

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—Pressure is now abnormally high over the greater portion of the continent with a severe cold wave centered over our Western Provinces, and in the northwestern states. Some light snow falls have occurred in Ontario, but the weather over the Dominion as a whole has been fine and continuous, very cold from Northern British Columbia to the Northern parts of Ontario.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Fresh northwest to west winds; fair and becoming colder.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Northern New England: Partly cloudy Tuesday, probably snow flurries Tuesday night and Wednesday, colder Wednesday. Moderate variable winds.

AROUND THE CITY

HE WAS FINED.

Simon Jacobson was fined \$40 in the Police Court yesterday for doing a junk business without a license.

NOVENA BEGUN.

In Catholic churches of the city on Saturday a novena was begun in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th.

FIRE YESTERDAY

About noon yesterday the fire department was called to a building on the corner of Douglas Ave. and Bontley street. The fire was confined to the rear of the building which was considerably damaged. It is owned by George E. Day and is insured.

ACCEPTED POSITION.

Donald W. Armstrong, who has been assistant secretary for the Victory Loan committee for New Brunswick and formerly with the Eastern Securities Company, Ltd., has accepted a position with the Mahon Bond Corporation, Limited.

HEALTH MATTERS

Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief health officer for the province, is calling a meeting of the district medical health officers for the Province in Fredericton on Thursday to take up the matter of the collection of vital statistics. Posters are being circulated throughout each parish in the Province, notifying the people of the inception of this service by the Department of Health. Following this meeting each district medical officer is to call a meeting of the sub-district registrars in their respective sub-districts for the purpose of explaining their work to them. This service is to be taken over by the department January 1, 1920.

WANTS REDUCTION

Rev. W. R. Robinson, representing the West Side Protestant Churches which recently conducted revival meetings in the City Hall, West St. John, appeared before the commissioners yesterday morning to ask that the rent of the hall be reduced. He said that the expenses in connection with the revival had been greater than they had anticipated and he requested a reduction from \$120 to \$75 for the four weeks' use of the hall. His argument was that the whole city had benefited by the revival and it possible the city should not look towards making a profit on the event. The matter was referred to Commissioner Thornton for a report today.

ADDITIONAL HONOR.

In addition to the D. C. M. previously awarded, the Mops Star has been forwarded for George Shanks, son of Samuel Shanks, caretaker of the highway bridge at the reversing falls, and who now is in Antinabola. A letter which accompanied the latest award was as follows: "By direction of the honorable the minister, I am forwarding to you herewith by registered post the 1914-1915 Star, and with it an expression of his appreciation of your devotion to duty during the early months of the great war." Another letter which the father prizes highly was received by him recently. It was as follows: "In accordance with your instructions, I am forwarding herewith, under registered cover, the Distinguished appreciation for his devotion to duty and appreciation for his devotion to duty and the gallantry exhibited by this N. C. O."

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The Evangelical Alliance met yesterday morning at the Y. M. C. A., with the president, Rev. F. S. Dowling, in the chair. The Alliance was addressed by Dr. Harris, of the East St. John County Hospital, on tuberculosis, in view of next Sunday being known as Tuberculosis Sunday in the city churches.

The topics of the week of prayer are to be changed to bring them more in accord with the work of the Forward Movement. A committee was appointed to look after this matter. Rev. F. S. Dowling reported for the committee that was appointed to confer with the Y. W. C. A. regarding aid for the city churches. The report was laid on the table until the next meeting of the Alliance.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

The Board of Trade has been advised by the Canadian Freight Association that an application has been made to the Railway Commission asking for the rescinding of the general order authorizing the railway companies to file tariffs of charges for the use of refrigerator cars, and asking for the publication of a new tariff at the rate of 15 cents a mile with a minimum of \$2, in addition to the regular freight charges.

The Weekly Bulletin of the Trade and Commerce Department for this week contains inquiries for hay, sugar, lumber, portable houses, wood pulp, codfish, food products, boots and shoes, fertilizers, grain, hosiery, hides, and skins, leather, etc. New Brunswick exporters of these commodities can secure the addresses of inquiring firms at board of trade rooms.

WANTED—Experienced orderly. Apply Superintendent General Public Hospital.

