

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Winds increasing to strong breezes and gales southeasterly and southwesterly. Mild with sleet and rain; colder on Sunday.

AROUND THE CITY

Monday, December 26th, being a public holiday, The Standard will not be published.

Give Themselves Up. The three prisoners who escaped from the Fairville jail surrendered themselves yesterday afternoon and were fined \$5 each.

Exmouth Street Church. Rev. W. W. Brewer will preach Sunday evening at the Exmouth street Methodist church.

Nickel Today and Monday. Final Santa Claus matinee at Nickel this afternoon and on Monday the doors will be opened at 10 a. m.

New Thistle Members. At a meeting of the Thistle Curling Club held yesterday, the following new members were initiated: A. G. Staples, T. Albert Linton, Douglas Macaulay, Morris Thompson and W. A. Cameron.

Special for Boys. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock a special meeting for boys will be held at the Y. M. C. A. W. W. Malcolm, of Pine Hill College, will give an address. Music will be furnished by an orchestra and several boys will sing solos.

Gospel Temperance Meeting. A Gospel temperance meeting will be held Sunday evening in the Sons of Temperance hall, West End. The speaker of the evening will be Hon. Robert Maxwell. The chair will be taken at 8.15 o'clock. Gospel hymns will be sung during the evening. The public are cordially invited to attend.

A False Report. Capt. Merriam when he cleared his vessel, the schooner Susie N., yesterday, was somewhat amused to read in Thursday's Times that his vessel had been cleared from St. John last Monday and that she had been caught in the bay in a storm and great fears had been expressed that she would have fallen his vessel. This was very interesting reading to those who knew that the vessel was tied up to the wharf at this port, and that she only cleared yesterday for Port Greenville.

Why Did the Clock Stop? A strange coincidence occurred last evening—one that may have some prophetic significance. When the minister of public works arrived in town the light in the tower of the Carleton post office went out and the clock stopped. Over on the West Side last evening avestruck citizens talked excitedly of the strange coincidence, believing it was an augury of the fate of the genial gentleman who has borne aloft the torch of civilization in St. John and converted Courtenay Bay into one of the wonders of the Times. At any rate it is believed that the stopping of the clock, which had been 15 minutes slow for a week, is one of the signs of the times.

SMASHED GLASS IN BOSTON RESTAURANT

John Cook Held on Charge of Wholesale Smashing—Infuriated Because He Was Refused Night's Lodging.

John Cook was arrested on Charlotte street last night about eleven o'clock by Policemen McCollom and O'Neil, on the charge of being drunk and willfully breaking three plate glass windows in the Boston restaurant, of which Hudson Green is the proprietor.

Cook at first entered Charles Clarke's grocery store and asked for a night's lodging, and he was told to go farther along the street. He entered the Boston restaurant and inquired for lodging. He was told that he could not receive any there and had to be ejected from the place. When he reached the sidewalk, he pulled a gin bottle from one of his pockets and threw it through one of the plate glass windows. There was a crash and the bottle went through into the restaurant and smashed a large cigar case.

Cook was then so enraged that he kicked through one of the panes in the front door, and from there went to the large plate glass windows on the other side of the door and nearer Union street. It only took but a moment when he placed his foot through the glass. In all he did about \$70 damage in a very short time. The crash of glass was heard a block away, and a large crowd soon gathered about the place.

The police were quickly on the scene and the man was placed under arrest and locked up in one of the cells in the Central Station. The police claim that Cook is an old offender and that about two years ago he escaped from the chain gang. They claim that he has done a term in the Dorchester Penitentiary.

The windows of the restaurant were boarded up. The matter will probably be heard in the police court this morning.

Turkey supper tonight from 4.30 to 8 o'clock at Wanamaker's, 101 Charlotte street.

EMPRESS OF IRELAND ARRIVES WITH LARGEST MAIL ON RECORD

C. P. R. Liner Made Quick Trip Around from Halifax After Being Delayed by Landing of Portion of the Mails--Notables Among Passenger List--Bad Weather During Voyage

The steamer Empress of Ireland arrived in port yesterday afternoon and docked at Sand Point at 3.30. She made a very quick trip from Halifax to St. John. She left Halifax at 12.30 a. m. on Friday and arrived at St. John at 11.30 a. m. on Saturday.

The Empress had a large passenger list bringing to Halifax 64 first class, 167 second and 442 third class passengers. Of these a few were landed at the sister port, but the big C. P. R. liner brought 34 first, 160 second and 432 third class passengers to St. John.

There are few people of note in her passenger list; as a rule travel in light at this season of the year, as no one takes an ocean voyage if they can help it, just before Christmas. Among the first class passengers was Miss Nina Bantonier, a Russian actress, who is on her way to San Francisco. She will visit friends in Montreal en route, and will arrive at the western metropolis shortly after the New Year.

Fruit Farming in B. C. Thomas Cantley, of New Glasgow, also came out on the Ireland, disembarking at Halifax. Hon. Price Ellison and Mrs. Ellison, of Victoria, B. C., were other passengers who came around to this port in the big liner.

Hon. Mr. Ellison is interested in fruit farming in British Columbia and during his visit to Great Britain, has interested a number of other men of money to come out in the spring and engage in the same line of effort. Mr.

For Leslie, of the Royal Military College, at Kingston, who has been in England on furlough, also returned on the Ireland. He was accompanied by his wife.

J. L. R. Parsons and Mrs. Parsons, of this city also returned. Two French priests and two sisters were among the second cabin passengers. Among the others in the second cabin were Ing Zick Chu and Sze Wai Tapon. The gentleman with a name like a sneeze and his travelling companion are Japanese wrestlers, who have been performing in Europe and who are now on their way back to their homes. A Standard representative who was at the Point, accepted this information from one of the officers of the ship and started out for an interview. When he saw the gentleman in question, he remembered an engagement elsewhere, for they were certainly the hustiest looking pair of Japs seen in this city for many moons. Moreover they could not talk English and had a very unpleasant way of looking at one, which brought to the reporter's memory, tales he had read of the Jap jitsu experts who have an unobscure fashion of jerking an opponent's arm out at the shoulder and using it for a club.

The first class passengers all got away on special trains shortly before 5 o'clock while the seconds followed later. The steerage passengers are mostly settlers who are en route to the west. They are a healthy looking lot.

Captain J. V. Forster, when seen, said the trip across had been very rough until after leaving Halifax, but from the sister city around it was ideal. There was no sickness on board but sea sickness and the voyage was an uneventful one. The weather, however, was bad.

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Specials For Christmas Pineapples, Bananas, Grape Fruit, Tangerine Oranges, Navel Oranges, Spy Apples, Sweet Cider. Order From The Willett Fruit Co. Ltd. Wholesale Fruits, ST. JOHN, N. B.

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Some Good Reminders For Late Buyers. We are placing before you a small list of articles that will help you to decide, at the last minute, just what will be suitable for a Xmas gift to any man or boy. Men's \$7.50 Overcoats now \$5.85; Boys' \$7.00 Overcoats now \$5.85; Men's \$10.00 Overcoats now \$8.75; Boys' \$7.50 Overcoats now \$6.45; Men's \$12.00 Overcoats now \$9.85; Boys' \$8.75 Overcoats now \$7.50; Men's \$13.50 Overcoats now \$11.45; Boys' \$10.00 Overcoats now \$8.75; Men's \$15.00 Overcoats now \$12.75; Boys' \$11.00 Overcoats now \$9.85; Men's \$16.50 Overcoats now \$13.95; Boys' \$12.00 Overcoats now \$10.00; Boys' \$3.75 Overcoats now \$2.98; Boys' \$4.50 Overcoats now \$3.95; Boys' \$6.00 Overcoats now \$4.95; Boys' \$7.00 Overcoats now \$5.85; Boys' \$8.75 Overcoats now \$7.50; Men's and Boys' Caps 23c to 98c; Children's Toques, 23c to 39c; Men's and Boys' Shirts 39c to \$1.13; Working Gloves and Mitts, 19c to \$1.13 pair; Knitted Motor Scarfs 87c, each; Silk Mufflers, 39c. to \$1.44 each; Linen Collars, \$1.10 per doz; Handkerchiefs, 10c. to \$1.00 each; Men's and Boys' Sweaters, 39c. to \$2.44; Men's Regular 50c. Sox now \$1.00; Men's Pyjamas \$1.13 to \$2.44 suit; Trunks, \$2.00 to \$9.70; Suit Cases, \$1.60 to \$12.00; Travelling Bags, \$2.00 to \$9.50. Stores Open till 11 o'clock tonight. December 24, 1910. HARRY N. DEMILLE, Successor to J. N. HARVEY, 199 to 207 Union Street

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HELD HERE ON WIRE FROM SASKATOON

Would-be Passenger on the Hesperian Arrested on Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretences.

Just before the Allan liner Hesperian sailed yesterday afternoon, Police Sergeant W. H. Finney, of the Western division, visited the boat and arrested a young man, who gave his name as D. K. Turner and his age as 21, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences in the city of Saskatoon.

The arrest was made on the strength of a telegram from Inspector Jarvis of the North West Mounted Police at Saskatoon, and the young man was lodged in Central Station. He did not take his arrest seriously, and said it was a small matter and could be easily fixed up. He said that he arrived in Canada a year ago last August and had been in Saskatoon for thirteen months where he was engaged in the real estate business. The matter which caused his arrest was, he said, a business difficulty having to do with some notes, but he professed no anxiety as to the outcome, sending a telegram to his brother in Saskatoon asking him to fix it up.

Although, through the arrest Turner was prevented from sailing on the Hesperian, he will at least be represented when the steamer arrives on the other side, as a trunk, which he claimed, went to sea on the ship. When the officer arrested the young man the prisoner gave him an order for his grip and this was obtained. Then he said he had a trunk on the steamer, but as he could present no check for it, and the Hesperian carried 1500 pieces of baggage it was impossible to find the trunk before the steamer sailed.

MINISTER ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE TRANSFER

Dr. Pugsley Here, Expresses Hope That Council Will Grant Courtenay Bay Rights to Government--Dry Dock.

Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, arrived in the city yesterday, and will spend the holidays here. "I haven't anything in particular to say about the work of the session so far," he said to a Standard reporter last evening. "I suppose the papers have published reports on the estimates for public works at St. John. Has there been any new development in connection with the dry dock project? Mr. Pugsley was asked.

"No, nothing in particular," was the answer. "The government is still conducting negotiations with British contractors interested in the project, but though we have every hope that the dry dock will be built before long, there is nothing definitely decided yet."

"Is there anything new in connection with the plans for constructing port facilities at Courtenay Bay?" Mr. Pugsley answered, "I have written to Mayor Frink, stating that the government would assume responsibility for the maintenance of the sewers running into the Bay, if the city transferred its foreshore rights to the government. I am in hopes that the city council will make the transfer in a few weeks. After consulting with my colleagues I hope to be able to have specifications for the work of construction sent to the city of St. John."

DOMINION INSPECTOR TO LOOK FOR BROWN TAIL

G. S. Saunders Here En Route to Nova Scotia--Says He Will Do Some Work in New Brunswick.

G. A. Saunders, inspector in the entomological department of the Dominion government, was in the city yesterday on his way home to Nova Scotia, to spend his holidays. "After the holidays," he remarked, "I'll probably start on a trip about the Maritime Provinces, looking for bugs—that is, for the nests. The winter is the best time to hunt for the brown tail moth, for instance. These insects build a nest as big almost as your hand, and in the spring 200 or 300 caterpillars come out of each nest. You go about, spy out the nests with field glasses, and strip them from the trees."

"The brown tail moth has been found in New Brunswick, though the female has not, so far as I know, appeared yet. More have been found in Nova Scotia, particularly in the Annapolis Valley. The brown tail moths are liable to appear anywhere, but they prefer pear and apple trees. "The Natural History Society here is evidently a live institution," said Mr. Saunders. "I was over looking at the collection in the museum, and I must say I never saw a finer one in any part of Canada. The people here must take a great interest in natural history to get together such a collection. Mr. McIntosh has an exceptionally fine collection of insects."

VALUE OF EXPORTS OVER \$2,000,000

Customs Returns Show Big Volume of Business in First Month of the Winter Port Season

Up to date fifteen steamships have made their outward cargo returns to the collector of customs. They took away goods valued as follows:— Canadian products, \$1,492,053; United States products, 599,520.

Total value to date, \$2,091,573. The following shipments went forward in the fifteen sailings:— Wheat (bushels), 8,171; Cheese (boxes), 908,049; Cattle (head), 1,345; Flour (bags), 40,159. Up to date 27 ocean steamers doing winter port business have arrived, representing 123,705 tons of shipping. Three of the above left port in ballast but all had inward cargoes for this port and the West.

structing the piers, etc., prepared at once. I think we will be able to start a shipping port early in the spring," Mr. Pugsley said. He would probably have a conference with the Mayor and other city authorities while here in regard to the matter of the West Side transfer.

"I am sorry that the transfer has been held up," he added; "but I hope some arrangement can be made whereby the government will get possession of the 1600 feet strip which it needs to construct the new piers on the West Side."

William J. Heams of Sackville, is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heams Paradise Row.

Fresh stock of toys, dolls, Trunks, etc., Hall's.