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WEATHER—FAIR

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NOTABLE VICTORY WON BY THE FRENCH; MEMBER OF THE BRITISH WAR CABINET TELLS HOW GERMANY CAN OBTAIN PEACE

GERMANS SWEEP OFF THEIR FEET

Valiant Armies of France in Swift Advance North of Douaumont Capture Villages, Trenches, 7500 Prisoners and Large Quantity of Artillery Pieces and Other War Material.

BRITISH REPEL ENEMY ATTACK NEAR LESBOEUF AND ENTER GERMAN TRENCHES SOUTH OF ARMENTIERES—BRITISH ROUT TURKS NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Paris, Dec. 15, via London.—The French troops, in an advance today north of Douaumont, and between the Meuse and Woivre rivers, captured more than 7,500 prisoners and several heavy guns, according to the French official communication issued this evening. The advance was over a front of ten kilometres and a depth of three kilometres.

The statement says: "After several days of artillery preparation we attacked the enemy to the north of Douaumont, between the Meuse and the Woivre, on a front of more than ten kilometres. The attack started at ten o'clock. "The enemy's front broke down everywhere to a depth of about three kilometres.

Villages Captured. "Besides numerous trenches we captured the villages of Vacherauville and Louvemont, the farms of Chambrettes and the fortified works of Hardaumont and Bezon-Vaux.

"We have taken a great many prisoners, whose exact number has not yet been determined. Seven thousand five hundred of them, including two hundred officers, already have been passed through our commandant's posts.

"We have taken or destroyed numerous pieces of heavy and field artillery and also a considerable quantity of material.

Aviators Active. "Notwithstanding unfavorable weather conditions our aviators took a brilliant part in the fighting. Our

WILSON WILL PASS ALONG PEACE OFFER WITHOUT COMMENT

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Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson has decided that the notes of the Central Powers proposing a discussion of peace to the Entente Allies, will be sent forward by the American government, acting as intermediary, without any accompanying mediation offer of its own. He has not determined whether any action in behalf of peace will be taken later by the United States on its own account, but is holding himself in readiness to serve, in any way possible, toward bringing the warring quarters to the White House it was learned that some word indicating the official attitude of the Entente Allies towards the peace proposal is being awaited with the deepest interest by the American govern-

ment. The president will not consider injecting the United States into the situation until he is thoroughly familiar with all its phases.

Switzerland's Action. Switzerland's action in handing the German note to Italy without comment, as announced in the Italian parliament by Foreign Minister Sonnino, was noted here with interest.

Definite indication of the attitude of the Entente Allies is expected in the speech of David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, next Tuesday. Meanwhile the authorized statement of the German embassy here, that partial disarmament will be one of the subjects taken up at any peace conference, is being discussed generally in official and diplomatic circles.

at men, rather than at the map, and he concludes: "Because we earnestly long and pray for peace we intend to press this blood-red path of war for months or years until the Germans are ready to accept a just and honorable peace offered by the Allies."

CHRISTMAS LEAVE FOR
CANADIANS IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 15.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Regulations for Christmas leave for the Canadians in England, as at present proposed, provide for five per cent. of the men in the training camps, with no leave to any battalion Dec. 22 and 23, but it is now understood that this proposal will be modified so as to allow the same privileges as last year.

WAR LORD OF EUROPE IS WRATHY

Kaiser William Declares Judgment of God Fell Upon Roumania.—Willing to Continue War if—

London, Dec. 15.—"Confident that we are completely the victors, I yesterday made a proposal to the enemy to discuss the question of further war or peace," said the German Emperor, in addressing the troops in Alsace, according to a despatch published in the Cologne Gazette, says a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam.

"What will come of it, I don't yet know," the Emperor is reported to have continued. "It is a matter for the enemy now to decide if the fighting is still to go on. If the enemy still thinks he has not had enough, then I know you will—." Here the Emperor, says the correspondent, made a "warlike gesture" which "produced a fierce smile on the face of all his men."

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"GERMANY MAY HAVE PEACE," IF SHE GIVES GUARANTEES

Arthur Henderson, Member of British War Council, Says There Must be Reparation as Well for all Belgium, France, Serbia and Poland Have Suffered.

London, Dec. 15.—In discussing the German peace proposals at a dinner of the Steel Smelters' Association, tonight, Arthur Henderson, member of the British War Council, without portfolio, said that the government knew nothing concerning the text of the proposals, and that Germany's motives must remain a matter of speculation for the moment.

"From past and recent events," said Mr. Henderson, "we may anticipate, without over assumption, that any proposals Germany may put forward will not err on the side of their magnanimity. They must be examined with the greatest possible care."

Recalls Aug. 1914.

"We, of all people, must not forget that Germany was prepared for peace with this country as late as August, 1914, but on what conditions? That we were prepared to betray France and acquiesce in the violation of the neutrality of Belgium, which Germany, like ourselves, had on oath sworn to maintain.

"The people of this country are prepared to accept peace today, as in Aug. 1914, provided that peace is both just and permanent. Indemnity for the past is not enough unless we have guarantees for the future and guarantees for reparation for all Belgium, France, Serbia and Poland have suffered.

Peace Conditions. "The peace into which we enter must contain guarantees for its own duration. Germany may have such a peace if she furnishes us with proofs of her good intention. But if her present overtures are only pretence, and if it is shown she is merely arranging an armistice to obtain a breathing spell that will furnish her the opportunity to lay fresh plans of aggression, then I say, whatever may be the temptation to the people of these islands, we must set our faces like the flint, you work upon against her proposals."

WAY LEFT OPEN TO DISCUSS PEACE TERMS, OPINION OF SOME

Manchester Guardian and Westminster Gazette Take View that Bonar Law's Address Indicates Possible Discussion of Peace Terms.

London, Dec. 15.—Public opinion, as represented by the British press, was largely occupied today in discussing the brief expression made yesterday by Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader in the House of Commons, that the British government's policy still was based on "adequate reparation for the past, and security for the future."

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ALLIES BRING GREECE TO TERMS AT LAST

All Greeks are to be Withdrawn from Thessaly, According to Demands of Ultimatum Delivered Yesterday Afternoon.

DEMANDS FOR REPARATION FOR EVENTS OF DEC. 1 AND 2, WHEN FIGHTING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN ENTENTE LANDING FORCES AND THE GREEK TROOPS ARE TO BE FORMULATED LATER.

Paris, Dec. 15.—A despatch to the Havas News Agency from its correspondent at Piraeus, Greece, dated yesterday, says: "The note of the Allied powers to the Greek government was handed this afternoon to Foreign Minister Zaiacostas."

"The document said the recent events in Athens prove that neither King Constantine nor the Greek government has sufficient authority over the Greek army to prevent its becoming a menace to the peace and security of the Allied armies in Macedonia.

Removal of Troops.

"The Allies are therefore obliged, it continues, in order to protect themselves against attack, to demand immediate removal of the troops and war material indicated in an annexed list. These removals must begin within twenty-four hours, and all movements of troops and war materials towards the north must be stopped, it declares.

"If the government disregards the note, it was informed, its attitude will be considered an hostile act. The signatories of the note, it says, have received orders to quit Greece in twenty-four hours with the personnel of the legations, if the terms of the note are not formally accepted. The blockade will be maintained, it is de-

"MOST DAMNABLE INFAMY OF MODERN TIMES," SAYS BECK

Former Assistant Attorney General of United States, Archbishop Ireland and Others Denounce Belgian Slavery.

New York, Dec. 15.—Vigorous expressions of indignation were voiced at a great mass meeting held here tonight to protest against the "enslavement of Belgians" by the German government. The deportation of the Belgian populace was condemned in letters read from Theodore Roosevelt, Archbishop Ireland, Joseph H. Choate and other prominent men. Equally forceful were addresses delivered by Elihu Root, James M. Beck, former assistant attorney-general of the United States; Alton B. Parker and Rev. Wm. T. Manning, rector of Trinity church, who presided.

Urges Strong Protest. Resolutions were adopted urging the "government of the United States to protest, will all its force and earnestness, against these outrages; to emphasize the detestation with which the American people regard these abuses, and to request the German government, in the name of all neutrals, to cease its policy of expatriation and slavery." And pledging "our utmost support to the administration in whatever way it may conclude to act."

Archbishop Ireland. "Cardinal Mercier tells the details of Belgian deportations," Archbishop Ireland wrote. "The truth of his statements may not be doubted. The facts, as told by him, challenge contradiction. They affront the hearer. No explanation, no excuse, diminishes the awful cruelty implied in them. For its own sake, for the sake of the honorable record it covets in the history of nations, Germany will, let us hope, quickly reverse its present position and leave Belgians to live and suffer on their own Belgian soil."

Rector of Trinity. "We have not come here to speak the language of hate," Mr. Manning said. "We do not condemn indiscriminately, the whole German people. We know that they have been misled, mis-

led, misled and cruelly betrayed by those in whom they have trusted. We believe that there are many Germans who condemn these infamous deeds as strongly as any of us do. We hope yet to see them free themselves from the power of autocratic and unscrupulous leaders, who have robbed Germany of her high place among the nations and carried her into crimes which have shocked and amazed the world.

"Let our people all, up and down this land, call upon our government to speak now, not in words mild and respectful, for such deeds deserve no respect, but with a stern indignation and a voice of moral condemnation which shall be heard through all the world."

James M. Beck. "We are met tonight to protest, in the sacred cause of justice and humanity, against the most damnable infamy of modern times," Mr. Beck said. "We represent citizens of all parties, creeds and classes. Whatever our differences of opinion may be or may have been in other matters, we are a unit tonight in pledging to our government our support in any attempt which it may take to end the slow murder of a great and noble and innocent people."

Joseph H. Choate, the eminent lawyer and statesman, in a lengthy letter, ridiculed Germany's claim that the deportations were justified by a provision of The Hague convention, while former President Theodore Roosevelt characterized the German action as a "damnable crime, equalled only by the slaughter of Belgium at the outbreak of the war."

Aeroplanes Active. London, Dec. 15.—A war office announcement tonight says: "Naval aeroplanes yesterday threw bombs on Kule Burgas bridge (over the Maritza river), south of Adrianople. A great weight of bombs was dropped, and extensive damage is believed to have been done."

PLAY TO THE GALLERIES SAYS "THE NEW STATESMAN"

"No One Will Close the Door to Peace Until He is Satisfied that Parade of Enemy's Terms Does Not Conceal Possibility of Obtaining Peace of His Own."

London, Dec. 15.—The New Statesman, which generally has pacifist leanings, discusses Germany's peace proposal as "unlikely to prove anything but an attempt to play on our feelings of war weariness and to open out of us a mad peace now, in place of the good peace we might dictate, six, nine or twelve months later."

"No statesman," continues the newspaper, "will, in such a situation close the door to peace until he is satisfied that the parade of the enemy's terms does not conceal the possibility of obtaining a peace of his own. The shortening of the war is supremely desired, and we should naturally be glad to shorten it by diplomatic means instead of by war, provided the terms of its ending are the right ones. However no statesman who knows his business, on our side, will keep the peace door standing idly ajar."

Germany's course is not motivated chiefly by any hope of our taking terms. Her hope is rather that we may go on discussing them and discussing a substitute for them until we fall out over the discussion."

The Statesman says that, for example, if any powerful body of English opinion echoed the "refrain" of Philip Snowden, Socialist member of parliament, "why should England fight on that Russia may get Constantinople, or any corresponding force in Russia took up the cry, why should Russia fight on that England may get rid of the menace of the German navy?" the whole alliance might collapse like a pack of cards each trying to fix its own bargain with Germany. The newspaper argues that the Entente Allies should state their terms in general formulas, without attempting to specify what each is to get, which might lead to discussions on essential points. If the complete evacuation of all Allied territory and all claims over it were conceded the Allies might descend in details. Few appreciate how near the war has brought Germany to an attainment of her dreams of dominion over middle Europe, the newspaper says, and adds:

"Peace can be had at any moment in any war on the enemy's terms. An unselfish statement of them has no value whatever apart from its contents. If it contains a sincere approximation towards the things for which we dead have shed their blood, well and good. If it does not, it would be the height of folly to appraise it at the enemy's valuation. There is nothing to be apologized for if, in such a situation, we decided to stick to our guns."

The Saturday Review warns against the idea that Germany is suing for a beaten peace. It says the German armies are not yet beaten, although they were shaking tremendously on the Somme, and are no longer able to make headway against first-class troops, properly equipped. The food shortage, loss of trade and the increase of debt are some of the reasons for the peace move, says the Review, which continues:

"Germany always has paid greater attention to neutral opinion than we have. She is now trying to whitewash her blackened reputation. "Especially in the United States, where commercial friendship after the war is a vital necessity, the Germans realize they need to recover much lost ground. They hope their attitude of sanctity will win favor among the more simple and more sentimental Americans. Possibly they hope they will so spread the belief that only English obstinacy prevents peace that the United States may be induced to prevent the export of munitions."

The Saturday Review says also that the German emperor appeals also to a noisy, but not numerous, faction in England, while the chief motive has been to placate his "distressed and war-weary subjects."

The weekly contends that entering into negotiations would merely be offering Germany a much needed armistice, but that the Entente Allies should take the opportunity of stating to the world the scheme of the peace for which they are fighting.

"If the Allied governments," it continues, "can draw up a reply to Germany worthy of the ideals on which they are all bent, they may not only produce an historic state document, which may clear the air by a closer definition of their aims. If they can make the German people see that the destruction of German militarism does not involve, for Germany, the kind of thing that is happening in Belgium, they may hold the German machete with his own petard."

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RUSSIAN DUMA STRONGLY OPPOSES PEACE SUGGESTIONS

London, Dec. 15.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegraph Company from Petrograd, says: "The Duma has unanimously passed a resolution against the acceptance of the German peace proposals after a spirited speech by the minister of foreign affairs."

The text of the resolution, as received here, follows: "The Duma, having heard the statement by the minister of foreign affairs, unanimously favors a categorical refusal by the Allied governments to enter, under present conditions, into any peace negotiations whatever."

"It considers that the German proposals are nothing more than fresh proof of the weakness of the enemy and a hypocritical act from which the enemy expects no real success, but by which it seeks to throw upon others the responsibility for the war and for what happened during it, and to exclude itself before public opinion in Germany."

"The Duma considers that a premature peace would not only be a brief period of calmer breathing after the danger of another bloody war and a renewal of this deplorable sacrifice by the people. It considers that lasting peace will be possible only after a decisive victory over the military power of the enemy, and after definite renunciation by Germany of the aspirations which render her responsible for the world war and for the horrors by which it has been accompanied."

M. Pokrovsky, in his speech to the Duma, said: "In addressing you immediately upon having been appointed minister of foreign affairs, I am not in a position to give you a detailed statement on the political situation, but I feel constrained to inform you, without delay, and with the supreme authorization of His Imperial Majesty, of the attitude of the Russian government regarding the application of our enemies, of which you have heard through news telegrams. Words of peace coming from the side which bears the whole burden of responsibility for the world conflagration, which it started, and which is unparalleled in the annals of history, however far back one goes, were no surprise to the Allies."

"In the course of the two and one-half years of war, Germany has more than once mentioned peace. She spoke of it to her armies and her people each time she entered upon a military operation which was to be decisive. After each military success she put out feelers for a separate peace on one side and another, and conducted a propaganda in the neutral press. All these efforts have met with calm and determined resistance by the Allied powers."

"Seeing now that she is powerless to make a breach in our unshakable alliance, Germany makes an official proposal to open peace negotiations. In substance the German proposal contains no tangible indications regarding the nature of the peace which is desired by the enemy armies which devastated and occupied Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro and part of France, Russia and Rumania."

"The Austro-Germans have just proclaimed an illusory independence for Poland, and by this are trying to lay hands on the entire Polish nation. The motives of the German steps will be shown more clearly if one takes into consideration the deplorable conditions of our enemies. Without speaking of their domestic weakness attempts to force the population of Russian Poland to take arms against its own country, it will suffice to mention the introduction of general forced labor into Germany to understand how hard is the situation of our enemies."

"An attempt, at the last moment, to profit by their fleeting territorial conquest before their domestic weakness was revealed, that was the real meaning of the German proposal. In the event of failure they will exploit at home the refusal of the Allies to accept peace, in order to rehabilitate the tottering morale of their populations."

"But there is another senseless motion in that they fail to understand the true spirit which animates Russia. Our enemies deceive themselves with the vain hope that they will find among us men cowardly enough to allow themselves to be deceived, if only for a moment, by the lying proposals. That will not be. No Russian heart will yield. All Russia will rally more closely around its august sovereign, who declared, at the very beginning of the war, that he would not make peace until the last enemy soldier had left our country, and for the general collaboration which constitutes the only sure means of arriving at the end we all have at heart, namely, the crushing of the enemy."

"The Russian government repudiates, with indignation, the mere idea of suspending the struggle, thereby permitting Germany to take advantage of the last chance she will have of subjecting Europe to her hegemony. The innumerable sacrifices already made would be in vain if premature peace were concluded with an enemy whose forces have been shaken but not broken, and an enemy who is seeking a breathing space by making deceitful offers of a permanent peace."

"In this inflexible decision Russia is in complete agreement with all her valiant allies. We are all equally convinced of the vital necessity of carrying on the war to a victorious end, and no subterfuge by our enemies will prevent us from following this path to the end."

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB TO CLOSE FUND FOR SA'LORS' RELIEF

Upwards of \$1,500 Received—Lady Guinness Speaker—Tonight—Lady Aberdeen Coming January 3rd.

Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, who has been largely instrumental in the conduct of the British Sailors' Relief Fund by the Women's Canadian Club, in reply to an inquiry from The Standard last evening, said that upwards of \$1,500 had been collected. The fund will close this evening at the meeting of the club in the German street Institute. There are a number of members who have yet to make returns, and it is expected that the fund will be considerably supplemented.

The chief number on the programme for tonight's meeting will be the address of Lady Gwendolyn Guinness on "The Grand Fleet." Lady Guinness is a charming lecturer and indications point to a large attendance of members to hear her remarks. This afternoon Mrs. H. A. Powell will entertain in honor of Lady Guinness.

It was announced yesterday that January 3rd had been definitely decided upon as the date for the address of Lady Aberdeen. It is learned that Lady Aberdeen will speak on the question of reconstruction after the war. During her visit to St. John she will be the guest of Lady Tilley.

Macedonian Front. Paris, Dec. 15, 10 p. m.—The official communication on the progress of hostilities on the Macedonian front given out by the French war office this afternoon reads: "There was intermittent artillery firing December 14 along the entire front, but particularly in the vicinity of Lake Doiran."

"In the region to the north of Monastir an enemy column was dispersed by our fire. "There has been much activity on the part of the Allied aviators. An enemy airplane has been brought down south of Petrik."

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The official statement says: "In the region of Mynovze the enemy almost succeeded in breaking into the trenches occupied by one of our companies. They were beaten back by our reinforcements."

"Under the cover of darkness and fog the enemy attacked two of our ambulances in the region of Konluk, and compelled one of them to retire on our first line trenches. In the neighborhood of the other ambulance the enemy took to cover in front of our wire entanglements."

"Caucasus front: The situation is unchanged."

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GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF MERCANTILE MARINE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 15.—That there should be governmental control and operation of the mercantile marine of the whole British Empire is the suggestion made by Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the railway commission in a memorandum which he has addressed to the Imperial Trade Commission upon request for his views upon the question of the ocean carrying trade.

He also suggests that "the British Admiralty, who are probably the largest transporters of men and materials in the world today, will continue in the transportation business after the war."

British Victory. London, Dec. 15.—The British official communication issued shortly before midnight says: "Last night (Thursday) an attack was attempted by the enemy upon our positions in the neighborhood of Lesboeufs, but it was crushed by our artillery before he could reach our trenches."

"The enemy's trenches were successfully entered by us south of Armentieres, and also east of Vierstraet. "Early in the night a powerful enemy raiding party endeavored to break into our lines south of St. Etol. Only a few of the raiders succeeded in reaching our trenches, and these were immediately detected. The enemy's losses were severe."

"Our artillery bombarded Achiet Le Petit and an enemy railway siding south of that village during the night. "During the day (Friday) our position on the Observatory Ridge and at Mont Heriel were heavily shelled. Our artillery effectively repelled. "Elsewhere on our front intermittent artillery activity continued."

Bloomfield. Bloomfield Station, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Charlotte Bettle spent Monday the guest of friends in Hampton. Mrs. M. P. Titus has returned home after a very pleasant visit of several weeks, with friends in St. John. Gunner John Bussey, who left here with the 4th Siege Battery, is quite ill in the hospital at Lincoln, England; Gunner Bussey was taken sick while in France at the front, and was ordered to England, he is suffering from a severe attack of asthma. The last word received from him he was doing as well as could be expected. All will wish him a speedy recovery.

Alva E. Williams left Wednesday for Barnesville, where he has accepted a position as engineer in the mill owned by A. J. Bentley of St. Martin's.

John E. Kinney, who is conducting a large lumber operation on the Miramichi river for J. K. Flemming was recently home; he reports business good in his line.

SUMMARY OF "PEACE AND WAR"

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Dolls Carriages in English Perambulator Style at \$4.50.

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Dolls Sulkies at \$2.15, \$2.75 and \$3.75, some with Hoods.

Dolly's Sleigh at \$1.40 and \$2.15.

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NEW MEMBERS WANTED

A Contest for Kiddies Only

CASH PRIZES VALUED AT \$20.00

The following interesting contest is open to members of the Children's Corner, in the St. John Standard, excluding those who live in St. John only.

What You Have To Do.

There are now nearly five thousand names and addresses of boys and girls on that membership roll of the Corner, but Uncle Dick is anxious to commence the New Year with thousands of other kiddies' names added to the list, as he has several surprises for 1917. He is therefore going to divide TWENTY DOLLARS among ten members of the Children's Corner, who succeed in getting the most number of other children to join this entertaining club on or before December 31, 1916, the prizes being as follows:

1st Prize	\$5.00	3rd Prize	\$3.00
2nd Prize	4.00	4th Prize	2.00

and Six Prizes of \$1.00 each.

All entries must reach this office not later than January 2nd, 1917, together with the coupon filled in as given below.

How To Get New Members:

- Show your school mates, cousins, and friends the Children's page.
- Tell them about the splendid prizes awarded each week, the nice stories, Uncle Dick's regular chat, the answers to letters, and host of other attractions.
- There are only two rules:—"Do kindly deeds whenever possible," and "Agree to get The Standard and read the Children's Corner."
- The drawing and painting contests help them to make nice sketches, and use the colors better.
- Among the prizes awarded each week, are watches, skates, framers, gold necklaces and pendants, mecano sets, dollar bills, beautiful illustrated story books, and games.
- The Children's Page is just the very thing to turn to for recreation and amusement after school is closed, and lesson books are laid aside.
- The Red Cross Helpers' League, and Allies' Aid Society (Children's Corner Branches), are open to all members of the Corner.
- All intending members must write a note to Uncle Dick expressing their desire to have their names added to the membership roll, promising to keep the two rules given above, and mention the name of the member who showed them the Corner and asked them to join.

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A RARE OPPORTUNITY

Will You Do This?

Simply because the great majority of those who have been reading the special holiday offer we have been making recently to new subscribers, are already on our regular list, the proportion of those accepting the offer, though large, has not been as great as it should have been.

Just opposite, we are again explaining the offer by which we agree to send The Daily Standard for more than one year at one-third less than the yearly rate.

Considering the way all other necessities have advanced in price during the last couple of years, this opportunity to get a daily paper at less than the regular rate is one which cannot be disregarded.

To be frank, we can only afford to make this low price the first year, because we know from experience that fully 90 per cent. will renew again in 1918 at the regular rate. However, 1918 is yet a long way off and in the meantime we will send the paper post paid for the sum of \$2.00 and will promise that every issue will be brim full with all the news of the day, presented in bright interesting form.

Some folks do not take our paper regularly because they never had the idea suggested to them. Others, through habit, keep on buying some other paper and never know what they are missing by failing to read The Standard.

Right here is where we are going to ask you to do something, something for your friends, for yourself and for us: After you finish reading this paper, will you see that it passes into the possession of someone who is not at present a regular reader? By so doing you can save money for your friend; you can confer a favor on yourself and on us by helping to enlarge the circle of Standard readers which will enable us to send you during the coming year a bigger and a better paper.

Will You Do It?

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ST. JOHN, N. B.

Our Offer

THE ST. JOHN STANDARD, one of the brightest, newest and most up-to-date papers printed in Canada, collects, with its special facilities the very latest happenings in every walk of life. Social, Political, Commercial, Industrial, Financial, with special attention to the Great War and more particularly to the movements of our own New Brunswick boys.

In accordance with the terms of the offer outlined below, we will deliver to you, postage free, the Daily Standard from NOW until December 31st, 1917.

HERE ARE THE TERMS: From the day we receive your remittance until December 31st, 1917, we will mail to your address the daily edition of The St. John Standard for the sum of TWO DOLLARS.

This special offer is just to NEW SUBSCRIBERS and will remain open during the month of December, 1916, only. Whether you accept it today or Dec. 31st, we will still furnish you with a receipt showing your subscription paid until last day of 1917. Therefore it is clearly to your own advantage to fill in the coupon printed on another page in this issue and return it to us by the very next mail.

