

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong westerly winds, cloudy and colder with snow flurries. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9.—The cold has continued throughout the Western Provinces and has been particularly severe in Manitoba, where minimum of 34 and 38 below zero have been recorded. Wintry temperatures have also prevailed in Ontario and the cold is now spreading into the Maritime Provinces. More moderate conditions are now indicated in the west. Winnipeg—34 below, 22 below. Port Arthur—8 below, 10. Parry Sound—18, 28. London—7, 18. Toronto—12, 28. Ottawa—10, 28. Montreal—20, 28. Quebec—18, 22. St. John—28, 30. Halifax—32, 36.

AROUND THE CITY

Thrown From Wagon. While Michael Weisel, a Hebrew junk dealer, was driving along Gilbert's Lane about six o'clock last evening, his horse took fright at a passing engine and bolted. The wagon collided with a telegraph pole and Mr. Weisel was thrown out, receiving a slight cut on his head.

Luxor Temple. Luxor Temple of Mystic Shriners held their annual meeting last night in the rooms of the Elks, Charlotte street. Dr. J. R. McIntosh was elected potentate and Mr. Geo. Blake treasurer. The representatives to the Imperial Shrine are Dr. McIntosh, Mr. Morrison of Amherst, and Mr. Thompson, of P. E. I.

North Pole Fair. The North Pole Fair opened last evening in the school room of Portland Methodist church and was marked by a very large attendance. The school room is tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and colored tissue paper, and the many brilliant lights serve to show the decorations off to perfection. The different booths are decorated in polar style and show that much time and taste has been taken with them.

Local Government's Meetings. A meeting of the Commissioners of the Provincial Hospital was held yesterday afternoon at the Government rooms, Church street. Those present were Hon. J. D. McLean, Hon. Robt. Stawell, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Hon. J. K. Fleming, Hon. H. F. McLeod, Hon. John Morrissey and Hon. D. V. Landry. Only routine business was transacted. At the conclusion of the meeting the commissioners went over to Fairville and inspected the hospital. Today a meeting of the government will be held.

Maggie M. At Public Landings. The tug Maggie M. with Mr. A. M. Rowan and Hon. D. J. Purdy on board, went up river yesterday as far as Public Landings. Speaking with The Standard last evening, Mr. Rowan said that they had encountered no ice whatever on the river as far as they went. The river is very high for this time of year and at some points it has risen over the wharves. There is some talk among the residents of building a new high water wharf at Public Landings as the present one is rather low and is partly submerged at high tide.

At The Seamen's Institute. The tea given by the Ladies' Aid of the Seamen's Institute yesterday at the Institute was well attended and a considerable sum was realized. Following the tea an enjoyable musical programme was carried out. Mr. R. Horton Smith presided and those who assisted in making the concert a success were Mr. J. Malkinson, Miss Nan Cathers, Rev. L. A. McLean, Miss Marion Campbell, Miss E. Smith, Miss Ruth Knight and Miss Murray Long.

The Floral Fair. The Ladies Aid Society and the Senior Mission Band of Calvin church opened their Floral Fair yesterday afternoon. The different booths were beautifully decorated to represent flowers. During the evening the following programme was well carried out—Reading, Miss G. McHarg; solo, Miss G. Grozier; solo, Miss Daisy Oram; piano duet, Mr. and Miss McFarlane; clarinet solo, Mr. W. G. Stratton. The fair will be continued today.

Two Accidents. Mr. George Amos, a C. P. R. brakeman met with a painful accident yesterday morning, having his right ankle badly sprained and bruised while at work in the yard at West St. John. He was taken to the emergency hospital where Dr. P. L. Kenny attended him. Mr. C. R. Byrne, of Sussex, who is employed as a carpenter in Haley's woodworking factory on Broad street, had his right hand severely cut on a growing plane while at work yesterday afternoon. Dr. J. S. Bentley was summoned and dressed the wound.

Howard D. Troop's Anchor Raised. The Round Reef buoy, which had been discovered out of position some days ago, was lifted and placed in its proper position yesterday by the Government steamer Lansdowne. A strange thing in connection with the buoy getting out of position is the fact that it was caused by one of its moorings getting foul of an anchor which was lost overboard from the pilot boat, Howard D. Troop, nearly two years ago. The anchor was fished up by the Lansdowne and brought on shore where it was recognized by some of the pilots as the one lost by the Troop in 1907.

