

## THE DAILY MAIL

Published every afternoon (except Sunday) at 327-329 Queen Street, Fredericton, by  
**THE MAIL PRINTING COMPANY.**  
 Subscription Price, \$4 per year by carrier; \$2.50 per year by mail.  
 Telephone 67.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1918

Regina Leader: "The people of the West have every reason to organize to the limit and rise in their might in opposition to Robert Rogers. He has been the worst enemy of Canada, and more particularly of Western Canada, that ever secured a place of influence and power in the public life of this country. Looking over the years that he occupied a position in the government of Manitoba, the people of that province can today partly realize what his ascendancy there meant to them and how the whole political life of that Province was lowered to a plane which made Manitoba a by-word among the provinces. The people there, by painful experience of their own financial problems, know of the results of his reckless administration."

### CANADIAN BANK HAS RECORD YEAR.

The student of present day financial history turns each year to the general statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, with the assurance that it will furnish probably the most accurate index of the commercial and financial situation obtainable. As the largest individual source of commercial credit in Canada, and as the bank which perhaps more than any other is identified with the country's business, the bank's statement accurately reflects actual business conditions. It is, therefore, encouraging to find that the bank, which today issues its report for the fiscal year ending 30th November last, reports commercial loans of \$230,000,000, the vast bulk of which amount, \$200,000,000, is lent in Canada. The significance of these figures will be better appreciated when compared with the position of the bank's loans in the pre-war period. On November 30th, 1914, the loans of the bank stood at \$145,000,000 and even with this enormous expansion in the service which the bank has been able to perform, its own position in respect to resources and liquid reserves has shown an even more impressive growth.

The increase in the volume of credits referred to has been made possible, of course, only by a corresponding growth in deposits, and this item of the statement furnishes not only most satisfactory evidence of increasing thrift and wealth, but of growing confidence in the bank itself. At the end of the year deposits amounted to \$343,158,000 and the gain for the year was \$76,000,000, or 27.7 per cent. Largely by reason of this, the assets of the Bank make a new and imposing total, the amount now being \$440,310,000, or \$95,935,000 greater than a year ago. That the bank's assets have reached such a new high level is rendered the more interesting from the fact that in this instance the increase entirely represents a larger use of the bank's facilities by the public of the country and is not the result of the absorption of other institutions. Compared with the figures of the assets at the close of its 1914 fiscal period, at which date the world had experienced less than three months of the great war, the assets show an increase of almost 80 per cent.

Although its position was regarded as strong in 1914, the assets of the Bank of Commerce, in the form of such securities as are considered to be of the most liquid character are well over double what they were then, the increase in cash being 104 per cent. and in liquid securities 132 per cent. The items of the bank's investments throw light on the success with which the government carried on their war finance. The Canadian Bank of Commerce not only assisted the prosecution of the war by the courageous extension of credits, but during the war increased its holdings of British and foreign securities and those of our own Dominion and provincial governments from \$5,000,000 to \$66,000,000.

The enhancement in the value as well as in the convertibility of these government issues as the war recedes into history will undoubtedly be a

subject of much satisfaction to the shareholders of the bank.

In carrying on this enormous work the bank earned for itself profits amounting to \$2,850,318 or 10 per cent of its capital and reserve. While in comparison with those of other institutions the earnings are highly satisfactory, they have not in recent years kept pace with the growth of the bank business and in proportion with the assets employed were less than in the previous year. However, the administration of the bank, after making substantial appropriations, have been able to carry forward the large sum of \$1,444,000. A liberal allowance for possible loss which has been a feature of the bank's policy has made possible the recovery of \$1,000,000 which, added to the year's profits of \$2,850,000, and the balance brought forward from the previous year of \$1,332,000, made a total of \$5,182,000 available for distribution. The usual dividend and bonus appropriations were made and the addition of \$1,500,000 to reserve brought that account for the first time to the level of the capital. A characteristic act of the Commerce Board is the setting aside of \$100,000 to cover the cost of a proposed memorial to the officers of the bank who served in the war, and a history of the bank.

Hartford Courant: We think of the war as being ended, and in all probability it is practically ended, but technically Germany is still our enemy and for the most part still inimical. Germany is still in a state of war with this country and the European Allies, although the fighting has no doubt come to a definite end. This is something to think about in connection with Germany's appeal for food. There are more valid claims upon the charity and consideration of the Allies than those put forward by the Hun."

Citizens of Fredericton who paid 65 cents per pound for a Christmas turkey will be interested in knowing that they sold in New York at from 46 to 54 cents a pound. This price was fixed by the Federal Food Board, which allowed the dealers a profit of 18 per cent. Geese retailed at from 38 to 41 cents a pound.

A big snow storm hit the middle west last week and is believed to be working eastward. According to the weather bureau at Washington, a cold wave is bringing up the rear of the storm.

### THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Is the farmer who sells a turkey at 65c. a pound a food profiteer?

Civic politics now comes to the front—put big men on the job.

The optimistic thinks there might be a reduction in civic taxes next year.

Get the boys home quickly, they are marrying in England at the rate of 1,200 a month.

Civic politics bobs up just in time to interfere with our New Year resolutions.

Speaking about being "bled white," who is marching with head up today over there in the Rhine country?

No vendor of the ardent wants the Board of Health to exercise undue haste in lifting the influenza ban.

The crown prince's account of the war is not unlike Shakespeare's tale told by an idiot—"full of sound and fury signifying nothing."

### PERSONAL

Master George Johnson of Marysville is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. G. E. Nutter of St. John is in the city today.

Mr. J. M. Queen and Masters J. Wendell and George A. Queen of St. John are registered at the Queen Hotel.

