

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Pressure is highest over Northern Dakota and off the Atlantic coast while a trough of low pressure extends from Texas to Labrador. The weather has been fine and very cold in the West and is becoming decidedly colder over Northern Ontario. The weather has been milder with scattered snow flurries in Ontario, and rain or snow in the Maritime Provinces.

Forecast. Maritime—Frost to strong southeast to southwest with some light local rain or snow but mainly cloudy and mild. Northern New England—Snow or rain Saturday; Sunday clearing and much colder, fresh to strong westerly south and southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

No Standard Monday

The Standard will not be published on the holiday.

GETTING BETTER. Friends of J. J. Irvine, who has been ill in the St. John infirmary, will be pleased to learn that he was reported as resting comfortably yesterday.

NEW COMPANY HERE. Incorporation has been granted to the Inter-Continental Investment Corporation, of this city. The company is incorporated at \$1,000,000.

PRESENT APPLES. The men in No. 1 Fire Station, Charlotte street, were greatly surprised yesterday when they received a barrel of apples as a present from the Worshipful Mayor Schofield.

POPULAR PRESENTATION. Last evening members of the Returned Soldiers' Committee waited on Brig. Gen. Macdonell at his residence, Tabernacle street, and presented him with a handsome silver tray. The general accepted the gift with a brief yet appropriate address.

CUSTOMS HOLIDAYS. Collector of Customs C. B. Lockhart received word yesterday morning from the Commissioner of Customs at Ottawa that an order had been issued by the Governor-General-in-Council, authorizing the observance of Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, as public holidays in the civil service. The Customs House will be closed on those days.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS. Five hundred head of cattle coming from Western Canada over the C. N. R. are expected to arrive in the city today. They will be shipped by steamer Lakonia of the Dominion line sailing next week, and will be housed in the new cattle pens erected on the West Side. The cattle are the first to arrive this season and mark the reopening of the cattle export trade from this port after a lapse of many years.

WATER IN NEW MAIN. Water was turned on throughout the whole length of the new 26 inch water main to Spruce Lake yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. The line, of course, will not be taken over by the city until tests have been made next summer. Several residents of Lancaster Heights stated that the pressure had increased at noon and one resident advised that he had water at noon for the first time since Thursday morning.

TO OPEN BUREAU. The committee from the Evangelical Alliance and other bodies which met the City Council in regard to the employment situation, held a meeting yesterday morning and decided to open up an employment bureau. This will be conducted by the Salvation Army, free of charge, for the present, and all men out of work are requested to register there. They also ask that persons who have employment to offer to send in their names to this bureau.

PERSONALS. Daniel Mullin, K.C., arrived in the city last evening from Nova Scotia, where he was acting as counsel for the defence in the Stewart murder trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Medley, of Montreal, are registered at the Royal. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. King, of Victoria, B.C., are in the city and are registered at the Royal.

C. J. Osmond, of Lunenburg, was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Royal.

Geo. B. Hallett, of Hampton, was in the city yesterday.

G. B. Hight, of Fredericton, is at the Victoria.

F. D. Swin, of Dunbar, was registered at the Victoria yesterday.

E. B. Snow, of Moncton, is at the Victoria.

Mr. H. D. Bates, of Waterville, Me., is visiting in the city and is registered at the Victoria.

R. D. Macdonald, of Moncton, is at the Victoria.

H. L. Price, of Bonnet, Me., is in the city at the Victoria.

YOUNG MAN ENDED HIS LIFE BY CUTTING THROAT WITH RAZOR

Man Registering as David Mack of Musquash Committed Suicide in Room 46, Victoria Hotel, Last Night—Removed to General Public Hospital and Operated on—Died About Two O'clock This Morning.

An event occurred last evening in the Victoria Hotel, which has the appearance of an attempt at suicide on the part of the unfortunate victim, a young man who is registered at the hotel as David Mack, Musquash. The young man was discovered about 10.30 last evening, lying unconscious on the floor of his room and bleeding profusely from a wide gash in his throat. He died in the General Public Hospital at two o'clock this morning.

The cut was evidently made with a razor, which was found near his hand, a few inches from his right hand. He was taken to the hospital where an operation was performed on him by Dr. C. M. Kelly. The man's identity was not established last night but he is believed to have been employed on the power operations at Musquash. The unfortunate man registered at the Victoria Hotel, on Thursday evening as David Mack, Musquash, and was given room 46. He paid for the use of the room till Friday morning, when he decided to re-engage it for that night.

