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WEATHER—CLEARING

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ENTENTE POWERS WILL SEND IDENTICAL REPLY TO PRESIDENT WILSON'S SUGGESTIONS OF PEACE; DOBRUDJA ONLY REAL BATTLE AREA YESTERDAY

ALLIES STAND ABSOLUTELY TOGETHER ON PEACE QUESTION

"The Answer for One Will Be the Answer for All," is Reply to Pres. Wilson—This Will be Decidedly Different from Germany's Method of Procedure—Attitude of Russia and Italy Gives Especial Pleasure to London.

London, Dec. 22, 4 p. m.—In official and diplomatic circles in London it was generally predicted today that President Wilson's note to the belligerents would be met by an identical reply from the Entente Powers. This method of answering the note will differ from the reply to be made by the Entente nations to the German peace note in which it is understood that, while agreeing to the principles, each member of the Entente will be free to express any individual views which they may feel desirable to utter.

For the foregoing reason it is hardly likely there will be an early reply to President Wilson's note as it is expected full consultations between diplomats of the Entente countries will take place before a formal reply is made.

The attitude of both Russia and Italy in regard to the German peace note was received in official circles with the utmost pleasure, especially that of Italy as expressed in the speech of the Italian foreign minister, Baron Sonnino.

While declining to make any official statement, it is readily apparent that the British foreign office feels that the solidarity of the Entente never was stronger than it is today.

MESSAGES TO THE SOLDIER BOYS AT THE FRONT

Leading public men of New Brunswick in the Governments at Fredericton and Ottawa have sent forward from this city cables to the gallant sons of New Brunswick at the front, extending the warmest season's greetings from the people of the province to those on the firing line. Hon. Mr. Hazen, Hon. Mr. Clarke and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter last evening despatched cables to those who are not with us at this joyous season congratulating them on the great services they are rendering to the British Empire, and expressing the hope that their Christmas may be as joyous as possible under all the prevalent circumstances.

MESSAGE FROM HON. J. D. HAZEN.

Hon. Mr. Hazen's message is as follows:
F. W. Sumner,
Agent General New Brunswick,
London.

Please convey to our New Brunswick boys who have brought such undying honor and glory upon their Province my appreciation, in common with that of all citizens of New Brunswick, for the way in which they have done their bit. New Brunswick feels intensely proud at the conduct of its gallant sons who have so nobly upheld its best traditions and proved themselves such worthy representatives of the great races from which they have sprung. I wish them all success and happiness during the coming year and a safe return to their native land.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S PREMIER SENDS GREETINGS.

Hon. Mr. Clarke's message is as follows:
F. W. Sumner,
Agent General for New Brunswick,
London, Eng.

Please convey to all those from the Province who are engaged in any capacity with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the most cordial greetings from the people of New Brunswick.

We trust that Christmas may prove a pleasant respite from the arduous work in which they are engaged, and that the New Year may bring victory to our arms.

New Brunswickers with the sons of Empire from all climes are fighting for the principles on which are based the highest ideal of civilization, and these must ultimately prevail.

Geo. J. Clarke,
Premier of New Brunswick,
FROM HON. J. B. M. BAXTER TO THE 26TH.

Hon. Mr. Baxter's message is as follows:
Lieut.-Colonel A. E. G. McKenzie,
Commanding 26th Battalion,
C. E. F.,
France.

Wishing the officers and men of New Brunswick's distinguished Battalion fighting for a stable and glorious peace a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John B. M. Baxter.

RUSSANS AGAIN FIRE ON THE SACRED FLAG

Rome, Dec. 22, via London.—The war office communication today says: "Along the whole front there has been desultory artillery activity. The military hospital in Gorizia was again

shelled, despite its protection by visible Red Crosses. Of the military personnel two were killed and four wounded.

The Fight at Tarnopol.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—"North of the Zolotchev-Tarnopol railway the enemy after an intense artillery fire attacked our detachments in the region of Zvishin. Notwithstanding our fire he occupied a portion of a demolished trench belonging to one of our companies. He was driven back by a counter-attack launched by our companies occupying adjacent positions.

ONLY WAR ZONE IS IN THE EAST

Northern Dobrudja the Scene of Yesterday's Fighting.

RUSSO-ROUMANIANS STILL BATTLING

Though Troops of the Central Powers are Now Pressing them Hard—Vigorous Campaign on Tarnopol Railway.

Except in the Northern Dobrudja, where the troops of the Central Powers continue to drive the Rumanians and Rumanians towards Bessarabia, there has been little important activity on the battle fronts of Europe.

The Russian troops in Dobrudja, Petrograd announces, were forced to retire northwards under heavy attacks from numerically superior hostile forces. Berlin states that the Teutonic army in the Dobrudja continues to advance successfully and announces the capture of 800 Russian soldiers. East of Lake Salsadagh a Russian regiment, Petrograd records, drove a force of Bulgarians into Lake Bolata. A great number of Bulgarians were drowned and 1,000 were made prisoners.

The artillery bombardment continues at various points on the eastern front. Berlin reports increased activity, especially in the Somme sector and on east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the scene of the latest French advance.

In Galicia near the Zlochov-Tarnopol railway there has been a spirited engagement. Berlin reports the breaking in of the advanced Russian line northwest of Zalostse, while Petrograd says the Austro-Germans were compelled to retire after occupying some trenches. Some fighting has taken place in the Trosna Valley on the Moldavian frontier and along the Bystritsa river in the Carpathians.

El Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, in Egypt, has been captured by British troops. The town had been occupied for two years by the Turks, who had built strong entrenchments around it. The defenders fled from El Arish on the approach of the British army.

Russians Retire.

Petrograd, Dec. 22, via London.—(British admiralty per wireless press)—Russian troops in the northern part of the Rumanian province of Dobrudja having been attacked yesterday along the whole front by superior numbers of Teutonic forces, says the Russian official statement issued today, they have begun a further retirement to the northward.

The French Report.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "In the course of the day rather spirited artillery fighting took place in the region of Hasmont work, Louvemont and the Chabrettes Farm (Verdun region). Several surprise attacks, which were carried out to the east of St. Mihiel, in the Gerechanta Wood, at Chapelette, north of Celles (Voeges), and in the Fave Valley, enabled us to destroy small enemy outposts and to bring back some prisoners. On the rest of front there was intermittent cannonading."

The Belgian communication.

"On the southern portion of the Belgian front the bomb and artillery

WHERE THE L N TRAINS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS WEND THEIR WAY TO OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT

A Strange Procession on the Travel-Scarred Roads of France to Where Mightiest Armies in World are Locked in Life and Death Struggle.

Parcels for Every "Tommy" Regardless How Humble his Station—Our Boys Received Most of Their Mail Last Week and are Finding it Difficult to Obey Injunction Not to Open Before Christmas.

With the British army in France, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 23.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—In these last days before Christmas, it is a strange procession, indeed, that winds its way on the travel-scarred roads of Northern France to where the greatest armies the world has ever known are locked in a life and death struggle.

Veiling with the seemingly endless trail of motor trucks groaning under capacity weights of powder, shells and all the varied and sinister material of war, are numberless other trucks fairly bulging with presents and greetings of the Yuletide. It appears now that no soldier, regardless of how humble his station, will be forgotten.

The handling of the vast amount of mail for the English, Canadian and Australian troops, fraught with great difficulties, for powder and shell assert their prerogative of preference, and the holiday season will bring no lessening of the gun pressure on any part of the front. Despite the complex problems connected with the task, the organization behind the British front makes it possible for letters and parcels to reach the men in the front line trenches forty-eight hours after their posting in London. One reason for this is that the mail is being handled and distributed by "Tommys" who formerly were postal employees.

The Canadians received the bulk of their mail last week, most of the soldiers obeying, with childish impatience, instructions not to open the parcels until Christmas. The mail of the Australian troops necessarily was posted six or seven weeks ago, and naturally there were many casualties in that period, so that the authorities are confronted with a number of parcels which never will reach their intended owners.

A feature of the Christmas army mails is that the outgoing post is almost as heavy as the incoming, with a strange cross current of money orders going home and coming out. Some idea of the army postal problems may be gained from the fact that normally the British army sends 1,100,000 letters and postcards and 11,000 parcels daily. This number is being doubled and trebled during the Christmas rush. Another interesting fact is that a soldier receives an average of four letters a week, and writes one.

The packages being sent from the front contain all manner of souvenirs from the battlefields and trenches. Letters and parcels for the men on the very front line are sent to them with their rations. The favorite Christmas card that the "Tommys" are sending home is one on which loving mottoes are woven with various colors of silk threads.

THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTS COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A new and important development in the fight against the high cost of living—The Department of Labor and Justice have arranged for co-operation in the working out of the recently enacted regulations designed to reduce prices and at the instance of Hon. T. W. Crothers, the minister of labor, W. F. O'Connor, K. C. of Halifax, has been appointed to investigate into certain conditions which are assumed to have much to do with the prevailing high prices of necessities of life.

Mr. O'Connor until last spring was one of the foremost and busiest legal practitioners of Eastern Canada and is a skilled accountant and cross-examiner. Since spring he has been engaged in the justice department in connection with war legislation and other matters of great importance.

He will immediately undertake to delve into the doings of the barons who control Eastern Canada and its other necessities of life and he will proceed to a quarter within Canada where in the opinion of the minister

struggle has been very violent. Our field and trench batteries silenced the enemy artillery.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN ENTHUSES TORONTO AUDIENCE AS HE TELLS WHY CANADA IS FIGHTING TODAY

Waves of Enthusiasm as Premier Discusses Germany's Peace Terms—The Purpose of the Nation will Never be Fulfilled Until Canada's Glorious Objects are Attained R. B. Bennett Makes Splendid Impression.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Sir Robert Borden, at a meeting in Massey Hall here tonight in connection with the national service commission discussed the question of peace.

He spoke very slowly and with much deliberation, emphasizing every phrase until warning up to his subject, and allowing a measure of expression of his feelings, he carried his audience into an enthusiastic outburst of applause that lasted several minutes.

"In the last few days," he said, "there have been heard suggestions about peace and about that I would give, and there is no need of emphasizing it, that the people of Canada were and are a peace-loving people. Before August, 1914, they were immersed in the development of their country and engaged in the solution of the tremendous problems that will remain to be settled after the great conflict is over. But Canadians have shown that they were not afraid to fight in a great cause for the security of the Empire and for the ideals of civilization. There is not one but earnestly desires that we shall have peace, and that on the northern half of this continent we shall continue working out our destiny as in the days before the war. But there is not a man here tonight who would not shrink from any peace that would not fulfill the purpose for which this was undertaken."

Belgians' Heroic Choice. "We have seen some rather remarkable statements lately. I may only allude to them, as one must use certain restraints in such matters, but I had thought that the cause of the war had been made abundantly clear more than two years ago. If I have a correct recollection, a distinguished statesman of Italy said that his country had been invited to join Germany and Austria in making war on Serbia, and she had refused because it was a war of aggression. When Austria sent its note to Serbia and the latter country yielded to all the demands, excepting one, and on this point offered to submit to the judgment of The Hague, Austria declared war on Serbia, and, with the sanction of Germany, precipitated a war for which it had long been preparing. It has been said that the warring nations are fighting for the same object, the protection

of weaker nations, but none of you would regard the action of Germany toward Belgium and Serbia in that way. When the ultimatum was presented to Belgium, Germany gave that nation the alternative of going to war with her or with France, and all honor to her for the choice she made.

"When I read of 100,000 Belgians being torn from their homes and forced into worse than slavery, I can't hold myself in the ranks of those who say Germany is fighting for the rights of the weaker nations. Some publicist has said of late that the causes of the war are now only of historic significance. I say that the causes are of world-wide significance, and will continue till the end of time. We cannot yield while military aggression goes unchecked in pursuit of world domination, for the purposes of the war would be useless unless the result be an absolute triumph for the Allies. We seek peace, but not a mere truce, of which Germany and Austria will take advantage to sharpen their swords to renew the conflict. The message I bring to you from the great western country is that the purpose of the nation will never be fulfilled till every resource and every power is organized to bring about a complete realization of the aims and objects with which Canada entered upon the war."

A great wave of enthusiasm spread over the hall at the conclusion of Sir Robert Borden's speech, many of the audience rising in their seats and cheering him for several minutes.

Mr. Bennett Also Impresses.

An equally strong impression was made by Mr. R. B. Bennett, chairman of the commission, who impressed upon the audience the vast importance of the conflict in which Canada is engaged. He came into conflict with his audience when he insisted that any measure of compulsion at the present time would be liable to result in insurrection and civil war.

There were cries of "No, no," from all parts of the hall, but Mr. Bennett reminded his hearers that they must not judge all of Canada from the local atmosphere. They must think in larger terms. He had just completed a trip of 6,500 miles and a week ago in Vancouver, he had been waited upon by delegations insisting that there should be no compulsion now. They must allow for differences of opinion and afford every man an opportunity of measuring what his responsibility was.

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BARON DE REUTER KILLED IN ACTION IN SOMME FIGHTING

Son of Head of Great News Gathering Association Meets Death on the Battle Front.

London, Dec. 22 (3.30 p. m.)—Baron Hubert De Reuter, only son of the late head of Reuter's Telegram Company, Limited, was killed at Beaumont Hamel on the Somme battle front November 13.

He was born in 1878, and was serving as a private in the Black Watch Regiment. With a small detachment Baron De Reuter captured 62 Germans in a trench and carried three wounded men away, under a heavy fire in the course of the action. The news of his death was received in a letter from the colonel of his regiment.

BERLIN "NOT ON THE MAP" OF CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Many persons continue sending letters to Berlin, Ont., instead of to "Kitchener," regardless of the fact that the name of that place and post office has been officially changed. Today the post office department announces that no letters addressed to "Berlin" will be delivered but will be returned to the senders marked "No such post office in Ontario."

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ASK WILSON TO END WAR BY "PEACE"

Unique Letter to President From British Pacifist Who Opposed Conscription.

New York, Dec. 22—A girl who came to America as a messenger from Bertrand Russell, a British pacifist, famous as a philosopher, delivered to the American neutral conference here today an open letter from Mr. Russell, addressed to President Wilson, appealing to him to "bring peace to Europe." The letter was sent by messenger to evade the British censor. The name of its bearer was not disclosed, through fear of making trouble for her should she return to England.

Three members of the conference committee, George Foster Peabody, Paul Kellogg and Miss Emily Greene Balch, were selected to carry the letter to President Wilson, and left here tonight for Washington. Mr. Russell, who is the heir of Earl Russell, and was a lecturer and fellow of Trinity College Cambridge, recently was fined \$500 for having written a pamphlet opposing conscription in England. He also was prohibited from coming to the United States to lecture at Harvard, and was forbidden to enter any prohibited area in London.

VANGUILDER'S HOUSES

Another beautiful Vanguilder dwelling has been recently completed and is attracting a great deal of attention. It is situated on Wright St., at the head of Stanley St., where it can be seen to great advantage and makes a decided improvement in the appearance of that locality.

When the fact is known that these dwellings, so attractive in appearance, and having such numerous advantages over wooden frame constructions can be built for a small advance over the cost of wooden houses, there is no doubt that we shall see more of these cozy, fireproof homes building.

At Meadham, N. B., the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have erected extensive shops and railway buildings during the past few months. Their contractor, Mr. H. Post of Woodstock, states that the Vanguilder system is something he has been looking forward to for years, and the C.P.R. engineers express themselves as greatly pleased with the construction. We learn from good authority that there is a strong probability that the Vanguilder system will be adopted by them for further railway building in the future. The fact that a big corporation like the C.P.R. are constructing in this system proves conclusively the merits of the style of construction, their shops requiring great strength of side walls which they found this method save them.

St. John has too many wooden houses and the fire menace is constant and insistent; it will therefore be a great relief to those who have the cares of protecting us from conflagrations, such as Summerside is now suffering with, to see the introduction of concrete buildings into this city and suburbs.

The introducers of this system of building into the Maritime Provinces, Messrs. Gandy & Allison, tell us that besides the Wright St. house, they have built a third dwelling at Lancaster Avenue, which will be furnished and occupied on the first of May next, also United Baptist church annex at West St. John, and that they have an extensive programme of building operations for the new year.

Arrested for Fighting. Last night two Austrians, N. Tanzer and George Tanzer, were arrested for fighting in a house on Pond Street. One of the men received several nasty gashes from a knife in the hands of the other in the back of the neck. A doctor was summoned and dressed the wounds.

SPECIAL RATE COUPON

Date, Dec. 23, 1916. Enclosed herewith find Two Dollars for which please send The St. John Standard daily to the following address: Name _____ P. O. Box _____ City or Town _____ County _____ Sender's Signature _____ Address _____ This rate only applies for papers delivered by mail outside the City of St. John and can only be renewed at the regular rate of not less than \$3.00 per year.

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS STATEMENTS FROM TWO OF THE LOCAL MILK DEALERS

F. D. A. Boyle, of Red Head, and Primcrest Farms Submit Figures of Their Business. — Mr. Boyle's Statement Shows Him to be Losing \$3.30 per Day. — Primcrest People Declare They Cannot Estimate Cost of Delivery and Commissioners Wonder.

After the City Council had finished the business to come before it, yesterday afternoon, the members resolved themselves into the committee of the whole and took up replies from the milk men. The session was brief as Commissioner McLellan had to leave at 4.15. The statement of F. D. A. Boyle, Red Head, was the first taken up and according to his statement, which was not sworn to, he is losing \$3.30 per day on his milk route.

He is a producer and handles about 120 quarts per day, 32 of which he sells wholesale at 8 cents and 88 quarts at retail at 10 cents per quart. He does not buy milk only when he is short. He gives as the cost of production:

Food & Meal	Hay	Roots	Labor	Delivery	Total
\$5.40	\$3.26	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$14.66

Receipts 32 qts. at 8cts, \$2.56; 88 qts at 10cts, \$8.80 . . . Total, \$11.36

Loss on each day's operations \$3.30 He gives as the cost for December, 1915, the following figures:

Food & Meal	Hay	Roots	Labor	Delivery	Total
\$3.68	\$3.50	\$1.60	\$1.65	\$2.50	\$12.78

FROM PRIMECREST FARMS. They next took up the answer from the Primcrest Farms, Ltd., to which affidavit had been made.

They were doing both a retail and a wholesale business, and sold about 120 cans a day in each department. They sold the milk at from 48 to 64 cents per can wholesale, and at ten cents per quart retail. They handled about eight cans of cream per day wholesale at \$2.40 per can, and 5 cans per day retail at \$3.20 per can.

This item came in for considerable criticism as the commissioners were of the opinion that this was a very small amount for a concern the size of Primcrest, and one of them made the statement that some of the firms recently absorbed by Primcrest had handled much more cream than that.

They produced about 400 quarts per day of the milk which they sold at their farm, which was located at Primcrest, and bought the balance of what they used each day from other parties.

They paid 44 and 45 cents per can for their milk and the freight added to this brought the cost up to 47 or 48 cents per can landed in St. John. Their cream cost them \$2.20 per can landed in St. John. In answer to the questions in regard to cost of delivery they claimed that it was impossible to give a correct estimate of this cost.

This item also came in for considerable discussion and it seemed to be the opinion of the commissioners that any good business man should be able to tell the cost of his delivery system.

As the time had come when Commissioner McLellan had to leave the committee adjourned and will take up the matter again on Tuesday next.

ITALIAN AIR-FORCES BOMBARD POLA PORT

Rome, Dec. 22, via Paris.—An official announcement by the Italian admiralty today says:

"A section of our hydro-airplanes threw bombs on the military works and warships at the port of Pola. All our hydro-airplanes returned safely, notwithstanding they were subjected to a violent cannonade and attacks by enemy aircraft."

FEDERAL WORK ONLY FOR R. N. W. POLICE.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The Royal North-west Mounted Police will do no more provincial work until after the war at any rate. The men of this famous force are required for federal and special war work.

