

## Local News

### CUPID HUSTLING

Dorchester Cor. Sackville Post: Cupid is waging an active campaign hereabouts. There are rumors of weddings.

### THE SHORTEST DAY.

Today is the shortest day in the year and marks the beginning of winter. The sun rose this morning at 7.48 o'clock and will set this evening at 4.44.

### LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

Our old friend the shop-lifter is on deck this season as usual and the proprietors of the big stores are determined to limit their operations as much as possible.

### FOR CHRISTMAS

It is expected that about fifty per cent of the artillerymen now stationed here will spend Christmas at their homes. Lord Ashburnham has promised to provide a Christmas dinner for those who remain in barracks.

### THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Father Carney, rector of St. Dunstan's church, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday. The rev. gentleman has been pastor of St. Dunstan's nearly fourteen years.

### SLIPPERY STREETS.

The recent thaw and subsequent cold spell has put the streets and the sidewalks in a very icy and dangerous condition. People who turned out to church yesterday morning found it necessary to move with great caution.

### VOLUNTEER WEDS.

Mr. Bedford Smith of Blissville, a member of the 26th Battalion, was married at St. John on Saturday to Miss Harrietta Maud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Staples. Rev. F. S. Porter performed the ceremony. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith of Blissville.

### "THE CALL OF THE NORTH."

"The Call of the North," from the Compton's House, with Robert Edson in the leading role, will be shown at the Gaiety Theatre today. The entire production will be presented in five reels and 317 scenes. The first evening performance will start at sharp 7.30.

### A BUSY DAY

Saturday was a busy day for the merchants of the city and most of them did a rushing trade. There was a big turnout of Christmas shoppers in the evening and a lot of money changed hands. All of the big stores will be open evenings from now until Christmas.

### MR. DAGGETT HOME.

Mr. J. B. Daggett, secretary of agriculture, who went to England a few weeks ago in charge of New Brunswick's gift of potatoes, returned home this morning, having arrived in Halifax yesterday by the steamer Grampian. During the absence of Mr. Daggett Mr. Turney has been acting as secretary of agriculture.

### PLUM PUDDING

Mr. Walter Butcher, the well known and popular English baker, has the contract for cooking fifty pounds of old English plum pudding for the soldiers' Christmas dinner, who are stationed at the exhibition buildings. Christmas promises to be a great day among the troops who are at present in the city.

### THE PREMIER HONORED

Premier Clarke, who returned to his home at St. Stephen on Saturday was given a hearty welcome on arrival there by a number of friends. He was met at the station by a brass band and escorted to his residence where he briefly addressed the gathering. Hon. Mr. Clarke returned to the city by the noon train and is engaged with departmental matters.

### THEIR BUSY TIME

Many owners of horses in both city and country were caught napping by the recent change in the weather. There was a rush on Saturday and today to get the animals shod and blacksmiths did a land office business. This morning a horse attached to a load of hay fell on Queen street and the owner had great trouble getting the animal on its feet.

### WILL OPPOSE SMITH.

The friends of good government in the County of Carleton will hold a convention the latter part of this week to select a candidate to oppose Mr. B. F. Smith, who was nominated by the Tory party a short time ago. The people think that the famous Tobique logger is no improvement on the deposed premier and that conditions will not be improved by his election.

Good, Wise. Old Santa Claus,  
Remember the little folks this Christmas.

## Girls' High Top Patent and Tan Shoes Boys Tan and Blk high top with buckles

Don't forget in buying them here that you are buying them at the right price; and further than that you will be protected entirely by

**McMANUS'**  
Broad, Liberal Guarantee

## FIVE HUNDRED TROOPS WILL BE HERE THIS WEEK

Three Hundred and Forty Men Now  
at the Exhibition Building--Divisional Ammunition Column Arrives  
This Afternoon From St. John

By the end of the present week there will be upwards of five hundred troops in training in this city for the second Canadian expeditionary force. The two batteries of artillery are being quartered at the exhibition building, while the men of the divisional ammunition column due to arrive from St. John this afternoon will be housed at the soldiers' barracks on Queen street. An advance party from this latter corps, composed of Capt. Victor Johnson of Halifax, and Sergts. Brown, Evans and Stevens of St. John, arrived on Saturday and have been assisting Lieut. N. P. McLeod in making arrangements. Lieut. McLeod stated this morning that bunks had been fitted up for the men at the barracks, the heat had been turned on and a Russian had been engaged as cook. He thought the men would be well pleased with the quarters provided for them.

