

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds or gales from southeasterly to southwesterly unsettled with rain. Toronto, Dec. 7.—The disturbance which was approaching the lake region last night is now centered in the vicinity of Parry Sound and has caused heavy gales with rain, sleet and snow throughout Ontario. The cold continues throughout the prairie provinces where temperatures have not risen above zero today. Winnipeg—8 below zero. Port Arthur—6, 12. Parry Sound—28, 34. London—28, 30. Toronto—22, 42. Ottawa—24, 32. Montreal—22, 34. Quebec—28, 32. St. John—32, 38. Halifax—36, 40. New England Forecast. Washington, Dec. 7.—Forecast for New England: Snow in north, rain or snow in south portions Wednesday, colder with brisk to high west winds; Thursday, colder and generally fair.

AROUND THE CITY

Paid His Head Tax. Lee Sou Mee, a Chinaman, who arrived on the Sokoto from the West Indies, paid his head tax of \$500 yesterday and will go to Toronto where he will open a laundry. Given a Half Holiday. The pupils in the High School were given a half holiday yesterday in order that the teachers might attend the funeral of Mrs. Fanny Scott Myles, mother of the principal of the school. Thumb Badly Injured. While working on the steamer Sincennes yesterday afternoon, Mr. Beverly Evans, engineer of the boat, had the thumb of his left hand badly injured by a blow from a nail. Dr. M. Case found it necessary to put in three stitches when dressing the wound. Lake Manitoba Arrives. Battered about by mountainous seas which swept their decks from stem to stern the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba arrived at Partridge Island at 10 o'clock last evening and dropped anchor until 9 o'clock this morning when she will dock at No. 3 berth and leave her passengers. Coming across the Atlantic the steamer encountered strong head gales with heavy seas. St. David's Y. M. A. The St. David's Y. M. A. held a meeting last night in the schoolroom of the church at which a literary programme, entitled "Days with the Poets," was carried out. The programme was as follows: Days with Tennyson, Miss Bertha Forbes; Crossing the Bar, quartette; Days with Browning, Miss Williams; Violin solo, Miss Livingstone; Piano solo, Miss Cochrane. Mr. Frank Archibald presided at the meeting which was largely attended. No more meetings of the association will be held until after Christmas. Seamen's Mission Concerts. The R. M. S. Victorian concert party provided an excellent entertainment at the Seamen's Institute last evening. The large hall was crowded and the various numbers on the programme were greeted with much applause. The concert in connection with the High Tea to be held by the Ladies' Auxiliary on Thursday evening, Dec. 8th, promises to be one of the most artistic and enjoyable concerts of the season. Some of the best local singers and instrumentalists will take part. Turnbull Co. Has Laid Information. In the police court this morning, hearing will take place on the information laid by Mr. Charles Adams, secretary of the Turnbull Real Estate Company, against Mr. Charles A. Segee for willful and malicious damage to the property of the Turnbull Company near Millidgeville. It is claimed that Mr. Segee damaged the property by digging trenches and holes while in search for Capt. Kidd's treasure. Dr. Silas Alward, K. C., and Hon. J. D. Hazen, K. C., have been retained by the Turnbull Real Estate Company. Dr. L. A. Currie, K. C., will appear for Mr. Segee. Board of Trade Council. The members of the council of the Board of Trade who were elected Tuesday met yesterday afternoon and elected six additional members to the board as provided for in the bye-laws. Those elected were Messrs. H. P. Robinson, H. C. Schofield, E. Francis, H. Colby Smith, W. E. Foster and Ald. J. A. Likely. This year's council is composed of the names mentioned above and Messrs. T. H. Estabrook, W. C. Cross, W. H. Thorne, G. E. Estabrook, W. S. Fisher, John Sealy, W. F. Hatheway, M. P. P. J. Hunter White, J. N. Harvey, James Pender, H. B. Schofield and Ald. R. T. Hayes. C. M. B. A. Elect Officers. At the weekly meeting of Branch 134 C. M. B. A., held in their hall, McLaughlin Building, Union street, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year—Chaplain, Rev. A. W. Meahan; Chancellor, Joseph Harrington; President, Chas. P. O'Neill; First Vice-President, William J. Magee; Second Vice-President, Ernest Clark; Recording Secretary, Arthur G. Godsoe; Assistant Sec. Sec., Daniel B. Griffith; Financial Secretary, Richard J. Walsh; Treasurer, Louis McDonald; Guard, A. T. Bridges; Marshal, James O'Brien; Trustees: William J. Godsoe, Patrick F. Lenehan, Thos. Gorman, Thos. Kickham, and Patrick J. Fitzpatrick. Delegate to the National Convention to be held at Ottawa next summer, B. J. Walsh. "The Heathen Chinese is Peculiar." Among the passengers on the Quebec Express last evening were seven Chinamen, who had come from the West Indies on the Elder-Dempster steamer Sokoto, and were going through to Hong Kong. Mr. M. F. F. of the C. E. R. was in charge of the party and accompanied them to their destination. Other passengers in the second-class car were quite indignant when they saw that the baggage of the Chinamen was alive with cockroaches which in a very short time would spread to all parts of the car. When the lively insects were pointed out to the celestialists they trusted the matter in a matter of fact way and were indifferent to the abuse bestowed on them by the other passengers. Judging by the tone of the remarks it was perhaps as well that the travellers to the Flowery Land did not understand a word of English.

