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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

WAR TIME ORDERS IN COUNCIL WILL BECOME INEFFECTIVE AT TWELVE O'CLOCK TONIGHT

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN BOOZE

Government Will Continue to Have Control of Paper, Sugar, Wood and Coal—Obnoxious Regulations Will be Removed—Aliens Will No Longer Be Interned—Censorship to be Abolished.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Tonight at midnight all orders-in-council passed and enforced by virtue of the war measures act become ineffective some hundreds of orders being numbered in those which no longer law after midnight on December 31. Commenting on this a member of the cabinet said today that contrary to the interpretations of the rescinding order-in-council which had been published, the order-in-council relating to trade and financial matters and dealing with the enemy, remain in effect until the end of the forthcoming session of parliament.

The only orders-in-council passed under the war measures act which will remain are: Government control of pulp and paper, sugar, coal and wood; orders governing silver coinage and gold export; trading with the enemy and internment of aliens and the order relating to the war purchasing commission. Censorship being abolished with the New Year, the censor's office will be closed as soon as the business in connection with that undertaking can be carried out.

Yellow Sugar Supply.
 Ottawa, Dec. 30.—If the people of Canada want a certain large quantity of yellow sugar, which is available for use in the dominion they will have to speak for it, according to a notice which it is understood is to be sent out by the Canadian trade commission through various channels. There is, it is said, a large quantity of yellow sugar available in Canada but at the present time there appears to be "no takers" and this sugar is not being ordered from the refiners and wholesalers in whose hands it is lying. There are, however, people outside of Canada who are anxious to have this sugar exported to them, but the Canadian trade commission will not sanction the export if the people at home will use the yellow sugars and thus help out the supply of granulated sugar.

If the Canadian people do not want yellow sugar the supply now available will be released to buyers in other countries who are anxiously seeking it.

Still Doing Big Business
 "My Soldier Girl" is continuing to clean up on the one-nighters on its route back to the United States. "My Soldier Girl" played to two large houses in Fredericton in the autumn.

Fake Inspectors Got It
 Transcript: A raid was made on Christmas eve, when a gentleman relieved on a local street of whiskey then said to "come from a store room to furnish for some Christmas presents." As the messenger speedily was suddenly held up, and flashed in this face. He of his liquor believed by liquor inspectors turns out that some having a merry his medium to pro-

QUEBEC GOVT. OFFICIALS TO GET BONUS

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Quebec government has sent out a New Year bonus of an extra month's pay to all employees throughout the province who are on salaries of less than \$2,000 per annum. Even the charwomen in the government office in Montreal have each received a cheque.

Curling Last Night
 Two games were played last evening at the Curling Rink S. D. Simmons defeated John Neill in a closely played game by a score of 9 to 8. In a scrub game H. E. Fowler won from A. S. McFarlane by a score of 8 to 6.

Last Day for Water Rates
 Today is the last day of the year and also the last day on which to pay water rates for the past season. A rush of those paying took place yesterday and the office of the City Treasurer was a busy place. The treasurer himself was confined to his home with illness and his assistant Miss Dennison was hard pressed for a time. This morning a big rush of water rates was recorded and Fire Chief H. C. Rutter was called in to take the City Treasurer's place during his absence.

House Committee G.W.V.A. Met
 A meeting of the House Committee of the G. W. V. A. was held at their rooms on Dec. 30th. Several important questions were brought up for discussion including that of the Emergency Appropriation money for G.W.V.A. members out of work. In connection with this R. H. Simonds, secretary of the Patriotic Fund stated that some eight or ten discharged soldiers out of employment were being given allotments from the fund. The deepest sympathy of the community was conveyed to comrades William and Ralph Mackenzie in their recent bereavement. The complaint of Michael MacDonald relative to employment at the D.S.C.R. was taken up.

NEW YEAR'S MARKET
 Small Market Today—Eggs and Turkeys Absent—Meats Chief Article of Produce.

A very small market was collected this morning at Phoenix Square with meats as the chief article of produce. There were no eggs and turkeys were not to be seen. A few chickens and fowl brought 45 and 40 cents a pound respectively. Pork sold for 20 to 25 cents a pound showing an increase of 2 cents a pound. Butter held the usual price selling at from 60 to 65 cents a pound.

The ruling prices were as follows:
 Butter, 60 to 65 cents per lb.
 Beef, 12 to 18 cents per lb.
 Pork, 20 to 25 cents per lb.
 Chickens, 45 cents per lb.
 Lamb 17 to 23 cents per lb.
 Potatoes, \$4.50 per barrel.
 Apples, \$2.50 to \$4.50 per barrel.