A FEW FEATURES

- The War on All Fronts
 - Canada's Share in the Great Struggle
 - What Neutral Countries are Saying and Doing
 - Personal Mention of N. B. Boys.
 - Local and Provincial Happenings
 - Finance and Shipping.
 - Sporting Events
 - A Woman's Page. Stage and Movie Stars
 - Fashions. Society in all Provincial Centres
 - Uncle Dick—Children's Page
 - Daily Cartoon—"Bringing Up Father"
- Alone Worth the Subscription Price.

TRANSPORTATION ADVERTISING

5th Announcement COMPANIONSHIP

Half the enjoyment of a long sea voyage depends on one's shipmates. The West Indian ships of the "Royal Mail" have accommodation for 50 first-class passengers, and during last winter they were filled to capacity on every trip. With such a large number of people to select from, it would be strange indeed if everybody did not find a companion.

Information with regard to dates of sailing and cost of tickets can be obtained from the following agents:

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MANCHESTER LINE.

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Nov. 18 Manchester Citizen	Dec. 13
Nov. 25 Manchester Port	Dec. 9
Dec. 23 Manchester Inventor	Dec. 30
Dec. 23 Manchester Corpor'n	Jan. 13
Dec. 30 Manchester Shipper	Jan. 23
Jan. 13 Manchester Citizen	Feb. 7

Steamers marked * take cargo for Philadelphia.

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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, Deer Island, Red Store or St. George. 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 permitting.

Agent—Thorne Wharf and Warehousing Co., Ltd., Phone, 2851. Mr. Lewis Connors.
This company will not be responsible for any debts contracted after this date without a written order from the company or captain of the steamer.

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STEAMER LAID UP.

Steamer Mary Arnold, Capt. Edgar Wilson of Seacoast Canning Company and used about Passamaquoddy Bay and neighboring places during the sardine season from April to Dec. 1, has just been hauled up for the winter at Head Harbor, Campobello Island. The Mary Arnold is one of the largest and strongest built tugs in this section of the coast and tows heavy rafts of logs, scows of herring heads, and vessels for the above sardine company.

IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY OF CANADA.

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, Dec. 15.—Net profits of the Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada, Ltd., for the year ended September 30 show net profits of \$2,756,619, against \$2,313,425 in 1915. After preferred and ordinary dividends the surplus was \$654,665, compared with \$451,500. The total surplus now stands at \$1,245,455 as against \$860,810 at the end of last year. The balance sheet shows cash in bank \$1,166,766, and total assets and liabilities \$38,816,957.

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CANADIAN SERVICE.
HALIFAX-LONDON PASSENGER SERVICE
From London From Halifax
via Plymouth via Falmouth
to Halifax to London, 5 p.m.
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Cabin and Third Class.
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Single First Class Fare
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Cold storage accommodation on each vessel. For freight, rates and full particulars apply to
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Steamship "North Star"
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Return, leave Central Wharf, Boston, Mondays at 9.00 a. m. for Portland, Eastport, Lubec and St. John.

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Direct between Boston and New York. Express passenger and freight service through-out the year. Route via Cape Cod Canal.

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City Ticket Office, 47 King Street, A. C. CURRIE, Agent, St. John, N. B. A. C. FLEMING, T. F. & P. A., St. John, N. B.

HEAD LINE.

St. John to Belfast.
S.S. Ramore Head, Dec. 16
S.S. Bray Head, Dec. 30
St. John to Dublin.
S.S. Torr Head, Dec. 15
S.S. Bengore Head, Dec. 23
Dates and steamers subject to change.
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Nov. 21 Messins
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GRAND MANAN S. S. CO.

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. GUPTILL, Mgr.

BRITISH TRENCHES MODELS OF SKILL

Some new points of view are presented in the course of an article from an authoritative British source, which has been placed at the disposal of The New York Times. Just what a man will see and what he is likely to tell if he visits the Allied front line near the Somme at the point where the British army has just made one of its many steps forward, is the writer's theme. After describing the general character of the country he recounts his progress through the communication trenches. He says: "Walking with your head two feet under cover along a neat crack in the earth with a sharp corner every few yards finally you turn the last corner into the actual firing trench. It is a trench to gladden the connoisseur's heart. How the men must have worked whenever they were not fighting—and is digging less dear than fighting to the soul of youth—in order to model this perfect line of defense and offense; its shapely firing step and clear-cut vertical walls and massively squared transverse. Here is no gaping V-shaped ditch to collect the enemy's trench mortars and invite his wandering whizzbangs in and the men know it. You walk along the trench and see just pride as well as confidence in their faces.

It is noon now, and some of them are blowing on hot tea to cool it, or eating out of their dinkies stew and meat, potatoes and peas. It has not only been thus in the English firing trench. The English only learn war in each of their wars by degrees, but now they have learned it. The day is fine and other men are asleep, basking like cats in a state of beatitude on little sunny shelves and bunks cunningly sculptured out of the trenches' firm clay walls.

soldiers—the merits and demerits of the salient at Ypres. "How long was you at Wipers?" "Four months." "Well, I was there five months, so you're right to have you to speak of." A general haug greets this method of proof and disproof, and some one else cuts in.

Sentries Watch Germans

You meet officers anxious about nothing except to know what there is in the last English papers. Sentries on duty with all the crowns of their grass-green steel helmets dipped cunningly down to the parapet's level, report that nothing is stirring over the way. These helmets used to be ugly and not highly protective. They looked like the barber's basin that Don Quixote took to be the helmet of Mabrinio. The new make of helmet is more pretty, and also more virtuous. It covers more of the neck, though not so much as the bluesteel skullcaps of the French, with their turned-down brims and its lines are artistic. Worn at the proper angle, it makes the comely young sentry look rather like Donatello's David at Florence.

With stooping heads, the sentries report "nothing doing." That means nothing visible, nothing audible. Peering over the parapet for a moment you see only a wilderness of bare earth, pitted thickly with conical holes from three to eight feet deep. Four hundred yards away is the skeleton of a dead village. No sign of life is to be seen there except perhaps one of the larks which sing cheerfully through cannonades that would make the pheasants in faraway Sussex nervous, or else a big hawk slowly quartering ground and sending the larks into a retirement as modest as that of German airmen.

And yet you know that waste is infected; that you need only to raise your head a foot higher to bring a bullet dipping itself with a quick flick into the loose earth behind you; that if you crawled out on your stomach and peeped over the edge of each shell hole you reached you would come at last to one in which men in wide-skirted gray tunics with narrow red bands round their caps were crouching, some of them nursing their one good friend, a machine gun, some of them digging hard to connect holes with hole till a row of fortuitous holes were turned into a line; some of them resting tucked into little cavities scooped in the earth or near the side

of a hole like sand-martens' nests on the wall of a quarry, and staring apprehensively up at bomb-laden British biplanes wheeling about in the sky overhead as the larks in the grass look up at a hawk.

Kindness Surprises Captives

You know all this, because on the way up this morning you talked with a number of Prussian, and Saxon prisoners in one of the cages, the little camps where the latest captives rest for some days safe out of range of their friends' heavy guns till they can be sent on by train to the base of the English. Three days ago they came down broken-nerved to the cages, their limbs lined and drawn with sudden, unasked-for, or that of a great many suddenly answered dogs, of the earth of their trench and in front of it and behind it will begin to dance up in fountains like the surface of a puddle during a very heavy rain, only that all of the earth foundations are 20 feet high.

Perhaps the Germans will just be able to see through a hole in the smoke that the British parapet, where not a sign of human habitation had been seen before, bristles with men standing up at full height and then moving forward. In the next 20 minutes many capricious fates will befall individuals on both sides, but underlying this seeming confusion in the destinies of atoms causes will still be having their natural effects. The average German soldier, having endured defeat already, will fight less well than he did. His nerves having suffered the strain of those new experiences in the shell holes will hold out less long than they used to. His mind having learned that surrender into the hands of Englishmen does not mean death of illness but merely release from danger and exhaustion, he will be less averse to surrender than he was. The German army naturally scored last year by being quicker than the Allies to see that success in trench warfare was to the side with the most munitions. It made competition in munition making and it has been distanced in that competition, and now the wide advancing line of English infantry will enter the German trench, a trench shattered out of shape as no allied trench ever has been shattered.

ALBERT

Albert, Dec. 12.—Mr. Alvin A. Bray of Mount Vernon, Wash., with his bride, formerly Miss Edith Coonan of Har-

vey, Albert Co., left by this morning's train for Mr. Bray's present home as above.

Mr. Bray is the son of the late Robert Bray of New Horton, Harvey, Harvey, Albert Co. his parents both dying when he was a small boy, he was brought up by his uncle, the late Deacon Gideon Bray of Hopewell Cape, with whom he lived until some 26 years ago, when he married a Miss Foster of Alma, and removed to his present home in Mount Vernon. The bride was the widow of Dr. Nathaniel Peck Duffy, a native of Coverdale, a brother of Mr. John Duffy.

BATH

Bath, Dec. 11.—There is good crossing at this point by ferry at the upper crossing, the recent rains have had the effect of raising the water in the river.

LOGGIEVILLE

Loggieville, N. B., Dec. 12.—Members of the Red Cross Society held a bean supper at the bank building on Saturday evening. There was a good turning out at the residents, and a nice sum of money was realized. Mr. and Mrs. Elery Weeks have returned from their wedding trip, and are now residing in town. Mrs. Randolph Cox entertained the Ladies' Aid Society on Thursday evening last at the Terminal. The Swastika club meets on Thursday evening of this week at the home of Miss Lottie Loggie. W. Brady who has for some time past been engaged in store work with the A. & B. Loggie Co., has given up his work here. Good wishes for the future were combined with regret for his departure in the farewell messages of friends.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1916.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

The work of taking an inventory of Canada's man power, which will be carried on by the Post Office Department under the direction of the National Service Board, will be commenced on New Year's Day and it is hoped to make the first week in 1917 a National Service Week. The inventory is expected to provide information upon which will be based a scheme for making those adjustments in our national life, necessary for the maintenance of the agricultural and other basic industries of the Dominion at that high point of efficiency and productive ability so necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, while continuing unimpaired the essential public services of the country. To accomplish these results, and insure the maximum production of war material and equipment, the services of all available men and women must be utilized in a manner that will achieve the purposes aimed at, and, at the same time, release from present employment men physically fit and of suitable age who may desire to serve overseas with the Canadian military or naval forces.

This is an undertaking that must appeal to every patriotic Canadian. Up to the present time the average man, not in military service, has contributed little or nothing toward the winning of the war or necessary preparation for conditions that must be met after it has been concluded. Donations to patriotic funds, while very worthy and necessary, do not fulfill the duty of the man whose desire it is that the Empire shall come victoriously through the test of struggle in which it is now plunged. More must be done and it is the function of the National Service Board to lead in this direction. There are thousands of men and women whose present occupations are of more importance to the nation than any other in which they could successfully engage. Such, however, form but a small proportion of the whole and the National Service Board, insofar as may be necessary, aims to properly place and employ the greater number who are not exercising their abilities in the best interests of themselves and of the state.

In this effort all have the opportunity of assisting. Between now and the 15th of January every male person in Canada, between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, will be equipped with cards containing a number of questions to which recipients will be asked to reply and forward by mail to the director of National Service at Ottawa. These replies will furnish information as to the physical fitness and employment of those addressed and will also indicate their willingness to exchange their present line of effort for other more necessary work. In this case the first duty is to promptly furnish the facts asked for as subsequent success will depend altogether upon the information secured through the inventory. It is a businesslike stock-taking of Canada's greatest asset, the ability and willingness of her citizens to subordinate self interest to the welfare of the state in the state's most critical period and it is most earnestly hoped that every Canadian will take a personal interest in the effort and do his best to make it successful. Then will he be doing real national service of the most useful sort.

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH.

That the Entente Allies will not give consideration to the peace proposals of Germany unless she is prepared to make full reparation for past misdeeds and give absolute guarantee of good behavior in future is assured by the unofficial utterances of leading men of the Allied nations, by the press reflection of the public mind and by the attitude of the greatest neutral. A Washington despatch of last night conveyed the information that President Wilson would transmit the notes of the Central Powers to the Entente Powers, but would make no suggestion of his own. This is the course he was expected to take, for in the circumstances suggestions from any nation save those most intimately concerned are not required and would not be welcome. There is no reason why the Entente

Allies should listen to any proposals save those that absolutely meet their own demands, for they are masters of the situation and will remain so. It is admitted that German generals have met with some successes in the eastern war zone, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that the value of the German mark is gradually depreciating in the money markets of the world and the economic situation in the Fatherland is growing daily more serious.

Germany commenced this war with splendid preparation. During the first two years of the conflict she achieved remarkable things, but, despite all that, her position today is less favorable than it was six months ago, and she is steadily using up her resources in men and materials. The Teutonic attack upon Verdun was made with a force and fury unparalleled in warfare, yet it failed, and now the French in that area have incorporated an advance which, yesterday, carried them forward for several miles and delivered into their hands more than 7,500 Hun prisoners.

From these and other pieces of evidence it can be seen that Germany's case is already desperate, and that her peace proposals are intended merely to deprive the Allies of greater concessions she will be forced to make later. At the same time there is no reason why the Allies should not indicate the conditions on which they will be prepared to end hostilities, for the whole world is war-weary and will welcome peace. That peace, however, must be permanent, and the only way it can be made so is to deprive the Hun of the ability to wage war. In any peace negotiations to be undertaken now or in the future that point will be kept determinedly in mind. Until Germany is prepared to make ample reparation for her crimes of the past and submit to conditions under which it will be impossible for her to sin again, the conflict must go on. The Allies entered upon this war in a worthy cause, and they will continue until that has been attained, even though such a course may mean a fight to the finish.

THE WAR-WORKER.

(From London Opinion.)

I left her
Just a little bit of fluff—
High heels and frills and powdered nose—
Good enough
For theatres or dances; pretty clothes
And rippling hair—but just
A playtime girl.

Monday last
"Brighty" saw me back again:
Shoulder clipped, and gassed a bit,
Not much pain,
But wanting peace and rest—Oh! lots of it!
Not fooling round—but just
One woman's love.

I found her
Working in the city every day
To let some man away to fight.
Not so gay
She seemed—the powder, frills and fluff away,
Less pretty p'raps—but just
My real best girl.

LIEUT. COM. FREYBURG

GETS VICTORIA CROSS

London, Dec. 15.—King George has conferred the Victoria Cross on Lieut. Commander Bernard Cecil Freyburg. Lieut. Commander Freyburg headed the naval battalion which, on Nov. 13 captured the village of Beaucourt, north of the Ancre River, in France.

Much local interest is being manifested in the visit of Captain the Hon. Rupert Guinness and Lady Guinness to St. John in the interests of the Canadian Volunteer Reserve Corps. The distinguished visitors will reach St. John at noon today in their private car, Signet, from Fredericton. This afternoon Captain Guinness will meet the naval recruiting committee at the Board of Trade rooms, while he will be the chief speaker at a big meeting in the interests of recruits for the navy at the Imperial Theatre tomorrow afternoon. Lady Guinness is to speak before the Women's Canadian Club this evening.

Captain Guinness is a prominent figure in politics in the old country and is a famous sportsman, having the distinction of capturing the diamond scull.

PAINTINGS OF LOCAL

MAN ARE ADMIRRED

Critics Say Work of Alex. Watson is of High Class—Include Provincial Scenes.

The display of paintings from the brush of Alexander Watson at the store of P. E. Holman & Co., King street, is creating most favorable comment. The work is certainly a credit to the accomplishments of Mr. Watson and is in the class with the best paintings that have been seen in this city. The display comprises twelve water colors and two oil paintings. Many familiar scenes have been painted by Mr. Watson, including the old Willow at Westfield, the Prince of Wales Elm, opposite Westfield, scene on the Kennebecas near Riverside, a scene in the vicinity of Jagger's Point, N. B., a scene near the picnic grounds at Westfield and scenes in the Saint John Harbor.

Not only are the paintings of provincial scenery a credit to Mr. Watson, but the other paintings in the collection are admirable work. Particular mention should be made of the painting known as "A Friendly Chat," which shows a characteristic conversation between two youngsters. The picture is typical of happy incidents of boyhood days. The other paintings known as "A Grey Day," "A June Day," and "Pleasuring," are also well executed and are highly thought of by the numbers who have inspected the collection.

CHARLES LEDOUX IS CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

In Government Contract Case Well Known Montreal Man is Held for Trial.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Charles Ledoux, president of the Ledoux Company of Montreal, appeared in Eastview police court today to answer the charge of bribery preferred against him by an employe of the government inspection department, in connection with the passing of certain parts of auto trucks supplied to the government by the defendant's firm.

Magistrate Cummings committed Ledoux for trial in a higher court. The accused, in his evidence, made the startling assertion that he had given \$160 to three government officials at various times. He said he gave the money as a present for services rendered.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETING AT THE IMPERIAL.

The naval recruiting meeting at Imperial Theatre at 3:30 Sunday afternoon holds considerable interest to the people of St. John as the distinguished personages to make the addresses upon that occasion have been much heard about in patriotic affairs. Captain the Honorable Rupert Guinness, C. B., C. M. G., A. D. C., of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, a connection with the manning of the additional ships which are giving Britain's sea force its overwhelming power. Captain Guinness is one of the fathers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve's idea, and is thoroughly familiar with all phases of the present war which he is to discuss on Sunday. Lady Guinness will also address the meeting. She is a forceful speaker and has done splendidly throughout Great Britain and on this side of the water in securing recruits for our empire's cause.

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We started to eat supper last night and ma sed, Benny, this table cloth was just put on clean this afternoon, and woe unto you if you get a single spot on it.

That sounds like a horse, woe unto you, I sed.
Never mind wat it sounds like, dont you get anything on this cloth sed ma.

This is pritty loose gravy, I mitteget a little of that on, I sed.

You jest dare, sed ma.

And I started to eat carefull, and after a while I sed, G, ma, if I dont get a single mark on the table cloth from now to Krissmus, will you give me a extra Krissmus present.

I sertyen will, sed ma.

Will you give me a pair of fur lined gauntlets? I sed.

Yes, Ill give you a pair of fur lined gauntlets, sed ma.

Extra, besides wat you was already going to give me? I sed.

Extra and besides, sed ma.

Big thick yello gauntlets? I sed, and ma sed, Yes, big thick yello ones.

And I keep on eating carefull, and after a while I sed, Will they be long gauntlets, ma, coming half way up to my elbow like Reddy Merfys

You can pick them out yourself, sed ma.

G, herary, Im going to get gauntlets, I sed. Being so excited over it wat did I do but drop my fork with a pece of meet on it and made a grate big stain on the cloth.

Aw, heck, I sed.

Take those gauntlets off, Benny, sed pop.

Aw, heck, I sed. Ony I proberly woodent of got them anyway, on account of making 2 more spots before supper was over, one with a pece of puttayo and one with a limo been.

PENNFIELD

Pennfield, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of King Edward L. O. L. No. 92 Pennfield, held on the evening of Dec. 2nd, the following officers were duly elected and installed: Douglas Spisney, W.M.; Melvin Dunbar, D.M.; G. Fred Gillespie, R.S.; Benjamin Taton, treasurer; Joseph Jack, E.S.; James U. Boyd, secretary; Wm. Shaw, D. of C.; J. W. Jackson, Chap.; W. Spisney, E. C. Justason and William Shaw, hall committee.

The installing officer was Past Master A. B. Hawkins.

King Edward Lodge has had a very successful year, having made gains in membership and finance. This lodge has a very nice room to meet in lately, having been thoroughly renovated. The painting and papering were done by Bro. J. D. Jackson, whose work is second to none. The prospects look bright for another year of success.

Miss Hannah Roberts, Rexton, Dec. 13.—Miss Hannah Roberts died at Ford's Mills, yesterday, aged 66 years.

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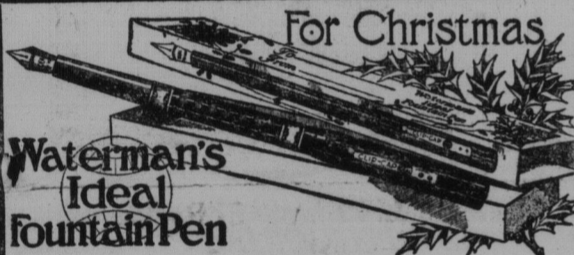
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Every Confidence Is Felt In Great Britain's Power To Continue War.—No One Believes Peace Near.

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 15.—The tone of the markets is improving, though nobody believes that the advent of peace has been hastened by any of the events of the present week.

The new Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement in the House of Commons in moving a vote of credit of £400,000,000 is considered a feature less apart from its colossal totals and confident tone. His remarks that the daily average expenditure of Great Britain was in the neighborhood of £5,710,000 a day (\$28,550,000) was particularly impressive. Shipowners are confident that no nationalization of shipping is to be expected.

This feeling on the part of shipowners, however, is not shared on the exchange, where shipping stocks have ruled flat in the last session in anticipation of governmental control in some form.

Financial business is being severely checked as uncertainty as to the government's new policy concerning finance and industrial control, for it is quite generally anticipated that stricter financial measures of some kind will be employed.

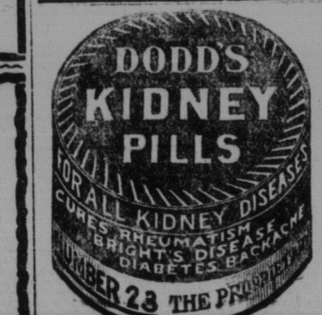
Government loans are firm, the new chancellor of the exchequer being credited with a desire to finance the war more by taxes and less by loans. Germany's peace proposals are regarded as an internal weakness and inability to continue the effort she is now putting forth. Every confidence is felt here in Britain's power to stand a still greater strain if her resources, financial and human, are properly husbanded. The nation's whole economic energy is now besting to be concentrated on the war, as is the desire of all classes of the community.

CLAM DIGGING SEASON OPENS DOWN THE BAY.

The clam digging season opened at Eastport this week when two large plants were made ready for carrying the shell fish that have been received a few days before, but it is stated that no large supplies have yet reached there and there is not much enthusiasm at present among clam diggers at neighboring Canadian islands of Passamaquoddy Bay where much of the clams are taken every winter. Quoddy boatmen of Eastport are out looking for all supplies that can be bought at \$1 a barrel on the flats, and the boatmen to the local wharves to 25 cents extra.

Bob-cats at Campobello.

Bob-cats have made their appearance along the southeast side of Campobello Island, and are seen occasionally by the crew of workmen engaged in constructing the \$35,000 modern saw mill whose numbers of the islanders are also employed in the woods not far from Herring Cove. There is a bounty of \$5 on the cats, so that hunters are on the lookout this month for all cats that can be found in the woods.



CANADIAN BANKERS OPTIMISTIC

Sir Thomas White Says Dominion's Condition Excellent, But There is Need of Economy.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, was in conference today with the Canadian Bankers' Association, and all of the leading financial institutions were represented.

The Minister stated no specific subject was up for consideration, but with the approach of the new year a careful survey of the financial situation, present and prospective, was being made.

Canada has done a lot of war financing. Its great achievements, however, must be repeated in the future not immediately but some time there will be more domestic issues, while of vital importance is the saving essential to establishing imperial credits in this country.

The average man does not comprehend the exchange situation, and the adverse condition which it presents, making necessary the finding of money in the country. At the same time munitions orders and the employment and prosperity that come from them are wholly dependent upon Canada's capacity to temporarily finance them by advances to the imperial credit. The bankers today reported financial conditions as sound and stable, and while agreeing as to the need of wartime economy, they are optimistic as to the outlook.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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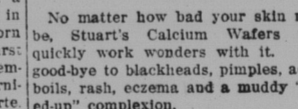
WAR LOAN MAKES RAPID PROGRESS.

London, Dec. 15.—The new war credit for £400,000,000 introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, passed through all its stages in the lower house this afternoon.

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J. A. GRIESON IS NEW COUNTY COURT JUDGE.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 15.—J. A. Grieson of Weymouth Bridge, N. S., has been appointed judge of the County Court of Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth.

T. E. G. ARMSTRONG HEADS THE CRESCENT LAKE CLUB

Members Become Incorporated at Meeting on Wednesday Evening.—The New Directors.

The Crescent Lake Club has been incorporated under the provisions of the new companies act. At a largely attended meeting of the club on Wednesday evening the following board of directors were chosen: Hon. J. W. Daniel, C. H. Peters, Jas. S. Gregory, P. W. Thomson, F. H. Flewelling and T. E. G. Armstrong. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Armstrong was chosen as president, Mr. Gregory the vice-president, and Mr. Peters the secretary-treasurer.