MAKING LONGER FLIGHTS NOW SAYS DR. GRAHAM BELL

Distinguished Inventor Here Yesterday—Earl Grey Will Visit Baddeck Today—Four Aerodromes There Now. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, accompanied by Miss McCurdy, sister of Mr. E. A. McCurdy, of aerodrome fame passed through the city last evening en route to Boston on private business. Interviewed by a Standard reporter Dr. Bell said the flight at Big Baddeck had been most successful lately and last week Mr. E. A. McCurdy had remained in the air for twenty minutes in his drome Baddeck No. 2. The bad weather within the last few weeks had interfered somewhat with their plans but they expected to make up for lost time from now on. Dr. Bell mentioned that Baddeck would have a distinguished visitor today in the person of His Excellency Earl Grey, who with his staff will view the flights which would be made by McCurdy and Baldwin. His Excellency will also very probably pay a visit to Dr. Bell's laboratory at the same time. "That is," Dr. Bell added laughing, "if he does not bring any newspaper men with him." Asked if he himself had any plans Dr. Bell remarked with a smile that he had, but—and here he stopped. He did say, however, that the Canadian Aerodrome Company had two "dromes" at Baddeck and that he himself had two of a different type in his laboratory and that when the river freezes there will be four aerodromes on the ice.

TREASURY BOARD AT LOGGERS' OVER ASSESSORS

Three Chosen But Committee Is Not Unanimous—Supt. Glasgow Resigns Friday And May Be Nominated. An entire lack of unanimity exists among the members of the Treasury Board with regard to the personnel of the new board of assessors. At a private session yesterday afternoon a recommendation was passed that there should be three assessors, Mr. A. W. Sharp, the chairman; Mr. J. C. Chesley, at present chief clerk in the assessor's office, and Mr. John Ross, who is one of the five members at present. Some of the aldermen refrained from voting yesterday, and the recommendation will probably have little force when it is submitted at the Council meeting on Friday. Should its provisions be carried out it will mean that Mr. Uriah Drake, Mr. T. T. Lantam and Mr. T. H. VanWart, now members of the board will be retired. All these gentlemen have their supporters, and it is believed there will be a lively contest before the final choice is made. It is understood that a secret meeting was held yesterday in the office of one of the aldermen, and a decision was reached that Mr. Ross must be kept on the board at all costs. This mandate may have had some effect on the recommendation passed by the board. A new element will be introduced in the situation on Friday, when Mr. H. Adam Glasgow, superintendent of ferries, will tender his resignation to the council. It is understood that he will be nominated for a place on the Board of Assessors.