FREDERICTON HAS COMPLETED THE BEST YEAR IN ITS HISTORY, BUSINESS MEN EXPRESS VIEWS

Improved Railway Service Has Done Much for the Capital City and Business Men and Manufacturers are Optimistic Over the Outlook for the Future—Fredericton Now a Great Railway and Distributing Centre.

The year 1919, now drawing to a close has been the most prosperous in the history of Fredericton. This opinion is universal among the business men and manufacturers of the city, and there is ample evidence to support it.

Fredericton, although one of the oldest cities in Eastern Canada, has not gone ahead as rapidly as some other towns. For years it was commercially sidetracked, and though the centre of a rich lumbering and agricultural district, it has labored under disadvantages calculated to retard the growth of any community. It had only 7,500 people when the last census was taken in 1911 and while no count of the population has lately been made, there is reason to believe that the total number of inhabitants will not now fall much short of the ten thousand mark. Today there is not a vacant habitable house to be found in the city proper, and should a building boom strike the town next season the chances are that those who undertake to build for rental purposes will have little trouble in finding suitable tenants.

Great Railway Centre.
 The completion of the St. John Valley Railway, the National Transcontinental and the Gibson and Minto roads has been a great boon for Fredericton. It has been the means of putting the city on the map, and it is there to stay.

Centrally located and with lines of railway radiating in all directions, Fredericton is in a class by itself as a distributing centre. Local manufacturers and wholesale men have long been aware of this fact and others are beginning to find it out. This being so, the day is bound to come when the city will take on greater importance as a manufacturing centre.

Outlook for the Future.
 While the year just closed has been a prosperous one, all the signs point to still greater activity during the coming year. The record breaking lumber cut being made during the present winter will mean much to Fredericton. The saw mills will be kept humming and hundreds of men will be employed at good wages in preparing the lumber for market. The other manufacturing plants of the city are now booking orders which promise to keep them busy. While a building boom under present conditions is scarcely possible, a number of new dwellings will spring up here during the coming season. The housing problem is at present very serious and unless many new houses are erected the city stands to suffer a severe financial loss.

Some Urgent Needs.
 In order to round out our railway system, two things must happen. The Valley Railway should be given a direct connection with the New England States, and the Canada Eastern, from Fredericton to McGivney should be brought up to the transcontinental standard, and a new bridge for heavy traffic should span the river at this point. These projects should command the attention of the City Council, the Board of Trade and the Commercial Club and there should be no let-up until they become realities.

Fredericton made a good start this year in providing permanent streets. The work is being done by a competent engineer under authority of an act of the Legislature, and will be continued next season. It is a move in the right direction, and the citizens appear to be well satisfied with the class of work being done.

That leading merchants and manufacturers of the city are pleased with the record of last year and hopeful of the future is shown by the following interviews given to a representative of the Daily Mail:

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HAS NOT YET NAMED ACTING PREMIER

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—While no official statement has yet been made by Sir Robert Borden naming an acting premier to take the leadership during his

To Play McAdam Junction
 A team of bowlers consisting of E. Edway, K. Edway, Harold Hall, J. Giles and T. G. Powers left today to play McAdam Junction tomorrow. They will return to this city tomorrow. The New Year's roll-off will take place tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. Three prizes being offered with a turkey as first prize.

Mr. A. Cameron of St. John is at the Queen Hotel.

absence, it was said this evening that Sir George Foster would be acting premier at least until the opening of the house, and then a house leader would be chosen by a caucus of the Unionist members. During the special session of parliament last summer, a similar course was followed. Sir George Foster was acting premier during the absence of Sir Robert Borden, but as he was unable to attend the night sittings of the commons regularly, the government members were led by Hon. C. J. Doherty during the greater part of the time.

How It is Done in Moncton
 Moncton Transcript: A local girl was placed in custody this afternoon by the city police on the charge of having relieved a farmer of some money this morning in the City Market. The police report that the same girl was in custody some time ago and served time for the theft of a \$10 bill from a young man at that time endeavoring to kiss her.

THE POLICE OF NEW YORK WILL KEEP A RIGID WATCH ON IMPORTANT PLACES TONIGHT

DARDANELLES TO BE OPEN TO THE WORLD

Montreal, Dec. 31.—A despatch from Paris says: Internationalization of Constantinople and the Straits of Dardanelles has been decided upon along the lines laid down by Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain in a recent speech, according to the Matin. It seems certain, the newspaper says, that the seat of the Turkish government will be transferred to Asia Minor and be located either at Brusa or Konia. Details of the form of international control which will be established over Constantinople have not as yet become known.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL HAVE LOCAL OBSERVATION

Driving Club Races—Christmas Tree for Military Hospital—All Day Curling Match.

