

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes this morning is moving out to the Atlantic with increased intensity, while a more important center of low pressure has developed off the New England coast and is moving up toward Nova Scotia. The weather is unsettled with reasonable temperatures from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in the Western Provinces the temperature is rising rapidly.

St. John's, Dec. 25, 1920.

Dawson	20	28
Prince Rupert	33	40
Vancouver	33	43
Calgary	46	53
Edmonton	49	56
Regina	34	41
Winnipeg	23	30
White River	30	37
London	30	37
Toronto	29	36
Ottawa	22	29
Montreal	23	30
Quebec	21	28
Halifax	19	26

Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Winds shifting southeast to north, local snow flurries and becoming colder.

Northern New England—Unsettled Tuesday, probably snow northern portion of Vermont and New Hampshire and northern and eastern Maine; colder in New Hampshire and Vermont. Wednesday fair and colder; strong northwest and west winds, and gales Tuesday.

AROUND THE CITY

NOTICE.

Until repairs to our building are completed, the business office of The Standard will be located on the top floor of the Merchants' Bank Building, Prince William Street.

COLLECTION FOR ORPHANS

The Christmas collection for the orphans at St. John's Baptist Church amounted to \$54.18 and at Holy Trinity to \$325.64.

VERY HIGH TIDE.

Yesterday at noon the tide overflowed the end of South Wharf and had there been a wind it would probably have flooded some of the stores there.

MUNICIPAL HOME.

This afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, the annual Christmas Tree and exercises will be held at the Municipal Home, and a large number of guests will be present at the pleasing ceremony.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

At the service on Christmas Day in the Anglican Church at Hampton Station, the Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, thanked his congregation for a Christmas gift of one hundred dollars.

HON. WIGMORE COMING.

Hon. Rupert W. Wigmore, minister of Customs and Inland Revenue, who is expected to arrive in St. John today, with Mrs. Wigmore will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Terry, Goodrich street, while in St. John.

ROTARY CLUB.

The feature of the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday was the presentation to Donaldson Hunt, the Secretary of a beautiful parlor lamp. Songs and addresses made the hour pass very quickly and pleasantly for all present.

JUMPED THE RAILS.

Last evening a street car, instead of taking the street car track, proceeded down King street east, and was not stopped until a street car was on the track. The motorman and conductor worked hard and the car was on the rails again.

CHILDREN DEAD.

Friends of Mrs. Gertrude Littlejohn 191 Sydney street, will be sorry to learn of the death of her three year old daughter, Gertrude Agnes. The little ones father, Daniel Littlejohn, gave his life in the great war.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Armstrong, Milford, will sympathize with them in the death of their child Augustus, aged four months, which occurred yesterday morning.

POPULAR PRESENTATION.

The staff employed in the Opera House did not forget their popular manager, Walter C. McKay whom they greatly surprised on Christmas by presenting him with a large, valuable bear robe. Every employee in this popular theatre was responsible for the gift and wished Mr. McKay a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. The present was received in a brief address of thanks.

LETTING TAPS RUN.

Commissioner Jones found out Saturday and Sunday that all the people have not given over the habit of letting the water run in their houses. The usual pressure in the Leitner street office is 32 pounds, but Sunday morning when the gauge was examined it was found the pressure had fallen to 19, showing that a large number had evidently left the water running over night.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Seventeen deaths were reported to the board of health during last week from the following causes:—Pneumonia, two; endocarditis, two; bronchopneumonia, two; chorea, senility, peritonitis, gastric ulcer, general paresis, Bright's disease, locomotor ataxia, arterio sclerosis, carcinoma of uterus, carcinoma of stomach, and mitral regurgitation, one each.

Eight marriages and twenty-eight births, sixteen boys and twelve girls, were reported to the sub-deputy registrar of vital statistics during last week.

Officers of 26th Hold First Reunion

Fifty Present at Victoria Dining Room When Jolly Good Fellows Met.

The dining room of the Victoria Hotel was the scene of a jolly event last night when fifty good fellows, who composed the famous 26th Battalion of the British Empire, gathered for their first meeting since they were discharged from service. It was a happy party that sat down to tables beautifully decorated for the occasion and upon which were served an excellent dinner in courses, in a most artistic manner by the efficient staff of the Victoria.

