

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The disturbance over Newfoundland this morning is moving out to sea as a severe storm. Pressure is falling over the Great Lakes and rising in the Canadian Northwest. Light local snow has fallen in Ontario and Manitoba. Weather has been fine and decidedly cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and is becoming much colder again in the West.

AROUND THE CITY

MILITARY NOTES. The underequipped officers are struck off the strength of the reserve of officers C. E. F., on transfer to the reserve of officers active militia. Captain Donald Stuart Bell, Lieutenant Thompson Crighton, M. C.

CELEBRATED ANNIVERSARY. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. J. Walsh, a Vicar-General of the Diocese of St. John, and Domestic Prelate, celebrated the 39th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood yesterday. He has been rector of Holy Trinity parish since its organization.

HELD PANTRY SALE. Yesterday afternoon a pantry sale was held in the Imperial lobby by the C.G.I.T. of Carmichael street Methodist church. The work was in charge of Miss Nina Browne, assisted by Mrs. H. S. Browne, Mrs. A. H. Martin, Miss Margaret Marshall and the girls of the group.

CHRISTMAS OFFER. Mayor Schofield said yesterday morning that he would be in his office between 3 and 5 o'clock on Monday (Christmas Day) and if there was any man in the city who did not have a Christmas dinner, he would make arrangements that he would be served soup, pie and coffee at the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria in King street.

BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR. Our thanks are due the United Garage Co., Bates & Wood, proprietors, for one of the most beautiful, as well as historical calendars coming to the editor's desk this season. It portrays a meeting of the delegates at Versailles Peace Conference, the handling figures of that assembly standing out boldly and easily recognized.

WRITING EXAMINATIONS. Six men, four of them writing the primaries and two the finals, were put under examination in Centennial assembly hall for certification as chartered accountants. Adam P. MacIntyre, president of the N. B. Chartered Accountants Association was in charge Wednesday, while the examinations were conducted yesterday by P. F. Blanchet. A. E. Cox will preside today, the last day.

ATTRACTIVE CARD. The Mayor's Christmas cards, which are of most attractive design, have the city's coat of arms on the obverse cover and on the back, the illuminating and warm-suggesting information that St. John in 1920 had 1,527 hours of bright sunshine. On the inside of the card there is an inscription: "The Mayor of St. John, New Brunswick, extends to you his heartiest good wishes at this festive season." Above the greeting, there is a picture of Market Square, with perspective shown of Dock street, Prince William and King streets.

STUDENTS ARRIVE HOME. Several students from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, arrived in the city yesterday for the Christmas holidays. Amongst the St. John boys were John McGrath, Frank Murphy, Cyril Driscoll, William Maynes, Gerard Dalton, Gerald Fitzhery, Arthur Chalmers, Fred Jennings, Edward Jennings, Gerard Comeau, Arthur Driscoll and Victor Moran. Daniel Connolly, who has been teaching at St. P. X., also arrived home. Edward and Sarto Casey of Milltown, and Thomas C. Bohan of Bath, were also in the party and went through to their homes.

WEST SIDE LOOP. Mayor Schofield announced at yesterday morning's committee meeting of the Common Council that he has had the matter of the resumption of service on the Queen Square loop on the West side up with the power company and the company had agreed yesterday morning to restore the service. He was now waiting confirmation in writing. The company, he said, wanted assurance that the trestle on Rodney wharf was in good shape. Commissioner Bullock said that the upkeep of this trestle was in the hands of the company and suggested a conference on the matter between representatives of the city and the company.

Morrissey Case Was Concluded

Letter Carrier Pleaded Guilty to Theft and Said He Was Sorry—Was Remanded. The case against Harry A. Morrissey, charged with theft from the mails, was concluded in the police court yesterday morning. The accused pleaded guilty and submitted to the jurisdiction of the court. He said that he was very sorry for what he had done, sorry for the inconvenience he had caused and sorry for those who were affected by his downfall. The magistrate commented on the creditable conduct of the accused during the trial and his seeming desire to expedite the course of justice. His Honor said that he had made inquiries as to Morrissey's family and his disposition to make restitution for his acts. He thought that, in view of all the circumstances, only the minimum sentence would be imposed. The prisoner was remanded over the Christmas season to give his friends and relatives a chance to visit him.

Turkey Supply Much Below The Normal

Prices Up and Demand Light—May Become Drug on Market. Quality and not quantity has guided local poultrymen this year in their purchase of Christmas turkeys, and the supply this season promises to be the smallest on record. One of the leading poultry dealers in the City Market stated last evening that the supply would not equal more than a week's demand of that usually stocked for the Christmas trade. This was due, he said, to the hard times prevailing because of employment, which led to a refusal to pay high prices on the part of the public. Yesterday turkeys were selling from 60c. to 80c. per pound, and the stock though small was selling rapidly. The birds were of the finest quality. The dealer said that the public always gauged the price at which the birds sold, and the demand would decide whether the birds would soar in previous years to from 90c. to \$1 a pound, or become a drug on the market and slump to lower prices than those now prevailing. At the present time the price this year is higher than that commanded the week before Christmas last year, when the birds were selling for from 65c. to 75c. a pound, and did not reach the higher levels of from 75c. to \$1 until Christmas eve.

