

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—The disturbance which was over the New England States last night has moved northward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence with diminishing intensity causing snow in Quebec and rain in the Maritime Provinces. The weather has been mostly fair and a little colder in Ontario and Manitoba, and mild in Alberta.

St. John	35	42
Dawson	20	12
Prince Rupert	40	44
Victoria	42	46
Calgary	12	34
Prince Albert	4	22
Edmonton	20	30
Moose Jaw	11	40
Whitby	10	12
White River	24	36
London	34	38
Toronto	31	36
Ottawa	26	30
Montreal	30	32
Quebec	28	30
Halifax	42	44
Below zero		

Forecast.
Maritime—Fresh west and northwest winds, cloudy and becoming a little colder with local snow flurries.
Northern New England—Cloudy and slightly colder Tuesday. Wednesday unsettled probably snow. Fresh northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

THE COUNTY COURT
In the County Court yesterday the case of Ross vs. Miller was settled out of court.

FIRST INSPECTION TRIP
A. C. Barker, the newly appointed superintendent of the Moncton and St. John district of the C. N. R., was in the city yesterday on his first inspection trip.

MAIL FOR SOUTH AFRICA
The post office authorities have announced that mail from St. John for South Africa will close here at eleven o'clock a.m., December 8th, and leave for "Benaguel" from Sydney, N. S.

SENT FOR ANALYSIS
A ginger ale bottle containing a suspicious-looking liquid was forwarded to the Chief Inspector's office by Inspector Merryfield of St. Andrew's. The contents of the bottle was sent to W. V. Paddock for analysis.

TO CONFER WEDNESDAY
The conference between the city fathers and the New Brunswick Power Commission, the city handling the current from the development at Musquash, will be held on Wednesday afternoon in the Mayor's office.

CHARGED WITH STABBING
A case in the Circuit Court against Arthur Merritt, charged with stabbing, was to have been resumed yesterday, but was postponed until today. This is the second trial the jury in the first trial having disagreed.

AN ATTRACTIVE CLASS
The Barrack Class of Central Baptist Church, taught by Dr. I. W. Baker, is attracting many young men and is proving most interesting to all those attending. Membership is increasing, and the teaching is of the utmost value.

ARRANGE FOR JOINT MEETINGS
Main street Baptist church B. Y. P. U. held a devotional meeting last evening, L. H. Thorne presiding. Arrangements were made for a joint meeting with the Charlotte street B. Y. P. U. next Monday evening.

"WHAT IS WORTH WHILE"
Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson addressed the members of Waterloo street B. Y. P. U. at their regular meeting last evening, speaking to them on the subject, "What is Worth While." The excellent address was greatly appreciated by those present.

NO CONFERENCE
The conference which was to have been held yesterday afternoon between Hon. F. B. Carvell and the mayor in connection with the Douglas Avenue bridge matter did not take place. His Worship said, last evening, He presumed the reason was that Mr. Carvell did not have the time.

SUGAR FROM U. S.
A carload of sugar, valued at hundred bags, has been imported from the United States by the C. P. O. S. for use on their steamers. The sugar was said to have been delivered here at a rate much cheaper than could be procured in Canada.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Boys' Industrial Home was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the mayor. The business was largely of a routine nature, and some matters of discipline arising out of the report of the superintendent will be dealt with at a special meeting to be held on Friday afternoon.

PAY DAY AT CITY HALL
Yesterday the bi-weekly payment of city employees was carried out at City Hall. The following amounts were paid out:
Police Department \$ 3,343.31
Official 2,239.58
Sundry 1,518.49
Ferry 1,460.00
Market 2,695.50
Total \$11,256.98

THE NEW ENGINE
The big motor chemical fire engine, recently purchased by the city, was given a work-out yesterday by Driver Conway, of No. 1 Engine House, Charlotte street. W. A. Laiter, delivery engineer of the Le Frances Co., was with him, and they tried all the gears about the city. On an eighth per cent grade the car developed eight miles an hour. On the level she can go fifty. Her motor is one of 106 horse power. She will probably be given a work-out under actual conditions before the mayor and council today.

Bad Collision
Going To Fire

Motor Chemical and Hose Wagon Meet on Blind Corner—Firemen Injured.

Nothing short of a miracle prevented serious if not fatal accidents last night when the big chemical motor truck from No. 3 station collided with the hose cart from No. 2 station, at the foot of Carmarthen street at the junction with Union street. Both pieces of apparatus were responding to an alarm from box 15 for chimney fire in Wm. L. Stewart's house 13 Brindley street.

The Collision.
No. 2 cart was hustling down Carmarthen street and had Assistant Chief Charles Jackson aboard besides Driver James Briceley, Jack Parlee and other hosemen. It reached the foot of the hill and swung down Union just as the big chemical truck came thundering along. The chemical truck was being piloted by "Bob" Douglas. As the corner is a blind one neither driver was able to see the other in time to prevent a collision. The big truck hit the hose cart amidships, smashing it to splinters and throwing those on it to the hard pavement.