Marlborough Lodge Elects Officers. Marlborough Lodge, No. 207, Sons of England last evening elected the following officers for 1910—Past president, A. B. Thorne; president, A. F. Webb; vice-president, W. G. Fry; chaplain, A. Clayton; hon. chaplain, Rev. R. R. Mathers; secretary, Chas. Ledford; treasurer, E. Lawrence; 1st guide, H. Holland; 2nd guide, W. E. Marley; 3rd guide, W. Shephard; 4th guide, W. E. Pearson; 5th guide, R. Harris; 6th guide, Isaac guard G. McKinnon; outside guard, C. W. Hill; physician, G. A. B. Addis; auditors, G. H. Lewis, P. L. Griffin, F. Ewers; trustees, B. W. Thorne, R. P. Pearce, A. Carlos; supreme lodge delegates, R. Casson. The meeting was largely attended, about 60 members being present. Great enthusiasm prevailed. The Lodge is reported in splendid condition numerically and financially.

HARRY F. HEENAN TOOK POISON, DIED IN HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT

Well Known Musician, and Bookkeeper For The Dominion Fire Insurance Co., Ends Life By Taking Carbolic Acid—Was Short In His Accounts—Found Dying At Foot Of Clarence Street—The News Received In Halifax.

Facing exposure and disgrace, Harry F. Heenan, bookkeeper with the Dominion Fire Insurance Co., and well known in musical circles, drank carbolic acid yesterday afternoon and died one hour later. Mr. Heenan was short in his accounts at least \$1,800 and a warrant had already been sworn out for his arrest. His friends, however, had stood by him and had endeavored to raise the necessary funds to make good the shortage but with the impending date of arrest hanging over him, the unfortunate man took the fatal step yesterday.

He was found about 4:30 o'clock in a good yard at the foot of Clarence street by a countryman named Mellday and at once removed to the hospital but he only lived a few minutes after being admitted to the institution. The saddest part of the affair is that he leaves a wife and a large family of children.

Accounts Investigated. Mr. Heenan's defalcations, it is believed, extended over a long period but were not discovered until about two weeks ago. Two auditors were sent down from the head office of the company at Toronto and have been going over the accounts. Mr. Heenan has gone about his duties as usual and during the Hazen Avenue Temple Fair led the music of the City Cornet Band.

Yesterday morning he did not return to his home at 10 Elliott Row to dinner, but took luncheon with Mr. W. H. Arnold, branch manager of the company. In the early part of the afternoon Mr. Arnold and Mr. Heenan walked over to the North End and the former left Mr. Heenan outside the store of F. S. Thomas and Co. Mr. Heenan said he was going to see some friends and make a last effort to raise the embezzled funds. Mr. Arnold did not see Mr. Heenan again alive.

Buying the Acid. About 4:30 o'clock Mr. Heenan entered the drug store of Frank E. Porter, at the corner of Union and St. Patrick streets and asked for some carbolic acid. Speaking of what occurred in the shop, Mr. Porter said:

last evening: "I had no hesitation in giving Mr. Heenan the carbolic acid. We are allowed by the Pharmaceutical Society to sell the acid to any person who asks for it. Mr. Heenan was a regular customer of mine. "While I was preparing the acid, Mr. Heenan talked rationally to Mr. George Scott, of The Telegraph staff, concerning an item of news which Mr. Scott asked for with reference to the Musician's Union. In asking for the acid, Mr. Heenan remarked without a quiver that the plumbers had been at work at his house in the morning and unearthed a dead rat and he wished to remove the odor. He did not appear in any way nervous and I thought nothing of giving him the acid."

Found Unconscious. Mr. Heenan then walked down St. Patrick street and at exactly 4 o'clock was seen by Mr. H. S. Wallace, manager of the Atlantic Lithographing Co., passing this establishment at the foot of Clarence street. When Mr. Heenan was next seen he was lying unconscious near the switches of the I. C. R. tracks in that section.

Mr. Mellday recognized him and the prostrate man was carried into the office of the Sun Coal Company. The empty bottle was lying by his side and was also taken into the office. A telephone message was sent to Dr. E. Berryman and he was on the scene in a very few minutes. He found Mr. Heenan still unconscious, but breathing. He could not at first distinguish the beating of the pulse, but made some attempts at resuscitation and the pulse quickened so as to be noticed. The body was seemingly stone cold.

