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## PREMIER MAY MAKE HISTORY TODAY; FRENCH CONTINUE THEIR BIG DRIVE

### THE WORLD AWAITS LLOYD GEORGE'S WORD

Premier Will Reply to Germany at 4 p. m., Greenwich Time, Today, in House of Commons -- Address Expected to Be Most Memorable Since That of Viscount Grey Delivered Before War.

**FRENCH ARMY HAS REGAINED THE ENTIRE OCCUPANCY OF CHAMBRETTE FARM, NORTH-EAST OF VERDUN—MORE THAN 11,000 GERMAN PRISONERS AND 115 CANNON AND 107 MACHINE GUNS TAKEN.**

The British Prime Minister will reply Tuesday afternoon in the House of Commons to the German peace note, which has been transmitted by the American ambassadors to the British and French foreign offices, and will also outline the policy of the new government, a pronouncement which will have a far-reaching effect on the world war.

French troops have regained the entire occupancy of the Chambrette Farm, northeast of Verdun, and about the centre of their advance of last week. The prisoners taken in the latest French thrust on the Verdun front now total more than 11,000, in addition to 115 cannon and 107 machine guns captured or destroyed. Paris reports the repulse of several German offensive attempts in the Somme region.

Unofficial estimates made in Berlin place the losses of the French army to date at 3,800,000 men, and the British losses at 1,300,000. The Anglo-French losses on the Somme to the end of November are estimated at 800,000, the British share being 550,000. The German losses on the Somme are declared by the Germans to have been less than 500,000.

#### In Roumania.

In the region of Buzeu, Berlin states, the soldiers of Field Marshal Von Mackensen have been successful in minor engagements. Petrograd asserts that in the region of the Filippopolis railroad station, east of Buzeu, hostile attacks were arrested.

The Babadagh-Pecineaga line, about 40 miles north of the Tchernavoda-Constanza railway, has been crossed by the Teutonic troops, who have now taken virtually all the ground they held during their previous advance in Northern Dobruja. The advance in Dobruja brings the forces of the Central Powers near the important railroad and storage centres of Ibraila and Galatz.

#### Russians Gain.

On the western Moldavian frontier the Russians have taken two ridges of heights, according to Petrograd, one ridge was in the Ural Valley and the other east of Glanoutze, where more than 200 prisoners were captured.

Except for the repulse of Russian attacks by the Austro-Germans near Lutsk in Volhynia and near Zboroff, in Galicia, there has been little activity on the other battle fronts. Berlin announces that a French battleship of the Patrie class was damaged heavily by a torpedo from a German submarine in the Mediterranean Sea on December 12 and that on the previous day a French transport, carrying 1,000 soldiers, was torpedoed southwest of Sicily. The French admiralty denies the loss of a French warship of the Patrie class.

Seventeen American muleteers were killed on December 14 when the British horse transport Russia was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean Sea, according to an announcement by the British admiralty. Eleven members of the crew also lost their lives. The Russia is declared to have been empty at the time she was sunk.

#### Premier Lloyd George.

London, Dec. 18.—The speech of Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons tomorrow is looked forward to by the press and public as the most important utterance of the kind since the memorable speeches in which Viscount Grey discussed whether Great Britain would come into the war. Mr. Lloyd George has recovered from his indisposition, and was at work today. He will rise to address the Commons tomorrow at about four o'clock, and will probably speak for an hour and a half.

The prime minister's speech will be not only a reply to the German peace

note, but will also outline the whole policy of the new national government, the trend of which may be roughly anticipated from the fact that the new ministry is avowedly in power for the definite object "of carrying on the war with all the vigor the nation can command to a successful end."

#### Balfour on Vacation.

Today's news from government circles included the announcement of the departure of Mr. Balfour, the secretary for foreign affairs, for three weeks' vacation. Although this comes at an important juncture, the organization of the foreign office permits affairs to proceed uninterrupted under the direction of Lord Robert Cecil and Baron Hardinge, the under-secretary, while the larger questions of general policy doubtless will receive the attention of the war cabinet, over which the Prime Minister presides. Lord Curzon and Milner are also members with wide diplomatic experience.

It is recalled that Mr. Balfour's designation as foreign minister met with severe criticism from the Northcliffe press, and Lord Northcliffe, himself, urged Mr. Lloyd George to follow the precedent of Lord Salisbury in directing foreign affairs, as well as assuming the premiership. While Mr. Balfour's absence is said to be due to indisposition following illness, and there is no suggestion of its being prolonged beyond three weeks, yet it has the effect of leaving the shaping of the larger policies regarding the German note and other foreign issues largely in the hands of the premier.

### PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO POPULAR 104TH

London, Dec. 18. (Montreal Gazette cable).—There will be a presentation of colors on Christmas Day to the 104th Battalion of New Brunswick, in command of Lieut. Col. George W. Fowler, M. P., by F. W. Sumner, agent-general for the province.

One of Sir George Perley's earliest decisions as overseas minister of militia was the removal of the Canadian discharge depot, under Lieut.-Col. Paul Hanson, of Montreal, from a location near Brighton to Buxton, the discomforts being so great as to earn the title of happy valley.

### MR. STANFIELD RESIGNS SEAT IN PARLIAMENT

Chief Conservative Whip Follows Action of His Brother in Protesting Against Certain Railway Appointments

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 18.—John Stanfield, M. P., chief whip of the federal Conservative party, has resigned his seat. He has done so as a protest against the administration of the government railways in Nova Scotia by Hon. Frank Cochrane, the minister. At a general meeting of the Conservative Association of Colchester county, held at Truro, he handed his resignation to the chairman, after his brother, Frank Stanfield, M. L. A., had resigned his seat on similar grounds.

Forwarded to Speaker. John Stanfield in handing his resignation to the chairman asked that the executive forward it to Speaker Seigny at Ottawa "in order that there be no misunderstanding."

Frank Stanfield had said that he resigned his seat in the legislature as a protest against the unsatisfactory way Dominion matters were conducted, especially in respect to the Canadian Government Railways. His chief reason for resigning was as a protest against the way Maritime Province men, capable employees of the road,



JOHN STANFIELD, M. P.

were being used in the matter of promotion. He said he had found that it was impossible to obtain fair play for these men. He said he absolutely refused to accept the explanation of the management that capable men could not be found among the employees to fill important positions.

In Hands of Party. John Stanfield in resigning explained that that was the most explicit way for him to place himself in the hands of the party.

The chief whip's letter of resignation reads: Dec. 14th, 1916. To the Hon. Speaker of the House of Commons, Ottawa:

Dear Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as representative of the electorate of Colchester county.

Yours truly, JOHN STANFIELD. Witnessed—John Glassey, George L. Fisher.

Political Sensation. The resignation of the chief whip has caused a great political sensation at Ottawa. There is no doubt that his resignation has rendered action of some kind on the part of the Prime Minister necessary. He has been chief whip since 1911 and was a whip

### CANADA MAKES QUICK RESPONSE TO APPEAL FOR WAR TRUCKAGE URGENTLY NEEDED IN FRANCE

Hon. Mr. Cochrane, General Manager Gutelius and Others Arrange to Ship Rails and Other Equipment Sufficient Material to Load One Steamer on Way—Non-Government Roads Assisting.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Imperial government has asked the Dominion to help solve the difficulties of the French railway situation, both in the relief of port congestion and the movement of guns and munitions behind the lines. The transportation facilities in France have been inadequate to permit the Allies to take full advantage of the material and supplies available, and it is felt that the war could be considerably shortened and thousands of lives saved if sufficient additional railway facilities could be provided promptly.

Trackage Wanted. The British government is doing what it can to supply the deficiency from England, and Canada was asked whether there was any possibility of securing rails and other track material from the Dominion to meet what is regarded by the British Minister of War as a vital need and suggesting that if no other solution were possible certain already existing trackage might be taken up and sent forward. The call on the Dominion is for from 1,200 to 1,500 miles of railway trackage.

This information was received in Ottawa Thursday afternoon, and the Canadian steel situation was immediately canvassed. It became apparent that the munitions works with which the Canadian mills are at present engaged precluded any possibility of early delivery of rails, tie plates, bolts, etc., from those quarters, and it was evident that the situation could be properly and promptly met only by the taking up of Canadian track.

Gutelius Consulted. It so happened that the Minister of Railways, Honorable Frank Cochrane, was unavoidably absent from Ottawa and could not return at once, so on Friday afternoon Mr. Graham A. Bell, financial controller of the department, left for New York with the necessary documents to place the matter fully before the minister, and at New York Mr. Cochrane was able to consult with his colleague, Honorable Dr. Reid, who as acting Minister of Railways at various times, is also closely in touch with the Canadian railway situation. Mr. Bell reached New York early Saturday morning, and before ten o'clock a telegram to the department was on the wire directing that Mr. Gutelius, general manager of government railways, be instructed to arrange immediately to take up 300 miles of government railway sidings, and to also supply whatever track material was immediately available. With these instructions Mr. Gutelius, who had been called to Ottawa, left for Montreal on Saturday afternoon and has already under movement to the seaboard sufficient track material, including rails, tie plates, bolts, spikes and ties to equip one complete section of twenty miles of railway including sidings. To enable the general manager to do this the Canadian Northern Railway, through Mr. D. B. Hanna, very generously came to his support with ten miles of spike material.

Other Roads Aid. With the 300 miles from Canadian Government Railways as a start, Mr. Cochrane at once got busy with the for some years before that. He recommended Colchester from the Liberals and for some time was the only Conservative from Nova Scotia in parliament.

Mr. Stanfield Talks. Mr. Stanfield arrived in Ottawa today and was asked by The Standard if he had anything to say regarding his resignation. "Only this," he said, "I will stand no more from the Minister of Railways. The situation is unbearable. He refuses to recognize the rights of the people of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and I am finished with him. I have handed my resignation to the executive of the Conservative Association of Colchester county, and I am in their hands. But I may say that they are behind me to a man."

other railways. Mr. E. J. Chamberlain, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, happened to be in Washington and was able to meet the minister in New York on Sunday. In the meantime Mr. Cochrane had been in consultation with Mr. A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central, and chairman of the commission which is investigating the Canadian railways situation, and as a result Mr. Coch-



HON. FRANK COCHRANE.

rane decided that the first request to be made of the privately owned Canadian roads would be the taking up of the 220 miles of duplicate mileage in the mountain section between Edmonton and the coast. For this distance the Canadian Northern Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific parallel each other. Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion railway commission, has approved of this. Hon. Dr. Reid left for Ottawa Saturday night to follow the matter there and has recommended to council the granting to the Minister of Railways of power to order up existing rails and material whenever the investigating railway commission and the Dominion railway board may agree as to the practicability.

There are divisional points on the Transcontinental where parage has been provided which cannot possibly be utilized for many years to come and a considerable mileage of rails and material can be spared from most of these divisional points. Further, wherever a siding anywhere on government railways is not urgently required it will be taken up. The same practice will be followed on Canadian government railway branch lines, and there is also a lot of material in connection with the Hudson railway construction which will be available if necessary.

As already stated the first twenty mile section sufficient to load one steamer is on the way, and other material will be forwarded as promptly as British bottoms can take care of it at the seaboard. It is expected that at least one thousand miles of complete roadway will be supplied by Canada, and in order to facilitate the taking up of rails all local labor available will be used, but where this is not sufficient, troops will be employed to rush the work through.

### CANADIAN TROOPS AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 18.—The steamer Northland, which arrived here tonight from Liverpool, brought among other passengers, twenty-three officers and 183 other ranks, of Canadian troops, some on leave and others wounded.

ANOTHER STORM IS HEADING THIS WAY. Boisterous weather for a day or two is the outlook. A heavy storm, centred last night off Cape Hatteras, is moving toward Cape Sable, N. S. High gales and snows are indicated by the weather bureau.

### ENTENTE ALLIES HANDED PEACE NOTE OF TEUTONS

Ambassador Page of United States Makes Delivery to Lord Robert Cecil—Note Will Be Considered by British Cabinet.

PREMIER DAVID LLOYD GEORGE WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY—IT WILL BE A WEEK PROBABLY BEFORE DEFINITE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.

London, Dec. 18.—The peace note of the Central Powers was handed to the British government today by United States Ambassador Page, who called at the foreign office early in the day. In the absence of A. J. Balfour, the foreign secretary, he presented the note to Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary for foreign affairs.

There were no formalities in connection with the presentation of the peace proposals by Mr. Page. The ambassador went in an automobile from the embassy and was received in the foreign secretary's office by Lord Robert Cecil, who was acting for the foreign minister, Mr. Balfour having just started on a three weeks' vacation.

#### No Comment Made.

The note was enclosed in a large white envelope. It was handed by Ambassador Page to Lord Robert Cecil without any comment and the recipient made no reference to the question of peace, simply thanking Mr. Page for the transmission of the message from the Central Powers.

The two diplomats spent a short time in conversation, but as one said: "We talked about everything but the contents of the envelope." The note will be considered by the British cabinet. It being received too late today to enable the council to be called.

#### Will Take a Week.

The next step after the meeting of the cabinet will be to get into communication with the Allies of Great Britain so that joint action may be taken. This is expected to take at least a week. It has been ascertained that the note contains no terms and the impression prevails in official circles that until these are disclosed a conference is impossible.

The presentation of the German note to the Entente Allied governments has now practically been accomplished.

While the British foreign office was receiving the document from Ambassador Page similar delivery was taking place in Paris. The Swiss minister at Rome has presented the note to the Central Powers to Italy without comment, and through the same channel the message was presented to Belgium and Portugal, also without comment. The Netherlands minister tendered the peace proposals to Serbia in behalf of Bulgaria.

#### No Specific Terms.

Prior to receipt of the note by the British foreign office the deliveries to Italy, Belgium and other countries had permitted exchanges concerning the exact official contents, which proved to be substantially the same as given in the speech made in the Reichstag by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and without containing any specific indication of terms.

It is also being observed in official circles that the note was uniformly presented without comment. This is taken to indicate that Germany framed the communication so that the neutral intermediaries would act only as forwarding agents, at least at the outset.

#### Lloyd George Speaks Today.

Premier Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons Tuesday is expected to show the general attitude of the British government. Thereafter exchanges between the Entente Allies will determine the nature of the joint reply, but informal conferences already have prepared much of the ground.

It is understood the assertion made in the German note that the war was forced upon Germany will not be permitted to go unchallenged, and that as a matter of historical record Germany's part in the events leading to the war will be clearly shown. What is termed by British officials as Germany's methods of conducting war against a civilian population, women and children, particularly in the recent Belgian deportations, also is likely to be pointed out. According to the latest advices reaching the Entente Allied governments the number of Belgians deported has reached 120,000.

#### Germany Seeks Conference.

While the note as presented makes no reference to a conference there con-

tinued to be indications that Germany is seeking a conference. This has led to a careful scrutiny of the last precedent, that of the conference preceding the peace congress at the close of the Crimean war. A preliminary conference was held at Vienna in 1854, and proved abortive, but when the peace congress, which finally settled the terms, was held at Paris a year later the discussions at the conference served largely as a basis of settlement.

### BRITISH STILL ACTIVE NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA

Positions Have Been Improved, Although No Resumption of Offensive Operations Made.

London, Dec. 18.—The British forces on the Tigris front have improved their positions in the last two days, although no resumption of offensive operations on a considerable scale is indicated in today's official report on these operations.