Firemen Injured.
Chief Jackson received a severe strain to his left arm, hip and leg and required medical attention. His head came within three inches of butting the curb. That occurred he would undoubtedly have been seriously injured. Driver Briceley was severely injured on the right arm and had a thumb dislocated. John Parlee was cut over the right eye and received other minor bruises. Those on the chemical truck escaped injury.

Horse Runs to Fire.
The hose cart, as stated, was badly wrecked. The horse attached to the cart was fired from it by the impact of the collision, and continued on alone to the fire.

Great Excitement.
At the time of the accident there were many pedestrians in that vicinity and the screaming of women and cries of children added to the commotion and gave rise to the belief that several of them had been hurt. They ducked into doorways and shops fearing the horse on the cart might take to one sidewalk or the other and trample upon them.

Damage to Motor.
The motor broke its forward springs sprung an axle, smashed its mud guards, broke both headlights and dented in its hood. Mechanics were immediately set at work to repair the chemical truck that it may be in readiness, at the earliest moment, for duty.

Hose Cart Smashed.
The two rear wheels of the hose cart were knocked off, the springs broken and the shafts smashed to pieces. The horse was uninjured. The damage to the truck, according to Commissioner Thornton, will easily amount to a couple of thousand dollars.

Y.M.H.A. Fair Off
To A Good Start

Beautifully Decorated Booths, Many Games and Energetic Committees in Charge.

With many attractions the Fair at the Young Men's Hebrew Association opened last evening. Flags decorate the building and booths are prettily trimmed and filled with tempting wares. A handsome door prize is offered for each evening, the fair lasting until Thursday night. In the dining room a feature of the decorations is a large Jewish flag which was recently presented to the Y. M. H. A. by the Young Ladies' Hebrew Association.

Proceeds are for building fund of the Y. M. H. A. and all committees are working hard to make the fair a grand success.

Ladies' Department.
In the ladies' department, Mrs. L. Isaacs is general convener. Ladies in charge of booths for the two evenings are:
Fancy Goods—Miss Annie Gilbert, Mrs. A. S. Hart, Mrs. J. Goldman, Mrs. Poyas.
Ice Cream—Mrs. Sivovolis, Miss Ray Gilbert, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. L. Green, Miss Alice Isaacs.
Home Cooking—Mrs. V. Jacobson, Mrs. Boyaner, Mrs. I. Corber, Miss Annie Gilbert.
Candy—Mrs. Poyas, Miss Annie Gilbert, Mrs. Marcus, Mrs. Sivovolis, Gussing Contest—Miss Bertha Boyaner.

The Games.
Sidney Isaacs, vice-president of the Y. M. H. A., is general convener and has assigned him:
Doll Wheel—Leo Gilbert, Harry Cohen.
Merchandise Wheel—Louis Harris, Herman Sivovolis.
Candy wheel—Sam Gilbert, Morris Kominsky.
Games—Max Kominsky.
Voting booth—H. Marcus.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.
A meeting of the Evangelical Alliance was held in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday morning, with the president, Rev. S. S. Poole, in the chair. Reports were received from the week of prayer groups, and included in them were arrangements for holding services in four groups of churches every night in the first week of January. The reports were passed. Those present at the meeting were Rev. Messrs. George P. Dawson, H. A. Good, Non-Miss Lanchester, F. H. Stone, W. H. Sampson, J. C. B. Appel, S. S. Poole, Dr. George Steel, W. R. Robinson, H. B. Clarke, and Brigadier Moore and Adjutant Owen, of the Salvation Army.

Unemployed List
Steadily Growing

Forty Men Registered With Mayor — Many Returned Men and Sailors.

While the number of unemployed in the city has not as yet attained alarming proportions, the list is steadily growing and fears are held for what may be the possible result when the real cold weather sets in.

Register at Mayor's Office.
The unemployed, and particularly the returned men, have been asked to register at the Mayor's Office, where efforts will be made to place them. To date between 35 to 40 men have done so, the majority of them ex-servicemen. Twelve were found jobs in the lumber trade, and several others were placed elsewhere. Most of the men registered are unskilled workers, although all classes of labor are represented in the list.

The city authorities are of the opinion that they would be able to do much better work if employers of labor would advise them of their requirements.

Old Country Club.
The Old Country Club organized a free labor bureau last week and have placed it under the direction of their secretary, P. J. Horne. They have had six applicants and placed four of them. Of this number two were returned men, and two sailors. All four were given berths on outgoing ships.

The Old Country Club are also anxious to hear from employers of labor as to their requirements.