The provincial governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan will therefore have to do their own policing. The change has been rendered necessary owing to the additional boundary patrol work necessitated by the war, and it has also been found difficult to keep the force up to strength owing to the number of enlistments by men who only joined the force for the three years' term.

ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE ASKS POWERS TO PURCHASE STOCK.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A notice appears in this week's Canada Gazette to the effect that application will be made to Parliament by the St. John Board of Trade, next session, for power to enable that body to invest its funds in the purchase of stock of the St. John Board of Trade Building Company, Ltd.

HON. H. A. CONNELL SERIOUSLY ILL

Prominent Woodstock Resident Who Held Portfolio Under Blair Government Stricken With Paralysis.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Dec. 22.—The Teachers' Institute for Carleton and Victoria counties closed this afternoon. It was one of the most successful meetings yet held by that body. 145 school teachers being present and much valuable information was brought out during the discussions.

Dr. W. S. Carter was among the chief speakers. The following officers were elected this afternoon: F. B. Meagher, president; Bessie Fraser, vice-president; W. S. Daley, secretary-treasurer. Additional members of executive, Bessie Fleming, Alice F. Thayer, Gaynell E. Long, Hon. H. A. Connell, one of Woodstock's best known citizens, is confined to the house with a paralytic stroke and owing to his advanced age fears are entertained for his recovery. He held a portfolio under the Blair government and was in the United States on several occasions. Many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

FUNERAL OF FORMER ST. JOHN WOMAN

Mrs. G. Herbert Lamb Daughter of Late Henry Rowan of St. John, Buried at St. Andrews.

A. M. Rowan returned yesterday from St. Andrews, where he had been attending the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. G. Herbert Lamb, of that place. Mrs. Lamb was a daughter of the late Henry Rowan, well known in this city. She had made her home in St. Andrews for many years, and was one of the best known and respected residents of that town.

Her death took place in New York, where she had gone for an operation which proved unsuccessful, and the body was brought to St. Andrews and the funeral held from All Saints' church on Thursday. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. G. H. Elliott. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Dorothy, four sisters and three brothers.

HOT FIGHTING ON THE BRITISH FRONT IN NORTHERN FRANCE

London, Dec. 22.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"Last night (Thursday) the enemy bombarded our front on the south bank of the Ancre. We repulsed an attempted raid opposite the Hohenzollern redoubt. During the day (Friday) considerable artillery activity prevailed on the Ypre-Beasnes area. North of the Ancre our artillery dispersed some enemy parties. Between the Ancre and the Somme our front was shelled intermittently all day."

"Yesterday, during a few bright intervals, our airplanes co-operated successfully with our artillery. One of our machines has not returned."

At Black's bowling alleys last night the Specials captured three points out of the four in the City League. The scores follow:

Wanderers. Wright . . . 74 80 96—250 83 1-3 Edwell . . . 90 90 109—289 96 1-3 Garvin . . . 99 84 96—279 93 Jones . . . 79 88 100—268 89 1-3 Logan . . . 78 92 86—256 85 1-3 420 435 487 1342

Specials. McIntyre . . . 72 90 100—262 87 1-3 Mitchell . . . 95 84 96—274 91 1-3 Miller . . . 81 110 99—300 100 White . . . 110 100 88—298 99 1-3 Wilson . . . 92 111 103—306 102 460 485 485 1440

The game was well contested with the Specials in the lead for three. The next game will be on Wednesday when the Nationals and Sweeps will cross bows.

The scarcity of khaki clad men on the streets for the past several days has been very noticeable. There are not more than 400 soldiers in the city. One would almost think that peace had been declared to visit the different military quarters in the city. The men who are remaining on duty during the Christmas holidays will not miss their Christmas dinner, as arrangements have been made so that each member will partake of a special dinner. In conversation with an officer of the Siege Battery on Partridge Island last night The Standard was informed that elaborate preparations were being made for the Christmas dinner for the men who were remaining for the holiday season. Turkey dinners are also being planned for the troops at West side, and the numbers of the 165th Battalion at the Army.

There were no recruits secured in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. McCloskey arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCloskey, Douglas avenue.

SCHOOLS CLOSING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Fine Programmes of Music, Readings and Addresses in the Schools—Presentation of Prizes for Good Work.

The closing of the schools for the Christmas vacation was as usual an occasion for presentations and congratulations. The High School auditorium was crowded in the morning and a fine programme of music, readings and addresses was provided. The prizes presented were as follows:

1. Grade XI, prize of books, leader of class 1916, Horace Wetmore. Presented by Dr. J. H. Frink.
2. Parker silver medal, highest marks in mathematics, Sam. McCavoy. Presented by Mayor Hayes.
3. Grade X, Governor-General's silver medal, highest marks, Doris Barnes. Presented by Rev. Ralph Sherman.
4. Prize of books, second in grade X, Marjorie Manning. Presented by Superintendent Bridges.
5. Grade IX, Alumnae gold medal, highest marks, Marjorie Fitzpatrick. Presented by Mrs. G. A. Coster.
6. Grade XI, Ellis gold medal, best English essay, Vivian Dowling. Presented by Rev. Mr. Dowling.
7. Grade XII, Fortnightly Club prize of books, highest in English. Gwendolyn Ewing. Presented by F. A. Dykeman.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Recent transfers of property in St. John and Kings counties have been recorded as follows:

St. John county—J. C. Baker to Isabelle E. wife of J. G. Baker, property in Union street; J. N. Bradshaw to F. E. Bradshaw, property in St. Martin's; F. E. Bradshaw to Beattie V. wife of F. E. Bradshaw, property in St. Martin's; W. P. McDonald to J. M. Donovan, property in Simonds, Kings county—Acheson Carson to G. M. and W. S. Harding, property in Rotheay; J. B. Crane to T. J. Mercer, property in Sussex; W. A. Kelstead to J. W. Ganong, property in Springfield; John Turney to Margaret Turney, property in Havelock.

Another Boy Scout Troop Organized in the City.

A further step in the progress which the Boy Scout movement is making in the city was evidenced by a new troop being formed. For some time a great number of boys connected with the Main street Baptist church have expressed a desire to join the Boy Scouts, and last evening the district scoutmaster, B. C. Waring, met the boys and in the presence of the Rev. Dr. Hutchinson and Mr. Erb, organized two patrols to be known as the Beaver and Wolf patrols. It is expected that during the next two weeks this newly formed troop will number some sixty members.

Mrs. Fred MacRae, of Campbellton, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tippett, Main street, Fairville.

Why You Should Read The Standard

DO YOU READ THE PAPER REGULARLY? If you do and if you are now a subscriber the following will not interest you; but if you are in the habit of taking another paper and just chanced to see this issue we have something to say which will be of much interest to you. We take it for granted that you read some paper each day. Everybody does, of course. If you take some other paper regularly, just stop for a moment and consider why you always read that particular one. Is it through habit? Many folks do get the habit of asking for the same paper day after day, and they never have an opportunity to learn just what they are missing by failing to give some other paper a trial. Possibly your failure to be a regular subscriber is caused by the fact that you only know this paper as it was a few years ago. Quite likely you were not pleased with it then; but The Standard of today is vastly different from the paper you read then. A glance through the columns of this issue will convince you of that. The St. John Standard of today is the ideal family newspaper. We carry, on leased wires, the entire Canadian Press service, which completely covers all war news and other happenings the world over; we have special correspondents in every town and village in New Brunswick, and we carry more provincial news than any other daily. In addition, our paper contains features which appeal to every member of the family, both old and young. Glance over the following list and see for yourself.

- 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.
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CANADIANS SMILING FIGHTING COST OF

A few weeks ago the frugal wife who had been battling for against the high cost of living one morning to find that flour was up above the normal price bakers were reducing the standard loaf and the morning in the New York Times. Within month there has been another of from \$1.50 to \$2 a barrel. Saturday the highest grades were selling at retail for \$11 a barrel. The average family flour is \$10 a barrel and in states this is selling for 6 to 10 cents. Flour is higher today any time since the civil war immediately after that cost brought \$15. One of the larger states that all indications to a return of that price will next few months. Within the last four weeks have started to make a new record. A month ago good potato selling at about \$1 a bushel. Some time they have gone up more per cent. Long Island potatoes are about the best coming New York market, are bringing a peck, which is at the \$2.40 a bushel. Some are charging 70 cents, and when in small quantities the house at the rate of 75 to 80 cents. Never before in the history of the country have potatoes been so high. The best Jersey and Maine are selling at the same price. Long Island, Maine has also famous for high grades, but there has been poorer than and dealers are now paying farmers \$2 a bushel for the best. The Long Island and Maine who have had good crops a rich on their potatoes, and farmers are reported to be back a large proportion of the further advance. The limit of potato prices yet been reached," said the of one of the large grocers. "While the actual crop is less than a year ago the quality—that is the potatoes are strong. That is due to a large scarcity of potato for as the price got so high that the farmers refused to buy car shipments are coming to the great distances. Fortunately potatoes are plentiful and cheap, and these are showing larger sales. Unlike flour, which, not ing its high price, continues exported at the rate of 1.00 a bushel a day to Europe, the of potatoes has curtailed export and about the only places this country to which they are Cuba and Bermuda. It cost \$2 to \$2.25 to send a barrel abroad. The increase in flour over represents from \$4 to \$5 about 100 per cent. on the grades. Farmers Get the Best "Despite the high cost of a large dealer, recently, "as the cheapest article of food. The average consumption of the country is about a bushel individual and although he two cents a pound more than ago, he gets more for his money for any other article of food. paid western farmers with a few weeks \$1.55 for wheat. er is benefiting by the high there is no combination of middle-men. With our crop two-thirds of normal, which million bushels short of actually needed to feed our nation, and yet with Europe us at the rate of 1,000 a day, the reason for this is plain to see. In our own countries are willing high price for flour prices high, and to keep it in our try we have got to pay just price." Sugar has remained about during the last four months reached its highest wholesale July 12 last, when the best granulated sugar were quoted a pound. Saturday cents per pound. At retail cents more while Diamond sold from ten to 12 cents a tall. A year ago granulated which is now selling for 7 was 5.55 cents a pound. New records in America prices have also been reached, turnips, carrots, and other of the common vegetables as well as cheese and in a ducts. Cabbages have at been so high. Where one a good head of cabbage for cents, the cost is now from cents. The red cabbage is was quoted in Washington 15 cents a head recently, cabbage at 18 cents. Last time cabbages were half The high price is not due tion, for practically no cutting sent away, but to poor yield of turnips and carrots been as great as usual and nips, which a year ago were Washington market for 15 peck, are now bringing 25. Cheese 100 Per Cent. Cheese has never been America before. The best full cream American cheese cent. higher than a year ago by the pound range from cents, as against 18 to 20 cents last year. Even the

CANADIANS NOT ALONE IN FIGHTING AGAINST THE HIGH COST OF LIVING; U. S. HAS IT TOO

A few weeks ago the frugal housewife who had been battling for months against the high cost of living, awake one morning to find that food had gone up far above the normal price and that bakers were reducing the size of the bread loaf and the morning rolls, says the New York Times. Within the last month there has been another advance from \$1.50 to \$2 a barrel and Saturday the highest grades of flour were selling at retail for \$11 to \$11.50 a barrel. The average family grade of flour is \$10 a barrel and in small quantities this is selling for 6 to 7 cents a pound. Flour is higher today than at any time since the civil war, when immediately after that conflict, it brought \$15. One of the largest dealers states that all indications pointed to a return of that price within the next few months.

Within the last four weeks potatoes have started to make a new price record. A month ago good potatoes were selling at about \$1 a bushel. Since that time they have gone up more than 100 per cent. Long Island potatoes, which are about the best coming into the New York market, are bringing 60 cents a peck, which is at the rate of \$2.40 a bushel. Some grocers are charging 70 cents, and when bought in small quantities the housewife pays at the rate of 75 to 80 cents a peck.

Never before in the history of the country have potatoes been so high. The best Jersey and Maine potatoes are selling at the same prices as the Long Island. Maine has always been famous for high grades, but the crop there has been poorer than formerly, and dealers are now paying the Maine farmers \$2 a bushel for the best kind. The Long Island and Maine farmers who have had good crops are getting rich on their potatoes, and the Maine farmers are reported to be holding back a large proportion of the crop for a further advance.

"The limit of potato prices has not yet been reached," said the manager of one of the large grocery firms, recently. "While the actual crop is not much less than a year ago the quality is poorer—that is the potatoes are smaller in size. That is due to a large extent to the scarcity of potash for fertilizing, as the price got so high that many of the farmers refused to buy it. The car shortage is another cause, as few shipments are coming to the city from distant areas. Fortunately, sweet potatoes are plentiful and moderately cheap, and these are showing slightly larger sales.

Unlike flour, which, notwithstanding its high price, continues to be exported at the rate of 1,000,000 bushels a day to Europe, the high price of potatoes has curtailed exportation, and about the only places outside of this country to which they are going are Cuba and Bermuda. It costs about \$2 to \$2.25 to send a barrel of potatoes abroad.

The increase in flour over a year ago represents from \$4 to \$5 a barrel, about 100 per cent. on the higher grades.

Farmers Get the Benefit

"Despite the high cost of flour," said a large dealer, recently, "I regard it as the cheapest article of food today. The average consumption of flour in this country is about a barrel to an individual and although he is paying two cents a pound more than a year ago, he gets more for his money than for any other article of food. We have paid western farmers within the last few weeks \$1.85 for wheat. The farmer is benefitting by the high price, and there is no combination of dealers or middle-men. With our crop about two-thirds of normal, which is still ten million bushels short of the amount actually needed to feed our own population, and yet with Europe drawing on us at the rate of 1,000,000 bushels a day, the reason for the high price is plain to see. As long as the European countries are willing to pay a high price for flour prices will remain high, and to keep it in our own country we have got to pay just as high a price."

Sugar has remained about stationary during the last four months. It reached its highest wholesale price on July 12 last, when the best grades of granulated sugar were quoted at 7.65 cents a pound. Saturday it was a cent more while Diamond cube sugar sold from ten to 12 cents a pound retail. A year ago granulated sugar which is now selling for 7 1/2 cents, was 5.55 cents a pound.

New records in American produce prices have also been reached for cabbages, turnips, carrots, and several other of the common vegetables, as well as in cheese and in all pork products. Cabbages have never before been so high coming to the city. Where one used to get a good head of cabbage for four or five cents, the cost is now from ten to 20 cents. The red cabbage is cheaper. It was quoted in Washington market at 15 cents a head recently, with white cabbage at 18 cents. Last year at this time cabbages were half that price. The high price is not due to exportation, for practically no cabbage is being sent away, but to poor crops. The yield of turnips and carrots has not been as great as usual and yellow turnips, which a year ago were selling in Washington market for 15 cents a half peck, are now bringing 25 cents.

Cheese 100 Per Cent. Higher

Cheese has never been so high in America before. The best grades of full cream American cheese is 100 per cent. higher than a year ago. Prices by the pound range from 30 to 35 cents, as against 18 to 20 cents at this time last year. Even the most com-

mon cheese is now 14 cents a pound, which formerly was plentiful at six to eight cents. Imported cheese is almost impossible to get. No Swiss cheese is coming in owing to an embargo in Switzerland. The Swiss cheese now in use is of domestic make and so is the Camembert. Roquefort cheese is practically out of the market.

All pork products, including all kinds of smoked meats, have gone up from 23 to 25 cents a pound, against new record prices. Smoked ham 17 1/2 to 19 cents a year ago, and good boiling hams are from 33 to 35 cents, an increase of 10 cents in 12 months. Virginia ham is selling in Washington market at 38 to 40 cents a pound, and hard to get at that. Wholesale prices are paying 35 cents a pound, but it is almost impossible to obtain supplies.

Good bacon is from 26 to 30 cents a pound as against 20 cents a year ago, while the fancy grades, such as the boschout, formerly at 32 cents a pound can, has gone up to 45 cents. Tongue got so high a few weeks ago that many of the popular restaurants took it off their bills of fare, and householders refused to buy it. As a result there has been a slight reduction, but it is still 28 cents a pound. A year ago it was 20 cents.

The spicy sausage which has come to be regarded as almost a necessity with the winter buckwheat cakes is nearly 50 per cent. higher than a year ago. Good sausage in the market last week was 20 cents a pound, while last year it was 18 cents. Deerfoot sausage has advanced within a year from 28 to 35 cents a pound. One reason for the big advance, as explained by a Washington market dealer, is the high price for all kinds of spices. Everything that goes into the making of a sausage has gone up to almost prohibitive prices, and for one kind of seasoning as high as \$1 a pound is now paid.

There are plenty of apples in the apple markets and, they are still moderately cheap, but, although it was a good year, especially in the East, prices are following the upward trend and the wholesale market shows an advance of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per barrel over similar grades a year ago. More apples are being shipped to Europe this season than last year and that is one reason for the higher prices. The Virginia crop this year was especially good and some of the best apples now in market are from that state, the York Imperials being one of the best varieties. They are worth from \$4 to \$5 a barrel. The best Baldwins are bringing \$3.50 to \$4 wholesale. Greenings about the same, and the Ben Davis variety, \$3.50. The shipments to the city from the state have been slow. It is not due to the car shortage, explained a produce dealer, so much as to the scarcity of labor and barrels. As an indication of the scarcity of labor he mentioned that several weeks ago he offered a Vermont farmer \$3 a barrel for the orchard yield of fine Greenings of about 700 barrels. The farmer could not send them to the city because he was unable to get men to pick them and he finally sold them on the trees to an apple dealer for \$1.25 a barrel.

Butter is likely to go up to 50 cents a pound for the best grades in the city before Christmas. That is the price now being paid in many suburban towns. The prevailing price now is 40 to 45 cents. The supply is short, and the quantity in storage is less than a year ago.

Mrs. W. J. McShane.

The death occurred on Thursday night of Mrs. Mary McShane, wife of William J. McShane, at her home, 27 Duke street. Deceased, who had been ill for a long time, was fifty-three years of age and leaves, besides her husband, one son, Frank; one daughter, May; two brothers, Frank and Michael McGowan, and one sister, Miss Kate McGowan, all of Hampton.

QUARTER FUND APPEAL FOR CANADA'S BLINDED SOLDIERS

The appeal that was made last May by Mrs. Philip Warren on behalf of the Canadian soldiers blinded in the war, has resulted in the magnificent sum of \$2,500. The collection was made by means of collecting cards, and the humble sum of a quarter was asked from the generous public, and the idea, proving a popular one, the cards quickly spread all over Canada and into the States. This money has been sent to St. Dunstan's Hospital, London, Eng., to be used for the training of Canadians who are sent after their discharge from hospital to St. Dunstan's and remain there until they have been taught to read and write in the Braille type, and are trained in some trade or occupation by which they will be self-supporting. The work began in 1914 with twelve blinded soldiers; today there are over five hundred English, Canadian and Australian soldiers under Sir Arthur Pearson's care, and the number alas, is ever increasing. The success of this appeal was greatly due to the generous efforts and energies of various chapters of the I. O. D. E. in Canada, who collected over \$1,000.00. Mrs. Warren hopes to continue this fund as long as the money is needed, and intends to send over instalments of \$500.00 as it is collected, to support the splendid and practical work that Sir Arthur is doing for our blinded boys, and contributions, however small, will always be most gratefully received. The following cable was received by Mrs. Warren from Sir Arthur:

- On behalf of our blinded soldiers I tender heartfelt thanks to all in the Dominion who contributed to the splendid amount which you are receiving. We all send Christmas greetings to Canadians for their generosity.
- ARTHUR PEARSON.
- The following are the principal donors to the fund.
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| George Harbour and Miss Whitaker | 100.00 |
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Boston, Dec 20—Ard: Strs Canadian, Liverpool; Sagamore, do; Sch Repposter, Ipswich.

Sid Dec 20: Str Mohawk, Eastport and Weymouth, N. S.; Schs Warren B Porter, Rockport, Me; Ervin J Luce, Rockport, Mass.

