

THE WEATHER.
 Maritime—Strong northwest-erly and westerly winds; fair and cold.
 Toronto, Dec. 11.—During last night a cold wave from James Bay swept over Ontario and Quebec and is now settling in over the Maritime Provinces. Fine mild weather has continued throughout the western provinces and milder weather will now be experienced in Ontario.
 Minimum and maximum temperatures:
 Prince Rupert 25 43
 Victoria 44 50
 London 16 32
 Toronto 15 33
 Ottawa 14 36
 Montreal 12 18
 Quebec 16 20
 St. John 26 36
 Halifax 34 42

AROUND THE CITY

Will Examine Crib.
 Divers will go down today to examine the two cribs which floated from their moorings a few evenings ago. It will then be ascertained what the real damage is. The two cribs are now grounded on the Navy Island bar.

Invest in Farms.
 Messrs. Cowper and Acram, two Old Country farmers, who with their families recently arrived in the city, left for Woodstock yesterday where it is understood they intend to purchase farms. Both men have considerable capital.

CHURCH TEAS LAST EVENING

Approaching Winter Causes Increase in Activities of Church Workers—All Meet with Success.

This season of the year finds activities among the social circles of the church workers, and yesterday three very successful teas and sales were conducted by those prominently associated with church organizations. The ladies of Leinster street Baptist served supper in the school room of the church from six to eight o'clock. The room about which was neatly arranged several well prepared tables, tastefully decorated, presenting a fine appearance. At the hands of a competent band of waitresses, a well prepared supper was served to about 100 persons. The candy table, fancy booths and other attractions were well patronized, and an amount exceeding \$100 was realized.

In charge of the dining tables were: Mrs. W. W. Camp, Mrs. D. A. White, Mrs. S. A. Cosman, Mrs. Saul Scribner, Mrs. Herbert Downie, Mrs. Angus Cameron, Mrs. Ira B. Kierstead and Mrs. James B. Davis. The candy booth was in charge of Mrs. Bliss Dunfield and Miss Rhea Wilson. Mrs. Herbert Everett and Mrs. John Dean were in charge of the fancy table; and the apron table was in charge of Mrs. Edith Stephens and Mrs. J. P. Mosher.

In the Portland Methodist church a tea and fancy sale was held by the ladies of the church, and was well patronized. Supper was served in the school room of the building from six to eight o'clock, with many in attendance. The room was neatly decorated and the fancy table and candy booths tastefully arranged. The efforts of the ladies in charge met with much success, and a large sum was realized.

The school room of the Calvin Presbyterian church yesterday was another tea and sale, and a very dainty supper was served under the auspices of the Senior Mission Band. Red and green streamers neatly arranged decorated the room, which presented a nice appearance. The following ladies were in charge of the different tables: Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Benn, Mrs. Carr and Miss Nichols; at the fancy table, Mrs. F. Meason, Miss Clark and Miss McBridge; at the tea table, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Tweedie and Mrs. Semple; at the ice cream table, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. J. Murphy.

Just take a walk through F. A. Dykeman and Co.'s store and see what a delightful and useful Christmas presents you can pick up throughout the place. Almost anything in the line of wearables for ladies and children can be found there. Commencing at the silk counter you will find a nice display of silk waist lengths done up in attractive boxes, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$5.00. At the waisting counter you will find hennetteite, cotton and wool waisting done up in correct lengths. Prices ranging from 50 cents to \$2.50 a box. At the linen counter you will find the largest assortment of Christmas linens that they have ever shown. Exquisite in fineness. All pieces about 50 cents in dainty boxes. At the handkerchief counter you will find an assortment of handkerchiefs comprising everything made in handkerchiefs, priced from 5 cents to 95 cents each; others done up in boxes from 15 cents to \$3.00. At the underwear counter you will find a delightful assortment of ladies' neckwear. On the second floor, in the ready-made department, you will find a very attractive assortment of children's head wear, fur throws and muffs, also a big assortment of silk scarves and waists which make an attractive Christmas present.

Port Howe Evening.
 The Women's Canadian Club cordially invite all who are interested in the proposal to convert Port Howe into a park to attend the historic evening in York Theatre this evening. There is no charge for admission.

