

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:
Maritime winds increasing to strong breezes and moderate gales, southerly to westerly, partly fair and milder, but some light snow falls, or flurries.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Light snow-falls are occurring this evening in Northern Ontario, but elsewhere in Canada the weather is fine. It has been cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and mild in the west, where, in Alberta, temperatures of fifty degrees have been recorded. Another fairly pronounced disturbance is moving rapidly eastward over Northern Ontario and Quebec.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	40	49
Vancouver	36	44
Kamloops	30	40
Edmonton	24	36
Prince Albert	22	34
Calgary	20	32
Medicine Hat	18	30
Moosewear	16	28
Regina	14	26
Winnipeg	12	24
Port Arthur	10	22
Perry Sound	8	20
Qu'Appelle	6	18
London	4	16
Toronto	2	14
Kingston	0	12
Ottawa	-2	10
Montreal	-4	8
Quebec	-6	6
St. John	-8	4
Halifax	-10	2

AROUND THE CITY

Makes Big Request.

S. Armstrong has made application to the city for exclusive rights of fishing in the harbor for gasperaux and other fish. It is unlikely his application will be granted.

Prevents Fight.

Patrolman Frank O'Leary reports that he was called into J. Pitkavitch's store on Brussels street early yesterday afternoon to prevent a breach of the peace, while J. H. Little was removing a typewriter.

Dispenses Crowd.

Police Officer O'Neill was called to the corner of Haymarket Square and Brussels street, between seven and eight o'clock, last evening, to disperse a crowd of young hooligans who were making a nuisance of themselves.

Coal Company Officials Here.

Alexander Dick and A. MacKenzie of the Dominion Coal Company arrived in the city yesterday, but did not see the city commissioners. They came here in reference to the coal pocket on the West Side. They spent the afternoon conferring with local officials of the company and will probably have an interview with the city commissioners today in regard to arrangements for a site for the coal pocket.

Preparing Estimates.

The city commissioners are busy mapping out the work for next year, and preparing the estimates. Nearly every department has plans which if carried out will call for a considerable increase in the appropriation. It is expected that when the estimates are presented there will be some pruning, as the School Board wants a large increase in the assessment to pay better salaries to teachers and introduce music and other things in the schools, and its demands cannot be well denied.

URGES EARLY XMAS BUYING

A Merchant, in Interview, Gives Facts Concerning the Eleventh Hour Rush of Shoppers.

The crusade for early Christmas shopping which has taken a deep root in some of the larger cities has evidently not yet made itself felt in the city of St. John. At least that is the opinion of the merchants in general who have not yet met the steady rush of the Christmas purchasers.

"The idea is one which cannot receive too much worthy commendation, and I believe the citizens of St. John ought to take hold of the matter as earnestly as has been done in other cities," said a prominent merchant of the city yesterday.

"In this city," he said, "the sole aim of the people seems to be to stay off their buying until the last few days, and then they are surprised when they cannot be suited to their exact taste. Of course there are some who are doing their buying now, but these are far in the minority, and the greater portion of the people are holding off until the last few days."

"In this respect the citizens here are the oddest people going. They will wait till the last minute and expect to get suited, while in the shopping were done early, the buying would be done with much greater satisfaction to ourselves and to our customers. A movement for early Christmas shopping would, I think, be a very profitable step in the city of St. John, and would reap untold benefits for all concerned."

The merchant remarked that business this year would, at least, be up to the usual mark, but this putting off the Christmas shopping was becoming worse each year in this city, and a movement similar to that which has been started in other cities, he thought, was almost necessary.

CAPTAIN McNEILL, OF LETTIA, TWENTY YEARS A COMMANDER

Well Known Steamer Captain Took Command of S. S. Warwick, December 9th, 1893—Now the Commodore of Donaldson Line Fleet—A Handsome Memento of Occasion.

After serving his apprenticeship in the Donaldson line, working his way faithfully upwards to the command of a ship, and finally arriving at the head of the ladder as the commodore captain of the line, Captain William McNeill of the Donaldson liner Lettia, now berthed at Sand Point, celebrated his twentieth birthday yesterday as commander of a Donaldson line steamer.

