

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—North and north-west winds, fair and considerably colder. Toronto, Jan. 21—Pressure is high over the greater part of the continent but a disturbance appears to be developing in the southwest states, cold weather prevailing from Rocky Mountains to the St. Lawrence Valley, and will now spread into the Maritime Provinces.

Around the City

Charged With Assault Yesterday afternoon Dora Blizard, aged twenty-two years, was arrested in the West End by Sgt. Finlay on a warrant charging her with assault. Another Policeman Yesterday afternoon George P. Jones was sworn in as a policeman to do duty on the city force. The new officer is a fine looking young man of excellent build and a native of the city.

A Presentation. A meeting was held last evening in Tabernacle church, Haymarket Square when Rev. R. P. and Mrs. Dennison were each presented with a purse of gold as a token of esteem. A. H. Paterson presided. The presentation was made by Deacon Rowley in an appropriate speech. Rev. Mr. Dennison feebly responding. Among the speakers were Michael Kelly, Rev. Dr. McIntyre, Rev. Gideon Swimm, Rev. B. H. Nobles, Rev. Dr. Heine, Rev. Mr. Perry, Rev. F. H. Westworth, Rev. Mr. Hayward, Rev. M. E. Fletcher, Rev. D. J. MacPherson, Rev. W. R. Robinson and G. E. Knight. Letters were read from Rev. D. L. Hutchinson and Rev. F. S. Porter expressing appreciation of the work done by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dennison.

OPENING OF PIGEON PIE CAUSES MUCH FUN

Novel entertainment at St. Philip's church pleases large audience—Good programme of songs and musical selections. Sing us a song of seven pence And mind your other eye, When one hundred comely cents Fly from a pigeon pie. When the pie was opened The pigeon straightway flew, Round and round and all about, Chased by a noisy crew. When it sprang out of the pie, The pigeon winked its eyes, For a dollar bill tied to its tail, Made it a goodly prize. The rafters of St. Philip's Church Shook with a jocular shout, As all the watching members saw The pigeon flying out. It flew and flew around the room And everybody tried To catch it by the feet or tail, 'Till which the bill was tied. St. Philip's Church has been the scene of many interesting entertainments, but one of the most novel ever given there took place last night, when the principal feature was the opening of a pigeon pie, from which flew a live pigeon with a dollar bill tied to its tail. Before the opening of the pigeon pie disturbed the serenity of the occasion, a very interesting programme of songs and musical selections was given by members of the church. Among those taking part were Miss M. E. Cole, Margery Steward, M. Wm. O'Leary, Mrs. J. Ritchie, Fred Dixon, Chas. Alcorn, Miss Ethel Alcorn, Miss Polly Hayes, Miss M. Penny, Miss Olga Sadler, John Blizard, Mrs. R. Young, the Ritchie sisters and a quintette composed of Blizard, Young, Boyd, Edilson and Dixon. Rev. J. H. Franklin presided. The entertainment was for the purpose of providing fuel and lighting for the church. It was a success in every way.

REDUCE ESTIMATES WILL CAUSE LITTLE HARDSHIP OPERATION IN TWO WEEKS

Joseph A. Likely, A. H. Wetmore and others, think Average Amount of Work can be done with present estimates—Approve the cuts.

The matter of the curtailment of city work as outlined by some of the city commissioners is not viewed with great seriousness by some citizens. The Standard was in communication with several prominent citizens yesterday and they were of the opinion that the situation would not be as serious as painted. It was acknowledged that the cutting down of a portion of the plans of the commissioners. The work outlined and which will have to be eliminated was necessary, and the city would be improved by having it done, but on account of the conditions which might become worse it was felt that the city should conserve its resources to a great extent in order to tide itself over until better times prevail. The cutting down of civic work for one year will not seriously affect the city generally for the estimates as they stand at present provide for the average amount of work done by the city. It was admitted that the stone crusher might have to be stopped for the winter but it was further pointed out that this branch of the city work had never before been carried on in the winter months.