St. Monica's Society
Monthly Meeting

Excellent Reports Received from Various Committees Yesterday—Making Ready for Christmas Donations—Substantial Sum for School Fund.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Monica's Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Knights of Columbus Hall with the president Mrs. D. P. Clithorne in the chair. The usual business programme was carried through including the secretary's report and the treasurer's report which showed a substantial balance in the bank to the credit of the society.

Mrs. W. E. Scully, on behalf of the church committees reported that no donations had been made since the last meeting, but that all arrangements had been made for the distribution of Christmas baskets to the different families throughout the parish in the city, and for the baskets individual members of the society had given generous donations via 24 pairs of chickens, candy, cake, etc. For the other produce Mrs. Scully was authorized to make expenditures.

The sewing circle committee through Mrs. Joseph Ritchie reported that 24 garments were ready for distribution to the children and she urged a larger attendance of the members for the next two meetings before Christmas so that there should be a larger number of garments prepared.

Mrs. Joseph Gleason reported for the committee who visited the Boys' Industrial Home and the sum of five dollars was awarded her for extra expenses over the usual amount to be expended in the Home during Christmas.

Mrs. James H. Duddy reported for the committee who visit the Home for Incurables. Three visits had been made, and on these occasions fruit and other delicacies had been provided for the patients.

Reports were also received from convener for special undertakings of the society during the past month. The convener of the society's booth at the Cathedral High Tea, Mrs. C. Kane and Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy, reported that their efforts had met with a generous response from the members and they were able to hand to Rev. Father Duke the sum of \$464 clear of expenses towards the school fund.

Mrs. Richard reported on the rummage sale held last week in the Women's Institute rooms and the efforts realized the sum of \$319.07. Of this \$200 will be donated to the school fund. Ten dollars was awarded to the Kindergarten teachers who conduct a class in the Women's Institute rooms, the money to go towards special Christmas treat for the children.

The society decided to co-operate with the Local Council in their efforts on Rosebud Day in aid of the Children's Aid Society, and St. Monica's will take full charge of Duke Ward.

Mrs. C. C. Groat was appointed convener. The resignation of the secretary, Miss Amelia V. Haley was announced and an assistant pro tem, Mrs. D. C. Dearden was appointed. A vote of appreciation moved by Mrs. Richard O'Brien was passed to the retiring secretary for her past services.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Stanley Wilkins

Badly Injured

Fourteen Year Old School Boy Struck by Motor Truck Yesterday—Faint Hopes Held Out for Recovery.

Stanley Wilkins, of 238 Charlotte street, a school boy fourteen years of age, was struck by a dealer's motor truck while crossing the corner of Duke and Sydney streets yesterday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock and was so badly injured that faint hopes are held for his recovery at the General Public Hospital.

The boy was knocked down and cut by the car, which was said to be going at an excessive rate of speed. The driver applied both sets of brakes and skidded for some distance from the velocity of his speed but as soon as the car stopped he got out and rushed to the boy's aid. Finding him unconscious he put the boy aboard his car and rushed him to the General Public Hospital where Doctor Kelley, assisted by Dr. Emery, made an examination but could not do anything further, owing to the condition of the lad.

It is thought that the right base of the skull is fractured, the right side of his head is severely injured and he has been bleeding from the right ear ever since the car struck him. Consciousness has not returned to a late hour this morning and grave doubts are entertained at the hospital regarding his recovery.

POLICE COURT
CASES YESTERDAY

St. drunk who appeared before the police magistrate yesterday morning were remanded.

Charles Ritchie, charged with assaulting Constable William Saunders, while the latter was trying to serve a writ of execution on the defendant put up a deposit of \$50 for his appearance next Wednesday.

A fourteen-year-old boy was remanded on the charge of drunkenness until information can be secured regarding the person who supplied him with the intoxicant.

William Sullivan pleaded guilty to the charge of assaulting his wife and was remanded for sentence.

A much adjourned prohibition case against the Brayley Drug Company came up for another hearing, but there was no representation from the defendant company. Evidence was given by Harold Bennett, Inspector McInish and George Henderson, clerk of the police court. The case was postponed until this morning. J. McMillan Treisman appeared for the prosecution.

Major S. S. Wetmore
Given A Surprise

Popular Officer Waited on by Committee of Citizens Yesterday and Presented With Gold-Headed Cane.