FUNERALS

The funeral of John Parker Williams took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 195 King street east. Rev. W. H. Barraclough conducted the services and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

To Ward Off Winter Complexion Ills

To keep the face smooth, white and beautiful all winter, there's nothing quite so good as ordinary mercolized wax. It keeps the skin soft, supple, and free from the dry, flaking, and chapped skin, inevitable in this weather, is gently absorbed by the wax and replaced by the better, fresher skin beneath. The face exhibits no trace of the wax, the latter being applied at bedtime and washed off in the morning. Creams, powders and rouges on the other hand, are apt to appear conspicuous at this season, because of alternating expansion and contraction of the skin, due to changing temperatures. I advise you to try this simple treatment. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at any drugstore and use like cold cream. This will help any skin at once, and in a week or so the complexion will look remarkably youthful and healthy.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Strong winds and gales, shifting to westward, snow and rain, then clearing. Washington, Dec. 15.—North- am New England—Snow Sat- urday, colder in extreme East- ern. Sunday, fair, severe north and northwest gales. Toronto, Dec. 15.—Local snow flurries have occurred in near- ly all the provinces, but the weather has been mostly fair; quite cold from Manitoba east- ward and milder farther west. A fairly important disturbance is centered tonight near Nan- cucket, indicating stormy con- ditions for the Maritime Pro- vinces.

Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Min. Max. Prince Rupert 38 44, Victoria 32 44, Vancouver 30 36, Kamloops 18 28, Calgary 24 40, Edmonton 24 40, Battleford 6 32, Prince Albert 6 16, Saskatoon 2 29, Moose Jaw 2 26, Regina 13 24, Fort Arthur 8 22, Pelly 6 16, London 4 14, Toronto 9 16, Kingston 5 24, Ottawa 8 12, Montreal 10 16, Quebec 6 18, St. John 28 32, Halifax 10 32, Below zero.

Around the City

McMILLAN'S STORE will be open this evening. Colored Deserters. The two colored men arrested a few days ago for deserting from the Construction Corps training in Truro were taken to that town yesterday morning by a military guard.

Convicts To Dorchester. Three seamen who were found guilty of robbing the parcel post on one of the steamships in port were taken to Dorchester penitentiary yesterday to serve a three years' sen- tence.

Endorse Children's Aid. The Brotherhood of the German street Baptist church in session last evening placed themselves on record as being heartily in sympathy with the objects of the Children's Aid Soci- ety. This winter the members of the brotherhood will devote their activi- ties to assisting the society in the furtherance of its work and in secur- ing from the legislature the necessary legislation for making effective the plans of the society. E. L. Rising presided at the meeting last evening which was largely attended. Reports of committees were also presented at the meeting.

The Enemy Samples Exhibit. The attendance at the enemy samples exhibit yesterday was all that could be desired and a number of the manufacturers from other points in the province were present looking over the goods on exhibition and studying them very closely. The small metal wares and the textiles have come in for the most attention here and no doubt there will be satisfactory re- sults from the exhibit. Today will be the last opportunity to view this ex- hibit and all those in any way inter- ested in the expansion of Canadian trade and manufacturing are urged to at- tend if they have not already done so.

For Patriotic Purposes. The Acadia Concert Company—a number of young ladies from Wolfville—will hold a concert in St. David's hall on Tuesday next, for the purpose of helping the Red Cross funds. They will be assisted by Miss Blenda Thompson and Walter Pidgeon. This entertainment which consists of a one act playlet, "Maker of Dreams," and a number of musical selections, made a big hit in Wolfville, and is sure to please the most critical audience, and as the funds will be devoted to a worthy cause a big attendance is look- ed for.

Will Rebuild at Grand Bay. Arrangements have been concluded for the rebuilding of the foundry of the Thompson Manufacturing Co. at Grand Bay, which was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. This fire came at a very bad time for the company, as they had a lot of orders to be filled, but they hope to soon be in a position to resume operations in full, and it is their intention to add to the plant in the near future. Their goods have be- come known all over Canada and have found a ready market wherever they have been introduced.

Finest line of Christmas Candies to be found in the city at The Chocolate Shop, 26-28 Charlotte street. Also after- noon tea and luncheon at all hours. Hunt's, the store of a thousand gifts, call and see the greatest array of gifts for men and boys we have ever shown. Store open this evening till 11 o'clock, 17-19 Charlotte street.

Back Page Local street f offe gitr Read Levine's advt. on Page 7. Sternum and Ivory Photo rPames at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

RECOMMEND INSPECTION OF SIDINGS

Jury in Richardson Inquest Brought in Verdict of Acci- dental Death and Urged More Rigid Inspection of Sidings.

The jury brought in the following verdict in the Richardson case last night: "We the jury appointed to inquire into the death of James F. Richardson, find that deceased came to his death on December 11, 1916, between the hours of 1.20 and 1.50 p. m., at the present site of the Maritime Nall Co. siding. Deceased came to his death by being crushed between the flat car loaded with wire and the irregular projection of said siding, while in the discharge of his duty as brakeman in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

"We the jury recommend a more rigid inspection of sidings in the fu- ture."

Stemed—L. H. Thorne, foreman; Charles Haines, T. R. Robinson, Chas. McConnell, W. Roy Giggey, A. McArthur, Robert Butler. The inquiry opened in the court house at eight o'clock. The C. P. R. was represented by Weldon & McLean, and J. MacMillan Trueman was present in the interests of the family of the deceased. The coroner reviewed the steps already taken, the place of the accident had been visited, a demonstration of how it occurred had been given and the body viewed.

The first witness examined was Samuel S. Earle, teamster for the Maritime Nall Co., who was on the platform when the deceased jumped down between the platform and the car. The cars had been shunted in, the cut had been made and the cars started to move. Mr. Richardson picked up a piece of plank and threw it down to check the wheels and then threw down a second piece. This did not stop the car and he jumped down between the platform and cars. At this time witness turned and walked away. He did not see the man caught. He did not consider the cars were shunted at one and three o'clock.

J. M. Trueman asked what would have happened if the car had not stopped. The witness said it would have hit the bumper. Murray McCutcheon, assistant to the general manager of the Maritime Nall Co., was the second witness. The first he knew of the accident was when a man came in and telephoned to the C. P. R. about it. This was about 1.45. He went to the siding and saw the man between the car and the platform. He had seen cars shunted in and would say that they moved as fast as a man would walk. Thomas McMurray, who was doing some work around the Maritime Nall Co. warehouse went up to the platform and helped to take up planks in order to get the body out. He had noticed that the planks were sticking out at the place where deceased was caught.

George McGovern, watchman at the Portland street crossing, had seen cars shunted in there a number of times and had not seen them put in as fast as a man would walk. He would not consider there was danger of the cars breaking the bumper.

David H. Ryan, assistant superin- tendent of the C. P. R., said the siding in question was owned by the Mari- time Nall Co., but built under the su- pervision of the C. P. R. These sid- ings were supposed to be built to a standard and he would judge that this one had been built to standard, but it was not so today. He did not know of anything in the line of his duty which would call for deceased being down between the cars and the plat- form.

In answer to Juror Thorne, Mr. Ryan said he would judge the flat car was seven or eight inches wider than the box car. The only person who could say why the accident had oc- curred was the man who was killed. He should have been acquainted with the conditions existing there. Mr. Trueman asked if the deceased was not justified in expecting that conditions there would be standard, and if this was not the first time Mr. Richardson had worked at this sid- ing? Mr. Ryan did not know.

Dr. F. T. Dunlop, who performed the autopsy, found that death was due to rupture of the internal organs caused by pressure. George H. Brown, engineer on the engine in the day in question, had not seen the accident. He had got the usual signals and supposed every- thing was all right.

Robert Currie, fireman on the en- gine, had been busy with his fire at the time of the accident. William N. Campbell, yard fore- man, and William A. Hipwell, brake- man on the day in question, did not see the accident. They did not know of any reason why the deceased should have been down between the cars and the platform.

The jury then retired and after an absence of more than an hour return- ed a verdict as stated in the opening paragraphs of this article. For Shaving Sets, Shaving Brushes, and Razors of all kinds go to The Rex- all Store, 100 King street.

LT. BIGGAR IS LEAVING ST. JOHN

Son of General Biggar who Held Local Post Joins the Engineers.

Lieut. A. L. Biggar who for the past eight months has been the efficient of- ficer in charge of supply and transport in this section, has been transferred to the Canadian Engineers and will leave the city on Thursday next for the training depot of the unit at Saint John's, Quebec. The young officer is a son of General Biggar of Ottawa, and at present the director general of supply and transport for the Dominion. Lieut. Biggar since coming to Saint John has made a large circle of friends who will be interested in the an- nouncement of his transfer. He suc- ceeded Lieut. Patterson at his local post. His own successor will be Lieut. G. H. Bussell who has been stationed at Sussex for some time past.

MISS DOMVILLE HOME ON BRIEF FURLOUGH

Rothsay Residents Welcome Nursing Sister Who Has Done Good Work in France.

A most enthusiastic welcome was extended to Nursing Sister Mary L. Domville at Rothsay yesterday after- noon. Miss Domville reached St. John on the C. P. R. express and immedi- ately proceeded to the home of her father, Hon. Senator Domville, at Rothsay. Although she endeavored to reach her home quietly, news of her coming was soon heard by her many friends at Rothsay and there were large numbers on hand to greet her. She was taken to her home in an au- tomobile which was appropriately decorated for the occasion with Union Jack flags.

Nursing Sister Domville has a splendid record for service at the front. She was one of the first nurses in Canada to volunteer for overseas service and was a member of the first party of nurses who sailed from Can- ada. For the past two years she has been actively engaged in attending to sick and wounded soldiers in Cana- dian hospitals in France. She accom- panied a party of wounded soldiers to Canada and after attending to the comfort of these men during the voy- age, went to Quebec with the party. Her return to Rothsay, it is under- stood, is only for a short space. Her numerous friends are glad to see her and many called at her residence to congratulate her on her excellent work.

Nursing Sister Domville speaks en- thusiastically of the work of the New Brunswick on the firing line and of the province's eminent physicians and capable nurses in the hospitals. She states that wounded Canadians invariably treat their injuries with a commendable spirit of pluck and that their anxiety to get back to the firing line at the earliest possible mo- ment.

THAT BOY OF YOURS. A Christmas present that will last 365 days. A membership in the Y. M. C. A. means a whole year of sport, swimming, gym games, socials, hikes, summer camp, all conducted under leadership that will develop him to be a clean, strong, virile man. Call up the Y. M. C. A.

Artificial Snow for Christmas Trees at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

Service First. Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trading at? Gundry's is open to demonstrate its capabilities. You are welcome to exchange any piece purchased. You may return goods, if so agreed, and receive back your money. You may practically do as you wish in making a square trade, anything but cut the price.—The First Price is the Best Price.

We have said it before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject—Gener- ally 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 a unique posi- tion 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.

Bargains in Men's and Boys' Overcoats Today at Hunt's. Buy your gift clothing today and save money. Our whole store of winter overcoats at reduced prices. Hunt's Busy Uptown Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

Our show-rooms will be open tonight and every night until Christmas. The Eastern Electrical Co., Ltd.

Kodaks and Brownie Cameras, \$1.25 to \$27.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

ELEVEN MEN SIGNED ROLL YESTERDAY

Recruiting More Active than on Any Day for Past Two Weeks—Military Notes.

HONOR ROLL. Armand Day, 165 Batta. on James Vaughan, New Glasgow, N. B., 9th Siege Battery John Reardon, Tipperary, Ire. R. Saunderson, St. John, N. B. Field Ambulance Training D'pt Thos. Simmons, Bathurst, 62nd Regiment George E. Dayment, St. John, N. B. W. Bolton, St. John, N. B. Bliss Thorne, St. John, N. B. Canadian Engineers John R. Duers, England, Fred Hannigan, Fredericton, N. B. Carleton R. Markham, Chicopee, Mass. 23th Battalion

Recruiting took on a new lease of life in St. John yesterday, when eleven men enlisted. This is the best day the city has had for nearly two weeks. When the daily number of men who enlist here is compared with other cities of the Dominion, it will be found that St. John is holding its own with cities which have a much larger population. Despite the slump which has been noticed at different times throughout the country the Lo- yalist city keeps on supplying its daily quota for the cause of the empire.

On the Island. The boys of No. 9 who were to leave for overseas in the draft, which at the last moment was cancelled, are still entertaining the idea that they will not be very long on the island. On Sunday morning the battery will hold divine service in the barracks. The sermon will be preached by Rev. G. F. Scovil. On Friday next the class of instruc- tion, which is being conducted by Lieutenant Anglin assisted by Sergeant Major Whitefield, of Halifax, will close. It is the intention of the instructor to hold an examination on that day.

At the Armory. Since the departure of the 211th Battalion, one can notice the differ- ence in the number of khaki clad men who nightly, about 9.30, wend their way to the armory. The usual work was carried on by the 165th yester- day. This afternoon the boys will have the usual half holiday. Coaning will be around the barracks will occupy their attention this morning. The orderly officer for the day is Lieut. J. P. Bourgeois; next for duty Lieut. Violette. Two members of the battalion have been admitted to the hospital. They are Private J. A. O'Brien and Private C. Cosens.

On Sunday the 165th will attend divine service at St. John the Baptist church on Broad street.

At Headquarters. Brigadier-General H. H. McLean left last evening for Montreal on official business. He will return to the city on Monday. Captain T. R. McNelly, formerly a member of the 12th Battalion, has accepted a commission with the Cavalry. Prior to enlisting Captain McNelly was residing in New York where he was connected with one of the daily papers. Private Andrew C. Baldwin has also been officially attached to the 236th.

Captain Black Here. Captain R. Robinson Black, the well known military man of Halifax, is in the city a guest at the Victoria Hotel. Captain Black is the head of the cadet movement in the Maritime Provinces. Last evening he inspect- ed the St. Andrew's Cadets under command of Major Macree. He leaves this morning for Fredericton to con- duct examinations in physical train- ing at the Provincial Normal School.

Military Notes. Word has been received in Moncton that Lieut. Stanley McDonald, who was a member of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff in this city prior to enlisting, has been wounded. He is a son of Daniel McDonald of Moncton. Captain George Keffe, who recent- ly returned from the front, will leave today for Halifax, where he will take over the duties of adjutant at the school of instruction there.

According to the latest information obtainable the officers' training school will not be held in the city but in Fred- ericton. In conversation with Captain Corell last night he informed "The Standard" that the school will probably open the second week in January. A course of instruction in horse and field artillery will be commenced at the Royal School of Artillery at Kings- ton on Monday, January 15. Officers and non-commissioned officers, who contemplate attending the school will communicate with headquarters.

Lieut. D. B. Weldon, formerly a re- porter in Moncton, and who was in the city for some time as a member of the 15th Battalion, is at present in France. He hopes to obtain ab- sence for a few days and visit his brother-in-law, Captain Alex. Orichton, at Edinboro.

SKATES 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 PRICES: STARR SKATES. Acme \$1.00, Boys' Hockey—Plain .85, Boys' Hockey—Nickeloid 1.05, Hockey, "Bulldog" 1.25, Hockey, "Climax," Plain 1.60, Hockey, "Climax," Nickeloid 2.00, Hockey, "Scotia," 2.80, Hockey, "Royal," Featherweight 5.50, Hockey, "Velo" 6.00. Tube Hockey 4.80, Tube Racer 6.40, Ladies' Hockey, "Regis" 2.50, Ladies' Hockey, "Glacier" 3.00, Ladies' Hockey, "Velo" 6.00. WHELPLEY'S SKATES. Long Reach, Boys' \$1.90, Long Reach, Men's 2.25, Child's Woodtop, with toe and Heel Strap 1.25. SPORTING DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—Kine Street

Large Stock of Christmas Novelties Specially Trimmed Hats on Sale at Very Low Prices Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

Gift Suggestions for Your Boy Headquarters for gifts for the boys. Our stock offers innumerable suggestions. Speedway Flexible Flyers, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$3. Sleds and Frimers 35c to \$3.35. Express Wagons 70c to \$6.50. Wheelbarrows and Carts 45c to \$1.40. Skates 50c to \$6.00. Watches \$1.25 to \$8.00. Tool Boxes \$1.00 to \$6.50. SHOP EARLY. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Big Sale of Dress Goods and Suiting Remnants Included in this offering are Colored and Black Serges, Poplins Worsted, Plaids, Checks, Gar- bardines, Broadcloths, etc. Standard Fabrics that are in demand every day. These are Odd Lengths, hence the Remnant Prices. Lengths for Ladies' Suits, for Odd Skirts, Girls' Suits and Dresses, Children's Dresses. Shorter Lengths suitable for Small-sized Women's Coats or Children's Coats. THESE DESIRABLE CLOTHS AT PRICES THAT MEAN A BIG SAVING. In addition to the Remnants, we will offer a small quantity of Shepherd Checks, damaged by salt water in transit, at 30c. yard. SALE STARTS SATURDAY MORNING. DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT—GROUND FLOOR.

Christmas Linens Bureau, Commode and Five o'clock Covers, Guest Towels and Towing Embroidered Hemstitched Bureau, Commode, and Five O'clock Covers, all of the same design— 18x36, 45c.; 18x45, 55c.; 18x54, 65c.; 18x54, 65c.; 20x30, 55c.; 20x30, 55c.; 45x45, \$1.45 and \$1.55. With Scalloped Edges—18x36, 60c.; 18x45, 75c.; 18x54, 85c.; 20x30, 75c.; 30x36, \$1.00; 45x45, \$1.75. Hemstitched Damask Huck Guest Towels—15x25, 36c.; 43c.; 47c.; 52c. each; with initials, 48c. each. Hemstitched Plain Huck, 43c., 45c., 48c. each. Hemstitched Plain Huck, Embroidered Ends, 80c., 95c., \$1.00 each. Hemstitched Damask Huck, full size, 58c., 65c., 70c., 85c. each. Hemstitched Plain Huck, full size, Hand Embroidered, \$1.75 each. Scalloped Real Madeira, Hand Embroidered, \$2.50 each. Scalloped Plain Linen Huck, fine quality, 75c. Hemstitched Plain Linen Huck, fine quality, 72c. Pure Linen Damask Huck Toweling by the yard. Many designs—15 inch, 48c., 55c., 57c., 58c. per yard; 18 inch, 48c. per yard; 18 inch, 52c. and 60c. per yard; 20 inch, 57c. and 70c. per yard; 22 inch, 72c. per yard; 24 inch 60c. per yard. IN LINEN DEPARTMENT. WEEK-END OFFERING OF PATTERN HATS AT \$2.50 and \$5.00 continued in Millinery Department.

Something Novel Ladies' Shoe Collars TO WEAR WITH LOW SHOES OR PUMPS Detachable, will fit any shoe. Assorted colors. The acme of comfort. See them in our HOSIERY DEPARTMENT—ANNEX. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

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FINE NEW INSTITUTION THAT IS LIKELY TO PROVE AN ADVANTAGE TO CITY'S BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

YOUNG MEN'S CATHOLIC INSTITUTE HAS COMMODIOUS BUILDING WHICH WILL BE OPENED BEFORE NEW YEAR

With Fine Up-to-date Gymnasium, Swimming Pool, Shower Baths, Bowling Alleys, Reading and Billiard Rooms it Will Practically Afford Club Privileges to Its Members. —Makes Noteworthy Addition to Existing Plant for Social Work Among St. John's Young Men.

Ever since the first stone was placed in the foundation of the Catholic Young Men's Institute on Cliff street, the young men as well as the boys of the city have been looking forward with keen anticipation to the time when the institution would throw its doors open. In the fall of 1915 the first step was taken for the erection of this splendid building. It was then that the work of excavation was commenced. From that time until October 26th last, when the organization meeting took place the construction proceeded without one moment being lost, with the result that in a few weeks many of the men of the city will have the pleasure of spending a part of their time in one of the best physical and educational institutions east of Montreal.

The impressive looking structure, of which R. A. Frechette of Montreal was the architect, has a frontage of 120 feet. The depth of the building is 75 feet. The building is two stories high, and the lines of construction throughout carry the idea of solidity and simplicity, yet graceful and imposing. The architectural design is Gothic. This singular and beautiful style of architecture could not be shown to any better advantage than with the material which has been used in the construction of the institute. It is of cream tawny brick presenting a smooth unbroken surface from the foundation to the roof. Messrs. John Flood are responsible for the erection of the building, and the completed structure speaks volumes for the efficiency of the contractors.

The accompanying picture will give the reader an idea of the building. It will be noticed that the large windows on the first and second floors practically form a solid glass front, thereby furnishing the interior with an abundance of light and sunshine. Every detail has been attended to and His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, who first conceived the idea, as well as the clergymen and laymen have shown a deep interest in the work of the institution.

Over the door, the high power incandescent lamp enclosed in white globe, on which the initials Y. M. C. I., can be seen, marks the entrance to the building. Once over the threshold the same simplicity and impressiveness which characterize the exterior are made manifest. The bright spacious lobbies, the large airy rooms, and the effective decorative scheme, contribute to make the interior beautiful. Further distinguishing features are the amount of illumination provided for and the splendid manner in which the heating has been attended to.

A Splendid Swimming Pool.
Visitors and members will be furnished with information as well as instructions by the secretary, who will occupy the registration office, situated on the left side of the lobby. Directly opposite is the entrance to the swimming pool, which will probably be used as much by the business men of the city as by the younger set. The water surface covers an area of 1,260 square feet. It is tiled throughout in half inch tiles of three colors, green, white and brown. A change is observable in the construction of the pool. Instead of the water being carried back to the tank, as it trips from the swimmer, a gutter has been made running around the interior of the tank about three inches from the top, which carries away the water. This gutter also acts as a hand rail for the frequenters of the pool to pull themselves out of the water with. The depth of the pool ranges from four to ten feet. The different depths are inserted in the tiling on both sides of the pool. In this way one can readily ascertain the depth of the water. This is a safety measure, which will be of great assistance to swimmers. And it will be of special interest to those who are just learning the art.

Finished in heavy Quebec marble and standing to the left of the pool are the shower baths. These are four in number, and are enclosed on the sides with marble. The mode of spray is that of the improved tumbler mixer, and the regulation of the water is controlled by one lever, which works on the same principle as the lever on an elevator. At the rear of the baths, in an adjoining department are installed the furnaces.

At the end of the room are the steel dressing lockers and box lockers furnish a new system of accommodation for clothing and gymnasium apparel. These lockers provide a sanitary and convenient place for the needs of the members of the different classes as well. To a large extent the surface decorating as well as the tiling can be attributed to the W. Noneman Tiling Company of this city.

Facing the lobby is the entrance to the junior room. This apartment for special reasons has been placed on the ground floor. It is a nice, large airy room and furnishes accommodation for all the requisites of a successful junior class. Game rooms will be set apart for the use of the smaller boys, while those somewhat older will have the use of reading and educational room. Lockers have also been erected in the room for the use of the members.

Four Fast Alleys.
The bowling alleys will be found on the ground floor. They are without doubt the fastest yet laid down in the city. Here the same minute details, which is characteristic of the entire building, have been attended to. The alleys are made of rock maple, providing a much faster surface than the material commonly used throughout the Dominion. In speaking of the alleys yesterday, Mr. McGee, the physical director, told The Standard that many in the world, and that nearly all the bowling championships in the United States were rolled on them. The leatheroid plate upon which the pins stand, as well as the sides surrounding the pins, also adds to the velocity. Another noticeable feature of the bowling alleys is the doing away with the unsanitary finger sponge. This has been replaced by a more modern sanitary and scientific perforated metal covered pad.

After reaching the second floor by means of a splendid steel stairway one arrives in the beautiful gymnasium, commodious in area and free from any obstructions.

An Up-to-date Gym.
The planning of the gymnasium is not of the ordinary imitative design but noticeably original. The floor space is 40 x 60. The heating and plumbing have been ingeniously concealed providing additional space for recreation. The apparatus which is now being installed consists of the greatest variety and the most serviceable that could be purchased in North America. Vaulting horses, stationary rings, swinging rings, parallel bars, horizontal bars, elevated ladders, punching bags, etc., etc., will furnish effective measures for adding to the physical strength of the participants. All the apparatus used in the "gym" has been purchased direct from the Harold A. Wilson Company, Ltd., of Toronto. Yesterday the workmen under the supervision of Director George McGee of Boston were busily engaged in making the necessary preparations for the installation of the apparatus.

A valuable addition to the physical requirements of a good gymnasium is the saucer shaped circular racing track which will also provide a splendid balcony for witnessing the class work on the gymnasium floor. Thirty-three times around the track is equivalent to a mile. The track has been strongly built and is supported by steel bands. An iron railing forty inches in height runs around the inner side of the track, so an accidental fall from the track to the floor below is impossible.

Brilliantly Illuminated.
The gymnasium is practically and brilliantly illuminated by means of no less than seventy-two exceptionally large incandescent lights. These are systematically arranged on the paneled ceiling so as to provide the largest amount of light possible. In each section formed by the finished panels a very attractive appearance. The electrical work has been done by Messrs. Driscoll and Mackie.