Eastport, Dec 20—Sid: Sch Chas L Jeffrys, Norwalk.

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Portland, Dec 20—Ard: Str Northland, Jones, Liverpool via Halifax; Cornishman, Ingham, Avonmouth, Eng; Lord Strathcona, Cithorn, Sydney, C B; Victoria H, Cardiff, Nov 29 via Norfolk.

KITCHEN BARS FLOURISH IN PORTLAND

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—Kitchen bars flourished as a result of saloons being closed by order of Mayor Chapman's executive order. Dealers transferred their stocks in the dead of night from open bars to places less well known and which have been put out of commission in competition with saloons. One man admitted that he took in \$85 between 8 and 9 in the morning, nearly all of his stock being sold in original packages to fishermen down the bay and at bargain-counter prices.

There were no arrests for intoxication and no seizures by police or sheriffs. Express companies were kept unusually busy with delivery of packages to private houses and the holiday rush strained that branch of business almost to the limit.

Wholesalers are said to have privilege of delivery to homes and individuals, but must refuse where it is believed the goods are intended for retail sale.

The more reputable dealers have no hesitation in saying they will retire for two years at least, hoping for a turn in the tide in the next state election and restoration of liberal state and county administrations. Others propose to resort to the various substitutes heretofore adopted to procure liquor and deal it out in kitchen bars, alleys, unoccupied tenements and wherever they can hope to keep free from the deputy sheriffs.

LATE SHIPPING.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boothbay Harbor, Dec 20—Sid: Schs Lavolta, Bridgport; John Bracewell,

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that Sheet Harbor Gas and Whistling Buoy has gone adrift. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

CHAS. H. HARVEY,
Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept.
Halifax, N. S., December 20th, 1916.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

It has been reported that the South West Ledge, Brier Island, gas and whistling Buoy is out of position. Will be replaced as soon as possible.

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Thus declared Cardinal O'Connell of Boston in an address before more than 200 representatives of the various Roman Catholic charitable organizations and societies of the diocese. The meeting was called for the purpose of uniting the various Roman Catholic charitable societies and organizations.

Does Not Condemn

The cardinal was careful to say, however, that, "I am not condemning social service, much less the social servant. I am only pointing out that it is not the whole story, not everything. The perfect thing, pretty nearly everything, would be the combination of both—social worker and Vincentian, whether male or female. That is the experienced and intelligent, and good Christian." Continuing, the cardinal said:

"You may keep, if you will, your terminology, but you will never again destroy ours. That game is gone for ever. It will never succeed again. The vogue of that particular verbal two-step is passe."

"What is needed today among all classes of Catholics here in America is more confidence in themselves and less weak imitation and spineless subservience to what is called the spirit of the age. This up-to-dateness, this yesterday-civilization with its coarse methods and its empty boastfulness. By this time, the world ought to realize that a new batch of fads but placed backward to the ages of faith. The two great nations which for half a century had claimed the monopoly of intelligence and its cleverness and learning are now, God help them, both in the last throes of the bitterest life and death struggle the world has ever known."

Mere Data to Some

"To grasp the real import of human life one must have sentiment as well as intelligence. He must, in a word, have soul as well as mind. Intelligence, mind, is always seeking to reduce everything to a formula, the dead level of mere abstraction, with the result that the whole world is converted into a schoolroom, and a very uncomfortable one at that."

"To the men of mere mind, all the wonderful experiences of life are mere data from which abstract deductions are drawn with the inflexible logic of the grim pedagogue, and these rigid deductions are again grimly applied to all emergencies, whether or not they fit. The results, satisfactory and very often utterly stupid."

"This is invariably the attitude of the schoolmaster unless corrected by a very large dose of wholesome human sentiment. The more the schoolmaster attitude prevails in any community, the more inevitably will prevail this utterly tyrannical and utterly stupid method of dealing with human life and all its various forms and incidents."

Policeman to Apply It

"Behold the process. Nothing is simpler and also nothing is more ineffectual. You sit at your desk, tabulate the records, add up the column, strike the average, and then send out a policeman to apply it to every man, woman and child he meets."

"That ought to produce results, and so it does—perfectly ludicrous ones, ludicrous to all except the pedagogue who has lost all sense of humor long ago. Now there is one institution in the world which has always resisted the attitude of the schoolmaster in dealing with human life. It is the church. As a consequence, the schoolmaster, as a rule full of his own importance, has cherished a secret spite for her influence upon real human life."

Family, Not Formula

"The church is a mother. She consciously knows and sympathizes with her family and keeps her eye on the pedagogy with his myopic vision, rigid face, and his hand on the ruler. When, as often happens, he attempts to make round plus fit square holes, she reminds him that that world is not a little red schoolhouse, and that humanity is a family, not a formula."

"Put on your glasses and look out of the window," she says to him. "Do you see the landscape? How lovely it stretches out before us with its rolling hills and pretty valleys? The very essence of its beauty is variety, and variety means inequality. You, with your stupid averages and tabulated figures, would you ruin the glory of nature by pulling it all down to a dull monotony? My children, God's precious gifts, would you deal with them as if they were wooden images? Can't you see that the poverty of some of them is infinitely more beautiful, yes, more splendid, than the guilty wealth of others? Can you not understand that there are some weaknesses which are far less harmful than many boasted virtues? Do you think you can make all men equally efficient? Even if you could, what would you do with this perfectly equalized efficiency? Do you think there are to be no valleys in human life, as there must be, if there are to be any hills?"

The Perfect Plan

"If the schoolmaster can have his way the beauty of human life will consist in putting us all on perfectly sym-

metrical benches before him and getting us all to recite in perfect unison the multiplication table—first forward and then backward; and for complete relaxation from this somewhat fatiguing task we should, at perfectly exact intervals, be allowed to rise in our places, our hands by our sides and our heels well together, and say with perfectly well regulated voices: 'The Origin of Species.' What a world this would be if the perfect pedagogue had his perfect chance!"

"Now, we are in real danger of this sort of thing in American life unless we are well on guard. When the mother gives up her rightful place to the schoolmaster, alas for the child. There is a penalty lurking behind exaggerated material prosperity. It is the extinction of human sentiment. When men are too busy counting money to pay for their children they must pay for it. When they have finished the counting they will have lost their children. When a community is so occupied as to turn over its human problems to the professional social worker, trained along purely mathematical lines, it will find at the end of a certain period of time that all the problems of crime and poverty and unrest have been solved completely—on paper—the reports are all perfectly accurate, and if it then gets a moment to put on its spectacles and look out of the window instead of at the report, it will find that the same problems are still there and nothing much really has been accomplished, except the printing."

Reports Settle Nothing

"I am perfectly well aware that it will be hard to get this into some people's heads. With schools for the tabulating and classifying of every evil under the sun and the advertising that gets and the well paid posts they fill, the people are growing into a silly sense of security that reports are everything."

"Now, I do not want to be misunderstood. I do not believe that reports are everything. I do not believe that reports are nothing. I think that there is something between everything and nothing—something. They are a beginning; of themselves they settle nothing. They may be a source of information if read aright. They may be completely erroneous if not read aright. The whole difference lies in just that which is between the attitude toward humanity of the exacting, perfectly mathematical schoolmaster, and that of the intelligent, kind hearted Christian mother. It is the difference which exists between the exceedingly clever and perfectly methodical social worker, and the Sister of Charity."

Prattling About Fads

"What is needed among us is less prattling about fads and more real work along approved lines. Do you remember the occasional youngster among us who talked through his nose with a twang to pretend he was a Yankee? What a surprise it must have been to him afterwards to learn that educated Yankees do not talk through their noses! He had, therefore, to unlearn the twang."

"Well, the same thing is happening among that sort of sycophant in everything. The weak-kneed Catholic who is now so eager to run after every fad in social service will find after awhile, if he has fastened enough to finally reach the higher strata in sociology, that the fads and the unlearning of all fads and are studiously copying Catholic methods."

"What is needed today among all classes of Catholics here in America is more confidence in themselves and less weak imitation and spineless subservience to what is called the spirit of the age. This up-to-dateness, this yesterday-civilization with its coarse methods and its empty boastfulness. By this time the world ought to realize that what is most needed today is not a new batch of fads but a glance backward to the ages of faith."

"I wonder how the authors of all the new philosophies and the new religions predicting universal happiness immediate and unending in this wonderful 20th century, now feel as they look out over a world of devastation and ruin. According to them, the whole world was to be transformed suddenly by the brilliant light of modern learning into a blooming Paradise. Well, it has been transformed—into a desert waste."

"The two great nations which for half a century had claimed the monopoly of intelligence and its cleverness and learning are now, God help them, both in the last throes of the bitterest life and death struggle the world has ever known. Do you think that the intellectuals will at least feel humbled and diffident?"

"It is only all the parlor philosophers and the parlor sociologists and the glass-house optimists could be ordered to go to the front and stay there long enough to become genuine and sincere, and lose their false halos in the blaze of artillery, the world would be rid at least for the rest of this generation, of some up-to-date fallacies and cure-all sociologies."

"The one thing that England and Germany will both realize before this is all over is, that the application of the latest up-to-date philosophy has landed them both back before the Middle Ages."

"What sort of progress is this new up-to-date sort? Where is the advance of these modern nations which are content to rush blindly two steps forward and then take four backward? This is precisely what they are bound to do in a civilization without God. That is precisely what modern sociologists will do when they attempt to substitute social service for charity. We want first of all Christian charity, and then all we can learn of really tried and proven and approved modern methods. We want absolute unity in

well—shall we say Waldorf or Oswald names which means as much to Celt as Chin-Chin does to a Bostonian. Nevertheless, the trick works and little by little the noble and beautiful and illustrious name of Patrick disappears, until a generation arrives that sees through the cosmopolitan trick and brings back the proud name into its old high honor again."

"Now you begin to see what is going to happen to the word charity if we allow this trick to be worked under our eyes. Charity means love. In the Christian sense, love has for its highest object God. In that sense nothing can exclude God from love. Charity, therefore, means love of God prompting love of our fellow-man. This was the word which thrilled Christianity in the ages of faith, which rescued the slave, which aided the unfortunate."

"It is a word sanctified by 20 centuries of noble and noblest use. No other word means the same. But it must go. The decree is launched. By whom? By those who would, if they could, put blind force in the place of God and the university president or the professor of psychology in the place of Christ. Well, the word charity still will not go. We know the trick now. Charity still stays. It is not, and you shall not be put by your two-step process, a vanished noun."

An Easy Job

"Charity is as dear to us as God, for God Himself is charity. Social service is not charity, never can be charity. Social service is at best an avocation. Often, in fact quite generally, it is an easy job. It has its use, as every avocation, even every job has. Well play no hypocrisy! We know very well the infinite unfathomable distance between social service and Christian charity. You may keep, if you will, your terminology, but you will never again destroy ours. That is gone for ever. It will never succeed again. The vogue of that particular verbal two-step is passe."

"But I wish we could be sure that we had entirely escaped the contagion all about us of putting mere human service in its place. I have not once, but several times, noted with pain that some of those immersed in the atmosphere have suffered, if not asphyxiated, at least some symptoms. The time-honored and venerable tradition of Catholic work among the poor are not quite up to date. We get a few pages quoted to us from the text books to prove the superiority of scientific methods."

"We want to know and we do know whatever there is to be known about everything of real value in sociology. I say we do know them, and when they are of real value, we mean to apply them. But it is the merest nonsense to ask us to approve and experiment with every fad that the newest faddist puts into print."

"I wish the Vincentian to learn even today from any of your modern professionals."

"Alas! must I say it? We have those also who have grown more and more wealthy every year until they are now rich, and yet continue to dole out the same half-penny alms of earlier days."

"We are all glad when our people at least come into a share of the good things of the world, if only it does not serve merely to congeal their blood and freeze their better natures. No one in the whole history of the world ever lost anything by Christian charity. It is only those who never give or who refuse to act out a good impulse that lose inevitably."

"I do not hesitate to say, much as I want our good people to succeed in prosperity, that there are some now rich to whom the loss of their money would be the very best thing that could happen to them. At least the crust of selfishness and silly pride which property has raised around their former selves would be broken, and they would be again genuine, sincere and truly refined—qualities which money seems to have entirely destroyed in them. Be not deceived. We must keep our hearts warm, our blood red, our love active, or pay the penalty."

"That penalty only begins here in arrogance and coldness. It ends in blindness. Many a woman is utterly destitute with plenty about her. She has filled her life with vain things and she sits amid the ashes of illusion."

"No one in the world had ever to regret a good service to the poor. No one, not one."

"So let our men and women already interested in our charities redouble their zeal and enlarge their field. Let them awaken in their friends and acquaintances a similar love for activity and unselfishness. We want, above all things, good will. We want, with that willingness to work under direction, to work according to approved methods, to work as energetic, warm-hearted Christians."

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"We have right among us wonderful examples of both the well-to-do who never forget their duty to others, and the poor who give themselves because they have not money. God will bless them both, does bless them both abundantly."

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Would Import Labor

Simultaneously with this wasteful neglect of resources accessible close at hand there has been an agitation for importing a supply of labor from the ends of the earth. Sir Harry Johnston calculates that the British possessions in Africa could provide 25,000 laborers. Commander Wedgwood, M. P., has no patience with such miserable parsimony. "I will only interpose to say," he writes to the Daily Chronicle, "that we have 25,754,000 Africans to draw on, without going to the Congo or to Portuguese East Africa, and excluding the unwelcome Egyptians." Another 25,000,000 could be taken from the Congo and Portuguese territory, by arrangement with the Belgian and the Portuguese Governments. These 61,000,000 Commander Wedgwood would not employ in the sordid and uninspiring drudgery of producing food or in any other civilian task. He would have them trained as fighting men and sent into the trenches. He wants them to fight, because, in the first place, "we do not want all the whites killed," and, secondly, because he is a negro and wishes to see the colored man get his due honor. "Comradeship in danger will do what the education of centuries would never effect—it will break once for all the routine work of a farm. Besides, many of the men concerned can already speak English, having been employed before the war in England or America. The one hindrance that is likely to prove a serious, and it may be an insuperable, obstacle is the anti-racial prejudice of the English countrymen."

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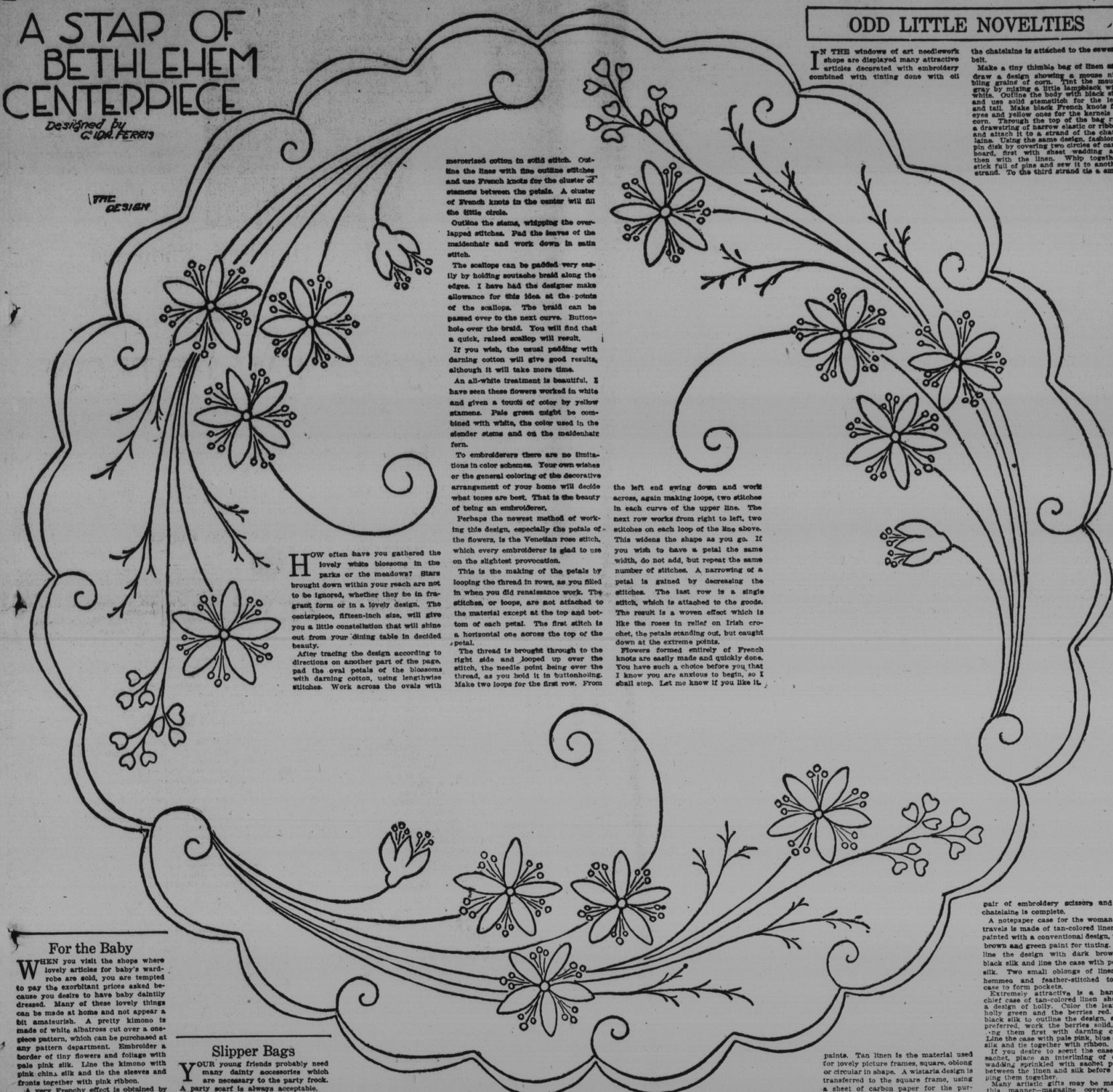
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A STAR OF BETHLEHEM CENTERPIECE

Designed by GIADA FERRIS

THE DESIGN



ODD LITTLE NOVELTIES

IN THE windows of art needlework shops are displayed many attractive articles decorated with embroidery combined with tinting done with oil

the chatelaine is attached to the sewer's belt.
Make a tiny thimble bag of linen and draw a design showing a mouse nibbling grains of corn. Tint the mouse gray by mixing a little lampblack with white. Outline the body with black silk and use solid stemstitch for the legs and tail. Make black French knots for eyes and yellow ones for the kernels of corn. Through the top of the bag run a drawing of narrow elastic or ribbon and attach it to a strand of the chatelaine. Using the same design, fashion a pin disk by covering two circles of cardboard, first with sheet wadding and then with the linen. Whip together, stick full of pins and sew it to another strand. To the third strand tie a small

mercerized cotton in solid stitch. Outline the leaves with fine outline stitches and use French knots for the cluster of stamens between the petals. A cluster of French knots in the center will fill the little circle.

Outline the stems, wrapping the overlapped stitches. Pad the leaves of the maidenhair and work down in satin stitch.

The scallops can be padded very easily by holding soutache braid along the edges. I have had the designer make allowance for this idea at the points of the scallops. The braid can be passed over to the next curve. Buttonhole over the braid. You will find that a quick, raised scallop will result. If you wish, the usual padding with darning cotton will give good results, although it will take more time.

An all-white treatment is beautiful. I have seen these flowers worked in white and given a touch of color by yellow stamens. Pale green might be combined with white, the color used in the slender stems and on the maidenhair fern.

To embroiderers there are no limitations in color schemes. Your own wishes or the general coloring of the decorative arrangement of your home will decide what tones are best. That is the beauty of being an embroiderer.

Perhaps the newest method of working this design, especially the petals of the flowers, is the Venetian rose stitch, which every embroiderer is glad to use on the slightest provocation.

This is the making of the petals by looping the thread in rows, as you filed in when you did renaissance work. The stitches, or loops, are not attached to the material except at the top and bottom of each petal. The first stitch is a horizontal one across the top of the petal.

The thread is brought through to the right side and looped up over the stitch, the needle point being over the thread, as you hold it in buttonholing. Make two loops for the first row. From

the left end swing down and work across, again making loops, two stitches in each curve of the upper line. The next row works from right to left, two stitches on each loop of the line above. This widens the shape as you go. If you wish to have a petal the same width, do not add, but repeat the same number of stitches. A narrowing of a petal is gained by decreasing the stitches. The last row is a single stitch, which is attached to the goods. The result is a woven effect which is like the roses in relief on Irish crochet, the petals standing out, but caught down at the extreme points.

Flowers formed entirely of French knots are easily made and quickly done. You have such a choice before you that I know you are anxious to begin, so I shall stop. Let me know if you like it.

HOW often have you gathered the lovely white blossoms in the parks or the meadows? Stars brought down within your reach are not to be ignored, whether they be in fragrant form or in a lovely design. The centerpiece, fifteen-inch size, will give you a little constellation that will shine out from your dining table in decided beauty.

After tracing the design according to directions on another part of the page, pad the oval petals of the blossoms with darning cotton, using lengthwise stitches. Work across the ovals with

oil paints. Tan linen is the material used for lovely picture frames, square, oblong or circular in shape. A wistaria design is transferred to the square frame, using a sheet of carbon paper for the purpose.

Prepare the oil paints for tinting by mixing with gasoline in an old china plate and use an artist's small round bristle brush. The paint and brush may be obtained at an artist's supplies shop or the needlework departments of large stores.

Use very little paint, wiping the superfluous moisture on old cloth or a piece of blotting paper. The color will not spread and spoil the design if this precaution is taken. Tint the leaves green, the blossoms two shades of wistaria and the stems a darker green. When thoroughly dry, outline the design with heavy embroidery silk.

The circular frame has a design of birds sitting on a branch. Color the birds an orange brown with a splash of red on their breasts. Outline the leaves and stems with black silk. Work the branch solid with brown.

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pair of embroidery scissors and the chatelaine is complete.

A notepaper case for the woman who travels is made of tan-colored linen and painted with a conventional design, using brown and green paint for tinting. Outline the design with dark brown or black silk and line the case with pongee silk. Two small oblongs of linen are hemmed and feather-stitched to the case to form pockets.

Extremely attractive is a handkerchief case of tan-colored linen showing a design of holly. Color the leaves a holly green and the berries red. Use black silk to outline the design, and if preferred, work the berries solid, padding them first with darning cotton.

Line the case with pale pink, blue or tan silk and tie together with ribbon.

If you desire to accent the case with sachet, place an incriming of cotton wadding, sprinkled with sachet powder between the linen and silk before whipping them together.

Many artistic gifts may be made in this manner—magazine covers, table runners, window and door draperies, sofa cushions and centerpieces. You will find the work most interesting and the finished product well worth the time spent in fashioning it.

How to Transfer

HERE are suggestions for transferring the pattern before you to any material before working. Perhaps the easiest way is the "window-pane" method. This is successful when the material is thin like linen and the material together and link them up against the glass of a window. With a sharp pencil draw on the material the design, which can be easily seen through the glass. If one-half of the design only is given, apply the paper and turn the other side to the fabric. The strong light behind will make it plain.

If you have carbon paper, you should place it between your fabric and the newspaper. The latter is on top. With a sharp pencil go over the outline of the design. The impression will be made. This method is successful on heavy material.

The last way is also easy. On wax paper or ordinary tissue paper trace the pattern before you. When the design is completed, turn over the paper and outline the pattern with a heavy lead pencil. Then place the design down on the fabric and redraw the outline, pressing hard with the pencil. The pattern will be transferred without difficulty.

ATTRACTIVE MONOGRAMS

IF YOU have them especially designed, you will find that you must pay for this luxury; but there are clever ways out of the monogram puzzle. Here are some of them.

Have the future owner of the article you are making write his favorite word or combining initials. If you do not care to ask for this, wishing the marking to be a surprise, resort to a letter or note and trace the initials from this.

Combine separate letters by placing the first one higher than the others, having the rest slant down to the right. Another clever way is to take the initial of the last name and form around it the first one higher than the others, by the way, should be the largest.

Monograms are very attractive if arranged inside conventional figures, such as the square on the diagonal, diamond, circles and hexagons. These forms should be drawn first and the letters placed inside, their outer lines conforming to the shape of the frame. A little spray of tiny flowers twined in and out of a single letter raises it to a decorative feature. The wreath of forget-me-nots is another way to ornament a simple little monogram.

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Monograms in solid white work, especially duplicated from the engravings on the silver or ivory sets. This is easily done by tracing on tissue paper and transferring to the fabric by carbon paper. This idea gives a completeness to the furnishing of a bureau that cannot fail to please.

A dainty monogram on a jewel case, powder-puff bag or traveling kit can be added to a bought gift, thus giving it a personal touch that is always appreciated.

Handkerchiefs have handworked medallions and crests in the corners, which can easily be filled in with tiny letters in a few minutes. A box of these especially marked kerchiefs will be greeted with joy. Do the same on any little article that you must buy and you will find that your work will depart quickly from the hundreds of duplicates in the shops and assume an individuality that should never be lost on a hand-embroidered article.

For the Baby

WHEN you visit the shops where lovely articles for baby's wardrobe are sold, you are tempted to pay the exorbitant prices asked because you desire to have baby daintily dressed. Many of these lovely things can be made at home and not appear a bit amateurish. A pretty kimono is made of white albatross cut over a onesie pattern, which can be purchased at any pattern department. Embroider a border of tiny flowers and foliage with pale pink silk. Line the kimono with pink china silk and tie the sleeves and fronts together with pink ribbon.

A very Frenchy effect is obtained by using pink and blue silk to embroider the design.

Every little baby requires from three to six blankets. To fashion these, purchase a yard of silk flannel and embroider it with twisted embroidery silk, white, pink or blue.

When stamping the blanket, transfer the design to the reverse side of the upper half, so that when the blanket is folded over the design will come right side out. A more elaborate design should be embroidered in the upper corner; for instance, a wreath containing a small figure of a man or a spray of flowers. Scallop the edges with a heavier twisted silk, and instead of padding in the usual manner, take from eight to twelve single strands of darning cotton and run this along the scallops, buttonhole-stitching over it. This will prove an easy and successful method of padding.

A great variety of rib is shown, embroidered on handkerchiefs, linen with solid and eyelet stitches. These have rounded, pointed or square corners, with scalloped edges, and are embroidered in small flower designs. Many are attached to bits of heading, through which ribbon is run to tie about the waist, thus eliminating the use of pins.

Articles like these make useful gifts for the tiny baby and are fascinating work for spare time. If picked up now and then, a few stitches added each time, it is surprising how quickly they are completed.

Slipper Bags

YOUR young friends probably need many dainty accessories which are necessary to the party frock. A party scarf is always acceptable. Purchase white crepe de chine, chiffon or mousseline de soie the desired length. Fringe the ends and knot the fringes, so that it does not become matted. Work from pale pink silk or satin cut wide and applique them to form a border on the scarf ends. To accomplish successfully, use the long-and-short stitch with pink embroidery silk. The centers and stamens should be worked with green silk. The border may be of any color to match the gown with which the scarf is to be worn.

Slipper bags always are much admired by girls. If one were made to match the scarf the gift would be complete. From the white material make a bag in the usual way and applique several odd lengths of gorgeous brocade silks to small to use for anything but slipper bags. If these are daintily lined and drawn together with a cord to match the brocade, they are most effective.

Short lengths of lovely ribbon can be joined by overcasting the selvages together, forming a strip wide enough for the slipper bag. Plain and figured ribbon are frequently combined in this manner. Two or three strips of ribbon are required to produce the necessary width. Strips of lace insertion joined to ribbon also make a pretty bag.

A visit to the remnant counter will supply you with materials to fashion a party bag for each of your young friends, and they will cost you a comparatively small amount.

NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

WALL STREET RALLIES FROM 3 TO 10 POINTS

New York, Dec. 22.—Rallies of three to ten points in active stocks, with 13 for Gulf States Steel and 26 for Bethlehem Steel denoted the extent of today's rebound of prices from the hysteria of the preceding session. At the high levels many stocks showed full recovery from their reversal of that memorable period and others registered actual gains over final prices of the midweek.

Improvement began at the outset, overnight developments affecting the international situation being a potent factor. The advance was impartially distributed among standard shares no less than speculative issues and the shorts covered with far more alacrity than they had sold. Investment buying of the character which waits for such opportunities as yesterday's market offered also helped, by their steady buying to bring about a speedy readjustment.

Realizing sales to effect quick profits and occasional but very cautious short selling caused reactions of one to three points before midday, but these were more than regained in the final hour, when the general average of prices was highest. Some 14,000,000 shares, valued at \$1,775,000,000, were traded yesterday's almost unprecedented turnover, the difference, however, being wholly in favor of the constructive side.

United States Steel led the recovery in greater measure than it did yesterday's decline. At the best quotation of the day—107 1/2—it made an extreme gain of 7 1/2 points on transactions amounting to about 400,000 shares. Allied stocks like Crucible, Lackawanna and Sloss Sheffield Steels and Republic Iron regained five to seven points, the shipping dividend, 8 to 13; equipments, five to thirteen; Central Leather, 11 3/8, with eight for American Hide and Leather preferred, an average of about 6 points for coppers and other metals, five to twelve for sugars and almost as much for American Woolen, General Electric and various miscellaneous or unclassified stocks.

Rails of virtually all descriptions—dividend payers and low priced issues—were higher by two to four points, the latter being in especial demand. International bonds made further gains, except Paris 6's which forfeited some of yesterday's advance.

MONTREAL SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Morning.
Montreal, Friday, Dec. 22nd—
Can. Loco. 60 @ 53.
Steamships Pfd.—50 @ 88 1/2, 10 @ 88, 25 @ 89, 25 @ 89 1/2, 70 @ 90, 50 @ 89 1/2.

Brazilian—265 @ 43, 70 @ 43 1/2, Textile—10 @ 81, 160 @ 80, Can. Cement Pfd.—45 @ 92, Can. Cement Com.—10 @ 59 1/2, 25 @ 60, 75 @ 60 1/2, 25 @ 61, 10 @ 61 1/2, Steel Canada—575 @ 60, 885 @ 60 1/2, 280 @ 60 1/2, 125 @ 60 1/2, 115 @ 60 1/2, 375 @ 60, 700 @ 60 1/2, 350 @ 60 1/2, 100 @ 60 1/2, 35 @ 60 1/2, 130 @ 62 1/2, 200 @ 62 1/2, 25 @ 60 1/2, 100 @ 62 1/2, 60 @ 62 1/2, 1150 @ 62.

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Brazilian—10 @ 43 1/2, Steel Canada—375 @ 62 1/2, 100 @ 62 1/2, Dom. Iron Com.—310 @ 65 1/2, 25 @ 65 1/2, 10 @ 65 1/2, 50 @ 65 1/2, General Electric—50 @ 112, 5 @ 111, Quebec Ry.—480 @ 29, 25 @ 29 1/2, 50 @ 29 1/2, 25 @ 29 1/2, Quotation incomplete owing to wire trouble.

MONTREAL MARKETS

Brazilian L. H. and P. 44
Canada Car 25 1/2
Canada Car Pfd. 73 1/2
Canada Cement 63
Dom. Iron Com. 65 1/2
Dom. Iron Com. & C. 114
Quebec Railway 29 1/2
Spanish River Com. 15 1/2
Steel Co. Can. Com. 62 1/2
Toronto Ralls 76

MIDVALE STEEL EXPECTS YEAR OF BIG EARNINGS

\$35,000,000 Expected to be The Net return, Up to December 31st—Stock Will Run to 12 per Cent.

Special to The Standard.
New York, Dec. 22.—Midvale Steel and Ordnance for the year closing on Dec. 31 next will show net earnings of \$35,000,000. At present the earnings are running at the rate of \$50,000,000 annually. When the directors meet in January it is expected that the stock will be out on a 36 per annum or 12 per cent. dividend basis.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Open High Low Close
Am Beet Sug 86 90 1/2 86 90
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Am Loco 73 75 1/2 73 75 1/2
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Am Woolen 43 43 1/2 42 1/2 43 1/2
Am Zinc 37 37 1/2 37 37 1/2
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Bald Loco 59 61 1/2 59 61 1/2
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SHIPPING NEWS

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December—Phases of the Moon.
Full Quarter 1st 9h. 55m. p.m.
Full Moon 9th 5h. 44m. a.m.
Last Quarter 17th 2h. 0m. p.m.
New Moon 24th 4h. 31m. p.m.
First Quarter 31st 5h. 7m. a.m.
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SCHOONER CHARTERED.

Sch Wm M Crichton, Newport News to Guadalupe, coal, p. t.

DAMAGED BY COLLISION.

A London despatch of Dec. 19th says the steamer Headley arrived at Queenstown damaged by collision.

PORT OF ST JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Friday, Dec 22nd, 1916.
Consulwise—Sts Centreville, Digby; Stn Mac, Halifax; Sch Letty, Basking voyage.
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BRITISH PORTS.

Barry, Dec 16—St: Str Dalesco Marie, Forthard, Me.
Manchester, Dec 19—Ard: Str Manchester, Shipper, Montreal.
Queenstown, Dec 19—Ard: Str Headley, Liverpool.
St John's, Nfld, Dec 13—Ard: Sch

LAWSON CLEANED UP ON AN ADVANCE TIP

Boston Financier and Associates Made Millions on Advance Information of German Proposals.

Special to The Standard.
Boston, Dec. 22.—Reports that Thomas W. Lawson and associates made a several million dollar clean up, the largest ever made in the American stock market, through advance tips on the German peace proposals and President Wilson's note were not denied to a United Press representative today.

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MANY RUINED WHILE OTHERS MADE MILLIONS

Thursday's Market Brisk—Won Fortunes for Plungers While Small Traders Were Caught and Ruined.

Special to The Standard.
New York, Dec. 22.—Stories of ruin for smaller traders who were caught yesterday, and tales of big killings by professional plungers, divided attention today. Rumors that big bankers planned to meet and form some scheme for supporting the market today was denied, while big bankers declared it yesterday's market was a panic, it was a safe and sane panic. Brokers' offices were ablaze into the early morning today while clerks caught up the mass of work involved in the recent transactions.

MARKET RALLY WIPED OUT SOME LOSSES

Strong Tone Yesterday and Wall Street Sentiment Showed Improvement.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
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BRITAIN MAY TAKE STEEL PLANT OVER

Inspectors Have Examined Dominion Steel Plant and It May Be Taken Over.

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, Que., Dec. 22.—Some time ago reference was made to the presence of a corps of inspectors or appraisers going over the plant and papers of the Dominion Steel Corporation, but an official of the corporation was quoted in The Star as authority for the assertion that there was nothing unusual in the incident. The inspectors, however, apparently think differently as a report has been current for some days that the British government was contemplating taking over the corporation. This could not be traced to any authoritative source, but there was a disposition in some quarters to believe that there might be something in it. The presence of the inspectors is still associated with the idea.

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY CHURCH MUSIC

Churches of St. John Will Have Special Music Appropriate to the Season of Good Will.

Following their usual custom the churches of the city will have special music for the Christmas services to-morrow. In the Anglican churches there will also be special music at the morning service on Monday morning. Following are some of the programmes arranged for the services in the various churches:

Trinity Church.
Evening Service.
Prelude (organ), Andante Pastorale (Bethlehem), Sullivan.
Processional, "White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."
Psalm 123, to chants by Gilbert and Stewart.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G. Vincent.
Anthem, "The Angel Gabriel," J. S. Ford.
Carols.
"The Great God of Heaven is Come Down to Earth," Traditional.
"Across the Snow," Joseph Bridge.
"Away in a Manger," (Soprano solo), Dickinson.
"The First Noel," Traditional.
"Jesus, Thou Dear Babe Divine," (Traditional Cradle Song from Taylor), arranged by Dickinson.
"When I View the Mother," (alto solo and chorus), Barnby.
"Good King Wenceslas," Traditional.
Recessional, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Barnby.
Postlude, (organ), "Christmas," Garrett.
Christmas Day.
Prelude, (organ), Pastoral Symphony, (Messiah), Handel.
Proper Psalms to chants by Monk and Turle.
Te Deum in E flat, Gadeby.
Jubilate in E flat, J. S. Ford.

The office of Holy Communion, Agut-ter.
Anthem, "O Zion that Bringest Good Tidings," Stainer.
Hymns, "Christians, Awake."
"O Come All Ye Faithful."
Recessional, "Joy Fill Our Immost Heart Today."
Postlude, (organ), Christmas Offer-torium, Lemmens.
James S. Ford, organist and choir-master.

St. John's Church.
Evening Service.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Simp-er in F.
Anthem, the Christmas music from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," as follows:
Alto recit and aria, Behold a Virgin—O Thou that Tellest.
Chorus, O Thou that Tellest.
Bass aria, The People that Walked in Darkness.
Pastoral symphony, soprano recit, There Were Shepherds; And lo! the Angel of the Lord; And Suddenly There Was With the Angel.
Chorus, Glory to God in the High-est.
Christmas Day, 11 a. m.
Morning Prayer and Holy Commu-nion.
Proper Antiphon, "Glory to God in the Highest," Vincent.
Proper Psalms.
Te Deum and Jubilate, Barrett in E flat.
Anthem, Nazareth; solo and chorus, Gounod.
Offering, "Birthday of the Kings," Baker.
Soloists—Mrs. G. K. Bell, Mrs. S. Harrison, Walter Pidgeon, W. H. Holder, D. Arnold Fox, organist and choir director.

Christmas Cheer

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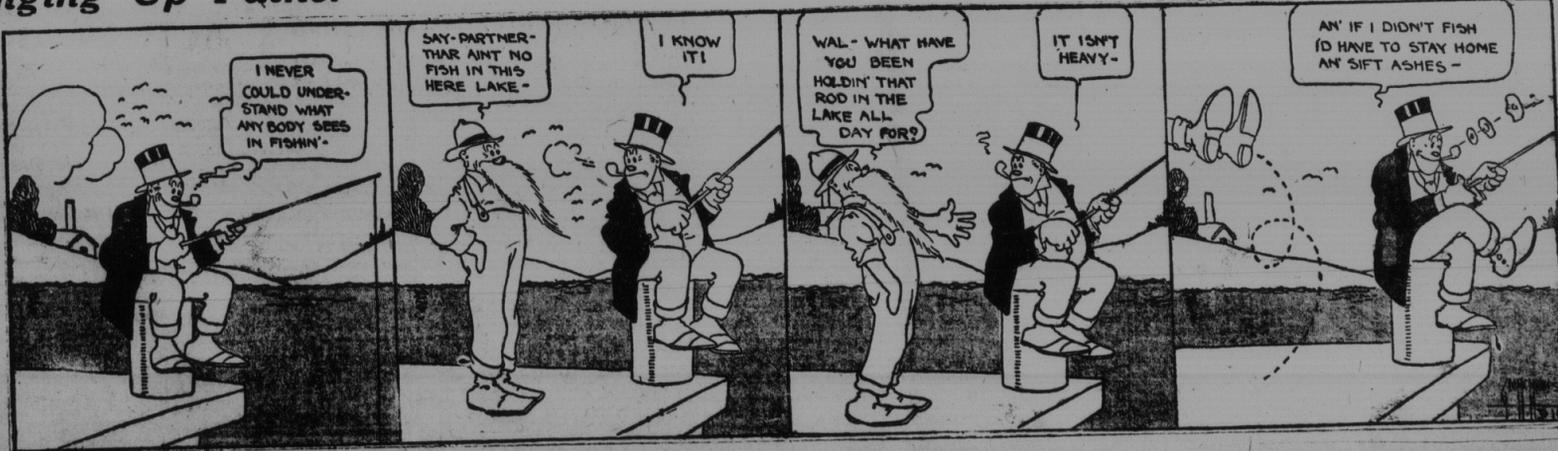
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Main Street Baptist Church.
Sunday Morning Service.
Anthem, "There Were Shepherds," Vincent; "Sing and Rejoice," Barn- by.
Evening Service.
Anthem: "While Shepherds Watched," Barn- by.
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Sullivan.
"Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," Churchill.
Carols:
"O, I Hear the Glad Song," Nevins.
"Ring Again, O Bells," Tyler.
"A Christmas Lullaby."
"When Christ Was Born of Mary Free," Brown.
"Holy Night," Gruber.
The Sunday school choir of thirty voices will sing at the evening service in addition to the regular choir. Miss End Hutchinson is in charge of the Sunday school choir.
Soloists: Mrs. F. A. Godsoe, Miss Elkin, Mrs. Roy Ring, Dr. W. Wilkes, Mr. City McIntyre.
Harry C. Dunlop, organist and choir- master.