Yesterday afternoon Major S. S. Wetmore was given a most agreeable surprise when a party of citizens headed by Mayor Hayes, called at his home Peters street. Those present besides the Mayor were A. O. Skinner, F. W. Daniel, Simon Jones, T. S. Drummond, C. W. deLoraine, A. S. Bowman, S. Herbert Mayes, A. N. McLean, W. S. Clawson, who represented the Soldiers' Reception committee and other organizers in the city. Mayor Hayes made a brief address telling Major Wetmore how the gallant officer had endeared himself in the hearts of the citizens of St. John in general, and of the great assistance he had rendered the city on many occasions, and insured the Major that in his departure from the city he will be greatly missed by all. On behalf of his friends the Mayor then presented Major Wetmore with a handsome gold headed cane.

Major Wetmore was completely taken by surprise, but made a short yet fitting reply, thanking the Mayor for the kind words said and also the citizens for the handsome gift. He said that although he was leaving the city he would at all times have a warm spot in his heart for St. John where he had been always treated with the utmost kindness by all.

Major Wetmore left last evening for Fredericton where he will act as assistant to Major W. R. Colwell, who is assistant director of the department of soldiers' re-establishment at that place, and he takes with him the very best wishes from a large number of friends.

Major Wetmore has been deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster for the last few years except for the time that he was assistant adjutant general in the absence of Lieutenant Colonel A. H. H. Powell, who was in Siberia for some time. Major Wetmore will be greatly missed by his fellow officers and the men in this district. The office of D. A. A. Q. M. G. is to be eliminated from this district, so there will be no successor to Major Wetmore.

Will Endeavor To
Secure Settlement

Committee from Longshoremen's Union Appointed Last Night to Work With Freight Handlers With This Object in View.

There was no change in the strike situation yesterday, except that it was reported that some of the elevator men were talking of going back to work.

Announcement was made that William Dempsey, secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Division of the International Longshoremen was coming to St. John to look into the situation. Mayor Hayes was in telephone communication with Halifax yesterday and was informed that the C. N. R. freight handlers there received 45 cents by day and 55 cents by night. The men in Halifax employed by Pickford and Black who were getting 55 cents by day and 65 cents by night were doing the same kind of work as longshoremen, he was told.

A meeting of the Longshoremen's Union was held last evening, and a committee was appointed to work with the Freight Handlers, and endeavor to secure a settlement, as the longshoremen do not like the idea of the ships going to Halifax. It is expected that another conference will be held with the C. P. R. on the arrival of the International officer. Some of the longshoremen think that the freight handlers should ask for a conciliation board, which Mr. Groat is reported to be agreeable to, though the men say he will not enter into an agreement to accept the decision of such a board.

The elevator was called by some of the elevator officials last evening with the object of forming a new union. But when the chairman asked all who were not in favor of breaking with the International Union to leave the room about sixty of the seventy present left at once, and the meeting arrived nowhere in particular.

F. R. T. stated yesterday that the C. P. R. had signed an agreement with freight handlers in Vancouver at the rate of 75 cents, with \$1.00 during overtime.

THE ROTARY CLUB

A dozen new members to the Rotary Club, were formally welcomed by President R. D. Paton at the luncheon yesterday. Rev. Messrs. MacKeigan and Dawson were among the guests. Dr. Baxter and Dr. Spangler led in the Rotary songs. A. M. Belding was chairman of the day and the special speaker Rotarian Prof. Herbert L. Stewart of Halifax, who is in the city in connection with the St. Andrew's Day celebration. Scottish songs were sung in his honor. Dr. Stewart gave a delightfully humorous address and brought out at the same time the principles of Rotary provoking serious thought as well as merriment.

A carload or more of St. John Rotarians will go to St. Stephen next Monday and they hope to be joined by a delegation from Halifax and perhaps Charlottetown.

BRUNSWICK CHAPTER.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brunswick Chapter, I. O. O. F., was held at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Wetmore, DeMonts street, West Side, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. W. I. Paton presided. A resolution favoring the establishment of a Juvenile Court was passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the Mayor. The sum of \$200 was voted to the Provincial Memorial Home in Wright street, and \$25 for clothing for children at the Evangelical Home.

Dearborn Building
Damaged By Fire

About 10.30 Last Night Fire Was Discovered in the Water Street Basement and Confined There by Firemen

About 10.30 o'clock last night a member of the Longshoremen's Association who was attending a meeting in their hall on Water street discovered a fire in the basement of the Dearborn Building and an alarm was immediately sent in from box 6. When the firemen arrived on the scene they found the basement a mass of flames, and as the smoke was pouring from the upper windows and as the fire was in a dangerous district the chief sent in a second alarm.

