

LOCAL NEWS

At the Gaiety.

Today the great war picture, "The Battle of the Somme," Genuine, Thrilling and inspiring. Gaiety's concert orchestra.

At the Gem.

Today William Fox presents William Farnum in "A Man of Sorrow," founded on the great stage success, "Hoodman Blind." Six big reels. A good picture.

Boston Remain "Wet."

The electors of Boston yesterday, by a majority of 23,462, decided to remain in the wet column. There were 53,469 votes for license and 29,997 votes against. Last year the vote stood: For license, 46,115; against, 31,877.

An Order from Bermuda.

Last week the Mail noted the fact that Mrs. McGinty had received a large order for fruit cake from a Montreal banker. Since that she has received an order for fruit cake from far-off Bermuda. Mrs. McGinty's fruit cake enjoys a deservedly high reputation.

Major Crocker Returns.

Major Randolph Crocker, who commanded the 28th Field Battery when it was raised in Fredericton early in 1915, arrived at St. John yesterday by the Allan liner Grampian. He was in command of a party of returned officers and men.

Soldier Bereaved.

Private Egbert H. Frost, of the 236th Highlanders, has met with a bereavement in the death of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Emma Frost, wife of Mr. E. H. Frost, of Hampton. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and four sons.

A Novel Vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Wheeler, of Buffalo, N. Y., and their 16-year-old son, who arrived today from the United States, are leaving this evening for Brathwaite's camps on the Miramichi to spend the Christmas holidays. They will make the 25-mile journey into the woods on snow shoes. Master Wheeler accompanied his parents on a fishing trip to the Miramichi six years ago.

Coming Poultry Show.

The York and Sunbury Poultry Association at a meeting last evening decided to hold the annual poultry show in the city on February 7th, 8th and 9th. Mr. F. B. Edgcombe's vacant store on King street has been secured for the purpose and the indications are that the show will be the best one ever held here. Experts will be here to talk on poultry raising and also to judge the stock on exhibition.

Lieut. Col. Guthrie Returning.

Word reached headquarters of the 236th Kilties Battalion this morning that Lieut. Col. Guthrie had completed his recruiting tour of the western provinces with a successful meeting at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, yesterday. The gathering was a luncheon under the auspices of the Canadian Club, at which ladies were present, and Lieut. Col. Guthrie left Calgary last night for home with a number of men. He will arrive in Montreal on Saturday, coming through to Fredericton that night so as to arrive here on Sunday.

Mid-Week Market.

There was a fairly large market this morning, and farm produce was quickly disposed of at good prices for the seller. Turkeys brought from 37c. to 40c. per lb., and geese brought \$2 each. Chickens were plentiful and sold at from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per pair. Larger ones sold at 23 cents per pound. Pork was fairly plentiful and sold at 14c. by the carcass. Beef brought from 7c. to 10c. per lb. by the quarter. Butter was fairly plentiful at 38c. per lb. A mid-dleman who laid in a big stock when it was 25c. a lb. did a land office business this morning peddling it out for 38c.

Children's Aid Society.

The attention of the citizens is called to the Children's Aid Society, an organization whose object is to provide and care for neglected, ill-used, dependent and delinquent children. The society is now caring for several such children, and in this work it solicits the hearty co-operation of the citizens. Any person knowing children who need the ministrations of the society will kindly notify Miss Jean Cooper, agent. Membership in the society is also solicited. The annual fee of \$1, or any larger contribution, may be forwarded to Mr. G. N. C. Hawkins, treasurer, Bank of Montreal, city.

Total Game Receipts.

The total receipts from game licenses sold in the province of New Brunswick during the season of 1916 is announced as \$45,133.80. This is upwards of \$4,000 in excess of the receipts of 1915, when the total was \$40,730.74. The totals of moose, deer and caribou killed under licenses in New Brunswick during the game season which closed December 1st will not be made up before January 20th. Instructions are now out to vendors of game licenses to make returns as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the tag system for making returns of animals killed has not proved a success, many license holders never making any returns of the game killed.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Quinn, of Truro, are at the Barker House.

Mrs. A. J. MacNeill, of Doaktown, is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. W. W. Ingram, of Hamilton, is at the Queen.

Mr. W. A. Garfield, of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. G. P. Bartt, of Hartland, is at the Queen.

If a Man Should Write
To Santa Claus

He would say, "Dear Old Man! Here are some of the things I should like best of all for Christmas.

HOUSE SLIPPERS, PAIR DRESS SHOES, DANCING PUMPS, WORKING SHOES, OVER BOOTS, RUBBERS.

"And if it's all the same to you Old Chris, I should like them to come from

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THE SERVICE STORE

HIGHLANDERS WILL
HAVE ONE WEEK'S
CHRISTMAS LEAVE

Paid off Today in Preparation---Christmas Fare Provided for Those Remaining in Barracks---A Special New Years Dinner

More than \$6,000 was paid out to the N. C. O.'s and men of the 236th Highland Battalion this morning by the paymaster, Capt. J. P. McPeake, and his staff as an advance on December pay for the soldiers to make for themselves a Merry Christmas.

Not more than fifty men will spend Christmas in barracks.

Leave Begins Tomorrow.

Christmas leave for the 236th will commence tomorrow night at midnight and will extend until midnight of Thursday, December 28th. This will bring all the troops back here for New Year's Day, and that holiday will be a day of celebration for the 236th, as it is for all Highland battalions, among which it is known as "Hogmanay."

Special Christmas Dinner.

For those who remain in barracks for Christmas there will be plenty of Christmas cheer. Capt. J. D. Black, the quartermaster, is arranging for a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, and it will be served at the Queen Street Barracks at noon next Monday. Sergt. Frank Mack, the sergeant cook, will have the assistance of three former hotel chefs in the preparation of the elaborate menu which has been arranged.

On New Year's Day it is proposed to give a turkey dinner for the whole battalion, and more than 400 lbs. of turkeys have already been ordered for this feast.

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TURKEYS AT FORTY
CENTS PER. ARE NOT
VERY POPULAR

Pork Taking Place of Poultry---Christmas Trade Beginning to Improve---Transportation Conditions Are Improving.

Turkeys are bringing from 37c. to 40c. per lb. at retail, geese \$2 each. At these prices the popularity of these fowl for Christmas fare has waned to a marked degree. These prices are records for Fredericton.

Many people who buy a large number of turkeys during the winter are not going to buy the birds this season except for Christmas. One prominent citizen informed the Mail today that fresh pork was taking the place of poultry in his family. Last year he bought fifteen turkeys at 28c. per lb., and this year one at 40c.

There is a noticeable decrease in the demand for turkeys generally.

Christmas Trade.

Christmas trade is beginning to brighten up. The storm of last Saturday and Sunday seriously affected transportation by both highway and railway, but conditions are now improving and more people are coming to the city. The special Christmas service of the Intercolonial between Fredericton and Marysville will begin tonight. This also will improve business. Beginning tonight, too, all stores will remain open for business in the evenings.

feast.

The soldiers granted leave will be paraded to the railway station today to get their transportation. Some will be able to leave for home this evening.

EDGEcombe's

- Grand Holiday Sale -

of Seasonable Dry Goods, Suitable for Xmas Gifts

THE FOLLOWING LIST WILL DOUBTLESS SUGGEST MANY ARTICLES APPROPRIATE—AND HELP INTENDING PURCHASERS TO MAKE THEIR SELECTIONS.

FOR LADIES.

SILK DRESS LENGTHS
SILK WAIST LENGTHS
FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS
PRETTY NECKWEAR
KID GLOVES
SILK HOSE
SILK MUFFLER
BOUDOIR CAPS
SILK UMBRELLA
FANCY MOCCASINS
RIBBONS and LACES
JEWELRY and SHOPPING BAGS
CREPE DE CHENE DRESS
PRETTY WAIST
SILK SWEATER
SKATING SET
KIMONA or BATH ROBE
SILK PETTICOAT
SILK CAMISOLE
DAINTY WHITEWEAR
TEA APRONS
SET OF FURS
DOWN PUFF, ETC.

FOR MEN.

SUIT OF CLOTHES
WINTER OVERCOAT
WOOL SWEATER
DRESSING GOWN
SMOKING JACKET
SILK PAJAMAS
SILK SHIRTS
SILK and WOOL MUFFLERS
NECKWEAR and COLLARS
HANDKERCHIEFS
SILK HOSIERY
GLOVES and BRACES
CLUB BAG
SUIT CASE
SILK UMBRELLA
COLLAR BOX
TOILET SET
TOBACCO JAR
SNOW SHOES
FUR COAT
FUR CAP
FUR GLOVES, ETC.

FOR CHILDREN

WINTER COAT
INFANT'S COAT
CHILD'S PAJAMAS
CHILD'S KIMONA
SCARFS and CAPS
OVERALLS
BERLIN SWEATER
STOCKINGS
BERLIN POLKAS
BERLIN HOODS
ANGORA HOODS
GLOVES and MITTS
CHILD'S BIBS
DOLLS and TOYS
SLEIGH ROBES
TEDDY BEAR BLANKETS
CHILDREN'S FURS
TEA SETS and DISHES
TINKER TOYS

See the Fancy Booths 1st and 2nd Floors.

89c-Special Kid Glove Sale begins Wed. Morning 20th inst. -89c

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