WILL TRY TO BREAK THE RIVER RECORD TO FREDERICTON TODAY

Tug Maggie M. With Party On Board Leaves Indiantown At 8 a. m.—Luncheon in Capital On Arrival. This morning at 8 o'clock the tug Maggie M., Capt. J. A. Mowry, will leave the Public Wharf, Indiantown, with a party on board and will endeavor to reach Fredericton. Should the trip prove successful the record for late navigation on the river will be broken. Mr. A. M. Rowan will act as host and a number of prominent citizens will make up the party. If all goes well the tug will reach Fredericton about four in the afternoon and the party will adjourn to the Barker House where Mayor C. Fred Chestnut and members of the council will be hosted at luncheon. If the weather is favorable the start for the return trip will be made about nine o'clock on Thursday morning and the party expect to reach Indiantown about five o'clock. The latest recorded trip from Fredericton, it is said, was made on Dec. 8, 1833 when a boat propelled by steam towing a schooner, sailed for St. John. Should the weather look unfavorable the Maggie M. will remain in the celestial city until after 12 o'clock in order that the record may be broken.

TUG QUODDY GIVES OWNERS STRENUOUS TIME TO KEEP AFLOAT

Has Gone Under Three Times—Men Kept At Pumps Now Night And Day—Hemmed In By Scows. Owners of the tug Quoddy lying in Rowans slip at Indiantown are having a strenuous time to keep the boat afloat. The Quoddy is quite an old boat and on Sunday last it was discovered that she was leaking badly and was in danger of sinking. Mr. Frank Danville, who is in charge of the boat, started a crew of men pumping her out and on Sunday evening they had pumped her dry. On Monday morning, however, it was found that the boat had sunk again so the men were once more put to work to raise her. They succeeded in the efforts only to find yesterday morning that the boat had again gone under. Since then the Quoddy has been pumped dry and men have been kept at the pumps all the time. The boat is hemmed in by a line of scows loaded with deals and her owners are unable to get her out in order to repair her. Unless something is done the boat will have to have a man by her all winter at considerable loss to the owners.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB MAY AFFILIATE WITH WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Meeting Yesterday Decided To Submit Question To General Meeting—To Try Both Versions Of "O Canada." At a meeting of the executive committee of the Women's Canadian Club yesterday at the residence of Mrs. E. A. Smith, the president, it was decided to invite the president and other officers of the Men's Canadian Club, the Mayor, Chief Justice, the Premier, the D. O. C. and other prominent citizens to bear Prof. Adam Shortt address the club next Monday. The subject of the address will be "Some Comparison of the United States and Canadian Form of Government." It was also decided to entertain Prof. Shortt at an afternoon tea after the lecture. Considerable discussion took place as to the advisability of the club affiliating with the Women's Council. It was decided to submit the question to a general meeting of the club. It is thought probable that the club will decide on affiliation. The question as to which version of "O Canada" would be sung at the meeting of the club was also discussed and it was decided to try both before making a choice. Mrs. E. A. Smith presided at the meeting and among those present were Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Mrs. J. D. Hazen, Mrs. Geo. West Jones, Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. Chlp. Skinner, Mrs. G. M. Campbell, Miss Travers and Mrs. F. H. Gronlund. Commission to Meet in January. Mr. O. Fellows of Bangor, Mr. A. J. Gregory of Fredericton and Hon. W. P. Mesher of Woodstock, the counsel engaged in the hearings before the International Waterways Commission were in the city yesterday and held a conference with Messrs. A. F. Barthill and Mr. John Keeffe, the Canadian members of the commission. It was decided that the commission would next meet in Bangor and Calais early in January. Mrs. H. C. Schofield was hostess at a five o'clock tea yesterday afternoon at her residence, Canterbury street. Mrs. S. A. Jones and Mrs. Henry B. Robinson presided at the tea table.

CHANGES MADE IN DIRECTORATE OF ST. JOHN ICE CO.

