies' Tunics and Silk Slips, Ladies' Street Dresses, Children's Black, White and Navy Clouds, Ladies' and Children's Raincoats, Ladies' Evening Wraps, Ladies' and Boys' Costumes, Ladies' Wool Shawls, Costumes, Ladies' description for the baby.

**CHRISTMAS LINENS**

Satin Damask Dinner Cloths, all sizes, with Napkins to match; Irish Hand-embroidered Linens, Japanese Hand-drawn Work, Hemstitched and Embroidered Table Sets, Embroidered Linen Pillow Cases, Hemstitched Table Cloths with Napkins to match; Damask Embroidered and Fancy Towels, Cases, Hemstitched Table Cloths in Embroidered and Hand-drawn Work, Plain Hemstitched Linen Damask Lunch Cloths, for home embroidering, Embroidered and Hand-drawn Bedspreads, Bedspreads in every suitable size, for home embroidering, Embroidered and Hand-drawn Bedspreads, Bedspreads in Satin finish and honeycomb effect, Satin Damask Dinner Cloths in all sizes, with Napkins to match.

**A FEW HUNDREDS OF FURNITURE GIFT HINTS AT THE MARKET SQUARE STORE.**

Hall Glasses in Oak, all finishes; Brass Beds, bright and dull finish; Costumers or Pole Racks, Handsome Hall Chairs, Regulation Card Tables, Medicine Wall Cabinets, Exquisite China Closets, Handmade Buffets, Extension Tables, Dining Room Chairs, Rockers for all rooms, Rattan Tables, Work Stands, Morris Chairs, Chiffoniers in white enamel, Prairie Grass Arm Chairs and Rockers, Parlor Suites, Patent Morris Chairs, Odd Parlor Chairs, Odd Divans and Sofas, Over Mantel Mirrors, Chiffoniers in all oak finishes, Library Tables, Secretaries' Secretary Book Cases, Chairs, Couches, Willow Easy Chairs, Quartered Oak Dressing Tables, Parlor Tables in Solid Mahogany, Music Cabinets, Tabourettes, Parlor Tables, Parlor Tables in Solid Mahogany, Plate Racks, Adjustable Shaving Mirrors, Scrap Baskets, Umbrella Stands, Folding Card Tables, Writing Tables, Sectional Book Cases, Diner Gongs, Fern Stands, Mahogany Serving Trays, Tea Tables in Rattan, Tea Tables in Mahogany, Desk Chairs, Smokers' Cabinets, Cellarettes, Hassocks, Men's Foot Rests, Christmas Tree Holders, Mahogany Stands, M. R. A. High Grade Sewing Machines, Kitchen Cabinets, Gramophone Cabinets, Bedroom Box Seats, Bathroom Mirrors, Mahogany and Rattan Curates, Duet Benches, Piano Stools, Piano Chairs, Sofa Beds, Dining Room Side Tables, Plant Stands, Dressing Tables, Dressing Table Stools, Wire Seat Divans, Leather Easy Chairs, Revolving Office Chairs, Students' Chairs.

**PLAYTHING GIFTS FOR KIDDIES**

Children's Swings, Baby Walkers, Dolls' Go-Carts, Boys' Wheel Barrows, Infants' Folding Bath Tubs, Children's High-Chairs, Kinderarten Chairs, Girls' Framers, Rowing Wagons, Dolls' Brass Beds, Children's Rockers, Dolls' White Enamel Beds, Manual Training Work Benches, Dolls' Sleighs, Baby's Sleighs, Speedway Sleds, Kinderarten Tables, Dolls' Carriages, English pattern with leather hood; Dolls' Carriages with hoods and rubber tired wheels; Dolls' Sulkies, Boys' Sleds and "Fidgets"; Children's Combination High Chair and Carriage, Children's Rocking Chairs in hardwood and rattan; Children's Stationary and Folding Tables; Kinderarten Chair to match tables; Children's Desk with Children's High Chair and Carriage, Children's Rocking Chairs in hardwood and rattan; Children's High Chairs all with trays in front, Children's "Shoe Fly" Rocking Horses, Flexible Framers, the nicest sleds for boys or girls; Child's Table and Two Chairs in Japanese Copper finished steel; Boys' Clipper Sleds, Boys' Automobiles, Children's Nursery Chairs, Children's Rattan Rockers, Children's Rattan Chairs, Children's Revolving Chairs to suit small desks.

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