Secretary Brindle of the Seamen's Institute, informed the Standard yesterday that there were thirty-two men at the institute waiting for work. The majority of them are from Montreal, Halifax and Sydney, for the most part sailors waiting to sign on with new crews forming here.

Dullness in Shipping.
The dullness in shipping has effected the tars, and the men who have signed up for a voyage are considered lucky by his comrades ashore. Failing to sign on, the men are willing to work at almost anything until better times. Three of them went out to Musquash yesterday to work on the new hydro developments starting there.

The Lumber Woods.
With the exception of the men thrown out of work at the Sugar Refinery, and who are expecting to be back at work again by the beginning of the new year, the greater part of the unemployed are a floating population, which has arrived from outside points, hoping to find work at the winterport. The slackness in shipping, and the high prices asked of those entering the unions, has barred many of them from the work they desire.

Opinion Expressed.
The opinion has been expressed that the present unemployment will have a beneficial effect on labor in general. It was conceded that a limit would be reached in the high cost of living and labor, and now that living prices are going down, wages must go also. It is also thought that the working man will not be as exacting or quite as independent as he was during the boom days.

Have Secured
Working Agreement

Stated Shipping Interests Have Failed to Fully Satisfy Railway and Steamship Clerks.

The Railway and Steamship Clerks have secured a satisfactory working agreement with the C. P. R., but the shipping interests have failed to come across to the satisfaction of the clerks. The organizer for the Clerks has been unable to secure an opportunity to discuss questions in dispute with the shipping representatives, and port troubles are not yet a thing of the past.

C. P. R. Grant.
The C. P. R. has granted the Clerks 61.14 cents an hour and a nine-hour day. For the same class of work the clerks are receiving 58 cents from the shipping companies and a ten-hour day is required. It was stated last night that the Clerks refuse to swing a pencil for the shippers until their demands, and a hitch in port activities may develop. With several ships now in port and the winter work season about to open, the Clerks' difficulties are looming up as a clog in the wheels of progress.

PYTHIAN MASS MEETING.
A mass meeting of Pythians was held last evening to consider special arrangements for the opening of their new castle on Union street to take place on Monday, December 13th, the first of the new year. The meeting was well attended and was held in the new building, which is still in the hands of the renovators. C. H. Smyth, president.

R.M.S.P. Chignecto
From West Indies

Arrived Last Evening With Large Cargo and 142 Passengers.

One of the notable amongst the passengers arriving on the R. M. S. P. Chignecto which arrived in port last evening is A. Ruber, of the firm of Sasaki, silk exporters of Yokohama, Japan. Mr. Ruber is returning to the Orient after an eight months' tour of the northern countries of South America in the interests of his firm. Dullness in trade has caused him to return to Japan.

Mr. Ruber, who is a Rumanian by birth, speaks eight different languages including English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Greek and Roumanian. He is quite modest about his accomplishments. When complimented on his learning, he merely shrugged his shoulders and said, "It is nothing, merely a matter of bread and butter to me."

Trade Situation Dull.
In reviewing the trade situation on South America he stated that up to last June business was brisk, since then things have taken a turn for the worse. In Venezuela a number of firms that speculated in coffee and cocoa were caught in the slump which hit these two staples.

Mr. Ruber said that when he was leaving that country in November, twenty firms had failed, a moratorium was being proposed, and the whole trade of the country was in a state of paralysis. This state of affairs, he said, was general in the South American countries he visited.

Cause of The Panic.
The panic in South America he ascribed to a falling off in trade with England and France, her two best customers. English companies practically controlled a monopoly of the coffee, cocoa, and rubber plantations of Venezuela, and when they curtailed their developments, the country immediately began to suffer.

The exportation of cigarettes to France, formed one of the chief industries of the country, and when the demand was totally cut off, disastrous consequences followed to the South American exporters.

Mr. Ruber described the city of Panama as most beautiful. The Chinese, he said, controlled the trade of that city, and American influence in that respect was nil.

ARRESTED FOR
ALTERING CHEQUE

Alfred Surrette Alleged to Have Raised Amount from \$11.17 to \$71.17.

Four men were lodged in the cells at Police headquarters last night. Alfred Surrette was taken in custody by C. N. R. Officer Ryan on the charge of making a false document by altering a cheque for \$11.17 to \$71.17. Benjamin Hatfield was given in charge of the police by his wife on the charge of assaulting her. Two drunks were also arrested.

Hon. F. B. Carvell
And Coal Dealers

At Informal Talk They Discussed Prices, Quality, Delivery and Other Problems.

Hon. F. B. Carvell met the coal dealers of this city yesterday afternoon and discussed the coal situation as it exists in St. John today. One of the dealers said after the conference that it was just an informal talk between the dealers and Mr. Carvell covering the various phases of the coal business. Prices, quality, delivery and other problems had been talked over, and the dealer, was of the opinion that another conference would be held on this subject.

INCREASING THE INSURANCE
The municipal buildings have been revalued lately with an idea of recasting the insurance schedules and in accordance with that plan the insurance on the city's municipal hospital and the St. John County Hospital have increased. On the former the amount formerly carried was \$8,000 and this has been brought up to \$16,000. On the latter the amount has been increased from \$145,000 to \$195,000.

JAPANESE ROPING FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
The F. A. Dykeman Co. announce the arrival of a large shipment of Japanese Roping for Christmas decorations. By reason of the large quantity purchased—over ten thousand yards—the price quoted was exceptionally low. No home should be without a bundle of each color for Christmas. "Phone in your order today, F. A. Dykeman Co., Charlotte St.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE
Mella Concert Party. The best programme yet, tonight 8 o'clock, 20c, reserved 25c.

Mrs. Beverley Bentland Taylor will hold her post-nuptial reception on Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 1920, from three to six P. M., at her home in Salisbury, N. B.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.
McMillan's GORGEOUS DISPLAY Christmas Cards, Tags and Seals are now on view. All prices.

OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS ARE COMPLETE—SHOP EARLY.

Genuine

Gartcraig Fire Brick

due about December 10.

in Square, End Arch, and Side Arch.
Also Fire Clay.

For Quotations, Call, Write, or 'Phone Main 1920.

W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED

Store Hours: 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Open Saturdays till 3 p. m.

OUR TOY DEPARTMENT IS AT ITS BEST—SHOP NOW.

TODAY WE WILL INTRODUCE
TO THE ST. JOHN CHILDREN

THE DIAMOND FLYER

and an endless variety of other decided novelties in Toys — these were received from New York yesterday.

Bring The Children To Our Christmas Showroom,
Ground Floor—Plenty of Room for All.

Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Winter Hats Now Selling At Wonder Value Prices.

Kiddie-Kars

MAKE
Happy Christmas Kiddies

For boys and girls up to eight. Sport for the kiddies all the day long. Good anywhere—indoors and out. Safe for the tiniest tot—no sharp corners—distance from floor less than when standing.

Let the kiddies joy-ride all the day long.

Prices \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50

Santa Claus will see that a Kiddie Kar is delivered Christmas Eve if the order is left with

Emerson & Fisher, Ltd.

25 GERMAIN STREET

STORES OPEN 8.30 A. M. CLOSE AT 5.55 P. M. SATURDAY 10 P. M.

See Special Ad.
For Furniture Sale
Page 7.

For a Man's Christmas

Shirts With a Holiday Look, Specially Reduced
\$5.00 Each

There must be something different about a man's shirt that is chosen for a Christmas Gift—it cannot be just a shirt—the patterns must be smart and the materials of first quality. Come to this store and be assured that whatever you choose in Shirts is certain to be commended by the recipient. You will be particularly pleased with our special \$5.00 line.

Sweaters Chosen Expressly for Gifts, Specially Reduced \$10.00 Each

Surely such a gift at Christmas time would delight him. Plain colors and the new novelty mixtures most in demand this season are in styles that any man will admire.

Always Welcome—A Stylish Neck Wrap

Our holiday presentation of these will be sure to please.

Knitted Silk Wraps in plain colors, heathers, shot effects and pretty bright stripes, \$2.25 to \$7.75

Flat Tie Silk Wraps in good looking figures and stripes, \$3.00 to \$7.75.

Knitted Wool in grey, oxford, brown, fawn and white, with colored borders. (Men's Furnishings Section, Ground Floor).

Manchester Robertson Allison & Co.
KING STREET • GERMAIN STREET • MARKET STREET

Revision Downward--in Prices

Of Furs, Men's and Women's Attire

RUSSIAN PONY COATS	FROCKS	WOOLEN COATS	NATURAL RACCOON FURS
With Grey Opposum, Lynx, Raccoon, or self trimming, and a delightful array of models.	For \$15.50	For \$39.50	Scarves
	For \$19.00	For \$45.00	Capes
\$95.50 for \$165.00 Garments	For \$21.00	For \$51.00	To sell for \$75.00—Will sell for \$58.50
\$125.00 for \$225.00 Garments	For \$25.00		To sell for \$60.00—Will sell for \$42.50
\$150.00 for \$250.00 Garments	For \$30.00		To sell for \$50.00—Will sell for \$35.00
\$180.00 for \$275.00 Garments			To sell for \$35.00—Will sell for \$25.00
\$210.00 for \$300.00 Garments			To sell for \$27.50—Will sell for \$21.00
\$275.00 for \$350.00 Garments			

Or Just Half Price for Christmas Shoppers

Sensible Giving is Good Giving

D. Magee's Sons, Limited—Saint John, N. B.