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WEATHER—FAIR

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HUNS WILLING TO STATE TERMS? HEAVY BATTLES YET IN ROUMANIA

GERMANS REPULSED IN NORTH FRANCE

Heavy Bombardment by French in Verdun Sector-- British, French and German Airmen Active--Russians and Roumanians Making Stubborn Resistance in Dobrudja.

FRESH ADVANCES, ACCORDING TO BERLIN, BY TEUTONIC ALLIES AGAINST RUSSIANS AND ROUMANIANS IN WALLACHIA — MANY PRIS- ONERS TAKEN — INVADING HOSTS OF VON MACKENSEN MEET REVERSE SOUTH OF DAN- UBE, SAYS PETROGRAD.

The latest official communication from Berlin records fresh advances for the Teutonic Allies against the Russians and Roumanians in Wallachia. The invaders are now beyond Rimnik-Sarat, advancing along the railroad toward Fokshani. Three thousand more prisoners and twenty-two machine guns have been captured by the invaders, bringing the number of men taken in the Rimnik-Sarat manoeuvre up to 10,220.

Although the Berlin war office reports that the Teutonic Allies in Dobrudja are keeping up their pressure against the Russians and Roumanians, and have forced the Russians from fortified heights positions east of Matchin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila, Petrograd announces that the invaders south of the Danube have been repulsed with heavy losses, except at the village of Rakgi, which has been occupied by them. British armed motor cars, says Petrograd, did great execution in this fighting.

Fighting in Verdun.

Considerable fighting has again taken place on the Verdun sector, around Le Mort Homme and on the eastern slopes of Hill 304, where the Germans made an attack but were repulsed, and where later the French began a bombardment of the German positions. Elsewhere, along the French front there have been reciprocal bombardments and attacks by small patrol parties, interspersed with fights in the air and aerial raids by French, British and German aviators. In the encounters in the air each side is reported to have lost machines.

Artillery Duels.

In the Austro-Italian theatre the weather has cleared and the artillery duels have been renewed with vigor, especially on the Carso front. In Macedonia, except for British attacks against the Bulgarians northeast of Lake Dolran, which Berlin reports were unsuccessful, comparative quiet still prevails.

South of Brody, in Galicia, the Germans have brought their howitzers into play against Russian positions, and at various points have damaged their trenches.

"Unofficial advice received in London from Saloniki say the Greeks who surrendered to the Bulgarians at Kavala, and were interned in Germany, have been ordered by King Constantine to proceed to the Macedonian front to fight against the Entente Allies. Simultaneously from Athens comes an unofficial despatch announcing that Greece is addressing another note to the Entente, declaring that unless there is a change in the Entente blockade Greece may be forced to seek the advice of the nation concerning the course to be followed.

British Statement.

London, Dec. 28.—The official communication from British headquarters issued last night reads:
"After a heavy bombardment three parties of the enemy attempted early this morning to raid our trenches northwest of Gommecourt. Two of the parties were driven back by our fire before reaching our trenches; the third reached the trenches, but was immediately ejected."
"During the night the enemy fired a great number of gas shells at places behind our front line in the neighborhood of Arras, and west and northwest of Lens."
"There was considerable artillery activity today on both sides in the Somme area, and the Ypres sector."
"A number of fights in the air took place yesterday. Three hostile machines were destroyed. Three others were driven down in a damaged condition."

French Statement.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The official statement from the war office tonight on the campaign reads:
"On the left bank of the Meuse during the day the enemy artillery, energetically counter-shelled by us, violently bombarded our positions on (Continued on page 2)

GERMANY MAY ANNOUNCE HER TERMS OF PEACE

Washington Claims Central Powers Willing to Permit Confidential Exchange of "Broad Tentative Terms Through President Wilson, if—

Washington, Dec. 28.—Germany, it was made known here today, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the Entente belligerents to enter a conference without proper knowledge of her terms. It has been forecast that the Entente Powers would raise a refusal on such a condition.

The Central Powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There were broad intimations today that a statement of this position by Germany either had been communicated to the U. S. government or soon would be.

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KING CONSTANTINE STILL ACTING WITH THE KAISER

Report That Greek Division Which Was Surrendered to Bulgarians at Kavala Ordered to Leave Internment Camp at Goerlitz, Germany.

SUCH AN ACT WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO WAR AGAINST ENTENTE ALLIES ON PART OF GREECE — ADDRESSING SECOND NOTE TO EN- TENTE POWERS — KING AND PRINCE NICHOLAS HOLD LONG CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 28.—A telegram has been received from Saloniki by the Anglo-Hellenic League to the effect that the Greek division which was surrendered to the Bulgarians at Kavala has been ordered by King Constantine to leave Goerlitz, Germany, where it has been interned, for the Macedonian front, to fight against the Entente Allies.

Such a move on the part of King Constantine would be tantamount to an act of war against the Entente Powers, and as recent despatches from Athens have represented that the differences between Greece and the Entente were being composed the accuracy of the unconfirmed despatch to the Anglo-Hellenic League is open to question. At the time of the occupation of Eastern Macedonia part of the Kavala garrison of Greek troops surrendered to the Germans and Bulgarians and the others were removed on Entente warships. Those who surrendered to the Germans and Bulgarians were transported to Goerlitz for internment. Their number was given as 400 officers and 6,000 men.

Greece's Second Note.

Athens, Wednesday, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—The government is addressing a second note to the Entente Powers pointing out the growing popular resentment against their blockade. This note refers to Greece's previous communication urging mutual considerations with a view to clearing the situation, and says that unless some such action is taken shortly Greece may be forced to seek the advice of the nation respecting the course to be followed.

King Holds Conference.

The American minister to Greece today communicated to the Serbian and Greek governments the peace overtures of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, and also the suggestion made by President Wilson to the belligerents urging them to define their aims.

King Constantine and Prince Nicholas of Greece held a long conference this afternoon, when the note was discussed.

Members of the Entente diplomatic corps say that final instructions regarding the note, defining the reparations to be required of Greece, have not yet been received from the respective capitals.

Reports received at Athens from points throughout Greece say the people are growing very uneasy under the continued blockade of their ships by the ships of the Entente Powers.

HUN ANSWER IMPERTINENT TO THE U. S.

Petrograd, Dec. 28, London, Dec. 29.—After the recent declarations of the Russian foreign minister and the pronouncement of the Emperor, which vigorously expressed the reluctance of the nation to consider any peace proposals at the present time, it is believed that, except for the formulation of Russia's official reply to President Wilson's note, the last word has been said here regarding the possibility of peace negotiations.

Russia's negative attitude has been strengthened, if possible, by the German answer to the American note, which the Russian government considers "not only irrelevant, but impertinent, to the United States," according to information received by the Associated Press.

The foreign office denies that other neutral governments will follow the lead of the United States and Switzerland and has dissipated the view taken yesterday by part of the press regarding the neutral governments, which in the form of a neutral league intended, according to reports, to bring combined pressure upon the warring countries in an effort to bring the war to speedy conclusion.

ACT OF JUDGE BLISS BLOW TO FRIENDS

Judge of York County Court Shoots Himself in Head in His Office at Fredericton— Highly Respected.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Dec. 28.—Fred St. John Bliss, secretary-treasurer of York Co., and Judge of Probate, who shot himself yesterday afternoon, died at 1:35 o'clock this morning.

No motive for Mr. Bliss' act is known. He was in exceptionally good spirits throughout the morning, when he was at work with County Auditor Geo. E. Armstrong, going over his accounts and getting them in shape for the approaching session of the York Municipal Council, which opens here on Tuesday afternoon next.

Shot Himself After Noon.

It was some time between noon and one o'clock that Mr. Bliss shot himself. He left his office suddenly, telling Mr. Armstrong that he would return in a few moments and walked across the hall to the office occupied by Sheriff Howe. He locked the door of the latter office and then shot himself through the temple. The bullet entered the top of his forehead and came out at the back of his head.

Mr. Armstrong was a rather unwell man at the time, and on going into the hall went to the door of the sheriff's office. He found the door locked, and believing something was wrong in connection with Mr. Bliss' sudden disappearance, summoned Dr. B. M. Mullin of St. Mary's.

Door Forced Open.

The door of the office was forced open and Secretary-Treasurer Bliss was found lying on the floor with blood streaming from the wound in his head.

Secretary-Treasurer Bliss was a son of the late Geo. J. Bliss, one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of this section of New Brunswick. He held the position of secretary-treasurer for the past fifteen years, having been appointed in 1901. He was formerly a member of the late legal firm of Black, Bliss & Nealis, and was a prominent lawyer. Mr. Bliss was also Judge of Probate Court in York, a position he has held since 1909.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE CANADIAN LUMBERMEN

London, Dec. 28.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Canadian lumber merchants will be glad to learn the decision of the war office to make larger use of Canadian woods in the future manufacture of articles required for war purposes. This agreement is the outcome of representations made by Sir Geo. Perley, who put the lumbermen's case strongly before the authorities, more especially as regards red and white pine. Specimen price and samples of pine have been submitted to the war office with the result that an inspector of equipment and supplies has been furnished, for the merchants' guidance, lists of sixty-eight articles in which the use of Canadian woods will be provided for in the specifications governing their manufacture.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—November inland revenue figure, for Canada, totalled \$2,651,764, an increase of nearly \$300,000.

ALONG SOMME WEATHER IS UNFAVORABLE

Major-General Maurice Tells Why British Advance is Seriously Handicapped.

London, Dec. 28.—The continuation of the British offensive along the Somme front is impossible so long as the present weather lasts, Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations of the war office, so informed the Associated Press today.

"I told you some time ago," he said, "that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be apparent from the daily reports that no real battle has been offered in that sector since October. In the first place we underestimated the effect of the shelling on the terrain. The country over which the advance will have to be made is thickly sprinkled with shell holes filled with water. Also, never having held the same line in any other winter, we underestimated the effect of the fog in the valley of the Somme."

Frequent Frosts.

"There have been frequent frosts, not severe enough to harden the ground, but sufficient to freeze fogs, making artillery observation fire practically useless and also preventing the drying of the ground."

"The French arrived at the same decision, and transferred their attention to Verdun, with results which you know. We may be able to resume at Mars, as we found the ground of Neuve Chapelle in fairly good shape in March, 1915, although it had been very bad during the winter. Unable to continue the offensive for the present, we have done the next best thing. The taking over of a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to tell you the exact extent of the line taken over when I am sure the Germans know the point of junction."

"In Roumania the first Roumanian army, which has borne the brunt of the fighting, has been entirely withdrawn and its place has been taken by the Russians. In Dobrudja the line has been moved back in alignment with the battle front north of the Danube. In this region both our Allies and the enemy are suffering from adverse weather conditions."

+ DECIDEDLY GOLD FOR
+ NEW YEAR'S OUTLOOK.
+ A cold wave is approaching
+ on horse-back. The outlook this
+ morning was that a decided
+ dip in temperature is due during
+ the next day or two. The mer-
+ cury at Edmonton yesterday
+ registered 32 degrees below
+ zero, 22 below at Bellefleur, 26
+ below at Port Nelson and 30 at
+ Prince Albert.

8600 SOLDIERS ARE UNFIT MEDICALLY

Militia Department Tells How Canada Has Cared for Boys who Went Overseas.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A year ago something less than 3,000 Canadian soldiers had been returned to Canada as medically unfit. Their number has now increased to nearly 8,600. The exact figures, as given out by the militia department yesterday, are:

	Dec. 31, 1915.	Dec. 15, 1916.
Tuberculosis	15	377
Insanity	15	168
Wounded, gassed and shell shock	495	1,640
Other diseases and disabilities	2,420	6,410
Totals	2,495	8,595

The military hospitals committee, appointed by the Dominion government six months earlier to care for soldiers returning to Canada, had about 500 men on its list at the close of 1915.

Convalescent Hospitals.

Convalescent hospitals had been opened at Sydney, N. S.; St. John, Quebec; Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Calgary and Esquimaux, B. C.

There are today under treatment at the hospitals and sanatoria over 2,700 men. Two of the smaller hospitals have been closed during the year, inmates being transferred to roomier premises. Additional convalescent hospitals have been opened in Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, St. Catharines, London, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Sidney, B. C., besides the special hospital for neurasthenic cases at Coburg, and sanatoria for consumptives at St. Agathe, Que., Kitchener, Ont., and Frank, Alta. Consumptive soldiers are also being treated at a number of sanatoria with which the commission has made special arrangements, and buildings for the exclusive use of such men have been erected as additions to the sanatoria at Kingston, Hamilton and London.

LUSITANIA PASSENGER, M'J. DALEY, SECRETARY OF PENSIONS BOARD

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Major Harold M. Daley, formerly secretary to General Sir Sam Hughes and later to Hon. A. E. Kemp, has been appointed secretary of the Pensions Board.