During the serving of the courses witticisms and songs kept the company in good humor. Round table talks dealing with reminiscences of events that happened overseas, not only called up the sad and hard part of the soldier's life in the great war, but also, those things that brought some joy and comfort to the men wearied by vigil and bursting shell. There was plenty of good-natured banter and all were pleased that it was possible to meet on this occasion and expressed the hope that the reunion may become a yearly event.

The Toasts.

Alexander McMillan, who returned home with the 26th as its commander, presided over the past prandial programme which was as follows:

"The King," proposed by Alex. McMillan, responded to by Singing of the National Anthem.

"The Old Brigade," proposed by H. G. Wood, responded to by Brig. Gen. A. H. McDonnell.

"26th Battalion," proposed by J. B. Dwyer, responded to by J. L. McAvity.

"The Ladies," proposed by A. W. Gregory, St. Stephen, responded to by J. A. Brooks, of Sussex.

Solo, by Alex. McMillan.

"Auld Lang Syne"

Those Present.

The following were present:—J. L. McAvity, Geo. Keefe, Gordon Johnston, Montreal; Percy McAvity, C. F. Leonard, L. M. Ritchie, Gordon Holder, L. S. MacGowan, C. P. Granahan, Jarvis Bull, Woodstock; R. McL. Keswick, Rexton; Geo. Hallett, Hampton; Wm. row, W. J. Brooks, H. J. Ashford, W. C. Birch, J. B. Dwyer, W. C. Lawson, A. McMillan, Jock MacKenzie, W. C. McQuade, River Glade; Wm. Patterson, P. M. Rising, Harry Simmons, Rolley Smith, Charlie Venn, Kelowna; Wm. Pitt, O. Reid, G. Mowatt, Campbellton; James Pringle, Fredericton; J. W. Coles, Moncton; Guy Keenear, Sussex; J. A. Brooks, Sussex; Chas. E. Waldo, St. Stephen; M. C. Buchanan, St. Stephen; Brig. Gen. A. H. McDonnell, Rev. R. C. McGillivray, Glace Bay, N. S.; H. G. Wood, Halifax; E. A. Sturges, Albany, N. Y.; E. O. Armstrong, Fredericton; A. W. Gregory, St. Stephen; G. G. Anglin, Montreal; E. J. White, Bathurst; Roy Maxwell, St. Stephen.

Fraud Claimed In Hide Transaction

Augustus Watters Alleged to Have Obtained Money Fraudulently from Hide Co.

A very interesting case was brought to public attention yesterday afternoon and a very clever trick to obtain money fraudulently revealed, when Augustus Watters was brought before Magistrate Ritchie on a warrant alleging the obtaining of money under false pretences from the Colonial Hide Company.

Obtained \$1,400

It is alleged that Watters, who was employed by the Colonial Hide Co. has secured from the company by fraud some \$1,400 since November 1st. It is set forth that during the noon hour when Fred H. Deering, manager of the Colonial Hide Co., situated at 57 Marsh street, went to his lunch, Mr. Watters worked his game. It is claimed he would take a number of hides, etc., already purchased and owned by the company from their storage spot in the building and place them on the floor where such goods were usually deposited by people bringing hides, etc., to sell to the company. Here they would be found by Manager Deering on his return from lunch. It is further alleged Watters told Mr. Deering the goods had been brought in by a Mr. King of Fairville. Mr. Deering would proceed to weigh up the hides, determine the amount due, issue a check in favor of Mr. King and give it to Watters for delivery.

Cashied the Checks

Watters, it is alleged, would take the check to the bank in Fairville and cash the same.

It is also alleged there is no such a man by the name of King, and that in the resetting of the company's property, Watters has fraudulently obtained \$1,400 of the company's money.

Watters was brought before the court yesterday and remanded over to the absence of Manager Deering who was confined to his home by sickness.

FIRST GOOD SNOW STORM OF SEASON

A snow fall, starting about 5 o'clock last night, developed into one of good proportions and by midnight six inches of snow had fallen. It was followed by a sleet storm necessitating the ordering out by the Street Railway Co. of its combination range and sweeping cars to clear the rails of sleet and snow. It rain, which looked probable at 1.30 this morning, does not yet in St. John will today have its first opportunity of the season to enjoy good sleighing.

City Goes To Mat With Telephone Co.

Ask for Statement of Company's Policy — Victoria Rink Matter Laid Over.