The ammunition column, numbering about one hundred and twenty officers and men, in command of Major W. H. Harrison, left St. John this afternoon for this city and were given a rousing send-off. The men of the twenty-third Field Battery held their usual church parade yesterday morning. The icy condition of the streets made it difficult for the men to keep step but they got along without any mishaps. This morning a detachment was exercised in gun drill by Capt. McKay on the barracks square for two hours. The place was a glare of ice and some of the men had all they could do to keep on their feet. Military men are not allowed to wear rubbers or overshoes and as the boots of the battery

## MARYSVILLE MAN SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE

Store and Warehouse of Miles Spencer  
a Victim to the Flames--Loss  
Will be in the Vicinity  
of \$4000

Ald. Miles Spencer of Marysville, suffered a severe loss by fire early this morning when his store and warehouse at Sandyville was completely destroyed, together with all its contents. The fire is supposed to have caught from an overheated stovepipe, and it had made considerable headway before it was discovered by Mr. Harry Peterson, a neighbor. An alarm was quickly sent out and a number of people responded but without proper apparatus they could do nothing to save the building from destruction. The building and all of its contents, valued at about \$1,000, went up in smoke. The loss is only partly covered by insurance.

There is much sympathy felt for Mr. Spencer over his severe loss. Although he has only been in business a short time, he has, by hard work, succeeded in working up a profitable trade. The fire coming at this busy season, will be a severe blow to him.

Mr. W. E. Trites, who has been in Ontario for some time, is here to spend Christmas with his family.

men are new and slippery they find it tough work drilling under conditions such as prevailed today.

There are now three hundred and forty men quartered at the exhibition building and it is expected that the work of organizing the new battery will be well advanced this week.

Capt. Langford of the R.C.I., Halifax, has arrived in the city and will deliver a series of lectures to the artillery officers on interior economy and other subjects.

## A CHRISTMAS GIFT

That any girl will prize

## A Watch Bracelet

Can you imagine a more charming Christmas gift than one of these beautiful Watch Bracelets? Every girl would like to possess one, and here is the opportunity of getting a fine Bracelet Watch, less our special Xmas discount of 15 per cent. discount for cash. All goods sold for cash, less a special discount of from 25 per cent. to 10 per cent.

**SHUTE & CO**

**JEWELLERS**  
566 QUEEN STREET

## USE and BEAUTY

are united in the countless  
presentss shown on our floors

## FURNITURE

in an unusual variety

Everything that will make the home attractive and be  
useful as well

## Brass and Copper Goods

All that is newest and best.

## Fancy China

in great range of patterns and designs.

High Grade China Stock Patterns,  
Cut Glass, Sterling Silver, Cutlery  
and Silverware.

**Colwell & Jennings**  
THE HOME FURNISHERS

## Xmas, 1914 - Holiday Season

The great annual riddle, "what to buy," during the few shopping days between now and Christmas is easily solved at

## EDGECOMBE'S

Remember, this is a big store and a big stock, comprising all wanted apparel for Men, Women and Children.

All our Handsome Suits, up to the last minute in style are now reduced in price to less than we could buy them at ourselves.

Winter Coats for Women and Children have all been marked down the same way. Our record breaking prices should be an irresistible inducement to all lovers of bargains.

House Dresses from \$3.75 to \$8.90  
Kimono and Bath Gowns from \$1.25 to \$10.00  
Our new Petticoats are going fast. Are you going to have one? What about a pretty Waist for Xmas? Dainty Tea Aprons in Xmas boxes. This is an easy place to buy Handkerchiefs; just come to the booth and select. Dressy Neckwear, Silk Hosiery, Ribbons, Suit Cases and Shopping Bags, Toilet Sets, Cut Glass, China and Fancy Goods.

To see our Linen Display is to see the finest ever shown to Fredericton Buyers.

## FRED. B. EDGECOMBE CO., Ltd.

Now is the time to buy your Furs--at big discount.

## Glove Sale

Our special sale of Fine Kid Gloves for Xmas buyers is now in full swing

Price 78c.

The best yet. All sizes in Tans, Greys, Black, White.

Each pair put up in Fancy Box or Retainer.

The store will be open each night until Xmas

On Monday from 4 to 7 o'clock 15c tea will be served, while ice cream and candy will be served.

Orchestral Music



## Flexible Flyer

"Say Dad! I want a Flexible Flyer."  
Every live boy and girl wants a Flexible Flyer.

The only steering sled  
with grooved runners

Prevents skidding. Gives complete steering control. The swiftest, safest, strongest sled ever invented.

Outlasts 3 ordinary sleds

Various styles and prices. Come see it and learn its advantages.

## JAS. S. NEILL & SONS Ltd.

Wholesale Fredericton's Big Hardware Store Retail

## Delmonte Brand

Delmonte Brand Seedless Raisins, Delmonte Brand Cluster (Table) Raisins, Delmonte Brand Asparagus Tips.

## C. H. BURTT

## If Pleased Tell Others

Then we know that **MINTO COAL** at \$4.50 per ton will be well advertised.

We handle Charcoal for kindling at 2 bags for 25c.

**R. T. BAIRD** George Street

2nd door above York St. School  
PHONE 413

## For Xmas Gifts

—GO TO—

## HAWTHORNS

A fine stock of Pipes, Cigars, Tobaccos and all Smokers' Requisites.

Opposite Soldiers' Barracks

## Ebony Military Brushes

A present that appeals to a man because it's so useful. The brushes are strong and they last for years. A pair of Good Brushes in a leather case costs \$5.00

Come in and see them.

## E. R. BLACKMER

Opposite Normal School