Junior Nurses Hosts At Christmas Party

Most Enjoyable Occasion at Nurses' Home Last Evening—Santa Claus Present. The Junior Nurses of the General Public Hospital were the hosts at a delightful Christmas entertainment and dance, which was given in the new Nurses' Home last evening. Songs and games were enjoyed early in the evening, followed by a pleasing programme of dances, to music furnished through the courtesy of St. Mary's Band, who volunteered their services for the occasion. Santa Claus himself was in attendance, and from a well loaded tree, which embellished with tapers and decorations, found gifts for each one of the nurses. The jolly old chap then passed in his efforts to permit the presentation of an electric reading lamp, on behalf of the members of the band, to their bandmaster, Harold Williams. Refreshments were served towards the conclusion of a very jolly evening. Miss Emma Mitchell, and Mrs. G. L. Dunlop, were chaperones.

Firemen Enjoyed Concert

Through the courtesy of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., the permanent staff of No. 7 engine house and their friends were treated to a very pleasing phonograph concert in their room last evening. The assembly appreciated the kindness of Broche Demoren, who presented the gathering with a box of cigars to help make the evening more enjoyable while they listened to the strains from the New Edison.

Holidays at Post Office

Mondays, Dec. 25 and Jan. 2, will be observed as public holidays by the Post Office as follows: The letter carriers will make one delivery in the forenoon. The money order branches will be closed. The general delivery, registration and stamp windows will be open from 9 to 10 a. m. and 5 to 7 p. m. The street letter boxes and parcel receptacles will be collected by team as usual. Mails will be despatched at the regular hours. Clifton House, all meals 60c.

Cold Diminished Shopping Ranks

Jack Frost Responsible for Falling Off in Christmas Trade in Stores Yesterday. The keen, bitter blasts sweeping down from the Northland which sent the mercury shuddering down in the thermometer to some distance below zero, had a tendency to diminish the host of Christmas shoppers who all week have been thronging the streets and crowded the shops in search of "gloves for mother," "smoking jacket for father," "skates for Bobbie" and a doll for little Nell; and a "Oh, dear, which I knew what to get Aunt Sam!" The weather moderated somewhat during the evening, however, and the streets which had been more or less deserted during the day began to take on again their Christmas shopping appearance. Numerous shoppers and debutantes mingled with wives and mothers bent on the task of purchasing gifts for the loved ones at home. The Christmas season to give his friends and relatives a chance to visit him.

City Fathers Talk Over Unemployment

Delegation from Evangelical Alliance Heard—Mayor Suggests Trying Out Plan of Mr. Frith. The common council heard a delegation from the Evangelical Alliance and other organizations yesterday morning in connection with the unemployment situation and the whole subject was thoroughly canvassed. Rev. H. E. Thomas presented the branch of the Dominion Labor Bureau. The delegation, which showed that 4,000 persons or more were directly affected by the existing conditions, and stated his belief that this did not represent much more than half those who were affected. The committee asked the council to start some work to establish a branch of the Dominion Labor Bureau. Rev. B. Armstrong spoke along the same lines and in answer to a question from the mayor as to where the money was to come from said he thought the taxpayers would be willing to supply it. F. A. Campbell said the cost to the city of the labor bureau would be about \$1,200 per year. Thomas Killen, A. L. Kachum and A. M. Belding also spoke briefly along these lines. Mayor Schofield said he had given the matter much thought and was sure the delegation did not know just what their request meant. The city would be short \$40,000 on its warrant this year and there was \$280,000 of taxes owing by between forty and fifty per cent of the taxpayers. He also dealt with the plan outlined by Mr. Frith, that business men adopt a family and expressed the opinion this would meet the situation. Regarding a suggestion of spending \$1,200 to provide an employment bureau, he said this amount represented the interest on \$20,000 at six per cent and he thought it would furnish more work if the \$20,000 was borrowed and the expense of \$1,200 incurred in that way.

Mission Band Gave Fine Entertainment

A very delightful frolic play entitled, "An Afternoon Tea" was given at the Queen Square Methodist Church Sunday school, last evening, under the direction of Miss Daisy M. Stephenson. The play was put on under the auspices of the Mission Band of the church. The hall was well filled and the performers received much merited applause from the appreciative audience. Those taking part in the performance were the Misses Frances McChewer, Doris Sargent, Evelyn Sargent, Evelyn Moore, Hazel Oran, Bertha Leach and Phyllis Gaudy. Gladys Potter, Ethel Potter, Bernice Smith, Muriel Nonnenman, Doris Cunningham, Elizabeth Grey, Louise Lingley, Elsie Bains, and Constance Bains. Miss C. Gorman proved an excellent accompanist.

