

## LOCAL NEWS

NO MAIL TOMORROW.

Tomorrow being Christmas Day and a public holiday, The Daily Mail will not be published.

**Christmas Eatables**  
Sweet crisp celery, parsley, lettuce, cut flowers, potted plants. Display Sunday and Monday at our green houses, 834 Charlotte street. J. Bebbington & Son.

**For Halifax Relief.**  
Deputy Mayor Walker, local secretary for the Halifax Relief Fund, has received \$16.25 from the Normal School entertainment and fifty dollars from Dr. A. B. Atherton, now a resident of California.

**A Busy Time.**  
While the market today was not a large one there was a big influx of country visitors to the city. They are apparently all here to do Christmas shopping and the merchants are doing a thriving trade.

**The Poultry Show.**  
Entries for the Fredericton Poultry Show closed with the secretary, Mr. M. E. Hagerman on Saturday. A large number were received from the city and outside points and the show promises to be the best ever held here.

**Lieut. Neill Home.**  
Lieut. Ralph Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Neill of this city, is at his home here, having been invalided from England after a severe attack of trench fever. He went overseas with the 7th Field Battery of Montreal, and after lengthy service in France was given a commission.

**Booze Shut Out.**  
Collector L. C. Macnutt is in receipt of the following message from Hon. John McDougall, commissioner of customs: "Intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes containing over 2 1/2 per cent. alcohol, are prohibited from being imported in Canada on and after December 24th, unless purchased for importation before that date."

**The Country Market.**  
The market this morning was not a large one compared with that of Saturday, but there was a good demand for produce. Geese sold at \$2.50 and \$3, turkeys at 40 and 45 cents a pound, eggs at 60 cents, butter at 45 cents, beef at 12 to 15 cents, pork at 22 cents. Beef seemed to be very plentiful and the quality was excellent.

**Returned from Halifax.**  
Miss Annie Jones, daughter of Policeman Nathaniel Jones, has returned from Halifax where she was attending the School for the Blind. She will spend the Christmas season at her home here. Miss Jones went through the recent disaster at Halifax. The school escaped with but slight damage.

**Now in Hospital.**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harmon of Woodstock, have received word from the English Red Cross Society, stating that their son, Lieut. Burdette Harmon, has been admitted to the hospital there, suffering from wounds in the head, face and jaw, but nothing definite as to the seriousness of the wounds.

**Transferred to Montreal.**  
Mr. Ralph McFadgen, son of Mr. R. A. McFadgen of this city, arrived here this morning to spend the Christmas vacation at his home. He reached Fredericton Junction Sunday but owing to there being no connection on the Fredericton branch, remained there until today. He has been transferred from Toronto where he has been for some time to the head office of the Bank of B.N.A. at Montreal.

**Majority Increased.**  
The official count of the ballots cast in the Federal election in the constituency of York-Sunbury on Monday last which took place at the County Court House Saturday afternoon increased the majority of the Unionist candidate by nineteen, making it 2,908. The difference was made by an error of ten too many for Mr. Brown at the Devon poll and ten too few for Col. McLeod at Blissville, also one too many for Col. McLeod at one other poll.

**Late Arthur W. Rickard.**  
The death occurred at Barker's Point Saturday afternoon after an illness of four months of Arthur W. Rickard, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. E. Rickard, in the sixteenth year of his age. He is survived by his parents, six sisters and four brothers. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and was largely attended. Rev. A. D. McLeod of the South Devon Methodist church conducted the services. Interment was made at Sunnybank cemetery.

**Loss to Methodism.**  
A vivid description of the terrible losses sustained by Methodism in the Halifax disaster is given by Dr. A. T. Moore, who has just returned to Toronto from that city. The losses he enumerates as follows: Kay Street church and parsonage completely destroyed, loss \$25,000; Charles Street church, a comparatively new building, so seriously shaken that its restoration will cost not less than \$15,000; Charles Street parsonage practically needs rebuilding, which will cost \$5,000; Brunswick Street church, one of the oldest there, suffered between \$10,000 and \$12,000 damage; Grafton Street church will require repairs to the extent of \$8,000; Oxford Street church and Rabie Street church, \$3,000. The church and parsonage at Dartmouth both require entire rebuilding, which will cost \$25,000, and the Methodist Book Room sustained a loss of \$11,000, making the heavy total of \$107,000.

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FIFTY-FOUR  
SMALLPOX CASES  
IN PROVINCE

Number Larger Than at Any Time During Outbreak—Conditions in Maine Alarming.

The cases of smallpox reported in the province of New Brunswick now are more numerous than at any time since the outbreak of the disease occurred. Fifty-four cases are recorded by the Provincial Board of Health, the majority being secondary. The North Shore which had very few cases early in the outbreak is now badly infected, particularly in Northumberland and Kent counties.

**Serious in Maine.**  
The state of Maine which was the source of the first cases which came into New Brunswick some months ago is now in a serious condition. It is reported that at Caribou three cases resulted fatally but the report is not confirmed. Thirteen cases at Presque Isle and ten at Fort Fairfield occurred since the health authorities made what was thought to be a successful effort to get control of the outbreak.

**Much Smallpox at Eastport.**  
Sixty-seven cases exist in the town of Eastport, Me., where the disease was reported a short time ago. The New Brunswick authorities are keeping a close watch and so far no cases have been reported from the islands of Charlotte county.

**Will Interfere With Drafting.**  
The drafting which will go into effect January 3rd under the Military Service Act will be interfered with by the prevalence of the disease in certain districts as the military authorities will take no chances of taking men who have been exposed. Victoria county is now reported to be practically clear of the disease. One case exists in York county at Burt's Corner.

WOMEN WILL  
WORK AT LOCAL  
MUNITION PLANT

Management Will Begin to Employ Them as Inspectors—Several Applications Made.

The first attempt to employ women in the manufacture of war munitions in Fredericton will be made at the beginning of the new year. The beginning will be a small one as it is in the nature of an experiment. In other places in Canada women have been successfully employed in the munition factories and there is no reason why they will not prove effective in this city. Women have been employed for some time in such capacities in Sackville, Moncton, New Glasgow and other Nova Scotia points.

**Several Applications.**  
Several applications for appointment already have been made by young women desirous of taking up munition work. It is the intention of the management of the munition factory to employ women on work of inspection. Heretofore men have done this work.

**Puts Little Belief in Stories.**  
Private Fred Boyd who returned to Fredericton Saturday after escaping from a German prison states that little weight can be attached to the story that Private John Dolan had escaped from Germany as, during the time that has elapsed since the story first was circulated Private Dolan would have been reported by the war office. Private Boyd states that the belief among the members of the Mounted Rifles was that Private Dolan had been killed in action.

**Liquor Seized by Authorities.**  
A case of whiskey was seized at the Dominion Express office Saturday night by Chief Inspector Wilson and Inspector Finley. They also made a search at the Springhill Hotel.

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