

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The weather has remained fairly cold from the Ottawa Valley eastward, elsewhere in Canada it has been mild and everywhere fair. A depression is developing off the Florida coast while pressure is highest in the Maritime Provinces.

Prince Rupert	56
Vancouver	50
Edmonton	42
Medicine Hat	40
Regina	38
Winnipeg	32
Port Arthur	30
London	28
Toronto	26
Kingston	24
Ottawa	22
Montreal	20
Quebec	18
Halifax	16

Below zero.

Forecast: Maritime—Fair today with rising temperatures becoming unsettled by Tuesday with increasing east and northeast winds.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Northern New England: Fair Monday and Tuesday, slowly rising temperature. Moderate variable winds.

AROUND THE CITY

INQUIRY FROM NEW YORK.
A New York corporation are asking the Board of Trade for the names of lobster packers in New Brunswick.

FOR FIREMEN'S RELIEF.
In appreciation for good work done by the firemen recently R. P. & W. F. Starr has presented fifty dollars to the fund of the Firemen's Relief Association.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.
An alarm from box 153 was rung in early yesterday morning for a slight fire in the residence of Miss Beattie Johnson, 221 Paradise Row. The fire is believed to have started from some sheathing behind the kitchen stove. Damage amounting to \$100 was caused.

WAS NO SALE.
The auction scheduled to take place at Chubb's Corner at noon Saturday was not held, according to Auctioneer F. L. Potts, as there had been a settlement in advance of the proposed sale.

STEAMER RUBY L.
On the recommendation of the Port Warden, steamer Ruby L. reported damaged the other day, has been taken up in the Market Slip for the winter. Permanent repairs will be made in the spring.

SUSSEX TRAIN DELAYED.
The Sussex train, due here at nine o'clock Sunday morning, was delayed one hour and twenty minutes by the pulling out of a draw bar at Brookville. Besides the delay caused to passengers considerable quantities of food and country produce for local dealers was late in getting to retailers.

TAKEN IN CUSTODY.
Five drunks were arrested last night. Arthur Bennett is being held by the police for investigation. There is some question as to his sanity. His father has been communicated with, and is expected from Nova Scotia some time today. Bennett disappeared from his home early last spring and was finally located in Calgary. He was brought home but has evidently slipped away again.

PRIZE BEEF.
Twenty-six head of cattle, which took prizes at the winter fair in Amherst, arrived in the city Saturday morning and the beef will be on exhibition in the city market today. The animals were from the exhibits of Forrest Bros., Amherst; J. M. Laird, P. B. L. R. A. Snowball, Chatham, and Edward Anderson, Colles Island, N. B. Nineteen prize lambs were also purchased by local men.

THE POLICE COURT.
In the police court Saturday four drunks were remanded.
A prohibition case against Harry Kent was further postponed.
John Toomey for drunkenness and having liquor in his possession was fined \$208.
The Bedford Construction Company was charged with improperly protecting an explosion near Courtenay Bay. The case was postponed.

VITAL STATISTICS.
The following deaths were reported to the Board of Health during the past week: Infant pending, two; senility, two; toxemia, pneumonia, premature birth, cardiac syncope, fracture of skull, alcoholic poisoning, hyperthyroidism and rheumatic endocarditis, one each.
W. H. Keltie, deputy registrar of vital statistics, has recorded 13 marriages for last week, and 17 births—9 girls and 8 boys.

POPULAR PRESENTATION.
A well deserved tribute was paid Charles McLaughlin by business men Saturday morning. Mr. McLaughlin has been Lloyd's agent in the Port of St. John for forty years and left Saturday evening for Montreal on an extended vacation.
In recognition of his services to the community and of the place he holds in the esteem of his fellow citizens, a large delegation of prominent business men waited on him Saturday and presented to him a magnificent smoker's outfit and an address, the latter signed on behalf of practically every prominent business house in the city.

WANTED.
Experienced Orderly. Apply Superintendent General Public Hospital.

FUNERALS.
The funeral of Miss Ellen Thompson Duke street, was held Saturday afternoon. The Rev. George Morris officiated; interment in Methodist burying ground.

Discourse Upon Christmas Theme

"We Have Seen His Star" Was Gospel Text of Sermon Preached by Dr. Morrison in First Presbyterian Church Yesterday.