Police headquarters were immediately notified and Dr. C. M. Malcolm was sent for. Officers Donahue and McMillan arrived on the scene in a very short time. The officers showed that they were proficient in the science of first aid by effectually stopping the flow of blood until Dr. Malcolm arrived and took charge of the case. The man was conveyed to the General Public Hospital in the ambulance where Doctors Malcolm and Kelly worked over him. Dr. C. M. Kelly, the visiting hospital surgeon, performed an operation on him.

Investigation showed that the man's throat was cut almost from ear to ear. The cut ran almost straight across the throat, missing the wind pipe and main artery, and seemed to have been made by two movements of the razor, the first cut starting at one side of the throat and running to a point above the wind pipe, and the other starting there and extending along the other side of the throat. The man's condition was very serious.

Stockings For Many Children

Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight Children Have Been Cared for by "Empty Stocking Fund."

With the worst kind of winter weather to contend with during the past two days the task of delivering the well filled stockings to children has not been easy.

The "Empty Stocking" editor reports that up-to-date every worthy name sent in by the clergymen and others has been looked after and the boy that is made in the stockings by the fund is well worth while. Many fathers have been out of work for a long time and while they feel it is nice to have their children enjoy Christmas like others who are better off they take it for granted that the stockings are not given as a matter of charity but just a little Christmas present made possible by kind hearted citizens who have donated money for the purpose.

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It is expected that some more names will be sent in to the "Empty Stocking" editor this morning before noon and it is possible that our list will reach the one thousand mark, in fact we can look after that number of children.

To all the kind citizens and organizations who have donated cash to the "Empty Stocking Fund," also to the few people who have donated other things than cash, the "Empty Stocking" editor extends his heartfelt thanks, and to the kiddies who are receiving the stockings along with their parents we wish a very Happy Christmas and trust that the New Year of '22 will be brighter and more prosperous.

MET WITH ACCIDENT. Russell White, a longshoreman living at 247 St. George street, had a painful accident yesterday morning. While engaged in loading potatoes on the steamer Tiam at B wharf, a sling struck him on the head and knocked him down. The blow made a nasty incised wound on the head, which took two stitches to close, and in falling he twisted his ankle. After being treated at the Emergency Hospital he was able to go home.

WARNING ISSUED. Commissioner Thomson of the Public Safety Department yesterday issued a warning regarding the placing of lighted candles and other dangerous material on Christmas trees. He said that the record for the present winter so far has been exceptionally good, and he hoped that the Christmas season would pass over without any damage being done. He also pointed out the necessity of having old Christmas trees removed from the premises as soon as discontinued.

John Parke, aged 54 years, of 207 1/2 Prince street, slipped on ice last evening about 10.25 in front of his residence and dislocated his left shoulder. He was taken to the hospital in the ambulance and Dr. C. M. Kelly retained the dislocation. Mr. Parke was able to proceed to his home a short time afterwards.

Common Council Special Meeting

Decided on Programme of Work to Provide Employment for 250 or 300 Men.

The City Commissioners met in special committee meeting yesterday and decided on a programme of work which will provide employment for between 250 and 300 men. The work will be started at once, and is intended to relieve the situation to that extent.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor Schofield, Commissioners Thornton, Bullock, Jones and Price, J. G. Hays, city engineer, D. G. Langley, city chamberlain, and Adam P. Macintyre, city comptroller. It was decided to put the two stone masons at work and these will employ about forty men. It is intended to put on alternate crews every other week and this will give part time work to eighty men.

It was also decided to remove a portion of the railway at the corner of old Adelaide road, to straighten it out, and use the material for filling in the site of the Newman Brook bridge. The commissioners also decided to carry out Commissioner Jones' plan for the placing of a new 16-inch water main from Union street, up Carmichael, along King street east and through the King square to the head of King street. This work will be given out to the men at a certain rate a yard of trench, based on a wage of \$2.50 per day, and \$6 will be paid a day to double teams.

It is also proposed to go ahead with the removal of the outer end of Nelson wharf and the filling in of the material taken from the break last summer. It is anticipated that these works will give employment to between 250 and 300 men.