PRESENTATION TO POPULAR MANAGER OF OPERA HOUSE

W.C. McKay Presented With Camera by Employees of The Opera House; And Thoroughbred Dog by Friends.

A very pleasing event took place at the Opera House last night after the show when the employees of the house gathered in the large waiting room and sent for the manager, W. C. McKay. When Mr. McKay arrived on the scene Joseph W. Stackhouse on behalf of the assembled gathering presented Mr. McKay with a hand- some Eastman autographic camera and read the following address:
W. C. McKay, Esq., manager, Opera

House, St. John, N. B.:
Dear Sir,—We, the Opera House employees, namely: J. W. Stackhouse, James Campbell, David Latimer, Edna E. Dowdeswell, Silas W. Casson, Wm. E. McKinley, John Brown, William H. Casson, G. Titus, Harry Rouse, An- drew Bonada, James Whitebone, Wil- liam Whitebone, Gerard Daley, Geo. Trainor, Geo. Lane, feel that we can- not allow this festive season to pass without expressing to you our feeling of gratitude and goodwill for the many kindnesses and courtesies that have been extended to us by you dur- ing the year that has past. We also recognize that your position here has been very trying, and it is for that reason that we do so appreciate your patience and courtesy at all times. We do hope that the coming year will bring to you many good things, and that each succeeding year will be bet- ter and brighter for you than the last, so please accept this camera as a slight token of our esteem, and wish- ing you every success for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
We are, Sir, faithfully yours,
Some Catch.

THE EMPLOYEES OF THE ST. JOHN OPERA HOUSE.

Mr. McKay was taken completely by surprise but expressed his thanks for the gift and the good wishes con- tained in the address. David Latimer rendered a solo, Richard Dock- hill, president of the St. John Opera House Co., made a few appropriate remarks and delighted the gathering with a splendid recitation. Silas Casson was heard in a violin solo, Miss McDermott recited the "Gallant 26th Battalion," Enoch Paul made a neat little speech, and then came an- other surprise to all hands, when Messrs. Robert and William W. Las- key presented Mr. McKay with a thoroughbred Alfredale puppy.
Refreshments were served by the following committee of young ladies: Miss Dowdeswell, Miss Irene Barrett, Miss Lynch and the Misses McDer- mott. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and the National Anthem.

Eight drunks were gathered in last night by the police. This is the largest catch for some time.

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OUR BOYS OVERSEAS.

As a rule Christmas Day is the occasion for great merriment in the home. Loved ones return to enjoy, if but for a short time, the environments of home life. The busy commercial man from the city, the students from the university invariably strive to get home to enjoy that day of days. But this year the situation is different. There will be many of the absent ones who cannot come to their native province to be with the old folks at this important season of the year. These are the gallant sons of New Brunswick who have consecrated their lives to the service of the Empire in the present great crisis. There is hardly a home in the province that is not represented on the firing line. The father, the brother, or the son, has gone to "do his bit" to bring about the triumph of the cause of civilization. They were only too willing to make the great sacrifice which the needs of the nation demand. Is it any wonder that the thoughts of those at home will turn on Christmas to the loved ones overseas? Our men in khaki would dearly love to return to their homes for this day of days but they have a great duty which forces them to forego that pleasure. They will, however, be with us in spirit, and when the war has been happily terminated will return to the old province of New Brunswick and we trust live to enjoy many a merry Christmas.

Leading public men such as Hon. Mr. Hazen, Hon. Mr. Clarke and Hon. Mr. Baxter do well to extend the season's greetings to the boys at the front. New Brunswick is intensely proud of her sons in khaki whose achievements have served to write large the name of this province in the history of the war. Our gallant sons can always be counted upon to do their full share in the conflict for the preservation of British ideals and British institutions. On Christmas we will miss them but with that feeling is one of pride that in the greatest crisis the world has known they are playing well their parts.

GERMANY AND SPARTANISM.

The Cologne Gazette says that Germany now is reaching the Spartan national ideal. Every individual is made to serve, not himself or herself, but the state. The stern discipline, the hard sacrifices, the robust will of the ancient Spartans are duplicated in the Teutons of today.

That is one way to put it. Another way is indicated in an appeal of the minority of the German Socialist party, an appeal that is published in the Berne Tagwacht, entitled, "The Limit." Regarding the new "chain and whip" law, industrial conscription of the civil population, it says: "All those rejected from military service—cripples, children and old-age pensioners, are to be put under the military lash. The wages question is to be settled by the sword, and woe to those who, like the Hamburg workmen, cross their arms to show that the power of the State of Siege has its limits. If the squeezing of the last ounce of strength from those worn-out victims of imperialism will not suffice to make up for the healthy and able-bodied wage-earners, insatiable militarism will drive to its altar the last working girl or woman."

The German system of slave-driving a nation, as a mahout drives his elephant, far exceeds Spartan practice. It is a brutal example of the power of scientific national compulsion, the much-lauded Kultur. Germany is getting a full dose of it.

DURABLE PEACE AND ALLIED VICTORY.

The New York Times has published sixteen extensive articles by a distinguished publicist on the subject: "All Want Peace, What Must Be Its Basis?" The concluding article reaches the determination that a durable peace depends upon the victory of the Allies and upon the establishment in public policy of the principles for which they are contending. These must, says this author, be a withholding of all acts of vengeance and reprisal and the establishment of an international institution that will preserve peace among the nations. Durable peace, he says, is

It that our least concerned people have is hardly better than no knowledge. None but persons with the heedlessness of insanity could go on in their old selfish ways and at the same time be possessed of the right idea of the gravity of the Prussian peril. There are many degrees of knowledge. It is but a shallow knowledge that many Canadians have of the dangers our overseas forces are helping to shield us from. So far from setting the more careless ones thinking and resolving, the war has scarcely scraped the surface of their consciousness. There will need to be tremendous things done, incredible hardships suffered by many armies, and great numbers of our brave men slain, if our easy-minded stay-at-homes are not to have a rougher acquaintance of the trials of this war than they now dream of.

There surely will be a great awakening of Canadian spirit before long. When our unenlightened young men capable of serving in the field get the right idea of the war, we are convinced they will hasten to face the enemy. Nor will it be so much by the impulse of heroic feeling as at the prompting of reason they will be moved to do so. It will be because they have come to realize the danger and to see their duty. It is not by bombastic talkers and not by incompetent recruiting sergeants, that the process of education in the real meaning of this war can be carried on. Every man of mature years who has a due sense of the danger should exert himself to spread that sense among the eligible men about him. The churches are expected to do their part. Some of them are doing it, and others fondly imagine they are doing it. Nobody can do much to rouse others who himself is not tremendously in earnest.

BIG NUMBER OF THE SOLDIER BOYS ARE ON CHRISTMAS LEAVE.

About 400 Remain in the City—Turkey Dinners for Those Who Are Here—No Recruiting Yesterday.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—James J. O'Kelly, Nationalist M. P., died in London this morning. He was born in Roscommon seventy-one years ago. Mr. O'Kelly had an adventurous career. He was one of Parnell's earliest recruits, and went through the ritual of suspension and removal from the House which marked the early eighties. While still an M. P. he accepted a commission to go up the Nile during the Sudan campaign and interview

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the Mahdi, but Lord Kitchener barred that enterprise. Mr. O'Kelly fought in the Franco-Prussian war, having a commission in the French army.

52 MILE GALE IN ST. JOHN LAST EVENING

One of Heaviest Storms of Season Last Night, But Mr. Hutchinson Promises Better Weather.

With the velocity of the wind reaching fifty-two miles an hour St. John experienced last evening one of the heaviest storms of the present season. The storm set in early in the evening and became most severe at nine o'clock when rain fell in heavy torrents. At eleven o'clock the total rainfall amounted to three-quarters of an inch. At midnight the storm had practically abated. The storm came from the southeast. D. L. Hutchinson, "the weather man," told The Standard about eleven o'clock that the probabilities then were northwest winds and clearing, possibly cooler. The reporter pointed out that the weather was not pro-

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gnostic for Christmas shopping and the genial director promised to use his pull with the powers that be to secure more pleasing weather for today.

Considerable damage to telephone and telegraph wires has been reported as a result of the storm. Damage to the local telegraph call wires resulted in the placing of Charlotte, Germain and King streets in temporary darkness last evening. The wires on Charlotte and King streets were repaired in half an hour, while it took about an hour to restore the lights on Germain street. In the Lower Cove section the lights were also cut for a time, due to damage to the wires from the storm, while some of the moving picture theatres had darkness thrust upon them as the result of the heavy storm.

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ROUTINE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT CITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY

Reports of Various Departments Submitted and Payments Authorized Until Next Year's Appropriations Have Been Taken Up.

The City Council met yesterday at 3 p. m. in routine business and then resolved themselves into committee of the whole to consider the replies from the milk dealers.

The comptroller was authorized to make payments during the month of January to the different departments until the appropriations have been made up for 1917. A barn and wagon shed on the West Side was ordered insured for the sum of \$1,200 and \$300 was placed on the contents not covered by the schedule. Engineer Melness was re-engaged for a further period of two months, the commissioner of water and sewerage was given authority to enlarge the garage on Carmarthen street, and \$300 was voted to pay a part of the expenses of the recent survey of the city by the fire experts.

The mayor called the meeting together at 3 o'clock and there were present Commissioners Wigmore, McLellan and Fisher.

Finance and Affairs. The commissioner of finance and public affairs recommended that, until the appropriation for civic expenditures for the year 1917 are adopted the comptroller be authorized to make payments after the first day of January next, up to the following named amounts, that is to say: Streets, \$10,000; maintenance, etc., of fire hydrants, \$1,000; sewerage maintenance, \$2,000; ferry, \$4,000; lighting, \$5,000; fire department, \$45,000; police department, \$45,000; schools, an amount equal to 1-12th of the warrant for the year 1916; hospital commissioners, an amount equal to 1-12th of the warrant for the year 1916.

Public Works. The commissioner of public works reported, that during the months of February, March and April expenditures were made by the public works department for labor on the eastern part of Victoria Square preparing same for use as a playground, that the amount so expended was \$269—and that a grant of \$1,000 for North End playground was made by the council on January 14th last.

He recommended that the above amount, \$269, be placed to the credit of the public works department and charged against the grant of \$1,000. That insurance to the amount of \$1,200 be placed on the barn and wagon shed on Wiggins' wharf on the West Side and \$300 on the contents, with the London Underwriters. Adopted.

Water and Sewerage. The commissioner of water and sewerage recommended that he be given authority to complete the extension of the sewers on Carmarthen street now being made at an estimated cost of \$400, for such extension; that he be authorized to re-engage Mr. Frank A. Melness, C. E., the acting engineer for the water and sewerage department for the months of January and February next at the same salary as he is now receiving.

That an amount of \$300 be paid over to the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters as a contribution by the city towards the cost of making survey, etc., in connection with the report recently made by the board on the fire protection services in this city, payable two-thirds from water maintenance and one-third fire and police fund; that the comptroller be authorized to pay the bills of James Fleming for special castings over and above the quantity ordered. These recommendations were adopted.

In connection with the last clause of his report Commissioner Wigmore explained that on account of the number of vaults built around stop cocks and shut off, this year, the overrun on this item would be about 40 tons. Authority had been given at the first of the year for 60 tons but the department had used nearly 90 tons and they were getting the castings nearly two cents per pound cheaper than the market price today.

Aid Asked for Syrians. A communication from Arthur Wakeham, asking for aid for the Syrian Mt. Lebanon Relief Fund was read.

In this connection the mayor suggested that as the city was going to assess for the patriotic fund for the coming year and the amount required from the city and county would be in the vicinity of \$200,000 all other appeals be left to private subscription.

Commissioner McLellan thought that appeals of this kind should be very thoroughly investigated before the city granted any aid. The communication was laid on the table.

A bill for two years' dues to the National Conference on City Planning, amounting to \$10, was referred to the mayor with power to act.

A communication from the Duncan, B. C. Board of Trade asking the council to endorse a resolution in favor of building a nickel refinery in Canada was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Monastery of the Good Shepherd asking for a grant for their work, was laid over to be considered with the other grants at the usual time.

Special mention should be made of the comedy put on by the pupils of grades 6, 7 and 8, it being the first time anything of the kind has been attempted by the pupils of the grades under the High School, and was a credit to those taking part, as well as to the teachers who directed their efforts.

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STANDARD BOYS WRITE FROM FRONT

Letters in Last Mail from Lieut. Willard McGinley and "Little Jim" Gaulton

With the arrival of the recent English mail many homes in the city have been gladdened by cheerful letters from their loved ones at the front. Notwithstanding the cold winter, which has already cast its dreary shadow over the battlefields of Europe, the boys, in their letters, express no word of discontent with their lot.

In a letter from Lieut. Willard G. McGinley, a member of The Standard staff, he stated that Fritz was very quiet and a little trench mortar activity was about all they had to contend with. He is at present in a hospital suffering from a severe cold. Extracts from the letter are as follows:

"Our lot is much better than scores of others. It is remarkable how cheerful, or perhaps resigned would be a better term, the men are under the existing hardships. Men are scarce and those we have are called upon to perform double duty, but you never hear a kick. You can work a man all night and he will get up with a grunt and a grin after a scant two hours rest, and carry on just as though he had slept all night. The thing that is worrying the men out here is why are more men not forthcoming."

Lieut. McGinley writes that Lieut. A. W. Thorne, formerly city editor of The Standard, who went overseas with the 140th Battalion, but later trans-

ferred to taking a special course at a divisional training corps.

Both Lieut. McGinley and Lieut. Thorne have applied for transfer to the 26th Battalion.

In a letter to his friends in The Standard, "Jimmie" Gaulton stated that he was very much pleased with the parcel sent to him from the office. He said that he was very sorry indeed that he was unable to send Christmas cards, owing to pressing "business" engagements.

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Social Notes of the Week



A merry Christmas! Again has come the season when we celebrate the advent of the Prince of Peace, and it is indeed hard to realize amid the tramp of martial men to say nothing of the knowledge of the terrible conflict that is convulsing Europe—the haunting headlines of our daily press, which tell us of the cruel outrages, the and the casualties bringing such sadness to so many homes in our province—the condition of the keeping with the Anglo's song of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." But let us look up and believe, that out of all this carnage and slaughter brought about by the great German War Lord's thirst for power, then shall come a lasting national peace when nations shall study war no more. Meantime many and varied are the efforts being put forth to make Christmas a happy day, not only for the inmates of our charitable and philanthropic institutions, but for the brave soldier boys now in St. John. The soldiers' children, too, had a real visit from Santa Claus on Wednesday when hundreds gathered in the Opera House and enjoyed the pictures and received the good things provided under the auspices of the Soldiers' Wives' League, and if the desires of the many unselfish hearts of our responsive citizens are granted, they shall even in war time, be rays of Christmas cheer in every heart and home.

Mr. H. A. Powell left on Thursday evening on a business trip to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kimball left last night for Montreal to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Dodds.

Miss Nellie K. Melrose returned from Sackville Thursday to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Melrose.

The many friends of (Dr.) Nurse Sister Margaret Parks are giving her a welcome home from overseas, having arrived in the city last week. Nursing Sister Domville, from Rochesay, arrived home at the same time with the two young ladies left St. John in the fall of 1914, and were attached to No. 1 Canadian General Hospital in France, which Dr. Murray MacLaren was in charge of for a time. They are on a furlough and will return to duty shortly.

Mrs. William Murdoch, of Crossfield, Alberta, arrived home on Tuesday and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, St. James street.

Mrs. Homer Forbes leaves this evening to spend the Christmas holidays at Fredericton. While there she will be a guest of Mrs. Eber Turnbull.

Major A. A. Bartlett, Charlottetown, P. E. I., is expected today and will be a guest at the LaTour, where his wife has been several weeks. Major Bartlett will give an illustrated lecture on "The Path of the Hero" before the Art Club on Thursday evening, December 28. This lecture will be most interesting, as Major Bartlett before the war had travelled all through the

country in which he will take his audience, which, without doubt, will be a very large one. The proceeds will be given to the Patriotic Fund.

Mr. Clarence B. Allan, who was a visitor at Montreal this week on patriotic business, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. D. J. Seely and Miss Seely left this week to spend Christmas with relatives in New York.

Mr. Walter H. Golding, as president of the Maritime Provinces Exhibitors' League, spent a few days in Halifax this week and to attend the opening of the Casino Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Russell arrived in the city on Monday and are guests at the LaTour. Mr. Russell is attached to the Army Service Corps.

Mr. H. A. Powell was host at a very enjoyable dinner at his residence, Queen Square, on Friday evening of last week in honor of Judge Andrew of Quebec. The guests were: His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Wood, Chief Justice McKeown, Attorney-General Baxter, Mr. Justice Grimmer, Mr. Justice Armstrong, Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C., Mr. Hewson, K. C., Moncton; and Mr. E. W. McCready.

Mrs. W. K. McKean, Wellington Row, entertained a number of young folk at her residence on Tuesday afternoon, it being her little daughter, Miss Allison's eleventh birthday. The drawing rooms were tastefully decorated with Christmas greenery and a tree upon which a pretty gift was hung for each little guest. A delicious supper was enjoyed and games thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Miss Ruth Gilbert, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Griffith Bishop, left on Friday last for her home, Bathurst.

Mrs. Charles Palmer, who has been a guest of Mrs. Robinson at Sussex, returned to St. John the first of the week and leaves today for Hampton, where she will be a guest at the Wayside Inn for the Christmas season.

Mr. W. H. Purdy arrived home from Montreal to spend Christmas. Mr. Purdy's many friends will be glad to know he is greatly improved in health.

Master Parker Rae Sancton is spending his Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Sancton, German street.

On Wednesday the new dining room of the LaTour Apartments was opened for its guests. The dining room which is on the ground floor, and is one of the handsomest rooms in our city. The walls have three-quarter natural wood panelling, while from the ceiling to the panels is lined with white to lawn, blended so well with the woodwork. Four large electric dome light the room. The large plate glass front windows will be curtained with net panels with "LaTour" worked upon them in fancy braid designed by Mrs. C. J. Coster. The very artistic hangings of French cretonne with colorings of old blue and green will complete this very up-to-date and delightful dining room. The well arranged butler's pantry and fine kitchen has been greatly admired. In a few weeks several more suites of rooms with baths will be finished. The "LaTour" under the able management of Mrs. C. J. Coster has become an ideal up-to-date apartments.

Mrs. Frank Young entertained informally at the Sign of the Lantern at the tea hour on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Leslie Russell, the guests being a few of Mrs. Russell's school girl friends, whom with her had attended Havertal College, Toronto a few years ago.