Quick work by the firemen and plenty of water enabled the fire fighters to confine the fire to the basement in which it started. The fire is supposed to have started from some ashes and the smoke was so dense at the start that the firemen were handicapped for a short time in getting at the seat of the fire. The floor was quite badly damaged, and the only other damage to the building was from the smoke. The manager of the company was unable last night to give an estimate of the damage which is fully covered by insurance.

THE GIRL GUIDES'
PATROL ORGANIZED

Organization Completed at St. John's (Stone) Church Last Evening—Will be in Charge of Mrs. Francis.

A meeting was held last evening at St. John's (Stone) Church to organize a patrol of Girl Guides, which is an organization somewhat similar to and along the same lines as the Boy Scouts. The members take courses in cooking, sewing, millinery, home nursing and first aid, book making, a study of nature, woodcraft and other kindred subjects. The meeting held last evening was to form the nucleus of what will prove no doubt a large corps. The Girl Guides have been already organized at Trinity Church, where much interest has been shown in the work and considerable progress made.

The Guides will meet every week for drill and to carry on the other branches of their work, and will be in charge of Mrs. Francis.

All new vaudeville programme at the Opera House this afternoon, the features including the famous Sultan, an educated pony, who performs all manner of clever stunts; Wank and Le Wand Sisters, a violin, golden harp and bass trio, in a high-class musical comedy; a comedy duo, who perform a comedy skit; Wardell Bros. and Le Oste, comedy singers and dancers de luxe; Clarence Wilbur, eccentric tramp comedian; and the serial Perils of Thunder Mountain. This afternoon at 2.30; evening at 7.30 and 9.

THIS WEEK IS COAT WEEK
AT F. A. DYKEMAN'S

Remarkable values are being shown in Silvertone, Velour, Zibeline and Cheviot. Coats these Coats are stylishly cut, beautifully trimmed and come in the most favored colorings. Owing to their being a surplus on the racks, these Coats must be disposed of before Christmas, and in order to effect a rapid clearance, prices in many cases have been most drastically cut. These were bought many months ago before the price of wool began to advance. The regular prices, therefore, were most excellent value, consequently at the sale prices being offered today each coat represents a bargain that we believe the women of St. John will be quick to appreciate. Better value in the realm of good coats is impossible.

We are fully convinced that without further urging you will come and see for yourself how attractively made and how remarkably low prices these Coats really are. Silvertone, Velour, Broadcloths, Cheviots, Zibelines, and other weaves, in all the most wanted colors. Deep Fur and Plush-trimmed collars and cuffs, novelty belt and pocket effects, the smartest styles of the season. Prices begin as low as \$22.50 and run to \$49.00. A price for style for every taste. See those in the windows of the Dykeman store.

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OF WINTER COATS

On another page of this paper Macaulay Bros. & Co., Ltd., announce a Big Reduction Sale of all their Under Cloth Coats, commencing this morning. The special low prices put on them means a saving of eight to twenty dollars on a garment, and as the cold weather is just commencing now is the time to procure a comfortable and stylish coat at a great saving in price.

NOTICE TO SUBURBANITES.

For the accommodation of people living along the line of the C. N. R. between the city and Robbsey Macaulay Bros. & Co., Ltd., will run a special delivery, leaving every Tuesday and Friday morning. This will be a great convenience for customers during the rush season, saving them carrying their Christmas bundles. Telephone and Mail Orders will also be carefully delivered.

SCOUTS ENJOY SUPPER

The Boy Scouts of the St. John's (Stone) Church met last night in the Sunday School for their weekly meeting and also to partake of one of their "Suppers," served to them by the ladies of the church. The boys were in charge of Scout Master Stanley Clark. There were two patrols of Scouts, the Wolves and the Beavers. Richard Nobles is leader and Haddon Seesley corporal of the Wolf patrol, Albert Nobles and Will Miller leader and second of the Beavers.

W. J. Hutchinson of the Fox Film Corporation head office at New York is a visitor in St. John for a few days. Mr. Hutchinson is making a tour of the Canadian territories.

A Gift That Brings Joy Every Day

For the shaver, the gift most pleasing—the gift he would more than likely select if you asked him—would be an

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