J. A. Likely Approves It. Joseph A. Likely, president of the Board of Trade, told The Standard that the cut in the estimates would meet the approval of many citizens and he felt that the commissioners had done right in making the reductions. "I cannot see," said he, "that the city will suffer to any great extent, even if civic work is curtailed. The fire department will be no worse than last year, and if the Commissioner of Public Safety buys the new apparatus, which was authorized last year, the department will be in better shape. The Public Works Department, of course, will not be able to carry on as much work as last year but the streets are in better condition and we have more permanent streets than ever before and the cost of upkeep and repairs should not be so great. The estimates this year are little more than those of last year and when compared with the appropriations under the old system it would seem that the streets could be kept in fairly good condition with the money available. I think Commissioner Potts did well in making the cut he did and as the departmental estimates now stand I think they will be quite satisfactory to the citizens and the wheels can be kept going nicely. The plan of eliminating the civic grants for this year. All the associations affected were worthy of assistance but for this year I think they can get along nicely on public subscriptions. I have always been opposed to the city assessing for grants

to any of these organizations. Some that have not received grants were just as much entitled to them as those receiving them." In conclusion Mr. Likely said: "You know my idea of the matter and anything you were in the city made 'Silly' be backed my man." A. H. Wetmore Also Agrees. Allan H. Wetmore, vice-president of the Board of Trade, was also of the opinion that the city commissioners had done well in the cuts made. "Silly," said he, "there were some other curtailments that might have been made. You might say that I believe that some cuts could have been made right in the city hall that would have helped the assessment, and no one would have suffered to any great extent. "For this year at least the city will not suffer much by the cut in estimates. People, generally, have been kept in employment and it has been hardly necessary for anyone to go without work. The number of men that have gone to the front have left vacancies for others, I believe there are still chances for men to join the home defense companies as well as the overseas contingents and there seems to me to be no great need for the city to provide extra employment, at present at least. "I believe that the city needs to be improved but the curtailment of improvements for one year will not be greatly felt and after business conditions have righted themselves we can branch out and make the improvements all the faster." Can Afford to Go Slow. Other citizens favored the cut made by the commissioners and the idea was that the city could afford to go slow for a year at least. The matter of grants were freely discussed but it was the general opinion that the commissioners had done well in that matter. Of course those closely connected with these organizations were strongly of the opinion that a mistake had been made.

MISGUIDED GIRL IN POLICE COURT

Amy Smith remanded for sentence on charge of street-walking. In the police court yesterday afternoon Amy Smith, aged twenty years, was charged by Detective Lucas with wandering about the street and not giving a satisfactory account of herself at an early hour yesterday morning. When asked if she had anything to say the prisoner did not answer and the officer gave evidence. He said it was nearly midnight on Wednesday when he saw the girl on the North Side of King Square in company with two soldiers and a civilian. Later on he met her standing in front of one of the hotels alone while the soldiers were further along the street. On being questioned she said her name was Smith and she was waiting for her husband who was trying to procure a room in the hotel. She said one of the soldiers was her husband. On questioning the soldier he told the officer he did not know the girl having only met her on one occasion before. The girl then disappeared but the officer found her some time later on the corner of Carmarthen and Union streets in the company of soldiers again. This time she refused to answer any questions and was placed under arrest. Rev. W. R. Robinson was in court and had a talk with the girl and after the evidence was given he addressed the court and said he thought the soldier should have been arrested. In this case the soldier was allowed to travel about the streets at all hours of the night in company with a misguided girl, he was allowed to go free while the girl was locked up. He informed the court that the girl claimed that she attended St. Peter's church. She was then remanded to jail.

Economy Days

At F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store they are clearing out all odds and ends in every department at very great reduction. In the silk waist department they are showing a lot of very handsome waists made from palmetto and some silk crapes at almost half the usual price. A \$4.00 waist can be bought for \$2.35. A \$5.00 waist can be bought for \$2.75, and the \$6.50 waists can be bought for \$3.75. They are also selling some white silk undershirts that were \$3.50 each at \$1.49. See their window display. For Soldiers and Brothers The committee appointed to entertain the soldiers in the German street institute have arranged a special programme for this evening, beginning at 8.30. This committee will entertain the Brotherhood of the church as well and it is hoped that many will be present. It will not be necessary for visitors to bring refreshments.

REPEAL OF SUGAR ON WAY HERE NOW—ORDERS FILLED BY MARCH.

The new sugar refinery at the Ballast Wharf will be in operation manufacturing sugar during the first week in February. This was the announcement made by Lewis J. Seldentickler to The Standard last evening. The sugar has already been purchased and is on its way here and it is expected that the big manufacturing will be filling orders for sugar by the end of February if no unforeseen obstacle arises. The machinery in the buildings at the Ballast Wharf has been in operation for several weeks. The kinds that usually show themselves in new machinery have been worked out and everything has been running as smooth as possible for some time. All that is needed now is the raw sugar and that will arrive here any day now.