J. V. Thomas Succeeds James Jack As Secretary Treasurer—Jas. D. Sealy Elected President. A decided change in the management of the St. John Ice Co., Ltd., resulted from the annual meeting held last evening in the company's office in Charlotte street. Mr. J. U. Thomas succeeds Mr. James Jack as secretary, treasurer and will act as managing director. Mr. Jack and Mr. Fred Crosby retire from the directorate. The full board as elected last evening stands as follows: Messrs. Jas. H. Doady, D. J. Purdy, Jas. V. Russell, Jas. U. Thomas, Jas. D. Sealy, W. H. Purdy and John Ogilvie. At the subsequent meeting of the directors the officers were elected as follows: Messrs. Jas. D. Sealy, president; W. H. Purdy, vice-president; J. U. Thomas, secretary-treasurer and managing director. Mr. Sealy was formerly president and retired last year. Mr. Wm. Johnson will be continued as foreman and Miss Killorn as cashier. The greatest bargain event of the season will open Wednesday, Dec. 8, 9 a. m. This is the opening of C. B. Pidgeon's early winter clearance sale which will last ten days only. DEATHS. Funeral Thursday afternoon from St. Stephen's church. Service at 2.30 p. m. Bell—in this city on the 7th inst., Warren C. Bell, aged 83, the beloved son of Margaret E. Bell and the late John Bell, leaving a mother, two brothers and two sisters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral services at 107 Moore street, this evening at eight o'clock. The remains will be taken to Hampton on Thursday for burial. (Other papers please copy.)

Gifts Men Appreciate Shaving Requisites MIRRORS—\$1.00 to \$7.50. MUZZ—25c. 75c. BRUSHES—25c. to \$3.50. Razor Strops & Razors 50c. to \$2.50. Writing Sticks 50c. to \$5.00. Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS We are now showing a very large stock of books suitable for Holiday Gifts. All the new books by popular authors. Standard Sets in Cloth and Leather Bindings. Juvenile and Toy Books. Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymnals. If not convenient to call, send for a catalogue. E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts. Store closed at 6 p.m., excepting Saturday.

RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES "MALTESE CROSS" MAKE Leaders in Fit, Style and Wear EVERY pair made on new shaped lasts to fit the styles of shoes worn today. It's no wonder that people complain about their rubbers slipping off on the street. How can you expect a rubber made on a last designed years ago to fit correctly on a shoe that may be a creation of the last few years? The "MALTESE CROSS" makers study the fashions of the day and as soon as a new design appears they immediately follow with a rubber that fits perfectly. See that your Rubbers and Overshoes are stamped on the shank with a "Maltese Cross."

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THE PRICE OF RUBBER You have been reading daily of the rise in the price of everything made of Rubber. Consequently, we are glad to announce that owing to orders placed months ago we are now able to sell at last season's prices. HOT WATER BOTTLES, FOUNTAIN SPRINGS, from 75 cents up. We guarantee all goods sold at \$1.00 or more. E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

Skates Skates Made by the STARR MFG. CO., are always the standard of excellence. Insist on having them. Boys and girls all want them and they are the ones who know. Velox, Regal, Mic-mac, Scotia, Bracketted, Boys, Beaver, Acme W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD Market Square, St. John, N. B.

A Christmas Gift For "Him" Fancy and Knitted Vests A representative line of distinctive patterns—only one or two of a kind in stock. All recent. All absolutely correct and the values are remarkably good, at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and up to \$5.00. EVENING DRESS SUITS, newest style, \$25. A full line of new blue and black suits, sack style, for holiday and Sunday wear, \$16, \$18, to \$25. GILMOUR'S, 68 KING STREET TAILORING AND CLOTHING. "A GOOD PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES"