PERSONALS

Leslie A. Goodwin, son of Rev. H. A. and Mrs. Goodwin, arrived home last evening from Mount Allison University to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents. Chief Liquor Inspector J. B. Hawthorne arrived in the city yesterday from Moncton and is registered at the Victoria. Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jasper of Toronto are registered at the DuRoi. Hon. G. H. King of Chipman is at the Royal. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Edgott of New York are visiting the city and are stopping at the Royal. W. W. Hubbard of Fredericton is at the Victoria. A. C. Gorman of Sussex is registered at the Victoria. S. S. Wetmore, unit administrator of the D. S. C. R. to the Maritime Provinces was in the city yesterday. Arthur E. Harrington arrived in the city Wednesday evening from St. Thomas College, Chatham, to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Harrington, Douglas avenue. D. C. McGregor, Jr., Vancouver, B. C., who is attending Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ont., is spending the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, 173 Paradise Row. Gordon Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson, Queen Square, a student of Dalhousie University, arrived home Wednesday for the holidays. Hugh Boyce, a student of St. Thomas College, arrived home Wednesday to spend the Christmas vacation. Gordon A. Titus, U. N. B. student is home visiting his mother Mrs. Theodore E. Titus, Waterloo street. Miss Marie O'Neil, daughter of Bear River (N. S.), is visiting friends in St. John. Miss Joan, of McGill University, and Miss Elizabeth, at Miss Edgar's school, Montreal, daughters of Premier Arthur. Foster, returned Wednesday for the Christmas vacation. Miss Doreen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. McAvity, student at Tracadier school, and Ronald, son of S. A. Jones, McGill, arrived in the city Wednesday. Gershon S. Mayes returned yesterday from a business trip to Montreal, tonight.

Other Commissioners

Commissioner Bullock said that the municipal council, at the request of the premier, appointed a committee to deal with unemployment. The council at a subsequent meeting memorialized the provincial government to provide some work if possible and suggested the straightening of the approach to the highway bridge. This memorial had been acknowledged by the minister of public works but no further action had been taken so far. Commissioner Thornton said the municipal council had started taking out rock at the old court house, giving employment to fifteen men. He said some men had refused to go to work because they received the union rate of wages. Mr. Jones said that he had twenty-five or thirty more men at work today than he had at the same time last year. He thought the suggestions of the mayor were good. Commissioner Frink said that about \$750,000 was spent in the public works department during the year. He said that the city was not at all short for employing more than about seventy-five men. He said that, even if the money was available there was not much he could do. He thought a solicitor of the law should be found sooner or later. Rev. Mr. Thomas said that Rev. W. M. Duke was unable to be present but was in accord with the committee's action. Mr. Melvin asked if the proposed new water main to Loch Lomond could not be started this winter, even if it cost more at present.

Talented Professor Passed Through City

Prof. R. B. Drummond, A. B. (Harvard), of St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown, P. E. I., passed through the city Wednesday en route to some place south of Boston, Mass., where he will spend the Christmas vacation with his parents. St. Dunstan's was fortunate in procuring the services of such an accomplished professor, who graduated from Harvard University last year with high honors. He was the English valedictorian and Latin Orator reader of his class. He excels in both English and Latin, and teaches both subjects at the university. Since coming to St. Dunstan's, Mr. Drummond has received several offers to teach in different Universities of the United States and it is very probable that he will accept one of them next year. While in the city, Mr. Drummond was a guest at the home of Mrs. Margaret Osborne, 206 Sydney street, whose son, Harry J., is one of his pupils.

Ideal Christmas Gift for Boys

If you are Father or an Older Brother, and wish to give the Youngster of the family something for Christmas, a Gift that will not only be appreciated, but will be Beneficial and Lasting for the whole year round, present him with a Membership Ticket for the Y. M. C. A. These tickets may be procured at a reasonable rate from the local secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Buy your ticket now and make the Boy happy on Christmas Day.

Last Minute Reminders—Christmas Gifts For Men

Neckwear, 50c. to \$2.50—annual values at \$1.00. Mufflers, \$2 to \$7.25. A number priced \$2 to \$3. Will be cleared at One Dollar each. Suits, \$12.50 to \$75.00. \$1.50 to \$7.00. Gloves, \$1.25 to \$4.50—street and evening. Vests, business and evening, \$5 to \$12. Handkerchiefs, Brace Sets, Suspenders, etc. GILMOUR'S, 48 King Street. Good too on Victoria Bank. Band tonight.

Advertisement for W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. featuring Dolls, Games, Xmas Tree Trimmings, Clockwork Trains, and Movie Machines. Includes illustrations of a train and a horse. Text: 'Dolls All at Half Price', 'Gift Suggestions in Brass', 'EMERSON & FISHER, LTD., 25 Germain St.'

Advertisement for Macaulay Bros & Co. Limited featuring 'Make Her Christmas a Happy One'. Includes illustration of a woman in a gown. Text: 'She will appreciate one of these new gowns more than anything else you could give her...', 'These new models warrant your consideration, and we know their attractiveness will appeal to you.'