SUPERINTENDENT FOR WATER WORKS

R. Fraser Armstrong, son of Secretary of Board of Trade, to have position. R. Fraser Armstrong, C. E. is the choice of Commissioner Wigmore for the position of superintendent of the waterworks in the city and he will be recommended at the meeting of the city council on Tuesday. It had been said that a man from outside the province had been secured for the position, but Commissioner Wigmore said yesterday that Mr. Armstrong was a native of New Brunswick, being a son of R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the local Board of Trade. The candidate for the position of superintendent of waterworks is twenty-six years of age and is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick. He also took a special course in hydraulics and sewerage disposal at McGill University and has had experience in the installation and maintenance of water works in several towns in western Canada. He was with the Intercolonial Railway and was employed on a pipe line installation. He had experience on the N. T. R. under Engineer Poes and was with the C. P. R. at Montreal. He went to western Canada and was in charge of the construction of waterworks and distribution systems in several of the progressive towns there. He was associated with Maxwell & McKenzie, engineers, and also with the pipe line and sewerage system at Banff. He recently was stationed in Edmonton and was engaged in water and sewerage work in that district. He comes well recommended for the position here and Commissioner Wigmore felt that he could handle the work entrusted to him to the satisfaction of the citizens generally.

SEPARATION CHEQUES AS FAST AS POSSIBLE

Hon. J. D. Hazen having money forwarded as fast as cards are received. There has been some complaint concerning the delay of separation allowances for the wives of soldiers here and L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., telegraphed Hon. J. D. Hazen, acting Minister of Militia, concerning the matter and received the following reply: L. P. D. Tilley, St. John: "Separation allowance cheques being sent to you as fast as cards are received from divisions and districts. One thousand mailed today, another thousand will go out tomorrow." (Sgd.) J. D. HAZEN, Acting Minister of Militia.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL TO DISCUSS CIVIC QUESTIONS

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last night several matters came up for consideration. It had been intended to take up civic questions, especially the subject of increased taxation. These matters will be dealt with on Monday or Tuesday next. A committee was appointed for the carnival to be held in the Queen's Rink on February 3, the following having consented to act as judges: His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley. Prizes to the value of \$30 will be awarded. The report of the delegates to the New Brunswick Federation of Labor, showing the business transacted was received and considered. A communication was read from the county secretary stating that the Municipal Council did not receive delegations unless the matter had been introduced by two members of the council. It was decided to appear before the council at its next regular meeting.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL"

The Saint John branch of the Good-year Tire and Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, has just received from their Canadian factory at Bowmanville, Ont., a carload of Good-year No-Rim-Cut Plain and All-Weather Tread Automobile Casings; the first consignment of its kind received by this branch and also the first carload shipment of Auto Tires ever made to the Maritime Provinces. This consignment consists of over one thousand Casings which are for speedy delivery to their various customers in this territory. This will enable this branch to give prompt delivery and service, a point which this company has always endeavored to do. From the above it will be seen that the Good-year Tire and Rubber Co. figure "business as usual" for the coming year. SALE OF LADIES' AND MISSES' DRESSES AT M. R. A.'S. This is a clearance sale at attractively low prices of stylish dresses in silk, crepe de chine, serges, panama and brocades in a good range of the most popular new colorings. The sale will commence this morning at 9 o'clock in the Costume Section, second floor. PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

Hens Pay Best When Rightly Fed and Cared For. The proper feeding of chicks and hens plays a vitally important part in successful poultry raising. We have spared neither time nor effort in securing the BEST FOWLTRY FOODS that the market offers, and which we have on sale at the following prices: Developing Food—Makes fine table poultry, in 100 lb. bags \$3.00 each; Scratching Food—Great for half-grown chicks, in 100 lb. bags, \$3.00 each; Laying Mash, in 100 lb. bags, \$3.00 each; Growing Mash, in 100 lb. bags, \$3.30 each; Alfalfa, especially good, 100 lbs., \$3.30 each; Fertile Egg Mash, 100 lb. bags, \$4.25 each; Beef Scraps—No pork or fat used to add weight, 100 lb. bags, \$3.75 each; Granulated Bone, in 100 lb. bags, \$3.75 each; Ground Bone, in 100 lb. bags, \$3.75 each; Crushed Oyster Shells, in 100 lb. bags, \$1.00 each; Egg Food, 42 oz. bags, \$3.00 each; Crystal Grit, in 100 lb. bags, \$1.00 each; Charcoal, in 40 lb. bags, \$1.00 each. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. --- Market Square and King Street

