

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The disturbance which was in the St. Lawrence Valley last night has moved eastward to southern Michigan with increasing intensity causing snow and rain throughout Ontario. The weather continues quite cold in the Western Provinces.

AROUND THE CITY

WILL BEGIN WORK MONDAY. Commissioner Jones announced yesterday that work would be commenced on the Douglas Avenue work on Monday morning next.

FROM ST. JOHN, N. B. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Bennett, formerly of West St. John, N. B., are among the recent Canadian arrivals in Paris. They are staying at the Hotel St. James and Albany.

FORMERLY OF ST. JOHN The New Jersey Court of Chancery has awarded Mrs. Ellean A. Purdy, of East Orange, N. J., a decree of divorce from her husband, Maurice O. Purdy, on grounds of desertion. Both parties were formerly of St. John.

WELL EARNED VACATION Police Matron Ross is leaving tonight for Boston, where she will spend a well earned vacation. She will be accompanied by her mother and they will be the guests of relatives over the holiday season.

ANOTHER CAR BURNED Another automobile became the prey of the flames on the Loch Loismond Road last night. It resembled a Ford truck, and at last reports the destruction was a success.

AID IN NAVIGATION. The Board of Trade yesterday received from the deputy minister of marine and fisheries a notice that a new system had been adopted in the department and in future wireless messages would be sent broadcast twice daily whenever any light or aid to navigation was not functioning as it was supposed to.

TRUCK DEMONSTRATION. A demonstration of the couple gear ladder truck will be given this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The truck will make the run down King street, on Prince William to Duke, thence to corner of Duke and Germain, when the ladders will be hoisted. The truck will then proceed out about a block toward King street, and then other of ladder raising will be given.

TO CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. Atwood Bridges, Rhodes Scholar from New Brunswick, sails on the Victoria, Friday, for England to take up his studies at Cambridge University. A brilliant student and a prominent athlete his career at the English University will be followed with great interest by his many admiring friends in this city.

WAS ARRESTED Mrs. Jennie Cameron was arrested on Brussels street last evening by Detective Biddicombe and handed over to Inspector Collins of the Moncton police force. The inspector left for the Railway City with his prisoner on the late train last evening. Mrs. Cameron was arrested as a material witness in a case against her husband, who is charged with being in Moncton.

EARL OF MINTO HERE. The Earl of Minto arrived in the city yesterday morning and registered at the Royal. He is here to meet his mother, Lady Minto, who arrives on the Empress of France this forenoon. While in the city the Earl was the recipient of many social attentions. He took time to visit Lily Lake and enjoy the skating there. He will accompany his mother to Montreal on the evening train.

MAGISTRATE AND LIQUOR TRAFFIC. Inmates That Something Will be Doing After New Year's in Convictions. A line of 2300 was struck against Tony Vasi of Main street in the police court yesterday. The magistrates stated that after the new year's determined effort would be made to stamp out all bootleggers in St. John. He had good hopes that with a new staff of inspectors and the police co-operating in the work, success would be obtained. About two or three convictions had been obtained against a man, he would, if convicted again, be sent to jail without the option of a fine. He admitted the defendant saw that he was not thought to court again. Vasi protested his ignorance of any liquor being on his premises.

GIFT FOR A MAN If you are choosing a GIFT for a man come to this store where you will find many things that he would choose himself—Gibson's, 55 King St.

Direct Service To Newfoundland

Fortnightly Sailings from St. John—First Ship is Monarchs on January 15. A direct steaming service between this city and St. John's, Nfld., will become an established fact with the sailing of the steel steamer Monarchs of the Canada Steamship Lines on January 15th. Fortnightly sailings will be made thereafter.

Three in Service. The company intends to put three steamers in this service during the winter season, and the local shippers will give the company their support and their business in Newfoundland, the Canada Steamship Lines will make the service a permanent fixture and put as many sailings as required to take care of the trade available.

The service should prove particularly attractive to local dealers in view of the fact that the same freight rates will apply from St. John as those from Halifax. Hitherto the St. John merchants have been obliged to route their Newfoundland freight by rail to Halifax. By the new service they will be placed on an equal footing with Halifax merchants, as they will be able to ship directly by water from St. John and their rates will be no higher than those at Halifax. This should prove a strong stimulus in developing trade with the ancient colony.

Summer Home Entered. A summer residence of Renforth is reported to have been entered by men and women who used the place as a lodging and did not depart until they were discovered and a call was being sent to the owner of the dwelling. The door had been broken to gain entrance and the parties levelled a path to the house and made their departure in an automobile.

Snatched Pocketbook. Tuesday night while a lady was unlocking the door of her home a couple of youths snatched her pocket book and made their escape. Among other articles in the book was thirty dollars.

The citizens are becoming rather alarmed by robberies reported, and in a great many cases are taking precaution, and the thief will surely get a reception in some cases that he will long remember.