The gains made below Kut-el-Amara last week were achieved with comparatively small losses, the statement says.

"During Saturday and Sunday Gen. Maude extended his hold over the Hal River, and consolidated the line to Magasid-Kal-Haji-Ruhan, while the enemy's positions were bombarded with good results," the announcement says.

Cavalry reconnaissances during the day disclosed the fact that the Turks were constructing a new position on the bridge west of Sintran bend of the Tigris, some six to eight miles west of Kut-el-Amara. Several large parties of Arabs have been driven off by shell fire.

The total losses to date are inconceivable, a large proportion of the wounds being slight.

### JAPAN WON'T SURRENDER

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The German peace proposals probably will be delivered to the Japanese government tomorrow.

Commenting on the proposals, the newspapers declare that Japan will never agree to surrender Kiao Chou. In general they express the opinion that the peace project, as it has been reported in the news despatches, is a farcical procedure and will be unacceptable to the Entente because it is tantamount to the abandonment of the object for which the Entente Powers have waged war.



### LOBSTERMEN HAD BAD TIME OFF THE COAST

John Harris of Yarmouth in City Yesterday After a Thrilling Experience—Rescued from Small Boat by Life Saving Crew.

John Harris, a lobsterman of Yarmouth, will not soon forget an experience he had last week in the Bay of Fundy, where in an open boat he battled with the waves until rescued by the life saving crew of Grand Manan. He left Yarmouth last Wednesday morning intending to go to Petit Passage. As the morning was fine and he did not expect to be away any length of time he did not take any covers of provision with him in the boat. When off Tusknet the wind changed, and blew him out to sea, and the next land he saw was Gannett Rock. The men of the signal station on the rock saw the open boat and telephoned to the life saving crew at Grand Manan, and they immediately put off to his rescue. They reached the boat and took him aboard the lifeboat and landed him at two Island harbor, but the boat had to be left behind and was lost. He was taken care of by the people on the island and yesterday came to the city on the Grand Manan, and will leave this morning for his home in Yarmouth.

### ST. GEORGE MERCHANTS PLANNING TO REBUILD

Those Who Lost Their Business Premises Are Gradually Getting Into New Quarters.

Following the recent disastrous fire in St. George things have been pretty quiet. After the fire the storekeepers burned out spent the following few days in endeavoring to secure temporary quarters. In this nearly all have been successful. T. S. McAdam, who ran a confectionery store and restaurant, was unable to get a place, and has bought from H. V. Dunn the lot where A. D. Herron was doing business before the fire. Mr. McAdam has already commenced construction of an up-to-date building, 23 ft. by 43 ft., and expects to be occupying it within a couple of months. George Meating, custom tailor, has also negotiated for the purchase of a lot, and expects to build at once. Other merchants who lost their places of business are in temporary quarters, and are planning for the rebuilding of the burned structures.

### POPULAR RAILWAY MAN IS NOW CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER FOR THE MILITARY HOSPITAL COMMISSION.

Captain J. B. Lambkin, chief transport officer for the Military Hospital Commission, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at the Victoria Hotel. Captain Lambkin is here in connection with the work of the transportation of returned soldiers. There have been complaints regarding the manner in which the transportation of the men has been attended to. Capt. Lambkin will be responsible to the Military Hospital Commission, and will supervise the arrival and departure of all men returning from the front at this port and at Halifax, where his headquarters will be. Hospital trains are being fitted up for the removal of all "cot cases" from the port of arrival to the patient's home. Ten hospital cars, fitted with all necessary equipment, will be part of the government railway's plans for handling these men. One of these cars is now fully equipped and will be placed in service in a few days. The others are being rapidly constructed in the government railway shops, Moncton, under the supervision of Master Car Builder Smart. The Canadian Pacific Railway is also providing cars for cot cases, and it is stated that the Grand Trunk Railway will follow suit.

### ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.

Police Constables Colwell and Quinlan were called into the "Lonsborough" men's hall last evening to assist in electing two men, Victor and William McDonald, who were creating a disturbance there. Once on the sidewalk the McDonalds became troublesome and were placed under arrest. While the arrest was being made Policeman Quinlan states that Ambrose Marr, a friend of the others, struck him on the face. The McDonalds were placed in the Water street lockup and shortly afterwards Marr was arrested on the charge of assaulting Constable Quinlan while in the discharge of his duty.

### VETERAN PILOT HERE.

A visitor to the city yesterday was Pilot Mackie of Halifax. This is Pilot

### THE DAY OF THE CARIBOU IS PAST

Warden Spencer Reports Small Herds Seen But is Not Encouraged.—Game Items Rare.

Bangor, Dec. 18.—Time was when immense herds of caribou roamed the woods of Maine, and like the bison of the west were shot by the hundreds. They emigrated and rarely has one been seen in the state since. Reports have come at various times that they have been seen, and they have been the subject of much speculation. Everyone would like to see them again in Maine but few believe they will ever return in any number. Early in the fall a report came that a herd had been seen in the Seven Islands district by Game Warden Bert F. Spencer.

### HIGH FOOD RESULTS IN BIG STRIKE

Industries and All Other Business Throughout Spain Tied up—Soldiers Guard Madrid

Madrid, Dec. 18, via Paris.—The twenty-four hour general strike, called by the labor organizations as a protest against the increased price of food, has resulted in a complete tie-up of factories, stores and businesses throughout Spain. Quiet prevails everywhere. All shops, cafes and restaurants in Madrid have been closed. Soldiers and civil guards fill the streets, and great precautions have been taken against any disturbances.

### SIR MAX MAY BE NOW LORD BRUNSWICK

London, Dec. 18. (Montreal Gazette cable).—Sir Max Aitken's friends think he is glad to leave the House of Commons, where, according to the Evening Standard, despite his talents he never made a place for himself; in fact he rarely opened his mouth there.

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### FUNERALS

The funeral of Miss Ann McCrea took place yesterday morning from her late residence, Rotheray. Services were conducted by Rev. D. J. MacPherson, and interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

### POOLING OF SHIPPING OF ENTENTE ALLES PROPOSED

French Deputy Has Novel Plan to Aid Economic Struggle Expected After War is Over—Neutral Nations Might Be Included.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Pooling of the shipping of the Entente Allies, to the exclusion of the flags of all countries now at war with them, is suggested for the economic struggle expected after the war by Georges Ancel, a deputy from Havre, and a specialist in such questions. M. Ancel believes the benefits of pooling, as illustrated by the prosperity of shipping combinations, should be taken into consideration in connection with the rebuilding of the French merchant marine, and in consolidating the position which the Allies have gained through the blockade of Germany and Austria.

### FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE MAKES STATEMENT

Paris Follows up Remarks of Viscount Grey as to Belgium and Greece.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Taking note of comparisons which have been made between the invasion of Belgium by the Germans and the experiences of Greece at the hands of the Entente Allies, the French foreign office today made a statement to the Associated Press in regard to its point of view. The foreign office's citation of facts and construction of the treaties guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium and the protection of Greece are in line with the recent statement of Viscount Grey. To this the foreign office appends the assertion that the Entente Allies have done no more than carry out the terms of their engagements; that is, that they are fighting to defend Belgian neutrality, and to protect Greece from exterior and interior menaces.

### ENGLISH CHAMPION WINNER

London, Dec. 18.—Jimmie Wilde, flyweight champion of England, knocked out Frankie Di Mell, known as Young Zulu Kid of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the eleventh round of their match today. By his victory Wilde confirmed his right to the title to flyweight champion of the world.

### WARRANT ISSUED AT CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON

London, Dec. 18.—A warrant has been issued at Athens for the arrest of Eleutherios Venizelos, the former premier, on charges of high treason and of libelling the Greek general staff in articles published in a newspaper several months ago, says a Reuters despatch from the Greek capital.

### DON'T FORGET TO USE CALVERT'S TOOTH POWDER

Advertisement for Calvert's Tooth Powder. Text: "Don't forget to use Calvert's Tooth Powder to-night—and again in the morning. You will find every reason for satisfaction in the way this dentifrice does its work. Besides polishing the teeth so nicely, it provides also the thorough antiseptic cleansing that is needed." Includes image of a woman and child.

### NAVIGATION CLOSES ON ST. LAWRENCE

Steamer Carib Will Not Attempt to Leave River—Closing Means Increased Traffic at St. John.

Quebec, Dec. 18.—Floating ice in the St. Lawrence is making the movement of ships not only difficult but hazardous. It is learned on good authority here that the steamer Carib which was bound for New York, will not attempt to make the voyage, and that the Carib will remain at her present location for the winter.

### LIEUT.-COL. TANCREDO PAGNUELLO DEGRADED

Montreal, Dec. 18.—With curt military ceremonial, Lieut.-Col. Tancredo Pagnuello, late commanding officer of the 26th Battalion, was today stripped of his uniform, his rank and decorations, and sentenced as a civilian to six months at Bordeaux jail.

### THE PRINZ FRIEDRICH WILHELM STRANDED

London, Dec. 18.—Copenhagen despatches state that the German steamer Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm has stranded between Samsø Island and North Sea, and that salvage steamers are trying to save her. The steamer was on route from Copenhagen to Norway, where she had been sheltered since the outbreak of the war, after having, according to German reports sent out last night, succeeded in running the gauntlet of British destroyers which were lying in waiting for her off Bergen, Norway.

Thank You! Rev. Dr. Harrison of Marysville, in writing to a friend in the city says: "The Christmas issue of The Standard was the biggest and best issue of any newspaper which he has ever seen in the Maritime Provinces, and a credit to the staff and the city."

### GERMAN SHIPPING INTERESTS ARE ANTICIPATING PEACE

New York Agents of Hamburg-American North German Lloyds Announce They Are Ready to Resume Business.

New York, Dec. 18.—Action taken by German shipping interests in evident anticipation of peace was revealed here today, when announcements came from the local offices of the two big German trans-Atlantic lines that instructions had been received to make freight contracts for shipments from New York to Germany, "after resumption of our regular services."

### MUST OFFER REPARATION FOR MONSTROUS WRONGS

Sir Thomas White at Great Reception in Massey Hall Tells How Germany Can Obtain Peace—"We Must Back Up Our Heroic Men in the Trenches."

Toronto, Dec. 18.—"The message which I should like to give to the people of Canada tonight is that we must back those heroic men of ours who are fighting for us in the trenches. We must back them with reinforcements to fill the gaps and strengthen the line. We must back them with munitions which will save their lives and shorten the war. We must back them by tenderly caring for those they have left behind. And we must back them when they return victorious to Canada, which their sacrifices have enabled and their valor will have saved for ourselves and for our children and the generations which are to come."

### CAMPOBELLO HARD BY

Schooner Runs Aground—Cast Adrift, Wrecked Trees Uprooted, Blocked.

Special to The Standard. Campobello, Dec. 18.—The most violent storm foraged here on Friday of Saturday, causing a great damage to full amount of which ascertained. The schooner, Capt. Matthews, went aground and is a total loss. Boats Go Adrift. No less than twenty belonging to the fishery son's Beach district, by their moorings, and were located, the when majority is still unknown.

### FATHER HELD FOR MURDER OF

South Paris, Me., Dec. 18.—B. Bean, of East Waterford, held without bail for the murder of his 18 year son, Inez. Dr. Bartlett, medical officer, testified that Bean had ten statements acknowledging attempted to perform operation from which had instantly died.

### LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary held a well attended meeting in their rooms on Union following officers were coming year: President, McCarthy; vice-president, Mullin; Rec. Sec., Mrs. her; Fin. Sec., Miss M. Treat; Mrs. P. Joyce; Mrs. Harry Atkinson; Wm. Gilroy; county Joyce Magee. The officers will take place.

Large advertisement for D. McArthur's Santa Claus Headquarters. Text: "Santa Claus Headquarters AT Ye Old Reliable Firm 84 King Street Toys, Dolls, Games Books Dolls As usual, full line, best authors. ANNUALS, CHUMS, GIRLS' OWN, BOYS' OWN, CHATTERBOX, BIBLES, PRAYER BOOKS, TESTAMENTS. DRESSED DOLLS, JOINTED DOLLS, KID DOLLS, CANADIAN PRINCESS, CANADIAN KNOCKERBOX. SEE THEM. TOYS—As usual, Full Assortment. Leather Goods, Purses, Hand Bags, Etc. Xmas Cards, Calendars, Etc. INSPECTION INVITED. D. McARTHUR" Includes illustration of Santa Claus.



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Blocked.**

**Special to The Standard.**  
Campobello, Dec. 18.—One of the most violent storms for a long period raged here on Friday night and part of Saturday, causing a snow blockade and great damage to shipping the full amount of which has not been ascertained. The schooner Susan, Capt. Matthews, went ashore during the gale and is a total wreck.  
**Boats Go Adrift.**  
No less than twelve power boats belonging to the fishermen of the Wilson's Beach district, broke adrift from their moorings, and while a few have been located, the whereabouts of the majority is still unknown.  
The yachts Mavis, Cockeran, Jessie C. Calder and Edward Moss Calder also drifted ashore, dragging their moorings and filled but will be floated without much difficulty.  
Large trees were blown down, barring the travel in many places for a time, while all communication with the outside world was shut off by the wires being blown down. The storm was the worst witnessed for many years.  
On account of the heavy gale the steamer Grand Manan did not make her regular trip here on Saturday and no mail was received.

**FATHER HELD FOR  
MURDER OF DAUGHTER**

South Paris, Me., Dec. 18.—Albert B. Bean, of East Waterford, has been held without bail for the Marca term of the supreme court charged with the murder of his 18 year old daughter, Inez. Dr. Bartlett, medical examiner, testified that Bean has signed a written statement acknowledging that he had attempted to perform an illegal operation from which his daughter had instantly died.

**Ladies' Auxiliary, A.O.H.**  
The Ladies' Auxiliary of the A.O.H. held a well attended meeting last night in their rooms on Union street. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. James McCarthy; vice-president, Mrs. John Mullin; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Arthur Gallagher; Fin. Sec., Miss Margaret Bayne; Treas., Mrs. P. Joyce; Serget, at Arms, Mrs. Harry Atchinson; scrutineer, Mrs. Wm. Gillen; county president, Mrs. Joyce Magee. The installation of officers will take place on January 1.

**DIED.**  
**JAMIESON**—In this city, on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1916, after a lengthy illness, James Jamieson, aged 49.  
Funeral from his late residence, 93 Spring street, Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at 2:30 p. m.  
**HOLDER**—At Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, on Sunday, Dec. 17th, Leonard G. Holder, son of the late Robert J. Holder of this city.  
**REDMORE**—In this city, on 18th inst., at the residence of her parents, 300 Brussels street, Mabel Isabel, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Redmore.  
Funeral notice hereafter.  
**RUSSELL**—Suddenly in this city on Monday, December 18, Elizabeth, beloved wife of James V. Russell, leaving husband, one daughter, father, two brothers and five sisters to mourn their loss.  
Funeral from her late residence, 190 King street east, Wednesday afternoon. Service at the house at 2:30.

**STRENUOUS  
CAMPAIGN  
IN BOSTON**

**City Votes Today on A1  
Absorbing Subject of L-  
icense—Outcome Very Much  
in Doubt.**

Boston, Dec. 18.—Many look for a close vote in the elections tomorrow on the question of continuing the sale of liquor in Boston.  
The Boston Real Estate Exchange, advocating retention of the existing limited license system announces in a public statement "that it is a critical situation" and that "a few thousand votes may turn the scale."  
The campaign for no license in this city of 750,000 persons has been pushed with an energy never previously approached.

