

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—The Atlantic disturbance remains off the Nova Scotia coast and unsettled showery weather continues throughout the Maritime Provinces, while in Quebec and Ontario the skies are overcast local snow falls have occurred in Manitoba and snow flurries in Saskatchewan with very cold conditions throughout the western provinces.

Port Arthur—36, 40.
Parry Sound—28, 38.
London—28, 34.
Toronto—30, 36.
Ottawa—26, 32.
Montreal—28, 32.
Quebec—28, 34.
St. John—34, 38.
Halifax—36, 40.

Maritime—Strong northeasterly and northerly winds unsettled with local showers.

New England Forecast.
Washington, D.C. Dec. 3.—Forecast for New England—Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday; variable winds.

AROUND THE CITY

To The Hotel Bowling Teams.
Will the representatives and the bowlers interested of the hotel bowling teams, kindly meet at the Victoria Bowling Academy (upstairs) on Monday evening at 8.30 p. m., with a view of forming a league. Fred C. Chesser.

Slaughter House Commission.
At the regular meeting of the slaughter house commissioners yesterday the returns for November were submitted as follows: John E. McDonald, 347 cattle, 36 sheep, 36 swine; Jas. McGrath, 256 cattle, 744 sheep, 34 calves; M. G. Collins, 14 cattle, 10 sheep, 8 calves.

Victorian Concert Party Coming.
The R. M. S. Victorian concert company which were so popular last season, are expected to give a concert in the Seamen's Institute on Tuesday evening, December 7. The ladies auxiliary are making great preparations for their annual tea and sale, which will be held on Thursday, December 9.

A New Tug.
The new tug which is being built at Indiantown for the Rowan concern of Fredericton, is now nearing completion and men are working overtime in order to get the house on before the winter gets in. The machinery will not be installed before the spring and the boat will then be taken to Fredericton where she will be used by the boom company.

New Pastor Will Preach On Sunday.
In Waterloo Street Baptist church tomorrow evening, Rev. S. H. Veat, will preach the new pastor, will occupy the pulpit at the evening service. In the afternoon a rally day service will be held in the Sunday School, at which a musical programme will be rendered. The new pastor will speak on the "Possibilities of the Sunday School."

A Scotch Evening.
On Monday evening next Rev. G. M. Campbell, D. D., will deliver an address on Scotland and Scotchmen in the schoolroom of Queen Square Methodist church. Mr. Malcolm will give a recitation and musical numbers will be given by Mrs. R. T. Worden and Miss Ellen Barry Smith. Tickets are for sale at the stores of A. Gilmour, 68 King street and R. H. Robb, Charlotte street.

The Free Kindergarten.
The work of the Free Kindergarten Association during the month of November consisted of lessons on the preparation for winter, the provision made by man, animals, birds, leaves and all nature. Each kindergarten is to have a Christmas tree on "closing" day and the children are now preparing their own little gifts for their friends. Portland street will close the same day as the public schools. Brussels St. and Waterloo Street will not close until Thursday, December 22nd. The kindergarten association will appreciate gifts of candy, toys, clothing etc. which may be sent to any of the three branches.

Death of Mr. Joseph H. Davidson.
The death of Mr. Joseph H. Davidson occurred at midnight in the general public hospital in the 34th year of his age. Mr. Davidson was taken to the hospital on Nov. 23 suffering from pneumonia. His condition had somewhat improved until a few days ago when he grew weaker and finally succumbed to the disease. He is survived by a wife and three children and by three brothers, George, Thomas and John of this city and by two sisters, Mrs. James Daly, of Black River and Mrs. Jas. Armstrong, of Garnet Creek. Mr. Davidson was a driver of No. 3 fire engine, a member of Rockwood I. O. F. and was also prominent in the Orange order. His death will be heard with keen regret by a large circle of friends.

A Pleasant Hunting Trip.
Dr. H. S. Stone of Reigate, England brother of Mr. J. R. Stone, of this city, left yesterday by the Empress of Britain for his home. He returned last Wednesday evening from a hunting trip on the Miramichi in company with Mr. Douglas Clinch, of this city. Mr. Clinch speaking with The Standard said that Wm. Griffin, of Cross Creek acted as their guide and that he had the best outfit and best cooking of any guide he had ever hunted with in the province. At one of his camps at McKell's lake he even had an up-to-date bath room with hot and cold water. Owing to the ground being covered with snow and crust the sportsmen were unable to get close enough to a moose to obtain a shot, although they saw about forty. They secured a good deer.

The Fate of a Row-Boat.
The mystery surrounding the disappearance of a row boat belonging to Capt. James Leonard, of the ferry steamer E. Ross, was cleared up yesterday, when the remains of the boat were found by Howard Logan in a slip on West Side. The boat had apparently been taken from her wharf by parties unknown, who after having used her either for her drift or tied her to something from which she broke away during the high winds of the last few days. In conversation with a Standard reporter yesterday Capt. Leonard stated that it was next to impossible for the boat to have gone adrift as there was hardly room for her to pass between the ferry boat and the wharf unless she was assisted by a strong wind.

IMPORTED HORSES FROM BEST BLOOD IN OLD COUNTRY

Mr. W. W. Hubbard Well Pleased With Government Stock—Record Of Ace Of Spades And Southwick.

W. W. Hubbard, secretary of agriculture was in town yesterday inspecting the Clydesdale fillies which landed from the Casagrandia and expressed himself as much pleased with the importation. They are, he said, a good lot and landed in fine condition. Of excellent breeding many of them are strongly bred in Baron's Pride blood. The two stallions imported last year and the year before are also excellent individuals. The older stallion, Ace of Spades, has an excellent advertisement in three fillies sired by him in Ireland in the present importation, where he was taken as a premium stallion under the Imperial Department of Agriculture. These fillies bred by Wm. O'Neill, County Dublin, show what he can do as a sire. Ace of Spades is now seven years old, just in his prime and has proved a remarkably sure foal getter. He is by the renowned Woodend Garth, a grandson of Prince of Wales, one of the horses that helped to make the Clydesdale breed famous. The other stallion, Southwick, a well-developed three-year-old of high quality and a sure foal getter, imported last March by Mr. McElaney, was sired by Benedict one of Baron's Pride most successful sons. Benedict was brought to the United States some years ago, but so excellent did his offspring prove in Scotland that Messrs. A. W. Montgomery sent out and bought him back at a large price. They still own him and he is one of the most prized premium stallions in Scotland today. Southwick's dam was by Prince Sturdy another noted horse and most successful sire.

The fillies came from the farms of the best breeders in Scotland and north of England. Many of them are in foal. They are mostly two year olds of good size showing high quality. Much interest, said Mr. Hubbard, is being taken in the coming sale as evidenced by inquiries from all parts of the province. The Carleton Curling rink has been engaged for the sale and raised seating will be provided. This will ensure comfort and a good view of sales ring for the purchasers no matter what the weather may be.

MERIT SYSTEM IN CIVIL SERVICE IS WORKING OUT WELL

Professor Short Speaks Of Improvements Under New Act—No Appointments Likely On Present Visit.

Prof. Adam Short and Mr. M. J. LaRochelle, civil service commissioner of Ottawa arrived in the city last evening from Fredericton where they had been on departmental business. They will remain in the city until Monday and will then proceed to Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. In conversation with a Standard reporter last evening Professor Short stated that the civil service amendment act of 1918 was working out well. The act had made its fundamental object, the introduction of the merit system for appointment to the public service which, as Prof. Short remarked, makes it easier for politicians. In reply to a question, Professor Short said there were very few talking the examinations for the second division, but a large number were endeavoring to qualify for the third. More than 200 had taken the civil service papers in Canada at the last examination, which was held three weeks ago. The examinations are held in the months of May and November and in St. John they are under the supervision of Dr. G. W. Hay.

No Appointments This Trip.
Asked if he would make any appointments during his present visit, Prof. Short said that he did not expect to, as the present holders of office appeared to be getting along all right. The examinations, he added, were coming off very satisfactorily and so far there had been no evidence of fraud in any of them. On his arrival here Prof. Short who was formerly head of the department of political science at Queen's University, Kingston, was handed a message from the Women's Canadian Club of this city inviting him to speak before them, but as he is pressed for time the lecture is not likely to take place. Prof. Short and Mr. LaRochelle will leave on Monday for Yarmouth and will visit Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown and Moncton before returning to Ottawa. They expect to be in the Maritime Provinces for about two weeks. Prof. Short and Mr. LaRochelle were appointed to their present positions last year entering upon their duties when the act came into operation September first. They have the rank of deputy minister and salaries of \$5000 each.

Great Sale of Low Priced Furs at M. R. A's.
An after stock taking clearance of ordinary English hair and Japanese mink marmot muskrat, throws and storm collars. These furs are low grade but are rather attractive in appearance, being bright and warm furs for an insignificant expenditure. They have been placed at prices as low as to make this sale a highly unusual bargain event. The sale starts this morning at 8.30 in fur department—second floor. Mr. H. Leslie Combs returned from New York yesterday. Mrs. James Dunn, who spent the summer here visiting her mother, Mrs. O'Brien, Dorchester street, will leave for her home tomorrow.

DEFECTIVE HAND RAIL CAUSE OF RIORDAN'S DEATH

Jury In Verdict Last Evening Declared Fatality On Montrose Due To Negligence—Officers And Men Examined.

At an inquest into the death of Stanley Riordan, who died Monday afternoon by falling through a hatch on the C. P. R. liner Montrose, which was held last evening before Dr. D. E. Berryman, the coroner, and the court house, the jury returned the following verdict: We the jury empaneled to enquire into the cause of the death of Stanley Riordan one of the crew of the Steamer Montrose find that he came to his death on November 30 on board the S.S. Montrose, lying at No. 1 berth, in the City of St. John, on the West Side of the harbor from injuries received by falling through said No. 1 hatch. From the evidence submitted we believe that the accident happened through a defective hand rail between decks said hatch, and that this was negligence on the part of the steamship company, as the first officer had been notified of the condition of the rail, which was repaired after the accident occurred.

The jury were: Mr. J. F. Gleason, foreman; Mr. Sidney Gibbs, Mr. John S. Armstrong, Mr. Geo. Wilson, Mr. Bart Holt, Mr. S. T. Golding and Mr. Thomas Gibbons. The first witness examined was Mr. H. J. Shaw, purser of the steamship Montrose. Witness had seen the body of deceased after the accident and had recognized it as that of Stanley Riordan. He produced the ship's articles showing that deceased had joined the ship in London as fireman on November 9. Urie Lafontaine, M. D., surgeon on the steamship next took the stand. He told of finding Riordan in an unconscious condition after the accident. Deceased had several scalp wounds and had sustained a fracture of the skull. In witness' opinion deceased had fallen about 24 feet, and that the injuries he sustained were sufficient to cause his death.

Rail Was Bent.
Henry Stimpson, quartermaster of the ship said that on Tuesday last he saw deceased fall from No. 1 hatch. He appeared to have lost his hold on the rail of the hatch and fell backwards. Witness went down into the hold and rendered aid until the arrival of the doctor. The rail of the ladder from which deceased fell was bent in towards the ship's bulkhead which made it difficult to get a solid grip. In witness' opinion it was the duty of the chief officer of the ship to see that the bent rail was made safe. One of the firemen had notified the officer of the condition of the rail. He considered the condition of the rail as dangerous.

In witness' opinion the deceased, Stanley Riordan lost his life on account of the bent rail being bent. The rail had been straightened out immediately after the accident by order of the chief officer. In witness' opinion deceased fell about forty-five or fifty feet. Wm. Lee, engineer's storekeeper on the ship, sworn, stated that he knew deceased as a member of the crew. Witness had seen deceased lose his grip on the ladder and fall into the hold which in his opinion was about forty-five or fifty feet in depth. In summing up the evidence the coroner said the question for the jury to decide was whether the deceased, Stanley Riordan, had met his death in a legitimate way. In witness' opinion the deceased had met his death by falling from a ladder, the rail of which was shown to be dangerous by the evidence submitted. The jury then retired and in half an hour returned a verdict as previously stated.

KING'S DAUGHTERS TO BURN MORTGAGE ON THEIR BUILDING

Proceeds From Recent Tea And Sale Will Cancel Debt—Support Promised To Women's Council.

At a meeting of the King's Daughters yesterday afternoon the cheering report was presented that the proceeds from the recent tea and sale would be quite sufficient to pay off the balance of the debt on the building and the burning of the mortgage will now take place. A committee was appointed to arrange for a public function some evening next week at which this pleasant ceremony will be performed.

Another important matter considered was a communication from the local Council of Women asking if the King's Daughters could be depended upon to furnish support if the invitation of the Exhibition Association to take charge of a department was accepted. After some discussion the ladies decided they would take part in any movement undertaken by the Women's Council.

At the next meeting military training in schools will be the topic for discussion. To Make a Merry Christmas. Donations for the Christmas tree at the Protestant Orphans' Home will be most acceptable and can be sent to most acceptable and can be sent to the Home on Britain street or to any of the following committee: Mrs. T. A. Rankine, Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. C. H. Johnston, Mrs. T. H. Murray, Mrs. C. A. Macdonald, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. W. E. Earl, Mrs. Hugh H. McLean, Mrs. Jack MacLaren.

Natural History Lecture. Mr. W. H. Moore, of Stanley, N. B., the well known naturalist, will lecture before the Natural History Society on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock. He will take the "Mammals of

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