He is a son of the late Hon. T. M. Daley of Winnipeg and before coming to Ottawa practiced law in Vancouver.

He saw service in South Africa with Strathcona's Horse, and was a passenger on the Lusitania when she was sunk by a German torpedo. He has been in the militia department for nearly two years.

PARLIAMENTARY SESSION WILL BE BRIEF ONE

House Will Meet Jan. 18, and will Endeavor to Pass Ne- cessary Legislation Before Premier Leaves for England

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—In calling parliament to meet on January 18th, it is believed that the government hopes to pass all pressing legislation and secure prorogation before Sir Robert Borden is obliged to leave for England to attend the Imperial war council. It is necessary for the prime minister to be in attendance at these meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is very comprehensive, as it embraces the prosecution of the war, the conditions upon which peace may be made and the consideration of problems to arise after the war. It is understood that the prime minister feels himself bound to attend a conference which will deal with questions of such vital and transcendent importance affecting not only the interests of the Dominion but those of the whole Empire.

The legislative programme for the coming session in view of the necessity of Sir Robert going to England will be of such a character as to permit its accomplishment within thirty days. It will probably consist of only the war and civil budgets and extension legislation. It is understood that Sir Robert will have to be absent from Canada during March and April.

FORMER P. E. I. MAN IS NOW ARCHBISHOP

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—With all due ceremony, and assisted by a great gathering of hierarchy, His Excellency Monsignor Stagni, apostolic delegate to Canada, performed the final act of investiture installing His Grace the Most Rev. Alfred Sinnott, D. D., as first archbishop of Winnipeg, in St. Mary's church, at high mass Sunday.

The Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Mgr. Stagni, Archbishop Sinnott assisting at the throne.

The sermon of the occasion was preached by Very Rev. Monsignor T. J. Kidd, rector of the ecclesiastical seminary of Toronto.

The new Archbishop was formerly a resident of Prince Edward Island.

NURSE MEETS DEATH PLAYING SANTA CLAUS.

Cranbrook, B. C., Dec. 28.—Miss Pearl Parker, a nurse, while impersonating Santa Claus at a Christmas tree event here, was so severely burned that she died soon afterwards.

PROVINCE'S BIG GAME SEASON

Greatest in All History, So Far as Known by Chief Game Warden, A. E. O'Leary.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Dec. 28.—That New Brunswick's 1916 big game season was undoubtedly the greatest in the history of this province despite war and other conditions that would naturally tend to injure the hunting season, was the statement made by Chief Game Warden A. E. O'Leary today. Even without returns from Victoria and Restigouche counties, figures show that more moose were killed in New Brunswick last season than in 1915. The total number of moose, deer and caribou killed in the province was greater than in any of the three preceding years while the number of deer alone was greater than in any year in the history of the province.

Northumberland county led all others in the number of moose killed, 235, while Carleton county led in the number of deer brought down with 537.

Moose, Deer and Beas'

In 1916 there were 4,305 moose, deer, caribou and bears killed. In 1915 there were 3,613; in 1914, 4,028, and in 1913, 4,673.

HON. T. CHAS. CASGRAIN IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Hon. T. Chas. Casgrain, postmaster-general, who is ill with pneumonia, was only slightly improved today. Mr. Casgrain recently made a trip to New York and on his way home contracted a cold from which congestion of the lungs developed. While his condition is not critical, it is rather serious.

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SIX KILLED IN RAILROAD DISASTER NEAR QUEBEC

Fast Chicago-Montreal Express Plunges Into Cornwall-Montreal Local at St. Polycarpe, Que., on Canadian Pacific Railroad—Accident Due to Wrong Information Given to Cornwall Local.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Six men were killed, four severely injured and several others shaken up in a wreck which took place on the C. P. R. line at St. Polycarpe, Que., at 6.40 last night when the fast Chicago-Montreal express crashed into the Cornwall-Montreal local train telescoping three of the end cars of the latter and reducing them to kindling wood.

The wreck was due to wrong information given to the train crew on the Cornwall local that the express had passed and the line was clear. This was brought out at the inquest opened here this morning, but who is responsible for the information has not been learned.

Storm Party Responsible.

The fast express, owing to the weather conditions, and the difficulty presented by the heavy sleet storm which had raged in that district all the afternoon, was running about an hour late and through some misunder-

standing the Cornwall local got on to the main line just ahead of it. The local had just got under way after leaving the junction when the big express came up behind it, running on the same track in the same direction, but moving about twice as fast.

Cut Through Coaches.

The great locomotive of the express plowed into the rear coach of the other train and before it was stopped it had cut through three coaches. Both were demolished, took fire and burned up. Six people were killed and four others were seriously injured, all of them on the Cornwall local. Nobody on the fast train was injured, not even the engineer or fireman. Neither did the train leave the rails.

The killed were: Alexander J. Grant and Lewis Grant of Lancaster, Newton Dumoulin, William Abrams and J. Kennedy of Williamstown, and Conductor William Hinton of Cornwall, conductor of the wrecked train.

The injured were: J. J. McCullough of Glenbrook, Michael Malloy of Smiths Falls, bridge and building master of the C. P. R., Express Messenger Lavale of Cornwall, and D. C. St. Amour of North Lancaster.

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Germany's Note. The official text of Germany's offer, which differs some in phraseology from the unofficial, follows: "The imperial government has accepted and considered in the friendly spirit which is apparent in the communication of the president looking to the creation of bases for the foundation of a lasting peace."

"The president discloses the aim which lies next to his heart and leaves the choice of the way open. "A direct exchange of views appears to the imperial government as the most suitable way of arriving at the desired result. The imperial government has the honor, therefore, in the sense of its declaration of the 12th instant which offered the hand for peace negotiations, to propose speedy assembly on neutral ground of delegates of the warring states."

"It is also the view of the imperial government that the great work for the prevention of future wars can first be taken up only after the ending of the present conflict of exhaustion. "The imperial government is ready, when this point has been reached, to co-operate with the United States at this sublime task."

Answer To Swiss.

Berlin, Dec. 28, via Amsterdam and London.—The text of the answer of Germany to the Swiss note reads: "The imperial government has taken note of the fact that the Swiss federal council as the result of its having placed itself in communication of the president of the United States, is also ready to take action and side with the United States towards bringing about an understanding between the belligerent nations and towards the attainment of a lasting peace. "The spirit of true humanity whereby the steps of the Swiss federal council are inspired is fully appreciated and esteemed by the imperial government."

"Led by the same considerations which caused Germany, on December 12, to offer her hand for peace negotiations, the government has proposed an immediate meeting of all the belligerents at a neutral place. "In agreement with the president of the United States, the government is of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can only be taken in hand after the present world war has terminated. So soon as that moment comes it will joyfully be ready to co-operate in this sublime task. "If Switzerland, which is faithful to its noble traditions in mitigating the sufferings caused by the present war, and has unwavering gratitude, will also contribute to safeguarding the world's peace, the German nation and government will highly welcome such action."

Catholic Girls' Guild.

The members of the Catholic Girls' Guild spent a pleasant evening in their rooms on Coburg street last evening. About forty were in attendance. During the evening the large Christmas tree was lighted and made a very attractive spectacle. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served. The affair was under the direction of Mrs. George McCafferty, convener of the committee in charge, assisted by Mrs. M. J. Nugent, Mrs. J. Bradley and Mrs. F. J. Power. Numerous friends of the guild made donations and assisted in making the function an enjoyable one. The management of the guild has decided to hold social functions fortnightly commencing on January 8th next. A night school, gymnasium and sewing circle have been organized and much good work is being accomplished.

OBITUARY.

Chas. G. Pollard.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 28.—Chas. G. Pollard, foreman of the Yarmouth Herald office, died this morning. He was working up to Friday and was taken ill with appendicitis. He was fifty-four years old and entered the employ of the Herald at fourteen. An elder in the Presbyterian church, a prominent Oddfellow, a faithful employee and a first class citizen, he will be greatly missed. He leaves a wife, who is president of the Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces, and an adopted daughter.

RECORD MONTH CANADIAN BOYS COVERED THEMSELVES WITH GLORY FOR HARBOR

December of this year promises to break all records in the number of ocean steamers sailing from the port of St. John. Already forty have sailed and it is expected that at least three more will sail before the last day of the month, making the total forty-three. At the present time there are in the harbor fifteen ocean steamers and every berth is filled. The work of discharging and loading is being carried on at high pressure speed all the time at the different wharves, both on the west and east sides of the harbor, and the master is kept busy seeing that nobody unduly delays matters so order that all may have an opportunity to get away on time.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 28.—Neil McLeod of Central Garage, Moncton, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ernest H. Haviland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pitt Murray of Penobscot, spent the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Murray, Albert.

Miss Laura Reid of Montreal, was the guest of her father, Moody Reid for Christmas.

Miss Edna Hayward of Riverside, went to Fredericton to be with friends for her holidays.

Miss Bessie Smith of St. George, spent the Christmas with relatives in Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cleveland left Saturday to spend a few weeks in Annerly, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Manning M. Tingley.

Miss Ethel Everett, teacher at Hopewell Cape school is spending the holidays at the home of Joseph Turner, Harvey.

Mrs. Ella Newcomb and Mrs. Steven Stevens left on Saturday for Springhill, N. S., where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson.

Gunner James Wright of the 9th Siege Battery, Partridge Island, is home on Christmas leave.

A very successful concert was held on Friday evening at Curryville by the young people in the hall. The proceeds were for patriotic purposes.

The funeral of the late Josiah Tingley was held on Sunday afternoon from the residence of his brother, Miles Tingley with whom he has lived for some years. The deceased was 79 years of age. Rev. Herbert E. DeWolfe conducted the funeral services. The interment was in the Hopewell Cemetery.

A new carpet for the Methodist church aisles has been procured and will be laid this week.

Ebert C. Peck, Grindstone Island light-keeper, spent Christmas at his father's home.

SUSPECT FOUL PLAY IN GIRL'S DEATH.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—Some time ago Lydia Ross, 14, perished at Rimouski, in a fire that destroyed the home of her parents.

Her father was spending the corner's jury to have caused the blaze at night by building too strong a fire in the kitchen stove, but an open verdict had been returned.

Today the inquest was re-opened at Rimouski, by order of the attorney general, and in it is said that foul play is suspected in connection with the fire.

MARRIAGES

Rigby-Robinson. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 28.—Miss Mary C. Robinson, of Marysville, and Mr. G. Percy Rigby of St. Andrews, were married at the Methodist church in Marysville, this evening by Rev. Dr. Harrison. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Robinson, and was formerly of the Receiver General's department. The groom is a resident engineer of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company on the St. John Valley Railway and a graduate of the University of New Brunswick.

PERSONALS

William Charles Archibald, landscape architect, Wolfville, N. S., arrived in the city yesterday and was a guest at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. Archibald leaves for Boston this morning, where he intends to spend New Year's with his son.

Dr. M. Maude Goodwin of Boston is in the city for a few days and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodwin, 120 Mt. Pleasant Avenue. Dr. Goodwin formerly lived in St. John. She is the widow of the late A. L. Goodwin, the founder of the firm of A. L. Goodwin, wholesale fruit merchants on German street.

Mrs. Frank Rhodes, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Dorchester street.

Hon. J. D. Hazen has returned to Ottawa.

Rev. Charles P. Carleton, of Peterborough, is in the city.

Captain Hon. Rupert and Lady Guinness left last evening for Ottawa.

Frank J. Casey, collector of inland revenue for Prince Edward Island, with headquarters at Charlottetown, is on a visit to his former home in this city. Mrs. Casey accompanies him.

Walter Walsh of the Canadian Oil Company with headquarters at New Glasgow is in the city, a guest at the Royal Hotel.

CARD OF THANKS.

The family of the late E. W. Barlow wish to thank their friends for the sympathy and kindness extended to them during their recent sad bereavement.

London, Dec. 28.—The following communiqué is issued from the Canadian war records office: "One of the most successful raids ever carried out on the western front was executed this week by the Canadians. The raid was made in the early afternoon, while the low winter sun was still shining. From several points of observation it was possible to witness the whole progress of the operation, and successful cinematograph films, for historical purposes, were obtained within a short distance of the attack."

"Preliminary bombardments had successfully destroyed the heavy enemy entanglements and generally weakened the German defenses."

"Shortly before the hour of the assault the attackers, consisting of picked men, carefully trained for this special occasion, fled into the trenches and took up a position along the tip of an advanced crater. The enemy remarked the unusual movement, because a few hours before the advance an active rifle fire broke out and several colored rockets were fired from the German trenches."

"Nevertheless, at the appointed moment our artillery barrage opened with a sudden crash of dense sound. Clouds of smoke were also liberated, isolating the area to be attacked. A covering fire from our machine guns added a deafening rattle to the stupendous medley of noise."