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Our Stores Open 8.30 a. m.; Close 6 p. m. Each Evening During January, February, March. Linen Towellings Of the Better Kinds Which Have Just Been Opened. PLAIN LINEN GUEST TOWELING—15 inches wide, 25c. a yard; 18 inches wide . . . 28c. to 30c. a yard; FANCY TOWELINGS—In Fleur-de-Lis, Shell, Daisy and Stripe Designs; 15 inches wide . . . 30c. a yard; FANCY HUCK TOWELINGS—With Shamrock border and centre, three rings, wreath and flower, Shamrock, Fleur-de-Lis and Thistle border and centre; 15 to 16 inches wide . . . 60c. to 85c. a yard; FANCY HUCK TOWELING—Plain centre with fancy borders, such as rose, lily-of-the-valley and shamrock; also scroll with stripes centre; 22 inches wide . . . 40c. a yard; FANCY HUCK TOWELING—With centre and borders in conventional or stripe designs; 25 inches wide, 50c. a yard. FANCY LINEN HUCK GUEST TOWELINGS—in the following designs, such as coin spot, thistle, tulip, wreath, apple and leaf, diagonal stripe, Fleur-de-Lis, rose, pansy, etc. 25 inches wide, 55c. a yard. MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

Pearl GRANITE WARE Diamond White. The largest assortment of Granite Iron Ware carried in our city. TEA POTS . . . 30c. to 85c. each; COFFEE POTS . . . 30c. to 85c. each; DOUBLE BOILERS . . . 45c. to \$1.50 each; STOVE POTS . . . 60c. to 85c. each; SAUCE PANS . . . 12c. to \$1.00 each; PUDDING PANS . . . 12c. to 35c. each. Pie Plates, Sugar Bowls, Butter Dishes, Mugs, Cups, Saucers, Roast Pans, Etc. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

STORES OPEN AT 9 A.M. AND CLOSE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK AT 6 O'CLOCK. Sale of White Lawn and Organdie Blouses at 89c Continued Today. Free Hemming Sale Continued in Linen Room.

SALE OF . . . Men's Suits and Boys' Bloomer Pants FOR TODAY AND SATURDAY. MEN'S SUITS—A glance at these reductions will show that this is an opportunity that you should take advantage of. The suits are the smartest of new models, short and medium length coats, two and three button with graceful roll lapels. The materials are nobby imported worsteds, tweeds and chevots, plain greys and browns, checks and a fine range of mixtures. \$11.00 Suits, Sale price . . . \$ 8.00; 12.50 Suits, Sale price . . . 9.90; 13.50 Suits, sale price . . . 10.80; 15.00 Suits, Sale price . . . 12.00; 16.50 Suits, Sale price . . . 13.20; 17.50 Suits, Sale price . . . 14.00; \$18.50 Suits, Sale price . . . \$14.80; 19.00 Suits, Sale price . . . 15.00; 21.00 Suits, Sale price . . . 16.80; 23.50 Suits, Sale price . . . 18.40; 25.00 Suits, Sale price . . . 20.00. Boys' Bloomer Pants. Here is a chance to get an extra pair or two of pants for the boy to knock about in. They are bloomer style, well put together and made of stout Tweeds and Worsteds, Grey, brown and green shades in stripes, checks and mixtures. Ages are from 5 to 16 years. Regular 85c. and 90c. Pants, 72c. Regular \$1.10 and \$1.15 Pants, 93c. NO APPROBATION MEN'S and BOYS' CLOTHING DEPT. NO APPROBATION

Wabasso Sheetings, Wabasso Pillow Cottons. A BARGAIN CLEARANCE SALE OF Ladies' and Misses' Dresses COMMENCING THIS MORNING. LADIES' AND MISSES' DRESSES IN SERGES, PANAMAS AND BROCADES, black, green, navy, brown, Copenhagen, mahogany, tan, rose, black and white checks and a few odd cream serges. These dresses are fully up-to-the-minute in style and very greatly reduced. Sizes from 16 years to 42 bust measure. Sale prices, each . . . \$2.50 to \$14.00. LADIES' AND MISSES' SILK AND CREPE DE CHINE DRESSES—The Silks are Taffetas and Mes-salines and a great many of the dresses are with basque waists and long tunic skirts, also in the new Bolero style and other effects. The colors are black, navy, nigger-head brown, lavender, mahogany, old rose, fouldard. Sizes from 16 years to 40 bust measure. Sale prices, each . . . \$10 to \$25. COSTUME SECTION—SECOND FLOOR. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited