

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Westerly winds gradually decreasing in force, fair and cold. Toronto, Dec. 30.—During last night developed into a very severe storm which is now centred in Newfoundland and heavy gales with snow prevailed in Nova Scotia. The weather has moderated somewhat in Ontario and Manitoba and continues mild in the far west. Winnipeg—2 below, 14. Port Arthur—8 below, 16. Parry Sound—16 below, 12. London—Zero, 12. Toronto—2 below, 17. Ottawa—4 below, 6. Montreal—2 below, 8. Quebec—14 below, 8. St. John—4, 12. Halifax—8, 24. New England Forecast.—Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Forecast for New England: Fair, slightly warmer Friday, Saturday, fair, moderate west to south winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Telephone Directors Meet. The regular fortnightly meeting of the directors of the N. B. Telephone Co., Ltd., was held last evening. Only routine business was transacted. The late Mr. George Elliot. Portland Lodge, S. O. E., No. 246, will meet in Temple Building, this evening, at 8 o'clock. The arrangements for the funeral of their late brother, George Elliot, H. Sellen, secretary.

Fines Were Paid. The English sailors Charles Patey and Leonard Knell, who were fined \$8 or 30 days in prison for using obscene language on Monday, were taken on board their ship, the Shenandoah, last evening by Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen. The captain of the steamer paid their fines.

A Purchasing Agent. The committee consisting of four board chairmen appointed by the common council to consider the matter of creating the office of purchasing agent for the city, met last evening but did not reach a decision. Further inquiries will be made with a view of determining the need for such an official.

Schooner Flashed. The schooner Rebecca Walls, a well known trader to this port and which was disabled by the heavy gales near Vineyard Haven, on Dec. 25th, was floated yesterday and it was found that one of the main beams and two pintles were broken. Temporary repairs will be made. The schooner is in command of Captain McLean, of this city.

Workmen's Compensation Act. The case brought by John Amos against Clark and Adams under the Workmen's Compensation Act, has been set down for trial on Jan. 14 next before Judge H. A. McKeown. Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., will represent the plaintiff and Mr. F. R. Taylor, of Weldon and McLean, the defendant.

Non-Committal. Hon. H. R. Emmerson, ex-minister of railways was in the city yesterday and left on the late train for Amherst. Mr. Emmerson told a Standard reporter that his business in the city was of a private nature. Asked for his ideas on a Canadian navy, the ex-minister said he preferred to wait and do his talking in Parliament.

Special Time Signal. At 6 o'clock this evening the Western Union Telegraph Company will transmit a special time signal to all Western Union offices in the province by direct automatic telegraph from the observatory clock. The message will be sent to Newfoundland by wireless from the Marconi station at Glace Bay.

S. S. Pythia in Port. The S. S. Pythia recently chartered by the Donaldson line arrived in port last evening about 8 o'clock on her maiden voyage to St. John. She is in command of Captain Joseph Whimster, who is well known in maritime circles here, having formerly been captain of the Coscordia. The Pythia formerly belonged to the Union Castle Line. She has on board a large general cargo and will dock at the Pettin-gill wharf at 7 o'clock this morning.

Appraisal in Dalhousie Fire. Mr. Samuel C. Drury returned to the city yesterday afternoon from the house where he had been acting as appraiser for the Queen and Liverpool and London and Globe insurance companies in connection with the destruction by fire of a dwelling house owned by Mr. Geo. E. Mercier, of that place. Mr. Drury appraised the value of the house destroyed at \$1166. The house was occupied by a son of Mr. Geo. McKeown, of this city and all the furniture on which there was no insurance, was destroyed.

Amicably Settled. Yesterday will conclude the day before Magistrate Ritchie and the case of Hamilton vs. Gay occupied the entire day's proceedings. Mr. Gay brought action against Mr. Hamilton for the recovery of \$76.00 which he claimed was due him as wages. Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. E. B. Busfield defended. The arguments of the opposing counsel took up the greater part of the afternoon, and after the magistrate had received the evidence a verdict was given for the plaintiff. Mr. Busfield then gave notice that the case would be appealed. It is understood that at a conference between Messrs. Gay and Hamilton last night it was decided that the matter should amicably settled out of court.

Concert and Social. An enjoyable social and concert was held in the schoolroom of St. John's Presbyterian church last evening under the auspices of the Young Men's Guild. The room had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting. Mr. Landis, down, presided and the programme was thoroughly appreciated by the large number present. Miss Carthors Cox gave an exhibition of club swinging and rendered an instrumental solo. Mr. J. D. Wood sang two numbers. Selections on the piano were given by Mr. William King and Miss Leach gave several humorous readings. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson sang the Evening Star and the Hymn of the Old Church Choir. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the programme.

NEW UNIFORMS FOR BOYS' BRIGADE OF THE STONE CHURCH

Cadets Entertained At Supper Last Evening—Mrs. Kuhring Presents Stripes To Non-Commissioned Officers.

The members of St. John (Stone) church Boys' Brigade, about 45 strong received their new uniforms last evening at their annual Christmas entertainment. The uniform consists of cap trimmed with white braid, white haversack and leather belt. The officers will wear glengarry caps. A supper was provided for the brigade and some of their friends by the ladies of the congregation and after a short musical programme and recitations had been enjoyed, Rev. G. A. Kuhring, the pastor of the church addressed the boys. Mrs. Kuhring then presented four of the cadets with corporals' stripes and four others with lance corporals' stripes and also presented the members of the brigade with their annual cards. The officers of the brigade are Rev. Mr. Kuhring, chaplain, Mr. P. Capella, captain; Mr. Eldon Merritt, lieutenant; Mr. George Morrissey, second lieutenant. Rev. G. A. Kuhring's Sunday school class will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. instead of on Saturday.

ALDERMEN WILLING TO DECLARE WAR ON TELEPHONE COMPANY

Preferential Rate Brings Subject Up At Treasury Board—Ald. McGoldrick To Make Motion At Council.

Following upon statements made by different aldermen at a meeting of the treasury board last evening, it appears likely the common council will take a hand on Monday in the protest against the increase in the telephone rates. Aldermen McGoldrick, Potts, Vanwart and Frink all expressed their willingness to support any protest which might be moved and the only reason why a resolution was not introduced last evening was that the aldermen agreed the council was the proper place to bring up the matter. The discussion last night arose out of the proposal to sanction the placing of telephones in the residence of the chamberlain and comptroller, at the special rate given to civic phones, the officials insisting upon paying the charges themselves.

Bought For a Few Dollars. Ald. McGoldrick said he thought the city would be in a better position to protest against the exorbitant rates if same rate was paid on phones used for municipal purposes as other citizens paid. It seemed as if the private individual had to pay so much higher for the cheap rate given to the city. When the aldermen carried passes for the street cars they were accused of receiving bribes and the privilege was removed, but the whole city was now being bought for a few dollars. If any complaint was made, the telephone company could reply that they were only paying \$20 a phone.

Ald. Baxter said the arrangement had been made with the telephone company in exchange for certain rights. Who's Afraid. Ald. McGoldrick—"That is just it. If any one else applied for those rights now they would get turned down very quickly. Everybody seems to be afraid of this telephone business. The Board of Trade were going to do great things, but they dropped it all in a day. This may be because the new president is a large stockholder. If everyone is afraid of this thing I am not and I'll introduce a resolution in the council tonight."

Ald. Potts expressed his willingness to make a motion at once. He couldn't see why Ald. McGoldrick had said the aldermen were afraid. Ald. Vanwart said he would second any resolution which might be made. Ald. Frink reviewed the history of telephone legislation and doubted if any remedy could be found, but he favored the protest.

Missing Since Tuesday. Inquiries are being made to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. William Melanson of Chealsey street, who left home on Tuesday evening and has not been seen since. Mr. Melanson had quite a sum of money on his person and it is thought may have taken the train for the west. As he had said nothing, however, to his relatives about going away, they are rather anxious.

Golding—Anderson. A pretty wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage, 43 Duke street, last evening when Mr. Harry Golding was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Anderson of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. D. Marr. The bride was prettily gowned in a lavender cloth princess dress with lace yoke, and hat of lavender velvet and white moire silk. She was attended by her sister Miss Jessal Anderson who wore a pretty dress of cream voile with hat to match. The groom was supported by Mr. Douglas B. Stephens. Mr. and Mrs. Golding will reside at 47 Gilbert street for the present.

United Services on New Years. The Presbyterian churches in the city will hold a united service in St. David's church on New Years Day at 11 a. m. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Gordon Dickie. The offering will be for the Protestant Orphan Home.

THREE SMALL FIRES KEPT DEPARTMENT BUSY LAST NIGHT

Call To Sand Point Proved To Be Fire In Chimney—Alarms In North End And Union Street.

The fire department was kept busy last evening, being called out on three different occasions for fires in different parts of the city. None of the fires proved serious however, and but little difficulty was experienced in extinguishing them. About six o'clock last evening the North End firemen were alerted by a call for a slight fire in the house owned and occupied by Mr. Herbert Ritchie on Adelaide street, caused by a lamp explosion. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done. A still alarm was rung in last evening between 8 and 9 o'clock for a slight fire in T. J. Phillips' candy store on Union street. The chemical and No. 2 hose cart responded quickly and the blaze was soon extinguished. The fire was caused by a fall of hot molasses being overturned by one of the employees. Shortly after midnight an alarm was rung in from the winter port box No. 214, West Side and fears were at first entertained that the fire was in some of the Sand Point sheds. It proved to be very slight, however, the blaze being caused by a defective flue in the immigration building and was extinguished with salt soon after the arrival of the department.

PRIZE LISTS OF EXHIBITION TO BE READY MARCH 1

Executive Still Without Manager For Dominion Fair—Move To New Quarters On Monday.

That the executive of the St. John Exhibition Association have a difficult problem to solve in the matter of finding a competent manager for the Dominion exhibition to be held in this city next year, becomes more apparent as the weeks pass. Although efforts have been made for some time to procure a suitable man for the position the end appears to be as far off as ever and at a meeting held last night in the rooms of the retiring secretary, Mr. John F. Gleeson, on King street, no decision was arrived at in the matter. Mr. A. O. Skinner presided at the meeting and those present were Messrs. F. H. Emerson, R. B. Emerson, W. F. Burdett, Alex. Macaulay, R. R. Patchell and C. B. Allan. It was decided to get out the prize list at once and Mr. Gleeson was given instructions to go ahead with the arrangements. It is hoped to have the lists out by March 1 next. It was also decided to have arrangements made for the printing of the official programme. No action was taken in connection with the appointment of a manager. The exhibition headquarters will be moved from Mr. Gleeson's office on Saturday and the new rooms, which are situated in the basement of the Bank of Montreal building on Prince William street, will be opened. On Monday morning Mr. Horace Porter, the recently appointed secretary, will have charge of the rooms until a manager is appointed.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES AT THE OPERA HOUSE

At St. John's (Stone) church, this evening, commencing at 11.30 o'clock a watch night service will be held. Preceding the service there will be a half-hour organ recital by Mr. D. Arnold Fox. There will be no collection. The choir of Trinity church are requested to assemble at 11 o'clock tonight, New Year's Eve, preparatory to the watch night service. A watch night service will be held in the Ludlow street United Baptist church, West End, this evening at 11 o'clock. The regular prayer meeting of the church will be held at 7.30 p. m., as usual. On Sunday Rev. Cliff Clark will preach and the ordinance of baptism will be administered. A watch night service will be held in Zion Methodist church tonight. Service will commence at 10.45 p. m., and continue until 12.05 a. m.

For Christmas. We have a stock of the CONFECTIONERY. PERFUMES in pretty packages, 25c to \$5.00 each. TOILET SOAPS in boxes, 25c to \$1.00 each. EBONY HAND MIRRORS, 75c to \$2.50 each. EBONY HAIR BRUSHES, to match mirrors.

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