New Year's Day in Fredericton will have a celebration along the usual lines. The Fredericton Curling Club will have the second round of the annual match, President vs. Vice President. The Fredericton Driving Club will hold matinee races during the afternoon. In the evening there will be a Christmas tree at the Military Hospital, Woodstock Road.

Kind Donation
 The Christmas tree at the Military Hospital will be the donation of the Earl and Countess of Ashburnham to the staff and inmates of the hospital. It will begin at eight o'clock continuing for several hours. Gifts will be given all the inmates and nurses and a most enjoyable time is promised. One hundred soldiers will be present.

Matinee Racing
 The local horses which have entered for the racing have been classified and some lively brushes are expected.

Confined to His Home
 His Worship Mayor Hanson is confined to his home with an attack of gonorrhoea. This is the second or third attack of the same ailment.

Intercollegiate Athletics
 A hockey league with Dalhousie, King's, St. Francis Xavier, Acadia, Mount Allison, and the University of New Brunswick entered was formed at Truro yesterday. B. I. Burgess represented U. N. B. Six-men teams will be played with a limit of three substitutes. Dalhousie and St. Francis will play in the eastern section and Mt. Allison and U. N. B. in the western section of a basketball league. In the matter of protests the meeting passed a resolution favoring the establishment of a permanent protest committee under the Maritime A. A.

HAVE EVIDENCE OF HOLIDAY PLOTS

City Police Will Have the Assistance of Detectives and Federal Agents—Public Buildings and the Homes of Prominent Persons Will be Closely Watched—Expect to Frustrate Plans of Reds.

(Special to the Mail.)
 New York, Dec. 31.—Guarding against a possible outbreak of bomb outrages by the Reds, the police and federal authorities have planned to throw a cordon of detectives and special agents about New York tonight and maintain a rigid watch on all places of importance, including the homes of prominent persons and public officials and public buildings. This plan will also be carried out on Tuesday New Year's day.

The action of the police and Government officials in placing the city under close surveillance resulted from the discovery of numerous letters seized in the mails in raids on various suspected quarters of the Reds and Anarchists. Although officials refuse to divulge the contents of these letters it was indicated that they contained startling evidence of holiday bomb plots. It is understood that outrages planned for previous holidays had been frustrated by the work of the secret secret operatives in uncovering the plans of the Reds.

STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Queen Street, Fredericton.)

New York.	
American Beet sugar	95
American Sugar	141 1/2
American Smelting	68 3/4
American Car Foundry	141 1/2
American Wool	159 1/2
Bethel Steel B.	96
C. P. R.	131
Crucible	217 1/2
General Motors	341
Marine pfd.	108
Studebaker	108 1/2
Southern Railway	21 3/4
Utah Copper	75
Union Pacific	122 1/2
U. S. Steel	106 1/2
Westinghouse	54
Willys Overland	28 3/4
St. Louis and San Fran.	17 1/2
Pan American Oil	105 1/2
Amer. Inter. Corp.	116 5/8
Montreal.	
Brazilian	51
Canada Car	67 1/2
Canada Car pfd.	107 1/2
Detroit United	108
Macdonalds	42
International Breweries	195
Spanish River pfd.	128 1/2
Victory Bond—1937	103 1/2
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U. C. Branch. It also declared for substitutes in bona fide cases of accident to players.

NO HELP YET FOR MAROONED LIGHTKEEPER AND HIS FAMILY

Montreal, Dec. 31.—A special despatch received today from Quebec says there is still uncertainty as to what will be the next move to take provisions to the marooned lighthouse keeper and his family at Belle Isle. The steamer Montcalm is still at Sydney and it is probable that she will not be called upon to attempt the trip to Belle Isle. It was said today at the local agency of the Department of Marine and Fisheries that the government may send another vessel to Belle Isle by way of the Atlantic. It was hinted that the government might charter a sealing vessel at one of the various Newfoundland ports. It was also pointed out that a sealer would more easily make her way to Belle Isle. In this event the Montcalm would shortly come up to Quebec. She is possibly held at Sydney to be in readiness to leave for Belle Isle should no other vessel be found to make the trip.

FORD WILL DISTRIBUTE MILLIONS AMONG EMPLOYEES

Dec. 31.—A special despatch received in Moncton, Dec. 31.—A special despatch received in Moncton, Mich., says Henry Ford and his son, Edsel, have announced a plan whereby \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 will be distributed in bonus money, with an opportunity for employees to purchase Ford investment certificates. The certificates are to be issued in denominations of \$100, and the employees will receive interest based on the earnings of the Ford Motor Company. This will benefit 90,000 Ford workers throughout the