

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, northwesterly and westerly, cloudy with local snow falls, much the same temperature. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—During today a disturbance of some energy has passed northeastward from the vicinity of the Bermuda and is causing strong winds and moderate gales in the Maritime Provinces this evening. Moderately cold weather continues in the western provinces whilst elsewhere it is somewhat milder. Winnipeg—2, 14. Port Arthur—14, 24. Pary Sound—18, 32. London—28, 30. Toronto—26, 35. Ottawa—22, 26. Montreal—22, 28. Quebec—18, 28. St. John—22, 32. Halifax—16, 34. New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Forecast: Partly cloudy Friday, except local snows in interior of Maine; Saturday, partly cloudy, moderate to brisk northwest winds, becoming variable Saturday.

AROUND THE CITY

Tomorrow — Christmas Day—The Standard will not be published.

New Members for St. Andrews. At a meeting of the St. Andrew's Curling Club last evening the following new members were elected: Dr. Gordon Sanctor, Mr. D. Arnold Fox, Mr. C. F. Sanford, Mr. W. C. Whitaker and Mr. D. B. Pidgeon.

A. Y. M. C. A. Presentation. Mr. E. J. Robertson, physical director of the Y. M. C. A. was presented on Wednesday with a beautiful copy of the Status of Mercury by Intermediate gym class, prior to his leaving for his home in Fall River, Mass., to spend Christmas. Mr. Robertson is very popular with the members of his six gym classes.

Thick Fall of Snow at Shediac. Outlying parts of the province have in places a thick covering of snow, while St. John's streets are still almost bare. At Shediac yesterday travellers by the I. C. R. reported a fall of 20 inches, which gradually melted until the depth was not more than four inches at Sussex, and trailed away to almost nothing as the city was reached.

Prof. Hartman Resigns from Acadia. Acadia students will be somewhat surprised by the announcement of the resignation of Mr. H. G. Hartman, professor of philosophy and ethics since 1908 and one of the most popular members of the faculty. It is rumored that Prof. Hartman is giving way to Dr. George M. Cutten, the new president, who will arrive in February and whose specialty is psychological subjects. Prof. Hartman is a post graduate of Columbia University, New York and has studied in Berlin.

Potato Market Dull. Hon. J. K. Fleming was in the city yesterday and left last evening on the Montreal train for his home in Woodstock. Speaking of the potato market, Mr. Fleming said that there was not much doing in that line at present as the farmers were unwilling to sell at the low prices. Potatoes now bring the farmer about 80 or 90 cents. Mr. Fleming expressed it as his opinion that if the price were raised to \$1.00, there would be much more activity in the potato market.

Lost in Search of Santa Claus. Two tiny tots, Lawrence and Walter Currie aged three and five years respectively strayed from their home in Somerset street yesterday afternoon and failing to return till six o'clock their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Currie became very anxious and the police were notified. Search was begun for the little ones, but no trace of the children could be found until 7 o'clock when Mr. Currie discovered them on Somerset street walking their way home. The elder child explained that they had gone up town to see Santa Claus and had forgot about coming home.

Regimental Inspections. Capt. H. E. duDomeine, acting D. S. A. to Lt. Col. Humphrey, D. O. C., returned to Fredericton last evening on the Montreal train. Capt. duDomeine has concluded his inspection of the 71st, 73rd, 62nd and 67th regiments and will inspect the 74th at Campbellton on January 6th. Speaking of military matters, Capt. duDomeine said the R. C. R. depot at Fredericton was for the first time in many years, up to full strength. The rank and file are looking forward to Christmas with a great deal of anticipation as it is observed in right royal style in Fredericton. The officers will hold a ball in their quarters on January 5. Many of the officers of the local militia have been invited and it is likely that most of them will be present. Speaking of the arrest of Lt. R. C. Bingham for absence from duty, as announced in an afternoon paper, Capt. duDomeine said he knew nothing about it. He did not know of any reason why Lt. Bingham should not be on parade when ordered.

A War Worn Veteran. During the past couple of weeks some peculiar characters have turned up at the central police station and the names of no less celebrated personages than W. Watson, Jack Johnson and John L. Sullivan have adorned the pages of the police records. Not the least interesting of these is Michael Birmingham, a native of the Emerald Isle who applied for protection on Wednesday night. Birmingham was formerly a soldier and according to his story served the Empire in that capacity for 15 years, taking part in the South African campaign. He claims that he was present at the battle of Modder River under General Methuen and is one of the few survivors of the ill-fated Highland brigade, who under the command of Major General Wauchop, were practically wiped out of existence by Cronje's division at the memorable battle of Magersfontein. After the close of the war Birmingham returned to England and finally decided to come to Canada. He has secured employment at different times, but is at present out of a job. Yesterday Birmingham's fighting blood got him into trouble as Police Officer Marshall was called into Mr. Leonard's fish house on Brittain street to eject him for creating a disturbance.

NAVAL VETERAN RECALLS ALEXANDRIA'S BOMBARDMENT

Charles Bassett Here To Settle, Gives Reminiscences Of Egyptian War—Served Under "Jackie" Fisher In Memorable Battle—Saw Beresford's Dare-Devil Dash And Many Deeds Of Bravery—Landed From Sardinian Yesterday.

From the bombardment of Alexandria in Egypt and the quelling of fanatical hordes led by Arabi Pasha to a bare room in the Salvation Army shelter in Prince William street, is a far cry. Charles Bassett, middle-aged Englishman, told a Standard reporter last evening of many stirring events which had intervened between these experiences.

Mr. Bassett served with the royal navy for ten years but retired in 1891 and has since married and reared a family in London. With two of his boys, aged 10 and 15 respectively, he landed here yesterday on the steamer Sardinian. He is desirous of settling somewhere with his children and yesterday applied to Mr. A. B. Wilton, superintendent of immigration, for assistance in securing a position. Mr. Bassett holds a certificate from the British Admiralty as a stoker mechanic and saw active service in the Egyptian campaign of 1882. This was a year after he entered the navy and was a mere strapping, but was awarded the Egyptian clasp and Khedive's star.

"Jackie" Fisher in Command. Speaking of the battle, Mr. Bassett said that the British officers displayed remarkable bravery in attacking the fort, before the arrival of the channel fleet. "If the forts had been properly manned," he said, "our ships would have been blown out of the water. I was on the Inflexible, commanded by "Jackie" Fisher, at that time captain and lately one of the Lords of the Admiralty. "We always thought "Jackie" was the best of the lot. Clean shaven, like Beresford, he was fierce looking with a bull dog aspect, but was the finest officer who ever trod a quarter deck. When the battle was raging, most of the Egyptian shells went wild, but some did their work on our ship. The master carpenter had both legs taken off by a flying piece of iron dislodged

C.P.R. FIREMAN CHARGED WITH RAISING PAY CHECK 80 CENTS

Frank Pinnock Arrested On Warrant At Bay Shore House Yesterday—It Is Alleged He Converted Check For 78.16 Into \$78.96 At McAdam Last June—Watch Was Set And Is Suspected Of Other Forgeries.

Deputy Sheriff G. Herbert Winter of York county, arrived in the city yesterday morning from Fredericton, and in company with Detective Killen, arrested Frank Pinnock, a C. P. R. fireman in the Bay Shore roundhouse between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, on a warrant sworn out on Wednesday before Magistrate March of Fredericton, charging him with having forged a pay check upon the Bank of Montreal on June 29th last. Pinnock's arrest came as a great surprise to his friends. The deputy sheriff on his arrival in the city proceeded to police headquarters, where the warrant previously sworn out before Magistrate March in Fredericton was endorsed by Magistrate Ritchie. About 2 o'clock the officers went to Bay Shore where Pinnock was employed as fireman. After hearing the charge against him, read by the deputy sheriff, Pinnock did not make any statement, but quietly gave himself

AFTER BEATING HIS WIFE DRAGGED HER ON TO THE SIDEWALK

John McGoldrick Arrested On Charge Of Drunkenness And Assault — Neighbors Send Hurry Call To Central.

John McGoldrick was arrested last night about 11 o'clock by Policeman Joseph Scott and Silas Perry on a charge in Water street lookout on a charge of drunkenness. He is also charged by his wife, Ann McGoldrick, with assaulting and beating her in her house on Prince William street.

About 10.30 p. m. a telephone message was sent to the Central Police Station by neighbors of the McGoldrick's to the effect that he had been drinking and was beating his wife and asking that an officer be sent to her assistance. Policeman Scott responded quickly but when he arrived on the scene McGoldrick had disappeared. Mrs. McGoldrick told the officer that her husband had come home in a drunken condition and that without cause or provocation started to beat and abuse her, finally dragging her out on the sidewalk. The police took up the trail and shortly after located McGoldrick on Brittain street and placed him under arrest. McGoldrick was considerably under the influence of liquor. He had in his possession a roll of bills amounting to \$708.55.

Most Successful Year For Forty Two. The St. John's College completed yesterday its second year, and closed the most successful of its forty-two years. The large attendance, which was a record for the college, was due to the fact that the college was opened on a new site, and the buildings were modern and comfortable.

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