"At the given signal the lines of our men advanced boldly and deliberately and in perfect order. Little resistance was met with in crossing 'No Man's Land.' The German garrison were seeking safety from our avalanche of shells in their deep dugouts. A number of bombers, at one point, however, attempted a resistance. These were quickly disposed of, and the survivors sent back as prisoners. Swiftly our men then went about their allotted tasks, following the communication trenches back to the German supports, establishing protective blocks, attacking and overcoming the guards and sentries. Special attention was paid to the dugouts, from which many Germans came out to surrender. Bombs and lighting explosives were then thrown inside, destroying and setting on fire the wooden supports."

"This was done so thoroughly and methodically that the progress of the attack could be followed by the fires as they broke out, one after the other. Machine gun emplacements were also destroyed, and the total damage done to the German trenches was very considerable. Many of the enemy were killed, and 58 prisoners, including two officers, were captured and taken back to our lines. Our own casualties were remarkably light, and all were promptly evacuated."

"Considering the number of men employed in the attack, the extent of the frontage captured, the depth to which the parties penetrated, and the fact that we remained in possession of the German trenches for over two hours before withdrawing, this so-called raid really assumed the character of a very successful local offensive. Some time after all our men had returned, under cover of darkness, to their own lines the enemy could be heard counter-attacking and bombing energetically his own deserted and badly damaged trenches."

GERMANS REPULSED IN NORTH FRANCE

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the front of Le Mor Homme and Hill 204.

"In Lorraine we carried out a surprise attack in trenches north of Badonviller, taking two machine guns. The cannonade was intermittent on the rest of the front."

The Belgian communication: "Reciprocal bombardments took place this afternoon in the regions of Dixmude and Het Sas."

Petrograd, Dec. 28, via London (3.45 p.m.).—British admiralty per Wireless

Why You Should Read

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DO YOU READ THIS 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.

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ANNUAL TREAT AT THE TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual Christmas treat for the children of the Trinity church Sunday school, senior class, took place last evening and was greatly enjoyed. An enjoyable programme was carried out. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served. The Rev. Ralph Sherman presented the prizes to the successful candidates as follows:—1st division, Wallace Walsh, 366; Edward Walsh, 364; Edna Blakeslee, 359; Edna Whelpley, 346; Loretta Maxwell, 344; Paul Walsh, 339; Edna Bauer, 331; Nellie Maxwell, 326; Hazel Maxwell, 326; Aubrey Marshall, 320; Blanche Davidson, 315; Frances Holt, 314. 2nd division, Blanche Richardson, 311; Reginald Whelpley, 310; Madeline Pines, 308; Maud Blakeslee, 306; Walter Allen, 301; Robina Worst, 298; Laurence Seeda, 298; Jane Shears, 295; Ernestine Friars, 295; Frances Pickett, 291; Arthur Breen, 289; John Anderson, 288; Leonard Maxwell, 286; Harold Holder, 284 and Ronald Patterson, 282.

During the evening Santa Claus made his appearance and proved a strong favorite with the young people. The members of the junior class were entertained yesterday afternoon.

Boys' Club Treat.

The annual treat at the St. John Boys' Club was given in their hall on Union street last night, when an interesting programme was carried out. The first part was provided by Mrs. B. L. Gerow, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Belding and James Stenhouse, and consisted of solos and duets. A number of patriotic songs were rendered, and the large number of boys present joined in the choruses. Mrs. A. C. Wilson gave some very bright readings, and Mayor Hayes gave an interesting address to the boys. Each boy was presented with a bag containing fruit and confectionery as he was leaving the hall, and all had a most enjoyable time. The ladies' committee in charge of the refreshments was: Mrs. W. C. Good, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. Jas. H. Dooly, Mrs. J. F. Bullock, Mrs. H. C. Groat, Mrs. A. M. Belding and Miss Hazel Clarke. The ladies wish to express thanks to all friends who made donations which helped making the event so successful.

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The sharp declines that followed were concurrent with heavy selling of Mexicans, causing renewed apprehension in that quarter.

War and semi-war stocks were again the center of the general movement, which soon took in shares of all descriptions. U. S. Steel was in a three-point loss, with practically no recovery, and allied stocks broke three to five points, with four for Gulf States Steel, three to five for Petroleum, copper and sugar, and about as much for other specialties whose course has always been guided by the munitions and equipments. There were some confusing cross cues noticeable in shipping shares, Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies showing an extreme loss of over eight points, while Mercantile Marine were actually strong. Weakness extended to the bond list, with a new low record for Anglo-French 5's at 92½, and a five-point break in Chile Copper 7's. Industrial bonds also made concessions in keeping with stocks.

SHIPPING NEWS

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First Quarter 1st 9h. 55m. p.m.
Full Moon 9th 5h. 44m. a.m.
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First Quarter 31st 5h. 7m. a.m.

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FOREIGN PORTS.
Boston, Dec. 26.—Arr schrs Sarah

BATHURST WAS ONCE GREAT SHIPBUILDING CENTRE

Correspondent of Commodore Stewart's Snappy Newspaper, the Chatham World Tells Where Standard Made Omission in Its Article on New Brunswick Vessel Building.

The Bathurst correspondent of the Chatham World writes as follows to that paper:
"I read a very interesting account of the shipbuilding in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Provinces in the Standard newspaper of St. John two weeks ago. But the writer missed Bathurst, and I am going to try to supply the loss."

Hon. Joseph Cunard
Sometime about 1825 or later, the Honorable Joseph Cunard started a ship building business here. He built perhaps twelve or more ships, in size about from three to six hundred tons, except one, which, I was told was about 1000 tons. That business went on for about fifteen years. After he failed a man by the name of James Wohlhooper built two or three large ships in the same yard, and gave up the business. After him John Meahan began shipbuilding. He built several vessels, some full rigged brigs and barques. He also built two ships of 1200 tons. He called one of them the Harold and the other one the Zvonone, and he went out of the business.

John E. O'Brien
In the meantime John E. O'Brien started shipbuilding. George and Alf. Smith were also in the shipbuilding business at the same time. J. E. O'Brien carried on the business for several years and turned out fifteen or more ships, mostly barques and brigantines. Smith carried on the business for about twenty years and turned out about twenty years and turned out one or two ships a year. They were all barque rigged except one full rigged ship and one brigantine, and two fore and aft schooners. Sam Miller at the same time started business and built a schooner and a brigantine and quit the business. Then a man called John Mitter started shipbuilding.

New York, Dec. 28.—Arr schr William D. Marvel, Bridgeport.
New London, Dec. 26.—Arr schr Flora Condou, New York.
Rockland, Dec. 26.—Arr schr Lizzie Lane, New York for Calais.
Sd Dec. 26, schrs William Bisbee, New York; Charles L. Jefferys, do; Mary E. Morse, Bridgeport.
City Island—Arr schr American Team, Hoboken for St. John.
Port Eads, La., Dec. 25.—Sd stmr Howth Head, Belfast and Dublin.
Portland, Dec. 26.—Sd schr Winchester, New Haven.
New York, Dec. 28.—Signalled stmr St. Louis, Liverpool for New York, 1,250 miles east of Sandy Hook at 6 a. m. Dock about 8:30 Sunday.

REGARDED AS LOST.
Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steamship Maryland was today regarded as probably lost. Hope for the safety of her thirty odd men lies in the possibility that they were picked up by a passing steamer.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.
All hope has been abandoned for the three-masted schooner Jennie S. Hall, which has not been heard from since sailing from Galtport, Miss., on August 14, for Port de France, Mart.

FIREMAN SCALDED.
The Furness liner Kanawha arrived at Halifax on Saturday from a trans-Atlantic trip. The Kanawha had a rough port across. One of the firemen was scalded in the engine room during the voyage. When the steamer arrived he was taken to the Victoria General Hospital.

WILL COMMAND ANNE LORD.
Captain C. B. Merriam arrived in the city yesterday to take command of the schooner Anne Lord, which is loaded with piling. The schooner is bound from Apple River for New York, and put in here for harbor.

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LONGSHOREMEN'S WAGES.
During the last few weeks negotiations have been going on between the steamship agents of the city and the Halifax Longshoremen's Union in regard to a new agreement carrying improved conditions for the workmen. Today it was reported that a mutual agreement had been arrived at that will give the longshoremen an increase of five cents an hour day and night, the new rates being thirty-five cents an hour night to come into effect the first of the year.
The present agreement dates back to 1912, with a two cent increase granted in last January. About 1,000 men are affected.—Halifax Chronicle.

VANCOUVER PROPOSES TO BORROW \$5,000,000.
Special to The Standard.
Vancouver, Dec. 28.—The City Council will submit to the rate payers on January 11 a proposal that the cor-

POTATO MEN CLOSE THEIR CONVENTION

President T. W. Caldwell, of Florenceville, Re-elected.—Number of Interesting Addresses Delivered.

Woodstock, Dec. 28.—The second annual convention of the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Association closed this evening. When organized it had a membership of 42; now it has 55 members and some others were added during the closing sessions.
It was decided at the closing session to hold a field crop competition next year for the best yield of Green Mountains and Cobler potatoes.
The officers were elected as follows: T. W. Caldwell, president, Florenceville; Thomas C. Strong, vice-president, Lindsay; G. C. Cunningham, secretary, Fredericton; W. H. Moore, treasurer, Scotch Lake; J. L. Jarvis, auditor.

The following addresses were delivered this afternoon: "Potato Fertilizers and the Potato Supply," by A. P. Clark, manager of the Colonial Fertilizer Company of Windsor, N. S.; "Results of Some Experimental Work with Potato Fertilizers," by W. W. Hubbard of Fredericton; "The Value of Shows and How to Select Your Entry," by S. J. Moore of Truro, N. S.; W. W. Baird, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Nappan, N. S., was to speak on "The Relation of the Live Stock Industry to the Potato Industry," but he was excused so as to catch the six o'clock train for home.

ABANDONED BARK SAVED.
New York, Dec. 28.—The Brazilian bark Nephtis, which broke away from the tug Garibaldi during a storm Dec. 14, whose crew of 12 were rescued by the Italian steamship Sardegna and brought to this port Dec. 18, was towed into port by the Coast Guard cutter Seneca today.
The Nephtis, in tow of the Garibaldi, left Maranhau, Brazil, Oct. 13.

Lost at Tabusintao
The last vessel built here was started by a company in Bathurst. She was about two hundred tons and barquentine rigged. She was lost on Tabusintao bar the fifth of November on a voyage from here to New York with a load of laths—vessel, laths and all were a dead loss, and three men lost their lives. That was twenty-five years ago, and was the last sea going vessel built here. There is some talk of the Bathurst Lumber Company going to start ship building here. They can get plenty spruce and hardwood, but juniper is very scarce and far away. In the days of shipbuilding juniper was plenty and not far away, but it has all been cut.

Satan Reproving Sin
I see the Hun is asking for peace—is asking for peace in the interest of humanity. He is beginning to discover that he is getting the worst of the fight and he wants a halt to save his skin, but the Hun talking about humanity is Satan reproving sin in earnest. If the devil and his angels had not have acted worse than the devil in Berlin and his friends in Belgium. When his friend the Turk murders all the Armenians with the Huns' concurrence, they will want peace in the interests of humanity.

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LADY ABERDEEN STOPS OCEAN LIMITED TRAIN

Peculiar Happening Occurred on Steep Grade Near Dorchester.

Moncton, Dec. 28.—Lady Aberdeen passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route to Halifax in private car No. 49 attached to No. 200 Ocean Limited. As the express was climbing the steep grade out of Dorchester, a curious accident happened. Lady Aberdeen in moving about the car, accidentally gripped an innocent looking handle which proved to be the conductor's brake valve.

The brakeman immediately went into emergency and the train stopped half way up the hill. The train was delayed over an hour as a result of the accident.

THE CROWN RESERVE HAPPILY SURPRISED

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Crown Reserve directors gave the shareholders an agreeable surprise today by declaring a dividend of 5 per cent to stock record today payable January 15. The stock sold ex-dividend today. As the company has not paid anything since July, 1915, and it is well known that the company ore reserves are pretty nearly exhausted, it is presumed that the present distribution is an isolated one made up of the accumulation of earnings of the past year or so from some different sources which the company decided to distribute. The last dividends, in 1915, were quarterly three per cent, ones in 1914, 24 per cent, was distributed; in 1912, 48 per cent; from 1910 to 1912, 60 per cent; and in 1909, 71 per cent, which was the top notch record.

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The deceased was an exceptionally fine character, kind to all, charitable and zealous in her church, and in all matters patriotic, and willing to help towards all causes to benefit humanity. She will be greatly missed by her many friends.
A good citizen has been called from our midst of whom it can truly be said: "She hath done what she could."
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The funeral will take place in the Anglican Church of St. Martins-in-the-Wood, Shediac Cape, on Friday afternoon.