The City Council yesterday had under consideration its contract with the New Brunswick Telephone Co. and the Victoria Rink matter. In the first was decided to have the Common Clerk write the company and ask for a definite statement of their attitude to the contract made in 1919 to supply telephone service to the city at \$50 per phone, and the latter matter was laid until the return to the city of the City Solicitor. The usual credits to the various departments until the 1921 appropriations are approved, were passed.

Mayor Schofield presided and Commissioner Thornton, Jones, Bullock and Pithers were present.

Commissioner Thornton brought up the matter of the contract between the city and the New Brunswick Telephone Co., whereby a part of the remuneration for the use of the streets the company agreed to give the city service at \$30 per phone, but for existing and future installations. Under this contract he had applied for a phone at the lockup in City Hall, West Side, and this had been refused at the contract rate, the company claiming they had to charge the schedule laid down by the Public Utilities Commission and intimating that before long all the city phones would be charged for at the higher rate.

The Common Clerk was instructed to write the company and ask for a definite statement as to whether they intended to carry out their contract with the city or not. During the discussion it was intimated that it was a poor rule that would not work both ways and if the contract was broken by the company their bill for occupation of the streets might be increased.

On motion the Comptroller was authorized to submit the following credits for the month of January: Fire, \$8,000; police, \$8,000; streets, \$16,000; sewers, \$3,000; ferry, \$14,000; lights, \$11,000; hydrants, \$1,500; schools, 1-12 of the 1920 assessment; hospitals, 1-12 of the 1920 per cent of the 1920 assessment.

Mayor Schofield read the letter of E. Williams re Victoria Rink and the accompanying letters from the men who had made the examination for Mr. Williams. Commissioner Thornton stated the matter was in the hands of the City Solicitor, who was out of the city, and a report would be submitted just as soon as he returned.

Uncertainties of Lumber Market

Henry C. Sharp Says Conditions Caused Suspension of Activities in Nova Scotia.

Henry C. Sharp, Bangor, Supt. at Parraboro for the Draper Lumber interests, was in the city a short time yesterday on his way to Bangor from Parraboro. Mr. Sharp informed The Standard that the activities of the lumber market had caused a suspension of his firm's activities in Nova Scotia, and they had "closed up shop." The Draper Company has secured considerable holdings around Parraboro, and deemed it unprofitable even to operate on their own lands.

"Everyone is in the air on the pulp market and knows not what is going to happen next," said Mr. Sharp. "There seems to be a concerted effort on the part of paper manufacturers to drive down prices on pulp which, of course, would mean a lower figure for the wood. Those of us who are engaged in getting out pulp wood for market have not noticed any reduction in the price of paper, and, until that drop does take place, pulp peelers will sit tight and wait developments."

Mr. Sharp expresses the opinion that the unemployment problem will take on serious proportions the latter part of January when, he believes, all operations in the woods, even those being carried on in a small way, will be suspended completely.

Council Spends Only Fifty P.C. of Levy

Mayor Brings Down Statement Showing Who Spends the Money.

Some little time ago Commissioner Frink asked the Mayor to prepare a statement showing just what proportion of the money collected in taxes the City Council had the actual spending of and yesterday His Worship brought down the return covering the years 1910 to 1920 inclusive. This shows that of the total levy assessed the Council only has the say about the spending of about fifty per cent, and when the amount paid in interest is taken out the amount would be considerably less than fifty per cent.

Year	Spent by Council	Not Spent by Council
1914	\$394,967.41	\$432,791.83
1915	526,550.68	400,356.96
1916	523,531.66	513,154.27
1917	629,269.06	664,314.51
1918	788,157.41	702,173.15

The amount not spent by the Council includes the schools and county institutions, over which the City Council has no direct control.

CANADIAN CLUB.

This afternoon at 1.10 o'clock, the members of the Canadian Club will assemble at Reed's to hear an interesting address from Major Rev. Father R. C. MacGillivray, chaplain of the 26th Battalion, on the subject of "Around the Table Talk."

Annual Treat To The Sailors

Seamen Turned Out in Large Numbers to Receive Gifts and Enjoy Programme.

One of the largest crowds yet seen at the Seamen's Institute assembly last evening for the annual treat. The storm did not keep one sailor away who could possibly get there, and genuine enjoyment was depicted on each man's face. As well as a good bright programme, coffee and delicious cakes and doughnuts were served by the Ladies' Guild of the Seamen's Institute. Eleven hundred comfort bags were distributed.