Entrance to the gymnasium from the dressing room will be through one of the property rooms. These rooms, of which there are two, will be used for the storing of floor apparatus, when not needed. They measure 10 x 30,

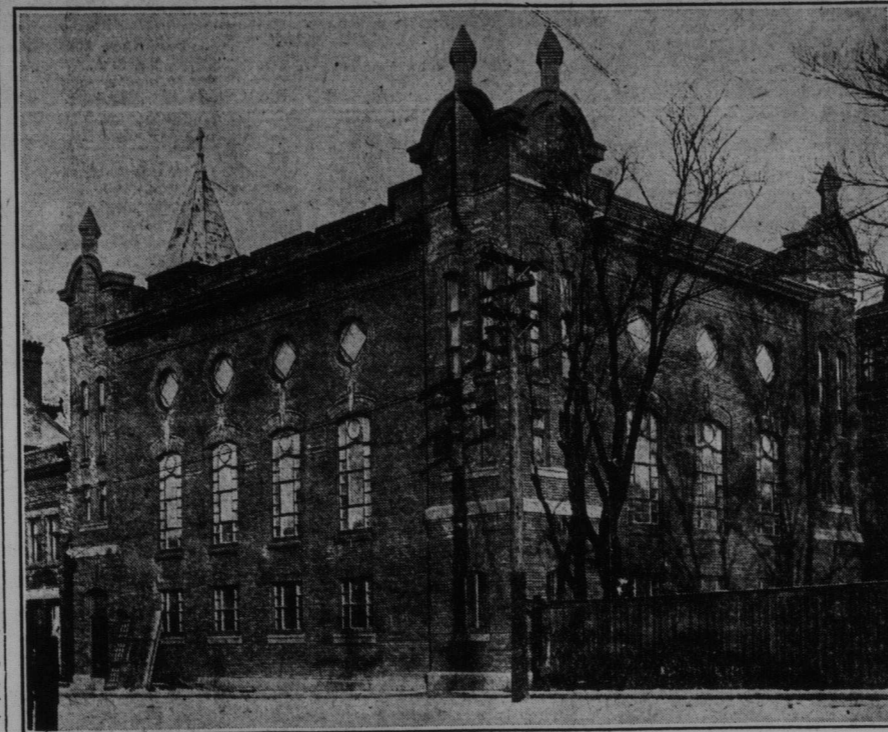
and will conveniently contain all the fixtures when not in use.

Well Equipped Kitchen.
Near the gymnasium is situated a completely furnished kitchen. This will assist the auxiliary when entertaining the members of the association at a supper or banquet. The kitchen is equipped with hot and cold water, a gas cooking range as well as lockers for dishes and pantry room. The kitchen is also 10 x 30.

Assembly Hall to Seat 600.
The seating capacity of the assembly hall is estimated at 600, but in case at any time accommodation is required for a larger number, the billiard room can be included with the doors folded back, making the length of the hall fully 81 feet. This auditorium will be used for entertainment and educational purposes. It is understood that the members of the class intend to form a dramatic class, and if such is the case, no better place could be obtained in the city for amateur productions. The same high ceiling and brilliant illumination is featured here, excepting that the lights are suspended by heavy metal chains.

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At the end of the assembly hall, and facing Cliff street is the recreation room for the senior members. Accommodation has been provided for no less than three tables. They will be installed shortly, in order that the room will be readiness for the opening night, which is to be during the week between Christmas and New Year's. The billiard room will be equipped with the latest scoring board as well as the "never-loss" chalk system. The tables will be placed in such a position that the light will fall evenly on all the tables. A settee will also be placed in the billiard room for spectators. This form of amusement has always been very popular among the young men of the city, and several members of the institute have gained prominence as pool and billiard players, hence interesting matches are expected to be played this winter at the institute.

At the left of the billiard room is the reading and writing room. This room is of the same dimensions as the billiard room. Reading racks containing the daily papers, as well as interesting weekly and periodical publications will be always found for perusal. Special lamps have been carefully selected for use in the reading room, so as not to affect the readers' eyesight.



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Sure to be Successful.
The building throughout has been equipped in the most modern way possible, with everything complete for the intellectual, physical and social advancement of the members. Nothing has been omitted. Each and every detail has received careful attention from those who had the project in charge. Too much cannot be said of the gentlemen who are responsible for the erection of the handsome edifice, and it is obvious that the success of the enterprise is commensurate with the endeavor exercised by them.

500 Applications Received Already.
Already over 500 applications have been received by the secretary from the different ages throughout the city. Of this number 200 have already been presented with their membership cards. Measured by the number of inquiries received by the secretary numerically, the institute is now practically a going concern. It is the intention of the directors to have a general opening night some time within

the next two weeks. If possible, several addresses will be delivered. The committee which has been appointed to solicit members are meeting with good results, and judging by the many who are arranging to purchase membership cards as Christmas gifts for their boys the membership list will reach a large total.

The New Director.
The directors were very fortunate in securing the services of George McGee of Boston as physical director. Mr. McGee has had a broad and varied experience in boys' work. For five years he was associated with Messrs. McCann of Boston, during which time he gained a thorough knowledge of the work. He has been in the city for some time attending personally to the installation of the bowling alleys and gymnasium. He possesses a pleasing personality and should prove a valuable instructor.

The price of membership will depend upon the age and class the applicant proposes to attend. \$1.25 is the fee for the school boys. This will entitle

RELIEF FOR THE WESTERN COAL SUPPLY

Important Judgment Delivered by Railway Board Yesterday.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—In a judgment of the railway board issued today the new and important principle is laid down, that the railways responsible for carrying coal to the consumers of the west must move this important commodity, not only over their own originating lines of railway, but also to points on other lines. The judgment declares that cars must be supplied for delivery to points on other lines to the full extent cars are available.

Where Duty is Thrown.
In all cases where transfer at the junction point results in the line on which the traffic originates obliging long haul, the duty is thrown upon that line to supply the cars. In cases where the long haul is enjoyed by the receiving line, that line must supply the cars. In cases where the line that ought to supply the cars, under these principles, is unable to supply them, then the other line shall supply them, but shall be paid by the line in default a per diem charge of \$1.25 instead of the usual per diem of 45 cents. No addition may be made to any existing freight rate to cover the additional per diem charge.

It is believed that the effect of the judgment which upsets previous judgments given by the board in the past will tend to relieve the existing coal scarcity in the west, which is described in the finding of the board as "acute."

The governing board consists of Messrs. R. O'Brien, John O'Regan, J. P. Owens, Joseph Harrington and T. M. Burns, who will hold office for three years; John Keefe, Joseph Dwyer, George Cunningham, Thomas Nagle and John McGowan, who will serve for two years; Ernest Harrington, Dr. L. Fleming, Judge H. O. McInerney, Alfred Dever and J. H. Colohan, who will serve for one year.

ALBERTA COAL-BEARING LANDS.
Toronto, Dec. 14, 1916.—A marked development of the coal-bearing lands in Alberta traversed by lines of the Canadian Northern Railway, is indicated by figures handed out today by Mr. D. B. Hanna, third vice-president, upon the handlings of the road for this year and in 1915. For the six months ended October 31 this year, the Canadian Northern Railway has moved, in round figures, 200,000 tons of coal from the mines in the Cardiff and Drumheller districts alone, as compared with 100,000 tons for the similar

them to the use of any part of the building with one exception. They will not be permitted to use the bowling alleys. On Wednesday and Saturday physical classes will be held for the school children.

The juniors, besides being allowed the use of the institute, will have two classes each week in the evenings, Tuesday and Thursday. The price of membership in this class is \$2.50.

Seniors will have the privilege of three physical classes. They will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Senior membership cards will cost \$5.00. There will be another class to be known as the general; the cost of membership in this is \$3.00. A feature of the institute is the opportunity it furnishes for the business man, who, after being confined to the store or office all day, is greatly in need of recreation and exercise. Each evening as soon as the floor is clear at 5 o'clock the business men will hold their class. In addition to this, every evening after the seniors are through, an hour will be devoted to the men. And on every Saturday from 4 to 6 o'clock a physical class will be held for the business men.

Classes and Fees.
A summary of the different classes and fees:
School boys, \$1.25, Wednesday and Saturday.
Juniors, \$2.50, Tuesday and Thursday.
Intermediates, \$3.00, class days not decided.
Seniors, \$5.00, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, (evenings.)
Business men, \$10.00, from 5-6 every day in the week, from 4-6 on Saturday and one hour each night after the senior class.

The Officers.
J. H. Colohan, who was the unanimous choice of the managing committee for the office of general secretary, has already entered upon his new duties of office and is very much attached to the work. Mr. Colohan is a scholar and student and is admirably qualified to fill the office of general secretary.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, John Keefe; vice-president, Judge H. O. McInerney; secretary, T. M. Burns; treasurer, Thomas Nagle. The members of the executive are all known throughout the city for their sound business judgment.

The governing board consists of Messrs. R. O'Brien, John O'Regan, J. P. Owens, Joseph Harrington and T. M. Burns, who will hold office for three years; John Keefe, Joseph Dwyer, George Cunningham, Thomas Nagle and John McGowan, who will serve for two years; Ernest Harrington, Dr. L. Fleming, Judge H. O. McInerney, Alfred Dever and J. H. Colohan, who will serve for one year.

ALBERTA COAL-BEARING LANDS.
Toronto, Dec. 14, 1916.—A marked development of the coal-bearing lands in Alberta traversed by lines of the Canadian Northern Railway, is indicated by figures handed out today by Mr. D. B. Hanna, third vice-president, upon the handlings of the road for this year and in 1915. For the six months ended October 31 this year, the Canadian Northern Railway has moved, in round figures, 200,000 tons of coal from the mines in the Cardiff and Drumheller districts alone, as compared with 100,000 tons for the similar

ANGLICANS WILL OBSERVE DEC. 31 AS WAR DAY

Lord Bishop of Fredericton Issues Pastoral Letter to Priests of Diocese Calling for Day of "Prayer of Thanksgiving and of Resolve."

Last Sunday of Year Will be Marked by Special Observances in Church of England in Canada and Throughout the World.

Sunday, Dec. 31, will be observed in the Church of England in Canada as a special day "of prayer and thanksgiving and of resolve" in connection with the war.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Fredericton, has issued the following pastoral letter to the priests of the diocese:

"My Dear Brothers—In accordance with the action taken by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York with regard to the cathedrals and parish churches of the motherland, the Primate asks the Church of England in Canada to observe Sunday, December 31st next, as a special day 'of prayer, of thanksgiving, and of resolve,' in connection with the war. I hope, therefore, that this will be done in every parish of the diocese, keeping in mind the three suggested purposes to which I have referred above. Prayer is needed—prayer for ourselves as a nation, and as individuals—prayer for the sailors and soldiers who have gone forth to fight—and prayer on behalf of all those to whom the war has brought suffering and sorrow. Thanksgiving, too, is needed—thanksgiving for the protection that has been afforded us, and for the devotion that has been shown by so many men and women in the cause of truth and honor. And resolve, too, is needed—resolve that in the face of every difficulty and discouragement we shall not fail to do our duty. Let us, then, make these three thoughts the keynote of our services on the last Sunday of the year.



IMP. OIL CO. ANNOUNCES BONUS

Several Thousand Employees of Corporation From Atlantic to Pacific Will Benefit.

A large number of commercial and financial organizations are issuing year-end statements to their employees announcing special rewards for faithful service during an unusually strenuous and arduous year. In adopting this policy corporation heads are recognizing the fact that conditions, permanent and that for the time being the existence of high prices for practically all the necessities of life have greatly increased. Some of the bonuses are graduating the amount of bonus paid to their employees so that the maximum of benefit will go to married men who are in the lower grades of the service.

The largest commercial organization to announce such benefits is The Imperial Oil Company, Limited, the Directors of which have decided to grant for the year 1916 to all employees of one year or more service (engaged on a monthly basis) one month's salary; and to all similar employees in the service for a period of from six months to a year, a bonus of a fortnight's salary. These gifts will be payable to several thousand employees from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A very large proportion of the Imperial Oil pay-roll represents shareholders of the company. A year ago the opportunity was offered to every employee to invest in its stock on exceedingly advantageous terms, and to the large number who accepted the offer the investment has proved unusually lucrative.

period in 1915, or an increase of 100 per cent.

This coal, almost entirely of semi-bituminous character, is marketed throughout the Canadian prairies to meet the competition of the anthracite from the fields of Pennsylvania. No decrease in the demand is in evidence. On the contrary the movement appears to be gaining steadily in power, and the Canadian Northern expects to improve upon this showing for the next period of comparison.

The Bishop's Letter.

Bishop of Fredericton, N. B. The Clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton:

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"It is not necessary, I think, to issue any further forms of service. You are at liberty to make wise use of such forms as are already in your hands, and which have been set forth by authority either in Canada or in the motherland.

"Affectionately yours,
"JOHN FREDERICTON."

CAMPAIGN FOR A DRY DOMINION

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—An organization to be known as the Dominion Prohibition Committee was the outcome of a conference of temperance leaders from every province in Canada held here today. The committee's objects will be the aggressive prosecution of a campaign for a dry Canada.

Mr. Justice E. Lafontaine, of Montreal, was chosen president of an executive of 24 members.

The conference adopted a resolution urging the Dominion government to enact, as a war measure, a law prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, in Canada, and prohibiting the importation of the same from any other country.

ADMIRALTY MAY ARM MERCHANT VESSELS

London, Dec. 14 (4.40 p. m.)—In the House of Commons today Thomas McNamara, financial under-secretary for the admiralty, announced that the Admiralty had under earnest consideration the matter of arming merchant ships.

BRITAIN'S FOOD ISSUE

London, Dec. 14—Baron Devonport, speaking for the first time as food controller in the House of Lords today, said the solution of the food question resolved itself into one of a system of rationing. It was not enough to maintain the food supplies, but it was overwhelmingly essential that they be distributed fairly.

THE HOME
THE WORLD

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES
THE PLAYERS

Here are Related Facts and Fancies Concerning the Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

SATURDAY'S POEM.

"The White Comrade" by Katherine Hale, a Canadian, (McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart) has been published in pamphlet form. It contains one long poem and five short ones bearing on the thoughts of the war, all written in Katherine Hale's characteristic lyric and slightly elusive style. "The White Comrade" contains thoughts ascribed to a wounded Canadian soldier at Ypres. The idea of the poem can perhaps best be indicated by two quotations: And so, my friends, this word I bring to you Hot from the hell of conflict whence I come, Where life and death, binding men's spirits close Have sealed a certain knowledge on our souls. Christ has come back to earth in these great days, I, but a young Canadian, tell you this.

Then again: Christ has come back to earth in these great days, He has come back, as in the centuries past He suddenly appeared upon the streets Of old Judean towns. Let people talk Of ancient creeds and dogmas as they will, That helps not, hinders not, the vital truth That one young man in his most ardent youth So loved life, felt life, understood its laws, So took pain to his heart, so took great love, And knew that pain and love are always one, And knew that death can be lived through to life, Till He commanded death, and death obeyed, So comes the Comrade White, down silent pain, He comes to woods and battlefields today, (Sometimes I think he loves the woods the best) And finds free souls flung skyward, glad to go, Among the lonely and the pain-racked ones He comes—not death at all, but radiant life, Comes in the eyes of comrades, lives in hearts

That give all, taking nothing in return. He is a rumor and a far white light, He is the singing bird, the children's flute That called us wooing forth to give our all. The floating glad things of the buoyant air, Young earth's warm children, music and delight, Live in His eyes: those deathless azure eyes, That smile upon the moment we thought hard, And turn our sacrifice to kindling light. They pass through radiant gates on whom He smiles.

SOLDIERS' SOCKS.

Children Do Splendid Work For Field Comforts Association.

Mrs. W. C. Hawkins, president of the Associated Field Comforts, stated this morning that the school children of Hamilton had sent to the association, through F. J. Howell, five hundred pairs of socks for the December shipment. Much pleasure was expressed, and through the Spectator Mrs. Hawkins wished to convey the thanks of the association.

Singapore had an auction for the Patriotic Fund and according to the Singapore Daily Press "the sum of \$17,000 was raised—\$5,000 was given for the silver auctioneer's hammer."

Why Worry?

In addition to the rules of health and eugenics, Prof. Fisher told me, people who want to live long should avoid the hurry habit, should cultivate a religion of healthy mindedness, should learn to control their attention, should moderate their desires and should cultivate the habit of happiness.

"I know a very wise physician who prescribed to a business man worrying over his financial responsibilities that he start each day by saying over to himself for five minutes: 'I don't give a hang! I don't give a hang!' Prof. Fisher concluded.

So here we are—all together now! If we want to live long and prosper hygienically:

"We don't give a hang! We won't give a hang!" —Vancouver World.

Women Crane Drivers.

Sheffield, Dec. 14.—Women crane-drivers are employed in a great steel works here. They wear masculine dress of chocolate brown with blue trimmings.

Patriotic Work of Christian Scientists.

Helps Soldiers Greatly—At the Christian Science War Relief Association's annual meeting Tuesday night, it was shown that \$3,189.20 was received and \$2,352.82 expended. Of this, \$1,507.22 was sent to Berne, Switzerland, to buy bread for prisoners of war in Germany, 4,526 articles of clothing and comforts were donated to the St. John Ambulance Association, and the Returned Soldiers' Convalescent Home. Much other relief work was done.

NEW IDEAS SEEN IN NEW YORK SHOPS.

Black satin shows signs of great popularity this winter for suits, dresses and coats, especially a most beautiful new variety introduced this season. This is unusually heavy and lustrous and is especially effective for the new coats.

A most beautiful new fabric is being shown for the first time this season, called "velvoleon" and is nothing more nor less than a "de luxe" variety of the popular wool velour. It is an ideal fabric for the heavy coat, especially the motor coat.

The tam-o'-shanter crown has apparently settled down to a long season, as it is seen in every variety of hat and is made of every kind of material. Another shape destined to popularity is the stocking shaped crown, which droops coquettishly on the side and is usually finished with braid or tassels of fur.

The new collars and fichus are extremely lovely, white net having first place. This is beautifully embroidered in white and occasionally in colors. Many new collars are seen of white flannel or broadcloth, especially on the ever popular blue serge dress. The faded skirt is finally giving way to straighter lines again. The new skirt is fairly full, but hangs absolutely without a suspicion of flare. Indescribably beautiful are the new

When the Back is Lame IT IS A SIGN OF Kidney Trouble

Backache is the signal sent out by the kidneys the minute they become overtaxed.

Those who heed the warning when it first comes, usually have but little trouble. The danger lies in delay. You can cure the lame, aching back by curing the aching kidneys beneath—for it is really the kidneys aching and not the back.

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brocaded materials, especially those in the paler evening shades. Much silver and gold embroidery is seen. As to the laces, they are fairly weighed down with their burden of metallic embroidery and sequins.

ARE YOU A MARTHA?

There are just as many Marthas as there were in the days when Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus dwelt in Bethany. We all know the type—women who would rather give up the greatest chances for self-improvement or enjoyment than swerve from the routine of their daily work, says the Vancouver Daily News and Advertiser. Although in France they made Martha the patron saint of all good housewives, she continues to set a bad example to the woman whose work and duty lie within the home.

Don't be a Martha. For Marthas cook and scrub and dust that they may keep house and do not do these things they may make their home a pleasant place to come to. These women are splendid housekeepers, but they are not home-makers.

One of the most usual sorts of Marthas is represented by the woman who wouldn't dream of letting dinner dishes remain unwashed till morning, even though by so doing she might spend an extra half hour or so with her husband and children. She feels her duty to be placed there in the kitchen, in the sink, wherever work is to be done, and she could not rest comfortably at night if she did not know that this duty were done. She does not realize that she has another more complex duty to her husband and her children—that of making their evenings interesting, and a higher duty to herself—that of cultivating sociability in the circle of her own family.

There are many Marthas who can afford to keep plenty of servants to do all the actual drudgery of their household, and for these there is even less excuse than there is for the hard-working Martha who must necessarily spend some time over household drudgery.

Once there was a woman whose husband had much money in the suburban community in which she lived. She kept several servants, she lived in the finest house in the neighborhood, she had a couple of automobiles at her disposal, and she really spent a small fortune on clothes. And yet she thought that her duty required that she should make all the soap used in her kitchen and laundry. This, of course, necessitated a soap-making day half a dozen times a year—a day that was dreaded by all her family. More than that, it necessitated a very unpleasant household supervision on her part, for she was so afraid that a precious bit of potential soap might be thrown away that she fairly made the life of the cook miserable.

There are lots of ways of being Marthas. Search your own heart to find out whether you are one of them.

Old Gloves

The members of the Women's Canadian Club of Vancouver have just sent away another large shipment of old kid gloves, which will be used by the Glove Waistcoat Society of London to line waistcoats for the men at the front. It has been only four months or thereabouts since the club sent shipment of 2000 pairs away and since then they have collected 700 pairs, which were shipped a few days ago. There was also a large bundle of fur in the last shipment. Some beautiful pieces of fur were received. Many of them could have been made over into wearable garments, but their owners evidently preferred to send them on, that they might be used to keep the men at the front warm during the cold winter days and nights they must spend in the trenches. The society to which the Canadian club has sent several shipments of gloves and furs, uses the pieces to line waistcoats for the soldiers.

Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World and on the Stage—Favorites and What They Say and Do.

IMPERIAL.

Through the Wall—Beatrice Fairfax. This week-end programme at the Imperial is very good indeed. Now, I believe in giving praise where praise is due, and if you like a well acted, well constructed story, full of exciting happenings and ending with just retribution coming to the master criminal, you will enjoy this picture. The story has for its central figure an arch criminal, known as The Little Finger from the fact that his little finger is an extraordinarily long one. He has one of those retreats where the walls open by pressing a hidden spring, and all that sort of thing, but better done than any of the usual ones. There is a girl with a lost memory played by Nell Shipman, a famous detective, and a fine cast. This is a Vitagraph production and staged in the very latest style. Just notice how the scenes are played by George Holt. The detective is William Duncan; Betty is Corriene Griffith.

Beatrice Fairfax.

Wait till you see the little telegraph boy in this number and you will be as much delighted with him as the rest of the audience were. He too consults Beatrice Fairfax in regard to his love affair and the scenes in the telegraph office are very funny. Billy was small but his knowledge of the Morse code came in very handy and helped him to realize his day dreams. This is a "different" picture, full of incident, as serials are apt to be, but with more humor than most, at least judging by the second episode. Grace Darling lives up to her name—I had to do it just this once—and Harry Fox is a capable actor.

Both Claim Films.

Rather an interesting situation has arisen in regard to the Metro pictures. A night letter has been sent to all exhibitors throughout the Dominion who are using the Metro pictures. This letter reads "Interim injunction granted today restraining Sawyer Standard Film Service and agents from using Metro productions. We are sole licensees and can give you uninterrupted service through our agents, Specialty Film Import, who are authorized to see you. Signed Metro Picture Limited, A. M. Brodeur, president."

R. G. March of the local agency of the Specialty Film Import states that the firm he represents are the sole lessees of the Metro pictures, which however, are claimed by both companies. Julius Wolf of the Metro Standard Agency here said "The matter is not settled and until it is I cannot make a statement. As far as I know we are still using Metro pictures."

The information to the agent of the Specialty Film Import Limited in St. John came from the general manager, L. A. Oulmet.

Serials and Pictures in General.

In these columns on Thursday was published a letter from a correspondent who does not approve of serial motion pictures. Everyone has a right to an opinion and a column simply of unqualified praise of all pictures would be very dull reading. But criticism must be fair and while I expressed no opinion of the views held by the writer of the letter I did not consider the serial presented in a way that was just. As a faithful attendant at the St. John picture houses—I have to be to write the reviews—I have never seen a serial that I considered in any way suggestive. The masterpiece of the Iron Claw, the Pathe serial, produced by a company who are famous for fine serials, held me all through and I hated to miss a number. The Secret of the Submarine—M. J. had a most interesting plot and the Shining Shadow has a supernatural element that exploits something often read about by children, the cloak of darkness so familiar to us in fairy tale days and the protective One who watches over and comes to the assistance of those oppressed. Liberty, the Universal serial gives fine examples of marvellous horsemanship and daring deeds undertaken

to save those in trouble. The Beatrice Fairfax serial opens with the clever detection of crime and the delivery of one unjustly accused. The whole problem of children's programmes is exciting a great deal of interest in all the papers devoted to the motion picture trade. The trouble seems to be that children's programmes are not always supported by the very people for whom they are intended. A manager arranges a whole show especially for kiddies and then the mothers do not see that the boys and girls go on those days but lets them go to see plays obviously intended for their elders. That has been the experience of many managers who testify to having done their best in this line and failed.

Then the style of play enjoyed by children is not entirely educational. You have to give the boy adventurous heroes unless you want to make a mollycoddle out of your son, though I grant you the many murders might be omitted. You will notice, however, that it is always the virtuous heroine who triumphs and who marries the broadchested hero who has dared so much for her sake. And their elders must see pictures that are true to life. If you are going to have only "pretty stroons" on the screen you are presenting just as unreal a picture of the world as if you saw only wicked people pictured. As long as vice is presented as vicious and its evil consequences shown surely the picture has a moral value. Some companies over-emphasize the sin and just give a

glimpse of the reformation at the very close of the picture, but this is not what I mean. We must have the variety on the programmes to suit all tastes so long as the pictures are not immoral.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN UNIVERSAL RELEASES.

For the week of December 18, Universal announced two releases that will give the programme a holiday atmosphere. The two productions featured with the Christmas spirit are "It's Great to Be Married," a one-act Victor comedy written and produced by Captain Leslie T. Peacocke with Eileen Sedgwick in the leading role, released Friday, December 22; and "Fighting Joe," released under the Victor brand Saturday, December 23. In which will appear William V. Mong, Maud Emory and Harry M. Holden.