Taken To The Hospital. The ambulance had been summoned at the same time as Dr. Berryman, but was longer in arriving, owing to the fact that the horse was being shod. Dr. Berryman went to the hospital in the ambulance with the prostrate man. It was nearly 6 o'clock by this time and Mr. Heenan died fifteen minutes later.

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ONE XMAS GIFT must be a box of

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POVERTY GAME BY IMMIGRANT WOMAN FAILED TO WORK

Tried Penniless Dodge In Depot And Flashed Up \$20 Bill In Time To Catch The Train.

A little game tried by a Jewish immigrant woman in the I. C. R. depot last evening failed to make any impression on unsympathetic bystanders and after pretending she was penniless the woman flashed a twenty dollar bill in the face of the astonished ticket agent.

The woman was hanging about the station all the evening and just before the departure of the late train for Halifax she approached the window and asked for a ticket for Sydney. She counted out a number of bills and change but found herself she declared just 40 cents short.

She first appealed to a young countryman of her own who happened to be in the station, but he refused to help her out for the reason he stated that he did not have that much money. The ticket agent was also deaf to all entreaties and the woman then raised her voice in sorrow but it had no effect on the cold hearted bystanders.

A few minutes before the train left the woman again made another search in her numerous pockets and produced a \$20 bill which she pretended was a great surprise to her. She had also in her possession a ticket to Boston and had been refused admittance to United States here.

GROUPING SYSTEM IN COMING CAMPAIGN IS NOT UNANIMOUS

Anglicans Observing Lent—Reformed Presbyterians and Baptists Will Hold Separate Meetings. At a meeting of the executive of the evangelistic campaign movement in St. Andrew's church school room last night, reports were read from the committees of the different groups favoring the grouping of the churches as suggested by the executive. The Anglican churches in the city, however, will not join in the grouping as the campaign will be carried on while they are observing Lent, but they will assist the movement at their services. The Reformed Presbyterians prefer to hold their meetings separately and it is possible that the Reformed Baptists will do the same.

SYRIAN CHARGED WITH FRAUD IS SENT FOR TRIAL

Mr. H. H. Pickett Returned To City After Conducting Case At Grand Falls—Witnesses Present From St. John.

Mr. H. H. Pickett returned last evening from Grand Falls where he represented the prosecuting creditors in the case of Wm. J. Ayoub, an Assyrian, charged under the criminal code with having received goods from his brother, M. J. Ayoub, also an Assyrian trader, knowing them to be stolen and with intent to defraud his creditors.

The preliminary hearing was concluded yesterday and resulted in Magistrate Kelly sending the accused up for trial at the next session of the county court, which is the circuit court to be held at Amherst. Mr. J. J. Gallagher was associated with Mr. Pickett in the prosecution, and Messrs. W. P. and Thane M. Jones represented Ayoub.

About forty creditors are involved, and the amount of goods defrauded are valued at \$25,000. Two other Syrian traders who have absconded are also implicated. At the trial among others two witnesses from St. John gave evidence. These were Mr. J. Shane, of Kaplane, Shane & Co., and Mr. F. E. Nelson, representing Messrs. J. M. Murphy & Co., Halifax.

power to add to their number. Rev. Dr. C. R. Planders, the chairman, and Rev. Mr. Appel the secretary, were appointed a committee to issue an appeal to all the churches in the province to engage in special evangelistic services during the campaign in the city and to unite in prayer for the success of the services from now on.

A similar appeal will be sent to the leading representatives of each of the denominations asking them to bring the matter before the ministers of their churches. Great Clearance of Stylish Millinery at M. R. A's. This will be a great opportunity for the ladies to secure fashionable hats for Christmas at remarkably their own prices. Untrimmed, semi-trimmed and trimmed hats, wings and fancy feathers, all reduced to close out quickly before the altering and returning of the millinery department begins. These hats, wings and feathers may be had at most astonishing reductions, and the demand for them will be great. It will be advisable to come early. The trimmed hats, especially are wonderful bargains, every hat different, and all entirely new. Sale starts this morning in millinery department. Hundreds of bargains at the great clearance sale of C. Pidgeon's. Shoe and rubber bargains, every department just loaded with bargains. The great clearing values never known in the province, are now centered at Cor. Main and Bridge Sts. Among the passengers sailing on the Allan Line Vektorian today is Mr. George Scott, of The Telegraph reporter staff. Mr. Scott is taking a vacation to Scotland for the benefit of his health. Mr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education arrived in the city yesterday.