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Useful Christmas Gifts FOR MEN AND BOYS It is only two weeks from next Saturday until Christmas, and you have a lot of buying yet to be done for your men and boy friends. You will find it easy to select gifts from our large stock. Men's Overcoats \$5.85 to \$22.50 Men's Suits \$5.00 to 20.00 Boys' Overcoats \$3.50 to \$15.00 Boys' Suits \$2.00 to \$15.00 Men's Trousers \$1.00 to \$4.50 House Coats \$3.98 up Bath Robes \$6.50 to \$7.75 Boys' Vests \$2.00 to \$4.00 Fancy Braces 25c to \$1.50 Men's Gloves 35c to \$3.00 Boys' Gloves 25c to \$1.00 Fancy Hdks. 15c to \$1.00 Men's Caps 50c to \$1.50 Boys' Caps 25c to 50c Men's Sweaters 75c to \$3.75 Boys' Sweaters 50c to \$1.50 Swell new Christmas neckweares, mufflers, etc. A fancy box for each gift purchase of 50c or over. J. N. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING, 199 to 207 UNION STREET.

Christmas Gifts For Wee Tots A Few Suggestions From An Immense Array of Bright, New Holiday Novelties INFANTS' HAND PAINTED SILK COAT HANGERS, pink and blue \$1.15 BABY CARRIAGE STRAPS, covered with hand painted ribbon and clasps, pink and blue .. \$1.50 INFANTS' SAFETY PIN HOLDERS, hand painted, in pink and white, very dainty \$1.50 TRINKET BOXES, hand painted, very choice, in \$2.25, \$1.15, 7c. INFANTS' HOT WATER BOTTLES, with croquet silk covering, very cute, \$1.50 SAFETY PIN HOLDERS, in pink and blue, 75c, 65c. BIB HOLDERS, in pink and blue 50c. INFANTS' LONG DRESSING JACKETS, hand and machine made, in very dainty colorings, such as pink, blue, white embroidered with blue white worked with pink, and all white in flannel-ette and cashmere. INFANTS' SHORT CASHMERE KIMONAS, trimmed with silk facings \$1.75 INFANTS' HAND AND MACHINE MADE BIBS, 15c. to \$1.25 INFANTS' BASKETS on stands, trimmed with point d'esprit and ribbon and lace, linings in blue and pink 96 and 97 INFANTS' KINKLEDOWN BLANKETS in white, blue and pink Each \$2.25 INFANTS' MATTRESS AND PILLOW for bassinets in blue and pink Per Set \$1.50 INFANTS' WOOL JACKETS AND BOOTES, all hand made and newest shapes, in pink and blue and white. INFANTS' BATH SLIPPERS 85c. to \$1.00 INFANTS' MOCCASINS, hand made 95c. SHAWLS, hand made, in round and long styles. INFANTS' ROBES AND SHORT DRESSES. INFANTS' ROBES AND SHORT DRESSES, ALSO LONG CASHMERE COATS. INFANTS' CARRIAGE COVERS in Oriental Colorings 30c. LADIES' WOOL SHAWLS, hand made, blue and white \$1.50, \$1.85, \$2.00 LADIES' KNITTED JACKETS, white, pink and blue \$2.25 WHITEWEAR SECTION—SECOND FLOOR ANNEX. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.

VOL. 1. NO. CANADA Sir Thomas S. declares that reciprocity is now a reality. United States To Make P Further Tra Between Co New York, Dec. 7.—ready to consider a the United States to submit looking to reciprocity treaty countries. The D no advances in this does not mean that to a trade protocol reciprocity treaty countries. This statement porter last night by Shaughnessy, of the of the Canadian Pa pany, who arrived today and who w board the Lusitania line, for a two mo and Paris. Trade F While not enthu reciprocity treaty States and Canada. It clear that, in h vances by the St Washington, throu diplomatic channel reciprocity treaty received with favo Parliament and the in Ottawa. Closes said, could prov balance of the tions of the two countries. This statement porter last night by Shaughnessy, of the of the Canadian Pa pany, who arrived today and who w board the Lusitania line, for a two mo and Paris. Trade F While not enthu reciprocity treaty States and Canada. 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