H. C. Schofield, President of the Seamen's Institute, was chairman, and welcomed the men.

Rev. E. Styles, of Carmarthen street Methodist church, gave an interesting address, telling of Christmas in the West Indies, referring to various customs peculiar to these lands. His talk was greatly enjoyed by all. It. C. Armstrong, President of the Navy League, spoke on behalf of that organization, wishing the sailors a happy new year. On the platform were also Walter Brindle, L. F. D. Tilley, James N. Rogers and Hammond J. Evans.

Ladies of the Guild, who were in charge of the comfort bags and refreshments, were: Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Mary Seymour, Mrs. R. D. Christie, Mrs. M. Watt, Mrs. E. J. Terry, Mrs. H. W. Robertson, Mrs. Allan Wetmore, Mrs. James McKechnie and Selby Wetmore.

A feature of the programme was the recitation given by Mr. Poacher, describing battles in the Dardanelles, which were much appreciated by all present. The programme was as follows:

Piano solo Miss Myrtle Fox
Song I. D. Appley
Address Rev. E. Styles
Song Miss Estelle Earle
The Musical Twins.
Messrs. Hammond and Evans
Recitation Mr. Poacher

KIND OF MEN THE WORLD NEEDS

Interesting Address Delivered by Rev. H. A. Good in St. David's Church.

A very pleasant meeting of the Brotherhood of St. David's Church took place last evening. The president, W. A. Stewart presided and the attendance was large. A good amount of business was transacted connected with the work and improvement of the organization.

A fine address was given by Rev. H. A. Good on "The Kind of Men the World Needs." This was attentively listened to and greatly appreciated. A solo was given by E. C. Girvan and impersonations by P. C. Johnston. Refreshments were served by the elders of the church, who proved good providers. The evening was voted a great success.

Three New Ships Coming To Port

"Manola," the First, is Due to Leave Here on January 15.

The inauguration of a new steam service during the winter season between the ports of St. John, N. B., and St. John's, Nfld., was announced today by the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, the first sailing to be that of the steamer Manola from St. John on January 15, with the sailing thereafter every two weeks. The company proposes to put three steamers on this run during the winter, and if successful business develops to warrant it, will make the service a permanent one and put on as many sailings as may be required to take care of the traffic.

The same freight rates will apply from St. John as those from Halifax.

CLASS SENDS TEACHER A HANDSOME CHAIR

Dr. I. W. N. Baker, of Waterloo street, was the recipient of a massive chair from his Baraca class of the Central Baptist Church on Christmas Eve. Dr. Baker is the teacher of the young men's class has an enrollment of 65 members, with an average attendance of over 45 each Sunday. At the present time the course of study is on the Fundamentals of Faith. Next Sunday afternoon the class studies the Origin of Sin and Satan.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The F. A. Dykeman Co. are holding a Month-end Clearance Sale of Women's Cloth Coats, Suits and Dresses at prices that mean most cases from one-third to one-half less than regular. \$75 coats for \$50; \$89 suits for \$65; \$60 dresses for \$49, are prices that give an idea of the saving to be expected. All the very newest and most stylish garments of the season. See big window display.

CANADIAN CLUB MEMBERS

Please take notice: Today's luncheon is at 1.10, instead of 1.15, as announced on card.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.

NOTICE

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

VICTORIA RINK

Skating in afternoon. Skating and band tonight.

G. Grey Merritt, who has been spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Weimore Merritt, will leave this afternoon for Toronto.



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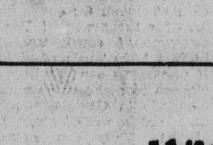
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Afternoon Frocks and semi-evening Gowns are decidedly interesting. Many are artfully simple, made of crepe-de-chine, taffetas, georgettes, and happy combinations of two or more of these lovely fabrics. You will find our collection an authoritative one of mostly everything that is new and charming.

Evening Frocks are many times delightfully youthful. These are fashioned of colored tulle, metallic tissues, satins and other dainty materials, in unusual and rich colors and color bleedings. Overskirts and draperies of different shapes and varieties are featured and little distinguishing touches are added by the placing of a bunch of vari-colored flowers or a narrow ribbon waist band, with or without streamers.

Among the newest colors will be seen, Adriatic blue, pumpkin, orange, sunbleached and others light or dark or as desired.

Party Frocks for girls up to fourteen years of age are showing in the very smartest styles you have seen. Some are long waisted; others in empire effects. You won't find it hard to select a becoming model, whether the girl is for is elegant or stout.

An early inspection of these lovely frocks is invited.

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