Christmas services in the First Presbyterian Church, West St. John, yesterday were of a specially pleasing character. Music and sermon were redolent of the spirit of Christmas and at the evening service the auditorium was all but filled to its full seating capacity. "We have seen His star" was the Gospel text from which Dr. Morrison discoursed upon the Christmas theme. "Who are you?" asked the Doctor. "We are the Magi" replied the wise men. "and we have seen His Star and we are come to worship Him." "Man's education is never complete," commented the preacher. Every star leads to a brighter light. And then Dr. Morrison told the story of outpouring of spiritual truth some seven centuries before the Christ child was born. The great spirit of the universe breathed upon the soul of humanity and in different lands the seers proclaimed messages from Heaven. Confucius felt the influx of this spirit in China and gave to the world his analects. In Greece Pythagoras gave expression to the intense longings of the human heart. And Isaiah and Jeremiah felt the divine impulse in Judea and uttered prophecies which ever since that day have been guiding humanity to the feet of the Lord's Anointed. And in Persia there was Zoroaster and he produced his system of faith, and a most remarkable system it was. In it we find Light and Darkness in conflict—the light holder and the light giver and the darkness holder and the darkness giver ever contending for the supremacy. And these Magi were Persians and had long been acquainted with the philosophy of that land and its worship of the sun and moon and stars; but now a new star has arisen upon their horizon and its light was prophetic of that great one whose coming was to bring peace and salvation to the faithful and believing of the human race.

The choir under the leadership of Mr. T. C. Cochrane was in especially good form and rendered the following musical numbers, all of which by special request will be repeated at the service next Sunday evening.
Organ prelude—"Sunset at Bethlehem"—(Lacey).
Carol—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"—(Sullivan).
Quartet—"In the P. (Farmer) With Their Flocks Abiding"—(Farmer).
Miss Smith, Mr. Allan, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Fraser.
Solo—"The New Born King"—(Lacey).
Organ Solo—"Herald Angels"—(Mendelssohn)—T. C. Cochrane.
Male Quartet—"While Shepherds Watched"—(Stanborough).
Messrs. Allan, Wilson, Macaulay and Fraser.
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds"—(Choir).
Concluding Voluntary—"Hallelujah"—From the Mount of Olives—(Beethoven).

The Christmas service in the Sunday School in the afternoon was one of the best in point of attendance and interest ever held in the "Kirk." The scholars and their parents completely filled the large vestry and the story of Christmas as told by Mr. J. R. Cameron, Honorary Superintendent, held the little folks spell bound.
Prizes for church attendance were presented by Mr. James Scott, Clerk of Session, and for Sunday School attendance by Miss Janet Sinclair, Superintendent of the Primary Department, and for Catechism by Mr. Cameron. In the absence of the Associate Superintendent, Mr. Leonard Wilson, through sickness the Pastor presided.

AUTO PARTY HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Covered Car Skidded Near Lawlor's Lake Yesterday and Rear Axle Catching on Stump Prevented Serious Accident.

A gentleman and two ladies had a narrow escape from injury yesterday afternoon about four o'clock. They were driving along the road near Lawlor's Lake in a covered car when the chains failed to hold, the car skidded and went over the bank. Fortunately the rear axle caught on a stump and the car was held suspended. The occupants were afraid to move in fear that the car would break clear and all would be thrown to the bottom of the embankment. Some gentlemen passing in a touring automobile held the weight of the car until the occupants got safely out. They were brought to the city and later on the car was hauled up on the road but little damaged. The ladies were badly frightened for a time and the party are very thankful that the accident did not prove more serious.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DIVISION NO. 1 A. O. H.

Reports Were Received Yesterday and Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year—Installation January 8.

The annual meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. H., was held in their rooms Union street, yesterday afternoon and was well attended. Reports received showed the division to be in a flourishing condition. John A. Ferguson, a charter member, was re-elected president, and the installation of officers will take place on January 8th.
The election resulted as follows:
John C. Ferguson, President.
John Stanton, Vice-president.
Wm. J. Sullivan, Recording Secretary.
W. H. Costie, Financial Secretary.
Charles O'Neill, Treasurer.
Addresses were delivered by newly elected officers and those retiring.

Meeting Held In St. Luke's Church

Congregation Addressed on Forward Movement Yesterday Afternoon by Rev. E. F. McLean Smith and Rev. Canon Armstrong.

At a meeting held in St. Luke's Church yesterday afternoon the men of the congregation were addressed by the Rev. E. F. McLean Smith, the Inter-Church Secretary for the Forward Movement in St. John, and the Rev. Canon Armstrong in the interests of the Forward Movement.
The Rev. R. P. McKim, rector of St. Luke's, led in prayer at the opening of the meeting. A hymn was then sung by a quartette composed of Messrs. Smith, Irwin, Bromfield and Marley.