Seventy cents was the lowest for anything from a tender hen to a tough old gobbler. There was a large display and they were being brought in in barrel lots. There will be plenty of the hooks today and price should drop somewhat over those prevailing yesterday.

Public Utilities Monthly Session. Order Confirming Contract Between Board of Health and N. B. Telephone Co.

The Board of Public Utilities held its monthly session at the Government rooms, Prince William street, yesterday forenoon. An order was issued by the board confirming the contract entered into between the St. John Board of Health and the N. B. Telephone Co. prior to the inauguration of the telephone rates.

Chairman Connell stated that the Utilities Board held there was no alternative open to them in arriving at a decision, as the amended act provided for the preservation of all contracts made before the passing of the utilities act. The contract confirmed by the board came within the provision of this act as amended.

An application was received by the board from the Minto Coal Co. for the approval of a schedule of rates for supplying electric power and lighting at Minto. R. B. Hanson, K.C., filed the application for the company. Hearing on the application was fixed for January 19th.

Dr. Guy presented an application from the Madawaska Light and Power Co., Ltd., for approval of a proposed issue of shares and bonds preliminary to the establishment by the company of a light and power plant at Green River, Madawaska. An order was granted returnable on January 19th.

Dr. Guy further stated to the board that a power plant was to be established on Green River the coming spring capable of developing 5,500 horsepower.

The F. A. Dykeman Co. attract very many gift buyers by reason of their exceptional Christmas Sales.

The most beautiful silks at prices that are really extraordinary. Regular \$1.25 Japanese silk in all colors for \$1.29 yd. Regular to \$4.25. Fancy striped silks for \$1.99 each. A sale of serge dresses with accordion pleated skirts, the very newest styles \$14.95, \$18.90, \$27.50 each, worth double.

Dr. Smaryah Levin Will Arrive Today. Passenger on Empress of France—Local Jewish Community Preparing Welcome.

Dr. Smaryah Levin, Ph.D., arrives this morning on the Empress of France. Dr. Levin is a member of the executive committee of the Zionist Congress in Montreal. Dr. Levin is one of the greatest leaders in Judaism in the world over. He was a deputy in the first Duma and is known as a famous poet, author and lecturer.

ARRANGING FOR TRAVEL. The C. N. R., and P. W. Robertson, general passenger agent, arrived in the city yesterday morning to arrange for steamship passenger travel over their lines during the winter months.

McMillan's Gorgeous Display. Christmas Cards, Toys and Stools are now on display. 48 pages.

Daring Thefts Being Perpetrated

Crime Wave to Certain Extent Has Struck St. John—Bold Robberies Reported. There has been a great round up of criminals in Toronto, New York and Chicago, and from the most daring hold-ups in these cities the robbers have good reason to be alarmed. It is mentioned that St. John will stand a little cleaning up in this line, for it is thought that some of the daring thefts have occurred despite the vigilance of the detective and police force.

Breaks Reported. Quite frequently it is announced that some places have been broken into and goods stolen, and it is believed that there are considerable robberies taking place in St. John. The public are not made aware of a gentleman's few evenings ago left his automobile standing in front of a King street residence and placed a valuable fur robe over the engine hood for the time being; when he returned to his car he found the robe and disappeared and no farther has he found any trace of it. A number of places have been broken into right in the residential section of the city proper, while in the West End some daring thefts have been reported into a dwelling has been reported.

At this point he jumped another farmer rolling a tub of turkeys along to his paddock. He chased up the lot, pawed them over, again went to the mat in a wreath of price. This farmer got the throttle hold and the scissors grip at 70 cents a pound. Nothing doing under that figure and on the break-away our friend owned a few turkeys.

One needed to have his lights well trimmed and working properly to spot a good tender hen turkey from among the tough old birds that, when served up on Christmas, crack you up and make you say things that shouldn't be said on that day.

The Lowest. Seventy cents was the lowest for anything from a tender hen to a tough old gobbler. There was a large display and they were being brought in in barrel lots. There will be plenty of the hooks today and price should drop somewhat over those prevailing yesterday.

Readjustment Hits Mine Operators. John Henderson of Wilton-Henderson Coal Co., Ltd., Says Operations at Standstill.

The mine operators at Minto have been hit by the reduction in the industrial world now going on. John Henderson of the Wilton-Henderson Coal Co., Ltd., who was in the city yesterday, said operations are at a standstill at the mines with plenty of coal, but no demand. Several large industrial concerns, he said, which he had contracts to supply with coal, had cancelled their contracts were taking his whole output, have, in some instances, cancelled their orders, and in other instances curtailed to a considerable degree.

This all means, according to Mr. Henderson, that the mines will be obliged to suspend operations unless some other market for their output can be found.

The price at the mine, until recently, was \$9 a ton. In an effort to start moving the price went down to \$6.50, but at this figure the demand is still lacking. With the wages now being paid the miners, Mr. Henderson says it will be impossible to further reduce the carry on with any margin of profit.

Reduction in Wages. In order to keep things moving at Minto, he continued, there will have to be a considerable reduction in wages, which the miners must submit to graciously in order to make a price that will be attractive in markets other than industrial ones.

The industries that are closing down, or curtailing their operations, are certainly hurting the Minto mining interests," said Mr. Henderson.

"How long they will continue on their retrenchment programme is hard to tell, as the managers themselves do not know. Should it long continue it will mean the imposing of hardships upon our workmen, and this is to be regretted. However, we are hopeful that new markets will be opened up to us somewhere."

CLIFFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 50c.

McMILLAN'S STORE will be open every evening until Christmas.

VICTORIA RINK. Pride and Vanity over Success have turned the head and heart of many a man. The antidote for this is to skate at Victoria Rink and hear the good music from the band composed of returned soldiers.

An air of smartness and fall life thrills the happy skater who has learned to throw away dull care.

Costs Money To Purchase Turkeys

Plenty of Birds in the Market for Citizens Who Wish to Pay High Figure. A fellow, bubbling over with Christmas cheer, breezed into the market yesterday whistling that jolly rags, "Get 'em Thinner at Bull Old Towers," bent on purchasing a turkey to square himself with his family when he reached the place where he hangs for it in this line.

He bumped into a farmer from Kings county who was displaying an assortment of rare old birds tagged at 75 cents a pound. Our friend with the jolly rags went into a dissertation on "Get 'em Thinner at Bull Old Towers" when wages were on the toboggan and hitting the greasy chute. He knew all about the cost of raising a twelve pound bird from the egg to the fettle. His spiel in print would make a beautiful exhibit. "A" in a courtier's case. He thought it a shame that the joy should be taken out of life at this season of the year, "with everybody happy," by farmers asking such a stiff price for birds of questionable age.

Every woman welcomes a gift of this kind. To the home-loving woman, there could be nothing better. Our prices will be found to be moderate, when the quality of our offerings is considered.

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Gifts for School Boys

These Things Will Make Them Smile. A BRAND NEW SUIT, made in a good boyish style with plenty of pockets.

A WARM OVERCOAT—One that will stand any amount of climbing, frolic and skating.

A BATH ROBE, made in a style almost like his Dad's. A WOOLEN SWEATER, in a serviceable color; one that will fasten up to the neck if he wants it to.

A CLOTH CAP, if he likes one with an inside band, you can find it here. GYM PANTS—Any boy interested in gymnasium work would say thanks for these.

SNOW SUITS—For little boys of course, made in long overall style with feet. SMALL BOYS' JERSEY SUIT, with short pants.

WOOLEN TROUSERS AND CAPS. SHORT MACKINAW COATS, some of these are very warm, in many cases active boys prefer them to longer coats.

TOYS AND GAMES FOR BOYS—You will have to take a look around Toyland to see these things to advantage. The things boys like best are the "Maccano Sets in sizes 0 to 5, Siles Educational Blocks, Express Wagons, Brass Cornets, and dozens of other things, you'll know when you see them that they will surely please the boys.

School Girls Will Be Proud of Gifts Like These. PARTY frocks—Something pretty nice in pale colored taffeta, crepe-de-chine ororgette crepe; if you prefer it a very dainty white voile dress is gity.

DARK DRESSES—For school wear there are serges in navy blue, fashioned in the styles girls admire most; silk liveries are also showing in dark colors.

WINTER COATS—Long lengths in all sorts of colors, some are becomingly trimmed with touches of fur or plush.

WOOL SWEATERS—Coat and pull-over styles, in all the fashionable colors and combinations.

A KIMONO—They are here in warm velours, plaided silk and crepes.

WHITEWEAR—Every girl likes pretty whitewear, and it is easily selected from our stocks.

TOYS—Dolls of many kinds, Dolls' Furniture, Grocery Stores, Picture Books, Stationery, Dolls' Sleighs and Carriages Building Blocks, and many more—showing in Toyland.

Xmas Special. Till Xmas Eve Only We Offer A \$4.35 Set of "Wear-Ever" Saucepans (1, 2 and 2 1/2 Qts.) FOR ONLY \$2.19 An Ideal Gift for the Housewife. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. Store Hours from 8:30 a. m. OPEN EVERY NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS TILL 10 O'CLOCK.

For Christmas --- Silver, of Course. Every woman welcomes a gift of this kind. To the home-loving woman, there could be nothing better. Our prices will be found to be moderate, when the quality of our offerings is considered.

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Manchester Robertson Allison & Sons. KING STREET, GERMAIN STREET, MARKET SQUARE.

It's Just a Matter of Helping You. shop economically this Christmas. That is really what the new prices for the sensible gifts here helps you to do.