**Billy Sunday Figures.**  
Evangelistic services conducted by Rev. William A. Sunday have been devoted largely to lectures on temperance and his "trail hitters" at many meetings have been pledged to vote "No." The Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League, which has charge of the no-license activities, has kept a big force of orators, moving picture exhibitors and pamphlet distributors at work for weeks and brought the campaign to an end tonight with a whirlwind speaking tour of the city.

Those favoring continued license have pointed out through the press and at public meetings, that Boston has been a license city for forty-one consecutive years, that the annual revenue from licenses amounts to approximately \$2,000,000 and that 16,000 persons are employed in the business by dealers who pay annual rentals amounting to \$10,000,000.  
Boston voted last year 46,115 yes; 31,877 no, a majority of 14,238. Registration this year is the largest on record, about 120,000 and a much larger vote than last year is expected. The narrowest margin ever recorded on the liquor question here was in 1892 when the yes majority was 11,400.

**ACADIA CONCERT CO.**  
The Acadia Concert Co., assisted by Miss Blenda Thompson and Walter Pidgeon, will give a concert in St. David's church hall on Tuesday night at 8:15 o'clock. This talented party of young ladies gave this entertainment in Wolfville where it was a decided success, and they have been induced to come to St. John and repeat it for the benefit of the Red Cross funds.  
The programme is as follows:  
Part I.  
Piano duet—Hungarian Rhapsodies, (Lily), Misses Helen and Lillian Kitchen.  
Songs—(a) Knowest Thou Not that Fair Land (Mignon), Thomas (b) Mamma's Lullaby, Miss Edith Staples.  
One act play—First Aid to the Wounded, (Montague), Miss Nina Macdonald.  
Song—Oh Lord, Thy Help, (Sampson and Delilah), Miss Blenda Thompson.

Piano solo—En Automne, (Moskowsky), Miss Helen Kitchen.  
Solo—She is Far from the Land, (Frank Lambert), Walter D. Pidgeon.  
Part II.  
The Maker of Dreams, a fantasy in one act; scene, a kitchen; Pierette, Evelyn Cogswell; Pierrot, Gladys Kitchen; Momfaturen, Lillian Kitchen. Taking about an hour.  
God Save the King.

**The Police Court.**  
In the police court yesterday three drunks were dealt with in the usual manner.  
Captain Correll, headquarters staff, was before the court on a charge of driving faster than the law allows over the new bridge at the falls. Caretaker Shanks was not in court, and the case was postponed.

**MEMORIAL  
SERVICE AT  
APOHAQUI**

**Late Corporal Harold Gordon  
Pearson of 104th Battalion  
Honored by Friends and  
Acquaintances.**

Apoahqui, Dec. 18.—In the Methodist church on Sunday evening a service was held in memory of the late Corporal Harold Gordon Pearson of the 104th Battalion, C.E.F., who passed away in the Second London General Hospital after a brief illness.  
A very large congregation attended the service, and many members of other churches being present to pay their last tribute to the late hero.  
In the chance the flag for which such sacrifice is made, was in evidence, the pulpit being draped with a large flag, while others were artistically arranged about. The service opened by the singing of a hymn, "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past," followed by prayer, after which "Sometime We'll Understand" was softly rendered by a selected chorus. The 90th Psalm was read responsively for the 1st lesson, at the conclusion of which Herbert J. Johnson sang "Thy Will be Done"—the words and music being particularly fitting and the rendition most impressive.  
After the 2nd lesson the hymn "Jesus While our Hearts are Bleeding" was sung.

**Tender Eulogy.**  
The eulogy by the pastor, Rev. L. H. Jewett, followed when the reverend gentleman paid fitting tribute to the character and worth of the deceased soldier. The late Corporal Pearson was received into the membership of the Methodist church in 1915, and shortly after was granted a local preacher's license from the official board of the circuit. This, however, he had not made use of, but ere long attended college with a view to entering the ministry, after his course was completed.

The call of the Empire disarranged his plans for the future, when he enlisted with the 104th Battalion. He was a young man of high character and lofty ideals, living daily an earnest Christian life, laboring toward the opportunity for wider services for his Master, which the Christian ministry affords.  
In his sermon the pastor drew the lesson for the occasion from the incident recorded in the Gospel of St. John, chapter XI, touching the death and resurrection of Lazarus. He referred to the questionings arising in the minds of the sisters, Martha and Mary, in that Jesus had not come to heal their brother. "Lord if thou hadst been here my brother had not died." These questionings were also entertained by others in that they said "Could not this man which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that this man should not have died?"

**The Sorrowing Home.**  
The perplexity was for the time only deepened by the assurance sent to the sorrowing home—"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby"—for in the face of this assurance Lazarus died. The pastor said in part:  
It is often a tendency with us to put human limitations on divine love and power, and we need the interpretations which Jesus gives to these provisions, which also comfort and disheartening. Jesus keeps souls from reaching Godless conclusions in these testing times, leading to wider understanding a deeper faith. Jesus was able to do much more for Lazarus than to give physical healing, much more than to give restoration to the affairs and possessions of this life being able to say with potent might, "Lazarus come forth." Death did not take Lazarus out of the range of Christ's power. Through this miracle, Jesus reveals that he is able to perform the new and greater miracle when that is needed, even by his power "making alive for evermore."  
Capt. John White.  
(Capt.) the Rev. John White was also present at the service.  
Capt. White, who has been at Camp Hughes (Manitoba) engaged in Y.M.C.A. work expects shortly to go overseas, was a warm personal friend of the late Corporal Pearson, and being introduced by the pastor, spoke at some length of his acquaintance and friendship with the deceased, whom he had hoped to meet again after crossing the seas.  
In speaking of the Christian life of his friend, he added that there will be a memory left in the college, a memory left in the battalion to which he was attached, which would be an uplift in whatever environment it was found and especially among the boys of a battalion there always is a welcome for one who leads an upright life.  
The service was brought to a close by the singing of the hymn "A Few More Years Shall Roll."  
After the benediction the congregation remained standing, a deep hush of sadness prevailing as the strains of the "Dead March in Saul" resounded through the edifice.  
Throughout the evening the proceedings were most impressive and many in the congregation were visibly affected.

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# HOW MISMANAGEMENT WRECKED A GREAT RAILWAY SYSTEM

## Boston & Maine, Which Operates 25 Leased Lines in Four States and in Quebec in Bad Muddle Financially.—System's Affairs Before Courts and in Hands of Receiver

Boston, Dec. 18.—In the opinion of Vice-president William J. Hobbs of the Boston and Maine railroad, now in the hands of a receiver, a large part of the securities held by the company are worthless. Vice-president Hobbs is the financial expert of the system, which operates five lines in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, New Hampshire and Quebec.

Before the recent railroad difficulties in New England, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad controlled the Boston and Maine, which in turn held the majority of the stock of the Maine Central, Washington County (Maine) and other lines.

The Concord and Montreal, the Fitchburg and other lines are leased by the Boston and Maine system, Vice-president Hobbs stated.

### Fictitious Values.

These securities he testified are carried on the books at a total value of \$11,475,439, and include 55,514 shares of Fitchburg R. R. stock with a book valuation of \$5,488,394. The Fitchburg stock in his opinion was not worth more than \$10 a share or \$555,140.

Mr. Hobbs stated that the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain railroads which operate 100 miles of track across Northern Vermont was worth "just about what it would bring as junk."

The Boston and Maine holds \$436,000 of the bonds of this road and was liable as guarantor of principal and interest on \$1,200,000 additional bonds. In addition he said the Boston and Maine has \$940,000 worth of notes of the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain which were worthless.

Mr. Hobbs had been called as a witness by Conrad W. Crocker, counsel for the minority stockholders who are opposing permanent receivership of the Boston and Maine.

No attempt had been made, the witness said, to determine whether the Fitchburg, Boston and Lowell, Concord and Montreal and other leased lines were paying propositions. There was no separate accounting to indicate earnings or losses of the various lines.

Vice-president Hobbs also testified that the 5,619 shares of Boston and Lowell stock, carried on the books of the Boston and Maine at a value of \$1,198,820, were in reality worth \$730,470 or about \$130 a share. The purchase price, he added, was \$220.

Under the terms of its issue, he testified, the Boston and Maine guaranteed an 8 per cent. dividend upon the \$7,679,400 capital stock of the Boston and Lowell, now outstanding.

Minority stockholders of the Boston and Maine railroad have lost a point in their effort to prevent the present temporary receivership of the road from being made permanent, when Judge Morton ruled in the federal district court that they would not be allowed to attack the validity of the road's \$13,300,000 short term notes. In the present proceedings, the Inter-Continental Rubber Co., which appears as the petitioner in the receivership action, claims to be a creditor of the road to the extent of \$51,000 on notes which were part of the \$13,300,000 issue.

Counsel for the minority interests had previously said that their case rested largely on the question of the validity of the short term notes, which they contended were issued during the period that the Boston and Maine road was under the fiscal control of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

Judge Morton should previously have signed a formal order permitting the minority stockholders to attack the receivership of the road, the question of the solvency of the corporation and the good faith of the directors questioning as to the receivership. He added that he would hear the minority on the questions of the validity of the notes when the notes were presented to the court. He said, however, that in the present proceedings he would allow counsel to introduce evidence bearing on the question whether the notes were properly signed and issued, and whether the holders were bona fide creditors or merely persons holding the notes for the purpose of collecting payment. The notes themselves, he continued, were not a party to the present proceedings which concerned only the question of making permanent the temporary receivership, and they would not be bound by any finding in the current proceedings, he said, was to determine whether or not these notes represented indebtedness.

### Disposition of Funds.

In consequence of the court's ruling, Asa P. French, counsel for two of three remonstrants, made an offer of proof in which he said that he desired to show that the money which was raised by these short term notes was in whole or in part expended for purposes beyond the provision of the statutes.

The minority interests were also refused permission to attack the validity of the Boston & Maine endorsement of the notes of the Vermont Valley railroad.

James H. Huntis, temporary receiver and president of the Boston & Maine, testified that Boyd B. Jones, who appeared as counsel for the petitioning creditor in the receivership action, had been employed by the railroad. It also appeared that a draft of the bill of

complaint was drawn up by Judge Marcus P. Knowlton, a director of the road; George L. Mayberry and Edgar A. Rich, both of whom are counsel for the road.

### Concord & Montreal.

Concord & Montreal shares purchased at \$160 each are not worth more than \$90 according to the witness, who added that the Boston & Maine guaranteed a dividend of 7 per cent. on Concord & Montreal stock. The witness also declared that a note from the Hampden Railroad Co., carried on the road's accounts at a value of \$240,000, was worthless.

A value of \$54,000 was placed by Mr. Hobbs upon \$108,000 worth of first mortgage 5 per cent. bonds of the Montreal and Atlantic Railway Co. The interest on the bonds, he said, was three years in arrears. The road runs from Richmond, Vt., to Ferrisburgh, P. Q., and never paid a dividend, the witness asserted.

Among the really valuable securities mentioned by Mr. Hobbs as being held by the Boston & Maine were notes of the Fitchburg railroad for \$750,000, representing additions and improvements made on that leased line by the Boston & Maine. These notes, he said, would sell for approximately their face value. Notes of the Connecticut River Railroad Co. for \$450,000 might also be redeemed for their face value, according to the witness.

In contrast with the depreciation in other securities owned by the road, Mr. Hobbs affirmed that the shares in the Portsmouth Toll Bridge Co., which were valued on the road's books at \$4,000, were actually worth \$40,000.

### Favors Receivership.

Marcus P. Knowlton, chairman of the federal trustees controlling the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad's holdings of the majority stock of the Boston & Maine testified in the federal court proceedings on the question of making the temporary receivership of the Boston & Maine permanent, that he believed the receivership was the best way out of the road's difficulties.

The witness, who was formerly chief justice of the supreme court of the state, added that in his opinion the ideal plan would be a reorganization of the twenty-five railroad corporations now operating as the Boston & Maine. "I have never believed nor hoped that the reorganization would be accomplished so long as the road was paying its rentals. My belief was that no reorganization would be accomplished until the road came into the control of the court and the various parties of interest came to take a rational view of the situation."

Continuing, Judge Knowlton said that he had been opposed to the extension of the \$13,300,000 short term notes from the beginning because he thought that the matter should come into court and be dealt with speedily. Personally, he said, he had felt that renewal of the notes simply postponed their day in court, but because certain of the directors viewed a receivership with anxiety, he consented to an extension of the notes from time to time.

### Fraud Alleged.

The court declined to allow Conrad W. Crocker, counsel for a minority stockholder, to take up certain stock transactions which counsel said would show that the stockholders were defrauded through the purchase and sale of stock by the directors prior to 1909. Mr. Crocker asserted in his argument on this ruling that a majority of the trustees were engaged in a scheme of reorganization that would perpetuate the control which he alleged was formerly set up by the directors through the J. P. Morgan fiscal agency.

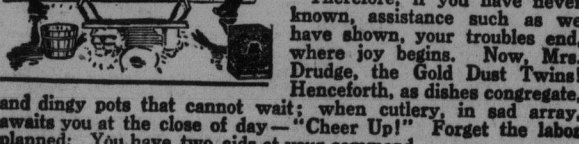
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The Gold Dust Twins

# BOSTON POLICE STATION IS DYNAMITED

## Act Thought to be One of Revenge.—No Person Injured, But Several Narrow Escapes.

Boston, Dec. 18.—The station of the harbor police in the north end district was partly wrecked by an explosion of dynamite that had been placed against the outside walls, apparently with the intent to destroy the building. Four officers were inside, three of them sleeping in a dormitory, just above the place where the explosion tore a hole in the wall, but all escaped harm. Residents of the populous tenement districts on Commercial and Salutation streets nearby were frightened as their houses were shaken, plaster was cracked and broken glass fell about them.

### Act of Revenge.

The police said the explosion was intended probably as an act of retaliation because several unlicensed meetings led by industrial agitators had been broken up recently by officers. Several suspected persons were questioned during the day but no arrests were made. The residents of the district are largely foreigners.

The effect of the explosion was partly outward, shattering windows across the street. The hole in the station was less than three feet square. The interior of the building was damaged, a portion of the ceiling falling on the head of Serst. Abraham L. Killam, who was in charge of the desk.

# PORTER KILLED IN A WRECK ON THE C. & G. R.

Moncton, Dec. 18.—James McCutcheon, colored porter, was instantly killed and A. W. Wright, another colored porter, was badly injured about eight o'clock last night when a north-bound "deadhead" passenger extra jumped the track at Routhville, about thirty-two miles north of Campbellton. The train was traveling about

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thirty miles an hour when a car in the middle of the train jumped the rails and toppled over an embankment. Several cars left the rails, the locomotive and rear cars remaining on the track. About 1,800 feet of track was torn up. McCutcheon was instantly killed. Wright was taken to Campbellton and it is feared will not recover. They are believed to be employes of the Grand Trunk.

No. 4, southbound Maritime express, due here at eight o'clock this morning, was cancelled. No. 209, Ocean Limited, southbound, due here this afternoon was derailed on the N. T. R. tracks from Chaudiere curve and arrived here this afternoon.