Captain McNeill is one of the best known commanders that has ever visited the port of St. John and he was heartily congratulated yesterday by his many friends on his anniversary.

On the 9th of December, 1893, William McNeill became a commander, and accordingly the 9th of December, 1913, was his twentieth anniversary. The first steamer of which he took the command was the Warwick, he then went into the Amerasia, then the Lakonia, then to the Athena, and finally into the Lettia, which steamer he now commands.

During the twenty years that he has been in command of the ships he has been practically free from accidents and has never lost a ship. His record in this manner is first class.

To celebrate his twentieth anniversary Captain McNeill tendered the officers on board the ship a dinner last evening in the handsome dining saloon of the Lettia. He being the commodore captain of the fleet, it was a coincidence that seated around the festive board were three other commodore of the fleet in their respective branches of the line, viz., Commodore Engineer Alexander Thompson, Commodore Purser R. S. Wilton, R. N. R., and Commodore Steward R. Macdonald. In addition to the other officers of the ship there were present Captain Gillies, the main superintendent of the line, and H. C. Schofield, the local agent.

The dinner served was one of the most tempting that can be served on one of these large trans-Atlantic liners, and the menu was in itself something that will be cherished by all those who were fortunate to have received one. They were handsomely hand-painted, the work being done by P. Lawson, the second officer of the ship. In the centre of the card was a

miniature photograph of Captain McNeill. The work was a great credit to Mr. Lawson.

After all present had performed full justice to the good things offered from the steward's department, Purser Wilton, on behalf of the other officers of the ship presented the commodore captain with an address and a handsome silver service dish.

In his remarks the purser said that it was with mixed feelings of pleasure and pride that on behalf of himself and the other officers he offered some tangible token of their esteem towards him. It must be of great satisfaction to the captain that he has attained the position of commodore captain of one of the finest lines of steamers, that he has been free from accidents, and that it is men such as Captain McNeill that have proven himself to be that has placed Great Britain in a position of supremacy on the high seas and earned for her the reputation of having skillful navigators, second to none. Mr. Wilton spoke in the highest terms of Captain McNeill as a commander and pointed out that for those who knew his past record, he proved a great example to others who wished to follow in his footsteps in climbing the ladder to the top. They owed him a great debt of gratitude in showing them such excellent example. On behalf of the officers, the speaker informed the commander that he had the greatest respect of the officers and crew for his great tact of being able to combine with strict discipline a feeling of confidence, in which he was held by those under his command. They not only respected him as a captain but a friend who can be called upon under any circumstances. In making the presentation Mr. Wilton said that he and his brother officers thought that they should co-operate the name of Mrs. McNeill and heartily wished both the commander and his wife many years of future happiness.

Captain McNeill on receiving the gift made a brief but touching address of thanks.

Addresses were also made by Superintendent Gillies and Mr. Schofield and others.

A very pleasant evening was spent by those present at the function.

SEWERAGE WORK WILL CONTINUE DURING WINTER

Rockwood Park Playground and North End Diversion will Occupy Attention of Men.

Com. Wignmore has still a number of men at work laying the sewer for draining the playground at Rockwood Park, and expects to continue the work through the best part of the winter, or until the job is finished. Last winter the water and sewerage department had a gang of men employed throughout the winter on the Adelaide side sewer, and this winter the department expects to work right along.

A certain number of men have to be kept permanently employed in case of emergencies, and it is the policy of the commissioner to get as much work out of these permanent men as possible. When they are not engaged in repair work they are put to work laying water or sewer extensions. This winter the department will go ahead with the work of laying the long talked of sewer to divert the sewerage from Marble Cove. This sewer which starts near the car barns at Crosses Cedar street just above the Power Boat Club House and thence runs to Victoria wharf, where it empties into the river will be 2,000 feet in length, and will involve a good deal of work. Through the winter the permanent men of the department will be employed in excavating the sewer.