STEAMER TORP DOED BY ENEMY SUBMARINE—PEOPLE CAPTURED!

IMPERIAL THEATRE SPRINGS ANOTHER WONDER PICTURE

"THROUGH THE WALL"

A Truly Wonderful VITAGRAPH.

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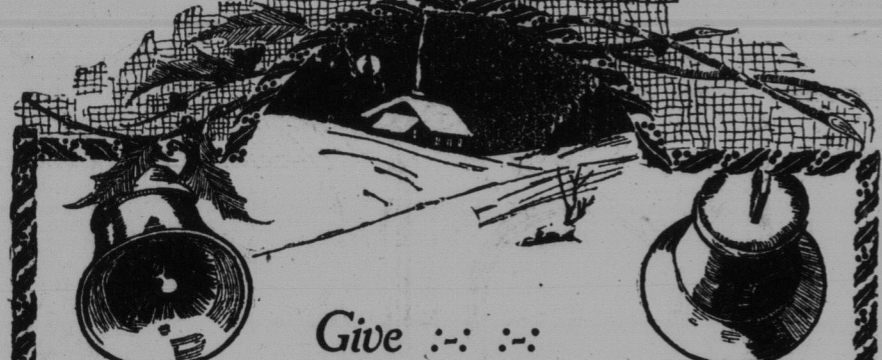
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Fobs	\$2.50 to \$12
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BAPTIST

Mr. Spurgeon was the grant resource of the aspiring journalist thirty years since. Fresh news items from the Metropolitan Tabernacle were always welcome. Though the great preacher's health began definitely to fail in 1887, he continued to draw enormous congregations. On one Sunday evening, as announced in our columns, over 2,000 persons were turned away. Visitors from many lands attended his Thursday evening service, when seats could be found without waiting. Some idea of Mr. Spurgeon's European position may be gathered from a letter sent by a Balgrade gentleman in the autumn of that year. The writer had translated into the Serbian language a number of sermons from the Tabernacle pulpit. The Metropolitan of Serbia issued orders that time that the priests of the Greek Orthodox churches throughout the country were to add preaching to the duties of their office. The priests, many of whom were poorly educated and untrained in the art of public speech, would have been placed in an awkward position but for the kindness of the translator, who, with the consent of the Metropolitan, sent them copies of Mr. Spurgeon's sermons. These were read Sunday by Sunday in the village churches. Little did anyone imagine that thirty years later Britain and Serbia would be linked in that indissoluble bond "which binds the brave of all the earth."

The Rev. R. F. Guyton, of Kingston-on-Thames, who has recently received a commission in the Civil Service Rifles, is now undergoing a course of instruction at an Officers' Training Camp. He was at drill the other day and involuntarily overheard a conversation which interested him. The squad was standing at ease, and the sergeant, who is a strict disciplinarian and not altogether restrained in his language, unbent a little and began to talk with some of the cadets. Mr. Guyton heard him remark, inter alia, "We get all sorts here. Why, I'm told we've even got a Baptist parson. Well, I darsay we shall find some use for him, as we haven't a chaplain here."

Resolution recently passed by the Province Rhode Island Conference: Whereas, We, the members of the Baptist Ministers Conference, of Providence, Rhode Island, and vicinity have learned through our denominational press of the protest of our esteemed brother, Rev. J. B. Gambrell, D.D., commanding United States armed forces on the Mexican border, and in view of the fact that the protest is in violation of the limitations of utterance destructive both of religious freedom and of the integrity of the Gospel as a saving message to men, viz., that no Baptist might hold public religious services in the camps making religious appeal to the soldiers as "lost men," and,

Resolved, That we hereby record our firm and unalterable conviction that no military officer in command of United States forces has any right under the Constitution to censor the religious views of the men of his command nor to discriminate in granting permits for public worship against any accredited religious body, and,

Resolved, That we protest that the ruling of General Funston, as brought to the attention of our denomination by Dr. Campbell, is in our judgment in direct violation of the spirit of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which forbids that Congress shall enact any law forbidding or furthering any form of religious belief, and,

Resolved, That we express to Dr. Gambrell our warm appreciation of his efforts to have an evangelist's message uttered by Baptists in the camps of the United States Army, and express the hope that Baptists all over the land will rally to his support in his righteous contention that religious liberty be conserved to all our citizens under arms.

POLICEMEN LETTER CARRIERS DRIVERS
and other workers who must have enduring strength, take
SCOTT'S EMULSION
to build up and keep up their health. Surely it will do as much for you, but insist on SCOTT'S.

Received, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, and to each Representative and Senator of Rhode Island in Congress; also that a copy be sent to Rev. J. B. Gambrell, D.D., of Dallas, Texas; a copy to each of the daily papers of Providence, to the "Watchman-Examiner," Boston and New York, and a copy to General Funston at his headquarters.

Kentucky Baptists had a good year. They gave for benevolence a little more than \$200,000. The women added \$42,461 to this amount. The recent State Convention decided to launch a campaign for the erection of a great Baptist hospital. The Baptist hospital movement is becoming popular throughout the country.

From the Maritime Baptist. Rev. E. A. Kelly, missionary at Rangoon, Burma, reached London November 15th on his homeward journey. He expects to spend Christmas with his wife at Syracuse, N. Y. Shortly after, he hopes to visit his native province. He was born at Collina, N. B. He was for some years pastor of the Leinster Street church of this city. He will receive a warm welcome on his arrival here.

Rev. H. P. Everett has resigned his charge at Springhill, N. S. We regret to report that in this case, too, a good man is being lost, at least temporarily, to the work in these provinces. He has decided to accept the call extended to him by the church at Dauphin, Man. Perhaps when he has had experience of the west he will decide that home fields are best and so may be induced to return to us.

A personal letter from Dr. MacDonaid brings the information that he is still busily engaged in the office of the Director of Chaplain Service. He expected to leave London in a few hours after writing on a tour of hospital inspection, visiting Leicester, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, and other places. In about a week he expected to be back again in the office in London. He writes that the Baptist chaplains from these provinces are all doing a high grade of service. Captain Parker has been off duty for about six months.

Rev. Perry J. Stackhouse is accomplishing fine things at the Tabernacle church, Utica, N. Y. During the past year eighty-three have united with the church. Pastor Stackhouse has been preaching a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer, following the line of development made familiar by his book on this subject. A local paper says on this subject: "There is going to be a change in things. In fact we are in the midst of a change now. What the change will result in is for the people to determine. If you have not thought much on the subject of a new social order in Utica, it will be well to get into action to hear this polemic little preacher expound his ideas. You may not agree with him, but he will give you a good argument."

Archdeacon Raymond
The Diocese of Fredericton met with a serious loss in the removal of the venerable Archdeacon Raymond to Vancouver. So long had he worked here that he seemed to be a vital part of the diocese. He was one of the few men who resisted all alluring calls to other fields across the border. He determined to remain among his own people. It is somewhat appalling to think of the work accomplished of such a varied nature. Born at Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 3, 1853, he was educated at the Woodstock Grammar school and at the University of New Brunswick. Here he graduated with honors in mathematics and science, and captured the gold medal in 1879. He took his M. A. degree in 1881, and his Alma Mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL. D. in 1901. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1879, and was rector of the parish of Stanley, N. B. until 1884. Here he did noble work, and did much for that large and important parish. Since that time he has been rector of St. Mary's church, St. John, and in 1909 the congregation presented him with a gold watch in recognition of the 25th anniversary of appointment as rector. His activities in the welfare of his city and province were marvellous. For years he was president of the Church of England Institute; Rector of the Deacons of St. John; president of the Sunday School Association; president of the N. B. Historical Society; Chaplain of the N. B. Loyalist Society; Chaplain of the Thistle Curling Club; deputy examiner for McGill University, as well as being Archdeacon of the Archdiocese of St. John. He was formerly lieutenant commanding the Woodstock Field Battery; gazetted chaplain with honorary rank of captain, and the 1st N. B. Regt. C. A., Feb. 1906; chairman of the Champlain-de-Monts celebration in 1904. In 1906 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

As an historian Dr. Raymond had scarcely an equal in Eastern Canada. For many years he contributed to the publications of the N. B. Historical Society, and to various other periodicals. In 1901 he published "The Winslow Papers," and four years later "The History of the River St. John." Besides a great deal of other work along historical lines, he is considered an authority in Canadian history, especially in relation to the Maritime Provinces. In 1908 he attended the Pan Anglican Conference in London, England, and had the honor of being presented to the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

It is only possible in this brief sketch to give the bare outlines of Archdeacon Raymond's life. His work in connection with the Synod committee alone would fill a volume. There he is greatly missed, and his familiar form is no longer seen in the accustomed place. The words of Judge Savary that he is "Worthy of a notable place among Canadians of distinction," is certainly true, and the people of St. John, as well as the whole of New Brunswick, will miss and more come to see the value of such a life in their midst. The members of the Anglican Church are naturally proud of Dr. Raymond. His good work, his nobleness of heart, and his kindly and sympathetic disposition are known to everyone, and all unite in wishing him renewed health, peace and happiness in the golden years of his life on the far off sunny slopes of the fair Pacific coast.

The Rev. H. I. Lynds
The Rev. H. I. Lynds was in St. John this week on his way to Lockport, N. Y., to take charge of his new parish there. He and Mrs. Lynds and their two little girls are spending a few days with friends at St. George, N. B. The Rev. Lynds is a well known and good wisher of their many friends, so with them in their future home.

Mission Funds
Attention is again directed to the importance of all parishes making a determined effort to have all missionary amounts handed in to the Diocesan treasurer before the close of the year. The Bishop in a recent appeal to the clergy says:
"Let me take this opportunity of saying one more word about the missionary fund. It is of the utmost importance that there should be as generous a response as possible this year. We are only too likely, I fear, to suffer a considerable loss in several of our largest parishes, owing to the absence of their respective rectors at the war, and the consequent disturbance of parochial conditions. Will you, therefore, do your very best to see that all subscriptions are paid in at once, and that prompt returns are made by your respective parish treasurers? This applies also, of course, to the required contributions to the Board of Missions from the Aided Missions. A little effort will materially reduce the total arrearage from which we only too often suffer at the end of every year. I am most anxious that there should be no default this year upon the funds, both for our own sake, and for the sake of the S. N. C. C."

That a parish magazine can be maintained is proven by the fact that the seventh volume of The Church of St. James Church, St. John, is completed with the Christmas number, just issued. This is an attractive magazine, issued monthly, and gives to all the members regular accounts of the work within the parish. It also includes The Day of Day, that excellent English magazine, the reading of which is enjoyed by old and young.

The Rev. J. R. Hopkins, owing to ill health, has resigned to resign the important parish of Andover. Mr. Hopkins has stood faithfully by the Diocese for years, and his departure will be keenly felt.

The Rev. Dr. Hugh Latimer Burleson, for ten years editorial secretary of the Episcopal Board of Missions has been consecrated Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota. The ceremony took place in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, N. Y., where gathered a notable assemblage of bishops, clergy and laymen. The complete ritualistic ceremony of the church was carried out.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of the Miramichi was held Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Grace church, Millerton. The following ministers were present: Messrs. Hugh Miller, W. M. Matthews, F. L. Jobb, J. H. McLean, A. J. McNeill, L. Beaton, Alex. Pettie, J. W. MacLean, W. B. Wyllie, John Harris, W. B. Rossborough, W. Gellie.

HAD BOILS For Six Months. B.B.B. DROVE THEM AWAY
When the blood becomes impure the very first symptoms which manifest themselves are a breaking out of various forms of skin trouble such as boils, pimples, sores, etc., and to get rid of these troubles you must cleanse the blood thoroughly with a good blood remedy.
The best blood cleansing remedy on the market today is Burdock Blood Bitters.
Thousands of people from one end of Canada to the other have used it during the past forty years, and have nothing but words of praise for its cleansing properties.
ME.ustus Beers, Upper Main River, N. B., writes: "I want to say a few words about your medicine, Burdock Blood Bitters. I had boils for six months and sometimes was so bad I could not work. I tried lots of cures but nothing would drive them away for good until I took B. B. B. In a short time I was all better. It is a dandy medicine. I keep it in the house all the time."
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A. Grant, Geo. P. Taitrie, Alex. Pirih, S. J. MacArthur, J. R. Miller and J. R. McKay and J. A. Robertson, elder. Rev. Mr. Rattle was re-elected clerk and Rev. Mr. Beaton was elected moderator for the next six months.

Rev. Geo. A. Grant, M. A., B. D., who for the past six years has been in charge of the Black River congregation, resigned his charge. Mr. McNaughton represented the congregation and spoke of the high esteem in which his people hold Mr. Grant, but the work is too heavy for him in his present state of health and his congregation has decided to place no obstacles in his way. The Presbytery very regretfully accepted his resignation which will take effect on Jan. 31st. Mr. Rossborough of Loggieville, at the request of the congregation, was appointed interim moderator and was asked to declare the pulpit vacant the first Sunday in the new year.

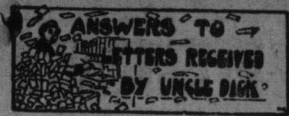
The congregation of Bathurst was given permission to mortgage their church property for an amount not exceeding \$10,000 and they renewed their application for a free grant from the church and manse building fund.

Four remits from the assembly were considered and judgment passed on them. The most important of these was the proposal of reducing the Presbytery representation in the assembly from one in six to one in eight. This was strongly disapproved.

Rev. Mr. Matthews presented the report of Synod's committee on "The Church and After the War Situation." In view of the need of our country it was agreed to ask every minister to present this subject to his congregation on the first Sunday of the new year, and to hold a conference in connection with the next quarterly meeting of Presbytery in order that the "National Mission of Repentance and Hope" may stir us up to real and vigorous effort for God's kingdom, which alone can secure the peace and safety of the world.

A meeting of the ministers and superintendents was held on Tuesday evening to arrange for the New Year's Sunday School Rally of the Presbyterians and Congregational Sunday schools of St. John city and environs. The committee was re-organized. Robert Reed was elected chairman and Rev. John Hardwick superintendents were held on Tuesday evening to arrange for the New Year's Sunday School Rally of the Presbyterians and Congregational Sunday schools of St. John city and environs. The committee was re-organized. Robert Reed was elected chairman and Rev. John Hardwick superintendents were held on Tuesday evening to arrange for the New Year's Sunday School Rally of the Presbyterians and Congregational Sunday schools of St. John city and environs. The committee was re-organized. Robert Reed was elected chairman and Rev. 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Janis Blenkhorn, Parraboro, N. S.—Very pleased to have your letter and let you join the Corner. Neta MacNeill, Digby, N. S.—Very pleased to have your letter and let you join the Corner. Neta MacNeill, Digby, N. S.—Glad you are enjoying the Corner and contests. Helen DeBoo, 218 Wright Street—You are a clever artist. Yoome Doucet, Negado—It's a pity you made the drawing so small. John A. Taylor, New Mills—Pleased to have you as a member. Beatrice Comeau, Little Aldon—You can draw nicely. Gerald Legere, St. Ignace—Drawing was good but too small. Sanford Devereaux, Jacquet River—The drawing quite nice. Evelyn Vanamaker, The Range—Pleased you are better. Sorry your papa missed me. Margaretta Arnold, Sussex—I remember you writing before and hope you will enjoy the Corner again. Willie Sharp, Lower Jemseg—The drawing shows much progress. Herbert Pulk, St. Stephen—Glad you like the contests. Muriel Ruth Green, Upper Greenwick—Thanks for your nice answer. Myrtle Mallory, Mont Joli—The Allies' Aid were delighted to have your fifty cents. Yes, send me one, and I shall see what I can do. Verna Lamy, Amherst, N. S.—Thanks for nice letter and what you say. Now try harder than ever in the contests. Flossie Foshay, 45 Marsh Street—Glad to have the nice long letter, but was sorry you had been unable to see me when you called give baby my best Christmas wishes. He must be cute. Donald Rogers, Hartland—Glad you like the contests. Mae Kerrigan, Arcootook—You are a clever little artist Mae. Alta Coy, Oromocto—Quite happy with all your kiddies thanks, write again. Bridget Comeau, West Bathurst—Pleased to have your nice letter Bridget. Francis Speight, Welsford—What a pity you made the drawing so small. Luck Anderson, Sussex—Quite pleased you have joined Lucy, and to have your letter. Mildred Frenette, Petit Rocher—You seem to enjoy the contests. Graham Falconer, Pokemouche—What a nice little artist you are Graham. Bonar Lawson, Mundeville—Now write me often, as you are now a member. Constance Logue, Oromocto—Thanks for nice letter. Call the next time you are in St. John. W. Gladwin, 100 City Road—Pleased you are entering in the contests. Harry Lutes, Jacquet River—Yes, certainly Harry, and a big welcome to you. Bertha Reid, Hampton Station—Very glad to know you enjoy the Corner so much. Write soon again. Jean Warman, Campbellton—Glad you like the Corner so much. Ellen Eslinger, Dalhousie—Pleased to get your welcome letter. Hope your brother will soon be better. Leona Flewelling, Chipman—You would see Marion's picture in the Corner again, did you? Write another interesting letter soon. Kenneth McQueen, Shediac—You have tried hard in the contest, Kenneth. Cecil Morris, Woodstock—Glad you are enjoying the contests. Ida Cote, Dalgle—What a clever little artist you are to be only six. Alma Clark, Chipman—Pleased you are entering the contests Alma. Wilbur Tompkins, East Florenceville—shall watch for more of your good work Wilbur. Hazel McHale, River Glade—Pleased to hear from you. Dorothy Stewart, 25 St. James St.—Your reason was a very good one Dorothy, and very well written. Hattie McIntosh, 10 First Street—Glad you are enjoying the contests. Dorothy Monteith, Parraboro, N. S.—You made a good attempt in the contest Dorothy. Emma Wright, Andover—Yes, if you wish to, and also with me. Only those I have room for—glad you joined. Marjorie Gorham, Greys Mills—A big welcome. Now try your best. Bessie Sterrett, Greys Mills—You sent a good reason as to why Zella deserved the prize Curly Locks. I was wondering when you would be writing. Randolph McLaughlin, Campbellton—You made quite a nice drawing Randolph. Rebecca O. Kane, W. Bathurst—Yes you must get it regularly, and thus enjoy the Corner better. Charlotte Calkin, 108 Wentworth St.—Very pleased to get your nice letter Charlotte, and to see you like the Corner. Vivian Soper, Head of Millstream—Glad you like the Corner Vivian, but it was a pity you made the drawing so small. Alice Reicker, 102 City Road—You seem to be enjoying the contests. Phyllis Barber, 42 Broad Street—



CHILDREN'S CORNER

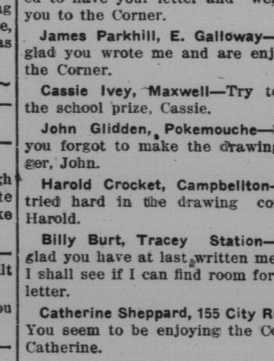
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have at last entered the contests. Mildred Lannen, 395 Douglas Ave.—You tried hard and the writing was most neat. Annie Doyle, Jacquet River—Yes, you did, and I hope you will often write to the Corner. Helen Lawson, Galls Mills—Very pleased to have your letter Helen. Clarence LaPointe, Nashes Creek—There is nothing like trying, as in that way you will have a chance of winning. Ronald Bates, Springfield—The list was nicely written out. Florence May Palmer, Tootoon—A big welcome and I trust you will often write. Willis Wasson—Very glad to have you as a member and hope you will continue to enjoy the Corner. Marguerite Ellis, Westpoint—Very glad to hear you find such pleasure in the Corner. Gertrude Arsenau, West Bathurst—You seem to be enjoying the contests, Gertrude. Tom Cochrane, Sackville—Thanks for nice letter, and your name is now on membership roll. Sorry, I cannot write a personal letter now. Vivian Fisher, Woodstock—Not much as you make, a good attempt, although you just missed the prize. Adrien Michaud, Bathurst—You tried hard in the contests. Over two hundred letters and names of kiddies wishing to join will be attended to in next Saturday's Corner. Mildred Connor, 210 St. George St. W.—Very glad to have your letter and entry. Myrtle Cox, Young's Cove—Just use white paper in drawing. I shall look out for Grace's letter. Violet Gillison, Reeds Point—You tried hard in the drawing contest, Violet. Gertrude Arsenau, W. Bathurst—You made quite a nice sketch Gertrude. Frank Russell Meating, St. George—The drawing was quite well done for your age. Eva Whelpley, West Side—Can you come sometime afternoons, and get the prize you want? Nan Coleman, 240 Duke Street—You made a very good drawing Nan, and showed neat work. Harriet Piers, Hampton Station—Delighted to have you Harriet, and get your nice letter. Your writing is very neat. Ruby Price, Debec—You are very welcome and I was pleased to have your letter. No, but often in the contests. Eileen Brien, St. George—Your drawing was nicely done Eileen, but watch the details next time. Matilda McCormick, St. George—Glad you are enjoying the contest and sending good attempts. Gertrude Rice, Sussex—You made a good attempt in the contests, Gertrude. Adrien Michaud, Bathurst—What a pity you made your nice drawing so small. Margaret McNally, Beechwood—You seem to like the contests, Margaret. Theodore Baston, Bathurst—Glad you like the contest and you didn't send coupon. Florence Wasson, 122 Victoria St.—You tried hard Florence. Barbara Kelley, 85 Burpee Avenue—The list was nicely written. Carrie Smythe, W. Bathurst—Glad you like the contests. Warda Jones, Cloverdale—I like to see a kiddie such as you who tries hard. Eileen Dixon, Grand Falls—Yes, she sent in a good reply. Basil Buckingham, Coldstream—Delighted to have you. Eva Whippley, City—Sorry I made the mistake in your name. Yes, holidays are welcome. Dorothy Davenport, California, N. B.—Although you did not win first prize or the story book, you tried hard, and I am pleased to have you as a member. Write soon again. Mary Bloodworth, Upper Kent—Glad you have at last written and joined the Corner. Hattie Phillips, South Minto—You are a nice writer. Willie Sharp, Lower Jemseg—Delighted to have your letter and cute picture. Will publish same soon. John MacVicar, The Range—Why not subscribe and have it for yourself on Saturdays, John. Your attempts were good. Muriel Coy, Oromocto—You wrote quite a nice little story, Muriel. Carnell Rees, Amherst—Yes, the drawing was quite good. Glad to have your letter. Write again. Norman Chaffee, St. George—You tried hard in the contest. Myrna Smith, Sussex—Glad you got over the operation so well. Yes, Nellie is a very good neat list. Delia Furlotte, Durham Centre—No, Della, it was to make the most number of words.



Freda Hoyt, who has been enjoying the Children's page for some time, is here seen enjoying her Christmas present of last year.

Very glad you are enjoying the Corner so much. Helen Matthews, Sussex—Sorry to hear you are sick, and hope you will soon be better. Yes, medicine is awful to take. Take it with jam! Marjorie Slocum, 16 Exmouth St.—Yes, that is a good idea, only space is so limited. I shall use yours. Pearl Graham, Hartland—The answer was correct. Glad you are enjoying the Corner so much. Myrtle Day, Wapaskie—Thanks for your letter and drawing Myrtle. Hedley Estabrook, Amherst, N. S.—You tried hard, but use the squares next time. Arthur Donahue, Dalhousie—Your drawing was quite good Arthur. Minnie Gode, Salmon River—Pleased to have your letter and welcome you to the Corner. James Parkhill, E. Galloway—Very glad you wrote me and are enjoying the Corner. Cassie Levy, Maxwell—Try to get the school prize, Cassie. John Glidden, Pokemouche—Sorry you forgot to make the drawing larger, John. Harold Crockett, Campbellton—You tried hard in the drawing contest, Harold. Billy Burt, Tracey Station—Very glad you have at last written me, and I shall see if I can find room for your letter. Catherine Sheppard, 155 City Road—You seem to be enjoying the Corner, Catherine. Willard Violette, Sea Side—I am sorry you made the drawing so small, as it was good. Pearl Fisher, 60 Spar Cove Road—Sorry to hear you are not well, and hope you will soon be better again. You will be pleased to have your uncle back. Leslie Cruikshank, Fredericton—Yes, write often. Your work is very neat. Arthur Goodcliffe, Sussex—Yes, you got the correct answer, Arthur. Audrey Waddell, Reeds Point—I am sorry about the button, as I sent it, but will send another if I can get same. Edward Bohan, Park Hotel—Very pleased to have your nice reply Edward, and to see you take an interest in the Children's Corner.



Nellie Erb, Wickham, just after she has been reading her favorite Children's page.

Edward Furlotte, Durham Centre—See what I said to Della. Adolphus Arsenau, Campbellton—The drawing was nicely made. Ellen Lowe, Loggieville—Although it is your first attempt, don't hesitate to continue in the contests, as I like your work. Gertrude Shearshear, South Ek—The drawing was good, but you spoil it in the arm. Elmer Leslie, Back Bay—Glad you are enjoying the contests. Jack Mersereau, St. George—Pleased to have your entry. Edith Stewart, Elmville—The picture was very well copied. Harold Holmes, Beaver Harbor—I liked your drawing, Harold. Sadie Moore, Danville—I should like to see more of your drawing work. Elsie Urquhart, Hatfield Point—Yes, I was surprised and delighted to have your letter Elsie. Try to write more often. Lillie Avery, Knowlesville—I should like to see more of your good drawing. Ernest Roy Harding, Hammondale River—You were quite clever with your snare, it must be a nice knife. Olive Perry, Sussex—Pleased to have your letter, Olive. Dorothy Perry, Sussex—Yes, her's was a good answer. Rachel Armstrong, Rothesay—Glad you are enjoying the contests. Harry Grant, Cumberland Bay—You forgot to enclose the coupon, Harry. Robert Langstroth, City—You sent quite a number of words Robert. Dorothy Goodwin, Bale Verte—The list was nicely written out. Helen Kinley, Woodstock—Pleased to have your nice letter Helen. Nellie Cooke, L'Etang—Glad to have your letter, and allow you to join the Corner, Nellie. Viola Giggy, Waterloo Street—Pleased you are enjoying the contests, Viola. Elsie Dennison, Kentville, N. S.—Glad you got the prize and liked same. Write soon again, Elsie. Cecil Harris, Annapolis, N. S.—Your nice drawing arrived safely. Elsie Baxter, Bayswater—You tried hard Elsie. Winnie Brock, 75 Brussels Street—Which school do you attend Winnie. Elsie McMullin, 74 St. James Street—The drawing was nicely done, Elsie. Marguerite Carleton, Sussex—You tried hard in the contests. Vera Founerty, Riverside—You tried hard but in drawing always watch the details. Elsie Holmes, Beaver Harbor—Glad you like the Standard so much Elsie. Helen McMullin, Fredericton—think you sent in a splendid drawing Helen, and well deserve place in the prize list. Madeline Wetmore, 142 City Road—



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Uncle Dick wishes many happy returns to the following kiddies, who will be celebrating their birthdays during the forthcoming week: George Steeves, South Bay. James Duffy, Hillsboro. Albyn Perry, 53 Paddock St. Muriel Slocum. Leslie McBeth, 186 St. James St. Gaynor Kent, Mt. Pleasant. Myrtle Friars, Sussex. Dorothy McKinney, 100 St. James Street. David Allison, Sackville. Careful Man "Pa sent me over," said Grabley's little boy "to see if you'd lend him your umbrella." "Certainly," replied Naylor, "but what does he want it for? It doesn't look like rain today." "No, but he says it may rain most any day now, and he wants to be prepared."

MOTTO: "KINDLY DEEDS MAKE HAPPY LIVES"

Uncle Dick's Chat With the Children

My Dear Kiddies:— Unfortunately a very great number of you will be disappointed when you rapidly glance down the "Answers to Letters" column, and find your name missing this week, but believe me, although there are two hundred answers given in the Corner this time, there is still a huge pile of letters awaiting my attention, and I simply cannot find any more space. Whilst not making any promise, I shall do my very best to answer these, if only brief, next week, together with others received between now and then. Some of you have been waiting for personal letters from me for some time, but the mail is getting so large that, unless your letters are of a particularly personal character, I shall have to restrict the answers to the Corner after this. In writing this way, I hope you will not misunderstand me, and think I wish you to write less letters. On the contrary, I hope you will get more interested in the Corner than ever, and continue to bombard me with mail, as I am never too busy to read same, whether they be just short little notes written on a small piece of paper, in scrawly lettering, or long epistles giving quite an exhibition of handwriting.

I just love hearing about the work you may be doing for the soldiers in connection with school, church, or home, or those cute little stories about your pets, baby brothers, and sisters your school work, as to how you like your teacher, and the host of other things you tell me about. Speaking of rather writing of your pets, reminds me of a little chap who lived on a farm, giving all the animals a present! What do you think he did? The day before Christmas day, he got his father's permission to get armfuls of vegetables, potatoes, and other things, but suitable for his dumb friends, then on Christmas day he let every one of them have a supply of just those "luxuries" each farm pet liked, not forgetting some choice bones for doggie, and for pussy some nice cream and meat. Gee! but you should have seen the way they licked their lips afterwards. I wonder if you couldn't do a kind deed like that this year?

A member has written to me this week, suggesting that the members correspond with each other. I have already mentioned this subject in a previous chat, and some of you are carrying the idea out, but I really think you might enlarge on the plan, and start a sort of mailing club, each member agreeing to write regularly to some other kiddie who is reading the Corner. I am sure you would derive great benefit from this, and help to spread more sunshine and happiness, as you would, no doubt, get in touch with many young readers who are invalids, and who would be cheered by the receipt of such letters. You will always find the addresses given in the replies to the letters, which I give, or you can send them to me right stamped, and I shall see that the full address is added.

The contests and prizes seem to be attracting more new members than ever before, which I am very glad to see. How do you like having the chance to win a dollar to spend in the Christmas holidays? Of course you cannot all be the lucky winner, but you can at least try, and have the fun of solving the problems, coloring the pictures, finding the words or whatever else I may give you to compete in.

I hope you are all having a great time with your frames, and sleds, now that King Winter has spread his mantle of snow. Write and tell me all about it, then when I have more space to spare, and can let you have the regular stories again, I shall publish some of your adventures. With best wishes and heaps of love. From your

Uncle Dick

New Members This Week

Uncle Dick gives a hearty welcome to the following kiddies who have joined the Corner during the past week: Margaret White, Bathurst. Christina McLellan, 123 Wright St. Lillian Honey, E. Brighton. Ada Rose Edwards, Belleisle Creek. Stanley Johnson, Mionette. Etta De Wolfe, Bathurst. Dorothy Goodill, Rolling Dam. Phyllis Smith, Milltown. Beatrice Dunfield, South Branch. Vivian Flash, Woodstock. Alma Goodill, Rolling Dam. Arthur Barton, Mill Cove. Edith Barton, Mill Cove. Adlaetta Brown, Chipman. Searl Whippley, Summer St. Helene Tweeddale, 515 Brunswick Street.

Kenneth Rogers, Mt. Pleasant. Madeline Wetmore, 142 City Road. Pearl Graham, Hartland. Myrtle Day, Wapaskie. Arthur Donahue, Dalhousie. Bertha Reid, Hampton River. Billy Burt, Tracey Station. Willard Violette, Sea Side. Edward Bohan, Park Hotel, City. Geraldine Mitchell, 162 Rockland Road.

Herbert Pulk, St. Stephens. Verna Lamy, Amherst. Mae Kerrigan, Arcootook. Bridget Comeau, W. Bathurst. Lucy Anderson, Sussex. Bonar Lawson, Mundeville. Constance Logue, Oromocto. Harry Lites, Jacquet. Bertha Reid, Hampton River. Cecil Morris, Woodstock. Ida Cote, Dalgle. Emma Wright, Andover. Alice Reicker, 102 City Road. James Ross, Bannock. Mildred Connor, 210 St. George St. West.

Harriet Piers, Hampton Sta. Ruby Price, Debec. Basil Buckingham, Coldstream. Dorothy Davenport, California. Mary Bloodworth, Upper Kent. Carnell Rees, Amherst. Ellen Lowe, Loggieville. Helen Kinley, Woodstock. Nellie Cooke, L. Etang. Elsie Holmes, Beaver Harbor. James Hickie, Jacquet River. Rachel M. Bowles, Rolling Dam. Bert Easter, Bass River. My Herbert, Pokemouche. Hazel Connolly, Truro. Frances Prece, Welsford. James Taylor, Municipal Home. Emily Hudson, South Branch. Cornelia Murphy, Bass River. Lillian Beatrice Seymour, Three Brooks.

Mina Noble, Lower Brighton. Vera Groves, Coates Mills. Lantz Allen, E. Advocate. Raymond Lent, Weymouth. Roy Melsaac, E. Florenceville. Hilda Merritt, Silver Beach. Eldon Keith, Anagnone. Irene Hackney, W. Bathurst. Florence M. Palmer, Tootoon. Willis Wasson. Marguerite Ellis, Westpoint. Tom Cochrane, Sackville.

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Here is another bright little member of the Children's Corner, Myrna Viola Smith of Sussex.

ALLIES' AID MEETING

A meeting of the Allies' Aid will be held this morning, Saturday, at 10.30 o'clock prompt, and all members are asked to attend, as important business is on hand. "Please may I take a vase to school with me, mother?" asked ten-year-old Miss Constance. "What for, dear?" "To put the flowers the boys bring in." "Flowers. Well, I never! You don't mean to say you ask the boys to bring you flowers?" "No of course not!" replied Miss Constance contemptuously. "How do you get them, then?" "Herbert Lawrence brings them every day." "For you?" "Yes, all the girls tease for them." "Do you tease for them, Constance?" "No," replied the youngster, with a haughty shake of her black curls. "I just look at him and he gives them to me."

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BRITISH TRENCHES MODELS OF SKILL

Observer on the Somme Front Finds Them Devoid of Traps.

THINKS THE FOE UNNERVED

Condition of German Prison- ers Said to Indicate That The Strain is Telling on the Whole Army.

Some new points of view are presented in the course of an article from an authoritative British source, which has been placed at the disposal of The New York Times. Just what a man will see and what he is likely to tell if he visits the Allied front line near the Somme at the point where the British army has just made one of its many steps forward, is the writer's theme. After describing the general character of the country he recounts his progress through the communication trenches. He says:

"Walking with your head two feet under cover along a neat crack in the earth with a sharp corner every few yards finally you turn the last corner into the actual firing trench. It is a treat to gladden the connoisseur's heart. How the men must have worked

whenever they were not fighting—and his digging less dear than fighting to the soul of youth—in order to model this perfect line of defenses and offense; its shapely firing step and clear-cut vertical walls and massively squared transverse. Here is no gaping V-shaped ditch to collect the enemy's trench mortars and invite his wandering whistbangs in and the mud know it. You walk along the trench and see just pride as well as confidence in their faces.

It is noon now, and some of them are blowing on hot tea to cool it, or eating out of their dixies stew and meat, potatoes and peas. It has not only been thus in the English firing trench. The English only learn war in each of their wars by degrees, but now they have learned it. The day is fine and other men are asleep, basking like cats in a state of beatitude on little sunny shelves and bunks cunningly sculptured out of the trenches' firm clay walls.

One little knot of men of duty are bending over a comic paper at a corner. The wary old trench dweller always likes a corner because he can jump around it at the shortest notice and put a solid angle of earth between him and anything serious that drops in. On the other side another group cheerfully reopens that undying theme of debate among the British soldiers—the merits and demerits of the salient at Ypres.

"How long was you at Wipers?"
"Four months."
"Well, I was there five months, so what right have you to speak?"
A general laugh greets this method of proof and disproof, and some one else cuts in.

Sentries Watch Germans

You meet officers anxious about nothing except to know what there is in the last English papers. Sentries

on duty with all the crowns of their grass-green steel helmets dipped cunningly down to the parapet level, report that nothing is stirring over the way. These helmets used to be ugly and not highly protective. They looked like the barber's basin that Don Quixote took to be the helmet of Mabrinio. The new make of helmet is more pretty, and also more virtuous, for it covers more of the neck, though not so much as the blue-tinted skullcap the French, with their turned-down brims and its lines are artistic. Worn at the proper angle, it makes the comely young sentry look rather like Donatello's David at Florence.

Will sleeping heads, the sentries report "nothing doing." That means nothing visible, nothing audible. Peering over the parapet for a moment you see only a wilderness of bare earth, pitted thickly with conical holes from three to eight feet deep. Four hundred yards away is the skeleton of a dead village. No sign of life is to be seen there except perhaps one of the larks which sing cheerfully through cannonades that would make the pheasants in faraway Sussex nervous, or else a big hawk slowly quartering ground and sending the larks into a retirement as modest as that of German airmen.

And yet you know that waste is infected; that you need only to raise your head a foot higher to bring a bullet dipping itself with a quick flick into the loose earth behind you; that if you crawled out on your stomach and peeped over the edge of the trench you would see a line of men in wide-shirted gray tunics with narrow red bands round their caps were crouching some of them nursing their one good friend, a machine gun, some of them digging hard to connect holes with hole till a row of fortification dots were turned into a line; some of them resting tucked into little cavities scooped in the earth or near the side of a hole like sand-martens' nests on the wall of a quarry, and staring apprehensively up at bomb-laden British biplanes wheeling about in the overhead as the larks in the grass look up at a hawk.

Kindness Surprises Captives

You know all this because on the way up this morning you talked with a number of Prussian and Saxon prisoners in one of the cages, the little camps where the latest captives rest for some days safe out of range of their friends' heavy guns till they can be sent on by train to the base of the English. The captives they came down broken-nerved to the camp, their faces lined and drawn with mental overstrain, some of them still mechanically making deprecatory gestures of surrender and entreaty. As they marched all the lines were smoothed out. They had been fed and had slept for whole nights and found that the "murderers" described them by their own sergeants inflict nothing but offers of cigarettes. So they began to expand in the unexpected sunshine of good treatment, and they were what life had been like in the shell-holes, its good points and its bad. The food had been good, but sometimes it did not come because the British guns would draw a kind of fence of falling shrapnel across a piece of country, a sort of showerbath of bullets dropping along the line, so nobody could cross the line without being hurt. Still the bread and meat and chocolate, when they did come were good and the water was sometimes mineral water in bottles. The trouble was that the British guns would not cease firing and the British aeroplanes would not go away, nor the German ones come out of their shells. Sometimes the men in the shell-hole would see British troops in the open within rifle range, but would not dare shoot lest British airmen should see where they were and send word to a British gun and bring down a high explosive shell on the old shell-hole to bury them all alive by a second rearrangement of the earth. You perceive this apprehension just because you twice today have seen the end of a stiff, black-booted leg protruding out of the wall of an old shell-hole.

Other questions about their life at the front the prisoners answered as freely had they talked politics. Yes, there were a number of Social Democrats in the army and every one thought great changes would come when the war was over, but not now. Were there any desertions? No. Many men would be glad to be prisoners, but would not desert. Many more still would surrender if the German officers were not so quick to shoot men who put up their hands, and if all the German soldiers knew that the Allies did not kill prisoners nor have them scalped by savages.

Those, then, are the kind of men and that is the life and state of mind which exist beyond the 200 intervening yards of blank ground. On some early day, perhaps, an incessant sequence of separate shell bursts among and around them at intervals will change in an instant into an outbreak of furious, continuous barking like suddenly angered dogs, or that of a great many suddenly angered dogs. The earth of their trench and in front of it and behind it will begin to dance up in fountains like misty rain, only that all of the earth foundations are 20 feet high.

Perhaps the Germans will just be able to see through a hole in the smoke that the British parapet, where not a sign of human habitation had been seen before, bristles with men standing up at full height and then moving forward. In the next 20 minutes many capricious fates will befall individuals on both sides, but underlying this seeming confusion in the destinies of atoms causes will still be having their natural effects. The average German soldier, having endured defeat already, will fight less well than he did. His nerves having suffered the strain of those new experiences in the shell holes will hold out less long than they used to. His mind having learned that surrender into the hands of Englishmen does not mean

death of ill-usage but merely release from danger and exhaustion, he will be less averse to surrender than he was last year. The German army naturally scored the Allies to see that success in trench warfare was to the side with the most munitions. It made competition in munition making and it has been distanced in that competition, and now the wide advancing line of English infantry will enter the German trench, a trench shattered out of shape as no allied trench ever has been shattered.

"OLIVER OSBORNE" DISCLOSES HIS REMARKABLE CAREER

(Continued from page 8.)

one away. Ruth said they could not talk because Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, their lawyer, and the Slades had told them not to.

"When the time comes we will talk in a way that will hurt," Rose exclaimed.

Ruth told her sister to keep still, but Rose added Mr. Osborne who claims to be "Oliver Osborne" said, as the newspapers report, that he gave his sister \$10 and \$20 each time he went with her lies. We can't say anything now, but my heart is broken. We four girls are living here in this bare flat with no furniture except four chairs. Look!

"We have been hounded like dogs from one place to another just because Rae made a terrible mistake. When that man comes here from Chicago with his lies we will have something to say."

The refusal of the Slades to admit that Wax is Oliver Osborne was just as emphatic as the statement of the Tanzer sisters that he is lying. It was apparent that those who have been arraigned on the opposite side of the case from Mr. Osborne and the United States District Attorney's office by no means considered that Wax's admissions cleared up the mystery.

Mr. Marshall said that the cost of finding Oliver was trivial. He said that not more than \$1,000 had been spent in the search and that it might not be more than \$500 if the salaries of the Post Office Inspector and Department of Justice men who worked on the case at various times and in many cities are not included. He also admitted for the first time that it was James Osborne who put up the \$1,000 named as a reward for Oliver on the circulars issued by the Government. Mr. Marshall said this had not been done until the Attorney General had advised it was perfectly proper.

Rae Tanzer was indicted for perjury and for using the mails to defraud. The jury in a trial on the perjury charge disagreed. David and Maxwell Slade and their detective Albert T. McCollough, were indicted on a charge of obstructing justice. Their trial, because of the illness of the presiding judge, was declared a mistrial. Rae Tanzer's sisters Rose and Dora also have been indicted for perjury.

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PROBLEM OF POPE'S POSITION MAY NOW BE NEAR SOLUTION

Famous J. suit, Father Ehrle, Would Have Pontiff Created a True Sovereign, with Temporal Possession of His Own. — At Present Church Has No Title to Vatican,

Paris, Nov. 15.—The problem regarding the position of the Pope seems nearer solution than it has been at any time since forty-six years ago, the Italian state seized Rome and made it the capital of Italy, and Pope Pius X and his successors shut themselves up in the Vatican. An agitation, which began among the leaders of the Catholics in Germany, has aroused the keenest attention of Catholics in all the countries of Europe and has been received with consideration even by the Government press in Italy.

Only a form of temporal power can end the unsatisfactory condition in which the administration of the Catholic church complains of finding itself. This was the first and basic fact which the German Catholics advanced for any discussion of the question, and this fact has been explicitly or implicitly set forth by the Pope and the Papal Secretaries of State since 1870. The concrete proposal for the settlement of the temporal power question brings out a number of facts of intense interest for Catholics.

It is now authoritatively stated that the Vatican Palace, in which the Pope resides and from which he directs the spiritual life of Catholics throughout the world, is not his property. It had been generally believed that the Vatican was extra-territorial; that the Italian Government had no dominion over it and had no jurisdiction over the authorized dependents of the Pope. The Vatican Not Extra-Territorial

As a matter of fact, it is now revealed that the Vatican does not in any sense belong to the Pope; that he could not dispose of any of its possessions; that he is only an occupant of it by permission and at the good will of the Italian Government, and that he could be dispossessed at any moment. The discussion of the subject also brings out the sense in which the Pope is a "prisoner" in the Vatican—a statement which has been repeated by all the Popes since 1870, and which has been denied with vehemence by the Italian state representatives.

Most interesting of all the announcements made in connection with the present discussion is that the Pope would willingly abandon temporal possession, and that his desires would be met by obtaining possession of the Vatican.

If the Vatican was constituted the property of the Pope in the full and complete manner, in which for more than a generation the world at large believed it actually belonged to the Pope, Benedict XV would consider that the Pope's condition as a prisoner had ended and that the aspirations of the Holy See for an independent and dignified position had been finally and permanently satisfied. A new era for the Catholic Church would thus be opened and an important and epochal period of transition for the papacy would come to an end.

Approval of Vatican Authorities
The agitation on the subject had

been in existence for some time in Germany before outside attention was drawn to it in any special degree, but when the leading German Catholic organ, the Germania, and the Koelnische Volkszeitung, published a letter "from an authoritative Vatican source," commending the agitation the general interest of Catholics was at once aroused. This letter was written in commendation of an address by Prof. Hoerber, in which he analyzed the various solutions offered for the settlement of the Roman question, affirmed that only temporal power could satisfy the needs of the situation and added that the temporal power need not be of a large extent, and that "merely a few square kilometres would suffice."

The letter of commendation, which Italian newspapers hint, was written by Cardinal Gasparri and addressed to Cardinal von Hartmann Archbishop of Cologne, said in part:

"It is with pleasure that I inform you that Prof. Hoerber's address has been found very satisfactory, and you are authorized to print and publish it precisely as it was submitted, including the section which states that the temporal possession of the Holy See need not be more than a few square kilometres in extent. It is an absolute fact that only a real territorial possession can assure to the Pope the liberty and independence he must have for the performance of his high functions. The Pope must be a true sovereign, and not one with merely honorary rights conceded by the favor of a single state, or even by the favor of all the states. This would be unworthy of the head of the church, and the proposed solution of the Roman question by the 'internationalization' of the Italian Law of the Guarantees merely has the effect of making the papacy a thing existing in the hands of the guaranteeing powers."

Famous Jesuit Announces Solution
The next important incident in the movement was the publication in the German Catholic review, Stimmen zur Zeit, of an article by the famous Jesuit priest, Father Ehrle, who for many years before the beginning of the war had held the high position in the Vatican of Prefect of the Vatican Library and who had been the close friend of Cardinal Rampolla and of the present Pope.

Father Ehrle set forth the concrete basis of temporal power which "would be in accordance with the desire of Pope Benedict." He proposed that the Vatican constitute the temporal power. Incidentally he stated that the generally received opinion that the Vatican is extra-Italian and extra-territorial and the property of the Pope is an error; that the Pope has only the usufruct of the Vatican; that when the Italians took Rome in 1870 the Pope was not only dethroned but also completely despoiled, and that he is in the true sense of the term a prisoner in the Vatican.

Such temporal power might be created through a relatively small territorial possession. The Pope does not demand the restoration of the Papal state, nor of the city of Rome nor of the part of the city on the Vatican side of the Tiber. If he were given full dominion over the Vatican it would suffice.

The Italian Government press published Father Ehrle's statement as representing the views of Pope Benedict and of Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State. Instead of meeting with the great bitterness and acrimonious recriminations which all proposals regarding the Pope's situation met with in the past, these new and rather startling announcements were accorded a reception which was moderate and, it might even be said, not unappreciative.

The Tribune protested once more against the assertion that the Pope is a prisoner, and with regard to the proposal that the Vatican be erected into a form of temporal power for the Pope it declared that the law of the Guarantees and part of the Italian Constitution cannot, therefore, be expected to be altered.

From the German side has come a new contribution to the discussion and as it is limited that it is with the approval of the Vatican that an additional and highly important subject is opened.

Julius Bachem, owner of the Koelnische Volkszeitung and one of the leaders of the Centre Party in the German Reichstag, declares that when it is announced that the Vatican would suffice as a temporal power for the Pope it is not meant that the mere Vatican Palace would be sufficient or adequate. Back of the Vatican and its gardens lies an extent of uncultivated grounds. A certain area in this region would be absolutely necessary as part of the Pope's territorial possession. There must be space enough to found a real Pontifical principality, where buildings could be put up for the offices of the church administration, and where foreign governments could establish the residences of their Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to the Holy See.

Herr Bachem also indirectly replies to some of the difficulties raised in Italian Government organs, with regard to the proposal of Father Ehrle. He admits that the Italian state has in practice treated the Pope as if he were a true temporal sovereign, and has respected the privacy of the Vatican and attempted to exercise civil judicial power within the precincts of the Palace. It has also frequently affirmed



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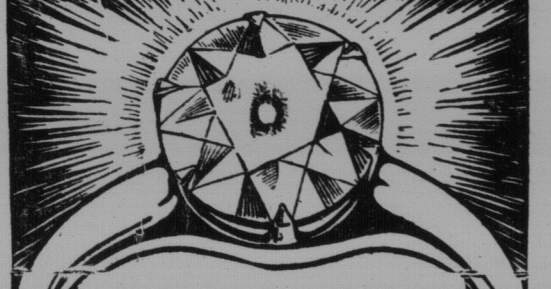
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that the Law of the Guarantees is considered by Italy as binding on it and as being inviolable and unchangeable.

As a matter of fact, however, as the Italian state freely passed the Law of the Guarantees, so it can change it or abolish it should this seem desirable and there would be no real obstacle to its doing so. As Father Ehrle pointed out, the Italian state when it took Rome on Sept. 20, 1870, did not stop at the door of the Vatican but took under its dominion all that Rome contained, and it is only the usufruct of the Vatican which the Law of the Guarantees confers on the Pope.

The suggestion that the other powers solve the Roman Question by guaranteeing the observance by Italy of the Law of the Guarantees and the respecting at all times of the rights and prerogatives of the Holy Father, Herr Bachem says, is an absurdity. Neither Italy nor the Pope could accept it. Italy could not tolerate the guaranteeing by other powers the observance of one of her own laws, and the Pope would find his position still more difficult, as, while continuing to be a subject of Italy, he would be exposed to the possibility of intrigue by other powers who might seek compensation for their guarantees.

The only way to end this difficulty is to have the Pope cease to be a subject of the Italian state and become a true sovereign, with a temporal possession of his own, however small it may be.

The argument that a great modern state like Italy could not tolerate the creation within itself of an independent state is of no weight, in the opinion of Herr Bachem, since there is already in Italy a small state whose independence it respects—the Republic of San Marino. Indeed, in the present instance all that is asked of Italy is that she establish, in accordance with international law, a condition of affairs, which is already generally believed to be in existence—the extra-territoriality of the Vatican and supreme dominion over the palace and its holdings by the Pope.

Father Ehrle had suggested that the Catholics in all countries insist that their governments take action with a view to remedying the position of the Pope so that the administration of their spiritual life should be carried on in a fitting and entirely independent manner. Herr Bachem points out, however, that the chief burden in this regard lies on the Catholics of Italy.

The settlement of the Roman question on the basis of temporal power is one, he says, for Italy and the Vatican alone. It will require not only the consent of the Government, but also of the Parliament of the country, and the Catholics should at once undertake the preparatory work which is to lead to the acceptance of the measure by the Italian Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

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WELSFORD

Welsford, Dec. 13.—The infant child Willie of W. S. Sutton, Sumner on Friday afternoon last, the bad state of the road attended. Interment was the Sutton burial ground vice at the house and conducted by the rector. The members of the church were: Beatley, Sedgwick, Corbett, Everett, Reid, Kinzie. A memorial service at St. Peter's church, on Dec. 14. Mrs. Reta Corbett the organ.

The members of the church gave an open their meeting on Monday at St. Peter's church, on Dec. 14. Mrs. Reta Corbett the organ.

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Social Notes of the Week



WELSFORD

Welsford, Dec. 13.—The funeral of the infant child Willie of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sutton, Summerhill, took place on Friday afternoon last and despite the bad state of the roads was largely attended. Interment was made in the Sutton burial ground. The service at the house and grave was conducted by the rector. The pall-bearers were: Bentley Sutton, Wellesley Corbett, Everett Reid, Wendell McKinnie. A memorial service was held at St. Peter's church, on Sunday morning. Miss Reta Corbett presided at the organ.

The members of the Boy Scout movement gave an open evening at their meeting on Monday last at Victoria hall, which was much enjoyed.



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and which will be the final meeting until after Christmas. The boys exhibited great efficiency in the scout craft and drill, much to the delight of the visitors. After the roll call the troop stood in the alert position and repeated the scout oath. A contest of twenty questions on general work was taken up between the Wolf and Owl Patrols, which proved one of the most interesting features of the evening; the Owl Patrol won company drill and stave drill and physical exercises were gone through most creditably. The boys showed a vast improvement in semaphore signalling. Part of Camp Fire Yarn, No. 20 was read, which was followed by an admirable essay by the scout master, entitled "Why every boy should become a Scout," and gave three reasons, because:

- 1.—The organization develops the highest type of character.
- 2.—Helps him to be useful to himself and others.
- 3.—Helps him to be more prepared for the difficulties of life.

Ambulance work was reviewed. The following messages were signalled:

- 1.—A Scout is kind.
- 2.—A Scout is active.
- 3.—A Scout obeys orders.

The meeting closed, all standing and repeating the Scout laws and all dismissed in the usual way.

Mrs. John Cooper of South Clones although still very ill is somewhat improved in health.

Mrs. John Scott of Headline is critically ill at her home, having sustained a paralytic stroke, and is still unconscious. Dr. Jenkins is in attendance.

Miss Irene Chapman who is suffering from the effects of scarlet fever is improving nicely. Nurse Burpee of St. John, is in attendance.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Dec. 14.—The sudden death of Mr. J. Arthur F. Garden which took place at his home here on Tuesday morning, has cast a gloom in the community. The late Mr. Garden was born at Upper Woodstock, and for years carried on a successful drug business. He was an ardent lover of sports and in old days of boat racing on the river, was a member of a four oared crew. When the golf club was organized he became a member and soon developed into a careful player. In business matters he was thoroughly honest and conscientious. In religion he was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal church and for several years one of the vestry men. His widow who survives is a daughter of the late Mrs. James Crawford Stevenson of St. Andrews. He is also survived by three brothers, Henry of Woodstock; Herbert of Montreal, and Charles of Vancouver, B. C., and one sister, Mrs. R. Wilmet Balloch of Centreville, N. B.

The funeral which took place on Thursday was largely attended. After a short service at the home, the remains were taken to St. Luke's church, where the service for the dead was read by Rev. A. S. Hazel. The burial took place in the parish burying ground at Lower Woodstock.

The mourners were Mr. H. G. Garden, Mr. H. M. G. Garden of Montreal, Mr. Henry Garden, Mr. Willard Carr, Mr. R. W. Balloch, Centreville, Mr. George Mitchell. The pall-bearers were Mr. J. N. W. Winslow, Mr. A. B. Connel, Col. F. H. Dibblee.

Mr. R. W. Balloch and Miss Pauline Balloch were in town attending the funeral of the late Mr. J. A. F. Garden, Thursday, while in town they

were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carr.

Mr. Herbert G. Garden and Mr. H. M. G. Garden of Montreal, were here on Thursday to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Garden.

Mrs. Scovill Neales of Fredericton, was the week-end guest of Mrs. W. L. Carr.

The officers and N. C. officers gave a ball on Wednesday evening at the Hayden and Gibson theatre. The chaperones were Mrs. Charlton Berrie and Mrs. John Evans. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss Marguerite Merriman visited St. John friends this week.

The friends of Mr. Thane M. Jones, Judge of Probate, are glad to see him out after his severe illness.

The friends of Mrs. A. H. Presscott were pleased to learn that hopes are entertained for her recovery. Dr. Presscott came home from St. John on Friday, and returned to St. John Saturday.

Miss Wallace of Fredericton, is visiting Mrs. Joseph Parke.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell R. Jones have returned from a trip to St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wright of St. John, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mair during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace have returned from Montreal, where they were the guest of their daughter, Mrs. A. Douglas Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gibson spent part of last week in St. John.

Miss Elizabeth Ketchum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Carleton L. Ketchum, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Fisher Memorial Hospital on Friday. Miss Ketchum is making a good recovery to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. William Kimball who underwent an operation at Dr. Presscott's Hospital two weeks ago, has so far recovered that he expects to return home this week.

Mrs. P. Bradley has returned from St. John, where she has been visiting friends.

The friends of Mrs. Charles J. Jones are pleased to see her out again, after her recent illness.

The friends of the venerable president of the Gratton Literary Society, Mrs. John A. S. Sheay, called at her home on the anniversary of her eightieth birthday and spent a very pleasant evening. Letters were received to the number of fifty, congratulating her on the happy event. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Mrs. Arthur M. Fisher is visiting Fredericton friends this week.

The funeral of the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith of McAdam, took place here on Friday morning from St. Gertrude's church. Words of consolation were spoken by Rev. J. J. Ryan.

Mrs. Dr. Wright of Ontario, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker. Dr. Wright is serving at the front.

HAMPTON

Hampton, Dec. 15.—A cable has been received by Mr. William Langstroth from his son, Lieut. Cecil Langstroth of the Royal Canadian Engineers, announcing his safe arrival in England.

Mrs. C. H. Smith has returned from St. Stephen and is the guest of Mrs. N. M. Barnes, Linden Heights.

Mr. Hazen Folkins spent Tuesday in St. John.

On Friday evening at the close of the monthly meeting of the Corinthian

Lodge, its members enjoyed a turkey supper which was tendered by Mrs. Fred M. Sproule in celebration of his 40th anniversary as a member of this Lodge.

Capt. Dr. S. S. King and young daughter Mary, left on Thursday for Grand Falls where they will be the guests of his parents, Rev. J. K. King and Mrs. King.

Mrs. B. S. Thorne left on Friday for Havelock, where she will be the guest of relatives.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, St. John, was a visitor to Hampton on Saturday.

Mrs. R. Flewelling and daughter, Miss Kathleen, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith for several days last week.

The Reading Class of the Methodist church was entertained on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Myles Fowler.

Mrs. Stevens who for a few weeks has been the guest of relatives at Chipman, returned on Saturday to the Wayside Inn.

Miss Eason, St. John, was a week-end guest of Miss Rose Ritchie.

Mrs. H. H. Scovill and young daughter Isabelle were visitors to the city on Friday.

Mr. Harrison Trimble, Salisbury, spent Sunday at his home in this place.

Miss Eleanor Dickson was a week-end guest of Bloomfield friends.

Ven. Archbishop A. Croftfoot left on Friday for St. Johns, Quebec, where he is conducting a Mission. During his absence the services in the Anglican church will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown, curate of Trinity church, St. John.

Mrs. J. Irvine and Mrs. J. E. Angell were visitors to St. John on Tuesday.

Mr. Jack Marr was registered at the Wayside Inn on Friday.

Mr. R. G. Flewelling and Mr. Thomas Snodgrass left on Friday for Montreal, where the latter will receive treatment in the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Flewelling returned to his home on Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Archibald, Sussex, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Dr. S. S. King.

On Saturday evening Mrs. A. N. Chipman entertained her Sunday

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Social Notes of the Week

Mrs. Sandy Holly, Mrs. J. McAvity, Mrs. Clifford McAvity, Mrs. A. Barnhill, Christmas tree room, Mrs. A. S. Bowman, convener; Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. Fenwick Fraser, Wheel of fortune, Mr. Fred McNeil, Mr. Clifford McAvity, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Sam Gregory, Mr. Harold Ellis, Press committee, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Fenwick Fraser, Miss Ethel Jarvis. The proceeds are to be given for patriotic purposes.

St. John will have a distinguished visit in her midst the beginning of the new year. Lady Aberdeen, who will lecture before the Canadian Club on January 3rd. While in our city Lady Aberdeen will be the guest of Lady Tilley, Carleton House, Germain street.

Mrs. Ernest Fairweather was hostess on Friday afternoon last at a very enjoyable tea at her residence, Charlotte street, in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Bradley, of New York. Mrs. Fairweather received her guests in wisteria crepe de chene, bodice of nylon, the same shade, and cream lace. Mrs. Bradley wore a very fashionable costume of gray taffeta with sleeves of grey georgette crepe. Presiding at the tea table, which had for its floral decorations red geraniums, was Mrs. Edward Morris. Assisting with the refreshments were Mrs. L. P. D. Lewin, Mrs. Adam McIntyre, Miss Cowan, Miss Scammell, Miss Faith Hayward and Miss Disbrow. Among the guests were Mrs. Frank Likely, Mrs. Ernest Flemming, Mrs. Gordon Johnston, Mrs. R. P. Church, Mrs. E. E. Church, Mrs. W. E. Raymond, Mrs. Charles Logan, Mrs. S. E. Elkin, Mrs. Harold Allison, Mrs. Gordon Sanction, Mrs. F. B. Schofield, Mrs. William Vassie, Miss Gladys Hean, Miss deSoyes, Miss Florrie Rainie, the Misses Brown, Miss McAvenny and others.

Preparations have been completed for the visit today and tomorrow of Captain the Hon. Rupert Guinness, B. C. M. G. A. D. C., R. N. V. R., and Lady Guinness. Captain Guinness will address a meeting at the Imperial Theatre tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. Lady Guinness will address the Women's Canadian Club this afternoon. At the tea hour today Mrs. H. A. Powell will be hostess in honor of Hon. Captain Guinness and Lady Guinness at her residence, 19 Queen Square, also as her guests the executive of the Canadian Club and the citizens naval recruiting committee.

Mrs. R. W. Churchill of Hantsport, N. S., wife of Captain Churchill is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Armstrong.

Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, Charlottetown, P. E. I., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Travers, Lancaster Heights.

Miss J. McDonald, who has severed her connection with the staff of the St. John County Hospital, was given a farewell party on Saturday evening last at the home of Mrs. Albert Bennett, Canterbury street, by a number of her friends. Miss McDonald is leaving soon for her home in Scotland.

Miss Jean Poss, who is a student in a college in Maine, arrived home yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Major A. A. Bartlett, Charlottetown, P. E. I., is expected the latter part of next week in the city and will give an illustrated lecture before the Art Club in their studio.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Lee Day were weekend visitors last Saturday at Robb'say, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robinson.

Mrs. E. H. S. Flood is a guest of Mrs. Powell, 19 Queen Square.

The canteen at the Soldiers' Club is again opened. This week a committee of ladies from St. Paul's (Valley) church are in charge and on Thursday afternoon after the concert with Mrs. H. A. Powell entertained the members of the 21st Battalion band as the tea hour.

A very enjoyable dinner was given on Thursday evening at the Manor House by the law students in honor of Lieutenant Smith. Covers were laid for twenty.

Mrs. Kent Scovill and son, Master Lawton Scovill, Miss Stone and Miss Jane Stone expect to leave next week to spend Christmas in Boston. Their brother, Mr. Waldo Stone, of New York, will also spend Christmas with his sisters in Boston.

A very pleasant ceremony took place at the Tuesday meeting of the Stone Church Red Cross Circle when Mrs. Mary Lordy was presented with a life membership pin. Mrs. Lordy has been a very earnest worker from

the time the circle was formed and has made thirty quilts, pieced out of the materials cut up for garments. Mrs. Kühring made the presentation on behalf of the ladies.

In the very near future a revue is to be given under the auspices of the Loyalist Chapter, I. O. D. E. Many will look forward with eager expectation to this performance, remembering so well the like entertainment given by this chapter last year which was such an unqualified success.

A very enjoyable bridge of ten tables, the second of the series in aid of the fund of the Field Ambulance Depot, was held on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conlon, Manawagonish Road. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening. The fortunate prize winners were Miss Josephine Lynch and Mr. Frank O'Regan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Golding are receiving congratulations on the arrival at their home, 36 Richmond street, December 12th, of a little stranger—a daughter.

Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, who has been visiting in New York and Boston, returned home on Monday.

Rev. Mr. Flemming and Mrs. Flemming returned from Toronto on Thursday and have taken up their residence at the home of Mrs. R. G. Murray, Crown street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadrow (nee Christian Dicker), formerly of St. John, but now of New York, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

A very interesting badminton tournament was held at St. John (Stone) church school room on Saturday evening last and a return came on Thursday evening in Valley school room. Among those taking part were Miss Laura Hazen, Miss Clara Schofield, Miss Ethel Schofield, Miss Bessie Foster, Mrs. Harold Allison, Mrs. F. B. Young, Messrs. Gandy, Miss Frances Stetson, Miss Muriel Sadleir, Miss Grace Skinner, Mrs. J. Pope Barnes, Miss Grace Estey, Miss Noble, Miss Merritt, Miss Pauline Ring, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hooper, Mr. Ganong, Mr. Charles Skinner and Mr. Burton.

A few informal teas were given this week for the officers of the 21st Battalion.

Mrs. F. Howard Grimmer, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer, returned to her home, St. Andrews, on Wednesday.

Miss Stott, who has made many friends during her visit in our city, where she has been the guest of Miss Anderson, Queen Square, returned to her home, St. Johns, N.B., this week.

Miss Beatrice Fenety has taken the position as bookkeeper at the Prince William Apartments. Her many friends will wish her every success.

Little Miss Frances Foster, daughter of Mrs. W. D. Foster, Burpee Avenue, celebrated her third birthday on Monday afternoon, December 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Smith of Toronto are in the city this week and will reside here. Mr. Smith transferred here as manager of the St. John branch of the Ford Motor Company.

Mrs. George K. McLeod, who has been visiting in New York, is expected home on Wednesday, via Toronto.

Miss Lou Robinson, Miss Leslie Grant, Miss Barbara Jack, Miss Helen Cudlip, Miss Dorothy Tennant, Miss Althea Hazen, Miss Audrey McLeod, Miss Joan Foster and Miss Grace Kühring are expected home on Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays. These young ladies are pupils at Haverall College, Toronto.

On Saturday last the initial outing of the monthly entertainments was given to the boys of the St. Andrew's church Sunday school under the auspices of the Men's Association of that church. The merry party left St. Andrew's church at two o'clock and walked to Long's Lake, where a bean supper was enjoyed. Mr. R. D. McA. Law and E. L. Tuck were in charge of the boys last week. Each month two different gentlemen will accompany the boys and jolly times are ahead of the boys of St. Andrew's Sunday school the coming new year.

A. E. Gilliland, Ononette, is being congratulated on holding the lucky ticket for the beautifully embroidered nightdress, donated by Miss Eileen Keeffe to the Soldiers' Comfort Association, which was drawn this week.

An engagement of much interest to many friends in St. John has been announced, that of Miss Anna Lillian Macdonald, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Humphrey of MacDonald's Corner, N. B., to Harry Claire Mott of this city. The marriage will take place on Christmas Day.

A letter from the front from an officer reported that Lieut. Gerald Anglin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Anglin, would receive the Military Cross or possibly the D. S. O. Lieut. Anglin led a successful raid on the German trenches and is now in the hospital recovering from injuries received.

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A very delightful event spent on Wednesday by the members of St. Andrew's church parlors when a genuine given Rev. F. S. Dowling, and Mrs. Dowling, Mr. J. F. Gallagher, and friends in St. John will hear is slightly better.

Hon. J. D. Hazen and expected home next Christmas.

Mrs. Philip Granman from Campbellton, who has been owing to the series Mr. J. F. Gallagher, friends in St. John will hear is slightly better.

Each week brings good served promotion of our overseas. This week earned has come to Lt. Porter of the 26th Battalion official London Gazette command of a Company F. Leonard, who has active service with the 2nd has been made acting command of a Company H. H. Donnelly was major.

On Sunday evening young ladies and the or Pond's and the Gem The Parks Convalescent a most enjoyable sacred given. During the evening were served from baskets brought by the needless to add what given by this kindly act the home.

The 21st Calgary Battalion arrived on Tuesday, with hearty welcome and expressed that they were a short time in our city. day the march out of the ion called forth much from the hundreds who street as they met. Lt. Brig-General McLean, long to be remembered nate enough to attend given by the battalion's nesday evening and Th noon in the Imperial T

FREDERIC
Frederickton, Dec. 14: Dixon of Hillsboro, arrived on Thursday last and for several weeks, guests.

Major D. Allen Laurie formerly Miss Doris Bretonville, Quebec, arrived day evening last from M they were married at St. Presbyterian church by ter Drumm, Major Laurie, Archibald Laurie, lawyer of Quebec, and with the 12th Battalion was transferred to the and was seriously wounded. He is now in the Company of the 236th.

The presentation of pictures to the Provin School was made by the Department of the Dan Empire and have been a Board of Education. was made through Mrs. educational secretary of ters of the Empire for N.

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Social Notes of the Week



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A very delightful evening was spent on Wednesday by the congregation of St. Andrew's church in their parlors when a genuine surprise was given Rev. F. S. Dowling, their pastor, and Mrs. Dowling. Mr. W. C. Whitaker, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Dowling with a very handsome chair. Mrs. Dowling was presented with a purse of gold.

Hon. J. D. Hazen and Mrs. Hazen expected home next week to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Philip Grannan has returned from Campbellton, where she had been owing to the serious illness of Mr. J. F. Gallagher, whose many friends in St. John will be pleased to hear is slightly better.

Each week brings good news of deserved promotion of our brave boys overseas. This week promotion well earned has come to Lieut. Cecil G. Porter of the 26th Battalion. In the official London Gazette his appointment as temporary Captain is announced, and to be acting major while in command of A Company. Captain C. F. Leonard, who has also seen much active service with the 26th Battalion, has been made acting major while in command of A Company, and Captain H. H. Donnelly has been gazetted major.

On Sunday evening a number of young ladies and the orchestras from Bond's and the Gem Theatre visited the Parks Convalescent Home, where a most enjoyable sacred concert was given. During the evening refreshments were served from the well filled baskets brought by the ladies. It is needless to add what pleasure was given by this kindly act to the men in the home.

The 211th Calgary Battalion, which arrived on Tuesday, were given a hearty welcome and much regret was expressed that they were to be such a short time in our city. On Wednesday the march out of this fine battalion called forth much admiration from the hundreds who lined King Street as they were inspected by Brig-General McLean. It was a treat long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to attend the concerts given by the battalion's band on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon in the Imperial Theatre.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Miles Dixon of Hillsboro, arrived in the city on Thursday last and will remain here for several weeks, guest at Miss Allen's.

Major D. Allen Laurie and his bride, formerly Miss Doris Breakey of Breakeyville, Quebec, arrived here on Friday evening last from Moncton, where they were married at the St. John's Presbyterian church by Rev. T. Porter Drummond. Major Laurie is a son of Mr. Archibald Laurie, a prominent lawyer of Quebec, and went overseas with the 12th Battalion. Later he was transferred to the 2nd Battalion and was seriously wounded at Festubert. He is now in command of A Company of the 26th.

The presentation of forty historical pictures to the Provincial Normal School was made by the Educational Department of the Daughters of the Empire and have been accepted by the Board of Education. The donation was made through Mrs. E. C. Foster, educational secretary for the Daughters of the Empire for New Brunswick. The condition of Mr. Frank Whelpley who was operated on at the Victoria Hospital last week is very much improved.

Mrs. Arthur Fisher of Woodstock is the guest of Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, Church St.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas entertained informally at bridge on Monday evening. Cable was received on Tuesday from Mrs. Charles Fitz Randolph, telling of her safe arrival in Liverpool.

Mrs. Daniel Richards is closing her private hospital and has accepted the position of matron of the new Miramichi hospital at Newcastle. Mrs. Richards was for six years matron of the Victoria Hospital here and brought the institution up to a high state of efficiency.

Mrs. W. T. Whitehead entertained informally last week for her guest, Mrs. Fisher.

Miss Mayme Robinson of the Receiver General's Department was presented with a handsome ring by the employees of the civil service. Miss Robinson is to be married on Dec.

28th to Mr. G. Percy Rigby, resident engineer for the St. John and Quebec Railway.

Last week Mrs. S. B. Wasb entertained a number of her friends at a variety shower in honor of Miss Robinson.

Mrs. A. B. Kitchen, secretary of the central committee of the Daughters of the Empire has received \$300 from the Women's Volunteer Reserve through Mrs. A. G. C. Wilson, proceeds of the play put on here last week by the St. John Dramatic Club. Mrs. Robert Fitz Randolph returned from St. John on Tuesday evening.

Miss Hester Shute, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shute is ill at the Victoria Hospital with diphtheria.

On Tuesday evening at Elmcroft Mrs. A. G. C. Ketchum entertained at a delightful dinner of fourteen covers. The table was decorated with autumn leaves and a large candleabra with pale green silk shades. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. de Mille, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Mr. McLaine, Mrs. Ernest Grezory, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John Tothill, Miss Stopford, Mr. Bate and Mr. Symonds.

Major W. J. Osborne who went overseas with the 5th Batt. was later transferred to the 5th Mounted Rifles, with which regiment he fought on the Somme, arrived home on Monday morning. He was met at the station by Mayor Mitchell and a large gathering of citizens who went to welcome the returned officer.

The death of John B. Glasier occurred suddenly at Lincoln on Sunday last. The deceased was a son of the late Stephen Glasier and was 62 years of age. He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Coombs of Halifax, N. S.; Mrs. Robert Payne of Glace Bay, N. S.; Mrs. Beckwith of Moncton, and Mrs. Farquason of London, England.

Lieut.-Col. Percy A. Guthrie O. C., of the 236th Battalion spoke at the Vancouver Hotel on Dec. 12th at a luncheon given in his honor by the Canadian Club of Vancouver. Lieut.-Col. Guthrie and party left for Prince Rupert, where they addressed meetings and on Friday started on their return trip to this city.

Mrs. Scovil Neales, wife of the Dean of Fredericton, left on Wednesday for Woodstock to attend the funeral of her uncle, Mr. J. Arthur F. Garden.

Mr. H. W. Schofield of St. John was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lemont returned on Tuesday from an extended trip to New York and Boston.

Mr. J. B. Dazgett, secretary for Agriculture, left on Wednesday for Moncton to attend the Maritime Poultry Show being held there this week.

Miss Helen Crocker, Domestic Science teacher at McDonald College,

and sister Dr. J. E. Crocker of this city was operated on at the Victoria Hospital this week.

Miss Lucy Inch who is to be married within the next few weeks was given a linen shower by a number of her friends on Tuesday evening at her home on Brunswick St.

A most successful patriotic concert was given on Monday evening at the Provincial Normal School. Mrs. W. S. Carter sang several delightful songs in her usual finished style. Miss Margaret Lynda who always delights her audience, was heard to great advantage in her rendering of Enoch Arden. She was assisted by Mrs. R. B. Van Dine, whose musical accompaniment added greatly to the effect of the recital. Dr. H. V. B. Bridges sang splendidly. One interesting feature of the programme was an exhibition of physical drill by eight young men. This was well done, showing the effects of the careful training of the physical instructor Mr. A. S. McFarlane. The last number on the programme was a piano solo by Mr. W. J. Smith, organist of Christ Church Cathedral, which was beautifully played. In response to an encore Mr. Smith sang some comic songs, which brought the entertainment to a close.

Major and Mrs. Laurie are occupying the lower flat of Miss Boverley's home for the winter.

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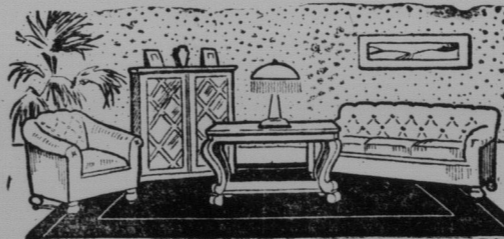
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Men's Travelling Sets.

Men's Suit Cases.

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Ladies' Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs all put up in Xmas boxes.

Ladies' Suit Cases.

Ladies' Club Bags.

Ladies' Manicure Sets.

Ladies' Travelling Sets.

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Ladies' Jewel Boxes.

Ladies' Umbrellas from 75c. to \$6.50.

Ladies' Silk Dresses from \$8.50 to \$18.50.

Ladies' Serge Dresses from \$5.50 to \$9.50.

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Ladies' Coats from \$8.50 to \$45.00, at Special Cut Prices.

Girls' Coats from \$2.99 to \$12.00.

Ladies' Cloth Skirts from \$2.49 to \$6.99.

Ladies' House Dresses from \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Ladies' Tea Aprons from 25c. to 75c.

Ladies' Pull Over Aprons from 50c. to \$1.00.

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ROTHESAY

Rothesay, Dec. 14—On Monday afternoon at the factory the closing meeting for 1916 of the Rothesay Branch Women's Auxiliary, was held, the president Mrs. Allan Daniel presided and led the devotional service. Encouraging reports were given by the secretary Mrs. Davidson, the treasurer, Miss Fairweather, and the Decreas secretary Mrs. Hanington. After the business Mrs. W. J. Davidson conducted an hour's study of the life of Bishop Paterson, from "Modern Heroes of the Mission Field," finishing chapter 12 of the book. On the second Monday in January the members will meet again and resume work. The good news, received last Friday, that Miss Mary Donville, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Donville, "The Willows," had arrived safely in Halifax, was heard with pleasure by everybody. Rothesay has been very proud of the splendid work Miss Donville has been doing as a Red Cross nurse in France since the early days of the war, and her welcome back will be warm and sincere. She has had first to go to Quebec, but is expected home on Friday or Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robinson over the last week end were Dr. J. Lee Day and Mrs. Day of St. John.

On Saturday evening in the recreation room at Netherwood, the little day scholars, Helen Allison, Syble Frink, Marzaret and Catherine Peters, Kathleen Blanchet, Florence Puddington, Eleanor and Ruth Foster, Audrey Allison, Millie Hibbard and Ruth Robinson, entertained the school very delightfully with a series of charming tableaux, illustrating poems of Stevenson, which were recited in connection with each of the "living pictures." All the performers did splendidly and the "Stevenson evening" greatly enjoyed.

Social Notes of the Week

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleming entertained as week-end guests at their home at Riverside, Mrs. J. Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pritchard of St. John.

The Girls' Branch W. A. Rothersey, are preparing to make a Sunday school at New Brandon, on the North Shore, N. B., happy at Christmas time. The number and ages of the scholars have been obtained and about eighty gifts will be forwarded this week.

Mrs. Richard Dooe is training the W. A. Juniors, for an entertainment to be given after Christmas, so with all the Red Cross and other patriotic interests, missionary work is not neglected.

Mrs. James Brydon and her little son of St. John, spent Monday here with Mrs. Walter Leonard.

Members of the Reading Club met on Monday evening with the Misses Gilbert, when among those present were Miss Puddington, Mrs. Thomas Bell, Mrs. Fred Foster, Miss Hanington, Miss Pitcher, Miss Lee, Miss Evans, Mademoiselle de Cocq, Miss Donville, Miss Muriel Fairweather, Miss Muriel Robertson, Miss Sophie Robertson, Miss Thurber, Miss McMurray, Miss Davidson, Miss Hooper,

Misses Gilbert, Rev. R. W. Hibbard, Mr. Harry Frink, Mr. R. Cooper. The subject for the evening, Browning's poem, "Wearing," was interestingly introduced by Miss Alice Davidson. The meetings will now be discontinued until early in the New Year, when the Misses Fairweather, "Fir Shade," will first entertain and the study of Shakespeare will be taken up.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Skelton of St. John, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell over last Sunday.

The Acadia Concert Company, members of which are young lady students of Wolfville College, are proving a great help to Red Cross funds. Miss Hazel Gibbon of Riverside, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gibbon, a member of the company. At their first concert given at Wolfville their receipts were about \$200. Having offered to entertain for Red Cross purposes on this side the bay, arrangements have been made for a concert in St. David's church hall, St. John, on next Tuesday evening, Dec. 19th.

On Monday afternoon Miss Annie Puddington invited a few friends in honor of her mother's birthday. Among the guests were Mrs. Harry

Rankine, Mrs. W. J. Davidson, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Harry Puddington, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Donville, Miss Hooper, Miss L. Fairweather, Mrs. John McIntyre, Miss Allison, Miss Pitcher, Miss Gannon, Mrs. W. M. Mackay, Mrs. J. H. Thomson, Miss Alice Davidson, Mrs. Blinling, Mrs. R. C. McIntyre and one or two others from St. John came out for lunch.

Miss Hazel McArthur, Riverside, had as week-end guests her friends Miss Helen Murdoch and Miss Elizabeth Morrison of St. John.

To spend the Christmas season with his niece, Miss Katherine Bell and his soldier nephew Moffet Bell (who expects to be in England on furlough from France) Mr. George P. Trites left on Saturday accompanied by the best wishes of many friends for a safe and pleasant voyage, a happy visit, safe return home again.

Mr. J. Brittain has sold his house at Kinghurst to Mr. Alexander McMurray of St. John, and plans to remove to St. John in the spring. There are many in Rothesay who regret the intended departure of Mr. and Mrs. Brittain and family.

The attractions offered at the Patriotic Fete held in the Union Club building, St. John on Tuesday, took to the several who are regular at the Red Cross meetings, yet the attendance was quite good. Mrs. Harry Frink and Mrs. Percy Fairweather were in charge of the afternoon tea which was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong was convener of the tea room committee at the Patriotic Fete and her daughter, Miss Annie Armstrong, assisted in serving. The handsomely dressed

doll was won by Mrs. Harry Puddington.

Having spent about two months with Mrs. R. Grey Murray, Crown St., St. John. Miss Jessie Fraser expects this week to settle down for the winter at 87 Elliott Row, where she has taken rooms.

Mrs. Fred Foster on Friday afternoon very pleasantly entertained about

fourteen of the Netherwood pupils.

News has been received from far away Oregon by the baby's grandmother, Mrs. James Pettigall, of Quilpana, that a little son had arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Sampson, at Corvallis, Mrs. Sampson was Miss Nan Pettigall, Congratulatory.

On a short but happy visit of four

days, Mr. Teddy Clark of the Garrison Artillery, Halifax, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Clark, Fair Vale, arrived home last week, leaving for Halifax again on Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have also two sons overseas.

Mrs. Rothwell's friends are sorry to know she has not been so well during the past few days, but was better yesterday. (Continued on page 15)



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Mrs. Carrite is suffering had cold.

SACKVILLE

Sackville, Dec. 14—Mrs. Humphrey leaves this evening for Hallowell, Me., where she will spend the winter with relatives.

Miss Bertha Merritt of spent the weekend in town with Miss Caroline Cahill.

Lieut.-Col. G. J. Messerser Sunday in town, with Mrs. and family, leaving Monday for Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Halifax, spent the week-end guests at the Ford Hotel.

Mrs. G. H. Mackenzie, who is visiting friends and relatives for several weeks, returned Saturday evening.

Mrs. O. H. Horne of Dorchester, Weldon St., returned today evening.

The Misses Marjorie and Taylor spent Sunday in Moncton with friends.

Miss Dot Borden of Moncton in town, guest of Dr. Borden, Mount Allison College.

Mr. K. S. Pickard left Sunday.

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Lieut.-Col. C. J. Mersereau spent Sunday in town, with Mrs. Mersereau and family, leaving Monday morning for Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Allison of Halifax, spent the week-end in town, guests at the Ford Hotel.

Mrs. G. H. Mackenzie, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Halifax for several weeks, returned home Saturday evening.

Mrs. O. H. Horne of Dorchester, who has been visiting Mrs. Gaius E. Fawcett, Weldon St., returned home Monday evening.

The Misses Marjorie and Muriel Taylor spent Sunday in Moncton, the guests of friends.

Miss Dot Borden of Moncton, is visiting in town, guest of Dr. and Mrs. Borden, Mount Allison Ladies' College.

Mr. K. S. Pickard left Sackville Saturday for Ottawa, where he has been appointed to a position in the Engineering Department of the Imperial Munitions Board, with headquarters in the capital city, for the duration of the war. Mr. Pickard reported for duty on Monday.

Mr. Pickard is a graduate of Mount Allison in Engineering and B. Sc. from McGill. It is not certain yet whether his work will keep him in Ottawa, or will necessitate considerable travelling. In the former case Mrs. Pickard will join him and they will make their home in that city.

Mrs. J. W. S. Black returned last week from Point Du Chene, where she has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Chartier.

Mrs. Freeman Philbrick and little son Frederick, of Fort Patrick, Me., are the guests of Mrs. Philbrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Fawcett, Middle Sackville.

Mrs. Herbert Goodwin and family spent the week-end at Point de Bute, guests of relatives.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Fred Ayer was hostess at a small tea in honor of the Misses Smith, who left last week for California, where they will spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Traoholm of Bate Verte, announce the engagement of their daughter, Eva, to Mr. Hyman Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goldstein of Advocate Harbor, N. S. The wedding will take place on December 26th.

The college play, "A Bachelor's Romance," presented on Thursday night in the Imperial Theatre, was very successful, bringing in close on two hundred dollars. The audience was appreciative throughout the performance and rewarded every act with a hearty burst of applause.

The cast appeared to be well balanced, handling their different characterizations with smoothness and accuracy. The work of Miss Frances Jordan as "Sylvia" in particular, aroused much favorable comment, as

also did the acting of Mr. G. M. Tingley in the part of "Martin Bezg," the old secretary. It is impossible to pick out any outstanding figure, however, as the entire cast performed their different parts well.

The play was coached by Miss Laura Curtis, director of the school of expression at the Ladies' College, who deserves great credit for the successful performance.

Mr. James Smith left Thursday en route to California, where he expects to spend the winter. He was accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. William Campbell, Miss Helen and Miss Al Smith.

Miss Blanch Lund of Sackville, New Brunswick, who has been visiting friends in Brooklyn since July, will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Samuel M. Nelson, in the Ives cottage on Townsend Ave., New Haven.—Journal-Courier.

St. Paul's church sale on Saturday was a great success, bringing in to the workers proceeds in the vicinity of \$150. St. Paul's Church Club wish to thank all those who assisted them in any way in making the sale a success. The pantry sale table was under the care of Mrs. Frank Harris, Mrs. Edward Hazen, Mrs. Raleigh Trites, Mrs. Fritz Read, assisted by Miss Dora Eiter and Miss Kathleen Mackenzie. The fancy sale was presided over by the Misses Dorcas Johnson, Gretchen Allison and Mrs. A. G. Miller. Misses Glennie Hanson and Jean Rainnie had the candy table, and the Junior W. A. table was in charge of Mrs. Aubrey Smith.

The attendance was excellent and the results of the sale most satisfactory.

Lieut. Col. F. B. Black will leave some time during the present week to return overseas.

Captain Rev. W. S. Godfrey of the 236th N. B. Kilties, spent the week-end visiting friends in town.

The Misses Alice and Mary Campbell, who have been spending some

time with friends in St. John, have returned home.

The Daughters of the Empire have sent for the use of the Canadians who have gone overseas, two hundred and ninety-six pairs of socks, eleven hospital shirts, thirteen suits of pyjamas and six bed jackets, besides contributing to various patriotic appeals: \$35 to the Lone Soldiers' Christmas Box Fund; \$25 to Mrs. Josiah Wood for the Duchess of Connaught's Prisoners of War Fund; \$50 to Lt.-Col. McAvity for the 26th Battalion Regiment Fund; \$50 to endow a bed in the Princess Patricia Convalescent Hospital at Ramsgate to be known as the Lord Sackville Chapter I. O. D. E. bed; \$50 to Mrs. Sanford Fleming's Home for Canadian Convalescent Soldiers at Lynpne Castle Hythe; \$25 to Miss Annie Strong, a former Mt. Allison girl for her hospital work in France; \$100 to the British Sailors' Relief Fund; \$50 to Miss Kathleen Burke for the Scottish Woman's Hospital Work in France and Serbia, a work carried on entirely by women, the surgeons, the bacteriologist, the x-ray specialist are women, all working without pay. The nurses alone receive a small stipend; \$50 to the Y. M. C. A. Fund; \$50 to the Maple Leaf Club for the Canadian men on leave in London. This grand total of \$470 is in addition to the \$10 given monthly to the Canadian Prisoners of War Funds.

Lieut. Mooney, who was in Amherst with the 4th Mounted Rifles and who crossed the sea with that unit in Sackville Monday, Mr. Mooney has been at the front but was invalided (Continued on page 16)

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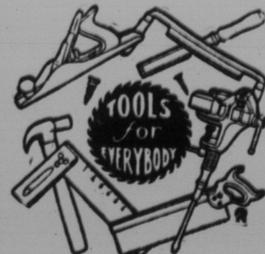
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SACKVILLE

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home some time ago. Friends in Sackville were glad to see him again.

A meeting of unusual interest was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist church, when the 32nd anniversary of the organization of the W. M. S. of that church was observed.

A programme suitable to the occasion was presented. Seven of the charter members are still living. A most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Wood who was present at the first meeting held on December 8th, 1884.

She spoke of the officers of that first Sackville Auxiliary and gave a brief sketch of each. At the close of the meeting the auxiliary presented to Mrs. Pickard Trueman a certificate of life membership in the Woman's Missionary Society of Canada.

A solo, "There's a Song in the Air," was sung by Miss Vega Gronlund.

Social Notes of the Week

Miss Jean Blanchard of Mount Allison Ladies' College spent the week-end in Dorchester, guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Smith.

Mr. W. W. Stewart of St. John, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Givan Hickman of Mount Allison Ladies' College spent the week-end at her home in Dorchester.

On Tuesday evening in the school room of the Methodist church, Mrs. A. H. McCready gave a most interesting travel talk on her recent visit to Quebec and the Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre.

The lecturer first gave a sketch of the historic days of Quebec, paying a high tribute to the bravery of Montcalm and Wolfe. Then the Basilica of Saint Anne de Beaupre with its shrine and the wonderful miracles of healings, which have occurred there, were described.

Many fine views of Quebec, Montmorency Falls and St. Anne were shown by means of the reflectoscope, which was most skillfully manipulated by Mr. McCready.

At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. McCready from the Epworth League under whose auspices the lecture was given. Rev. Mr. Thomas acted as chairman.

Mr. C. W. Fawcett left Sunday on a trip to Montreal and Ottawa.

Miss Bossie Wright spent Saturday in Amherst.

Mr. Walter Melanson has returned home from a trip to Quebec.

Mrs. F. Roy Sumner has returned from a visit to relatives in Boston and Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Stanley Jones of the Bank of Commerce, left this week for Sydney, C. B., where he has been transferred.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lawson are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Florence Wortman, R. N., of New York, arrived in the city this week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wortman, Union St.

Miss Guerdia Taylor of Charlotte-town, P. E. Island, is the guest of Miss Nan Chapman, Botsford St.

Miss Beatrice Harper of Shediac, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bell, Church St.

Miss Lillian Barnes of Sackville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Barnes, Humphrey's Mills.

A variety shower was tendered Miss Rita Weir last week at the home of Miss Sadie Manning.

Mrs. Dr. Cleveland and little daughter of South Africa, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Palmer, Highfield St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Colwell, who have spent the summer in this city, left this week for Boston.

Mr. H. M. Gordon of the Warren Bituminous Paving Co., left this week for Toronto.

Mrs. G. A. Lawson and daughter Miss Dorothy left this week for Boston, to spend Christmas.

The engagement is announced of Miss Rita Weir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weir, to Lieut. J. A. Humphreys of the 23rd Batt., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Humphrey, the wedding to take place this month.

Miss Louise Tritts of Salisbury, was in town this week.

Mrs. C. J. Paul left this week for Montreal to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. W. N. Rippey of the Car Service, C. G. R., left this week on a business trip to Montreal.

A pleasant event took place at the Brunswick Hotel on Wednesday evening, when the guests and members of the staff congregated in the office and presented their manager, Mr. Harry Twigger with a handsome pipe in honor of his fiftieth birthday.

MONCTON

Moncton, Dec. 13—Mrs. E. L. Day, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Givan, left this week for her home in Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Mrs. A. A. Allen and daughter, Miss Dorothy left this week for Victoria, B. C., where they will visit Mrs. Allen's sister, Mrs. N. W. Goggin.

WESTFIELD

Westfield, Dec. 13—Miss M. Ballentine spent the week-end with friends in St. John.

Mr. C. Jones of Newtown, Mass., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. LeBaron Jones.

Miss Baxter of Gaspereaux, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Baxter.

Mrs. W. E. Corbett spent a few days this week in St. John.

For the week-end Mr. G. Parlee of No. 8 Ambulance Corps, St. John, was the guest of Mrs. L. Lingley.

Miss Sewell spent Sunday in St. John.

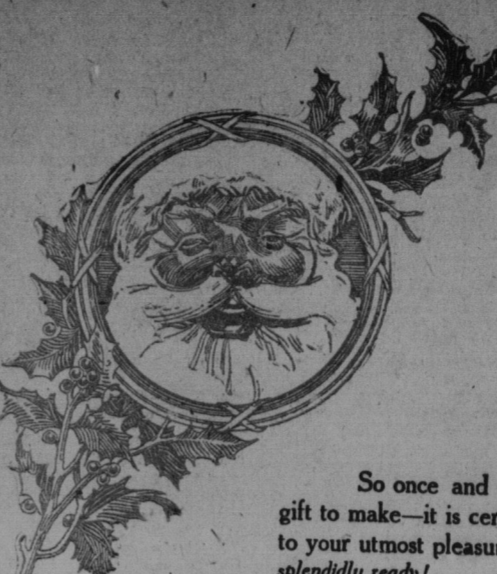
The funeral of Mr. W. J. Stephenson took place Wednesday morning from his late residence to the Methodist church, where services were conducted by Rev. F. T. Bertram.

A large number of relatives and friends paid the last token of respect to the deceased. The body was taken to Fairville on the Boston express. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. George Stephenson of Allston, Mass., and Alex. Stephenson and Miss Catherine Stephenson of Melrose, Mass., who were here attending the funeral of their father, the late W. J. Stephenson, returned to their homes on Wednesday evening.

The return of Earle Williams after a lapse of several months, during which he was busily engaged on "The Scarlet Runner" series, and consequently appeared in no other releases, is definitely assured.

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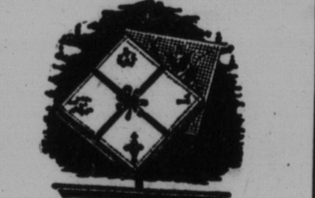
- Mansish Cape Gloves, extra good quality, soft finish, ladies' and Misses' sizes in new tans, a most acceptable and serviceable Xmas gift, all sizes \$1.35 pair.
- Washable Kid Gloves, in new putty shades, with stylish wide black stitching. This is the latest thing in gloves and very popular, always dressy and washes easily, in box \$1.75 pair.
- Washable Doe Skin Gloves, a new English, make, very soft and close fitting, white only \$1.45 pair.
- "Charles Perrin's" Suede Gloves, black only, 2 dome silk stitching, all sizes \$1.65 pair.
- "Alexandre" Gloves, first quality fine French Suede, in pretty new greys all sizes \$1.75 pair.

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- "Real Ladies' Gloves" fine, soft and dainty, best French kid, perfect in cut and with all the new stitching, black with white, white with black. Another strong feature about these gloves is that they are finished by a new sanitary dyeing process, perfectly sterilized, makes the hands soft and smooth, not liable to become chapped, all sizes put up in dainty Xmas boxes, \$1.85 pair.

GIFTS FOR HIS MAJESTY, THE BABY.

- Babies' Dainty Little Silk Kimonas, quilted and very warm, pink or sky \$1.25 to \$2.25.
- Babies' Warm Quilted Silk Crib or Carriage Covers, made to wash, pink, sky or white \$1.95 to \$2.25.
- Babies' White Fur Carriage Pockets and Robes, long haired goat skin or lambs wool \$4.25 to \$6.75.
- Babies' Warm Winter Coats in heavy corduroy velvet, nap cloth or lambs wool, 3 months to 3 years \$2.95 to \$4.50.
- Babies' Warm Velour Kimonas in Teddy Bear, Pussy Cat or Bunny patterns, sky or pink 89c. each.



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- Ladies' Fine H. S. Embd. Corner Handkerchiefs, all linen, 3 in a box for 75c.
- Ladies' Novelty Colored Embroidered Handkerchiefs, dainty and new, 3 in a box for 58c.
- Fine Irish Embroidered Handkerchiefs, neatly put up in fancy box, 3 in box for 49c.
- Special Xmas Embroidered Handkerchiefs, colored and white, two in box for 29c.
- Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, all letters, three different designs, in neat Xmas folder for 29c.
- Ladies' Point Venise Lace Edged Handkerchiefs, in Xmas folder 29c.
- Ladies' Fine Linen Initial H. S. Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box for 75c. or 25c. each.
- Creme De Chine Handkerchiefs, a new special line for Christmas, plain with colored hemstitched borders, as well as fancy flowered borders, quite new 25c. each.
- Men's Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 3 in Xmas box for 75c. or 25c. each.
- Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, colored border, in box 35c. each.
- Men's Plain Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, good quality, 6 in box for \$1.45.
- Combination Vell and Handkerchiefs, pretty box with new French vell, and two dainty handkerchiefs, as an appreciable gift 50c. per box.

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- A Combination Cover and Drawers in envelope or flare style, trimmed, fine insertions and embroidery \$1.00 each.
- "Dorothy" Boudoir Cap, dainty lace net, wide satin ribbon bows, sky, pink, hello or white, \$1.00 each.
- Pretty Little Lacy Tea Apron and Fancy Boudoir Cap in all white, trimmed pink or sky, both for \$1.00.
- A Useful House Dress of English Cambric, chambray or fine gingham, light or dark shades, sizes 34 to 44 \$1.00 each.
- Large White English Aprons, extra quality, full all round gored skirt, embroidery trimmed bibs \$1.00 each.
- Two Fine Fancy Yoke Vests, quarter or no sleeves, in box \$1.00.
- Two Women's Fancy Corset Covers, deep panel yokes, embroidery or lace, in box, for \$1.00.
- Women's Fine Corset Cover and Drawers, trimmed embdy, and lace \$1.00.
- A Nice Pair of Corsets, neatly done up in box with Xmas ribbon \$1.00 each.
- Two Fine Embdy. Trimmed Brassiers, all sizes for \$1.00.
- White Mole Wash Rep Underskirts, deep wide flounce \$1.00 each.

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- New Designs, Velle Blouses and Swiss embroidered muslins, new deep collar and wide cuffs, sizes 34 to 44 \$1.29 to \$1.65.
- Dainty Tea Aprons and Large Bib Aprons, in Xmas boxes, lace or ribbon trimmings 25c. to 95c. each.
- Dainty Boudoir Caps in Xmas boxes, fine lace net, crepe de chine or silk, some elaborately trimmed ribbons 50c. to \$1.95.
- Dainty Crepe De Chine or Italian Silk Bloomers, fitted over knee with wide elastic band, satin ribbon bows, flesh, sky, white, etc. \$1.50 to \$4.25 pair.
- Dainty Silk Evening Vests, finest Italian silk, narrow strap over shoulder, flesh or white, all sizes \$2.75 and \$2.85.
- Dainty Fancy Corset Covers of finest nainsook and organdy, deep lace panel yokes, trimmed embdy, and ribbons 75c. to \$2.25.



GIFTS FOR WOMEN AT \$2.00 EACH.

- Spencer Jackets of Soft Saxony wools with full sleeves, all new shades and white, in box \$2.00 each.
- Hug-Me-Tights, warm heavy knit, all colors and white, in box \$2.00 each.
- Three Piece Set of dainty lingerie, gown, cover and drawers \$2.00.
- A Pretty Morning Dress of cambric or gingham, with large overall apron, white or colored to match for \$2.00.
- Maid's Black Dress, good quality, soft satin finish, white hemstitched, detachable collar and cuffs \$2.00.
- A Pair of New Front Lace Corsets, latest model, boxed and tied with pretty Xmas ribbon for \$2.00.
- Dainty Silk Camisoles in white, cream or flesh, lace or satin ribbon trimmed, in box \$2.00.
- Dainty Boudoir Caps, very fine lace and crepe de chine, trimmed with wide satin ribbons, pink, sky, yellow, rose, hello, etc. \$2.00 each.
- A Pretty Silk Lace Boudoir Cap and Silk Camisole to match, all colors. Both for \$2.00.
- A White Crepe Empire Night Gown, with Boudoir Cap to match. Both for \$2.00.
- A Dainty French Embd. Combination in new envelope or flare style \$2.00 each.
- A Dainty French Embroidered Corset Cover and One Pair of Drawers to Match. Both for \$2.00.
- A Fine Velle Blouse, with New Square Cut Camisole or Corset Cover to Match. Both for \$2.00.



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