Will Likely Re-operate. "Bathurst was never more prosperous than at the present time," said

Joseph Ryan, the well known North Shore barrister, who was in the city yesterday on business. "All our industries are in a flourishing condition, and no better indication of the advancement that the town is making can be given than the great scarcity of houses. The operation of the new Edgely flour mill next year will add another busy plant to the town's many industries."

There was an analysis of the water recently taken in the town and the results show that the water is in a most satisfactory condition. One frequently hears rumors, which seem to emanate from authoritative sources that the operating of the Drummond iron mines will shortly be resumed, and this will serve to increase the advancement of the town. Bathurst has accomplished much during the

# TOTAL ENLISTMENTS IN CANADA 381,438

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Total enlistments in Canada up to the end of last week were 381,438. The figures for the last fortnight were 3,274, as compared with 5,500 for the whole of November. By divisions the enlistment totals were: London, 264; Toronto, 567; Ottawa, 1; Kingston, 630; Maritime Provinces, 283; Manitoba, 421; British Columbia, 314; Saskatchewan, 219; Alberta, 201.

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Dec. 22	Sachem	Jan. 9

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Nov. 25	Manchester Port	Dec. 9
Dec. 23	Manchester Inventor	Dec. 20
Dec. 23	Manchester Corporn	Jan. 13
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Jan. 13	Manchester Citizen	Feb. 7

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ALBERT

Albert, Dec. 14.—A picnic held in the Assem Consolidated School by day evening proved the most classy function of the premises. The program: Male quartette—The

Recitation—Santa Claus By Little Salome M. Piano solo by Miss Recitation—The Miss J. Helen Tingley. Reading—Dad and Charters. Violin Duet—Mrs. H. Mrs. Kathleen Prescott. Flag drill—A dozen boys. Male quartette—The Solo—Miss Kathleen. The entertainment enjoyed by the audience, recitations and rendered, the accompanying Kathleen Steeves on the Flag Drill was highly a girl of her age. Miss Jennie Prescott justified her reputation on the parliament to all of the male quartette consisting Isaac C. Prescott, George Tingley and H. and their singing was ture in the bill; while lists gave a treat which well merited hearty praise. After the entertainment sale of baskets and p M. D. Fullerton aroused rivalry in the young a pitch that food prior above anything ever community before, and stances exorbitant prices with the hope of luring charming girl whose w posed to be in the ma mistaken, and cruelly poor chap.

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Correspondents' Corner.

ALBERT

Albert, Dec. 14—A picnic and basket social held in the Assembly Hall of the Consolidated School building, Wednesday evening proved to be one of the most classy functions yet enjoyed in the premises. The programme follows: Male quartet—The Old Oak Bunch. Recitation—Santa and the Mouse—By Little Salome M. Peck. Piano solo by Miss Jennie Prescott. Recitation—The Mistle in Liquor—Miss J. Helen Tingley. Reading—Dad and His Boy—Miss Charters. Violin Duet—Mrs. Hetherington and Miss Kathleen Prescott. Flag drill—A dozen each girls and boys. Male quartet—The Bee Song. Solo—Miss Kathleen Prescott. The entertainment was very much enjoyed by the audience. The reading, recitations and solos were well rendered, the accompaniment of Miss Kathleen Prescott on the piano, in the Flag Drill was highly spoken of in a girl of her age. Miss Jennie Prescott's playing fully justified her reputation in her accompaniment to all of the singers. The male quartet consisted of Messrs. Isaac C. Prescott, Harvey Wright, George Tingley and Henry H. Tingley and their singing was a leading feature in the bill; while the lady violinists gave a treat which received a well merited hearty reception. After the entertainment came the sale of baskets and pies. Auctioneer M. D. Fullerton aroused the true spirit of rivalry in the young men to such a pitch that food prices soared far above anything ever reached in the community before, and in some instances exorbitant prices were paid, with the hope of lurching with the charming girl whose wares were supposed to be in the mart only to be mistaken, and cruelly laughed at—poor chap. The proceeds of the entertainment were highly satisfactory. Dr. S. C. Murray, the chairman of the Board of Trustees presided in his usual efficient manner, and announced that the cash raised would be used in the purchase of a typewriter for use in the school during the next term, which would be the time of opening a new department by the well qualified principal Mr. Luther R. Hetherington, wherein scholars could take a general business course, including typewriting, in connection with their other studies. This move by the principal will be heartily seconded by the school board, and will be sincerely appreciated by many of the parents and scholars. Mrs. George D. Prescott who has been ill for some three weeks with a gripe is recovering and her many friends will be glad to see her out again. Miss Henrietta Stiles has also been quite ill requiring her to remain indoors for some time, but her recovery is progressing satisfactorily and her outgoing will soon begin. Mr. Arthur Fillmore, who suffered severely with frost bites a few weeks ago, is making a satisfactory recovery, under the very efficient professional attendance of Dr. Murray. None of his toes or fingers will have to be amputated, and only the nails on one hand will be lost. Arthur has many warm friends who will be glad to see him out around at his usual rounds again. Mr. Frank Fillmore who has been in Amherst for several weeks is home again. Mrs. Walker W. Perry is spending a short time here the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Willard Fillmore. The lumbermen in the New Ireland section of the Albert Lumber Company's territory are making good progress in their work.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 15—Miss Murphy of Maine has been the guest of her sister Mrs. Ludlow Reid for some days. Mrs. Wilson, wife of the new manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Riverdale, came last week from Toronto to take up her residence here. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bray who were married in Harvey two weeks ago, left on Monday for their home in Mt. Vernon. They will spend some time in Boston and New York. Mrs. Gideon K. Prescott went to St. John on Monday for a few days visit. Miss Nellie Newcomb has returned from a six weeks visit in St. John. Miss Sara Smith came last week from St. John, where she has been attending the business college, to spend Christmas with her father R. Chesley Smith.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 17—The marriage of Gunner John T. Henderson of the 12th Battery draft, and Miss Ivy L. Hogbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hogbin was solemnized Friday at the Baptist parsonage. Rev. S. Gray conducted the ceremony. At the regular monthly meeting of the Newcastle Town Improvement League last night, it was decided to take steps at the next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 11, to organize a Children's Aid Society for Newcastle. Several families here appear to be in need of the protection of such an act. Good progress was reported at this meeting by those who are canvassing for petitions for the repeal of the Scott Act. A great many men are away until Christmas, but the lists should be complete by New Years. Rev. S. J. MacArthur stated that according to a Montreal weekly paper in deference to protests from Canada, the British authorities have stopped the liquor rations for Canadian soldiers. In discussing the liquor situation at home, the following resolution was adopted: Whereas it has been reported to members of the T. I. L. that the C. T. A. is being violated increasingly in Nelson, as pressure has been brought to bear upon the sellers in Newcastle, therefore. Resolved that this T. I. L. respectfully call the attention of the County Scott Act Inspector to this report and request a more thorough enforcement of the provisions of the C. T. A. in that parish. Andrew Brown of Central Bedouque, P. E. Island, a native of Chatham Head, opposite Newcastle, a brother of late George Brown, ex-Mayor of Newcastle, and an annual visitor to Newcastle and vicinity, died in Summerside, P. E. I. Hospital last Monday, aged 89 years. Deceased was twice married, first to Miss Revival of Chatham Head, by whom he leaves one son, Albert R., of Winnipeg, who brought his father's remains to Newcastle, and second to Mrs. M. Love, also of Chatham Head. He lived for many years in Minneapolis, Minn., and after the death of his second wife removed to Central Bedouque. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 from the residence of Mrs. George Brown, services being conducted at the house and grave by Rev. S. J. MacArthur, and interment in St. James' cemetery. The pallbearers were James Falconer, Samuel A. Russell, J. H. Paine, Edward Crocker, James M. Troy and George Stables. Deceased was a kindly gentleman, who had many friends who sympathize strongly with his bereaved son.

GRAND FALLS

Grand Falls, Dec. 18—Miss Mary Howard left here yesterday for Halifax, where she has a position in one of the hospitals. Miss Howard is a very efficient nurse. F. B. Carvell, M. P., was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. Jesse Estabrooke returned Friday from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Hay. His little granddaughter Miss Louise Hay returned with him to spend Christmas here. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and children came from Boston Friday to spend Christmas with relatives here. Miss Martin and her little brother eight years of age will be remembered as the little artists on the piano and violin in MacLaren's Theatre, when they were here in August last. The many friends of Mrs. Fraser Richardson in this, her home town, were deeply grieved to learn of the tragic death of her husband in St. John on Monday the 11th. Rev. W. K. Read has been quite poorly the past week, not being able to be about at all for two or three days. Arris Day who has been in British Columbia and other parts of the West came home on Saturday the 9th, to spend a few days with his mother and brothers and sister, returning to Woodstock on Friday, where his wife is visiting her mother. Mrs. William Pirie and daughter, Miss Marie, are in Fort Fairfield this week. Mrs. Carrie West is visiting Mrs. McGibbon in Woodstock. J. E. Andrews, who has been manager of the Royal Bank here the past three years, left Wednesday for Bathurst, where he has a fine position with the Bathurst Lumber Company, having resigned his position in the bank. His many friends in this town were sorry indeed to have him go, but glad he has secured so good a position. All wish him success in his new venture.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES.

The Railway and Transportation Committee of the Toronto Board of Trade, to whom was referred the resolution of the St. John board relative to the routing of Canadian traffic via Canadian ports, has unanimously endorsed the idea enunciated by the local board. The committee reports that some of the larger Toronto exporters have in the past found difficulty in getting ocean space at Canadian ports, particularly during the last two or three years. They are of the impression that the present facilities at Canadian ports are inadequate to handle much increased tonnage, but that everything being equal, the ports of Canada should be the preference. At the request of the traffic committee of the board of trade, the Department of Customs has extended the time for filing outward manifests of ships' cargoes to four days. In exceptional circumstances the collector of customs may grant another day.

ANDOVER

Andover, Dec. 18—Miss Annie Fraser of Grand Falls was a weekend guest of Mrs. Nelson Hanson. Mrs. Frank Tinker and son George, of St. John, have returned to St. John after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Tibbitts. Mr. and Mrs. Guy G. Porter are home from a pleasant trip to Boston. Miss Alice Manzer has gone to Havana, Cuba, to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Judson Manzer. Miss Emma Stewart is visiting at the home of Rev. L. A. Fenwick, Jacksonville. The W. A. of the Church of England met at Mrs. N. J. Wootton's on Friday. There was an enjoyable parlor concert at the home of Mrs. Van Namee Armstrong on Monday evening, when the sum of \$26.00 was realized in aid of the Baptist Building Fund. Miss Edith Baird, Ottawa, is spending the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baird. The Soldiers' Comfort held a successful sale on Tuesday, at which \$102.00 was realized. The Willing Workers Mission Band were entertained by Miss Gertrude Tibbitts on Tuesday evening. On Tuesday evening the members of The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Walter Gillett. The subject for the evening was "Christmas," and a most enjoyable evening was spent. On Wednesday afternoon Misses Myrtle and Pearl Waite entertained pleasantly from four until eight at a Christmas party in honor of Miss Thomas, Miss Rankine and Miss Grant. Other guests were Miss Frances Tibbitts, Miss Annie McGill, Miss Janet Curry, Miss Gertrude Tibbitts, Miss Margaret Curry, Miss Grace Porter, Miss Beatrice Gillett, Miss Annie Ervin, Miss Jessie Kile. A tempting supper was served at the tea hour. The strongest possible endorsements are made by the owners of the structures in regard to the cold-resisting qualities as well as fire protection. But little expense is involved in heating such buildings in temperatures of 40 below zero, they state.

POTATO HOUSES OF BANGOR CAST STONE

May Come in General Use in Aroostook.—Other Contracts

Houlton, Me., Dec. 18—The first potato house to be built of cast stone in Aroostook county, or in the state, will be erected in Limestone soon, the architect of the Bangor Cast Stone Products Co., E. H. Buelow, being now engaged on the plans. The frequent fires which have destroyed the wooden potato houses in Aroostook have led the people to investigate the subject of fireproof material for building with the result that a scientific potato house will be constructed in Limestone of this Bangor product and will no doubt be followed by others. The first building will be 40 by 100 feet. Another new feature for Aroostook county will be the roofing material, the Bangor Cast Stone Products Co., also furnishing a new idea here in the way of concrete chimneys. These have been in use in this country nine years, but Germany has used them for 20 years. They are of an interlocking type and will endure for all time, it is claimed. Potato houses, as may be supposed, require the best of protection to the contents from the cold, and the cast-stone blocks with their air space furnish this protection to the best advantage. In Michigan and Wisconsin many potato houses are built of cast-stone furnished by plants similar to the Bangor enterprise and made on the same process secured from the parent company in Bay City, Mich. The strongest possible endorsements are made by the owners of the structures in regard to the cold-resisting qualities as well as fire protection. But little expense is involved in heating such buildings in temperatures of 40 below zero, they state.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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Antony Nice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nice, of West St. John, and Murray Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles, of 168 Main street, were united in marriage by Rev. Chas. J. P. Appel at the parsonage. The bride was formerly an operator with the New Brunswick Telephone Company, and the bridegroom is an employe of the C. P. R. They will make their home at 168 Main street.

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### NATIONAL SERVICE.

Major L. P. D. Tilley's statement in regard to National Service, published elsewhere in this issue, is worthy of the serious consideration of every man who reads it. The provincial director speaks plainly of the duty of all Canadians in this crisis and there can be no doubt as to the wisdom of his words.

The people of Canada have hardly commenced to realize the seriousness of the situation or the duty required of them. While the contention that this country has been but "marking time" does a rank injustice, yet there has not been that concerted action by which other nations have been galvanized into tremendous effort. Men are wanted to fight Canada's battles in the trenches of France and Flanders, munitions are required in constantly increasing number. But more than that the great mass of the Canadian people are required to shake off their apathy and awaken to the knowledge that today there is but one thing worth while—the prosecution of this war to a satisfactory conclusion.

The National Service Board, by an inventory of the man-power of Canada, is seeking to determine what proportion of the men of Canada are not employing their abilities and energies in the best interest of the country and the Empire. There is no question but that very many are doing all they can, but they are in the minority. The average man in this country is doing the same sort of life as he did prior to August 1914, and salving his conscience with an occasional contribution to the funds of the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross and similar worthy objects. It is true that some of the people show a tendency to regard war as something more than newspaper material, to realize that it is the duty of every man to bear some portion of the Empire's burden, but this realization is not nearly as general as it should be.

The Director General of National Service has said that Canada has some industries that should be suspended altogether during the period of war. Possibly he overstates the case, but there can be little dissent from the proposition that an industry or undertaking that is not helping to bring the war to a conclusion, or is not of national benefit to the people, is, in reality, hampering war effort. This is the view already expressed by newspapers published in the larger industrial centres of Canada. The Mail and Empire of Toronto, for instance, says:

"All work that can be safely postponed until the war is over ought to be postponed. There ought to be no public or municipal works undertaken that are not urgently needed. It is better that we should have some discomfort now, should accustom ourselves to go without some things, and that there should be a great reserved store of employment kept for the soldiers on their return, than that we should continue on the half insane 'business as usual' principle. It is for experts to point out where Canadian manufacturers are wasting their energies, where they are keeping out of the army by the bait of unprecedently high wages men who would otherwise be fighting for their country, and tempting people of moderate means to purchase articles which it would be a patriotic duty to go without."