Mr. Smith, in the course of his remarks, said that the courageous stand before the iron hand of the Hun, in the interest of Right and Justice, had marked the opening of a new era, and that the Forward Movement was an inspiration of the spirit of the world's war effort of the country must now be directed to the cause of the Church.

The Forward Movement was essentially a layman's movement, and the clergy looked to the laymen to bring the kingdom of Christ into the home.
A further explanation of the Forward Movement and how it had been conceived in the Anglican Church was given by the Rev. Canon Armstrong. The Forward Movement was, he said, a memorial to the glorious Canadian dead who had laid down their lives for the great cause of Right and Justice. Canada must be a greater nation because of their splendid effort. The Forward Movement was an endeavor to make the people realize the lesson taught by the war.

The keynote of the movement was the great going forward in the spiritual life; every man must be a Christian in deed as well as in name.
There was an ample opportunity to serve in the movement. Financial support was asked, and many would give cheerfully, but spiritual support was also asked, for prayer was the movement in its essence.
Mr. Armstrong asked the men present to be generous in their financial effort; he asked for their prayers in the cause of the movement, and cited General Gordon and Marshal Foch as great men who believed in the efficacy of prayer.
It was a time of unrest, there were great possibilities for Right or Wrong, the Forward Movement must see that these possibilities were for the Right.

COMMITTEE MET WITH PROMPT RESPONSE

Local Council of Women Receive Many Contributions for the Relief of Families Made Homeless by Recent Fire.

Extreme gratitude is felt by the president of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. E. E. Atherton, Smith, and members of the Relief Committee for the prompt response made to the appeal for the fire sufferers. The clothing sent in was in good condition and has now been entirely given to the families who were burned out, while the money contributed was used to purchase new clothing, in one case an entire outfit being necessary. Money left over was used to buy bedding. Three of the families have secured flats but have no money to furnish their rooms. Any contributions of furniture or household utensils will be gladly received and by communicating with Mrs. J. H. Dooly, Main 608, or Miss Milligan, Main 1325-11, the gifts will be called for and placed where they are most needed.
The following amounts were received yesterday and are acknowledged by the treasurer Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy: T. H. Estabrooks, \$25; Mrs. William Hunt, \$5; Frank McCloskey, \$5; Judge Armstrong, \$5; Returned Soldier, \$1; W. Broadbent, \$2; Policeman A. M. McInnis \$1; Master Arthur Lewis \$1; clothing from Mrs. Frank Howland, Mrs. T. H. Sommerville, Misses Major, clothing from Mrs. Richard Hooper, bedstead Mrs. James Milliken.
The Council is most grateful to the King's Daughters for the use of the Guild, and to all who assisted them in this relief work.

BILL FOR KIDDIES—BILL FOR ADULTS

Imperial to Vary Films Today and Tomorrow to Suit Ages.

Because nearly every child in St. John wants to see the Imperial's Santa Claus playlet—and thousands have seen it already—the opening programme for this gala and exciting week will be varied to suit old and young. This afternoon and Tuesday afternoon "Sinbad the Sailor" from the Arabian Nights will be pictured for the children, along with the British Weekly, Mutt and Jeff, Lord Jellicoe in St. John, etc. The programme—two shows at matinee—will be sandwiched with the Santa Claus sketch which today is almost entirely changed. At night the great San Francisco Chinatown police story, "The Midnight Patrol" will be the main feature, with the News Weekly, etc. above mentioned in addition.

Foreman Fred Nice Injured Yesterday

Lost a Finger While Repairing Leaking Joint in Water Main — Taps Allowed to Run Affect Water Services.

During the work of repairing the joint in the water main on Marsh Road yesterday Fred Nice, the foreman, slipped on the ice and caught his hand in the cog-wheel of the machine that was being used to pump water from the excavation, with the result that he lost a little finger, and had the next finger badly damaged. He was obliged to abandon work and go home.

The job of repairing the leak was started at seven o'clock in the morning, and water was turned on again in the evening. The leak was not large, but the repair to the joint was a difficult job in the cold weather. Commissioner Jones said the practice of householders of allowing their taps to run, which seriously affected the water service, would lead to drastic action if it was not stopped. He said that some people might have the water cut off altogether if they did not show more consideration for the rights of others. The prolonged cold spell had directed attention to the need of the city insisting on proper plumbing and the installation of meters. He proposed to take up this matter, and would seek authority to install meters and at the same time compel householders to put in proper plumbing.