Officials of the sewer department believe the gang of permanent men employed on sewer construction are the hardest workers in the city. They set a pace that few can follow. Very often men who apply for work with this squad throw up their jobs after half a day's work. It is said the spirit of the men is of such a nature that they would not think it a very important matter to tackle the job of digging a trench like the Panama Canal.

Church Union.

Rev. James Ross, Rev. D. W. H. Smith, Rev. Frank Baird and Judge Forbes left Monday evening for Toronto where they will attend a meeting of the Church Union Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The meeting is to open this afternoon.

An Enjoyable Lecture.

"Robert Louis Stevenson" was the subject of an interesting lecture by Rev. J. M. McCaskill in the Sunday school room of the Queen Square Methodist church, last evening, when the lecturer discussed the life of the well known writer, his works and the excellent character studies which they provide. The lecture was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Last of Elihu Burrit.

The municipal yacht, otherwise the Elihu Burrit, the condemned schooner, which has been lying in the harbor for some time was floated last night and towed to Red Head, where her aged body will be committed to flames. In order to remove her from the ship the city had to buy her from her owners as they would not remove their property or pay for the use of the slip.

LORD NELSON WILL MEET MINISTER

Questions Affecting Conditions Here will be Discussed with Hon. W. T. Crothers Today.

Hon. W. T. Crothers, who has been making a tour of the maritime provinces, is expected in the city today. While here he will be waited on by a delegation from the St. John Trade and Labor Council and the Longshoremen's Union, which will give expression to the views of local labor in regard to a number of matters of interest. One of the matters which will be brought to the attention of the minister is the difficulty between the Allan line and the Longshoremen's Union regarding the employment of non-union men.

The Trades and Labor Council have a long programme which they will discuss with the minister. They will ask the minister to enforce the wage clause on the contract for the West Side wharves, and will complain that when the government engineer posted up a copy of the fair wage clause as applied to the wharf contract the contractor came along and tore it down. The action of the minister is providing that employment bureau should be subject to supervision by the labor department will be discussed, and the minister will be urged to take steps to enforce the regulations here. Some of the labor men think private employment bureaus should be abolished altogether and their work undertaken by bureaus under the control of the provincial government, a policy which it is said has given good results in Quebec.

COAL HANDLERS AND TRIMMERS ENDORSE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Will Forward Resolution to the Dominion Government—Instructive Addresses on Labor.

The Coal Handlers and Trimmers' Union, No. 510, L. L. A., met last evening and listened to interesting and instructive addresses on organization, and the labor movement generally, delivered by J. T. Joy, president of the Atlantic Coast division of Longshoremen, Secretary-Treasurer Dempsey of Boston and J. E. Tighe, W. Frank Hatheway was present and spoke on the benefits accruing to technical education and the advisability of sending labor men to represent the workers at Fredericton.

At the suggestion of Mr. Hatheway's address, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved that the Coal Handlers' and Trimmers' Union No. 510, L. L. A., national Longshoremen's Association, urge the Dominion government to consider favorably the Royal Technical Commission's report, especially that portion which provides for technical education in mechanical and other industries, thereby aiding our youth to become a more efficient body of their work.

And further resolved that copies of this resolution be mailed to Hon. William Pugsley, Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. R. L. Bover.

The report of the Trades and Labor Council delegates on the providing of proper gangways, ladders and other conveniences of people using the waterfront was received and discussed.

The matter of forming a district council waterfront workers was discussed but no definite steps were taken. It is expected that this matter will be gone into in the near future.

STOCK TURNED OVER TO MARR'S

As a result of a business decline, large quantities of the season's most favored millinery productions have been turned over to the Marr Millinery Company and are now being offered by the Charlotte street house at a mere fraction of actual value.

All day yesterday Marr's big store and showrooms were crowded with eager bargain hunters and the sales staff was kept busy from shortly after breakfast right up to closing time. The feature attraction for today is a specially desirable line of ultra-modish velvet hats, which come in all the most popular colorings. These would sell ordinarily at from \$10 to \$12, but are priced, during the sale, at only \$2 each. Other extra special values include a limited number of smartly modelled black beavers, worth regularly from \$4 to \$5, but which will be sold, while they last, at \$2 each. Near velvet, in newest colorings and models, worth from \$2.50 to \$3, are being raffled at fifty cents each.

The Marr people announce that the business slump referred to was in Vancouver, from whence importers had returned orders to cancel orders, and the hats, as a result were turned over to Marr's, who were known to have a ready market for the goods.

At One O'clock Today

As W. Evans Derby, secretary of the Federal Society of Great Britain, is to sail on the Tunisian early this evening, the Canadian Club luncheon that he is to address today will be held at one o'clock instead of a quarter past six, at Bond's.

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ROWING WAGONS \$5.00 to \$6.00 each
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ROCKING HORSES \$1.10 to \$1.50 each
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APRONS AND TOOLS, ... 25c. each

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Specials for This Morning
Exceptional Bargains in Ladies' Whitewear, Good Until 1 p. m.

These morning specials are such decided values that it will be worth your while to get here during the early hours of the day, in order to take advantage of them. The offerings for This morning are as follows, and good from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LADIES' NIGHTDRESSES, fine nainsook, embroidery trimmed, beading and ribbon. Special price, each.	70c.
LADIES' NIGHTDRESSES, nainsook, pretty imitation hand embroidery of eyelet work round yoke, put together with beading, linen lace, ribbon. Special price, each.	\$1.00
CORSET COVERS, the nainsook, hand embroidered with a pretty vine, trimmed with linen lace and ribbon. Special price, each.	50c.
CORSET COVERS, fine nainsook, wide insertion of cluny lace, plain band of lawn at top, pretty wash ribbon. Special price.	50c.
REAL HAND-MADE DRAWERS, Cambric, full with vine of hand embroidery, buttonhole finish. Special price.	75c.

WHITEWEAR DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

Xmas Neckwear and Gloves FOR MEN AND BOYS

Christmas neckwear is now ready, and for immense variety and pleasing novelty has never been surpassed in this department. This exhibit represents the most recent style creations and offering many exclusive effects. Ties in the correct full shapes to suit the new wide-space collars. We are especially featuring the slip-easy bands and slip-scarf bands on a great many ties, which we should like to explain the advantage of.

NECKWEAR in fancy colors in the very newest designs, scrolls, floral, Persian and paisley effects; also bar and bias stripes. New two and three-tone effects in beautifully blending colors and only one tie of a pattern. Pretty gift boxes provided. Prices from	25c. to \$1.75
MEN'S AND BOYS' WINTER GLOVES—We offer the best English, French and Canadian makes in values that are unsurpassed and very rarely equalled.	
FINE CAPE LEATHER GLOVES with fleecy wool of fine knitted linings. Pair	\$1.00 to \$2.50
FINE CAPE LEATHER GLOVES with fur linings. Pair	\$2.50 to \$3.00
MOCHA LEATHER GLOVES, fleecy wool and soft knitted linings. Pair	90c. to \$2.75
REINDEER GLOVES with extra fine wool knitted linings. Pair	\$4.00 and \$5.50
MOCHA and REINDEER GLOVES with fur linings. Pair	\$2.00 to \$5.75
GREY BUCK GLOVES, fleecy wool lined. Pair	\$2.25
GREY BUCK, blue fur lined. Pair	\$3.75
WOOL GLOVES, black, grey, heather, fancy and seamless, Scotch knitted. Pair	35c. to 65c.
WOOL GLOVES, with extra knitted linings. Pair	80c. to \$1.50
GREY WOOL GLOVES, with self-long gauntlets. Pair	\$1.35
SCOTCH KNITTED WOOL GLOVES, with leather palms. Pair	\$1.25 and \$1.50
WOOL MITTENS, double thick. Pair	50c. and \$1.00
KID MITTENS, fleecy wool lined. Pair	\$1.00 and \$1.10
MOCHA MITTENS, fleecy wool lined. Pair	\$1.25 and \$1.50
REINDEER MITTENS, fine blue fur lined. Pair	\$2.75
MOTOR GLOVES, tan and black, wool lined. Pair	\$1.50 to \$4.00

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