It is not the purpose of the National Service Board to close Canadian industries or to throw Canadian workmen out of employment. But, by inventorying and classifying Canadian industry the Board will seek to turn into Empire-helping channels the efforts of those today engaged in work that is profitable to none but themselves. In this it is to be hoped the Board will receive the hearty co-operation of the people, for it must be remembered that Canada is at war and in comparison with winning that war nothing else counts. It is the duty of every Canadian to engage in National Service work to the limit of his ability.

### THINK IT OVER.

This is a message to the stay-at-homes. Scattered over the plains of France

and Flanders, training in England and Canada, or disposed somewhere over the battle line of the great war, are more than three hundred thousand Canadian soldiers.

These men have gone away to fight—for Belgium, for France, for England. Yes, and more than that; to fight for Canada that this country may remain British and free.

These men can fight only as we make it possible for them to fight. The best equipped army in the world is as so much straw without munitions of war. The life of every Canadian in the overseas army today is dependent on the munition supply of this country as well as the Motherland.

Canada today can only increase the output of munitions by organizing every ounce of physical energy in this work. There is no considerable supply of male labor available, especially if the enlistment of at least 150,000 more men is to be secured. In Great Britain, France and in Canada, too, women have demonstrated their adaptability for munitions work. The men now at work and the woman or girl who undertakes to go into a munitions factory will be fortified in their endeavor with the splendid assurance that their daily contribution to the output of munitions in Canada is second in importance only to the splendid heroism of the men who stand in the firing line.

This is a time for national stock-taking, and in the inventory all must show their worth.

### OTTAWA'S NEW PAPER.

A powerful newspaper amalgamation that will result in Ottawa having a new Conservative morning paper has taken effect, and on January 1st, 1917, the first copy of the Journal-Press will make its appearance. This is the result of the amalgamation of the Ottawa Evening Journal and the Ottawa Free Press, a combination expected to make material changes in the newspaper situation at the Dominion capital.

For many years the Ottawa Citizen admirably filled the bill as the morning newspaper which voiced the views of the Conservative party. Since 1911, however, the Citizen, for reasons best known to its management, has developed a sort of independence which, as far as the reader can tell, consists chiefly with finding fault with the Conservative party and the Government and actively supporting such Liberal policies as reciprocity with the United States.

The Ottawa Free Press for many years has been regarded as the Liberal organ at the capital, but that newspaper, too, has fallen into disfavor with the party, principally because it spoke out against petty criticism and fault finding with the shell committee and persistently held to the belief that party politics should be ignored during the period of the war. Between these two stood the Ottawa Journal, an ably edited independent Conservative newspaper. Out of this somewhat complicated situation has now come the amalgamation of the Free Press and Journal, which includes the appearance of the new paper and the disappearance from the field of the Free Press, which had an afternoon edition.

In the new venture Mr. Norman Smith, publisher of the Free Press, and Mr. P. D. Ross, publisher of the Journal, are to be associated and they hope to set the standard for Canadian journalism. As both are newspaper men of long experience and unquestioned ability the success of the undertaking is beyond question. The Conservative party will now be well represented in the capital with morning and afternoon issues.

Sympathy of the most sincere sort will be extended to Commissioner J. V. Russell in the death of his wife which occurred yesterday. The deceased lady had very many friends in the city, all of whom will learn with deep regret of her demise. Commissioner Russell has had more than one man's share of bereavement during the past few years.

It is now stated that the number of prisoners taken by the French in the course of recent fighting in the vicinity of Verdun exceeds 12,000. These

are the sort of blows which can be described as staggering to the enemy.

Christmas trade is good. The stores are crowded and the shoppers find ample stocks from which to make a selection. Let us hope in fairness to the salesmen and saleswomen that the great majority of citizens of St. John will find it convenient to make their Christmas purchases before the usual Christmas Eve rush sets in.

Today Premier Lloyd George will speak in reply to the German-peace proposals. After the British Premier has made his announcement the Kaiser will be in a position to judge of the exact degree of seriousness of the situation in which Germany finds herself. Germany started this war. Lloyd George's statement is likely to make it plain that Britain intends to end it when and as she pleases.

And now Sir Wilfrid Laurier is pleading for a settlement of the Irish question. That the Irish question should be settled is probably good advice, the peculiar thing about it is that such a pronounced autonomist as Sir Wilfrid should want to meddle with it.

### THIS TELESCOPE IS THE LARGEST

A seventy-two inch reflecting telescope which ranks in size as the largest telescope of that type yet completed, has been constructed at the Dominion Astronomical Observatory at Victoria, Canada. The instrument is described, with illustrations, in the October Popular Mechanics Magazine. The mirror, which in this type of telescope takes the place of a lens in concentrating the rays of light, measures seventy-three inches in diameter over all, is twelve inches thick at the edges and is pierced by a hole ten and one-eighth inches thick in diameter. The silvered upper surface is a parabola to bring the reflected light to a focus thirty feet above the mirror. This enormous piece of glass weighs two and a quarter tons and yet is so accurately supported that no flexure can distort the surface, which must nowhere deviate from the theoretical curve more than a two-hundred-thousandth of an inch.

The instrument weighs fifty-five tons and will rest on massive piers of reinforced concrete. The tube is thirty-one feet long and weighs twelve tons. Of unusual interest from an engineering point of view are the dome and observing bridge. The former is sixty-six feet in diameter and is provided with a double shutter having an opening fifteen feet wide. It weighs 120 tons. All the movements including revolution to any desired position as well as the operation of the shutter, windshield and the observing bridge, are accomplished by means of electric motors.

### A Pleasant Evening.

An event occurred Saturday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, corner Lancaster and Tower streets, West End, which will be long remembered by at least two of the participants. About thirty-five friends gathered to congratulate the happy couple on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. They were presented with an exquisite shower bouquet, tied with ribbons, several of the ribbons having gold coins.

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### Little Benny's Note Book

My cousin Artie stayed at my house last night, and we was in the setting room waiting to be sent to bed, and ma was reading the paper, saying, My goodnies, there dussent seem to be anything but strikes, strikes, strikes, everybody's striking for more money and less work, its a wonder to me theres anybody working at all.

Well speaking for myself, sed pop, the sympathies of Willyum P. Fats are all with the rich but honest working man, and if striking is his ony wrappin of defents, by all means let him strike and be merry.

Lets get up some kind of a strike, Artie whispered. All rite, lets strike we wont go to bed, lets strike for 2 more hours, I sed.

G, all rite, sed Artie, and I sed, Wen I clap my hands twice, that means the strike is called.

And wen I clap mine twice that means I 2nd the motion, sed Artie. Wich jest then pop sed, Wats all that misterious stuff, I thawt I suggested some time ago that you 2 awt to be in bed.

Sir? I sed. Dont start astring, either, sed pop, yours not to reason wy, yours but to do and die.

Strike, I sed. And I clapped my hands twice. Strike, sed Artie clapping his twice.

Wats the immense ideer, wat are you striking about? sed pop. Sir? I sed.

You herd me, sed pop. Nothing, I sed. Well then march yourselves up to bed in dubble quick time, sed pop.

Wich we did. Proving its easier to tawk about a strike than strike one.

attached as a token of the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Smith are held by their friends.

### SWEEPS AND WANDERERS TIE.

On Black's alleys last night, in the City Lounge, the Sweeps and Wanderers tied in points, the two teams having two each. The score follows:

Sweeps.	
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Jenkins	96 100 98 294-98
Farhay	90 98 116 292-97 1-3
Ferguson	79 101 96 276-92
Sullivan	104 95 96 295-98 1-3
465 465 503 1433	
Wanderers.	
Wright	91 91 84 266-88 2-3
Cromwell	98 94 99 291-97
Garvin	103 90 115 308-102 2-3
McLeod	96 95 78 268-89 1-3
Logan	97 99 93 289-96 1-3
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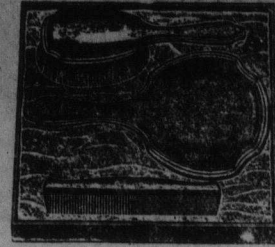
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**For Christmas**  
**Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen**

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are also prominently featured in our offerings of this year, our fine, well assorted array embracing the most recent novelties in Ladies' Hand-bags, Portfolios, Purses, Letter Cases, Wallets, Pocket Books, Bill Folds, etc.

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**ONE MAN FOR NAVY  
NONE FOR ARMY WAS  
YESTERDAY'S RECORD**

Local Recruiting Made Poor Start on the Week—News Concerning Military Units.

Measured by the opening day recruiting for this week will not be much better than last, unless there is a spurt during the next five days. At the central recruiting office no men applied, while at the naval office only one made application, William Forbes, of Newcastle, and he was accepted.

The Field Ambulance Training Depot held a route march for a short distance on the route yesterday afternoon. The men, headed by their bugle band, were highly complimented as they marched along. The bugle band, of which Corporal Anderson is the director, and which was authorized a month ago, is fast making progress and within two or three months will be in a position to compete with other similar bands throughout the province.

Two men reported for duty with the unit yesterday. They were Robert Warburton of England and David Wood of Scotland.

On the Island.

The cold weather interfered with the outdoor work of the 9th Siege Battery yesterday. Partridge Island when the weather is moderate is a cold location but one to be a resident there of to appreciate the weather when the mercury is at the bottom of the glass.

Notes.

Sydney Nichol reported for duty with the 16th Battalion yesterday.

Lieut. J. D. McBeath of the Canadian Engineers left for Moncton yesterday on official business.

Latest advice from St. John's, Quebec, the headquarters of the engineers, is to the effect that the unit has 109 officers and 789 men on the roll and that a party of men were en route from Calgary and Winnipeg to join it.

Pte. Percy Davis, of the 5th Battalion, has been transferred to the Parks Convalescent Home as demonstrator.

Private Rossman of the 16th Battalion has been transferred to No. 6 S. S. C. and Pte. J. M. Hannington, also of the 16th, has been transferred to the same company of the 5th Battalion.

Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, of 382 Main street, received word yesterday from Ottawa to the effect that her son, Sapper John O'Donnell, was suffering from a fracture of the tibia. Sapper O'Donnell enlisted in the 12th Battalion shortly after the outbreak of the war.

**PRESENTATION OF PRIZES  
AT HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING**

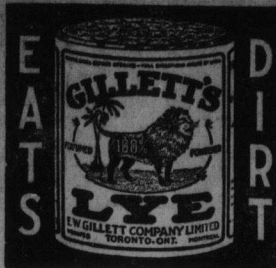
Medals and Prizes Won During Year Will be Presented at Closing Exercises on Friday.

The presentation of prizes won by the pupils in the High School will be made at the closing exercises on December 22. These will include the Corporation gold medal given for the pupil making the highest marks in all subjects in the junior matriculation from Grade XI, the St. Vincent Alumnae gold medal, given by the Alumnae for the pupil in St. Vincent's school making the highest marks in matriculation papers and the gold medal presented by Mrs. James Dever for the pupil making the highest marks in English language and English literature, all these prizes having been won by Miss Mary M. Chalmers; the Parker silver medal, won by Samuel T. McCavour; the Emerson gold medal, won by Fred McGovern; Governor Wood's silver medal, won by Miss Margaret Cronin; the Ellis gold medal, won by Miss Vivian Dowling; the G. S. Mayes gold medal, won by Wm. Beattie; the Alumnae gold medal, won by Miss Marjorie Fitzpatrick; the good conduct prizes of five dollars given by G. S. Mayes to the pupils of La Tour and St. Patrick schools, won by Miss Agnes Kelleher and Miss Gladys Treacartin; prize consisting of valuable sets of books, given by the school board, won by Horace Wetmore and Miss Marjorie Blanning; and the set of books given by the Fortnightly Club, won by Miss Gwendolyn Ewing.

**STEAMSHIP PORTLAND  
CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE**

American Vessel is Bound from Havre, France, for New York, Her Home Port

New York, Dec. 18.—Wireless calls asking for help sent out by the American steamship Portland have been received by the naval radio station at Bermuda, according to advices received here today by the maritime exchange. The Portland is owned by the Kerr Steamship Company, of New York, and the latest records of her movements are that she left Havre for New York, November 20. At the office of the Kerr Steamship



**BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT  
IS PROGRESSING HERE**

Meeting of Boy Scout Council Last Night Heard Encouraging Reports from Scout Masters.

That the Boy Scout movement in St. John is in a most progressive condition, was revealed by the reports of the various Scout Masters given at a meeting of the local Boy Scout Council held last evening at the residence of B. C. Waring, Britain street, city.

The president, A. C. Skelton, occupied the chair, and was supported by Rev. H. A. Cady, B. C. Waring, A. S. M. McDonald, S. M. Pierce, S. M. Galley, A. S. M. Wetmore, S. M. Olive and P. Gibson.

In his remarks, the District Scout Master, B. C. Waring, stated that during the course of visiting nearly all the troops in the past week, he had passed twenty boys in tenderfoot tests alone, and that the boys showed a great desire to become more proficient and were interested in their work.

New troops had been organized and others were in course of formation. The subject of lectures among the boys during the remaining winter months was thoroughly discussed and it was decided to approach certain gentlemen who might give their services in this respect, the Y.M.C.A. having kindly offered to allow the Boy Scouts to attend on mass any lectures which the local council might arrange to hold in the Y.M.C.A. rooms.

It is hoped that arrangements might be arrived at as to Boy Scouts being placed at the services of the Soldiers' Discharge Depot, as the matter is now in the hands of the District Scout Master, whilst the report of the sub-committee as to a proposed competition among the scouts, in which a donated prize will be awarded, is having attention.

Lt. Morrow Well Known Here. The Montreal casualty list recently contained the name of Lieut. Morrow, killed in action. Lieut. Morrow left Canada with the 6th Battalion and spent last winter in St. John with that unit. For two months he was a guest at the home of Rev. J. C. Berrie, and made a number of friends who will be sorry to learn of his death. He was a thorough soldier and gentleman who has laid down his life for the cause which he felt was right.

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**HAD PARTIAL PLAN  
OF LEVY'S DRY DOCK**

Men Held in Connection With Summerside Fires Carried Several Papers.—Two Suspects Discharged.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 18.—Of the three men arrested on suspicion of being connected with the Summerside fires, two were discharged, there being nothing against them. One was held pending further investigation. His name is Alexander Campbell. He left Quebec this summer in the "Laurentian" for Clark City, Saguenay county, and was employed there at railway work by the Gulf Pulp and Paper Company.

He left on the Cascapedia for Charlottetown but stopped off at Summerside en route. When searched several papers were found on him, including a partial plan of the Levis dry dock. He did not reach Summerside till Friday morning. He had certainly nothing to do with the big fire and there is no evidence against him in connection with the other. He will probably be discharged.

The Board of Fire Underwriters of the Island announced today an increase of 15 per cent. on premiums on new insurance from date and on renewals from January 1st next. This is on account of the recent Summerside fires and additional government taxation for war purposes.

**PERSONALS**

George B. Willett, high sheriff of Westmorland, was a guest at the Royal yesterday.

A. D. Ganong, of St. Stephen, was a guest at the Royal yesterday.

A. R. MacGowan of Edmundston was at the Royal yesterday.

**TROUBLE ON STAFF  
OF INSANE HOSPITAL**

Charlottetown, Dec. 18.—Some sensational developments in connection with the Falconwood Insane Hospital are expected. Miss Stewart, superintendent of nurses has resigned and other resignations may follow.

