

# LOCAL NEWS

NO MAIL TOMORROW.

Tomorrow being New Year's Day and a public holiday, The Daily Mail will not be published.

## Watch Night Service

The customary watch night service at the Methodist Church will be held tonight. The service will begin at 11.30.

## Committee Meeting Tonight

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council in preparation for the January meeting will be held tonight. The council meeting will be Wednesday night.

## General Macdonell Ill

Word has been received to the effect that Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonell G. O. C. M. D. No. 7, is at present ill in Toronto with influenza, and is not expected to return to St. John until Jan. 5.

## Four Hours Behind Time.

The train from the west on the C. P. R. was four hours behind time today. The very cold weather of the past few days is responsible. All trains are more or less delayed by the cold weather.

## French-Canadian Units

Advice has been received from Ottawa that French-Canadians drafted in any military district other than districts 4 and 5 will be ordered to report to the depot battalion of the district in which they live. Those of the draftees who desire to serve in a French-Canadian unit may be subsequently transferred on their request to the first depot battalion, Quebec regiment at Quebec city.

## Fire in Zero Weather.

With the thermometer below zero, the residence of Mr. William Minto, 300 Saunders street, was seriously damaged by fire last night. The loss is estimated at \$525. The fire originated with an attempt to thaw out water pipes. Both the main house and the ell were damaged. Chemicals were used extensively in fighting the fire but a stream from the mains had to be resorted to finally. The dwelling was gutted and part of the roof burned off.

## Timberland Purchase

The Wilson Box Co., Ltd., of St. John have recently purchased from Mr. James S. Robinson, of Cambridge, Queens County, all his timber areas, covering some 3,000 acres, together with his saw mill at Cambridge. These limits contain a large quantity of standing timber and will be of value to the box company as another source of supply from which to draw raw material for their steadily increasing box business. The terms are private, but the price asked is understood to have been \$20,000.00.

## The Third Recital.

The third organ recital of the series arranged by Mr. W. J. Smith, A. R. C. O., organist and choirmaster of Christchurch Cathedral, took place on Sunday afternoon. It was largely attended and was much enjoyed by all who attended. The present series is the sixth which has been given at the Cathedral during the autumn and winter. The program of yesterday's recital was as follows: Prayer; National Anthem; First Sonata, Felix Borowski; At Night, Smith; Tulus Animam, Rossini; Air, It Is Enough, (Elijah) Mendelssohn; Sextette from Lucia di Lammermoor, Donizetti; The Marseillaise; Benediction.

## Returned Soldiers Welcomed.

Two more Fredericton soldiers invalided home after being wounded while on service in France, arrived here Saturday night. On account of the intense cold the ceremonies at the C. P. R. station were made as brief as possible. Deputy Mayor Walker extended the welcome of the city and a delegation from E.W.V.A. was on hand with a motor in which the men were taken to their homes. The returned men were Private George White and Private J. L. McCutcheon. Each was wounded in the leg and neither has recovered fully. Relatives were on hand to receive both the soldiers. Private White served in the 2nd Battalion, being drafted from the 12th. Private McCutcheon went overseas with the 55th Battalion.

## Regulation Altered.

In the regulations touching the importation and sale of liquor, adopted by the government on the 22nd, the general phrase "alcohol" was used in dealing with the alcoholic contents of liquors which should be deemed to be intoxicating. As the several provincial statutes may make use of the technical phrase "proof spirits," a slightly lower alcoholic content, it has been considered advisable to amend Section 2 of the regulations by substituting the words "proof spirits" for the word "alcohol" therein, thus obviating any possibility of confusion which would arise from two different standards. This amending order brings the provincial laws and the Dominion regulations into complete harmony in this regard, and removes all possibility of misunderstanding.

## Argued This Morning.

Argument took place this morning before His Honor Judge O. in the habeas corpus proceeding brought by Mrs. William Belyea, now serving a term of one year in jail for a statutory offense. Mr. G. T. Feeney argued in support of the application for the release of the prisoner and Police Magistrate Limerick opposed. The point taken was that as the offense of which the accused was convicted is an offense only in New Brunswick, a police magistrate though given power to try all cases which a county court judge can try, under the criminal code could not try this case. The magistrate took the ground that the Dominion parliament included this offense with the others and that he had jurisdiction. Judgment will be given later.

# A Happy New Year

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## COLD WAVE REACHED CLIMAX IN WEEK-END

Officially Sunday was Coldest, with 25 Below Zero—About City 30 Below was the Mark Today.

The cold wave which has made December, 1917, a month long to be remembered as a period of severe weather, reached its climax during the week-end when the lowest temperature of the month was registered. There is a difference of opinion whether Sunday or today had the lowest temperature. At the meteorological observatory at the university the lowest was twenty-five below zero, registered Sunday morning. This morning the temperature recorded was twenty-three below. About the city twenty-eight below was registered yesterday morning and thirty below this morning.

## The Discrepancies.

Asked today concerning the discrepancies between the official temperatures as recorded at the university and those recorded at various places about the city, Dr. C. C. Jones, who is in charge of the meteorological observatory, stated that inferiority in instruments in ordinary use was accountable for them. Recently one of the liquid thermometers similar to those in general use was tested at the university and was found to vary as much as seven degrees from the standard instrument furnished for the observatory.

## Trains Delayed.

As usual the trains are very late today, those on the long runs being the more seriously affected. In view of the general conditions and complaint on the part of the public the Canadian Pacific Railway today issued the following official statement from Montreal:

"The travelling public who may have to put up with some little inconvenience in connection with train delays should remember that the weather now being experienced is the worst and coldest recorded for any December within the last sixteen years. There were two thousand miles, for instance, on the Canadian Pacific system where the thermometer registered 30 degrees below of more, and at some places it was as low as 60 degrees. The engineers and trainmen who work under such conditions as these are little short of heroes, the additional cost of coal under such conditions amounts to many thousands of dollars and the burden placed upon the railways cannot be minimized."

## SEVENTY-SIX APPEALS WERE REFUSED

Appeal Tribunal No. 4 Considered 162 Cases—Three of Them Adjourned—Ten Reversals.

Appeal Tribunal No. 4, which sat in Fredericton during December, had before it 162 cases. Of that number three were adjourned for further hearing, making 159 which were definitely passed upon. Judge Grimmer of the Supreme Court composed the tribunal with Mr. J. J. F. Winslow as military representative.

Of the 162 appeals 143 were made by or on behalf of the men drafted for military service and 19 were made by the deputy military representative in whose name all such appeals were made. Nine of the appeals made by the D.M.R. had exemption allowed, making ten in whom the decisions of the exemption tribunals to exempt were refused. Of the others exemption was allowed in 71 cases and refused in 66. In all 83 exemptions were allowed and 76 refused.

It is not yet known what action will be taken in the adjourned appeals. There is still a further appeal for those not satisfied with the decisions.

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