

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Pressure is still relatively low in Eastern Canada. Elsewhere it is nearly everywhere somewhat high. The temperature has risen considerably in British Columbia and the southern part of Alberta, while over the remainder of Canada it is for the most part decidedly low. A few light snowfalls have occurred from Saskatchewan to the Maritime Provinces, but the weather on the whole has been fair.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 15.—Fair and calm, with a strong westerly wind; local snow-furries, but generally fair and decidedly cold.

Northern New England.—Fair and calm, with a strong westerly wind. Strong west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

BOARD OF TRADE. A New York firm has written the board of trade asking for prospects of purchasing a lot of land with lumber for railway ties and building material.

BEAUTIFUL CALENDERS. The Standard has received handsome calendars from L. M. Johnson, electrical supplies, 86 Charlotte street, and Hazel Bros., sanitary and heating engineers, 35 Sydney street.

CHRISTMAS MAILS. Extra mail cars have been placed on the Montreal-St. John route to handle the Christmas mails. To help with the distribution about the city ten boys have been appointed as helpers to the letter carriers.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT. At a well attended meeting of the St. Mary's Church Women's Auxiliary last evening an address was given on "The Forward Movement" by Mrs. R. Taylor McKim, president, and members were busy working on a quilt which will be sent to a mission.

THE ROTARY CLUB. Prof. John A. Stiles roused the Rotary Club to great enthusiasm at yesterday's luncheon in an appeal for help by the boy scout movement. F. A. Dykeman presided and the attendance was the largest for a long time. A number of new members were elected.

INFORMATION RECEIVED. The common clerk has received the information asked for in connection with George L. Randage, who recently died, leaving a sum of money to the City of Boston. His middle name was what was asked for and it was found to be Wallace.

WILL HOLD INQUEST. An inquest into the deaths of the two Mann brothers, who were unable to escape from their house, City Road, when it caught fire early last Thursday morning, and were burned to death, will be held in the Court room, Germain street, on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

NEW BAGGAGE SHED. H. D. Deedes arrived in the city yesterday morning from Fredericton, and will enter upon his new position, supervising the work of construction of the new baggage shed being constructed in West St. John by the C. P. R. Mr. Deedes returned only a few weeks ago from overseas, where he was serving since early in the war. He was a civil engineer before the war.

CASES OF SMALLPOX. A case of smallpox has been reported near Moncton, and another at Slediac, Dr. J. F. L. Brown has visited both places in the interests of the Board of Health and has seen that all the necessary precautions have been carried out.

McMILLAN'S TEAM WON. A match game was rolled on the Victoria Alloys, last night, between a team representing J. & A. McMillan and a picked team from the C. N. R. The former team winning by four pins. It was an exciting match from start to finish. McMillan's had a majority of twelve pins on the first string, and the railway bowlers tied the score in the second string. It was a hard fight in the third, which finished with McMillan's having four pins to the good and winning the match.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Imperial League was held last evening in their rooms, City Market Building when the election of officers resulted as follows: Charles Robinson, president; G. H. Worden, Hugh H. McLellan, A. O. H. Wilson, vice-presidents; F. E. Fiewelling, secretary; Windham Humphrey, treasurer; C. J. Armstrong, financial secretary. The league is planning an active winter and with the assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary expects to accomplish much that is useful.

FURNISHING HOSTEL. The work of furnishing the Hostel or Household Helpers is being carried on by the committee appointed, and arrangements are being made to transfer there all furniture which has been acquired from other institutions. No matron has been appointed as yet, though it is understood that the name of a suitable local woman has been submitted. A meeting will be held shortly, at which many important matters will be discussed.

WANTED.—Experienced orderly. Apply Superintendent General Public Hospital.

Returned Soldier Was Turned Down

War Veterans at Meeting Take Exception to Post Office Appointments—Member Could Not Procure Work, While Other Persons Were Taken on.

The matter of Returned Soldiers being passed over when employees were desired at the City Post Office was discussed at length at the meeting of the Local Branch of the G. W. V. A. held at their rooms last evening. Major N. T. McLeod presided, and after referring to a published report that J. S. Flagg, Assistant Post Master, of the City Post Office, was not able to get Returned Soldiers in all positions there, a number of facts were cited and after discussion the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That said article appearing in the Public Press of Saint John, N. B., of December 16th concerning the appointment of soldiers in the Post Office during the Christmas season, the members of the St. John Branch G. W. V. A. consider the information in this article grossly unfair, and misleading, especially so, as one of our members did, on Monday December 1st, apply to the Superintendent of the Post Office for temporary employment. He was informed that the present staff was quite sufficient and that no extra men would be required. He asked that his name be taken and that no extra men would be required. He was told that the Civil Service Commission supplied all the extra men and that it would be useless to leave his name and address.

Resolved therefore, that this Branch lodge a protest with the Post Master General, through the Dominion Secretary of the G. W. V. A. at Ottawa, and also add that full publicity be given to the fact that returned soldiers did apply for such work and were refused by officials of the St. John Post Office, who now apparently have given for publication the information which is so grossly unfair, misleading and detrimental to returned soldiers as it tends to give the public the impression that all returned soldiers are unwilling to work except for extravagant wages, when such is not the case, as no wages were mentioned in the bona fide application for work which is stated herein.

During the discussion it was stated that the Civil Service at Ottawa did not carry out the laws governing appointments as they should. A number of returned men had successfully passed the Civil Service Examinations without receiving appointments, while others who have never taken the examinations have received temporary employment.

For the Christmas Entertainment Committee W. C. Pink reported progress.

CENTENARY YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The Young People's Society of Centenary Church held one of their enjoyable "Recreation Contests" last evening with a large number of members present. Miss Nan Powers presided and those taking part in the contest were Miss Eva Hutchinson, Miss Dorothy Powers, Miss Annie Tall, Miss Estella McAlpine, Miss Anne Tall was named the winner by the judges, Rev. F. S. Poole and Gordon Stevens.

BRASS TABLET TO HER MEMORY

In memory of Miss Catherine Martin for thirty years librarian of the John Free Public Library, a brass tablet has been placed on the wall of the Rotunda. Miss Martin was the first librarian of the library and no one could have taken more interest in the institution or given more faithful service.

ST. JOHN BOY SCOUTS' COUNCIL MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the St. John Boy Scouts was held last evening at No. 47 Princess street. A. C. Skilton presided, and among the business taken up was the arranging for boxes to be placed in different parts of the city containing slotters and First Aid kits, so that in case of accidents efficient help may be immediately forthcoming.

Plans were discussed for a large public meeting to be held early in the year at which all city troops will participate in the programme, giving demonstrations of Scoutcraft.

R. B. Brennan resigned as secretary, and R. Ingleton was appointed secretary-treasurer. H. H. G. Holder tendered his resignation as Commissioner and his place will be filled at a later meeting.

MILITARY FUNERAL

The funeral of James J. Barbour, a returned soldier will be held this afternoon at three o'clock from his late residence, 14 Brussels street with full military honors. The deceased was one of the charter members of the Great War Veterans Association and his brother members with the Veterans' Band will attend the funeral.

City Employee Was Found Dead

Remains of William McDonald, Driver of Motor Truck, Were Found in City Garage in North End Last Night.

About 9.30 o'clock last night R. B. Francis, night watchman at the city asphalt plant found the body of William McDonald in the city garage off Elm street, in the rear of the North End police station. The deceased was driver of the city's largest motor truck, and with his wife resided on Rockland Road. Falling to come home to his supper last evening, and as the time passed, Mrs. McDonald telephoned to Clifford T. Moore, superintendent of streets, to find out if her husband was being kept at his work, or if the superintendent knew what was keeping him. Superintendent Moore could not leave his home owing to sickness in the family, but he telephoned R. B. Francis at the asphalt plant at the foot of Broad street to take a car and proceed to the city garage in the North End and ascertain if McDonald was there.

When Francis arrived at the garage he found that the large doors were unlocked and there was light burning within. He entered the building and found McDonald lying on his back with his head under the front part of the truck. He felt McDonald's hands and found them stiff and cold. He called once reported the matter to the officer in charge at the North End police station, and Sergeant Journey took charge of the case. The Sergeant telephoned to Dr. F. L. Kenney, the coroner, who was conducting an inquest into the death of Stanley Wilkins, and the coroner in turn had the Sergeant notify Dr. J. P. L. Brown, medical health officer to make an examination. This was done and in a very short time Dr. Brown appeared on the scene. On making an examination he found that the body was still slightly warm, that there was no appearance of any injuries having been received, and he thought that McDonald had been dead four or five hours. Further examination showed that the man had been working under the car, as the tool box was open and there was a board lying under the car which the man had used to rest on. Further examination showed that the engine of the car was not been running as the car was in forward gear.

About the time that Dr. Brown had finished his examination, Coroner Kenney, having adjourned the examination, appeared on the scene and he also made an examination. It was learned that McDonald was a man not addicted to drink, and his fellow employees who have never taken the examination have received temporary employment.

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Commercial Club Committee Met

The question of obtaining cheap power for St. John was discussed at a meeting of the Committee on Industries and Transportation of the St. John Commercial Club held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening with A. P. Patterson in the chair, and it was decided to invite W. R. Turnbull and K. J. Smith, authorities on water power development, to address the club on the subject. Roy Thompson brought up the matter of harnessing the ideas of the Bay of Fundy, and suggested a \$9,000,000 project, which if investigated and found good should have the backing of the government. There was also discussion as to the development of the water powers of the Lepreau and Magaguadavic Rivers. It was also suggested that the government take over the Grand Falls where about 60,000 horsepower could be made available. B. R. Armstrong had some estimates showing that power could be supplied in St. John at \$45 with a possible reduction when demand increased.

F. G. Goodspeed said there was one thing wrong with St. John from an industrial point of view; it lacked cheap power, though in this respect it was no worse off than Halifax or Charlottetown. The following figures as to the cost of power were given: St. John—6 to 12 cents for light; 2 to 10 cents for power. Halifax—10 cents for light; 8 cents for power. Charlottetown—13 cents for light; 7 cents for power. Quebec—7 cents for light; 3 to 8 cents for power. Montreal—2 to 5 cents for light; \$18 to \$45 per h. p. Toronto—1 to 2 cents for light. Winnipeg—3 to 13 cents for light; 5 cents for power.

MARRIED.

WILKINSON-KINSMAN—Nov. 29, 1919, at Westminister, Mass. by Rev. C. W. McAllister, M. Carmody Wilkinson, R. N., to Charles E. Kinsman.

DIED.

SMITH—At Titusville, on Dec. 15, after a lingering illness of paralysis, Mary, beloved wife of Jeremiah Smith, in her sixty-sixth year, leaving two sons, Austen, St. John and Spurgeon of Dawson, besides one brother and two sisters to mourn.

Trade Commission Letter Received

Says Wanted 250,000 Square Feet of Warehouse Space for Three Months—Informed of This Amount Not Available at St. John.

The secretary of the Board of Trade received another letter from the Canadian Trade Commission of Ottawa yesterday in reference to the complaints of Canadian goods destined for Rumania and Greece are being shipped through American ports. The letter says that the Trade Commission wanted 250,000 square feet of warehouse space at their disposal for three months and that they had made enquiries of the railways and several shipping agents at St. John, and were informed that this amount of space was not available at St. John for the period required. The Commission further states that Rumania and Greece had asked that the goods be shipped without delay, and that as there were lines of steamers running from American ports to those countries some small consignments had been sent through American ports. The letter intimated that it was the policy of the Trade Commission to ship as far as practical through Canadian ports.

The Conciliation Board In Session

The Conciliation Board appointed to deal with the dispute between the C. P. R. and the Freight Handlers met yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, when the members were sworn in, and a course of procedure arranged. The Board met again at eight o'clock last evening, and took evidence of several witnesses, after which adjournment was made till ten o'clock this morning. The members of the Board are Judge Chandler, chairman; H. C. Schofield, representing the C. P. R., and Fred Campbell, representing the men. It is the intention of the Board to continue the sessions and endeavor to arrive at an award as speedily as possible.

ARMY AMBULANCE OVER EMBANKMENT

A heavy army ambulance was used for a time yesterday afternoon in place of the city ambulance. It called at the City Depot and carried a patient to the General Public Hospital. After the patient had been admitted to the hospital, Chauffeur Moore started the machine, the brakes failed to hold and the front wheels went over the abutment. The rear wheels held however and this left the heavy ambulance hanging over a very steep embankment. The driver stuck to his post and it is most fortunate that the rear wheels brought the car to a stop, otherwise he would undoubtedly have been badly injured or perhaps killed. It took considerable time before the ambulance could be righted and placed on the driveway again.

This is the first accident that has happened at this place. Several years ago a car went over the bank and the person driving was severely injured. It was then that the abutment was placed in position. Owing to this abutment is not high enough yet and in all likelihood it may be so constructed to prevent any further accidents.

In acknowledging contributions to the Treasurer of the Protestant Orphan Home, H. C. Hankins, The Standard acknowledges a remittance of \$5.00 from "A Lover of Children," Sackville, N. B., which should have read \$50.00.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO. ANNOUNCE

For tomorrow—Wednesday—a day sale of their entire stock of beautiful Fur Coats at half, and in many cases less than their original prices. This means that the public of St. John can buy a Fur Coat at retail for less than the present manufacturers' cost. But, this offer is open Wednesday only, and that is tomorrow, Wednesday, at the earliest corners of course will get best choice.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. John DeLong of White's Cove, announce the engagement of their daughter, Grace Lavina, to J. City Orchard, of White's Cove, the marriage to take place on an early date.

YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST

If you haven't already made it out do so at once and put on it "Hilmour's"—neckties, mufflers, canes, fancy vests, gloves, overcoats, dress suits and accessories—68 King street.

Portrait agents wanting good prints and finishes—lowest prices on frames—ask for catalogue, United Art Co., 4 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto.

Nicked and Copper Tableware. Few gifts you could select are more appropriate and practical than a piece of nicked or Copper Tableware, for the housewife who invariably prizes such remembrances. In this line, our stock is both large and varied, embracing COFFEE MACHINES, either electrically or alcohol heated; Percolating Coffee Pots, Teapots, Chafing Dishes, Hot Water Kettles with alcohol and with electric heaters. Serving Trays, Crumb Trays, etc. Also "STERNO" SOLID ALCOHOL STOVES either with or without boilers; also with trays and hot water kettles. Then there are "Sterno" Solid Alcohol Heaters for baby-food. HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT GROUND FLOOR. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Stores Open at 8.30 a. m. Close at 6 p. m. Open Saturdays till 10 p. m.

Here are Just a Few of Our Christmas Novelties. Safety Baby Straps, Assorted Colors, White Enamel Trims, Boxed Christmas Novelties—An Exceptionally Large Variety, No Crowding Here—Prompt Service, Christmas Showroom Ground Floor, Imported Christmas Cards with envelopes, 5, 10 and 15 cts., Boxed Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Boudoir Caps, Fancy Bags, The newest Games for the whole family, Sunday Monday Washing Sets, Toy Town Telegraph Set, Tregio Joint Limb Dolls The "Queen of Dolls", Gage Models, Dress Hats, Tailored Pressed Silk Beaver Hats MODERATELY PRICED. Marr Millinery Co., Limited. Best Quality Christmas Ribbon, All Colors, 6 cts. a yard.

Useful - Beautiful - Appropriate Presents. Nothing more useful than these ELECTRIC GIFTS. We place a very attractive line of these goods at the disposal of Christmas Shoppers. Electric Table Lamps, Electric Irons, Electric Boudoir Lamps, Electric Toasters, Electric Desk Lamps, Electric Grills, Electric Percolators, etc. Something for every taste in this line and prices within the reach of all. DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY. The Right Present—For the Right Person—At the Right Price. Emerson & Fisher Ltd. Store Open 8.30 a. m. Close 6 p. m. Saturday 10 p. m.

It's always harder to find gifts suitable for men and boys than for any one else. They are sure to appreciate useful things though, and such things as these they never have too many of. Give Him Ties, Give Him a House Coat or Smoking Jacket, Give Him Gloves, Give Him Handkerchiefs, Give Him a Top Coat, Give Him Underwear, Give Him a Sweater. Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE.

A CHOICE is offered you on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday owing to fortunate circumstances, whereby Ten Sealine and Near Seal Garments. May be purchased for the following special prices: \$245.00 Buy a \$300.00 Coat, \$210.00 For a \$250.00 Garment, \$165.00 For a \$200.00 Coat, \$130.00 For a \$175.00 Garment. Magee's Gift Shop, St. John.