Peter Cline, secretary of the Fire Insurance Association, said last night that the installation of meters would not solve the difficulty, unless people were compelled to install proper plumbing in their houses. The Fire Underwriters had not been making any tests of the water pressure during the cold spell, but they knew there was always a greatly reduced pressure during a cold wave because people let the taps run. This could not be avoided until the city had proper plumbing. To put in and repair a proper plumbing would only mean that a lot of water pipes would be frozen.

SUCCESSFUL SALE FOR KINDERGARTEN

A candy and fancy work sale was held on Saturday morning in the Imperial Lobby by the Doorkeepers Circle of the King's Daughters. The sale was a success and the splendid sum of two hundred dollars was realized which is to supplement the funds of the Free Kindergarten. Other organizations which assisted by means of donations were: The Free Kindergarten Association, Seven Seas and Loyalist Chapters of the I. O. D. E.; ladies' societies of St. Andrew's, Centenary and German street Baptist churches as well as other circles of the King's Daughters.
Mrs. L. A. McAlpine, president of the Doorkeepers Circle, was in charge and Mrs. Byron Lingley was convener of the committee. Mrs. E. L. Corbett was in charge of the candy table and Mrs. E. B. Nixon the fancy table. Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett, the greening, and Mrs. D. W. Puddington, the home cooking.

THE BLOUSE AS A GIFT.
The F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s Blouse Department was never in better condition to handle the Christmas rush than it is today—literally hundreds and hundreds of Blouses to pick from in the biggest assortment in the city. It would hardly be possible to wish for a certain pretty style if it is new, and not find it there. There are always numbers on the display tables marked at special prices and put up in attractive Christmas boxes are wonderful styles in Georgette Crepes from \$7.25. Novelty Waists of Crepe de Chine from \$4.75, and the always popular and useful Voile Blouses in the widest variety from \$3.00. SEE THE BIG WINDOW DISPLAY.

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR XMAS GIFTS

For persons puzzled to know what to buy in the way of Christmas Gifts, the display of collectible and fancy goods being shown by The Crown Millin Drugg Co., Ltd., should easily settle the question. At their two stores, the one in Main street, the other in St. John's, they have an attractive showing of sundries, including some beautiful articles in French Ivory for milady's boudoir, perfumes, toilet waters, sacket and talcums. For festive occasions, Gillette's, Astro-Strop, Durham Duplex, Gem, and Ever-Ready. These are useful gifts which will be appreciated. They are the very latest word drug sundries, right up to the minute in every way, and there is a wide range to select from. In addition to this, at both stores there is a fine assortment of fancy food chocolates, especially prepared for the Christmas trade. A visit to either of the stores will be well worth while.

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The Golden Peacock, King Square, will open Tuesday evening for dancing at 8.30 p.m. Admission: Gentlemen, 50 cents; Ladies, 25 cents.

VISITORS IN LONDON.

The following New Brunswickers have registered recently at the Canadian High Commissioner's office in London: Capt. A. M. Haddon, Shediac; A. E. Humphrey, Apohaqui; M. L. C. Magee, V. A. D., St. John.

Better Than the Old-Fashioned Warming Pan—is the

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designs in each. Kiddies Handkerchiefs boxed or separate—and many other kinds for your choosing.

Buy a Blouse for the dainty "Miss"—she would like it best of all.

Georgette Crepe, Pussy Willow Jap and Crepe-de-Chine are used extensively for the Smart Winter Models. Touches of hand embroidery and beading add marks of distinction to the more elaborate kinds; however many plainer plaited and tucked styles are also popular.

The Russian Blouse type is especially youthful and is developed in several attractive combination effects which must be seen to be appreciated.

Gift Blouses are priced from \$3.00 to \$26.00.

Woolen Pull-overs are acceptable gifts for the girl who skates.

Many especially attractive ones are showing for the Christmas season. Included are—Smart two color combinations with sailor or tuxedo collars in a variety of fancy stitches or plain ribbed weaves.

NEW WOOLEN NECK SCARVES have been lately received. These are in soft, comfortable wools and when than ordinary widths. Some have Tuxedo Roll in contrasting color to scarf, others are in light plaids, herringbone stripes and an assortment of plain colors.

The Linen Section has just opened a new shipment of hand embroidered Maderia D'Oyettes in all popular sizes. Also beautiful Luncheon Sets of thirteen pieces.

Among them you will find—Plain or Initialed Linens, Linen with embroidered corners and sometimes edges of fine Maderia Spanish or Donegal Work. Crepe-de-Chine in pretty pale shades. Handkerchiefs with handsome edge of Maltese lace or tatting. Also other varieties of lace edges. Boxed Handkerchiefs with three or six pretty

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