Capt. S. J. Goodliffe of Sussex is registered at the Barker House. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hodge and daughter, Miss Jean Hodge, spent Christmas with relatives at Weymouth, N. S. and returned home last evening.

### Death at Temporary Hospital

The death occurred last evening at the Temporary Hospital of Newton Foster after a short illness of pneumonia. The deceased was thirty-six years of age and was a well known employee of the Smith Foundry. He is survived by his wife, one sister Mrs. Calvin Shewen of Medicine Hat, and by one brother Edward in the West. The funeral took place this afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. G. C. Warren conducted the service. Interment being made at the Rural Cemetery.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Military Men in City

A number of military men are in the city today awaiting their discharge. Among them are Major D. D. McArthur, Capt. J. V. Kierstead, Sgt. Major J. W. Rawlings, Lieut. D. McC. Ritchie and Lieut. Gus. Kuhring.

### Will Not Withdraw Train

St. John Telegraph: The reported withdrawal of the St. John-Halifax night train having caused the board of trade to enter a protest to the railway authorities at Moncton. General Superintendent Brown has replied that a reduction has been considered but he is in a position to advise that it is not the intention to withdraw trains No. 9 and 10 at this change of time-table.

### Late Mrs. Sarah Fanjoy

The death occurred yesterday after a short illness of pneumonia of Mrs. Sarah Fanjoy. The deceased was sixty years of age and is survived by her husband James Fanjoy, by three brothers, William Boyd, of Gladstone Man.; Jarvis Boyd of Gagetown, and Abner Boyd, of Deer River, Minnesota, and by two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Delong, of Woodstock and Mrs. Richard Young of Bayonne, N. J. The funeral took place this afternoon, service being conducted by Rev. G. C. Warren. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. There is much sympathy for the bereaved husband whose daughter Mrs. Lee Cliffe died Christmas Day of the same disease.

### Karl Walker Wounded

Thursday's casualty list contained the name of Bombardier Karl A. Walker son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker of Fredericton, though by error the name was given as E. A. Walker. Bombardier Walker was slightly wounded and he returned to duty November 11. Bombardier Walker went overseas with the 23rd Field Battery in February, 1915. He served twenty-six months in France and was seriously wounded. When the 67th Battery was organized for service on the Murman coast of Russia he joined it as a bombardier, reverting from the rank of sergeant. Prior to enlisting he had a good reputation in this city as a wrestler and ball player.

## USEFULNESS FOR CRIPPLES

(Minneapolis Journal)

When a leader is needed for any big movement, humanitarian, religious, commercial, whatnot, there is always a man ready for the task. The choice may appear to be due to chance, but such is rarely the case. Careful inquiry will disclose that this leader has been fitting himself, unconsciously perhaps, to take up this very task.

A striking example of this is seen in F. R. Bigler, of the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Board for Disabled Soldiers. Having lost a leg and an arm when he was twenty, he refused to be a burden upon his family or society or a failure in life. For a long time he has been purchasing agent for the Kansas City Gas Company.

When success came to him, he was inspired to give much time to helping other men handicapped as he was. His work has been purely personal and done at his own expense. He keeps a directory of cripples and to this list continually adds the names of those who meet with accidents. He obtains these names in various ways, accounts of accidents in the press in different cities of the country being one source. Booklets and other helpful literature are sent to these men.

But he realizes that it is necessary to do more than theorize on how these cripples may lead useful lives; that the encouragement of a job is needed to bring theories to realization. So he has canvassed employers and convince them by practical demonstration that these cripples can fill certain places efficiently.

Then one day about a year ago, the Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men in New York sent for him. As a result of his six months' stay there, fifteen hundred cripples were employed. In one large wholesale house he spent the day going from department to department, and at the end of the day, to quote the manager, he had "sold him thirty men."

Then the government heard of his work and wanted him, so his employers have given him an indefinite leave of absence.

At this time when reconstruction work on a great scale is to be done, a man who has accomplished what this man has is of inestimable value. His own success, his helpful spirit, his cheerful optimism and withal his practical ideas must have a salutary effect upon our afflicted soldiers and help them from gloom and despondency into hopeful and eventually self-supporting and successful citizens.

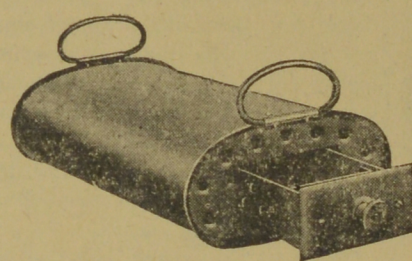
# A Smashing Reduction

All Coats and Costumes at half price, until end of the year.

## John J. Weddall & Son

January Pictorial Review on sale.

Keep Warm When Driving  
 by Using



# TAPLEX WARMERS

Foot Warmers and Body Warmers.

Refills carried in stock.

## R. Chestnut & Sons

PLUMBERS AND HEATERS

THE HARDWARE PEOPLE

WHOLESALE

RETAIL

## MANICURE SETS

\$3.00 to \$16.00

C. FRED CHESTNUT THE QUALITY DRUG STORE  
572 Queen Street.

## Custom Tailoring

The New Importations for the Coming Season are now on display. An early inspection will assure you of a large and varied selection to choose from.

We are also prepared to fill all orders entrusted to us for MILITARY CLOTHING at a reasonable price. We are sole agents for the Crown Tailoring Company, of Toronto, the largest Military Tailoring Company in Canada.

## WALKER BROS. MERCHANT TAILORS

QUEEN STREET, WEST END

## WINTER FOOTWEAR

of All Kinds

See our Special Prices on

SHOE PACKS

The Shoe House of Bargains - Regent St.

## Shepherd & Haining