At a special meeting held by the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E., in their room Orange Hall, on Monday afternoon, the regent, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith presiding, \$25 was voted to be sent to Nursing Sister Mary Barnhill, of No. 2 Canadian General Hospital at Treport, to provide delicacies for the soldiers in the ward, and \$100 to the Seamen's Mission to help with their expenses. It was most gratifying to hear that at the recent Fete, given in the Union Club that \$1,850 was made and after all expenses were defrayed there was a balance of \$1,200 net for Patriotic purposes. On Wednesday evening another special meeting was called when the regent, Mrs. Smith announced that word had been received from the secretary of the Union Club that it had been decided by the members that the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E., could give the money proceeds from the Fete to any patriotic purpose the Chapter thought advisable. The following monies were proposed and carried: \$50 for a "Soldier's Treat," that every sailor in port on Christmas night enjoy a treat; \$50 to be sent to the Good Fellow Fund for the poor fund; \$25 to purchase a suitable Christmas gift for each patient in the St. John County Hospital; \$10 for the Siege Battery on Partridge Island to provide smokes and fruit; \$10 to buy fruit for the Convalescent Soldiers' Home; \$10 to provide a treat for the Soldiers' Club for Christmas Day. It was unanimously passed that the Royal Stand-

ard Chapter, I. O. D. E., should provide all the turkeys for the Christmas dinner at the Military Hospital.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Fredericton, arrived in the city on Tuesday and is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Crawford, Spring street. Mr. Thomas is expected this evening to spend Christmas.

Mr. Henry F. Morrissey, C. E., Ottawa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, Hazen street.

Captain and Mrs. Robertson are spending Christmas with Captain Robertson's mother at Sydney, C. B.

Mr. Fred A. Estey and Miss Grace Estey leave this evening for Sackville to spend the Christmas season with Mrs. Estey's sister, Mrs. Knapp.

Mrs. William S. Allison, who has been under medical treatment in Boston returned home on Friday.

Captain Lionel Hanington is at the Prince William Apartments for the winter.

The many friends of Mrs. James S. Harding will be glad to hear she will be able to return to her home, German street, from the General Public Hospital and is daily convalescing.

Mrs. A. E. Prince and son, Byers, who have been visiting in Montreal, and Toronto, arrived home on Thursday.

On Friday of last week Dr. W. W. White was given a genuine birthday surprise dinner at the Bungalow by his wife. Covers were laid for forty. The two beautifully decorated dining tables presented a delightful scene. Mrs. White arranged the table to represent a winter scene. The huge snow balls, with their crystal trimmings, and at each place an appropriate favor called forth much admiration from the guests present. The health of the popular guest of honor was proposed by Dr. Walker and others present and responded to by Dr. White. Three cheers and a tiger were given heartily for the host and his charming wife.

The Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club opened their new rooms in the Purloin building on Wednesday evening. The rooms are those formerly occupied by the Brown Betty tea shop.

Mrs. H. A. Powell was hostess on Saturday afternoon last at a very delightful tea given in honor of Lady Guinness. Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley presided at the prettily arranged tea table, assisted by Mrs. Hewson (Moncton), Miss Clements, Miss Madeline deSoy, Mrs. H. B. Schofield, Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Mrs. P. S. White, Mrs. David Pidgeon, Mrs. Carleton Lee, Mrs. R. M. Hazen, Mrs. F. W. Daniel, Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, Mrs. Jas. H. Frink, Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. Robert Cruskshank, Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mrs. Elliot, Miss Travers, Miss Frances Travers, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. Herbert Mayes, Mrs. A. I. Fenton, Miss Alice Walker, Mrs. John McAvity, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Jack, Mrs. F. Cavehill Jones, Mrs. J. F. Harding, Mrs. John H. Thomson, Mrs. Melrose, Miss Payson, Mrs. Sherwood Sidner and others.

Mrs. Kuhring, wife of Captain the Rev. G. A. Kuhring, received a letter from her husband this week by which it seems uncertain when Captain Kuhring will return to St. John.

Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen returned home from Ottawa this week to spend Christmas.

Brigadier General H. H. McLean, who has been in Montreal, returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather returned home from Boston Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melrose (Fredericton), are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Melrose, 54 Orange street.

Mr. Shatford, Canadian Bank of Commerce, leaves today to spend Christmas at Halifax.

The Bath-built ship Dirigo, the first steel ship built by the Seawals, and the "hell ship" of Jack London's "Mr. Pike," has just been purchased by the Union Transportation Co. of Anchorage, N. Y., from C. C. Mengel Bros. & Co., of Louisville, Ky., the purchase price not being given.

Moncton, Dec. 22—Mrs. B. H. Torrens of Fredericton is visiting her son, Mr. Grover C. Torrens, 1253 Main street.

Mr. R. E. Perry and son, Rex, left this week for Montreal to spend a few days.

Mr. H. L. Borden of Inverness, C. B., is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. J. G. Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sleeth leave this week for Tatamagouche, N. S., to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Young Smith left this week for New York to spend Christmas with Mrs. D. H. Cow.

Mr. W. H. Edgett of Vancouver, a former merchant of this city, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. Fred Edgett, Antia street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hawker, Alma street, left this week for Sherbrooke.

SUSSEX

Sussex, Dec. 23.—Misses Jean and Mary Allison leave this Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in Boston, Mass.

Miss Martin Reed arrived home on Wednesday from Wolfville, Nova Scotia, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Reid. Mr. Fred Henderson, who is attending the Normal School at Fredericton, N. B., is visiting his mother, Mrs. James Henderson.

Mrs. W. B. McKay was a visitor to St. John on Monday.

Miss Mae Heenan spent the weekend in St. John with friends.

Mr. Garfield White, Miss Meredith and Master Vincent spent Tuesday in St. John.

Miss Smith and Miss Fraser of the Sussex Mercantile staff, are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes in Springhill, N. S.

Rev. George B. McDonald returned on Saturday last from a week's visit to Boston, Mass.

Mr. Everett Keith, who has been spending his vacation in Boston, Mass., has returned home.

Miss Lena Sherwood, Ekston, Mass., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Sherwood.

Miss Forester, milliner for N. B. McKay Co., left the last of the week for her home in Pictou, N. S.

Miss Annie E. Dodge is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Warren West, at Hampton, N. B.

Miss Ella Carroll, Amherst, N. S., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Sharp.

Herbert Johnson, of Bank of Nova Scotia staff here, has been transferred to Kingston, Jamaica.

Mrs. Arthur Keith, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Strang, St. John for a few days has returned home.

Charles Chestnut is home from Acadia College, Wolfville, N. S., to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Chestnut. During the holidays Charlie intends taking a trip to Montreal.

Leon Keith, of St. John, was in town on Monday.

Miss Ella Ready, of Boston, Mass., was called home owing to the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannah, Moncton, were guests this week of Mrs. P. Thompson.

A large number of the citizens of the town were in Moncton during the week.

Mrs. H. S. Bell, Moncton, was a guest this week of her sister, Mrs. D. S. Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Murray, who recently returned from Boston are at the hotel.

Mrs. Macdougall, after some time spent in Nova Scotia has returned and is with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Flowers.

Miss Loretta Patrel and Miss Margaret Belliveau, are home from Mt. St. Vincent, Halifax, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Joseph Moore, Moncton, was the guest of friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millar and little daughter, Betty, left town this week for Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibson have gone to Toronto to spend some weeks.

Miss Huby, who for some time has been a stenographer in the employ of the Rogers Millar Co., left town this week for her home in Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

Dr. J. C. Webster and Dr. E. A. Smith were recent guests in St. John. Miss Selma Bourque is home from a visit to friends in the United States and Boston.

Mrs. J. C. Bray and Miss Bray have closed their home on Sackville street and taken rooms at the Weldon for the winter.

The S. S. Northumberland is making daily trips between P. E. I., and P. N. S.

The stores on Main street are presenting an attractive appearance in holiday attire.

Mrs. Herbert Barr, of St. John whose name is on the casualty list as giving his life for his country, had many friends in Shediac who learned with deep regret of his death.

Mrs. Vesta Wells left this week for her home in Sackville to spend Christmas.

Miss Gladys Palmer left this week for her home in Sackville to spend the holidays.

A quiet wedding took place at two o'clock on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weir, Waterloo street, when their youngest daughter, Rita, was united in marriage to Lieut. J. Albert Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Humphrey. The bride wore her travelling suit of navy blue with trimmings of khaki braid and wore a white hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey left on a trip to Fredericton and Woodstock. About three hundred were in attendance at the reception given by

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Monday evening at six o'clock in the vestry of the Methodist church a banquet was given to boys of the town between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. Rev. L. A. Buckley of Halifax, secretary of the Older Boys' Branch of the Y. M. C. A. gave an address and a local boys' organization was formed. Mr. George Ransom, Dr. Clarke, and Mr. William McCann and others who are leading in this and kindred work for the boys of the town, deserve every assistance and encouragement from the citizens.

Frank L. Phillips who left here with the 55th Battalion, has received his commission as lieutenant, and has been attached to the 26th Batt.

The engagement of Miss Martha Morton Currie, daughter of Mrs. B. A. Currie, to Mr. Hugh Montgomery Guy take place in Winnipeg early in the New Year.

Miss Marion Winslow, student nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital, is spending a few weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. W. Winslow.

Miss Hazel Atherton of Bangor, is spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. John McLaughlin, who has been quite ill, is recovering, to the delight of her friends.

Mrs. H. M. Martell and son William, are visiting friends in Boston.

Miss Maria Pirie of Grand Falls, was the guest for a few days last week of Miss Cassie Hay.

Miss Helen Hand is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives at Hartford, Conn.

Misses Bland and Mollie Carleton who are attending school in Portland, are spending their holidays with Judge Carleton and Mrs. Carleton.

Miss Alice Nash, student nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital, is home for a few weeks on sick leave.

Misses Alice and Ruth Thompson have arrived home from the convent school in Portland, Me., to spend Christmas.

Mr. W. H. Everett has received a cable from Mrs. Guy McLaughlin, telling of her safe arrival in England.

Rev. F. L. Orchard has gone to Montreal for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert King of Winnipeg, and Frank King of Tufts College, Boston, are expected this week to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. Farley Hartley.

Miss Gertrude McCrea is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Pugsley.

Miss Barbara Currie who has been spending the last two months in Houlton, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. R. Wilcox of Bathurst, Centreville, spent Wednesday in town, the guest of Mrs. Willard L. Carr.

Bliss Britton of the staff of the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, is spending the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. George Britton.

Laurance Bailey in the service of the Bank of Montreal, Hamilton, Ont., is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bailey.

Miss Polley of the teaching staff of the Broadway School, is spending the holiday season at her home in St. Stephen.

Mrs. R. E. Currie, Richmond, underwent a surgical operation at Dr. Prescott's private hospital, Monday.

Stewart Bailey of the 236th Batt., Fredericton, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bailey.

Dr. L. W. N. Baker of St. John, spent Friday and Saturday in town.

Miss Elizabeth Ketchum, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Fisher Memorial Hospital recently, is improving daily, to the delight of her many friends, and was able to return to her home on Thursday.

Mrs. A. E. Jones, who has been visiting in Boston the last month, returned home Saturday.

Carleton and Victoria Counties Teachers' Institute held their annual session in the Fisher Memorial School this week. A public meeting was held on Wednesday, when a very interesting programme was rendered. A large audience was present.

The stores in town are very prettily trimmed for the holiday season and present a very attractive appearance.

SACKVILLE

Sackville, Dec. 22—Miss Helen Ford, who has been studying at Emerson School of Oratory, Boston, arrived home Friday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Ford.

Miss Annie Sprague leaves today for St. John, where she will spend a few days.

Col. F. B. Black left Sackville on Thursday evening for Halifax, en route to England.

Mrs. Nash who has been spending several weeks in town, with her sister, Mrs. Stephen Ayer, left Friday for her home in Melrose, Mass. She was accompanied as far as Moncton by her niece, Miss Etta Ayer.

Rev. H. E. Thomas who has been spending a few days in St. John, returned home yesterday. Dr. Liddy occupied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning and Dr. Line in the evening.

Miss Jennie Milner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Milner of West Sackville, and Miss Marjorie Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carter of the town, who are attending the Provincial Normal School, have lately been promoted to first division; and Miss Milner made highest average in her class, also led the school in grammar.

Hon. P. G. Mahoney returned last week from a two weeks trip to New York and Boston.

According to a recent letter received by a friend in Sackville, Professor R. B. Gates left Middleton on the 15th inst. to sail on the Scandinavian for England, where he will offer his services in the army. Professor Gates is a son of Mr. A. B. Gates of Middleton, and a graduate of Mount Allison.

Mr. Percy Gillis who is stationed in Moncton at the present, spent the weekend at his home here.

Mrs. Josiah Wood was hostess at a very enjoyable bridge of four tables last Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Gordon of Moncton. The prize was won by Mrs. F. B. Black. The guests included were Mrs. B. A. Triles, Susan; Miss Borden, Moncton; Mrs. Raleigh Trites, Freeman-Lake; Mrs. J. F. Allison, Mrs. D. S. Campbell, Mrs. F. B. Black, Mrs. H. E. Bigelow, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Gretchen Allison, Miss Lou Ford, Miss Dorothy Hutton and the Misses Gladys and Elaine Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey F. Pickard announce the engagement of their daughter, Clementina Moore, to Capt. Rev. William S. Godfrey of the 236th New Brunswick Kilites Battalion, the wedding to take place this month.

The concert given by the students of Mount Allison Conservatory last Thursday evening was well attended. The programme afforded great pleasure to the audience and displayed in a marked degree the wide range of studies at the conservatory, and the training along individual lines which each student receives. The work of the orchestra and choral class was especially good and delighted the crowd.

It is understood Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Wood have taken the Allen house in Fredericton for the next session of the legislature.

Mrs. Raleigh Trites and Miss Kathleen Fawcett spent Tuesday in Amherst, guests of Mrs. McCully.

Mrs. C. J. Mersereau and two children leave Saturday for Fredericton, where they will spend the holidays with Col. Mersereau's sister, Mrs. Scott.

The Sackville High School Athletic Association intend holding the first skating party of the season, ice and weather permitting, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th in the University Rink at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. H. H. Woodworth spent Tuesday at Amherst, guest of friends.

At a special meeting of the board of regents at Mount Allison University here, on Thursday afternoon, Rev. Hamilton Wigle of Charles Street Church, Halifax, was appointed principal of Mount Allison Ladies' College, the appointment to take place about the middle of July next.

Mr. C. W. Fawcett returned Saturday night from a trip to Montreal and Ottawa.

The Misses Mollie and Bessie Wright, teachers at the Sackville High School, leave Saturday for their home in Rexton, N. B.

Mrs. David Allison and son David, left yesterday for Chipman, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Allison's sister, Mrs. R. C. Ritchie.

Mrs. B. A. Triles who has been visiting at the home of her son, Mr. Raleigh Trites, left yesterday for her home in Sussex.

Miss Lillian Hart left Tuesday for Kentville, N. S., where she will spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fawcett left Sunday on a week's trip to Montreal. The Fredericton Gleaser, referring to the wedding of Capt. W. S. Godfrey of the Kilites and Miss C. M. Pickard, which is to take place at the bride's home here on the 27th inst., says:

The groom prospective is one of the best known athletes in the Maritime Provinces, and is a graduate of Mount Allison University, Sackville. He enlisted with the 236th Battalion here early in the fall and was later appointed chaplain, having entered the Methodist ministry soon after taking a theological course at Mount Allison. He is a native of Chatham and figured prominently in hockey, football and basketball, while at Mount A., having been captain of both the hockey and football teams. Capt. Godfrey is popular with the officers and men of the

Kilites and during the time he has been in Fredericton, has made a host of friends. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mount A., having an M. A. degree. She was a member of the graduating class of 1914 with Capt. Godfrey.

The first meeting of the Reading Circle of the Women's Missionary Society at the Methodist church, met at the home of Mrs. Hutton, on Monday evening. The book selected for this winter's study is "The Story of the Years," by Mrs. H. L. Platt, a former president of the Bay of Quinte Branch, and is the history of the W. M. S. from its organization in 1804.

Mrs. D. Hart opened the circle with a most impressive prayer. Mrs. Hutton then read the introductory chapter of the book, followed by Miss Stewart who gave a concise history of the pioneers of the W. M. S., Mrs. Strahan, Mrs. Ross and Dr. Sutherland, and was followed by Mrs. Mersereau who sang "Ave Maria," very sweetly. Mrs. Wood then read a most interesting article on Africa, written by a lady missionary. After a solo by Mrs. Line, refreshments were served and social hour enjoyed.

Lines sang again most pleasingly at the close.

Miss Mary A. Farrell, principal of Salem School, left on Thursday, to spend the holidays at her home in Fredericton.

The final meeting of the First Aid and Home Nursing class, under the direction of Mrs. B. Liddy was held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Fawcett on Thursday evening last. Mrs. Liddy was presented with a sterling silver card case by the members of the class as a token of their appreciation of her work. The presentation was made by Mrs. Wiggins.

The First Aid Class contained fifteen members of whom twelve wrote the examination. The results were most satisfactory, not one paper falling below the very creditable percentage of seventy-five.

Members of the First Aid Class continued their work in home nursing, examinations for which are being held this week. Dr. Second conducted the examination in first aid, and Dr. Calkin will set the tests in home nursing.

The Rhodes Scholar from Mount Allison is to be appointed sometime this year, namely Wilfrid T. Dawson, graduate in '14, son of Rev. J. A. Dawson, and now with an overseas battery in England; Harold Fawcett, graduate in the same year, in a vocational training school for maritime convalescent soldiers. The matter was seriously considered by members of the board, those present feeling that Mount Allison which had sent so many men to the front, should not be tardy in offering the use of her buildings for such a worthy purpose. The matter was left to heads of the institution and to the faculties, later to be submitted to the executive of the board and subsequently, if a feasible scheme can be worked out, referred to the full board for confirmation.

Attention is being drawn to the fact that the academy building will be turned over to the military authorities for the purpose mentioned, and the academy students, housed in the residence. It is understood that the plan includes a course in vocational training for the soldiers in hospital, in which the class rooms of the university would be utilized as far as possible, though the Military Hospitals Commission would probably supply the greater part of the teaching staff.

A meeting of the university executive will be held in the course of the present week to settle the question and to make arrangements for the disposal of the students, should the project meet with a favorable reception.

Fredericton, Dec. 22—Mr. and Mrs. Fitz-Randolph returned home on Wednesday from Montreal and Ottawa. They were accompanied by their daughter who is home from boarding school for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. S. J. McShane left on Saturday evening last for New York where he will visit relatives for ten days.

Mrs. Corliss A. Robbins, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Clements at Springhill.

Mrs. Murray and Miss Helen Parlor are visiting Mrs. H. G. C. Kelchum and will be her guests over Christmas.

Mrs. Henry Montgomery-Campbell of Sussex has taken Mrs. Rainsford Ballock's home for the winter.

Miss Edith Gregory left on Tuesday

for St. John where she will visit her sister, Mrs. MacRae over Christmas. Mrs. Wm. Crockett and daughter, Miss Decima Crockett, left last week for Toronto where they will visit Mrs. Crockett's daughter, Mrs. Harper Smith.

Friends of Mrs. C. W. Hall are very pleased to hear she is steadily improving from her recent illness.

Mrs. W. T. Chestnut received a cable last week from her daughter, Mrs. Arthur H. Tweedie, stating that she had arrived safely in England.

Mrs. Tweedie sailed recently for England to join her husband Lieut. Tweedie, who went overseas with the 104th Battalion. As the steamer was six days overdue great anxiety was felt by her many friends. Lieut. and Mrs. Tweedie will live at Godalming, near Whittier Camp during the winter.

Miss Hilda Stevenson, who has been assistant matron at the Military Hospital at Quebec, sailed recently for England with a party of nursing sisters, who will go to the front. Miss Stevenson is a sister of Mrs. O. S. Coombs of this city.

Miss Lauristene Bailey returned home on Tuesday evening from Wolfville to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. Bailey.

Mrs. Homer Forbes of St. John will be the guest of Mrs. E. H. Turcubell over Christmas.

Mrs. F. P. Robinson returned home on Tuesday from Portland, Me., where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Donham, for some weeks.

A successful fancy work and pastry sale was held this week by the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian church. The proceeds amounted to \$115 and will be devoted to the manse fund.

Mrs. Joseph Walker was in charge of the sale. She was assisted by Mrs. H. S. Campbell, Mrs. C. A. McVey, Mrs. Robert Baird, Mrs. W. Clark, Mrs. Smith and Miss Winnie Everest.

Lieut. Col. C. T. Mersereau of Halifax was in town on Monday on an inspection visit.

Capt. W. S. Godfrey, captain of the 236th Battalion, and Miss C. M. Pickard of Sackville, are to be married at the bride's home on Dec. 27th.

Master Geoffrey Randolph and Tony Gregory are home from the Roxbury Collegiate School for the Christmas holidays.

Major and Mrs. W. J. Osborne were at home to their friends on Friday afternoon of last week. Many of Major Osborne's friends took the opportunity of meeting him since his return home from the front.

Mayor Zebden E. Cliff, a former Fredericton man, was returned unopposed for a fourth term as mayor of Somerville, Mass. Mayor Cliff resided in this city thirty years ago and is now a leading contractor in Somerville.

The death occurred on Saturday last of Miss Georgia Morehouse, only daughter of the late Capt. Morehouse. The deceased was 84 years of age and was an aunt of Mrs. Rainsford Ballock of this city.

Miss Olive Macintosh, graduate nurse of the St. John Hospital, has been appointed to a position in the Wesleyan Hospital in this city.

Friends of Miss Beatrice Penley, formerly of this city, will be interested in learning that she has taken a position in the Prince William Apartments, St. John.

Mrs. George N. Babbitt, the Misses Babbitt and Miss Wm. Babbitt left on Saturday for St. Andrews where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Allen Grimmer.

Captain the Hon. Rupert Guinness, who is now ending a tour of Canada in the interests of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, arrived in this city on Friday last. He was accompanied by Lady Guinness and members of his staff. During their stay here Capt. and Lady Guinness were entertained by the Earl and Countess of Ashburnham. After the meeting at the Opera House on Friday evening they were entertained by Mrs. John Black. Among the guests were Bishop and Mrs. Richardson, Very Rev. Dean and Mrs. Neales, Mrs. H. E. West, Mrs. E. A. Sturdee and others.

Mrs. Guy Fitz-Randolph arrived on Saturday from St. John to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Howie on Monday last.

Dorchester, Dec. 22—Rev. K. C. Hudson, spent Wednesday in Sackville, guest of friends.

Miss Lydia Pipes who has been the guest of Miss Alleen Chapman, returned to her home in Amherst, on Monday.

Rev. F. G. Macintosh of Sackville, spent Wednesday in town, guest of Mr. Thomas Percy and the Misses Percy.

Mrs. E. Hillson of Amherst, is the guest of Mrs. Warren Grant.

Miss Blanche Bishop spent Wednesday in Sackville.

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Mr. Roy Bowes of Ottawa, is in town, guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowes.

Messrs. Ralph Teed, Chas. Hickman and J. Best, who are attending Roxbury Collegiate School, arrived in town on Tuesday to spend the Christmas vacation at their homes here.

Mrs. A. B. Pipes spent Monday in Amherst, guest of friends, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Graham, Thomas Allingham, William Havelock Woods, Beverly Pinder, William Kerr. Deceased was 72 years of age and leaves six brothers and four sisters, and one son to mourn her loss.

Miss Irene Chapman of Welsford still continues to improve slowly. Mrs. John Cooper of Clones is still very ill at home, but there are indications of a slight improvement.

The friends of Mr. D. J. Floyd of the Welsford Lumber Co., are glad to know that he is able to walk around after his recent accident, but is not yet free from pain.

Misses Lila Foster and Arnes Best, who are studying music at Mount Allison, have discontinued their studies for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. G. B. Papeau spent Monday in Amherst, guest of relatives.

Misses Myrtle Thomas, Mabel Palmer and Mollie Elroy, who are studying vocal at Mount Allison Conservatory, are home for the Christmas vacation.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Dec. 22—The bondholders of the Central Railway of Canada have declined to accept the scheme of arrangement proposed by the directors of the company and the trustee was called upon to take steps for the appointment of a receiver.

The bonds issued amount to \$427,000 which are largely held in England although some are held in France and in Canada.

This was decided on at a meeting held here yesterday to consider the plan of the directors to conserve the interests of the company and the refusal supports similar action taken at a meeting of the bondholders in London in August last.

Bonds to the par value of \$189,000 supported the action taken by the local meeting.

Meaning of Thrift and Practice of it

"To be able to manage one's resources so that they yield the best results, is Thrift," exclaims Everywoman's World in an illuminating article, under the head "My Greatest Experience With Thrift." A series of letters from readers are published—readers in all sections of the Dominion with miscellaneous resources, aims and objects.

In an introduction to these, the article continues:

"Thrift and Economy are not the same. Economy is a 'disposition to save or spare,' and freedom from extravagance or waste. Economy is a negative virtue. It enjoins us not to spend, not to be extravagant, nor wasteful. Thrift is more than that. It is positive, and is 'care and prudence

in the management of one's resources,' and 'Thrift is the best means of thriving.'"

"Our resources are money, time, strength, ability and all those other things, both tangible and intangible, which go to the making of the full stature of man and his life."

"A thrifty nation is a wealthy nation, wealthy in brain, brawn, and in the handling and development of all its resources, both human and natural."

"Of the several letters from Canadian citizens on this subject, one brief epitome, brought right home, will be sufficient as an example of what others have done in the practice of thrift:

"I wanted hardwood floors downstairs, and not being able to buy them, I set about to improve the old ones. This I succeeded so well in doing, that my friends think I did lay down new floors."

"I made a thick flour paste—very thick—and filled it up with old newspapers torn into little bits, until it became a pulp, no paste being seen. Then I set the young people working with case knives. They filled in all the cracks and knot holes with the pulp, which dried as hard as flint. If took the stain as well as the wood. Now I have a lovely smooth floor, over which I have thrown a rug made from my worn-out carpet.—Mrs. R. L. S."

The Canadian Government is going to no end of pains to inaugurate a thorough Thrift campaign, and such an insight into the experiences of Canadian housekeepers, as that above, is bound to have widespread effect.

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Action Results in Appointment of Receiver to Take Over the Business.

WELSFORD

Welsford, Dec. 22—On Wednesday evening of last week the members of the I. O. G. T. Lodge, Clarendon, had an open meeting in the hall which was largely attended. Stripped of Lewin and Jenkins performed the operation assisted by Nurse Jessie Fowler.

Mrs. Kirtly's many friends will be pleased to know that the operation was successful and that she is doing as well as can be expected.

Henry Brown of Bath, Clarendon met with a bad accident in the woods on Friday last. Mr. Brown was working with Silas Kirkpatrick's crew. The injuries received were caused by a falling tree. Dr. Lewin was called to the camp.

A heavy snow storm with terrific wind visited the locality Friday and Saturday nights with the result that the roads were blocked. The roads were not remembered to have been in such an impassable condition for many years.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Scott of Headline took place on Monday afternoon last. Interment was

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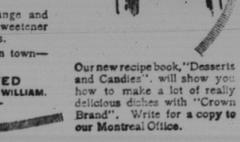
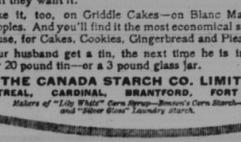
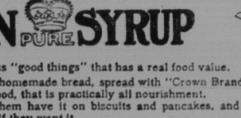
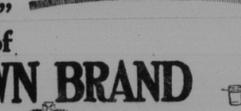
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ROTHESAY

Rothsay, Dec. 23.—The principal events of the week have been the closing of Rothsay Collegiate School for boys, and Netherwood School for girls. On College Hill, Saturday evening, the annual Christmas turkey supper took place, everything going off splendidly, one hundred and four persons being seated in the large dining hall, which was attractively decorated with greenery, etc., appropriate to the occasion. The presence of seven of the "old boys" wearing the khaki lent additional interest and pleasure to the occasion. They were Young, Nash, Dibble, Clouse, Williams and Trites of the 9th Siege Battery, and Serjt. Major Barle Scott, who went overseas with a Western Battalion early in the war, and has returned home to St. Stephen, wearing the military cross. He received a great welcome and made a most interesting speech. After completing a special course, he expects to return to the front. Each of the soldier lads had something interesting to say, and all were able to remain as guests at the college over the week-end and join in the march to St. Paul's church, on Sunday evening over seventy being in line, and led by the school band. Besides the soldiers, Rev. Canon Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cudlip and Miss Alice Davidson were invited guests at the supper and the two gentlemen made interesting speeches. Prizes for the Cross Country Run were presented to Coster, (senior); Thomas, (intermediate); and Sanction, (junior). The prizes were cakes baked by devotes. During the evening the school orchestra gave selections which were greatly enjoyed. The boys have all gone home for the holidays. Of the staff Mr. Bent went to Amherst; Mr. Murray to St. Stephen; Mr. Caswell to Lennoxville; and Mr. Weston to Montreal. Rev. W. R. Hubbard, his co-master, Mr. Cooper and Miss Sewell are in Rothsay.

On Tuesday Rev. Canon Cowie of Fredericton was with Rothsay friends. To spend Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Calhoun of Halifax, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cudlip, who are expected to arrive at the end of this week. After two years spent in France, ministering to the needs of wounded and sick soldiers, Nursing Sister Miss Mary L. Donville, second daughter of Senator and Mrs. Donville, "The Willows" arrived safely home on Friday last, and although tired, is looking well. Her sister, Mrs. John W. Davidson, has invited the Red Cross members to her home on Friday, at half past four o'clock, there to meet Miss Donville and perhaps hear something of her work overseas. This opportunity is greatly appreciated.

Yesterday, Wednesday, Mrs. Walter Fleming left for Boston, hoping to return home again this week. Miss Hooper has temporarily closed her cottage, and gone to St. John to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James F. Robertson, Carleton street. His many friends here are glad to welcome Mr. Dick Gilbert, who arrived home this week from King's College, Windsor.

Mr. Kenneth Forbes who has been some weeks in Montreal, is expected

back to Rothsay today. Mr. Forbes is at the Kennedy House.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gibbon have recently heard from their soldier son Arnold, who has been in England, where he passed an examination as marks. He expected to be back in France for Christmas.

Senator and Mrs. Donville expect their son, Mr. Edward Donville and his wife from Montreal to spend Christmas. Their daughter, Mrs. W. Z. Barle and Mr. Barle are coming from the west a little later.

To assist in the entertainment given to over nine hundred children of our splendid soldiers, at the Opera House, by the Soldiers' Wives League, Mrs. J. Royden Thomson was in St. John on Wednesday afternoon.

As always, the annual Christmas supper at Netherwood, on Monday evening, was a very delightful affair. The dining hall was decorated with greenery and Japanese lanterns, and the tables around which were seated sixty-five guests, had runners of hotly red, over a white cloth, and many candles giving a charming effect. The guests were dressed in white, and happily given a gift for each girl and boy, was one of the principal attractions and shouts of laughter greeted the presentation by Miss McKinley, who read the little personal joke attached to each. Members of the staff present were Miss Ganong, Miss Pither, Miss Evans, Miss Thorn, Mademoiselle Le Cocq, Miss Paddington, Miss Ayer, Miss McKinley, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Lee, Miss Davidson and Miss Gillis. A number of the school graduates were also present, which is always a happy feature of these gatherings. Among these were Mrs. John Belyea, Miss Catherine McAvity, Mrs. Alexander Fowler, Mrs. H. Y. Haines, Mrs. Leibel Jack, Miss Irene McArthur, Muriel Sadler, Miss Marion Moore, Miss Doris Sayer, Miss Dorothy Miller, Miss Lella Moore, Miss Edith Miller, and Miss Edith Gilbert. A gift was sent home to each of the grandchildren, of whom there are seven. There were toasts and speeches by the teachers and older girls, and several Christmas carols were nicely sung by the school.

The Christmas holidays began on Tuesday.

Last Thursday Mrs. Silas Alward of St. John, was here guest of Mrs. Fred Foster.

Among those who are expected to come to Rothsay for the Yuletide, are Mr. and Mrs. Heber Daniel of Mon-

tréal, who it is hoped will arrive on Saturday as guests of Rev. Canon Daniel and family.

Rev. Mr. Holmes, rector of Hammonds River parish, and Mrs. Holmes, spent part of Monday and Tuesday here with Dr. and Mrs. Peters.

Miss Grace Ayer has been at the Kennedy House for a few days.

Afternoon tea hostesses at the Red Cross on Tuesday, were Mrs. Harry Gilbert and Miss Allison. As an extra to add funds to the society, Mrs. Harold Brock, and Mrs. Walter Leonard, presided over a very attractive candy table, which proved very popular, the proceeds being over \$18. The sincere thanks of the ladies in charge are extended to the kind friends who contributed sweets or helped in any way toward the success.

Mr. Tom Gilbert who has spent a month here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gilbert, expects to leave next Tuesday for Winnipeg to resume his duties in the Montreal bank there. Mr. Gilbert spent some time attending to banking business at the Military Camp near Brandon.

Friends of Miss Zela Morton, of Bonfleur, are interested in her work at the South End Free Kindergarten, St. John, where today she has been helping to make the little pupils specially happy with a Christmas treat. For all contributions cordial thanks were expressed. A large pair of candy from Ganong Bros. was most welcome.

Tomorrow, Friday, Mr. Blumer Pundition is expected home from Fredericton university, to spend the Christmas holidays.

A large number of friends were sorry to hear of the death of Miss Ann McCrea, which took place at the home of her brother, Mr. Hugh McCrea, on Saturday morning, after a long illness. She was greatly beloved, and will be sincerely mourned. Rev. Mr. McPherson of the Central Baptist church conducted an impressive service at the house, after which the remains were taken to Fern Hill Cemetery. The hymns "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "The Sweet By and By," and "Abide With Me," were sung.

Over the last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fleming of St. John were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleming at Riverside.

There are hosts of friends who will feel great pride in the success attained by Mr. Rupert Turnbull, who has designed and introduced a propeller for sea planes, which being tested in competition with other designs, established its superiority, both for speed and height, and is now the standard on British seaplanes. Mr. Turnbull has his home in Rothsay, but is now in England. Mrs. Turnbull

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Now that the social season is here, be especially careful to keep your skin in fine condition. You know how conspicuous complexion defects appear under the bright light of the drawing or ball room. Also how very evident are some makeup when similarly illuminated. I have myself discarded cosmetics entirely, using a process which gives far better results, and which leaves no trace on the skin. At night I smear on a thin coat of ordinary mercurized wax, washing it off next morning with water. This absorbs the dehydrated particles of surface flaking, and leaves the skin naturally soft and clear, smooth and delicately tinted as a young girl's. Get an ounce of mercurized wax at your drug-store and try this remarkable treatment. Remember, too, that wrinkles, even the finer lines, are not easily concealed in the brilliantly lighted room. You can quickly obliterate these hateful marks by bathing your face in a solution of powdered salicylic acid, once dissolved in witch hazel, one-half pint. And your face won't look sticky, as after using paste. —Anti-Salt to Women's Realm.

Classified Advertising

One cent per word each insertion. Discount of 33-1/3 per cent. on advertisements running one week or longer if paid in advance. Minimum charge twenty-five cents.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that certain Fishery Lots along the East side of the Bay, River and Harbour, heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the East side of the Harbor, with those in and surrounding Navy Island, and also certain Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will be sold at Public Auction on THURSDAY, the SECOND DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1917.

Dated the 16th day of December, 1916.

JAMES V. RUSSELL,
ROBERT T. HAYES,
HARRY R. McLELLAN,
RUPERT W. WIGMORE,
G. FRED FISHER.

WANTED.

Boys Wanted

Apply
T. S. SIMMS & Co. Ltd.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 19th January, 1917, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, 6 times per week each way, between Clifton, Kings Co., and No. 1 Rural Mail Route from the 1st April next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Grey's Mills and Route office, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

N. R. COLTER,
Post Office Inspector,
St. John, N. B., Dec. 13, 1916.

WOOD PACKAGES

of all kinds.
Wilson Box Co., Ltd.

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N. R. COLTER,
Post Office Inspector,
St. John, N. B., Dec. 5, 1916.

WANTED—Good general girl.

References required. Telephone 3 Rothsay.

WANTED—Tool makers and machinists.

Highest rates to competent men. Apply to Record Foundry and Machine Co., Shell Department, Moncton, N. B.

TEACHER WANTED for School District No. 5, River de Chute, Carleton Co.

Apply stating salary, W. J. Miller.

A SECOND CLASS TEACHER wanted for School District No. 5.

Apply to A. A. Morrell, secretary, Hatfield Pt., R. R. No. 1, Kings Co., stating salary.

WANTED—Men to make ship timber.

Apply to J. F. Merritt at Moss Glen, or No. 181 King St., East St. John.

TEACHER WANTED—A second class teacher wanted in School District No. 1, Parish of Drummond, Victoria County, for next term.

Apply stating salary, etc., to A. J. Jensen, Secretary School Trustees, Salmonhurst.

MEN WANTED—To work in the dairy at Primcrest Farms.

Prime crest, N. B. Phone West 373.

WANTED—Spruce logs delivered at our City Road Mill, \$12.00 to \$18.00, 1,000 ft. Send for Price List. The Christie Woodworking Co., Ltd.

NOTICE.

Dissolution of Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned as manufacturers of Meat Products, and dealers in Meats and Provisions, under the firm name of John Hopkins, 186 Union street, St. John, N. B., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. St. John, N. B., 1916.

AQUILA D. HOPKINS,
G. A. STANLEY HOPKINS,
FRANK B. D. HOPKINS.

Co-Partnership Notice.

The business will hereafter be carried on under the firm name John Hopkins at the old stand. We, the undersigned, desire to thank our customers for their past liberal patronage and solicit a like continuance for the future.

All debts of the old firm will be paid and to whom all outstanding accounts due the old firm are to be paid.

AQUILA D. HOPKINS,
FRANK B. D. HOPKINS,
St. John, N. B., November 16th, 1916.

LOST.

LOST—Small sum of money on Waterloo street yesterday. Please call at Standard Office.

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED—Agents \$8 a day selling mendata, which mends glassware, hot water bags, rubber boots, reservoirs, boilers, metal tubs and linings without cement or solder. Sample ten cents. Collette Mfg. Company Collingwood, Ontario.

PERSONALS.

CUT THIS OUT FOR LUCK—Send birth date and 10 cents for wonderful horoscope of your entire life. Prof. Raphael, 499 Lexington Ave., New York.

HORSES FOR SALE.

Six good working horses, each weighing 1450 lbs. Can be seen at Glenwood, Kings Co. A bargain for each. Address

SAVOY CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD., Glenwood, Kings Co., N. B.

F. L. POTTS, Real Estate Broker, Auctioneer and Appraiser. All kinds of outside sales attended. Large salesroom for the receipt of merchandise, etc., 96 Germain street.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer, P. O. Box 951.

HOTELS.

PARK HOTEL.
American and European
Rates: \$2.00, \$2.50
Electric Cars Pass Door.
KING SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

CLIFTON HOUSE.
THE COMMERCIAL MAN'S HOME
\$3.00 and \$2.50 per day
Corner Barrington and Princess Sts.
REYNOLDS & FRITCH

"THE PRINCE WILLIAM"
One of St. John's first-class hotels for transient and permanent guests. Special rates for permanent winter guests. American plan. Prince William street.

ROYAL HOTEL.
King Street,
St. John's Leading Hotel,
RAYMOND & DOHERTY CO., LTD.

VICTORIA HOTEL.
Better Now Than Ever.
87 KING ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.
SAINT JOHN HOTEL CO., LTD.
Proprietors,
A. M. PHILLIPS, Manager.

HOTEL DUFFERIN.
Foster & Company, Proprietors.
KING SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B.
J. T. DUNLOP, Manager.
New and Up-to-date Sample Rooms in Connection.

GRAND UNION HOTEL.
Opposite Union Depot, St. John, N. B.
Refurnished and renovated, heated by hot water, lighted by electricity, hot and cold baths. Coaches in attendance at all trains and steamers. Electric cars pass the house, connecting with all trains and steamers. Baggage to and from the station free.
W. H. McQUADE, Proprietor.

A MERRY

Something

Can You Do This

Write down in a list all different countries you know the countries now at war

60 ANSWERS TO THE LETTERS BY MISS

Zella Garham, Grays Mill
Very glad you like the paper and also the special Christmas

Myrtle Thompson, Daltry tried hard Myrtle, and I to the Corner.
Kenneth Haines, St. Mary's
You are quite a clever girl. I shall watch for more of your Wesley Stewart, 25 St. John's
You certainly did well to do a long neatly written list.
Cynthia Pyper, 4 Queen's
I was surprised to see number of words could be from Flora Fay Outhouse, Bl...
Very pleased to have your letter to the Corner, Florida.
George MacRae, Roxbury
You did well in the extra printed coupon always enclosed, remember that Marion Lunam, Carleton
Thank for the nice letter you say about the Corner.
Hilda E. Chown, Mill
course not, why you are old members. I hope to soon.
Stanley Johnson, Mill
pleased you are enjoying Muriel Adams, Campbell
pleased to see that you are the contents.
Edna Haines, St. Mary's
for nice little note, write Douglas Wickham, 27 Douglas.
Percy Brewster, Sussex
nice little letter, Percy.
Roberta Bayley, 224 Prince
Very sorry to hear that you been sick, but hope you better.
Charlie Langmeir, Bridgetown
you like the contents.
Erma Macaulay, 270 North
That's right, if you never win.
Elizabeth McFadden, 5
Yes certainly, only to please you and your interesting.
Aurapine Richard, St. John
have nice letters, and in the best.
Roy Hayes, Lower Mill
made a good attempt.
Euliah Craig, Gordonville
must have been quite a How did you get on?
Robert Jennings, New
The list was well written I shall watch for more.
Dorothy Oatey, 108 St. John's
Very pleased to have your welcome you to the Corner.
Dorothy Davenport, C. seem to be enjoying the Fred Harris, Tracey Mill
was well written out. T. G. D. Murphy, Tracey you are enjoying the co. Eva Thomson, Centreville quite a clever little artist.
Beatrice Short, Glenwood hard Beatrice, but were Alma McCarthy, Bl... to have your nice letter, you say about the Station again.
Lawrence Roy, Elm part which you have to the coupon. You have with content, Lawrence.
Emile Solesse, El Ni Glad to see you are content.
Eunice Panjuy, Hibernia sorry I cannot promise, but will always be through this column, pleased to get letters.
Cecilia Griest, Mill tests seem to interest Cecilia.
Audrey Bell Myers, drawing was nice, but pen must always be a Thelma Steves, Edge Very pleased to have your



Don't Forget to Order READY'S LAGER BEER For Christmas

Isn't it just a most "embarrassing moment," particularly during the Christmas holidays, to have "good old friends of yore" drop in unexpectedly to see you—and catch you unprepared.

REMEMBER—"Ready's" Beer is the sort of an "ever-ready" beverage that really combines good health with satisfaction and economy for both the home folks and the unexpected guest.

During the Christmas Holidays Serve

READY'S LAGER BEER

IT HITS THE SPOT

10 Dozen Bottles in the Barrel Or Cases of smaller quantities.

'Phone or Mail Your Order

READY'S BREWERIES, Limited

ST. JOHN, N. B.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

There will be sold at public auction at Chubb's Corner in the city of St. John in the city and county of St. John on Saturday, the thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1916, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, thirty-two shares of steamship "Viking" as shown in lies at Strait Shore in said city of St. John and all the interest of Joseph Williams in the steamer "Hampstead" as she now lies at Strait Shore aforesaid, the said steamers having been seized and levied on under several executions against the said Joseph Williams.

Dated this 18th day of December, A. D. 1916.

AMON A. WILSON,
Sheriff.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Assembly Hall in the High School Building, on Tuesday evening, the 26th day of December, instant, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the report of the Civic Assessment Commission.

Professor Keirstead, M.A., Ph.D., and other members of the Commission will be present.

All persons interested are invited to attend.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 30 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Pre-empt \$10.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after starting his homestead; also 50 acres extra cultivation; pre-empt may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Pre-empt \$10.00 per acre. Duties—Six months in each of three years, cultivation of 50 acres and erect a house worth \$100.00.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of drought, scrubby or stony land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. VOYSE, C.M.G.
Deputy of the Minister of Interior,
N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—Eppa.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Strong winds and gales, mostly westerly and decreasing in force; clearing and becoming a little colder. Washington, Dec. 22—Forecast: Northern New England—Snow and colder Saturday; Sunday fair, strong west and north-west gales. Toronto, Dec. 22—A disturbance which developed last night on the middle Atlantic coast is now centered near the Bay of Fundy, causing gales with rain in the Maritime Provinces, and a heavy snow-fall in Eastern Ontario and Quebec. In the west the weather has been fair and cold. Temperatures. Min. Max. Prince Rupert... 20 40 Victoria... 24 35 Vancouver... 24 20 Kamloops... 4 20 Calgary... 16 6 Battleford... 10 0 Prince Albert... 6 22 Saskatoon... 11 1 Moose Jaw... 12 0 Regina... 21 2 Winnipeg... 12 2 Port Nelson... 12 8 Parry Sound... 10 18 Toronto... 22 25 Kingston... 20 24 Ottawa... 16 26 Montreal... 20 32 Quebec... 22 32 St. John... 26 40 Halifax... 34 42 —Below zero.

Around the City

NO STANDARD MONDAY. On Monday, Christmas Day, The Standard will not be published.

Horse Caught in Trestle. Shortly after six o'clock last night an alarm was rung in from Box 155, corner of Hilyard and Sheriff streets. The firemen responded only to discover a horse caught in the trestle near Hilyard's ship yard. The animal was removed with very little trouble. Evidently the horse had got on the railway track at the Portland street crossing and walked to the trestle.

In Hospital With Fever. C. Dowling of Brantford, Ont., brother of the Rev. F. S. Dowling of St. Andrew's church in this city, who went overseas with the 4th C. M. R.'s but later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, has been admitted to Winchelsea Hospital, suffering from a severe attack of fever. This is the third time Mr. Dowling has been in the hospital, once for three months with a fractured skull, later for three days as a result of a cold, and once when his respirator saved his life. In November he was called to the Royal Flying Corps, and while in training was taken with fever.

Council of Board of Trade Meet. The council of the Board of Trade met yesterday morning in the Royal Rooms, Prince William street. A resolution expressing the sympathy of the council with the family of the late P. C. Smith was passed, and a copy will be sent to Mrs. Smith. They endorsed the proposal to collect the mails in the city by automobile under the direct supervision of the post office department. A communication from the Montreal Board of Trade in connection with registration, and one from the Duncan B. C. Board of Trade re nickel refinery in Canada were placed on the table.

LAST DAY COAT BARGAINS. Tremendous reductions prevail on all coats at F. A. Dykeman & Co's on Saturday. They are all this season's garments and some of them having come in late in the season they are the last worn in style and are made from good materials. Prices now run from \$6.95 to \$15.00. They are having a great silk waist sale also which offers an opportunity for a person to get a real nice Christmas present at a very attractive price.

GILMOUR'S TODAY for gifts for men that will carry a frequent remembrance of the giver: Mufflers, Sweaters, Neckties—no man ever said he had too many neckties. 68 King street.

CHRISTMAS FISH. We can supply you with all kinds of fresh fish, also choice oysters for Christmas—Smith Fish Market, 25 Sydney street. Phone Main 1704.

We have said before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject—Generally one merchant is equal to another merchant, provided they can both pay their bills. Just occasionally does it fall to some one merchant to pull off a scoop. We are in an unique position in regard to Brackets, Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before and we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 79 King street.

Toilet and Manicure Sets in Rolls and Cases, \$1.00 to \$20.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King street. Thermos and Vacuum Bottles, \$1.19 to \$7.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

LAUNCH VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO FILL UP RANKS OF 165TH

French Acadian Citizens Decide on Systematic Campaign—Major Legere Expresses Appreciation to St. Vincent's Alumnae—The Christmas Leave.

The leading Acadian representative of the Maritime Provinces at a conference with Lt.-Col. D'Algie, officer commanding the 165th French-Canadian Battalion, now stationed in St. John, decided to launch a vigorous campaign to fill up the ranks of the battalion. The meeting was held on Thursday evening and was characterized by a spirit of optimism that the ranks of the battalion could be filled up by a systematic recruiting campaign. Major Legere had a conversation with Col. D'Algie over the telephone yesterday and the colonel expressed himself as delighted with the decision of the meeting and the prospects for a successful campaign. Major Legere told The Standard that the battalion's strength at the present time amounted to 750 men and that 300 men were needed to bring the 165th to full strength. "As a part of the campaign the men of the battalion have undertaken to bring in as many new men as possible during the holiday season. It will be the endeavor of each private to secure at least one recruit during his visit home and we are looking forward to satisfactory results from the efforts the men propose to make," said Major Legere.

MUST BE NO CHANGE IN NAME OF KITCHENER TO BERLIN

C. Stuenkel, Prominent Business Man of Ontario Manufacturing Centre, in City, on Business, Says People Aside From Few Agitators are Loyal.

Business in Ontario Was Never Better—Factories Working Night and Day—Further Development is Expected

"The people of Kitchener will not tolerate a change in the name of Ontario's busy industrial centre to Berlin," said E. G. Stuenkel of the Canadian Consolidated Felt Company, Ltd., who was in the city on a business trip yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. "Aside from a few agitators, the German population of Kitchener is as loyal as the people of any other section of Canada," continued Mr. Stuenkel. "The Citizens' League are the moving spirits in the campaign to change the name. These were the same body of men who so earnestly fought the proposed change in the first instance, but who were unsuccessful in their efforts to defeat the bill before the Ontario House, authorizing the taking of a plebiscite. They again sought to defeat the wishes of the people, expressed at the polls by urging their customers in different parts of the Dominion to address them 'Berlin' instead of Kitchener. "The Citizens' League have gone so far as to threaten to turn out the City Council if the members of that body would not agree to change the name. They refused all offers from our citizens to come to an amicable settlement of the matter. "Considering the fact that a large number of the Germans in Berlin have enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and that many have laid down their lives in the cause of civilization we do not appreciate the actions of the members of the Citizens' League, so called. These men may not be actuated by pro-German sentiments, but I would not describe their conduct as being proper in the present great national crisis. I am a son of a German myself, but I can tell you frankly that I am wholeheartedly in sympathy with the cause of the Allies in the present war—the cause of democracy as opposed to Prussian autocracy. "Mr. Stuenkel said that business conditions in Kitchener were never better than at the present time. Factories were working night and day. His own company operated three plants, two in Kitchener and one in Elmira, about twelve miles from Kitchener.

LOYAL N. B. IRISHMEN RESENT NATIONAL HIBERNIAN ARTICLE

A past provincial president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has repudiated the effusions appearing in the National Hibernian and wants that paper excluded from the mails of Canada. "The Postmaster-General of Canada should take immediate steps to prevent the coming into Canada of the National Hibernian, a monthly newspaper published at Camden, N. J., and purporting to speak for the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary of that order," said the gentleman in question, who is a well known St. John member of the order, and an occupant of the position of provincial president on two distinct occasions. Continuing he said: "Although the Canadian Hibernians have protested against the publication of pro-German utterances in a newspaper which pretends to speak for the members of the A. O. H. of America, the National Hibernian continues its nefarious work of attempting to create hatred towards Great Britain and her allies. The most offensive article I have yet read in that paper is one appearing in the current issue under the caption: 'Ireland and the European war—a philosophical analysis of conditions affecting Ireland and its future.' It is written by the Rev. James F. Cassidy, who, no doubt, is a Catholic priest. The article occupies over three columns of space in the paper. "There is no reason why Irishmen in the United States should not sympathize with Germany if they want to. That is their own business, although like Irishmen in Canada they should know that England and her allies are fighting for the principles of Christianity as opposed to the doctrine that might is right. But there is every objection to their views being circulated through the Canadian mails for distribution among Canadian Hibernians. As a matter of fact the Hibernians of Canada are as loyal as any other of the King's subjects. In common with men of other races and creeds they have willingly consecrated their lives to the service of the Empire in the present great war crisis, but the writer of the Hibernian article seeks to make it appear that Irishmen throughout the British Empire and in other parts of the world have no sympathy with England and her allies. "Rev. James F. Cassidy, the writer of the article, seems to have forgotten that his church teaches and places above every other virtue loyalty to one's country as the highest of all virtues. He seems to have forgotten that with an Irishman in every part of the Empire devotion to the flag under which he lives is his first duty. "That there are some Irishmen in the United States, who, having no longer any connection with the British Empire, are sympathetic with the Germans, no one can deny who intelligently follows the newspaper reports, but their sympathy with the enemy will disappear as soon as Premier Lloyd George successfully settles the Irish question, as there is no slightest doubt that he will. That great statesman no doubt fully realizes that the German propaganda in the United States seeks to cause dissatisfaction among the Irishmen there and in the mother country, as well as in Canada and Australia, and everywhere else where Irishmen and their descendants are. "The Hearst newspapers have been excluded from Canadian mails by a prudent administration. That newspapers such as the National Hibernian should also be excluded there is no question, and I may tell you with all sincerity that no people in Canada will be better pleased by its exclusion than the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I may say that prominent members of the order in St. John, Fredericton, Woodstock, Mon-

BLAZE IN DOLAN BLOCK KEPT THE DEPT. BUSY

B. A. Smith, Fish Merchant Sustains Heaviest Loss in Last Night's Fire—Origin of Blaze Unknown.

The three story building owned by Henry Dolan on Union street was slightly damaged last night by fire which broke out at the rear of the store occupied by B. A. Smith, fish dealer. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building is occupied by Henry Dolan, who conducts a liquor business; P. A. Smith, fish dealer, and a shoe shine parlor. The upper part of the building is occupied by Mrs. Bell, who conducts the Stanley Hotel. All the occupants of the building have their losses covered by insurance.

According to Mr. Smith, when he left the store shortly after six o'clock with his son there was very little fire in the store. The cause of the fire, said Mr. Smith, when interviewed last night by The Standard, "may have been due to electric wires."

Owing to the fire being concealed between the walls it was impossible for the firemen to fight the fire as they would have liked to. The fire worked up through the first floor and gained the roof, where the firemen had a better opportunity to cope with the blaze. For the most part the damage was done by water. The furniture and household effects of Mrs. Bell were badly damaged, but it is covered by insurance amounting to \$500.

Mr. Smith is probably the greatest loser, as he had on hand a large stock of goods for the Christmas trade. He carried \$1,000 insurance with R. W. Prink.

The building adjoining the Dolan block, owned by John Hopkins, who conducts a meat business, was also slightly damaged. The stock at the rear of the store suffered by the fall of water. Both the building and stock are fully covered.

The upper part of the Hopkins block is occupied by William Crawley, who also suffered loss from water and smoke.

CHRISTMAS CARD AGENT LEFT CITY IN HURRY

The advantage of buying at home was never so clearly demonstrated to as many prominent citizens as it was this week. About a month ago a house to house canvasser, signing his name as R. Q. Riley, called upon many people in the city soliciting orders for Christmas greeting cards. On each order he requested a payment ranging from fifty to seventy-five cents, and, in some cases, a dollar. Besides the uniformed buyer was to have received his cards on December 10th. But when the day arrived the travelling salesman did not put in an appearance. He was reached by phone later in the week, and in the conversation he stated that the cards had not arrived, but as soon as they came from Toronto he would make delivery. As the cards were purchased for Christmas and the day was swiftly drawing near, the salesman was again called upon. This was on Monday. One of the buyers was to have received his cards on Tuesday. The next day the "travelling" salesman called at the purchaser's house and told the party that the boy would be delivering the cards in the afternoon and he was collecting the money. With this story he succeeded in relieving several people of amounts ranging from \$1 to \$4. But in the afternoon neither did he or the boy put in an appearance. On Wednesday the whereabouts of the man could not be ascertained. In the meantime the cards were placed under the control of R. G. Dunn & Co., who left them with A. C. Fairweather for distribution. Most of those who purchased cards have been able to secure them from Mr. Fairweather, but in some cases the order had not been sent in, and the purchasers not only are minus the cards but also the amount of money they paid to the agent.

It is understood that one of the victims is contemplating action against the company.

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.

Finest line of Christmas Candles to be found in the city, at The Chocolate Shop, 26-28 Charlotte Street. Also afternoon tea and luncheon at all hours.

Your best suggestions mounted on Eastman Calendar Mounts make excellent Christmas Gifts, 10c. to 15c., at The Rexall Store, 100 King street.

ton and on the North Shore have expressed themselves very strongly against the vicious articles which have been appearing in this Hibernian organ since the war began.

A Practical Gift for the Home. Beauty and usefulness find happy combination in our Electric Table Lamps, which form a particularly attractive feature of our Ornamental Brass Section. The select assemblage comprises the most recent patterns exquisitely fashioned in dull brass and other prevailing effects, a special feature being the many and beautiful designs in art glass shades which must be seen to be fully appreciated. SILVER AND FANCY WARE DEPT.—FIRST FLOOR—KING ST. STORE. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

MERRY CHRISTMAS to All. GIFT SUGGESTIONS. Angora Wool Caps, Tams, Scarfs, Trimmed Hats, Toys, Dolls, Fancy Baskets, Ribbons. Large Variety—Prompt Service. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

YOUR LAST SHOPPING DAY! You will find this store headquarters for gifts for your boys. SPEEDAWAY FLYERS, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00. SLEDS AND FRAMERS... 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. HOCKEY STICKS... 10c. to 60c. SANTA CLAUS at OUR STORE, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.—Bring the Kiddies. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Practical Furniture Presents in Are Useful, Sensible. Here You Will Find Acceptable Gifts for Old and Young. Tea Wagon, Morris Rocker, Portable Electric Lamp, Morris Chair, Magazine Stand, Costumer for the Hall, House Desk, Costumer for the Bedroom, Writing Table, Library Table, Sectional Book Case, Folding Card Table, Rattan Couch, Mahogany Tray, Rattan Chair, Serving Tray and Stand, Hall Mirror, Table for the Sitting Room, Hall Settee, Table for the Parlor, Hall Rack, Parlor Rocker, Hall Table, Set of Dining Chairs, Parlor Cabinet, Buffet, Hall Chair, Chesterfield Sofa, Music Cabinet, Couch, China Cabinet, Crib for the Baby, Dining Room Table, Wood Basket, Dinner Gong, White Iron Bed, Bath Room Mirror, Brass Bed, Mantel Mirror, Revolving Office Chair, Work Table in Mahogany, Office Arm Chair, Rattan Work Stand, Baby's Go-Cart, Wing Chair, Baby's Sully, Bed Room Box, Chintz Covered, Baby's Sled, Nursery Rocker, Ostermoor Mattress, Child's Rocker, White Enamel Dressing Table, Youth's Desk, Mahogany Dressing Table, Kitchen High Chair, Walnut Dressing Table, Baby's High Chair with Tray, Bureau in White Enamel, Girl's Framer, Bed for Dolly, Chiffonier in White Enamel, Doll's Cradle, Chiffonier in Mahogany or Oak, Doll's Sulky, Bureau in Mahogany or Oak, Doll's Carriage, Child's Kar, Chiffonier in Mahogany or Oak, "Flexible" Sled, Men's Foot-Rest, Umbrella Stand, Carpet Hassock, Smoker's Stand, Medicine Cabinet, Pedestal, Plant Stand.

Our Stores Will Be Open This Evening Until 10 o'clock. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited