

LOCAL NEWS

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Pressure remains highest over the Middle Atlantic States and relatively low over Northern and Eastern Canada, with no indication of any important change. The weather is fair throughout the Dominion with quite moderate temperatures, except in the Maritimes, where it is fairly low.

Critically ill. N. C. Sutherland is critically ill at his home on Campbell street. He is suffering from pneumonia and his recovery is regarded as unlikely.

Gave Dinner Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McDonald entertained at a dinner bridge on Tuesday evening at their home on Brunswick street. Covers were laid for twelve.

Visiting at Kingsclear. Misses Muriel and Bessie Murray, who are spending their holidays at Kingsclear with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray, have had Misses Annie and Genevieve Goodins as their guests.

Entertained Bridge Club. Miss Dorothy Niles entertained the Devon Bridge Club last evening. Prizes were won by Miss Grace Henry and Miss Doris Forbes.

Water Rates Payments. Yesterday was the final day of the discount period for payments of water rates at the City Treasurer's office at City Hall.

Stim New Year's Eve Market. Only two teams reached the New Year's market at Phoenix Square this morning. The result was a small offering of produce in addition to several loads of wood.

Recovering from Attack. W. Harry Allen, president of the New Brunswick Guides' Association, is recovering from an attack of heart trouble, which made it necessary for him to cut short a tour he was making of American cities showing pictures of hunting and fishing scenes in New Brunswick.

Honor Guest at Bridge. Miss Mary Ross, of the staff of Mount Allison University, who has been visiting here, returns on Saturday to Sackville.

Married Yesterday Afternoon. A quiet wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon by Rev. I. A. Corbett at the George street Baptist parsonage when Miss Flora Hazel Branscombe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Branscombe of Cumberland Bay, Queen's county, and Walter Scott Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac J. Barton, of Cumberland Bay, were united in marriage.

Provincial Teachers' Executive. The meeting of the executive of the Provincial Teachers' Institute was concluded here yesterday afternoon after considering the programme for annual meeting of the Institute in June.

Vital Statistics for 1925. Fredericton had more marriages and more births and fewer deaths in the year closing to-day than in 1924, according to returns for the year compiled by Mrs. A. J. Wheeler, secretary of the Fredericton sub-district Board of Health.

1925 FIRE LOSSES IN FREDERICTON ARE PLACED AT \$53,655

Chief Roy W. Smith Completes the Estimates of Losses During the Year.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERED 199 CALLS

Loss on Buildings \$19,475 and \$34,182 on Goods in Buildings.

Fire losses in Fredericton during 1925 were estimated at \$53,655 this afternoon by Chief Roy W. Smith of the Fire Department. These figures showed a substantial reduction from last year when a fire in the drying house of 1924 shot the losses up to \$82,000.

The Gleaner Will Not Be Published Friday

To-morrow, New Year's Day, The Gleaner will not be published.

ROTARIANS WERE HOSTS TO KIDDIES

Entertained 110 Little Guests at Dinner and Christmas Tree Last Night.

A great many laughs and chuckles went into the fines collected during the year by the Fredericton Rotary Club for the fund from which the annual children's Christmas dinner was provided last evening.

After the dinner an extra treat was afforded in the special showing of three reels of motion pictures by Rotarian W. W. O. Penney, who provided the necessary apparatus for the impromptu show.

HOME FROM CONFERENCE. Conference of the Educational Heads of Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS. We take this opportunity of thanking our friends and customers, for the generous patronage extended to us during the past year and we wish you all a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1926.

Cold Weather Footwear. Men's Horsehide Moccasins, Men's Moosehide Moccasins, Men's All Felt Boots, Men's Lumberman's Overshoes, Men's Drawstring Packs. Every pair of best quality. Durable and warm.

H. S. CAMPBELL. SHOEMAN—NEXT BELOW BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

FRIDAY THE 13TH COMES BUT ONCE DURING NEW YEAR

But Superstitious Persons Can Find Other Things to Worry About.

EASTER WILL COME FULL WEEK EARLIER

How the Public Holidays Will Fall in Canada During the New Year.

Despite the fact that 1926 commences on a Friday—a fact in itself sufficient to give some superstitious persons fear for the coming year—there is but one "Friday the 13th" in the whole year. It occurs in August.

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS. MAY THE NEW YEAR BE FOR YOU HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS. —AT— VANWART'S

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ORDER PUPILS TO GRADE VIII. AGAIN

Those Who Have Not Made the Required 40 Per Cent. to Leave High School.

QUESTION IF THEY CAN ENTER JUNIOR COURSES

Payment of Coupons of School Bonds Destroyed in Post Office Fire Requested.

Pupils who have made an average of less than 40 per cent. on the past term's work after being conditionally admitted to the Fredericton High School at the opening of the academic year, will have to return to Grade VIII after the Christmas holidays are over, according to a resolution passed at the monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees yesterday.

Get Diamond. Miss Margaret Smith, daughter of Mr. Roy Smith, Saunders street, secured the lucky box containing the diamond ring at Mavor Bros. Box Social held before Christmas.

Special for Saturday, January 2nd, 1926. JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON. 20 Per Cent Discount Off ALL COTTON FILLED TACK-DOWNS. John J. Weddall & Son. Agent for Pictorial Review Patterns.

Perfection Oil Heaters. There is nothing like a Perfection Oil Heater for warming things up in a jiffy. Any time—any place—it can easily be carried wherever heat is needed. The Perfection Heater is clean, odorless and economical. James S. Neill & Sons, Ltd. Fredericton's Big Hardware Store. Store closes at 6 o'clock on Saturday during January and February.

F. B. EDGECOMBE CO., LTD. Pre-Inventory Sale. THE REAL SALE OF THE YEAR. We Must Clear Out All Winter Goods Before Stock Taking. Saturday Morning at 9 o'clock. Ladies' Sweaters, Ladies' Dresses, Ladies' Jersey Bloomers, Ladies' Wool and Cotton Vests, 200 yds. 36 in. Shaker, Pillow Cases, 40 to 44 in., Linen Huck Towels, 36 in. Grey Cotton, Kimona Cloth, All Wool Dress Serge, All Wool French Crepe, Men's Fine Shirts, Men's Shirts and Drawers, Stanfields make, Boys' Fleece Lined Combinations, Men's Braces, Men's Wool Scarfs, Men's Overcoats, Men's Suits, Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Sweaters.

SKIS. We are offering balance of our stock of Skis to clear at 20 p. c. discount. Come early and get first choice. EXTRA SPECIAL. One only Wood Stove, formerly \$33, now \$26. E. M. YOUNG, Limited. Hardware Sporting Goods. York Street.

IT APPEARS that we are going to have cold weather, whether you buy that New Coat or whether you decide to make that old weather-beaten garment weather the rest of this season's cold weather. So whether or not you buy a new coat suitable for cold weather, come in and see the wonderful values we have to offer in Coats made especially for cold weather. Why not start the New Year right? THE TOGGERY. 438 Queen St.