PICKPOCKETS LIFT PURSES IN BIG STORE

In Vicinity of Twelve Complaints During the Last Few Days.

ROB WORKING GIRL OF HER WEEK'S PAY

Christmas Shoppers Victims of Clever Sneak Thieves—Steps being Taken to Trap Culprits.

That many of the Christmas shoppers have been the victims of pickpockets or other sneak thieves is a fact that came to light yesterday, and it is known that at least twelve ladies are mourning the loss of the contents of their pocketbooks and hand bags. The money and articles stolen is estimated in the vicinity of \$100. One case in particular was brought to the notice of the management of one of the big King street stores lately when a working girl, who had just been paid was relieved of her week's wages. During the latter part of last week a man, evidently a stranger, entered the store and called his attention to the need of more lights on the government property there. There are practically no lights between Mill St. and the warehouses on the wharf, while the lighting on the wharf itself is considered insufficient. In winter the Long Wharf is a very busy place and more lights would contribute to the safety of the longshoremen working there, as well as to the crews of ships. Mr. Crothers said he would bring the matter of having more lights installed to the attention of the proper officials.

During the day one lady, who suffered at the hands of the sneak thief, demanded that the doors of the store be locked and a thorough search of every person in the building made. It was with difficulty that she was convinced that such a step was not only impossible but would only end in a great deal of trouble.

The manager of the store in which the theft occurred is taking all the steps in his power to prevent the further looting of his customers' purses and an added force of men have been employed with this end in view. The manager, when seen by The Standard yesterday afternoon, expressed much indignation and stated that if the thief was caught he would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Warning signs have been placed, and the public is warned to be careful.

PASS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN HON. MR. HAZEN

Beaconsfield Conservatives Hold Rousing Smoker—Ringing speeches tell of Faith in Government.

The Conservatives of Beaconsfield held a very successful smoker last evening when many speakers of note were present. H. W. Woods, M. L. A., was the chief speaker of the evening. Mr. Woods addressed the gathering on both local and federal issues. A resolution of confidence in Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, was passed amid an outburst of enthusiasm. Cheers were given for the Minister of Marine, and his interest in St. John was heartily endorsed.

G. Earle Logan occupied the chair. Among the speakers were Counsellors William Golding and J. E. Bryant, James E. Cowan, William Ruddick, Edward J. Neve, Fred Whipple, Charles E. Morris, vice-president of the Conservative Club of Beaconsfield, H. Colby Smith, president of the Conservative Club of Beaconsfield, and D. C. Clarke. H. S. Cruikshank's pipe band was present and gave a fine programme. Telegrams regretting their inability to be present were received from Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, J. B. M. Baxter, M. L. A., Warden T. B. Carson, M. L. A., C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A., and John A. Barry.

A resolution of sympathy for W. O. Dunham, a member of the club, who is seriously ill was passed and regret was expressed that he was unable to be present at the gathering. Refreshments were served during the evening. Fred Whipple was the caterer.

Music at Bond's tonight, 9.30 to 11.30.
 PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL.

PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTED BY THE MINISTER

Hon. Mr. Crothers Much Impressed by Evidence of Prosperity.

CONFERENCE WITH LOCAL ABOR MEN

Visited Long Wharf and Shown Need of Additional Lighting—Left for Montreal.

Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, spent a busy time in the city yesterday and left this evening for Montreal. In the morning he had another conference with J. T. Joy of Halifax, president of the North Atlantic Division of the Longshoremen's Association; J. E. Tighe, business agent of the local union; William Dempsey, J. L. Suggs, G. Langbein and others, at which it is understood there was a further discussion in regard to the difference between the Allan line and the longshoremen.

After the conference the labor delegates took the minister down to the Long Wharf and called his attention to the need of more lights on the government property there. There are practically no lights between Mill St. and the warehouses on the wharf, while the lighting on the wharf itself is considered insufficient. In winter the Long Wharf is a very busy place and more lights would contribute to the safety of the longshoremen working there, as well as to the crews of ships. Mr. Crothers said he would bring the matter of having more lights installed to the attention of the proper officials.

A ROOF OVER THE FLOATS IS POSSIBLE

This may be Settlement in Coal Pocket Matter—City Council will Hold Meeting Today.

While no definite understanding in regard to the coal pocket on the West Side was reached at the conference between the city and the officials of the Dominion Coal Company yesterday, it was said that it was possible an arrangement would be made to allow the company to continue its occupancy of the present wharf in consideration of the company bearing the expense of erecting a roof over the floats, and an enclosure near the toll house. The Dominion Coal Company have had carpenters make an estimate of the cost of erecting such a roof extending over the floats from wharf to wharf, and it is believed that the cost of the work would be about \$7,500. It is understood that a dust proof shelter can be built.

For some time there has been talk of having the ferry slip moved up to the foot of King street. Yesterday the city commissioners looked into this proposition, and found that borings made by the government engineers showed the existence of a ledge of rock which would make it a rather expensive plan.

In addition to dredging a good deal of mud, a considerable quantity of rock now under water, would have to be blasted away in order to permit the ferry boats to run up to the foot of King street. Unless the rock is removed it would be necessary to build a new wharf over the ledge, and this would have to run out 600 feet or so, or nearly as far out into the harbor as Rodney wharf.

The proposal made by the Dominion Coal Company is that the city undertake the construction of a dust proof structure over the ferry floats, cost to be reimbursed by the payment of annual instalments on the part of the company. It is said the company in consideration of this expect to get a renewal of their lease of the coal pocket wharf for a period of years. As the other hand it is said the city authorities are not anxious to renew the lease, but want it understood that the occupancy of the company should be subject to the provision that the company undertake the erection of a ferry roof and demonstrate its ability to do so.

WHITE STAR LATER WILL COME HERE

R.M.S. Teutonic Will Sail For this Port on January 28th.

FROM LIVERPOOL TO ST. JOHN AND RETURN

Will be First Steamer of this Line to Visit Canada's Winter Port—A Fine Boat.

The glad news of another line coming to Canada's winter port was received yesterday, it is for the White Star Line. The big White Star Royal Mail steamship Teutonic will be the first liner owned by this company to pay a visit to the port of St. John. She will sail from Liverpool on January 28th and on her return to Liverpool will leave this port on February 11th. The Teutonic is a twin screw boat of 10,000 tons, and is one of the best steamships in the transatlantic trade. The Teutonic is one of the largest and fastest steamers in the Canadian-Liverpool one class services. This fine vessel, recently transferred from the White Star Line's New York-Southampton mail service, now carries one class cabin (I) and third class passengers only. The steamer has been completely overhauled, and what was hitherto the first class accommodation is now used for one class cabin (II) passengers, and includes a spacious lounge, ladies' room, smoking room and dining saloon, all beautifully decorated and designed to appeal to the most exacting requirements of the luxury-loving voyager. Four decks are given over to the passenger accommodation, which includes many fine staterooms that may very appropriately be termed cabins-de-luxe.

The promenade decks are broad and extensive, and in fact the ship is unsurpassed in her class. The third class accommodation has not been neglected in refitting the vessel, and passengers are now berthed in closed rooms only, much of the accommodation hitherto used for second class passengers having been converted into first class staterooms, including the dining rooms, etc.

The information that the Teutonic was to make the trip to St. John was given yesterday by the local agents, William Thomson and Company. This line has for years been running to Portland, Maine, making Halifax a port of call. It could not be learned yesterday how many sailings of the White Star line are made from St. John, but the sailing of the Teutonic from this port on February 11th is assured.

BARGAIN SALE OF MILLINERY DRAWS CROWD'S TO MARR'S

Yesterday's Buyers Delighted with Wonderful Values—Modish Hats in Higher Qualities, Less than half Wholesale price

Rapid sales and record values were the ruling features at Marr's all day yesterday, buyers having been greatly surprised at the wonderfully low prices. The sale offerings, without exception, express the last words of fashion, and the prices in many instances represent just a fifth of regular selling figures.

Modish creations in fine black beaver, worth anywhere from \$4.00 to \$5.00 found ready sales at \$2.00 each. Velours of excellent quality in newest shapes and colorings, which ordinarily would be splendid values at \$10.00 and were \$2.00, were picked up rapidly at \$2.00 each, and near-velours which less than a month ago were marked at \$2.50 and \$3.00, went quickly at 50 cents each.

Intending purchasers are reminded that, while bargains, such as those referred to, yet remain, the variety is greatly lessened by each day's sales, and much will be gained by making selections early.

The cleanest of the clean and the hottest of the hot—Consumers Coal Co.'s coal.
 Sale of Dairy Cattle.
 By auction at Silver Falls, St. John County, on the 18th inst., at 4 o'clock, pure bred Abyssinians and Jerseys, S. Creighton and Sons.
 Turkey Supper at Bond's on Saturday, with music, 5 to 7 p.m.
 Robs Clothing Store.

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 Makes a Useful and Appropriate Xmas Present
 Princess, Ball Bearing, Price - \$3.75 Universal, Cyco Bearing, Price - \$2.75
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 Grand Wind-Up Sale of Feathers and Wings and Untrimmed Hats, Also New Trimmed Models at Almost Give Away Prices
 The millinery room after Friday will be used for the display of our immense Christmas assortments of dressed dolls, finer perfumes and stationery, which means that all millinery remaining must be disposed of immediately. This will therefore be the last call for millinery bargains before Christmas and reductions are so generous that handsome, fashionable millinery gifts may be provided for very little money.
COMMENCING THIS MORNING
 UNTRIMMED HATS—There is still a satisfactory range of stylish shapes and colors in Felt Hats. If not already supplied for your own wear or for giving away—better see what remarkable values these last Hats are. Now all one price, Each 25c.
 FANCY FEATHERS AND WINGS—A grand final in fashionable feather trimmings, similar varieties as before, but at greater bargains. Only two prices 15c. and 35c.
 TRIMMED HATS—A collection of pretty and alluring models in a variety of newest trimming effects and suitable for Christmas gifts. Wonderful bargains at these final prices. Each \$1.00 and \$2.50
 LADIES' STORM HATS in black patent leather, underbrim faced with various colors. Each \$2.25
 CORSAGE BOUQUETS in violet, pansies, rose, lily-of-the-valley, etc. Each 30c. to \$1.10
 Aigrette, Osprey and Bird of Paradise Feathers for Hair Ornamentation.
 MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR.

Bargains for Morning Shoppers
 In Men's Furnishings Department
 Specials for Today from 9 a. m. to 12, Noon
 MEN'S COLORED SHIRTS, values never before equalled, every shirt guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. Reliable makes offered in soft fronts and starched bosoms, stiff cuffs attached, also soft double cuffs. Designs and colorings are all this season's. Cloths are good-reliable shirtings, a good variety to select from. Sizes 14 to 17. Morning Sale Price, each \$1.10
 MEN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, winter weight, elastic ribbed wool "unshrinkable." A reliable make and exceptional value, every garment guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. An opportunity you cannot afford to miss. Sizes 32 to 44. Morning Sale Price, per garment 85c.
 MEN'S AND YOUTH'S SWEATERS, coat style with V shape neck and high button-up convertible collars, plain grey, grey and red, grey and navy. A big saving in these Sweaters at the Morning Sale Price, each \$1.75
 NECKTIES—A lot consisting of odd ones which might make a considerable accumulation if left in the boxes, but we don't intend to keep them longer. All are this season's ties and in quality, design and colorings are really good. Morning Sale Price, each 25c.
 KNITTED MOTOR SCARFS—The popular neck wrap in mercerized and fibre silk, latest colors and newest designs. Morning Sale Price, each 85c.
 SCOTCH WOOL GLOVES, dark heather grey, one of the best makes, worth 50c. Three sizes. Morning Sale Price, pair 35c.
 HALF HOSE, English made, Ribbed Black Cashmere; medium heavy weight, right for present wear. A special purchase offered at about the cost of manufacture. Sizes 10 1/2 only. Morning Sale Price, pair 65c.

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