

THE WEATHER
Forecast, Dec. 9.—The weather has been very much colder today from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces, and comparatively mild in Southern Alberta.

Maritime — Northeast and north winds, mostly fair and cold, probably with rain or snow near the Nova Scotia coast.

Northern New England — Cloudy Friday and Saturday, probably snow in Maine, Friday, warmer in Vermont Friday, strong northeast and north gales on New England coast.

AROUND THE CITY
MORE CLERKS FOR P. O.
W. B. Watson and W. A. Horner, both returned soldiers, have been added to the staff at the local post office for the Christmas rush.

TO TAKE POSITION HERE.
W. R. Pearce, late general superintendent of the Alberta Government telephones, is coming to St. John as chief engineer for the New Brunswick Telephone Co.

A NEAT CALENDAR
A very neat calendar has been received from the St. John Art Club. It is nicely printed in red and black and contains a list of club officers for the year and the programme arranged for this season.

DISCUSSED PORT MATTERS.
The Mayor and Commissioners held a conference yesterday morning on the plans for the development of the East Side terminals by the C. N. R., but had nothing for publication at the present time as to just what the proposals of the C. N. R. were.

AFTER PULP LANDS
J. F. Gould, Bangor, Me., attorney for the Penobscot Pulp and Fibre Co., and Lewis Freedman, Supt. of the wood department for the same company, were in the city yesterday on business connected with the transfer of pulp lands to their company.

ELECTRIC WORKERS
The Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 895, held their regular meeting in Labor Hall, Union street, last night, with President H. C. Lawton in the chair. Routine business was transacted, and five new members were initiated. John Nobles, of Toronto, International Organizer, was present, and addressed the members.

SKATERS AT ROCKWOOD
Whether the world be safe for democracy or not, the ice on Lily Lake is safe for St. John. Over a thousand skaters went out to Rockwood last evening and fully enjoyed the expansive sheet spread out for their pleasure. It has been some years since skating might be enjoyed on all parts of the lake, as the snow has usually fallen as soon as the ice formed.

THE ORPHANS' FRIEND
J. D. O'Connell, formerly of New Brunswick, now of Cuba, has sent Mayor Parker, of Halifax, 500 2-cent Canadian scrips for distribution among the orphans of Halifax, including those in the infants' home. Mr. O'Connell, who is known as the orphans' friend, and who has given money many times for orphans' picnics, etc., tells the mayor to get some more, if 500 will not go around, and let him know how many.

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PROVINCIAL RED CROSS
The Provincial Red Cross will hold its annual meeting this afternoon at three o'clock in the Red Cross Depot, 140 Prince William street. The meeting is expected to be of much interest, as several ladies from out-of-town will be present, representing several branches. All members and those interested are invited to attend.

MILLIANS GORGEOUS DISPLAY
Christmas Cards, Tags and Seals are now on view. All sizes.

Capt. Walsh Talks On Port Business

Waiting for Developments in Trade—Average Passenger Business. Capt. Walsh, commander of the C. P. O. S. fleet, arrived in the city yesterday to study into conditions here and see to it that all departments under his command are in working order for the activities of the winter port season.

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