The Mayor said after the meeting that every applicant for a position on these works would be required to show he was a taxpayer by the production of a tax bill or tax receipt for the last two years. The rate of pay for this work will be \$2.50 per day for the men and \$6 per day for double teams. His Worship said as this was emergency work the council did not feel they could pay the union scale of wages, and even at this wage the work would cost the taxpayers more than if it were done in the regular season.

PLEASANT SURPRISE. The members of the Workmen's Compensation Board received a pleasant surprise yesterday afternoon when they were visited on by the members of the staff and each presented with a handsome leather bill-fold with his name engraved in gold best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

DESERVED NAVY. Thomas Armstrong, who deserted from H. M. S. Cassin last September, gave himself up at police headquarters last night. Five drunks were taken in by the police and four protestants sought shelter from the chill December air.

THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT. Three little boys, ten years and over, a Membership Ticket in the Y. M. C. A.—A Gift that lasts the whole year round, and brings great results in return. Starting Victoria rink. Band every evening and Saturday afternoon; also band Monday afternoon.

Teachers' Institute Closed Yesterday

Feature of Day Was Singing of Children—H. V. Hayes New President.

The feature of yesterday's sessions of the St. John County Teachers' Institute was the singing demonstration given by the pupils of grade eight of the Albert School and they certainly did themselves and their teacher, Miss Habbit, great credit. The singing of these happy little girls would compare with any of the choirs of the city and may safely be said to be better than many of them. A number of excellent papers were delivered by them all through the Institute has been a profitable one for the teachers. H. V. Hayes, principal of Victoria school, is the new president.

Morning Session. The first paper was read by W. T. Denham on "The Development of Literary Taste." This paper was discussed by W. J. Shaw, Miss Payson and Mrs. M. Lawrence, who added interesting and instructive advice from their own experience. The second paper was delivered by A. C. Gorham, entitled "Nature Study," and the subject was treated in a very comprehensive way by Mr. Gorham, who is director of elementary agriculture. This subject was discussed by T. K. Copp, principal of Beausfield school.

The final paper of the morning was a lecture of "Physical Training in the Public Schools," delivered by A. W. Caron. This was discussed by many of the teachers and others, including Dr. W. B. Carter and Dr. H. B. Bridgman. The subject was fully gone into, and those present derived a large amount of knowledge on the subject, which will be later imparted to the pupils.

Afternoon Session. The first number on the programme for the afternoon was the demonstration of singing, under the leadership of Miss Habbit, Grade eight of Albert school. These children were chosen for their demonstration and they did themselves and their instructor proud. They sang "O come all ye faithful," "List to the sound of the sweet sounding bell," "The first Nowell," "The last rose of Summer," "Silent Night" and "Barcarolle." Those taking part in the singing were Miss Habbit, Carlotta, Marjorie Purdy, Lillian Boneman, Lord, Marion Wilson, Annie Emerson, Marion Williams, Laura Mason and Madeline Krivins.

Dr. H. V. Bridges, principal of the Normal School, expressed his appreciation of what the children had done. Some of the carols sung by them had been used in the old country for four or five hundred years and they had just been rendered as sweetly as ever, they were sung in the Old Land.

Dr. H. V. Bridges, congratulated Miss Habbit and her class on the splendid way they had rendered the various selections and said the exhibition given showed the value of music in the public schools. The chairman next called on Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, to deliver an address. Dr. Bridges dealt in a most interesting and instructive way with some of the newer ideas which had been introduced into the schools during late years. He referred briefly to the results of the manual training and domestic science. The teachers, he thought had met the problems of advancing times well and were justified in resisting the introduction of some of the things which were being advocated today.

He then took up motivation, the project method and intelligence tests and showed the value of the various methods used by teachers in all times and all had many good points which could be carried too far and upset the school system if not carefully controlled. In closing he quoted Dickens' famous toast, "Love's health to all of us, and God's blessing on all of us," and said he knew of no person who had not known of God's blessing on each work than the school teacher.

The most serious business was the hearing of the report of the resolutions and nominating committee. Resolutions thanking the Board of School Trustees for the use of the building, and the press for the full reports of the meetings, were adopted. A resolution of regret on the passing of three teachers, Thomas Habbit, Miss Mary A. Heaney and Miss Grace Murphy, was unanimously adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows: H. V. Hayes—President. T. K. Copp—Vice President. Miss Ida A. Kegan—Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Alice Gale, Miss Julia T. Crawford, additional members of the executive.

Public Meeting Tuesday Evening

A mass meeting will be held on Tuesday evening in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Union street, to discuss the unemployment situation. The hall has been kindly loaned for the occasion by the Knights, and the meeting will be held under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council. The speakers will be James Armstrong, Rev. Father Deane, Rev. H. E. Thomas and others who are in close touch with the actual conditions. Mr. Christie, the Maritime representative of the Dominion Employment Service, is in the city and has consented to remain over and attend the meeting and explain the Dominion Employment Service.

The first part of the meeting will be taken up with addresses and this will be followed by a general discussion. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of citizens as the object of the meeting is to secure worthy candidates for the League had been no of consideration.

One More Suggestion — a Practical One. A "Canadian Beauty" Electric Iron. As a gift for women folk, a gift that will bring with it constant gratification and save many a step, none will be more gladly welcomed than...

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Literary Efforts Were Rewarded

Miss Margaret M. Hamilton Presented With Cheque as First Prize for Best Navy League Essay.

The literary efforts of Miss Margaret M. Hamilton, 45 Spring street, were rewarded yesterday afternoon, when she was the recipient of a cheque for \$25, first prize for the best essay on the subject, "Why I Should Join the Navy League." This prize was given by Amelias Jarvis, Dominion president of the Navy League of Canada and was presented to Miss Hamilton in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday by R. E. Armstrong, president of the New Brunswick Division of the Navy League.

Besides Miss Hamilton and the president, those who were present, Captain A. J. Maloney, vice-president; C. H. Allen, secretary; and H. C. Schofield, treasurer of the N. B. division of the League and Walter Stridde, manager of the Seaman's Institute. Mr. Armstrong, in making the presentation, spoke very highly of Miss Hamilton's essay and wished her every success in her career. He said that the competition had been open to school children all over the province and had lasted from October 1 till December 1. He announced that the prize essay would be published in the January issue of the "Seaman." He also stated that, under the regulations governing the competition, W. J. S. Bayton would receive a similar prize as principal of the school Miss Hamilton was attending.

TWO PLACES WERE BROKEN INTO

The detective department is investigating a break into the store of William E. Melton, 225 Prince Edward street, Thursday night. It is said that the front door was broken and a quantity of pork, cigarettes and tobacco, to the value of about \$100 was stolen.

A break into the warehouse of Geo. B. Barbour Co., Ltd., Post street, was reported to the police Friday morning. Mr. Barbour, when interviewed, said that the matter was in the hands of the police and he had nothing to say other than this.

ON ST. JOHN ROUTE. That the new Canadian Pacific Steamship Ltd. liner Moncton, which was launched a few days ago on the Clyde bank, Scotland, will be placed on the St. John-Liverpool route and will make her first trip to this port on Jan. 15. The word received at C. P. R. headquarters yesterday, she is one of the finest ships of her class on the Atlantic service and during her trial made a maximum speed of 33.96 knots an hour without stopping either the boilers or engines. On twelve hours' trial her speed was over 30 knots an hour on 12,000 h. p. This service will remain on the St. John-Liverpool route until the spring and will then join her sister ships, the Montreal and Montclair, on the Liverpool-Montreal run.

Cases Dealt With in Police Court

John Enelt Receives Suspended Sentence of Two Years for Receiving Stolen Property—A Liquor Case.

In the police court yesterday afternoon, one man charged with having liquor in his store other than in his private residence, pleaded guilty and the case was set over until Tuesday. The case against John Enelt and Daniel Petroski, charged with receiving and entering the store of John Barbour and stealing cigarettes to the value of \$1, was completed yesterday morning. Sergeant Detective Power testified that he had seen the books of Mrs. Horowitz, 125 St. West, where Enelt boarded and took thirty-three packages of cigarettes in the accused's trunk. The defendant told him that he had received them from a man. Enelt pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, and was allowed to go on a suspended sentence of two years. The case against Petroski was dismissed.

One man pleaded guilty to drunkenness and told the magistrate that he had some spirits in the old burying ground Thursday night. His Honor considered the man's story to be quite plausible, as he himself had seen several "dead soldiers" strewed about the burying ground on various occasions. He fined the man \$5 or two months in the local bastille. Another man was remanded on a like charge.

MUFFLERS, ONE DOLLAR. We are clearing a number of mufflers at \$1 each. Broadest style, and a few wool, regular style \$2 to \$3. O'Rourke, 65 King street. Clifton House, all made 60c.