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

IMPERIAL RELATIONS.

It is intimated that parliamentary business at the coming session may be expedited to permit the attendance of Sir Robert Borden at the approaching Imperial Conference, for which the date has not yet been definitely fixed, but which will in all probability assemble during the latter part of February or early in March. What the programme at this conference may be has not yet been announced, but the meeting will in any event serve to further solidify the Empire, to bring the Overseas Dominions into closer touch with the Motherland, and certainly to impress upon British statesmen the views of those representing very important portions of His Majesty's domain.

Previous to the reorganization of the Home Government under Mr. Lloyd George, opponents of Mr. Asquith—and some of them persons of considerable influence—included in their demands upon the late government the creation of a war cabinet which would include at least one representative from each of Canada, Australia and New Zealand. It was pointed out, and with a great deal of truth, that these dominions in common with others could not afford to be ignored on the vital issues of peace and war. "Surely," said one of these writers, "with the great armies they have placed in the field these Dominions have some stake in the Empire. It matters immeasurably to them whether we win or lose. They cannot afford to continue washing their hands of Imperial policy as in the past, opening their mouths and shutting their eyes for whatever is handed to them. Nor can the Mother Country afford to dispense with their robust common sense. The politicians at Westminster are in no sense of the term Imperial statesmen. They are hopelessly at sea as regards Colonial needs and aspirations. Mr. Asquith, for example—a most untravelled man—knows far less about Canada than Sir Robert Borden knows about England. Lord Lansdowne has never set eyes on Australia or New Zealand. Sir Edward Grey is a confirmed stay-at-home. But we never hear of the Borden, the Hughes and the Masses paying more than a casual visit to the cabinet, nor of being given an opportunity to do more than hand blank cheques to the Imperial Government to be used at the latter's own sweet will."

All this is interesting, coming as it does from one of the principal organs supporting the present Prime Minister, but there is still a reasonable doubt that the inclusion of representatives in the Imperial Cabinet is part of the Lloyd George programme. There has been no such intimation, yet the fact that many other lines of policy advocated in a more or less inspired tone, have been announced since the reorganization of the present government leads to a belief now finding expression in various quarters that the coming conference will be of the utmost Imperial importance. Certainly there are issues to be discussed, any one of which would under other circumstances justify such an assembly, but which brought to immediate importance by the war may readily lead in the near future to a much closer relationship between the units of the Empire than has existed in the past.

NEWSPAPER COSTS.

It is stated on good authority that since the outbreak of war some seven hundred daily and weekly newspapers in the United States and Canada have been forced out of business. This result has been due to two primary causes: First the marked decrease advertising patronage immediately following the commencement of hostilities, and latterly the greatly increasing cost of production. Scarcely a title entering the manufacturing newspaper has failed to reflect some loss as apparent in practical commodity. Paper, to those fortunate as to be protected by contracts, is a source of worry, and while the market has not yet been fixed for the year, it is clear that

there will be a decided advance, perhaps sufficiently serious to cripple many of the smaller publications. As paper is, of course, the principle article consumed, an advance of more than fifty per cent. as is now demanded by the manufacturers will prove a matter of grave concern. The Canadian Press Association has interested the Federal Government in this question and the probabilities are that during the next few days there will be some definite action taken which will at least clear the situation though it may not bring any great degree of comfort to publishers. Other commodities, however, are not so subject to government control, but being in the enjoyment of more varied markets are in the fullest sense regulated in price by the natural law of supply and demand. Thus, inks, metal rollers, wrappers, twines and other supplies have advanced anywhere from fifty to three hundred per cent. in the past two years.

In most lines of mercantile business situations such as this are met in the ordinary way, that is by making the consumer pay the extra cost. If sugar advances to the wholesaler ten cents per hundred, the retail purchaser at once is required to hand over the ten. But in the newspaper game a very large percentage of the output, both in circulation and in advertising, is carried on yearly contracts. No subscriber who has paid for his paper in advance can be asked to pass over an additional dollar or two, though of course expiring subscriptions may in many cases be renewed at an advanced rate. And an advertiser naturally expects that the contract in his possession, which is good for the next eight or ten months, will be carried out to the letter. Thus publishers of daily newspapers are at a disadvantage as compared with the ordinary merchant or manufacturer who is in a position to immediately advance the price of his goods whenever cost conditions make such a course necessary.

ROUMANIA'S ASSISTANCE.

Russian troops in co-operation with the remnants of the Roumanian army are offering stout resistance to the advance of the German forces in those parts of Roumania still free from occupation by the Central Powers. But it can hardly be expected that continued success will attend these defensive efforts in view of the determined nature of the Austro-German attack. Roumania seems doomed to somewhat the same fate as fell to the lot of Serbia, though there remains the consolation that with growing Allied strength the invasion of this unfortunate country will be of briefer duration. Close students of the European situation have felt from the first that participation in this struggle would be no Sunday school picnic for Roumania which, with her extended frontiers and her unfavorable geographical position—practically inaccessible to Allied support except from one quarter—afforded the easiest possible opportunity for attack. Germany, angered at Roumania's decision, planned from the first a punitive expedition and in pursuance of these plans has assisted in the development of Allied strategy. The forces at Verdun were weakened, thus enabling the French to retake in a few days that ground which had fallen to the Hun only after months of terrible slaughter. Along the Russian front from which men and guns were diverted for the invasion of Roumania various operations which for a time threatened seriously were brought to a standstill in order that Falkenhayn's Transylvanian campaign might be aided. On the Italian front General Cadorna has been successful in scoring a series of victories, and in the whole strategy of the Allied campaign time

has been gained for added preparation for what is yet to come.

The intervention of Roumania has therefore been largely in the nature of a valuable diversion to the Allies, a diversion which has relieved the pressure on all fronts, which has made clear the maximum effort now possible on the part of Germany, and has brought on that country losses which she can ill afford to meet. There has been no failure on the part of the Allied nations to render all the assistance in their power. But this assistance, because of the geographical conditions already noted, has been lacking in effectiveness. Only in the case of Greece has there appeared any serious criticism, for it is felt by many that a more aggressive policy in the earlier stages of the war might have removed that threat still hanging over the forces at Saloniki.

It is the custom of the German general staff to subordinate strategy to temper. They started out by hating Britain, Belgium interfered and they punished Belgium. Serbia opposed them and they over-ran Serbia. Italy broke away from her former connection and they endeavored without success to break Italy. Now Roumania, which has dared opposition, has fallen under their hate and must suffer. This will pass in time and the Germans will return to their original dearest enemy. When the present burst of fury has spent itself they will strafe England harder than ever. This, however, is poor consolation to Roumania.

THE LATE FRED ST. J. BLISS.

The tragic death of Fred St. J. Bliss at Fredericton at an early hour this morning removes a worthy citizen of the capital. Mr. Bliss was a man of keen business instincts, for many years active in all matters appertaining to the advancement of the community. He was especially interested in municipal affairs and rendered the Municipality of York faithful services for a number of years. He possessed the capacity of inspiring confidence in his associates in the many affairs of life. While not practicing law to any extent in recent years he had a keen legal mind, which might have served to make him one of the big men of his profession. The deceased always commanded the respect of the community and his untimely end will be regretted by a large number of friends.

STILL BUSY AT P. E. I.

TERMINAL AT BORDEN PT.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 28.—It is not yet known whether the Prince Edward Island will run this winter at the Cape. The Roger Miller Co. have closed work at the terminals for the season, but the Dominion Bridge Co. is still busy at Borden Point putting in the apron or transfer bridge at the outer end of the pier. Given favorable weather they hope to have the work completed in 10 or 12 days. This "apron," which is built of steel, is raised or lowered by powerful machinery so as to be always on a level with the steamer's track deck. There are very heavy counter-weights at one end to assist in the lifting operations. The erection of the towers and hoisting machinery is in itself a work of no small magnitude. The piers are now completed, with the exception of about half the sea wall, and the track has been laid almost out to the outer end. Trains were run on it this week carrying materials for the transfer bridge. The station and the round-house have been completed. The railway wharf at Georgetown is now being put in shape in the event of the steamer running

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there this winter. Work was started ten days ago in repairing the damage done at one corner by the ice, which carried away twenty-five piles. The berth is now all ready for the Prince Edward Island on the west side, the dredging having been completed last year.

HONOR FOR A. D. THOMAS, P. G. M.

Graham Lodge, L. O. L., have honored Past Grand Master A. Duncan Thomas of Fredericton by electing him an honorary member and they have presented him with a handsome engraved certificate and address. The address was as follows:

To Brother A. Duncan Thomas: It is of the greatest pleasure to us, to be able, at this time, in the history of our Orange Association, to recognize in you, and to present to you, as a token of our brotherly and fraternal esteem, an honorary certificate, in recognition of your long years of faithful service and bountiful work among us and especially L. O. L. No. 20.

It has fallen to your lot, to have occupied the highest positions, throughout the various Orange associations, of this your native province, and each and every one you have filled with honor to yourself and credit to the association. Through your many years of service, we are proud to say, that you have never stooped to use your position or your popularity for the furtherance of your private position or your personal emolument. The welfare of your association has always been your guide, being first and foremost in your mind and heart, and every act and deed has been for the furtherance of its righteous cause. Your views have all been of broadmindedness and of good fellowship to your brother man. You have always responded nobly to the call of your association, often times at the expense of your health, and of great personal sacrifice to yourself.

It is, therefore, with profound respect, brotherly and fraternal love, in presenting to you this small token, in some way to show the regard in which you are held by your brother Orange men, and we further wish and pray that God may yet deem it best to bestow on you many more years of the sweetness of life.

We, also, wish to extend to you, wife and family, our sincerest wishes for the future.

Yours very fraternally,

Graham L. O. L. No. 20, (Sgd.) E. C. Atkinson.

PREMIER HEARST APPEALS FOR SERBIAN RELIEF.

Letter from Mr. W. H. Hearst Advocates Support of Committee's Work.

"As the war presses more heavily its burdens and responsibilities upon the people of this country we are prone to forget the smaller nations for whose virtue and independence we are as surely striving as for our own. Because Serbia and Belgium suffered first in this war and have suffered longest, I am glad of this opportunity to commend the work of the Serbian Relief Committee to the kind hearts and gen-

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(Signed) "W. H. HEARST."

Canadian Empire League.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Canadian Empire League was held last night in the European War Veterans' Association rooms on Charlotte street. The membership now numbers nearly one hundred and measured by the interest which attends their meetings it will soon reach the two hundred mark. The constitution and by-laws were ordered to be printed in book form, and to be distributed among the members. It was also decided to hold a public meeting on the third Thursday in January, at which several prominent speakers will deliver addresses. The matter of distinguishing the members of the association was taken up and after several recommendations and suggestions it was unanimously decided that the association procure badges to be worn by the members. A substantial contribution to the European War Veterans' Association for the purpose of entertaining the children of the members at a concert tonight, also received the unanimous vote of the members. The chair was occupied by Dr. Manning.

Carlton Curling Club.

The pre-season meeting held by the members of the Carlton Curling Club last night at their rink augurs well for the winter of 1917. There were a large number of members present and each member took a deep and personal interest in the business brought up. H. Lingley made a capable chairman. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and recorded the matter of making arrangements for the season's work was discussed. The club proposes to have several outside games as well as the city matches. Financially the club is in a splendid condition, and with the new members joining this year, promises to be one of the most progressive curling clubs in the province.

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FUNERALS

Funeral of Mrs. Wall. The funeral of Mrs. Hannah T. Wall took place at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 305 Windsor Terrace, Rockland Road, to Holy Trinity church, where services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G. Relative acted as pall-bearers and interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

CITY COUNCIL SHELVES THE MILK QUESTION

Commissioner McLellan Not Altogether Satisfied With the Replies and May Bring the Matter Up Again.

The Common Council at their noon meeting yesterday took up the replies of the milk men to the set of questions sent them and after some considerable discussion laid them on the table to be perhaps dealt with at a later date. Commissioner Fisher expressed the opinion that the milk men seemed to have established their case and did not see that the council could do anything in the matter.

Commissioner McLellan expressed the opinion that the yield per cow for the amount of ration said to be fed was very small and he was just a little doubtful if the ration was measured correctly. He also questioned the claim of some of the dealers that they could not tell definitely the cost of delivery.

Commissioner Wigmore. Commissioner Wigmore did not think that any of the dealers were making very much money and he was inclined to think that the question of deliveries was the main factor in the retail cost. He did not see that the council could do anything at present, but when the farmers reduced the price in the summer the dealers should follow suit and moved that the correspondence lie on the table.

Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion and advocated the establishment of civic depots in central places for the sale of milk without delivery. The mayor said that it did not appear on the surface as though the dealers were overcharging.

Commissioner McLellan said that he would support the motion on the condition of understanding that the question could be brought up again at any time. On the vote being taken the motion carried.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Per cent. Cost of milk .40, Freight .05, Depreciation on 30 can route .01, Handling from station to factory .01, Loss in factory .02, Washing cans .01, Bottling, including washing .05, Loss of bottles .01, Feed for horse .02 1/2, Man's wages .06 1/2, Loss in measure .01, Depreciation on horse, wagon and harness .01, Foroman's wages .03 1/2, Rental of dairy .03, Office expense, light, heat, horse shoeing, insurance, etc. .03, W. S. Watters. Paid to farmer .48, Freight .03, Loss in measuring .02, Iceing .02, Bottling and capping .05, Washing cans .01, Washing bottles .02, Cost of delivery including feeding of horse and man's wages at \$2 per day .12, Depreciation on horse, wagon and harness .01, Loss in bottles and cans .02, 75.

MASONIC LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS. St. Stephen, Dec. 28.—At Sussex Lodge Past Deputy Grand Master James Vroom installed the following officers: W. B. Hawthorne, W. M.; J. W. Fraser, I. P. M.; Harold E. Beak, S. W.; Harold Smythe, J. W.; F. M. Murchie, Treasurer; J. T. Whitlock, Secretary; Rev. O. S. Newham, Chaplain; F. E. Carter, S. D.; C. H. Maxwell, J. D.; H. E. Cook, S. S.; O. F. Deacon, J. G.; F. H. Beak, D. of C.; Ernest Donald, I. G.; Harry Webber, Tyler.

Sale of Fishing Privileges. The Fisheries Commission at a meeting held yesterday morning authorized Chairman Russell to employ an auctioneer to sell the West Side fishing privileges at 10 a. m. on January 2.

DIED.

LONG.—At Milkish, on the 27th inst., Martha Ann, wife of Jos. Long, in her 81st year. Burial at Whitehead. Services at two o'clock.

SHIVES.—At Eston, near Theford, England, on September 29, 1916, Capt. Robt. Kilgour Shives, R. F. C., youngest son of the late Mr. Kilgour Shives and Mrs. Shives of Campbellton, N. B. Interment to take place at Fernhill after arrival of S. S. Ionian.

TRACEY.—In this city, on December 26, Thomas P. Tracey, son of the late Patrick and Katherine Tracey, leaving three sisters to mourn. Funeral on Friday morning, at 8.30, from his late residence, 270 Brussels street, to the Cathedral for Requiem High Mass. Friends invited.

AMERICAN FISH MARKET IS IN HEALTHY SHAPE

Captain John Hickey in City en Route to Shelburne, Where Reading is Wrecked

"What the Canadian fishermen are telling you in regard to the healthy condition of your market here applies equally well to the American fish market. It was never in better condition. Prices are the highest in the history of the country and there is a big demand," said Captain John Hickey of Reading, Mass., a well known figure in shipping and fishing circles in Massachusetts.

Captain Hickey reached the city yesterday from Boston and is a guest at the Victoria Hotel. He leaves this morning via Digby for Shelburne, Shelburne County, N. S., where he has been called in connection with the wreck of the fishing vessel Reading, which was considerably damaged in the heavy gale off Shelburne on Friday last. He told a reporter that the Reading was looking at the rate of 1,200 strokes an hour, while the men were busily engaged with the pumps, which have a capacity of 2,500 gallons an hour. Captain Hickey has retired from the active command of fishing vessels, but is still heavily interested in fishing in a financial way. He has retired to Shelburne, giving instructions for the men to keep the Reading afloat, and will take charge of the situation on his arrival there today. Captain Hickey thought that the efforts to save the vessel would be successful. The Reading was built in Essex two years ago at a cost of \$10,000.

"The labor problem has been a rather serious one for the fishing industry," said Captain Hickey. "There are high wages paid to fishermen. While there are many educated men employed in the mending of the crafts, the industry requires a hardy man rather than a scholarly chap, and I know of no industry which gives such good remuneration for the uneducated man."

MARRIAGES.

Teakles-DeMille. Portage Vale, Dec. 28.—An hymeneal event took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlour home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. DeMille of this place, when their daughter, Miss Sadie, was united in marriage to Walter Teakles, one of the leading young men of this place. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Mr. Burrows of Elgin in the presence of about sixty invited guests. The bride party entered the church with the strains of the wedding march which was rendered by the bride's sister, Miss Louise De Mille. The bride, who was adorned with a bridal veil, carried a bouquet of rare beauty, which consisted of roses and orange blossoms. She was assisted by her sister, Miss Muriel, and the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Brunswick Teakles. The bride was given in white and her travelling suit was blue. After a sumptuous supper had been served the young couple drove to Anagrace where they took the evening train for a lengthy wedding trip. They will visit Boston, New York and other American cities; they will not return for several weeks. Presents received were both costly and numerous and about one hundred dollars was received in cash. Mr. and Mrs. Teakles stand high in social society and their many friends extend to them a long happy and prosperous married life.

Vincent-Vincent. On Saturday, December 23, Lena May Vincent, graduate nurse of Providence (R.I.) Hospital, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beverley Vincent of 23 Millidge avenue, St. John, was united in marriage to Walter Moore Vincent in a marriage to take place in the city of Boston, government inspector in the United States navy. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Sheerin, rector of St. Matthew's church, Boston. The bride wore a pretty travelling suit of navy blue with large black velvet hat and valuable furs. She was attended by her sister, Miss Phoebe E. Vincent, who wore a pretty brown suit with beaver velvet hat. The groom was attended by his brother, Jas. A. Vincent. After the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Vincent left for a fortnight's trip to Washington, D. C., and on their return will reside at Wolfston, Mass.

THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Monthly—Benjamin Mirey, \$2; Rowland Frith (6 months), \$12; C. H. Lee, \$5; H. P. Paddington, \$10; Mrs. R. M. McLaughlin (3 months), \$1.50; C. H. Ferguson, \$5; W. W. Hawker (3 months), \$4; W. S. Ferris (2 months), \$2; F. T. Short, \$5. Single—W. C. Sinclair, \$5; Dr. W. P. Roberts, \$25; Municipality of City and County of St. John, \$8,023.10; John McLeod, Bay du Vin Light, \$1.50; James H. McLeod, Bliss Island Light, \$1; J. G. Barbour, Cape Esgair Light, and alarm, \$8.00; G. Lantourne, Carn and alarm, \$1.50; N. C. Belding, quiet light, \$3; D. O. Mattlett, Church Point Light, \$2.13; J. S. Galbraith, East Head Musquash Light, \$3; G. W. Silliker, Port Moncton Light, \$3; Geo. Mills, Fox Island (Lower) Light, \$1.50; Chas. R. Brune, Goose Lake Light, 60c.; O. P. Landry, Grand Anse Light, \$1.50; J. H. Binkley, Harpers Point Light, \$2; J. A. D. Robertson, Heron Island Light, \$12; J. K. McAllister, Lorneville Light, \$1.50; H. E. Armstrong, Martin Head Light, \$2.50; M. Murray, Middle Island Light, \$1.50; P. Gauvin, Mizonet Light, \$1.50; J. Robertson, Tabusintac Light, \$1.50; Frank Pringley, Point Roberts Light, \$2; Whitney Lamb, Lepreau Light, \$5c.; A. T. de Gripe, Shippigan Light, 50c.; Thos. P. Foster, Southwest Head Light, \$3; Mrs. Bertie G. Hannah, Spruce Point

MANY APPLY FOR LICENSES

A List of Those Who Have Applied For License.—About Twenty Non-Applicants, Including Two Brewers' Firms.

Applications for liquor licenses closed yesterday with License Inspector J. B. Jones. Thirty-six applications were received for retail business; five for hotels, five for wholesale and one for brewers. No applications were made by the following:

- Retail. Connors, John, J., 93 Britain St. Carson, R. W., 609 Main St. Dacey, William, 17 Brussels street. Harding, M. A., 9 Paradise Row. Hurley, Harold F., 616 Main street. Kyffin, Charles W., 189 Union street. Mahoney, Peter, 407 Union street. O'Neill, Philip M., 60 Mill street. Peterson, F. L., 5 King Square. Quinn, James, 182 Mill street. Rafferty, William L., 233 Union St. Sheehan, Humphrey J., 309 Brussels St. Williams, William L., 112 Prince Wm. street.

Hotels. Foster, Ellen, Dufferin Hotel, 48 Charlotte street.

Wholesale. Comeau & Sheehan, 75 Prince Wm. St. McIntyre, W. E. Ltd., 12 St. John St. O'Neill, Philip M., 15 North Wharf. Sullivan & Co., 44-46 Dock St. National Drug and Chemical Company, Ltd., 29-33 Mill street. Canadian Drug Company, Ltd., 70-72 Prince William street. Williams, William L., 112 Prince Wm. street.

Brewers. Jones, Simon, 2 Carmarthen street. Labatt, John, 24 St. John street. Those applying for licenses are as follows:

Retail. Brennan, Jane, 48 St. John street. Baxter, Wm. E., 35 St. John street. Caples, Richard, 313 Brussels street. Cronin, Ann Elizabeth, 48 Germain St. Driscoll, Thomas, 67 Union street. Doherty, Henry, 192 Union street. Doherty, J. C., 14 Church street. Dever, J. Harry, 232 Union street. Doherty, John, 63 Mill street. Flood, James J., 390 Haymarket Sq. Friars, E., 701 Main street. Gallagher, James, 36 Charlotte street. Halsey, Thomas H., 8 Charlotte street. Hogan, James E., 200 Union street. Haggerty, Wm. G., 491 Main street. Kane, Geo. F., 9 King Square. Lannan, Mary, 31 St. John street. Moran, Michael J., 78 Brittain St. Martin, Joseph P., 146 Main street. McDonald, James, 481 Main street. McGuire, Martin, 11 St. John street. McGuire, J. Philip, 44 Mill street. McLaugh, Cornelius, 132 Brussels St. Nugent, M. J., 652 Main street. O'Brien, Thos. S., 168 Main street. O'Neill, Ellen C., 647 Main street. O'Brien, John, 1 Mill street. Phinney, Howard, 18 Canterbury St. Powers, Thos. M., 84 Brussels St. Speight, Wm. T., 624 Main street. Savage, Wm. J., 451 Main street. Sullivan, Patrick, 312 Prince Wm. St. Trainor, Mary, 319 Charlotte street. Terry, W. W., 289 Brussels street. Ward, Josh, 29 Dock street. Warnock, John A., 67 St. John St.

OBITUARY

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MILLION FEET OF LOSS JAMMED AT DOAKTOWN

Frank D. Swim, M. L. A., in City Speaks of Lumbering Industry—Conditions Generally Good.

Frank D. Swim, M. L. A. of Doaktown, is in the city, a guest at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. Swim is a well known lumberman. He told a reporter that the cut of lumber in the woods in his vicinity this year would be well up to the average. Mr. Swim is planning to commence the operation of his winter mill at Lincoln early in the new year. He estimates the cut at this mill at 2,000,000 feet. His Doaktown mill will start operations in the early spring.

"The lumbering industry generally is in good shape," said Mr. Swim. "There is a big demand for lumber and the prices are high." Mr. Swim reports that the million feet from D. J. Buckley's drive on the Miramichi, which has been held up for the past season, broke loose the other day and came down the river to Doaktown, where it formed a large jam. A number of men are now at work in taking the logs from the river at Doaktown and these will be shipped to Mr. Buckley's mill below Newcastle.

"Conditions generally are good on the Miramichi," said Mr. Swim. "There was a brisk Christmas business and the citizens generally appear to be enjoying good times."

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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKET

Prices of commodities remain about as last week. An advance of twenty cents per barrel of Manitoba flour has taken place. Turkeys are cheaper. Dealers say that after the Christmas rush business is exceptionally quiet. Late wholesale and jobbing quotations are here given:

Groceries.	
Sugar, standard	\$7.75 @ 7.80
Rice	5.25 @ 5.50
Tapioca	0.11 @ 0.12
Beans—	
Yellow-eyed	7.00 @ 7.10
White	7.00 @ 7.10
Conmeal, gran.	0.00 @ 7.50
Cream of Tartar	0.42 @ 0.43
Currants, cleaned	0.90 @ 0.91
Molasses	0.62 @ 0.63
Peas, split, bags	6.75 @ 7.00
Barley, pot, bags	5.50 @ 5.60
Raisins—	
Choice, seeded	0.11 1/4 @ 0.11 1/2
Fancy, seeded	0.11 1/4 @ 0.11 1/2
Salt, Liverpool, per c.	1.25 @ 1.30
Soda, bicarb.	2.20 @ 2.25
Flours.	
Manitoba	0.00 @ 10.40
Ontario	0.00 @ 9.55
Oatmeal, standard	0.00 @ 9.90
Oatmeal, rolled	0.00 @ 8.50
Conmeal, bags	2.50 @ 2.55

Canned Goods.	
Beef—	
Corned 1s	3.00 @ 3.50
Corned 2s	0.00 @ 7.50
Beans—	
Baked	2.40 @ 2.50
String	1.32 1/2 @ 1.35
Clams	5.00 @ 5.10
Corn	1.75 @ 1.80
Herring, kippered	0.00 @ 5.75
Oysters—	
1s	1.70 @ 1.75
2s	2.50 @ 2.55
Pineapples—	
Sliced	2.40 @ 2.45
Grated	2.30 @ 2.35
Peas	1.30 @ 1.30
Peaches, 2s.	2.00 @ 2.05
Peaches, 3s.	0.44 @ 0.50
Plums, Lombard	1.50 @ 1.35
Raspberries	2.70 @ 2.75
Salmon—	
Pinks	0.00 @ 6.00
Cohoos	0.00 @ 9.00
Red Spring	10.00 @ 10.25
Tomatoes	2.35 @ 2.40
Strawberries	2.50 @ 2.55

Meats, Etc.	
Beef—	
Country	0.08 @ 0.10
Butcher's	0.11 @ 0.14
Western	0.14 @ 0.20
Eggs, case	0.40 @ 0.45
Eggs, fresh	0.45 @ 0.55
Cheese, Can.	0.25 @ 0.25 1/2
Turkey, per lb.	0.20 @ 0.35
Pork	0.17 @ 0.18
Veal	0.08 @ 0.12
Mutton	0.08 @ 0.12
Butter—	
Tub	0.28 @ 0.34
Roll	0.22 @ 0.25
Chickens, per lb.	0.00 @ 0.25
Potatoes, bbl.	0.00 @ 2.50
Fish.	
Boaters, boxes	0.75 @ 0.95
Medium	0.09 @ 7.50
Small	0.50 @ 5.75
Pinnan haddies	0.08 @ 0.10
Herring—	
Gr. Manan, bbls.	6.00 @ 6.75
Kipper, boxes	0.00 @ 0.99
Haddock	0.00 @ 0.08
Halibut	0.16 @ 0.20
Fruits, Etc.	
Almonds	0.21 @ 0.22
Bananas	2.00 @ 3.00
Walnuts	0.15 @ 0.17
Dates, new	0.09 @ 0.12
Pilberts	0.17 @ 0.18
Lemons	0.00 @ 5.00
Calif. Oranges	3.50 @ 5.00
Canadian Onions	3.00 @ 3.25
American Onions	4.35 @ 4.50
Peanuts, roasted	0.10 @ 0.15
Oats, Feed, Etc.	
Oats, per bushel	0.74 @ 0.76
Oats, car lots, bulk	0.72 @ 0.74
Bran, car lots, bags	34.00 @ 35.00
Hay, car lots, ton	14.00 @ 14.50
Hay, per ton, sm. lots	16.00 @ 17.00
Middlings, sm. lots	38.00 @ 39.00
Oils, Etc.	
Lard Oil	0.00 @ 1.20
Linseed	0.00 @ 0.13 1/2
Premier motor gaso-	
line	0.00 @ 0.30 1/2
Palatine	0.00 @ 0.16
Purpentine	0.00 @ 0.73
—By barrel, \$2 charged.	
Hides, Skins, Etc.	
Hides	0.00 @ 0.19
Calfskins	0.00 @ 0.30
Lambskins	1.50 @ 2.00
Wool, washed	0.47 @ 0.50
Wool, unwashed	0.32 @ 0.24
Tallow	0.06 1/2 @ 0.07

FLUCTUATING PEACE AFFECTS WALL ST.

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(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, Dec. 28.—Fluctuating peace news from Washington has resulted in an irregular but generally lower market. Diplomatic Washington seems to be drifting around like a boat without a rudder with no one man strong enough to deal with the situation which is one requiring clear and far-sighted statesmanship and not local political influences to grapple with. There is a growing feeling here that Germany is in a position where she must have peace in the near future and that she will make the necessary concessions to the Allies to attain it. As a result economic and speculative conditions in this country are much clouded and the uncertainty is expressed by the irregularity of the market. The tone at the close was heavy. Sales 987,800.
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MONTREAL SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Morning.
Montreal, Thursday, Dec. 28th—
Steel Canada Pfd.—10 @ 100.
Steel Canada Com.—140 @ 66 1/2, 210 @ 64 1/2, 25 @ 65 1/2, 5 @ 64 1/2, 50 @ 66, 100 @ 65 1/2, 25 @ 65 1/2, 25 @ 64 1/2, 815 @ 64 1/2, 275 @ 64 1/2, 60 1/2 @ 64 1/2, 80 @ 64, 25 @ 64 1/2, 285 @ 63 1/2, 50 @ 63 1/2, 100 @ 64, 225 @ 64 1/2, 225 @ 64 1/2, 525 @ 64 1/2, 150 @ 64 1/2, 220 @ 64 1/2.
Brazilian—5 @ 46, 10 @ 45 1/2.
Can. Cement Com.—200 @ 64 1/2, 20 @ 64, 10 @ 62 1/2, 25 @ 63.
Dom. Iron Com.—15 @ 65 1/2, 775 @ 65, 220 @ 64 1/2, 385 @ 64 1/2, 325 @ 64 1/2, 25 @ 64 1/2, 285 @ 64 1/2, 425 @ 64 1/2, 100 @ 64 1/2.
Shawinigan—20 @ 129.
Dom. War Loan—12,100 @ 98 1/2, 1,000 @ 98 1/2.
New War Loan—7,000 @ 98 1/2, 18,000 @ 98, 200 @ 98 1/2.
Bell Telephone—30 @ 146, 55 @ 147, 20 @ 115 1/2, 150 @ 126, 25 @ 125 1/2, 100 @ 126 1/2.
Smelting—25 @ 34, 15 @ 33 1/2, 25 @ 33 1/2.
Riondon—25 @ 115, 55 @ 116, 15 @ 115, 25 @ 115 1/2.
General Electric—25 @ 111.
McDonalds—25 @ 12 1/2, 35 @ 13.
Scotia—175 @ 116 1/2, 25 @ 116, 50 @ 115 1/2, 65 @ 113 1/2, 13 @ 113, 150 @ 112.
Quebec Ry.—50 @ 31 1/2, 15 @ 31 1/2, 125 @ 31 1/2, 125 @ 31.
Spanish River Com.—25 @ 16, 25 @ 16 1/2.
Dom. Bridge—65 @ 163 1/2, 65 @ 163, 100 @ 160, 10 @ 50 1/2.
Can. Car Pfd.—25 @ 77 1/2, 60 @ 76 1/2.
Afternoon.
Steamships Com.—75 @ 36, 25 @ 35 1/2, 35 1/2.
Brazilian—15 @ 40, 75 @ 47.
Steel Canada Com.—105 @ 64, 25 @ 64 1/2, 60 @ 64 1/2, 20 @ 64 1/2, 220 @ 64 1/2.
Can. Cement Com.—175 @ 62 1/2, 15 @ 61.
Civic Power—15 @ 81.
Dom. Iron Com.—635 @ 65, 160 @ 64 1/2.
New War Loan—500 @ 98 1/2, 200 @ 98 1/2.
Can. Car Com.—25 @ 26.
Toronto Ry.—20 @ 75, 50 @ 75.
Detroit United—20 @ 126 1/2, 50 @ 126 1/2.
Price Bros.—75 @ 120.
General Electric—25 @ 110 1/4.
Wayagamack—25 @ 96 1/2, 25 @ 96, 25 @ 112.
Quebec Ry.—50 @ 31 1/2, 160 @ 31 1/2, 25 @ 32.
Spanish River Com.—90 @ 17 1/2, 100 @ 17.
Dom. Bridge—10 @ 163 1/4.
Tram Power—75 @ 40 1/2.
Brompton—210 @ 54, 75 @ 55 1/2, 55 @ 54 1/2.
Commerce—8 @ 185 1/4, 1 @ 185.
Can. Loco.—10 @ 56.

NEW YORK COTTON

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)			
High.	Low.	Close.	
Jan.	17.65	17.00	17.01
Mar.	18.00	17.50	17.31
May	18.29	17.57	17.59
July	18.29	17.60	17.61
Dec.	18.76	16.11	16.12

REPORT OF A NEW BRITISH WAR LOAN

Dealers on London Stock Market Show Little Inclination to Make Fresh Commitments Pending Turn of Year.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
London, Dec. 28.—Dealers in the stock exchange show little inclination to make fresh commitments pending the turn of the year or developments in the war theatre.
In the meantime gossip is reviving that a fresh war loan is imminent, which perhaps was responsible for an earlier feeling in the gilt edged security section today.
Russett securities, Roumanian oil issues and shipping shares were steady, but otherwise there was little of interest to the dealers. American securities were idly steady. Heavy maturities of treasury bills kept the money market easy.

AMERICAN BANKS MAY HAVE LONDON AGENCIES

Way Probably Easier for Financing of British Commercial Bills in United States.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
London, Dec. 28.—The appointment of the Bank of England as agent for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is interpreted by the financial expert of the Times as a formal authorization for American banks to negotiate for the establishment of their own agencies in London.
The Times says that this matter has been the subject of much discussion behind the scenes in banking circles. It believes the arrangement has various advantages for British finance both during and after the war.
The article continues: "We can hardly doubt that the announcement made in the Times is also a welcome footnote in a sense friendly to the British credit, to the Board's recent warning to American banks against purchases of British treasury bills. Clearly the way is easier for the financing of British commercial bills in the United States."
The Post says that the appointment was received with interest in the financial quarters of London, where it was regarded as a manifestation of the friendly feeling and confidence entertained toward Great Britain by the highest financial authorities in America.
At the same time, says the Post, the inferences drawn in many cables from America respecting the extent to which the arrangement would facilitate the financing of our orders in America is now clearly comprehended in financial circles here.

MONTREAL MARKET WEAKER YESTERDAY

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Montreal, Dec. 28.—It was announced from Washington that the president had received another reply from Germany in regard to peace proposals. This caused a weaker tendency in the New York market, which was reflected in Canadian market. This was helped by public participation being greatly reduced on account of three days' holiday starting on Saturday.
In our market the Steel securities were affected the most. Steel of Canada selling down to 62 1/2 and closing up two points at 64 1/2. Dominion Iron was not so bad, opening at 65 and closing at the same price. Scotia sold off to 112 and was 114 bid at the close. Strength was shown in some of the inactive securities. Bell Telephone selling at 147, MacDonald up to 13, and Detroit firm at 126 1/2, 127, holding well its recent advance. Some of the Paper stocks showed strength. Riondon being bid up to 120 with no stock coming out after the sale at 115 1/2. Spanish River was better at 17 1/2. Civic Power steady at 81. In the unlisted department, Brompton after selling at 54, closed at 55 bid. Tram Power sold at 40 1/2. It looks as if erratic movements in the market would continue until something definite is known in regard to the foreign situation.

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LARGE NUMBER READY TO BUY R. R. STOCKS

Chicago and Northwestern Interests Said to be Ready to Take Up U. S. Steel.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, Dec. 28.—A large waiting list of buyers, mostly of the east, is ready to take up the railroad list upon signs of bullish activity, there has been shaken out of this group a tired element which refused to hold on when peace liquidation became acute. Indications point to a very large speculation in the rails, once interest is made active.
It is expected that the present negotiations between the railroads and the employees will produce an incentive. Commission houses seem to favor the oils and coppers more than other groups at present. The majority are friendly to the former but there is a large element in Boston which is buying the Coppers, especially In. The deal talk regarding Utah and Kennebec is revived with specific figures given for the merging of Kennebec. Western speculative buying is concentrating in the Steel stocks again. U. S. Steel especially is reported to be bought for Chicago and Northwestern interests active in the market and who had margins sufficient to sustain the break on peace. There has been considerable short covering judging from operations in private borrowing circles. Insiders calculate that Central Leather book value is \$140 a share. They say that so long as the war lasts the earnings of this concern will be phenomenal. The leather stocks continue to be favorite speculations with the outside contingent active in the general list and which element by the way has been going heavily short of motors.
N. Y. F. B.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)			
Open	High	Low	Close
Am Beet Sug.	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 3/4
Am Car Py.	62 1/2	62 3/4	62 3/4
Am Loco	77 1/2	77 3/4	76 1/2
Am Sugar	108 1/2	108 3/4	108 3/4
Am Smetl.	104	104	102 1/2
Am Woolen	44	44	42 1/2
Am Zinc	37	37	36 1/2
Am Tele.	125 1/2	125 3/4	125 1/2
Anacosta	82 1/2	82 3/4	80 1/2
A H and L Pfd	64 1/2	64 3/4	62 1/2
Am Can.	47 1/2	47 3/4	46 1/2
Atchison	104 1/2	104 3/4	104 1/2
Balt and Ohio	83 1/2	83 3/4	83 1/2
Bald Loco	58	58 1/2	56 1/2
Brook Rap Tr	82	82 1/2	82 1/2
Butte and Sup	46	46 1/2	45 1/2
Calif Petrol	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/2
C F I.	45	45 1/2	44 1/2
Cheq and Ohio	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/2
Chino	53 1/2	53 3/4	52 1/2
Cent Leath.	85 1/2	85 3/4	81 1/2
Can Pac.	165 1/2	165 3/4	165 1/2
Cons Gas	37 1/2	37 3/4	37 1/2
Cres Steel	63 1/2	63 3/4	59 1/2
Erie Com.	47 1/2	47 3/4	34 1/2
Erie 1st Pfd	49 1/2	49 3/4	49 1/2
Gr Nor Pfd	117 1/2	117 3/4	117 1/2
Good Rub.	60	60	58 1/2
Gen Elect.	166 1/2	166 3/4	166 1/2
Gr Nor Ore	36 1/2	36 3/4	36 1/2
Butte and Sup	46	46 1/2	45 1/2
Balt Gas	122 1/2	122 3/4	108 1/2
Inspira Cop.	57 1/2	57 3/4	55 1/2
Kenne Cop.	45 1/2	45 3/4	43 1/2
Mer Mar Pfd	85 1/2	85 3/4	85 1/2
Mex Petrol	94	94	90 1/2
Miami Cop.	38 1/2	38 3/4	37 1/2
Miss Pac.	15 1/2	15 3/4	15 1/2
N Y NH and H 52	104 1/2	104 3/4	103 1/2
N Y Cent.	104 1/2	104 3/4	103 1/2
Nor and West	135 1/2	135 3/4	135 1/2
Nor Pac.	110	110	108 1/2
Nat Lead	59	59	58 1/2
Nevada Cons.	24 1/2	24 3/4	23 1/2
Penn.	56 1/2	56 3/4	56 1/2
Press Stee	73 1/2	73 3/4	73 1/2
Reading Com	103 1/2	103 3/4	102 1/2
Repub Steel	78	78	76 1/2
Sou Pac.	97 1/2	97 3/4	96 1/2
Sou Rail	32 1/2	32 3/4	31 1/2
Sloss	62 1/2	62 3/4	61 1/2
Studebaker	108 1/2	108 3/4	104 1/2
Union Pac.	148	148	147 1/2
U S Stl Com	107 1/2	107 3/4	107 1/2
U S Rub.	63	63	61 1/2
Utah Cop.	102	102	99 1/2
Westinghouse	56	56	55 1/2
West Union	96 1/2	96 3/4	96 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	119 1/2	119 3/4	119 1/2

MONTREAL PRODUCE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Montreal, Dec. 28.—Oats—Canadian western, No. 2, 69 to 70; No. 3, 66 to 67; extra No. 1 feed, 66 to 67.
Barley—Man. feed, 96; malting, 1.30.
Flour—Man. spring wheat patents, first, 8.50; second, 9.00; strong bakers, 8.80; winter patents, choice, 9.25; straight rollers, 8.50 to 8.80; straight rollers, bags, 4.10 to 4.25.
Rolled oats—Barrel, 7.05; bags, 90 lbs., 3.40.
Millfeed—Bran, 32; shorts, 35; middlings, 38 to 40; mouille, 43 to 48.
Hay—No. 2, port ton, car lots, 13.00.
Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, 1.75 to 2.00.
CHICAGO PRODUCE.
(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat—No. 2, No. 3, No. 2 hard nominal.
Corn—No. 2 yellow, 91 1/2 to 92 1/2; No. 4 yellow, 88 to 90 1/2; No. 4 white, 89 to 90 1/2.
Oats—No. 3 white, 51 1/2 to 52 1/2; standard, 52 to 53.
Rye—No. 2, nominal.
Barley—85 to 1.22.
Timothy—3.50 to 3.50.
Clover—12.00 to 17.00.
Pork—28.50.
Lard—16.50.
Ribs—13.25 to 13.87.
Wheat.
High. Low. Close.
May 173 1/2 171 1/2 173
July 140 1/

GOOD YEAR REPORTED FOR SARDINE INDUSTRY

Lewis Connors Says Fully 300,000 Cases Have Been Shipped to Outside Markets.

"The past year has been a most successful one for the sardine business," said Lewis Connors, the big canner and exporter of Black's Harbor, who is in the city, a guest at the Duferin Hotel. Mr. Connors said that at the present time there was a considerable scarcity in the run of fish, but he thought that early in March would see the start of a big catch. The factories of Connors Bros. have been closed for a few days, but would resume operations in the near future.

Connors Bros. are large exporters of fish to the Canadian, New Zealand, Australian and West Indian markets. They are manufacturers of tons of sauce, mustard and many other lines, and also pack boneless smoked herring and clams. They shipped fully 300,000 cases of sardines during the past year. Mr. Connors said that winter herring were not much in evidence as yet, but he looked forward to a good catch early in the new year. Several hands are busily engaged at the factory of the company in canning corn beef.

George Frauley, the well known St. George general merchant, interviewed by The Standard yesterday, said that a meeting of the St. John and Charlotte County Weir Association would be held

STOPPED BATTLE TO FIRE AT WILD GEESSE

Corporal Harry Stevens of Niagara Falls is Responsible for Latest War Incident

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 28—Writing to his father, Alderman H. P. Stevens, Corp. Harry Stevens, aged eighteen, relates the following curious incident on the firing line.

"It was in the front line trench, and we and the Germans were firing away at each other like good fellows, when suddenly a flock of wild geese flew over the battle line 300 feet up in the air. Both Canadians and Germans saw the birds at the same time and immediately both sides quit firing at each other and began to fire at the geese high up in the air. The geese took alarm in a hurry and adopted a tactical movement by separating into three smaller bodies. I don't know how the Fritzies made out, but one of our snipers, the son of a Nova Scotia minister, took careful aim at the geese and brought down two dandies. They fell right into our trench, and I tell you, we had a swell goose supper that night."

early in January at St. George, when matters relative to the carrying on of the fishing industry would be considered.

T. H. Estabrooks observed the 55th anniversary of his birth yesterday.

PAYS WARM TRIBUTE TO KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM

Major Bartlett of Charlottetown Gives Interesting Address Before Local Art Club.

Major Bartlett of Charlottetown, P. E. I., gave a stirring lecture last evening to a large audience at the St. John Art Club studio on Peel street. He took for his subject "The Path of the Hun," and drew a strong parallel between Belgium and France as they were previous to the war and as they are now. His remarks were illustrated by about 150 fine views, including pictures of many well known churches and cathedrals, as well as other public buildings, both as they appeared before and after they had been demolished by the guns of the enemy.

Major Bartlett has travelled through the countries he so eloquently describes and his made his lecture unusually interesting. In speaking of King Albert of Belgium he referred to him as "a man standing in line, shoulder to shoulder with his countrymen and ready to face voluntary exile rather than to bow down to the German conqueror."

He spoke of Belgium as a most beautiful country and, though only one-third as large in area as New Brunswick, it was the most densely populated country in the world. In speaking of the wonderful works of art destroyed by the Huns he made the statement that the Germans were out to murder and not to kill in fair fight and they could not be expected to reverence art enough to leave it intact.

Continuing, he said: "The first article in the peace terms purports to restore Belgium her losses, but," he asked the audience, "can they make the sightless to see or the maimed to walk? Can they restore to Belgium the cathedrals containing, as they did, so much of art which they have wantonly destroyed? It has been an unwritten law among all conquerors to spare European cathedrals on account of their beauty, but the Germans have trampled on that law."

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Major Bartlett for his interesting and instructive discourse.

A good sum was realized which will be forwarded to the patriotic fund.

Major Bartlett leaves this morning en route for his home in Charlottetown.

THREE SKATERS CHASED BY WOLVES.

Standish Mich., Dec. 28—Three trappers, Charles Leonard, George Weston and Bert Parker, have reached here after a hunting trip in the Lake Superior region and report a race for life with a wolf pack on returning from their traps last week.

The men were on skates three miles from the nearest cabin when the wolves first appeared. One of the trappers fired his rifle when the pack approached them and the wolves quickly tore one of their wounded members to pieces, giving the hunters time for a start.

Several times when the wolves were nearly on them this was repeated, the men said, until they escaped.

LOCAL BOWLING.

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Tigers and Beavers broke even, each winning two points. The scores follow:

Tigers.			
Belyea	80	90	87-263 87 2-3
Robertson	83	88	81-252 84
Howard	83	107	90-280 93 1-3
Balfie	92	106	95-293 97 2-3
Lanney	76	93	88-257 85 2-3

Beavers.			
Cooper	99	78	79-256 85 1-3
Maxwell	87	101	102-290 96 2-3
Scott	92	85	92-269 89 2-3
Balfie	91	87	82-260 86 2-3
Carlson	87	87	89-263 87 2-3

456 438 444 1338

Tonight the Whips and Amateurs will roll.

Y. M. C. A. SPORTS.

Members of the Junior A Bible Study Group held their annual athletic contest in the Y. M. C. A. gym. yesterday morning. The different events were warmly contested. Five teams



IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD
OTTAWA

December 27th, 1916.

TO THE MUNITIONS WORKERS OF CANADA.

The Imperial Minister of Munitions has entrusted to the manufacturers of Canada and their work people, the production of an important percentage of the shells which will be used at the front. It is vital to the successful prosecution of the war that these munitions be delivered weekly as promised. The present delivery of shells (save in one size) is below the promised quantity, and the shortage has become so serious that it causes grave anxiety.

If we, who produce munitions at home, are to be worthy of the men who have gone to the front, we must set aside comfort and ease and personal gratification, and give undivided attention to munitions output.

From a personal knowledge of the need, and personal contact with the suffering and the heroism of the men in the trenches, I urge the munitions workers, whether in the steel plant, or in the factory, to devote themselves with increased energy and unstinted time to the task of additional output.

Neither the soldier nor the sailor will have his New Year's Day free from duty. I appeal to the men and to the women engaged in munitions production in Canada, to forego Saturday afternoon, the 30th instant, and Monday, New Year's Day, and to continue at their work. The sacrifice is small, but to those who make it will come the satisfaction of having discharged a clear obligation.

Yours truly,

J. H. G. Smith
Chairman.

If Belgium Were "Next-Door" To Canada

- if the heavily-charged electric wires, that pen the people into a workless and almost foodless land, ran along our frontier
- if instead of reading of Belgian sufferings we heard the pitiful tales from the lips of escaped victims
- if we could see the long and hungry bread-lines of people as intelligent and once as prosperous and comfortable as ourselves
- if we could watch the thousands of emaciated children who are fed at the schools by the Belgian Relief Commission
- if what they are enduring, and their desperate need, were clear and vivid to us, instead of unreal and overseas
- then the great hearts of Canadians would be moved, and there would be no trouble in raising several times our present contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Can we bring the urgent needs of the hungry Belgian mothers and children home to YOU? Can we enlist YOUR active sympathy for those whose very lives depend on the prompt and continued help of people like yourself? Send your subscriptions weekly, monthly or in one lump sum to Local or Provincial Committees, or

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GREETINGS

To our many friends and patrons we extend our most hearty wishes for all that is best in life during the New Year.

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Theirs is to DO if NOT to DIE—Their is to never question "why?" At kitchen tasks their talents shine; the floors they polish up are fine; in fact, no matter where they go they leave a spotless trail; and so, like sunshine, when the sky is grey they help to drive the clouds away.

Each grain of Gold Dust also shares in cleaning up the household wares; each mop it touches seals a bond, to make a mop a fairy wand; each brush or cloth holds regal sway in driving dirt's dull care away.

The Gold Dust Twins

Bringing Up Father



Correspondents' Corner.

REXTON

Rexton, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Alex. McMichael entertained a number of young people at her home Tuesday evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Roberta who has recently returned from Boston. Games and music were enjoyed, the latter being furnished by Robert Goldie, Mark Sutherland and Harry Girvan. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sutherland, Mrs. Lanigan, the Misses Gertrude-Price, Agnes McMichael, Minnie Smith, Catherine McNulty, Alice Williams, Frances Lanigan, Lillian Williamson, Margaret Ross, Helen Gardner, Messrs Grant McDonald, E. T. LeBlanc, Freeman Atkinson, Fred M. Girvan, Edwin Smith, Frank Hannay, Henry Atkinson, Harry Girvan, James Carl and Ralph Hutchison.

A large number of children came Saturday to spend the Christmas season here.

Misses Mary and Bessie Wright who have been teaching at Sackville, have returned home for their vacation. Their sister Miss Lynn Wright who teaches in Charlotte County, came home Friday.

Mrs. Moore and son Patrick of Westfield, Mass., are visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lanigan of Crossburn, N. S., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Keady Lanigan.

Frank Lanigan of Bridgewater, N. S., is also home for a few days.

Miss Lillian McLellan, who teaches at Bridgewater, Westmorland County, and her sister, Miss Arvilla, who teaches in Albert County, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLellan.

Miss Sarah Palmer who teaches in Queens County, and her sister, Miss Minard, who taught in Gloucester County, are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Palmer.

Miss Lena Burns and Miss Nellie Hanrahan, who have been attending Normal school, are home for the holidays.

Miss Stella Burns, who teaches at McNairn, is spending her holidays at her home at South Branch.

Miss D. S. Smallwood, who teaches at Sackville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Atkinson.

David Wood of the 246th Bn., at Halifax and John Maloney of the 165th at St. John, are visiting their respective homes here.

Robert O'Leary has joined the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada at Richibucto.

Ralph Hutchinson of the Killies Bn., at Fredericton, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hutchinson.

LOGGIEVILLE

Loggieville, Dec. 28.—The choir of Knox Church assisted by other local talent and talent from adjoining districts, gave a concert in the Presbyterian church here, on the evening of the 21st inst. The weather was rather unfavorable, but the attendance was good. The proceeds amounting to about \$22.00 were devoted to church funds. The programme throughout was well rendered. It consisted of anthems, duets, solos, readings, etc. During the evening violin music was nicely played by Miss Hazel Dickson of Napan. Each programme number was much enjoyed by the audience. Those assisting the choir were Miss Muriel Ellis of Chatham; Miss Dickson of Napan; Capt. Powell of Newcastle; Mrs. Powrie of Black River; and Messrs. Simpson, Hornbrook and Dempsey of Loggieville.

Mrs. Ross of Hampton is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Johnstone.

Miss Bertha Dunbar who has been attending Mt. Allison College, Sackville, is in town for the holidays.

Miss Henderson and Miss Mills are out of town for the vacation, Miss Henderson has gone to her home in Douglas town, and Miss Mills is visiting Black River relatives.

Miss Gray Loggie is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Loggie.

Christmas day passed quietly in the town here. The morning was bright, but the afternoon brought a light fall of snow. Although there had been many changes in the social and family life of the community during the year, yet many home circles had the privilege of a family reunion on Christmas day.

Miss Bertha Russell of Fredericton, spent the holiday season with relatives here.

On Saturday preceding Christmas all the homes of the community were visited by a messenger bearing a gift from the A. & R. Loggie Co. In most cases the presents distributed took the form of a plump turkey or goose. Many hearts were gladdened by the kindness so liberally shown by the Loggie firm.

Mrs. Fowlie is visiting Bathurst relatives at present.

Miss Blanche O'Hearn of Massachusetts is in town, a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. D. Gillis.

The members of the firm of A. & R. Loggie were the recipients of tokens of remembrance from their employees on Christmas day.

Miss Lottie Loggie, who has been a student at Halifax college, is at the home of her parents here for the holidays.

APOHAQUI

Apoahqui, Dec. 26.—The Christmas season, which has ever been marked by festivities and happy reunions has, apart from the true cause of gladness at Christmastide, been somewhat marred as regards temporal pleasures, owing to the great conflagration, in which so many have a part.

The day passed unusually quiet in this vicinity. A number of the homes were saddened by the vacant chair rendered so by the absence of dear ones, several of whom have made the "supreme sacrifice" while others are across the seas, doing the bit assigned them, in defense of our country. Even a tinge of sadness was mingled with the happiness in other homes which had not been similarly affected, due to the sincere sympathy for the bereaved, who at this time feel their loss so keenly.

A considerable number of young people who are employed in other places, arrived home to spend the Yuletide with relatives and friends among them being:

Miss Ruth Tingley, who teaches in Truro, N. S., is spending the vacation with her parents, Rev. L. J. and Mrs. Tingley at the Baptist parsonage.

Miss Annie Armstrong, who is on

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THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday the case of selling liquor without a license preferred against Frank Davis, was resumed and then adjourned until next Wednesday morning.

Thomas Wills, of 96 City Line, West St. John, was remanded on the charge of assaulting his wife.

Four drunks were fined eight dollars each.

A soldier and a civilian were remanded on the charge of being intoxicated, and causing a disturbance.

John Cormier, charged with lying and lurking about the I. C. R. power house started to smoke his pipe in court and was remanded.

Frank Dolan, charged with breaking into the Cathedral on Waterloo street was remanded until today.

Private Harold Delaney, charged with stealing some clothing from the store of W. E. Ward, King street, was given his freedom.

the teaching staff at Middle Sackville, is with her parents, Councillor and Mrs. Armstrong for the holidays.

Miss George Chambers, who has been teaching at Greenwich, is home for the vacation.

The Misses Clara Kierstead of Collins, and Gertrude Ganong of Snyder Mountain, who are both employees of Ganong Bros., St. Stephen, are at their respective homes for the holidays.

Sergeant Joseph McCatch, who is on the home defense, Halifax, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McKnight.

Miss Ethel Wright, of Sussex, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Wright.

Mrs. Mary McLeod and Martha McVey of the Superior School teaching staff, are spending their vacation at their homes in Richibucto and Passesage, respectively.

Miss Annie Gregg of Jones Bros', office staff spent the week-end and holiday at her home at Mountalton.

Dr. S. W. Burgess of Moncton was in the village, (professionally) on Friday last and incidentally paid a visit to his sister, Mrs. Harley S. Jones and Mr. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace spent the week-end and Christmas with Mrs. Wallace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore of Mechnate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore of Point Wolfe, Albert Co., were guests of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P.

Connelly, for Sunday and the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Colpitts and family spent the week-end and holiday with Rev. R. J. Colpitts and Mrs. Colpitts, of Grand Bay.

Mrs. George Ellison and Miss Florence Ellison have closed their home for a few months, which they will spend with Mr. and Mrs. W. Tyng Peters, Rotheray.

Paul Gilchrist, Great Salmon River, was the guest of friends here for Christmas.

H. J. Johnson spent a few days of last week with friends at Oxford, N. S. John Wall of St. Stephen paid a brief visit to Lower Millstream last week.

Mrs. Wall and little son, who have spent several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, accompanied her husband to their home in St. Stephen.

Mrs. Walter T. Burgess spent Christmas at her old home in St. Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Corbett and Mrs. W. G. McLeod have closed their home for several months and have taken apartments in St. John.

Irvine Cooper, Sussex, was a Christmas guest of relatives here.

Mrs. Harry Mishon of Houlton, Maine, is spending a few days at her former home here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Gamblin and family are guests at Mrs. Gamblin's old home at Pleasant Ridge.

Miss Ethel Gilchrist, who teaches at Holderville, Kings county, is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Gilchrist.

Miss Gretia Hallett spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Jones and Mr. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Wiles and family returned to their home at College Bridge today, after spending a few weeks at Mrs. Wiles' old home here.

Benjamin S. Babbitt.

Benjamin S. Babbitt of Gagetown, aged sixty-six years, died on the 22nd instant at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Dunn in Gagetown, after about two weeks' illness. The funeral took place on the 29th at St. John's church and was attended by a large number of friends, among whom was H. W. Woods, M. L. A., from Wolford, Rev. G. S. Marshall officiated at the funeral services.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Joseph Long. The many friends of Mrs. Joseph Long will regret to hear of her death which occurred on Wednesday at her home, at Millis. Mrs. Long had ill for some years, but was only confined to her bed for a few days. She leaves beside her husband, three sons—Hastlet and Percy, at home; Joseph W., of St. John; the daughter, Mrs. Frank G. Irvine, of St. John, and six brothers and one sister. Funeral will be held on Friday from her late residence to Whitehead church. Services at 2 o'clock.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast. Maritime—Strong winds of moderate gales from northwest, fair and becoming much colder. Washington, Dec. 28.—Northern New England—Partly cloudy and colder Friday; Saturday fair; moderate west and northwest winds.

Temperatures.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max.

Around the City

Arrested for Assault. Yesterday afternoon Samuel Armand was arrested by Police Constables Jones and Saunders on the charge of assaulting and beating Albert Williams in view of the police.

Eclectic Reading Club. The Eclectic Reading Club met last evening at the St. John's O' the Lantern tea room. The evening was in charge of Mrs. Silas Atwood, who was also hostess.

A Christmas Treat. There was a happy gathering in the Stone Church school room last night, when the Sunday school scholars enjoyed a Christmas treat.

Violently Resisted Arrest. When George Lavigne was arrested on Charlotte street yesterday afternoon for being drunk, he not only violently resisted, but injured Police Constables McInnis and Hogg, by kicking them in the face.

Policemen Eat Goose. The police officers on the night squad who partook of their lunch in headquarters at eleven o'clock were given a most agreeable surprise last night. A friend and admirer of the blue coats presented them with a large, well cooked, juicy goose.

Excellent Calendars. The Standard has received a very pretty calendar from F. S. Bennell, provincial manager of the Northern Life Assurance Company.

Retail Fish Market. There is but little to record respecting fish in the local market. Prices remain dear with stocks rather plentiful.

Ladies' Coat Bargains. The time has come to get rid of what coats are on hand at P. A. Dyckman & Co.'s, and they have gone through the entire stock and have got the prices to such a point that will almost induce anyone to buy a coat whether they want one or not.

The Late Benjamin Babbitt. H. W. Woods, M. L. A. reached the city yesterday from Gagetown, where he had been attending the funeral of the late Benjamin Babbitt, which took place on Tuesday afternoon.

BIG INCREASE IN SHIPMENTS HANDLED BY THE TRANSPORTS FROM THE PORTS OF CANADA

St. John Shares Largely in the Tremendous Increase in Traffic—Work Under Direction of Naval Department and Committee of Government of Which Hon. J. D. Hazen is Chairman.

An indication of the vast increase in traffic through Canadian ports is afforded from a comparison of the returns for the past seven months with a corresponding period for 1915.

The work in connection with the transports is under the direction of Mr. Harris, formerly with the C. P. R. There is also a committee of the Dominion government which advise concerning the matter.

The statements follow:

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A. H. HARRIS, Acting Director Overseas Transport.

TEN APPLIED; FOUR ACCEPTED

Bright Prospects for Securing Recruits for Navy and Army—With the Engineers

HONOR ROLL.

- William Birmingham, Eng. Patrick Gilmour, Eng. Herbert Warden, Blair, N. B. Royal Navy. Wm. Robb, St. John, N. B. Canadian Engineers.

Ten men made application for enlistment in the Empire's army yesterday in the city. Of this number only four were able to pass the doctor. Measured by the many inquiries received by Commander Wood, the naval service in Canada is rapidly gaining favor.

OFF for St. Johns.

Some conception can be gained of the high class of men who are enlisting in the Canadian Engineers by scanning the list of men and their trades, who left last night for St. Johns, Quebec, the training depot for the unit.

OBJ. CT TO CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ACT

City Council Not Satisfied With Sliding Scale for Assessing for the Patriotic Fund.—Replies From Coal Dealers Laid on the Table.

The city council at the committee meeting yesterday morning discussed the assessment for the patriotic fund and the replies from the milkmen and coal dealers.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT TO A. E. TRENTOWSKY, JR.

Albert E. Trentowsky, the nine year old son of Albert E. Trentowsky, St. James street, met with a very painful accident last evening.

SKATING ON LILY LAKE.

The St. John Ice Company's teams were at work yesterday ploughing the snow off a large section of Lily Lake, with the result that it left an excellent sheet of ice for skating.

FAMOUS BRITISH WAR VETERAN IS IN CITY

Captain Arthur L. Duff Who Has Seen Much Service, on Visit to Friends Here.—Other Military Notes.

Captain Arthur L. Duff, a famous officer of the Imperial forces, is in the city visiting friends.

Aside from saying that the British cause would ultimately triumph in the present great war, Captain Duff refused to be interviewed.

65TH GUNNERS BRINGING IN MANY NEW RECRUITS

Captain Berrie to Submit Plan for Recruiting Campaign for His Battery.

Captain J. C. Berrie of the 65th Overseas Battery, stationed at Woodstock, had a conference with Lt.-Col. J. L. McAvity yesterday afternoon.

The interest that the gunners of the 65th are manifesting in the matter of securing recruits is strikingly evidenced by the results that they have secured during the Christmas vacation.

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