**Why Not?**

Since the tendency of the Holiday Gift has turned toward the useful as well the ornamental, why not first inspect the stock in this men's store of things men like best.

What do you buy for father, son or brother? Isn't more than half your Christmas money devoted to buying things that give actual service, such as

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**Some Yule-Tide Hints**  
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You need scarcely be told that practical remembrances for Christmas are, this year, more than ever favored. A visit to the various departments of our establishment where the Holiday displays are now complete, will reveal to you many suitable gift suggestions only a few of which we can mention here.

**Nickeled and Copper Tableware.**  
Coffee Percolators, nickeled, at \$2.50, \$4.35, \$5.00, \$5.60, \$9.00.  
Coffee Machines, nickeled . . . . . \$8.75 to \$16.00  
Coffee Machines, copper . . . . . \$7.40 to \$13.00  
Electric Coffee Percolators . . . . . \$9.00 and \$10.00  
Electric Coffee Machines . . . . . \$12.50 to \$15.85  
Electric Coffee Machines, copper . . . . . \$13.40  
Coffee Machine Sets, consisting of Coffee Machine, Tray, Sugar, Cream, Coaster . . . . . \$30.00  
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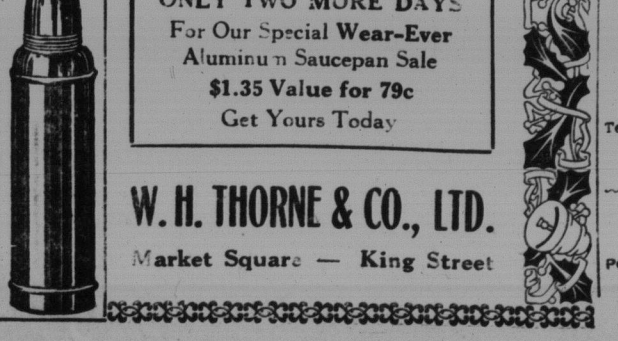
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These are of the Famous Universal Brand, and offer all the advantages of more expensive vacuum bottles, besides exclusive patented features, at MODERATE PRICES:  
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Corrugated Green Enamel, Pints, \$2.75; Quarts, \$4.25  
Corrugated Nickel . . . . . Pints, \$3.00; Quarts, \$4.50  
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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

PEACE RUMORS CONFUSE WALL ST.

Advances and Declines Occur in Bewildering Fashion.— Intense Interest in Today's Market Course.

New York, Dec. 18.—The ebb and flow of peace rumors constituted the most vital factor of today's market, advances and declines at times occurring in bewildering fashion.

There were occasional reminders of the turbulent movements which created such serious unsettlement and attrition during the previous week.

Favorable auguries were found in the better bank statement and the continuance of easy money rates.

Gross advances of one to almost three points were scored by lower priced rails, with free takings of Wash preferred shares; Lake Erie and Western Wheeling and Lake Erie.

Exchange on the Teutonic countries yielded perceptibly from last week's recovery, lines receding abruptly with rubles and a moderate shading of francs.

Chile Coppers 7's featured the uneventful market at an advance of over five points. Total sales, par value, aggregated \$3,650,000.

NEW YORK COTTON

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Lists various cotton grades and their prices.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS (McDOUGALL & COWANS)

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists various market quotations.

MARKET WAITING FOR LLOYD-GEORGE'S SPEECH

If Premier Today Will Let Enemy State Peace Terms Further Decline in Stocks Expected.— Trading Indifferent.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS) New York, Dec. 18.—The market did little after the recovery of part of the morning's losses, and there was little life to the trading.

A leading local banker who knows him well says that he thinks no man will want to have the responsibility of continuing this war and sacrificing millions of more lives, if by giving the enemy opportunity to state his peace proposals might result in ending the conflict.

In the present condition of this market, if Lloyd George does agree to hear Germany's terms, another sharp decline might easily result.

United States Steel led the entire list, fluctuating with a range of two points and closing at a net loss of 1-8.

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MONTREAL SALES (McDOUGALL & COWANS)

Table with columns: Morning, Montreal, Monday, Dec. 18th. Lists various sales figures.

Afternoon.

Table with columns: Steamships, Textile, Can. Cement, etc. Lists various afternoon sales.

MONTREAL PRODUCE.

Table with columns: Montreal, Dec. 18.—OATS—Canadian Western No. 2 yellow, etc. Lists various produce prices.

MONTREAL ANXIOUS OVER TODAY'S TRADING

Fluctuations in Market Yesterday Erratic, But Closing Was Strong.— Steel Stock Nervous.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 18.—The Star says: "There is considerable difference of opinion in the street as to what the market may do now even if the war should go on for another six months or a year.

"No matter what happens the steel industry is booked ahead for a year at high prices, and this sounds as though it ought ultimately to help the steel issues.

"If the Steel of Canada dividend becomes eight per cent, as many expect, the old high level would not look so high as it now does in the light of the decline."

While the main features of the annual statement indicate that attention has centered on co-operation with customers and the maintenance of a very strong position in order to be continually preparing during the war period there is a healthy increase in the profits for the year.

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GOOD UNDERTONE ON LONDON MARKET.

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 18.—Money was in fair supply on the market today and discounts were steady.

WINNIPEG WHEAT CLOSE.

Table with columns: (McDOUGALL & COWANS), Dec. 18th. Lists various wheat prices.

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RECORD ATTAINED BY ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

For First Time in Its History Total Assets Are in Excess of Quarter of Billion Dollars.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 18.—The annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada, which went forward to shareholders today reflects in a striking manner the strides the Royal is making among the leading Canadian banks and the benefits it is evidently obtaining from the strong and effective banking organization it has built up through the Dominion.

For the first time in the history of the bank, total assets are reported in excess of a quarter of a billion, the increase for the past twelve months being \$5,000,000, total assets amounting to \$253,261,427, compared with \$198,269,123 at the end of last year.

The general character of the bank's deposits makes a gain of over \$25,000,000 in deposits bearing interest, a notable one, and is especially gratifying in view of the manner in which the Royal, during the course of the year recommended to its depositors investment in the large Dominion domestic loans.

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CHICAGO PRODUCE.

Table with columns: (McDOUGALL & COWANS), Dec. 18.—Wheat—No. 2 red, etc. Lists various Chicago produce prices.

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MONTREAL OPINIONS DIFFER AS TO FUTURE

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Fluctuations today were erratic, particularly during the morning session when recessions from the early prices were made.

Lloyd George is supposed to make his statement tomorrow in reply to Germany's peace proposals. On looking over our list of securities, with few exceptions, our stocks are not so high, not considering so much their earnings, as what has been put back in the properties from the phenomenal earnings they have had for the last couple of years.

CHISHOLM ELECTED IN MOOSEJAW.

Moosejaw, Sask., Dec. 18.—The official count shows that J. E. Chisholm has been elected to the Legislature for Moosejaw over J. A. Sheppard, former speaker, by 82 majority.

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MONTREAL MARKETS (McDOUGALL & COWANS)

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various market prices.

Telephone Co., Purchase.

The large building on Chipman Hill formerly owned by Schofield Bros., has been sold by Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., to the N. B. Telephone Company, Ltd. It is understood that the latter company will use the building as its headquarters for everything except local business.

The Late F. C. Smith.

At yesterday's luncheon of the Rotary Club a feeling tribute was paid to the late Frank C. Smith by T. H. Estabrooks. L. H. Sandall moved that the tribute be placed on the minutes of the club and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Smith and family. The motion was carried by a standing vote.

Francis S. Walker Sanitary and Heating Engineer, No. 18 Germain Street.

G. Ernest Fairweather Architect, 84 Germain Street - St. John, N. B.

The Vaughan Electric Co. Ltd. Electrical Engineers, Germain St. St. John, N. B.

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# AIR ATTACKS ON TOWNS IN PRUSSIAN HANDS RESENTED

### Correspondent on West Front Says That French Civilians Are Incensed at Bomb Dropping by Aviators and Describes Scene During Bombardment at Night.

W. Scheuermann, a correspondent on the west front sends to the Prussian newspapers a graphic description of a night attack made by French aviators on a town in which he was quartered. He says these night attacks have become so frequent that the inhabitants are almost becoming accustomed to it.

"Again bulletins from the French headquarters report successful night attacks by aviators on the German front," writes Herr Scheuermann. "Much damage was done and many fires were observed. That is the way in which the bulletins usually are caught by our wireless, but it is becoming such a usual thing that we no longer mind it.

"Last night I slept in a French town which was bombarded with these bombs from the air. One of my colleagues had remarked to me that day that no doubt we would have bombs from the French aviators. I asked him how he knew it; he replied he did not know it—that he simply felt it.

me to run to the cellar and perhaps be hit by a bomb in the street. I saw one poor fellow who tried to do it lying across the way, his stomach ripped open, and so I was not going to take the chance. If I am to be hit in my room, well and good; it can't be helped. Strange what fatalists many of us become in war time.

Searchlights Sweep Sky

"Looking out of the window I notice the sky being swept by searchlights. Suddenly one long, white shaft of light halts; others quickly concentrate on the same spot, and I notice an aeroplane so high in the air that it resembles a moth circling around the light. Presently it disappears entirely and the searchlights, too, are seen no more.

"From a police patrol in the street below my window I hear that some of the bombs struck the home of the wine dealer in the next street. I dress and follow the patrol to the place. There is a crowd of officers, soldiers and police in front of the building, and the street is strewn with bricks and shattered glass. One of the policemen rings the doorbell, and an elderly lady appears at the upper window.

"A bomb has struck your house, madam," the policeman tells her.

"So it seemed to us," said the lady laughingly. "We all were thrown out of bed and heard a terrible crash. The house trembled as from an earthquake. We thought lightning had struck the house but then when we heard more crashes and the quick firing of machine guns we knew it was a night attack by aviators. Strange, however, we looked through the whole house and could not find any trace of bombs."

"But these bricks and stones, madam?" said the policeman. "They must have been dislodged from your house."

"The men in the crowd brought lights, and then it was seen that the bricks looked as if they might have been part of a chimney. Every one looks up at the roof and there, sure enough, in the dim light of dawn, we can see that part of the chimney has been shattered. Yet, fortunately, not even the roof of the house was damaged. You never can tell how these bombs work.

"I am told that much damage was done by the aviators in the next village, where there is a large factory. After sunrise that morning I took a trip to the village and found that the factory was considerably damaged, but no lives were lost. About 120 men of the night shift were at work, and they suddenly heard a crash in the swamp to the right of the building. Part of a wall caved in, and much glass was shattered, but that was all. Some of the workmen were still there talking about it.

Chatham, N. B.; Sch Alicia B Crosby, Philadelphia.

Old Dec 15: Str Canada, Davies, Liverpool.

**SCHOONER JOST FLOATED.**

R C Elkin received word yesterday that the schooner Jost, reported ashore at Spensor's Island and floated, was not badly damaged. Mr. Elkin will probably bring the schooner to St John for repairs.

**RECENT CHARTERS.**

Sch G J Cherry, Gulf port to Demerara, lumber, \$25; Sch E Marie Brown same, \$14; Sch William E Litchfield, same, \$15.

**BATH SHIPBUILDING.**

Nine vessels, with an aggregate of 7,709 tons, were launched from the shipyards at Bath this year, the list embracing four schooners, two barges, one steam yacht and two scows, this being exclusive of government built craft. The prospect for 1917 is much more encouraging, five vessels being already on the stocks.

## BODY OF LINCOLN'S ASSASSIN REMOVED

### Positively Identified Before Relatives Took Body From Arsenal.

Washington, Dec. 17—There has always been considerable mystery as to the final resting place of the remains of President Lincoln. Some light is thrown on the subject in an authoritative way in a letter printed in the Washington Evening Star Friday from Brigadier-General Frank H. Phipps, U.S.A., retired, who had charge of the removal of Booth's body from the Washington arsenal, where it was buried originally. Writing from Havertown, Pa., General Phipps says:—

"Early one morning a rowboat brought his body in a sack to the Washington arsenal. It was boxed and buried within the walls of the old penitentiary. Later, on the demolition of this building, his remains with those of the conspirators who were hung and buried within its walls, were removed to one of the arsenal storehouses and placed under its stone flagging, which was so marked as to make the location of each one certain. The remains of Captain Wirtz, the Confederate jailer were later brought to this same place.

"During the winter of 1868-69, Edwin Booth applied to President Johnson for his brother's remains, to be buried, it was understood, in the family lot in Baltimore. In giving permission for the removal instructions were given to the commanding officer of the arsenal, General George D. Hamsey, to see that the remains were positively identified, it having been repeatedly reported that Booth had been seen in various places in Europe. Being at that time on duty at the arsenal, I was directed by General Hamsey to see that the instructions were now complied with. The box was opened and identification was complete to the satisfaction of all present.

"Several newspaper correspondents were observers, and I remember reading the next morning a full description of the proceedings in a New York paper. . . . I may add that I superin-

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**WILL BE KING CHARLES IV. OF HUNGARY, ETC.**

Budapest, Saturday, Dec. 16, via Tuckerton, N. J., Dec. 18.—The question as to what the official title of the new emperor should be in Hungary, so as to avoid duplication of the titles of previous Kings Charles, was settled today with the announcement by Premier Tisza that the emperor will call himself at the coronation "Emperor Charles I. of Austria and King Charles IV. of Hungary and Bohemia."

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## SHIPPING NEWS

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

December—Phases of the Moon.

Full Moon	..... 9th 8h. 44m. a.m.
Last Quarter	..... 17th 2h. 6m. p.m.
New Moon	..... 24th 4h. 31m. p.m.
First Quarter	..... 31st 5h. 7m. a.m.

Date.	D. of W.	W. rain.	H. rain.	H. water a.m.	H. water p.m.	L. water a.m.	L. water p.m.
19 Tu	8.06	4.38	6.37	18.59	0.14	12.48	
20 W	8.06	4.38	7.29	19.53	1.08	13.42	
21 Th	8.07	4.38	8.29	20.46	2.03	14.39	
22 Fr	8.08	4.40	9.10	21.37	2.58	15.34	

**PORT OF ST JOHN, N. B.**

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Coastwise—Sch Wilfred D. Grand Harbor; Str Maskinonge, Sydney.

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**BRITISH PORTS.**

Glasgow, Dec 8—Sld: Str Cameron, New York.

**FOREIGN PORTS.**

Boston, Dec 15—Ard: Sch Lulu W Epps, Ellsworth.

Sid Dec 15: Sch Northern Light, New York.

Calais, Dec 15—Ard: Sch Fred B Balano, Carteret, N. J. for St Stephen, N. B.

Newport News, Dec 15—Sld: Str Bestum, Portland.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 15—Ard: Sch Miller J Dixon, Prince Edward Island for New York.

Cape Cod Canal—Ard at White Neck Dec 14: Schs Emma McAdam, Harry W Haynes, L A Plummer, F C Pendleton, Abbie S Walker, Daniel McLeod.

Ard at Sandwich Dec 14: Schs Telemach, Northern Light.

Lubec, Dec 15—Ard: Sch Fred B Balano, New York for St Andrews, N. B.

New York, Dec 14—Cld: Sch Willie L Maxwell, Macoris.

Sid Dec 14: Sch Charles H Kinlock, Camden.

Philadelphia, Dec 15—Ard: Sch Wm Booth, Roberts Harbor.

Delaware Breakwater, Dec 14—Sld: Sch Dean E Brown, Virginia.

Portland, Dec 15—Ard: Str Ozama.

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THE HOME THE WORLD

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES THE PLAYERS

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

GIRLS' CLUB. In an article on the work of this club the fact that the noon trains are also met by the Travelers Aid was noted.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES. Once a year the Centre Napan Institute holds an "at home" and at least fifty were present at the November celebration.

STYLE NOTES. The women who go in for country life and who motor in the daytime errands appear to have abolished the

der a meal that would cause them to go away hungry, something was always substituted. For instance, "Three Quarters of the Earth" (water)

The Fredericton Institute had a house to house canvass for the Victoria Public Hospital, Nov. 24th, and collected 173 bottles pickles, chow chow, etc.

Some of the new ribbons for handbags are of velvet brocade. These are especially pretty made up with a shirred heading or mounted in a framework of metal or shell.

Crean net blouses are liberally trimmed with lace and gilt threads run into white lace. Sometimes, too, there is a tiny cord of gilt about the neck that lies loosely at the front.

hat with a brim. They have not only taken up these high-shevel caps, but some of them go in for the skull cap of black or colored velvet, with an immense ornament in front.

New evening slippers of black satin show bowknots of colored jet sequins.

Velour hats are much sold for autumn and winter sport wear, and probably some of the prettiest skating hats of the season are to be of this fabric.

The English woman has always delighted to go bareheaded after dark, but the French woman and the Canadian woman have always preferred to wear a hat, even with a décolleté frock, at restaurants and other semi-public places in the evening.

As I said yesterday you will find it quite an easy matter if you tell your school mates that there are no hard rules, as all they are expected to do is to "do a kindly deed whenever possible," and promise to get The Standard regularly, so that they may follow closely the Children's Corner, and enter the different contests in which such lovely prizes are awarded.

Now get busy and let me see who is going to capture that first prize of five dollars, or the others of from one to four dollars each.

The cape shape continues to be decidedly smart in fur neckwear. Some of the most effective neckpieces are made of Paisley edged with fur.

The wine shades, the deep reds that we call Burgundy, are much in favor, and they are most appropriate, because of their warm tones for winter wear.

Remember the poor when the snow comes down. And cover the earth with a Christmas crown.

Remember the poor in the great highway. The pitiful waits that a-hungered stray.

Remember the poor where the beard is spread. When there's plenty of meat and plenty of bread.

Preparedness. "When my husband proposed to me the poor fellow's voice stuck in his throat."

"Well, you see I was afraid that might happen so I had taken lessons in lip reading."—Boston Transcript.

THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS. (London Times).

The good work which is being done for our many sick and wounded, an ever-increasing number, must have been by this time brought home to every household in the kingdom.

She Believes Them. "I'm sure that grocer of ours gives us short weight," said he. "No, he doesn't," said Ma. "His scales are correct. I weighed myself on them this morning and they showed that I am 20 pounds lighter than I thought I was."—Detroit Free Press.

James MacMurray, general manager of the Eastern Securities Co. Ltd., gave an instructive address at the luncheon of the Rotary Club held yesterday.

Uncle Dick's Corner.

TODAY'S LITTLE JOKE

Paint Postpones Spanking. "Bobbie, have you been sitting in paint?" "Yes, mamma; but you mustn't spank me. You'll get it all over your hand."

UNCLE DICK'S DAILY CHAT

My Dear Kiddies:— Suppose that ten of you were told that you were going to have twenty dollars divided amongst you. Well, would you do with your share? What now, that is just exactly what is going to happen. At the end of this year, that is, in two weeks' time, I am going to award twenty dollars among the boys and girls who succeed in getting the most number of new members for the Corner during that period.

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Now get busy and let me see who is going to capture that first prize of five dollars, or the others of from one to four dollars each. If you find you really cannot get more than say two new members to join, be sure to send in their names together with a letter from them, saying they wish to join, and carry out the two promises given above, as even two might just win you one of the prizes.

From Your Uncle Dick

Children's Editor.

WHY FOUR PRIZEWINNERS LIKE THE CORNER

Get Acquainted With the Children. The reason why I like the Children's Corner in the St. John Standard is because its very interesting, the Allies Aid Society helps the soldiers. It learns you to write letters, compositions to paint and to draw.

Is Both Instructive and Interesting. I like the Corner because it is both instructive and interesting. It gives you something to read, to think about and to do.

Cultivates Children's Minds. The Children's Corner in The St. John Standard is very interesting. It is fun to work out the puzzles even if you don't send them, at least I think so.

Eight Reasons Why—Reasons to Like the Children's Corner: Uncle Dick's letters. Riddles and jokes. Allies Aid Society. Red Cross Society. Bedtime stories for the children. Contests. Children's letters. —Sent by Nellie Erb, Wickham.

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

IMPERIAL. The Daughter of MacGregor.

A review in a motion picture magazine said of this picture: "The Daughter of MacGregor" has two stars, Valentine Grant and her dog, Lady, and it is hard to say which makes the more favorable impression.

As you will have no difficulty in guessing, this is a Scotch play and was written by Miss Grant who takes the name role. The story is rather conventional, with the exception that the usual fine character of the Scotch minister is faintly indicated.

LYRIC. Faith.

This is a very pretty picture and one that almost everyone will enjoy. Mary Miles Minter is given a chance to show her art as an actress and while she is featured she shows that she has real dramatic ability in this play.

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Irene Howley is Fil. Alan Hale is the count and Gretchen Hartman, George Pancoff and Guido Colucci are prominent in the picture. The settings are good and the photography satisfactory.

UNIQUE. The Shielding Shadow.

Full of circus stunts and mysteries this number is even better than the last. It is a bit aggravating though as you just think it is all to be explained about the disappearing mantle and then it is not told for Sebastian cleverly runs off with this convenient garment.

IMPERIAL. The Daughter of MacGregor.

I think. The pictures at the hospital when the disabled Sebastian suddenly vanished and Raveland went around clutching the air kept the audience all worked up and nervous.

CONCERT at Congregational Church.

In the schoolhouse of the Congregational church on Union street a benefit concert was held last evening, arranged by members of the executive of the Girls' Club.

MUSICAL COMEDY CO. AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The Opera House will change policy from feature photo dramas to musical comedy on Thursday of this week, presenting Jack Westerman and his own musical comedy company in the merry musical play, "Tom Walker's Troubles."

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William Bell Young G... \$500 F...

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 8. Miss Margaret Carter Woodstock, Wm. Bell Me, coroner of the Woodstock section department on charges of being taken into custody at Woodstock, Me., and the court at Dover, Me. \$500 bonds for the grand jury which meets in default of bonds (b) to jail.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

At the hearing of the case, the court, after a hearing of the evidence, found the defendant guilty of the charge of being taken into custody at Woodstock, Me., and the court at Dover, Me. \$500 bonds for the grand jury which meets in default of bonds (b) to jail.

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# RAILROAD MAN ARRESTED ON WHITE SLAVERY CHARGE

William Bell of Bangor & Aroostook Accused of Enticing Young Girls to Woodstock in 1913—Prisoner Held in \$500 F. Gr. d Jury.

Special to The Standard.  
Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 18.—On complaint of George A. Carter, father of Miss Margaret Carter, formerly of Woodstock, Wm. Bell of Greenville, Me., foreman of the Bangor and Aroostook section department, is under arrest on charges of white slavery. Bell was taken into custody at Brownville Junction, Me., and at a hearing in the court at Dover, Me., was held in \$500 bonds for the Piscataquis Co. grand jury which meets in March next, in default of bonds Bell was committed to jail.

Mr. Carter alleges that Bell enticed his daughter, 22 years of age, from her home in Greenville to Woodstock in August, 1913.

**Court Proceedings.**  
At the hearing Harry L. Smith, at Dover, Bell's counsel, waived the reading of the warrant and Bell entered a plea of not guilty. As far as known the respondent has made no statement as to his whereabouts in the past few years, but it is understood that he does not deny being in Houlton or in Woodstock in that time. He is about 50 years old. For some time he was foreman on the B. & A. section at Greenville and in the summer of 1913 obtained a three months leave of absence saying that he was to go on the harvesters' excursion to the Canadian northwest.

He left Greenville Aug. 29th of that year, his wife going with him as far as Bangor. When he left Bangor she understood that he was to join the

# ST. JOHN RIVER COMMISSION NOT YET PAID

Bangor, Me., Dec. 18.—The famous Van Buren lumber war may figure much before this session of congress. Peter Charles Keegan of that town and Oscar F. Fellows of Bangor were expected in Washington this week to confer with the members of the Maine delegation in reference to the procedure which shall be followed in order that members of the St. John River commission may secure compensation for their services.

Officially this commission is known as the International Commission Pertaining to St. John River. Its original duties were to make clear the respective rights of Canada and the United States in using the waters of that river, where it forms the boundary between the two countries under the Ashburton treaty of 1842, which closed the bloodless Aroostook war.

This commission was appointed in 1909 and the American members were Geo. E. Murchie of Calais and Peter Charles Keegan. The creation of the commission was due to the so-called Van Buren lumber war of June, 1906, when the veteran St. John lumberman, Levi Pond, dynamited a boom owned by the Van Buren Lumber Co., at that place.

Mr. Fellows was named as counsel for the commission. After many hearings, the duties were enlarged to include surveys and estimates for improving conditions of the river, by creating storage basins and perfecting control of the flowage. In 1910 the members received \$500 in payment of their labors; also compensation for expenses to date. Since then they have received nothing. It is to get this pay that they are now striving. Mr. Murchie died three years ago. In his place John B. Madigan of Houlton was named. Mr. Madigan last spring was appointed a justice of the supreme court of Maine.

# POTATO MEN WILL MEET AT WOODSTOCK

At a meeting of the Executive Board of the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Association, it was decided to hold the second annual meeting of the association in the Fisher Agricultural School at Woodstock on December 27th and 28th. In view of the success which attended the initial convention held last year, when nearly 200 potato growers attended, the Executive Board are looking forward to an increased interest being taken in this by the farmers who are finding potatoes to be such an important crop.

The success which has attended the raising of potatoes has been attained by very little effort on the part of the growers and much more could be accomplished if the farmers were thoroughly organized for the purpose of studying this industry.

An extensive programme is being prepared and all phases of the potato industry will receive due consideration. Among the topics to be discussed will be: Improvement of methods of cultivation with the hope of increasing the yield at a lessened cost; "A discussion of the present fertilizer situation," laying particular emphasis on potash; "Selection of seed potatoes for the purpose of increasing the yield and improving the quality;" "Varieties of potatoes suitable for New Brunswick conditions," placing special emphasis on the necessity for raising one or two standard varieties which are high yielders and at the same time suitable for the domestic and foreign markets; "The importance of grading, standardizing and certifying table and seed potatoes;" "The present price and the possible price for seed potatoes in the spring, and the prospects for the crop of 1917." Addresses will also be given on potato diseases and general methods of handling the potato crop.

The association is greatly indebted to the Potato Exchange for having

made a donation of \$300.00 to be used in furthering its work. This money will be spent on prizes, from \$25.00 for first prizes, down to \$1.00. All varieties may be exhibited, but particular attention will be paid to the more popular and valuable commercial varieties, such as, Irish Cobbler, Green Mountain, Carman No. 1, Delaware, Cumming's Pride, and some of the less known varieties. Prizes will also be offered for the best collection of varieties and the best advertising displays.

The following exhibits will be displayed: The Dominion Experimental Farms Agricultural Exhibition Exhibit; Varieties of potatoes by the Dominion Experimental Farms; Potato diseases by the Division of Botany, Dominion Experimental Farms; Potato machinery; exhibits by the manufacturers.

This is a potato growers meeting and those interested in potato growing cannot afford to stay away. Every problem will be discussed, including varieties, fertilizers, cultivation, diseases, and methods of improved marketing and standardization. Some of the best authorities in America will be present to address the convention. Circulars will be distributed at an early date, including the prize list, and making suggestions on the methods of selecting potatoes for exhibition. Anyone wishing further information in connection with the convention should write to the secretary, G. C. Cunningham, Fredericton, N. B.

## OBITUARY.

**Death of Infant.**  
Many friends will extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. William Redmore of 200 Brussels street, in the death yesterday of their infant daughter, Mabel Isabel. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**Thomas Murray.**  
Yesterday afternoon Thomas Murray passed away at his home, 17 Brindley street, after an illness of four months. He leaves three sons, Charles, Thomas and Patrick, and four daughters, Mrs. Alonzo G. Sully, of Revere, Mass.; Mrs. Charles W. Anderson and the Misses Cora and Mary, at home.

**Mrs. James O'Leary.**  
Death came suddenly to Mrs. James O'Leary on Saturday night at her home, 117 Brussels street. The de-

ceased, who was sixty-six years of age, had been put during the afternoon making some purchases, but in the evening she was stricken with paralysis and passed away. The deceased is survived by her husband, two sons, Frank, now on active service; Stanley, at home; six daughters, Mrs. A. F. Callre, of Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. James O'Brien, Mrs. F. J. Cobble and Mrs. Joseph McDermott, all of this city, and the Misses Hattie and Edna, at home.

**Mrs. J. V. Russell.**  
Death came very suddenly yesterday morning to Mrs. Russell, wife of the commissioner of harbor, fisheries and public lands. Although she had not been feeling well for two or three days past, Mrs. Russell was about the house as usual and when Commissioner Russell left home yesterday morning to come down town, her condition was in no sense alarming. Shortly after a call from Mrs. Russell notified the commissioner that his wife's condition was alarming. He summoned Dr. Emery, who hastened to the house and applied restoratives, and later Dr. Macaulay was called in, but Mrs. Russell sank rapidly and soon was beyond medical aid. Her death resulted from heart disease. The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. William Gray of this city. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, her father, two brothers, Messrs. George and William Gray of this city, and five sisters, Mrs. A. H. Likely, Mrs. William Hamilton, Mrs. J. Bienenkopp, Mrs. R. McConnell of this city, and Mrs. E. S. Haines of Toronto.

Mrs. Russell was an active worker in St. John Presbyterian church. A woman of fine character, she had a large circle of friends who heard of her death with sincere sorrow and regret. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon from her late residence, King street east.

## THE TRAGEDY OF SERBIA.

Major Sharpe, late commandant British Naval Mission Hospital, Belgrade, Serbia, in writing of the Serbian people says: "They are a moral, temperate, kind-hearted, grateful race, intensely patriotic, with a fervid love of their country, and till this own soil and asks no greater favor than to be left in peace that he may supply his frugal wants from the soil, and to indulge his love for poetry, music, and flowers.

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We have just completed and brought down from our factory a large assortment of FURS made up especially for our Christmas trade. They are all NEW and thoroughly up-to-date in every particular, and we can offer you the best values in the Maritime Provinces. A few of them are described.

We would especially draw your attention to our Hudson Seal Coats (25 in stock to select from) and our Black LYNX and Black WOLF sets of which we are stocking the most complete range in Eastern Canada.

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Conscription being in force, all the men and boys over 17 were in the army and the grandfathers were guarding the railroad bridges, depots and doing other service for their country.

How Serbia was overrun by the Teuton hordes is now a matter of history and Major Sharpe reports the frightful devastation of the country and the tragedy of the people in all classes, both in killed and wounded, who died in very large numbers owing to the paucity of skilled attendance, trained nurses, or even the smallest quantity of needful supplies. The outbreak of typhus fever in the early months of 1915 carried off 300,000 of the population, 20,000 orphans alone being left after this outbreak.

Those who escaped the terrors first of the invaders, and then of the terrible winter journey across the frozen mountains, have found shelter in the allied countries, where they are dependent upon the food and shelter administered through the Serbian Relief Fund.

As Major Sharpe says: "They have given freely of their best that tyranny might forever perish." The question for us is how best can we assist them—a question that should be answered by contributions to the Serbian Relief Fund.

# A RARE OPPORTUNITY

## Will You Do This?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Strong winds and gales, northwest to northeast; cold, with snow. Washington, Dec. 18.—Northern New England—Snow Tuesday; Wednesday fair, Northeast gales. Tuesday, diminishing Wednesday. Toronto, Dec. 18.—Local snow-falls have occurred in the Maritime Provinces and in Alberta; otherwise the weather over the Dominion has been fair. Cold weather prevails from Saskatchewan eastward. A disturbance, now centered near Cape Hatteras, is likely to move northeastward off the Nova Scotian coast.

Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Battleford, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, and Below zero.

Around the City

English Letter Mail. An English letter mail closes on Wednesday morning, Dec. 20, at five o'clock. Protestant Orphans' Home. Any contributions addressed to the Protestant Orphans' Home will be gratefully received for the Children's Christmas tree. School Estimates Next Week. A special meeting of the board of school trustees will be held on Friday, the 29th inst., for the purpose of dealing with the school estimates for next year. Several other matters will be brought forward for consideration at the meeting, including the matter of the salaries of school teachers.

Morning Fire in Clarence Street. Between 6.30 and 7 o'clock yesterday morning a slight fire occurred in a house in Clarence street occupied by a family named Babineau. It was caused by defective jointing in the brick of an open fireplace and was quickly extinguished by the men of the fire department. The damage was inconsiderable.

Patriotic Fete Nets \$1,200. The ladies of Royal Standard Chapter, I.O.D.E., are more than pleased with the returns from the patriotic fete held at the Union Club on Tuesday last. The net proceeds will amount to about \$1,200, and will be devoted to patriotic causes. The ladies worked hard and are grateful to the public who patronized the fete so liberally and made possible the splendid result.

No Council Yesterday. Owing to the bereavement of Commissioner Russell no meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday and it will probably be Thursday before the replies from the milk dealers in regard to relations for the recent increase in the price of that commodity are dealt with. Some nine or ten replies had been received by the common clerk at noon yesterday, and these were mostly from men in the county. Some of them have sent back the form sent to them by the common clerk and some have merely sent in a reply in general terms. Replies have also been received from a number of coal dealers in regard to the price of coal in small bags and these will be dealt with at the same time. The council will meet today at the usual hour and adjourn probably until Friday.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, \$2.50 to \$7.00, at The Rexall Store, 100 King St. Officers Elected. At the annual meeting of King Edward Lodge No. 30, held in the Prentice Boys' hall, on Guilford street, West Side, the following officers were elected: Wm. H. Price, Worthy Master. A. W. McAfee, Deputy Master. John Hersey, Chaplain. Robert Jones, Recording Secretary. L. E. Rolston, Financial Secretary. A. L. Belyea, Treasurer. Clifford Price, Director of Ceremonies. John Filmore, Lecturer. Harry Weaver, Deputy Lecturer. Archibald Thomas, Inside Tyler. Charles Dykeman, Outside Tyler. David Wells, Foreman of Committee. Frank Irvine, Roland Sweet, Burton King, Wm. Belyea, Committee.

Half Rates This Week. During this week only scholarships in Isaac Pitman shorthand or book-keeping, including books and stationery, with guarantee of a position, will be sold at half price, good for entrance any time afterwards, at Currie Commercial Institute, Oddfellows' Hall, 87 Union street.

Toilet Travelling Rolls for Ladies and Gentlemen at The Rexall Store, 100 King St. Beginning Wednesday and for the balance of the week M. R. A.'s stores will be open every evening until ten o'clock.

EFFICIENCY VS. APATHY MUST BE CANADA'S MOTTO

Major L. P. D. Tilley, Provincial Director of National Service, Says People Must Awaken to Complete Realization of Great Crisis—Luxuries Should be Abandoned and All Energy of Country Concentrated on Task of Winning the War.

"The sooner people of this country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, awake as one in strengthening the hands of the mother country, both by men and by money, just so much sooner will we assist in bringing this war to a more rapid termination. Let our motto be, therefore, from the first of January next, when the national service week will be inaugurated, Efficiency vs. Apathy." Major L. P. D. Tilley, Director of National Service for New Brunswick. A Standard reporter found Major Tilley busily engaged at his new offices in the post office yesterday afternoon, and asked him for some information concerning the national service inventory which the Dominion government has undertaken.

National Service Week. "The first week of the new year has been set aside for the national service," said Major Tilley. "Do the people of New Brunswick fully realize what national service means? Outside of the men who have volunteered and gone overseas, those now in khaki and ready to cross the Atlantic to go to the front, and the citizens of this country, both men and women, who have given freely and willingly of their time and energy to the work of those splendid organizations such as the Patriotic Fund, the recruiting committees, the Red Cross, the Soldiers' Comforts, the Daughters of the Empire, the Returned Soldiers' Committee and all other such noble and worthy organizations what are the rest of the public doing in this great national crisis? Efficiency vs. Apathy. "The British Empire and her Allies can win this war and will win this war," said Major Tilley. "But it cannot be won by simply saying so and the sooner the people of this country from the Atlantic to the Pacific unite as one people in strengthening the hands of the mother country both by men and by money, just so much the sooner will we assist in bringing this war to a more rapid termination. Let our motto be, therefore, from the first of January next, Efficiency vs. Apathy."

MUCH DAMAGE BY STORM ON GRAND MANAN

Telephone Company Alone Sustained Damage of \$5,000—Many Boats Smashed—Roads Blocked With Snow. The recent storm was the worst experienced in years at the mouth of the bay, and a great deal of damage was done on the islands of Grand Manan and Campobello. The snow locked the roads to such an extent that it was almost impossible to travel on Saturday. The steamer Grand Manan which carries the mails to and from the island to the mainland could not make her regular trip on Saturday to St. Andrews as the sea was too heavy. The mail driver left Seal Cove, at the southwest end of the island, at 4.30 a. m. on Saturday and did not arrive at North Head a distance of twelve miles, until 5.30 that afternoon, having taken thirteen hours to make the trip. The seas were the heaviest seen for years and it was impossible for any of the boats to leave their moorings. The boats on Grand Manan suffered much damage and at Wilson's Beach, on Campobello Island a number of small boats were destroyed by the heavy seas. At Lubec on the Maine coast a dredge was driven ashore. The heaviest sufferer from the storm on Grand Manan, however, was the Grand Manan Telephone Co., Ltd., who own and operate a line between North Head and Woodwards Cove. The snow and wind together wrought havoc to the line, and when the storm ceased there were not more than a dozen of their poles left standing. The damage done will amount to about \$5,000, and it will be some time before the line will be in operation again, probably not until next spring as it is very hard to place poles in the winter season. One peculiar feature of the storm was the fact that it drove the wild geese ashore, and after the storm had ceased the citizens of Whale Cove found the bodies of nine of them on the shores of the cove. It is supposed that the wind was so strong that it was impossible for them to make headway against it and perished.

J. D. PALMER SPEAKS OF THE SHOE INDUSTRY

Prices High Due to Cost of Leather—Believes in Advertising Provinces Advantages. J. D. Palmer, the well known shoe manufacturer of Fredericton, in reply to an inquiry from a Standard reporter of yesterday said that the Hart Boot & Shoe Co. Ltd. had enjoyed a good business during the past year. "We have had a satisfactory business during 1916. The opening of our Montreal branch has proved a big success. Things are busy at our Fredericton factory, upwards of 200 operatives being employed." "How are prices of boots as compared with former years?" asked the reporter. "There has been some advance in prices in the shoe trade," said Mr. Palmer. "This is largely due to the upward trend of the price of leather." Mr. Palmer is a leading member of the Fredericton Board of Trade and a past president of that body. He expressed himself as convinced that the board would do well to push vigorously after the war the advertising campaign that has been inaugurated a few years ago. "Community advertising shows that the city has a full realization of the advantages it possesses and is desirous of making the outside capitalist aware of those opportunities. New Brunswick should do some in the present after the war, and naturally I hope that Fredericton will get its share." The Hart Boot & Shoe Co. Ltd. of which Mr. Palmer is the president, enjoys a large business throughout the entire Dominion. Mr. Palmer himself is a former St. John resident, a man of keen business instincts, who is now one of the capital's foremost citizens. Mary Garden Perfume, \$1.25 to \$5.00 at The Rexall Store, 100 King St. We have said it before, in fact we have dwelt upon the subject—Generally one merchant is equal to another merchant, provided they can both pay their bills. Just occasionally does it fall to some one merchant to pull off a scoop. We are in an unique position in regard to Bracelet Watches and Diamonds. Our offerings are better value than ever before and we are open to demonstrate. Gundry's, 79 King street.

TO GET JUST WHAT HE WOULD LIKE BEST—THAT'S THE QUESTION. This store with its big selections of bright new Christmas merchandise in styles and qualities that men like best, offers an extremely easy and satisfactory solution of your gift problems for men and boys. Store open evenings, Hunt's Busy Up-down Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte street.

BUT 35 MEN HEARD CALL LAST WEEK

Recruiting Statement for Province Poorest on Record.—St. John Supplied More Than Half of Total.

Not since the war began has there been such a poor showing in recruiting throughout the province as that of last week, when but 35 men volunteered for service. No special reason can be advanced by military men for the sudden decrease in the weekly total. Recruiting officers claim that the peace proposals launched by Germany no doubt might cause some intending recruits to delay making application. Another regrettable incident from a recruiting standpoint is the fact that eight counties were unable to secure a man. Never before were there so many counties reporting "nil" for the week ending Saturday, December 16.

The List is as Follows: St. John County—Canadian Engineers 6, 236th Battalion 4, 8th Field Ambulance Train 4, Machine Gun Draft 2, R. C. N. V. R. 2, Home Service 1. York County—236th Battalion 1, 8th Field Ambulance Train 5, Canadian Engineers 1. Carleton County—236th Battalion 2, 9th Stege Battery 1, 65th Field Battery 1. Westmorland County—16th Battalion 2, Canadian Engineers 1. Queens and Sunbury Counties—236th Battalion 1, Charlotte County 1, Northumberland County 1, Victoria County 1, Gloucester County 1, Albert County 1, Kings County 1, Restigouche County 1, Kent County 1, Madawaska County 1. Total 35. J. L. McAVITY, Lieut.-Col. Chief Recruiting Officer for N. B.

CITY WANTS MEN FOR SNOW REMOVAL WORK

Storm of Friday and Saturday Providing Employment for More Men and Teams Than Can be Obtained. Street Superintendent Winchester was a busy man yesterday, and will be a busy man the next couple of days in removing the snow which fell in such large quantities on Friday and Saturday last. Bright and early yesterday morning every available team in the city was pressed into service to remove the numerous drifts which were piled up on the sides of the streets and made driving difficult except in the car tracks. In the east end of the city the eight city teams were at work—four double and four single—and in addition fourteen double and two single teams were hired. Twenty-eight men were required to shovel the snow for these teams, which were engaged in hauling from Prince William, Union, Charlotte and Princeton streets. In the North End seven double teams and twelve men were employed, and their work was confined principally to Paradise row and Mill street. Today these teams and men and as many more as care to apply will continue the work, and the department will engage all the men and teams that can get until the streets have been cleared and are in good condition again.

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

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

NOTICE. To accommodate our customers who wish to make their purchases in the evenings, beginning Wednesday, our King street store will be open every evening until Christmas. EVERY

SKATES Popular Seasonable. There is nearly always someone among relatives or friends, especially the younger ones, who would welcome a pair of skates on Christmas morning. The superiority of the old reliable STARR and WHELPLEY Skates are too well known to require mention here, and we need only quote some of the PRICES: STARR SKATES. Acme \$1.00, Boys' Hockey—Plata .85, Boys' Hockey—Nickeloid 1.05, Hockey, "Buildup" 1.25, Hockey, "Climax" Plata 1.50, Hockey, "Climax" Nickeloid 2.00, Hockey, "Scotia" 2.80, Hockey, "Royal" Featherweight 5.50, Hockey, "Velox" 6.00. WHELPLEY'S SKATES. Tube Hockey \$4.80, Tube Racer 6.40, Ladies' Hockey, "Regis" 2.50, Ladies' Hockey, "Glacier" 3.00, Ladies' Hockey, "Velox" 6.00. Long Reach, Boys' \$1.90, Long Reach, Men's 2.25, Child's Woodtop, with toe and Heel Strap 1.25. SPORTING DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

Velour Hats, Feather Hats, Toys, Christmas Gifts, Velvet Dress Shapes, Fashionably Trimmed Hats, Dolls. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd. STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS.

Always Popular Christmas Gifts. Automobile - SKATES - Long Reach. YUKON \$1.25, MODEL CYCLE 25 2.00, LADIES' AUTO 2.50, AUTOMOBILE A \$3.00, AUTOMOBILE B 4.00, AUTOMOBILE C 5.00, AUTOMOBILE D \$6.00. WHELPLEY'S LONG REACH SKATES \$1.40 to \$2.25. SKATE STRAPS, HOCKEY SKATES, HOCKEY PUCKS. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

STORES OPEN 8-30 CLOSE AT 6 P.M. SATURDAYS 10 P.M. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE

Umbrellas and Walking Sticks. Make Gifts That Should Please. We are showing an interesting assortment of each in the new styles. UMBRELLAS—In many handsome handle designs. Neat in appearance, and made to fit the hand comfortably. Artistically ornamented. Novel inlaid and mounting ideas. Ebony with silver inlaid. Gold, horn and ivory mountings. Best wearing covers in the extreme light weight and close rolling styles. Also the Novelty Folding Umbrella, to fit in suit case or club bag. \$1.00 to \$12.00. WALKING STICKS—Made more popular than ever by the military influence, are universally used. Our variety is greater than ever, and contains many novelties in shape and color in the favorite woods. Also Regulation Military kinds, 35c. to \$5.00. MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT.

Ladies' Kid Gloves of the Best Quality. Dependable Gloves, the product of the most reliable makers, in all the New Colors, form the basis of our Holiday Stock. As a gift they have long been popular, numerous pairs of different shades being necessary accessories to the modern wardrobe. PERFECT FITTING. REASONABLY PRICED. KID GLOVES, in Black, White, Tan, Grey, Putty, Mastic, etc. \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75. WASHABLE KID \$1.65, \$1.90, \$2.00, \$2.25. CAPE GLOVES \$1.50, \$1.75. MOTOE GLOVES, Tan or Grey \$2.75 pair. SUETE GLOVES, Tan, Grey, Black \$1.75, \$1.90. MOCHA GLOVES, Grey and Tans \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00. LONG WHITE GLOVES \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.25. BOYS' CAPE GLOVES. MISSES' CAPE GLOVES. GLOVE DEPARTMENT—FRONT STORE.

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AND UNTIL CHRISTMAS, OUR STORES WILL REMAIN OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited