

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The disturbance which was over Southern Michigan last night has moved quickly eastward to the Maritime Provinces causing strong winds with snow and rain over the eastern half of the continent. The weather continues fair and cold throughout the West.

St. John	13	36
Dawson	13	36
Prince Rupert	13	36
Vancouver	13	36
Calgary	13	36
Edmonton	13	36
Prince Albert	13	36
Medicine Hat	13	36
Moose Jaw	13	36
Saskatoon	13	36
Winnipeg	13	36
London	13	36
Toronto	13	36
Ottawa	13	36
Montreal	13	36
Quebec	13	36
Halifax	13	36

Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime.—Strong westerly winds, local snow flurries but mostly fair and becoming somewhat colder.

Northern New England.—Cloudy and colder Friday, probably snow for North Maine. Saturday, fair and colder; fresh to strong west and northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

NO STANDARD ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Tomorrow, being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of The Standard.

THE MAYOR'S PRESENT

The firemen in No. 1 Station, Charlotte street, will publicly thank Mayor Schofield for a Christmas present of a barrel of apples.

ASK GOVERNMENT TO PAY

The commissioners of the St. John County Hospital yesterday decided to ask the Provincial Government to pay for the keep of patients who have no permanent residence in the province. Estimates for 1921 were also discussed.

GIVES EXPLANATION

A Scotsman who was in the city yesterday wished it announced that Scotland was not going dry, and said that the only sections that were not being granted licenses were on the outskirts of the cities and in the residential quarters.

THE SAILORS' TREAT

The annual sailors' treat will take place in the Seamen's Institute on Monday night, and the programme, like on former occasions, should prove most interesting. Manager Brindle made a call on the steamer Victorian yesterday and distributed 350 Christmas bags to the men who will not be here for Monday.

CITY'S CHRISTMAS TREAT

Mayor Schofield said yesterday that he thought there would be nobody in St. John who would have to do without a Christmas dinner, the preparations being made by the Salvation Army, churches and various societies aiming to reach every deserving person and family. In case, however, that some might be overlooked, the city had provided some money and a corps of ladies headed by Mrs. G. A. Karping would be at the old Brussels street church on Saturday from 5 to 7 p. m. when soup, coffee and light refreshments would be served. He requested that any person wishing to take advantage of this offer to notify his office at city hall some time on Friday.

ALLOWED TO GO

Leo Prest and Percy Smyser, both of Halifax, were before Judge Jones in the Kings County Court Wednesday, under the Speedy Trials Act, and were allowed to go on a suspended sentence on condition that they would go to their homes which they agreed to do. The two lads were arrested by Sergeant Detective Power and Detective Donahue at Onondaga a few weeks ago on charge of breaking and entering a cottage. They left for their homes on the Halifax train Wednesday night. It is understood that two prominent St. John lawyers, who were not interested in the case, paid the lads' fares.

Wants C. N. R. To Employ Local Men

Gets After Them for Bringing Outsiders in on Island Yard Job.

A number of complaints about the C. N. R. bringing in men from outside the city to do the work at the Island Yard have been made and the mayor took the matter up with the head office in Toronto, pointing out to them that it was hardly fair when so many men were out of employment in the city to bring men from other places to do this work.

Yesterday afternoon he received a wire that only eighteen men from outside the city were employed and these only because it had not been possible to get men to work in the yard.

His Worship wired right back that he thought even eighteen was quite a number in view of conditions here and asking them where they had tried to get men and failed at he had a long list of men who said they were willing to take any kind of work.

In the connection the chamberlain reports that the names of twenty-eight men on this job have been turned in to him as liable to license.

Steamer Sussex Floated Last Night

Big Ship Carried by Wind and Tide Grounded on Navy Island Yesterday Morning.

The steamer Sussex, of the New Zealand Shipping Company's fleet, for which J. T. Knight and Co. are local agents, was carried by wind and tide onto Navy Island Bar yesterday morning when being pulled from her berth to the stream preparatory to sailing on her trip to Australia and New Zealand. The steamer, which is of 5,135 tons register, and a cargo of about 12,000 tons, mostly steel plates, and is commanded by Capt. Paddington.

About 8:30 yesterday morning, when in charge of Pilot Miller, several tugs hatched on to her to pull her out into the stream. The tug Neptune, Capt. Hunt, was at her bow and the Albatross, at her stern. As soon as the Albatross had her pulled out the Neptune was to push her bow around and heave her out. When the stern emerged beyond the end of the dock the high wind and tide carried her stern around and on to the bar, where she lodged the bow came hard up against the end of the ferry slip cradling the bow of the Neptune so that it almost split open, leaking badly. The pumps were started and the tug Springfield fastened a line to the stern of the Neptune and pulled her out from between the dock and the Sussex. She proceeded to Market Slip, where temporary repairs were made.

The tugs Lord Beatty, Murray Stewart, Albatross, Springfield, Kenlin and Neried endeavored to pull the Sussex off the bar in the morning, but failed to start the lads.

Last night the same tugs augmented by the Neptune were successful in pulling the steamer from its perilous position, out into the stream, where it is anchored for the night.

Fears were expressed that when the tide went down yesterday it would provoke a heavy strain amidships of the Sussex, which might put it out of commission for a time. It was believed last night, from a casual examination, that the ship has not seriously suffered and will be able to resume its interrupted departure today.

Business Blocks Being Protected

Plain Clothes Men Engaged Keeping Close Watch Over Business Houses.

Some of the local merchants believe in taking "time by the forelock" and prevent, if possible, any attempt that might be made to break into their places of business and rob.

The crime wave sweeping over the country, and the apprehension in this city of characters that have aroused suspicion has caused these merchants to band together and engage detectives to help special guard on their premises by night.

These plain clothes men are now seen at night patrolling the alleys and nooks of certain blocks in the business district, easily accessible to crooks and where rich hauls might be made.

The police and detective force are more than ordinarily active and, while giving close attention to the business section, are devoting considerable time to patrolling the outlying districts and residential streets.

Fortunately the city has escaped any serious depredations at the hands of professional crooks and, if "extra vigilance" counts for aught, they will not get a start here.

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Following, as we have done, the last three years, the old English custom of observing the day after Christmas, "Boxing Day," which belongs to employees as a well earned rest after the busy holiday trade, our store will be closed from Friday night until Tuesday morning.

We take this opportunity also to thank people of St. John most heartily for the generous share they have given us of the season's business, and to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas.

Yours truly,
F. W. DANIEL & CO., LTD.
London House.

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Dr. Smaryah Levin Given A Welcome

Member of Executive World Zion Movement Is Poet, Lecturer and Writer.

Twinkling black eyes, a very bright smile and a picturesque way of expressing himself even when he was to think first in his own language, such was the impression left with a Standard representative after an interview with Dr. Smaryah Levin, P.D., who arrived in St. John yesterday by the Empress of France.

Known to Every Jew.

A man whose name is known to every Jew, Dr. Levin is a member of the executive of the World Zion Movement Organization with headquarters at London, England. He is on his way to attend a Canadian convention to be held shortly in Montreal. Dr. Levin was a deputy in the first Russian Duma, and is a poet, lecturer and writer, having been for some time editor of a weekly paper in London. His birthplace is Joppa. In the last seven months he has visited England, Germany, France, Austria, Holland and Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Levin who is being entertained at the home of Mr. Budovitch, 201 Douglas avenue, was glad to talk last evening of the subject nearest his heart—Zionism.

Interesting Interview.

"The movement is slow at present," he said, "but it must be remembered that Palestine has been open only six months. From Lithuania, Poland, Galicia, Austria and Germany in the last six months some eight thousand Jews have returned to Palestine. These settlers are mostly young men, between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four. Very few families have come as yet. It is too expensive and travelling is difficult. There are forty-five colonies of returned Jews in Palestine today.

It is not a question of inspiration, for the nation has, for thousands of years looked forward to a return to the Homeland, but a matter of conditions of work and living in Palestine." Dr. Levin went on to say, "The entire ritual of the synagogue service is founded upon the thought of a Palestine of repatriated Jews. Prayers are said with the face turned towards Jerusalem, and have been said thus for centuries. The work to be done there at present is road-building under the direction of the British government, and reforestation which is the charge of the Zion Organization. It must be remembered that, under Turkish rule the country was devastated and the work of planting forests is a very necessary one."

Strong for Great Britain.

Dr. Levin spoke enthusiastically of the attachment to Great Britain, which is felt by his nation. "It is not a friendly feeling merely, it is a strong tie," he said. "I feel sure that Great Britain will do her best to help us to build up the Jewish Homeland. We hope the Jewish people will understand the greatness of the task and do their utmost to assist in its accomplishment. A restored Palestine will be not only a solution of the Jewish problem, but will have a far-reaching effect upon the Near East question which has troubled many minds. A Jewish Palestine closely connected with Great Britain would ensure a peaceful centre where formerly storms arose. We have much to learn from Great Britain, and in turn would give to her of our energy and culture."

Arrangements for Dr. Levin's visit in St. John were made by M. Budovitch and W. Webber. A meeting to be held Sunday is in charge of the following committee with Dr. Press as chairman. Mrs. L. Isaac, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Goldman and Mrs. Jacobson; Messrs. Webber, Marcus, Ambur and Hillman.

Demonstration of New Ladder Truck Test on Duke and Germain Streets Yesterday Afternoon Proved Successful.

The demonstration of the couple gear ladder truck given yesterday afternoon in the presence of members of the city council, a number of insurance men and citizens, proved very successful. The big fire-truck made a run down King, out Prince William to Duke and half way up the ice-covered hill of the latter street when it was stopped and the ladders to the roof of the fire-truck were run to the roof of the fire-truck. The ladder building, one of the highest points that ladders would have to be pushed in case of a fire. The ladders were also hoisted to the top floor of the McArthur Apartment House on Germain street as far as the seventh story window.

The officials expressed themselves as being well pleased with the workings of the new purchase for the fire department.

LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

Gifts for Men.—Stuffers, neckties, canes, gloves, dress and tuxedo coats, dress and business shirts, sweaters, cravats, handkerchiefs, overcoats, suits, rubbers.—Gilmour's, 98 King street.

Canadian National Suburban train No. 304, due to leave St. John 10:30 p. m., will be held until 11:00 p. m. on Friday night, December 24th.

George Helges, who is a student at the Toronto University, arrived in the city this week to spend the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. V. Helges, Princess street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Philip, Craig Blanche, Boston, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. Grant Smith, at 128 Princess street, are to sail today on the Victorian for Scotland.

Ferry Service Was Cancelled

Stranded Steamer Sussex Blocked West Side Dock from Morning Until Night.

The public little realized until yesterday what an important part the ferry plays in the life of the city. When the steamship Sussex went on Navy Island bar it blocked the ferry channel so the Ludlow was unable to ply during the day. The importance of the ferry service was particularly emphasized with the mishap and lay off coming at this time when there was extra heavy traffic from Christmas shoppers.

Commissioner Bullock endeavored to find some method of handling the traffic by means of tugs, but was unable to do so on account of Government regulation forbidding the carrying of passengers on tugboats. The Street Car Company placed a number of special cars in operation on the West St. John route to take care of the extra traffic caused by the ferry's suspended schedule.

It was a joyful sound to West St. John shoppers when they heard the ferry whistle, a little after nine o'clock last night, giving notice that all was clear and trips would be resumed.

INSPECTORS MADE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

Messrs. Tower and Henderson Capture Liquor on Sheffield and Brussels Streets.

Inspectors Tower and Henderson were on the war path yesterday for violators of the prohibition act. In the afternoon they called on the residence of Mrs. Charles Hodges, Sheffield street, and reported her for having liquor on the premises, and while there the inspectors arrested two men for having liquor and selling it.

Last night Messrs. Tower and Henderson located considerable liquor on the premises at 254 Brussels street and a case will be before the police magistrate this morning. It was stated that the liquor was not the property of the person residing there, but was placed by another. The officials gathered two barrels of ale, one case of gin, one jug of gin, one can alcohol, five bottles of whiskey and eight imperial pints of whiskey.

Charitable Bequests By R. B. Paterson

Bequests to several local institutions are included in provisions of the will of the late Robert B. Paterson, proved on Tuesday. The total sworn estate is \$60,000.

The following public bequests are announced: Children's Aid Society, 1000; Protestant Orphans' Asylum, 2500; St. David's church Memorial Hall, \$500; Pine Hill Presbyterian College, Halifax, \$1,000 for a bursary. The balance of the estate goes to the family: Mrs. R. B. Paterson, one daughter, Mrs. George E. Miller and four sons, Graham, Robert, Balfour and Kenneth. The executors are Mrs. R. B. Paterson, W. Shives Fisher and F. W. Roach.

VICTORIA RINK

This famous winter pleasure resort is expected to open Christmas Day, if the weather man is generous and will give us some more cold weather. More popular this winter than ever. Music every evening and Saturday afternoon—a thrill in every blast. The Aspiration—Inspiration—Boundless Life and Air Like the Wine of Youth.

Men and women with bodies electric—brave and brave a-skiing. The glow on the cheek denotes beauty, the constant quest of civilized man.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.

McMILLAN'S STORE will be open every evening until Christmas.

A. B. Connell, K. C., Woodstock, is in the city on professional business. Fred C. Robinson, Fredericton, Inspector of Customs, is in the city.

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Pride and Vanity over Success have turned the head and heart of many a man. The antidote for this is to skate at Victoria Rink and hear the good music from the band composed of returned soldiers.

An air of smartness and fell life thrills the happy skater who has learned to throw away dull care.

GIFT FOR A MAN

If you are choosing a GIFT for a man come to this store where you will find many things that he would choose himself.—Gilmour's, 98 King St.

McMILLAN'S GORGEOUS DISPLAY

Christmas Cards, Tags and Seals are now on view. All prices.

NOTICE

All parties having accounts against General Public Hospital are requested to have them in not later than the 28th. H. Hedden, M.D., secretary.

The F. A. Dykeman Co. wish all their customers and friends a joyful Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

There are Rich Furs here at Half Price.

There are Hats for men and women at \$7.00.

There are Gloves, Silk Umbrellas, Scarves, Frocks and other good things costing little.

Page 5 says much more.

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Xmas Special

The Xmas Eve Only We Offer

A \$4.35 Set of "Wear-Ever" Saucepans (1, 2 and 2½ Qts.) FOR ONLY

\$2.19

An Ideal Gift for the Housewife.

W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.

Store Hours from 8:30 a. m. OPEN EVERY NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS TILL 10 O'CLOCK.

For Christmas ---Silver, of Course

Every woman welcomes a gift of this kind. To the home-loving woman, there could be nothing better. Our prices will be found to be moderate, when the quality of our offerings is considered.

BAKE DISHES	\$ 8.45 up	CASSEROLES	\$12.55 up
SANDWICH DISHES	\$ 8.25 up	FRUIT BASKETS	\$10.00 up
BUTTERS	\$ 3.75 up	BREAD TRAYS	\$ 4.50 up
BONBONS	\$ 3.75 up	CHILDREN'S MUGS	\$ 2.45 up
TOAST RACKS	\$ 2.00 up	SALTS AND PEPPERS	\$ 2.25 up

Ten Servers, Sugars and Creams, Chocolate Sets.

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25 Germain St.

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Wishes to Thank Its Many Friends For Favors Of the Past Year

And Extends to All Best Wishes for

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Today's the day

in which you must finish your gift shopping, isn't it? So why don't you let us help you. We can.

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