

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Northwesterly to westerly winds, strong during the day, fair and colder.

Washington, Dec. 30—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair and colder Thursday; Friday fair. Winds, North Atlantic, Thursday and Friday, fresh, west.

Toronto, Dec. 30—The weather has been for the most part fair today in all portions of the Dominion, except that local snow flurries have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, and a few light local showers in the Maritime Provinces.

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Around the City

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION.

W. B. Tennant, Chairman 'Phone Main 484. G. Earle Logan, Secretary, 'Phone Main 1309.

Snowballers Reported

The police have reported Edward O'Brien and George Green for throwing snowballs on Erin street and striking Charles E. Wright.

Man's Glove Found

A man's glove was found in front of the Police Station King street east, yesterday afternoon. The owner can receive it on application at the station.

Deserter Arrested

Ivan Frank Park, a soldier, was taken to the Police Station last evening and given in charge by a guard on the charge of being a deserter from the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Struck by a Horse.

Last evening, while crossing Paradise Row, Mrs. Robert Johnston was struck by a horse and thrown down in front of a street car. She sustained a severe cut on the face and was carried to her home where she was attended by Dr. Pratt.

Home Guards Drilling.

No. 1 company of the Home Guards, under the command of David Waterbury, had their evening drill at the Customs House last evening. Members of the company were out in force and made an excellent showing.

Court Frederick Officers.

Court Frederick No. 268, I. O. F., at its last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing term:—Court Deputy, J. Starr Tait, Chief Ranger, E. J. Neeve; Vice-Chief Ranger, Capt. Carter; Treasurer, John Lister; Financial Secretary, C. E. Beyeas; Recording Secretary, J. A. Kindred; Orator, Jas. Alston, S. Woodman, Samuel Earle, Trustees, W. H. Alingham and Samuel Earle; Doctors, R. G. Day and F. L. Kenny.

Year-End Gatherings.

Watch-night services will begin in many of the city churches tonight as usual, and it is anticipated that they will be specially impressive in view of the disturbed conditions amongst the world nations. Outside of church circles there will be celebrations by some of the societies and organizations of the city as incidents of the year now near its end.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. John Allingham. The many friends of Mrs. John Allingham will be grieved to learn of her death which took place last night at her home, 113 Galliford street, West St. John. The deceased, who was 54 years of age, had been ailing for more than a year past and on Tuesday night was stricken with paralysis which caused her death. Besides leaving her husband, who is an engineer in the ferry service, four sons and one daughter survive. The sons are Walker, P. of this city; Harry, who is a member of the Princess Patricia Regiment; John E. and Albert, at home. The deceased was a daughter of the late William Cooley of the West End. She was a staunch member of the Carlton Presbyterian Church, and leaves a very large circle of friends to mourn her death.

Save Time and Money. Children's warm winter dresses can be had at P. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store at a great discount. Besides having bought a clearing lot from a large manufacturer, they have reduced the prices of their regular stock, and now these beautiful, comfortable dresses can be had almost for the cost of the basic material alone in them. They are in all sizes, from one year to 15 years, and the prices run from 75 cents up to \$7.50 each.

AS PORT FACILITIES INCREASE TRAFFIC IS DOWN TO COME

Montreal Harbor Commissioners Express Opinion That When the War is Over There Will Be Rapid Increase of Traffic Through St. John—Think G.T.P. Will Bring Big Business to Courtenay Bay.

After completing their inspection of the harbor of St. John and Courtenay Bay, the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, who were asked to come here by Hon. J. D. Hazen in order that they might know what facilities were at present available and form an opinion as to the possibilities of the winter port, expressed the opinion that the facilities here would assure a good business this winter, and that at the conclusion of the war this port could look forward to a steady and rapid increase in business, if the present programme for the development of harbor facilities was adhered to.

"As I said before there is room on the West Side of the harbor to build wharves to take care of traffic coming to St. John for a good many years," said Esquart Robertson to a reporter of The Standard. "But for all that I think it was good policy to start development work at Courtenay Bay. It is going to be rather expensive, I should judge, to construct a harbor at Courtenay Bay, and such a work could not be carried out in a day or two. No doubt by the time this harbor is opened there will be traffic enough to keep the docks, which will be built at the outset, busy, at least in the winter season. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will have its winter terminus there, and this company is bound to bring a large amount of traffic to St. John. It is opening a new territory, developing, one might say, a new Empire. Necessarily it is bound to do everything in its power to create new traffic, new business, winter and summer, and in any case it will bring its winter business to Courtenay Bay."

"For the most part the C. P. R. and the G. T. P. carry on their main operations in different territories. The G. T. P. will and must increase its business to the great advantage of the port of St. John in winter time. At the same time the C. P. R. will be increasing its traffic and bringing more business to the West Side. The C. P. R. does not leave anything lying around loose. Between these two railways, and with the possibility of the Canadian Northern seeking a winter port here, St. John's future as a shipping port is assured. In summer you can't do as much business as Montreal; we are almost up into the heart of the country; but the winter traffic through this port must constantly increase. At the same time your summer business is bound to increase.

"After this war is over you are going to see an enormous expansion in both Canada and the States. More and more Canadian traffic will follow Canadian channels, and we may also expect to handle an increasing share of the growing traffic of the American west. As a matter of fact both Canadian and American traffic has come to us in recent years as fast as we have provided facilities to handle it, and this tendency will continue.

"Both in Montreal and St. John recently every effort has been made to enlarge the harbor facilities as fast as possible, and from the information I have gathered the facilities here have been as much taxed by the expanding traffic as they have been in Montreal. Our idea of the solution of the problem of developing Canadian trade in Canadian channels is to provide the facilities. Given the facilities the trade will come. The biggest

WILL BRING CARGO SALVED FROM NAVARRA Str. Glamorgan Leaves For Tusket to Take Aboard Supplies Saved From Steamer Wrecked Near Yarmouth.

Yesterday morning Messrs. J. T. Knight and Co. received word that the steamer Navarra was ashore on an island at Tusket, N.S., about twenty miles from Yarmouth; that she was full of water and would probably prove a total wreck. The ship sailed from this port Tuesday with a cargo consisting of 3,000 bushels of oats, 1500 tons of hay and 300 bob sleds for France, and it was during the early hours yesterday morning while steering along in thick weather that she went out of her course and piled up on the rocks. The ship is owned in Glasgow, Scotland.

Tugs with lighters left Yarmouth yesterday morning for the scene of the wreck to attempt to salvage a portion of the cargo and the steamer Glamorgan which arrived in port Tuesday from Halifax sailed from here last evening for the scene to take on board the cargo that is removed from the stranded ship. The wrecking tug Lord Strathcona has also left for the scene.

St. John Business College. Day and Evening classes will reopen Monday, January 4th.

THE SATURDAY NIGHT CLOSING AT M. R. A.'s. Commencing with Saturday, January 2, and thereafter every Saturday during the months of January, February and March, the stores of Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited, will close at 6 p. m.

SALORS FROM SHIPS IN PORT MADE HAPPY

Entertained at Seamen's Institute Last Night—Christmas Tree and Presentation of Comfort Bags

About 350 sailors from the steamships now in port were in attendance at the Seamen's Institute last night when the annual Christmas treat was given. An efficient committee of ladies was in charge, and besides receiving a treat of cake and coffee each seaman received a comfort bag. These bags were donated not only by women in the city but have been received from different parts of the province and contain socks, needles, pins, buttons, and many other useful articles to the men.

R. Morton Smith presided and the evening's entertainment was opened by the singing of the National Anthem. Mr. Smith then addressed the men and in the course of his remarks he stated that owing to the large mail boats not coming here this winter the institute would have to be assisted from outside sources.

Rev. Gordon Dickie gave a very interesting address to the men after which Miss Thompson rendered a piano solo entitled "Song of Canada." The young ladies of the St. John Girls' Association then presented a tableau, "The Moving of the Nations." Mrs. Bruce Weston presided at the piano and as each young lady appeared on the stage representing a particular nation the anthem of that nation was sung by the members of the association.

Those who took part were: England, Miss Grace Nichol; Scotland, Miss Nettie Nichol; Ireland, Miss Minnie McDevitt; Russia, Miss Nina Brown; France, Miss Edith Hefter; Belgium, Miss Stella Earle; Japan, Miss Winona Steeves; Canada, Miss Jennie Boyd.

Recitations were given by Miss Marion Harding and Miss Tillie McDevitt, and solos were rendered by Hew Walker. The affair was a great success and was enjoyed by all present.

MARITIME FISH DEALERS SHOULD ADVERTISE FOOD VALUE OF FISH

Mayor Short of Digby Thinks That Fish Merchants Would Find it Profitable to Advertise Their Products.

"Bad weather has interfered with the fishing recently," said H. B. Short, Mayor of Digby, and manager of the Maritime Fish Corporation who was at the Royal yesterday.

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL GIVES XMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The St. John Presbyterian church Sunday school held a Christmas tree festival last evening which proved very enjoyable, and gave a lot of enjoyment to all who attended. The programme was opened by an anthem by the girls of Miss Annie Storms' class.

Recitations were given by Marion Irwin, Freda McParlane, Margaret Woods, Phyllis Charlton and Mary Anderson.

A feature of the entertainment was a Christmas Acrostic, in which Hazel Dibble, Edna Dibble, Eveline Manning, Robt. McDavid, Phyllis Charlton, Grace Anderson, George Cummings, Jean Charlton and Jean Andersop took part.

Gifts for the Athletic Lad. Food, healthy exercise is the making of the boy or girl of any age, and presents that make for strong, robust bodies are both practical and sensible. Here are a few suggestions, but call at our Sporting Department and let us help you make selections: Dumb Bells, 30 to 80 cents the pair. Indian Clubs, 50 cents to \$1.35 the pair. Punching Bags, \$1.95 to \$9.00 each. Punching Bags, with Platforms, \$11.50 each. Boxing Gloves, \$2.15, \$2.70, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.30, \$4.50, \$4.80, \$5.00, and \$6.50 the pair. Exercisers, light, \$2.00; heavy, \$2.50 each.

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COMMENCING JANUARY 2, M.R.A. STORES WILL CLOSE EACH SATURDAY DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH AT 6 P. M.

The Free Hemming Sale of Household Linens and Cottons Will Start on Monday, January 4

EVENING DRESSES For Ladies and Misses. The festivities of the holiday season will now include dances, bridge parties and other functions at which it will be an opportunity to wear some of these handsome evening dresses we offer. Evening Dresses for ladies and misses in Satin, Silk, Chiffon, Crepe de Chine, Taffeta, Lace and Net in cream, yellow, pink, blue, white, black. Trimmings are of fancy net, lace, ribbon, some with diminutive flowers, beading and rhinestone effects, gold lace, etc. 34, 36, 38 bust measurement. Prices from \$20.00 to \$37.00. Beaded Tunics for Evening Wear. These tunics are exceptionally rich and dainty in appearance and are the rage in New York at the present time. Come in and see them. Beaded Tunics in black, blue, grey, yellow, rose, tango, turquoise, purple, etc. Prices from \$7.75 to \$22.00. COSTUME SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

MANY WILL MAKE HANDKERCHIEF GIFTS AT NEW YEAR'S. Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs—1-3 to 1-4 inch hem. Dozen \$1.95 to \$4.10. Ea. 15c. Colored Bordered Glove Handkerchiefs—Each 15c. Colored Bordered Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs—Each 35c. Armenian Lace Handkerchiefs—Each 25c. to \$2.25. Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs—Each 85c. to \$4.35. Cluny Lace Handkerchiefs—Each \$1.95 to \$1.85. Real Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs—Each \$6.50 to \$8.50. English Thread Handkerchiefs Each \$2.65 to \$5.00. Carrick-Ma-Cross Handkerchiefs—Each \$2.10. Baby Irish Lace Handkerchiefs—Each 25c. to 80c. Children's Colored Handkerchiefs—Embroidered corners. Each 12c. to 30c. Children's Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs—Ea 5c to 25c. Children's Linen Handkerchiefs—Each 20c. to 25c. Odd Lots from 5c. each. HANDKERCHIEF DEPT.—FRONT STORE.

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