

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The weather has been rather unsettled today over the eastern half of the Dominion with light local rain and snow in the southern districts of Ontario and Quebec, and rain in the Maritime Provinces. It has been cold in Manitoba and quite mild in Southern Alberta.

St. John	28	46
Dawson	38	48
Prince Rupert	34	40
Victoria	38	44
Calgary	32	42
Edmonton	12	24
Prince Albert	6	28
Saskatoon	12	30
Regina	18	32
Winnipeg	2	14
White River	28	30
Parry Sound	30	38
London	27	34
Toronto	36	30
Ottawa	12	24
Montreal	16	32
Quebec	18	30
Halifax	32	42

Forecast.—Maritime—Strong north to northwest winds, probably gale becoming somewhat colder again with local snow falls.

Northern New England.—Unsettled Saturday, probably snow Sunday, cloudy, not much change in temperature; fresh to strong northwest and west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

STEALING A PASSAGE
Nickodem Viden, was arrested by the C. P. R. police last evening for stealing a passage on the Digby boat. One drunk was arrested by the city police.

CAPT. CUNNINGHAM HERE
Captain Cunningham, marine superintendent for the Elder-Dempster Co. arrived from Montreal yesterday in connection with the steamers loading for South Africa, and the S. S. Muriel which will load box meat for England.

MAILS VIA VANCOUVER.
The secretary of the Board of Trade has received notice that mails for the Orient may now be routed via Vancouver.

CHILD DEAD.
Mr. and Mrs. George Byrne of 295 Brussels street, have the sympathy of friends in the death of their son, James, aged two years and a half.

LORD SHAUGHNESSY TROPHY
In an account given of the coming of Colonel Hodgkiss, of the St. John Ambulance Association, the impression was left that the Lord Shaughnessy Trophy had been won by the St. John teams. It is to be competed for, and Colonel Hodgkiss will hold the first examination.

BUILD ADDITIONAL STORY.
Mayor Schofield yesterday received word from Hon. R. W. Wigmore that an order had been passed by the Council for the building of an additional story on the immigration building at the port and it is presumed operations will be begun at once.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS
A special meeting of the King's Daughters was held yesterday afternoon at the Guild, Mrs. C. A. Clark presiding. Committees appointed in connection with the Children's Festival reported progress. The Ways and Means Committee of the Paraphrase Home met at the close of this meeting and discussed plans for their work.

PROBATE COURT
In the matter of the estate of John McCarthy, personally \$15,000, after leaving the bulk of the estate to relatives, a gift of \$400 was made to the Mater Misericordiae Home.

The will of George T. Blewitt was proved, personally \$400. Margaret Blewitt was confirmed as executrix. J. S. Teit was executor.

John H. Murphy was appointed executor of the last will of Sarah Fleming, personally \$2,414, realty \$100. W. A. Rose was executor.

Letters of guardianship were issued to Fred T. Walsh in the matter of the estate of the infants, Louise E. Frank C. and Margaret L. Walsh, in a one sixteenth share of interest in one eighth of the estate of their mother in the real estate of her sister, Mildred Colwell which share does not exceed \$100. W. H. Harrison was executor.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Lorenzo Donetti was held yesterday morning from his late residence, 182 Market Place, to the Church of the Assumption. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Ryan. Interment was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine George was held yesterday morning from her late residence 556 Main street, to St. Peter's church where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. George Coffin. Many beautiful floral and spiritual offerings were received. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. James L. Gilbert was held yesterday morning from 277 Main street to St. Peter's church for requiem high mass by Rev. Edward Senilly. The funeral was attended by many, and many spiritual and floral offerings were received. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

AUTO MILLIONAIRE DEAD.

Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 16.—Horace E. Dodge, millionaire automobile manufacturer died here tonight at his winter home.

Four-Day Week
For Cotton Mills

New Schedule Will Go Into Effect Next Week—Other Plants Being Affected

The wave of retrenchment which is sweeping over the industrial world has reached St. John, and will soon be felt here. From the head office of the Canadian Cotton Co. comes the word that their mills will for a time operate on a four-day week schedule.

The manager of the York mill, in this city, informed the Standard yesterday that the order will go into effect here next week. The cause for this move is the same that has brought hardship to the employees of many factories—over-production and no demand for the manufactured article. Just how long the schedule will continue is not known. It will depend largely upon the time required to get back to a normal state of business in all branches of industrial and mercantile life.

In Upper Canada

The plan pursued by the Canadian Cottons is different from that of most industries. Many of the larger plants have cut men adrift and are running on full time with a short crew. The local concern, however, believes in giving all its employees a fair deal, and by the four-day schedule they will be able to retain all their workers, some five hundred in this city, on a little better than half time until matters adjust themselves to warrant full speed again.

Maritime Mail Affected
The Maritime Mail Company has also been affected by the re-adjustment process going on in the industrial world, and are curtailing production. This company has been obliged to lay off twenty men for an indefinite period.

It was rumored yesterday that several small concerns in the city are soon to cut down their working force, compelled to do so by the general re-adjustment taking place.

Considerable Wheat
Has Been Received

About Three-Quarter Million Bushels Here Since the Start of This Season.

Approximately one and three-quarter million bushels of wheat have been received in St. John by the C. N. R. and C. P. R. since the opening of the winter port season. Officials of both systems state that they have no idea of the quantity which may be further expected this winter. The matter rests entirely in the hands of the shippers and will be governed by orders received from the other side of the Atlantic.

Of the grain received to date, some 241,919 bushels have been loaded from the C. N. R. elevator by the C. G. M. and 100,000 bushels are in cars at the terminals.

The S.S. Giovanni Florio has arrived to take a cargo of 260,000 bushels from the C. N. R.

There is approximately three quarters of a million bushels stored in the C. P. R. elevators, and half a million bushels have been shipped.

SPECIAL SERVICES
IN THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop LeBlanc Was Consecrated Bishop of St. John Eight Years Ago Yesterday

Right Rev. Edward A. LeBlanc was consecrated Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of St. John eight years ago yesterday. Special services were conducted in the Cathedral last evening in honor of the event. The ceremonies consisted of the recital of the Rosary and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The elevation of Bishop LeBlanc to the episcopate, in succession to Rt. Rev. Timothy Casey on his appointment as Archbishop of Vancouver, was an occasion which will be remembered by the people of the city. The consecration services were conducted by His Excellency Most Rev. P. Stagni, apostolic delegate, who was the celebrant at pontifical high mass. Archbishop McGarvey, of Halifax, was first assistant. Archbishop Bruch of Montreal, second assistant. Mr. Hebert, V. G. of Buctouche, arch-priest; Rev. Father Mhuir, of St. Paul, deacon; Rev. P. Bellevue, of Grand Digue, sub-deacon; Rev. Father Legere, of St. Paul, and Rev. J. J. Ryan, then stationed at St. Mary's, but now in West St. John, deacons of honor; Rev. A. W. Menahan, master of ceremonies, assisted by Rev. D. S. O'Keefe, Rev. E. J. Conway and the late Rev. F. J. McMurray. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Morrison of Antigonish.

Bishop LeBlanc was born in Ohio, N. S., and was ordained priest at Halifax on June 29, 1893. After being stationed at several parishes in Digby and Annapolis counties in Nova Scotia, he was chosen to succeed Bishop Casey on his appointment as archbishop.

COLONEL McMILLAN
UNVEILED TABLET

Lieut. Col. A. McMILLAN, D. S. O., former commanding officer of the 26th Battalion, officiated at the unveiling yesterday of a tablet in memory of the employees of the Berdner Grampophone Co. of Montreal who made the supreme sacrifice in the war.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.

Mrs. T. R. Kent of St. George is visiting Mrs. M. L. Donald, 18 Grand street.

Hauling Grain
To Portland, Me.

Official Says Grand Trunk Governed by Own Interest and Not Halifax or St. John

A local railway official when interviewed yesterday as to the truth of the shipment of large quantities of grain to Portland by the G. T. R., stated that it might very well be true. It was only natural, he said, for the Grand Trunk to route the grain so that they would get the longest haul possible over their own system, and it would be in their interest to route whatever grain they received to Portland, Me., where they owned their own terminals.

He pointed out that whereas the Canadian Northern and the Canadian Government lines are now merged into one, such is not the case with the Grand Trunk. Although owned by the government of Canada, it remains an entirely separate and independent railway system and its officials are governed in their policy by the interests of their road and not the ports of St. John and Halifax.

Board of Health
Cases In Court

James Soutil Fined Ten Dollars for Exposing Unsound Fruit for Sale.

A fine of \$10 was struck against James Soutil in the police court yesterday for exposing unsound fruit for sale in his store, 725 Main street. The charge was preferred by Mrs. Edmund Flewelling, food inspector. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K.C., appeared for the Board of Health.

Mrs. Flewelling stated that there has been a marked improvement in the food stores of the city since they have been instructed by the Board of Health as to what is required of them. The chief source of complaint at the present time is the condition of meat stalls in several shops. Unless more sanitary precautions are taken by some of the dealers, it is the board's intention to see that the regulations are enforced by law.

Charged With
Robbing Brother

A charge of stealing \$47 from his brother, Randolph, was preferred against George Cook in the police court yesterday. The complainant stated that his brother knew he had the money and that neighbors had seen him hanging around the house on the day of the theft. Several times when he had entered his home he had surprised him in the hall. The case was adjourned.

Two young men were charged with breaking into the Ideal Pool rooms and stealing a quantity of candy, cigarettes and cigars. S. W. Palmer appeared for the accused.

Three drunks pleaded guilty and were remanded.

CORSICAN NIGHT
AT THE INSTITUTE

Large Audience Greatly Enjoyed the Programme Presented Last Evening.

It was "Corsican Night" at the Seamen's Institute last evening and a very large audience were amused and delighted with the talent of the entertainers from that boat. Frequent applause greeted the performers, the sketch by Messrs. Pritchard and Jackson being particularly laughable. Several choruses were well sung, the audience joining in heartily.

The following programme was carried out: Piano solos, Mr. Cody; songs, Messrs. Daley, Hayes, Mercer, Owen, A. Smith, O'Neill, Potts; female impersonations, Messrs. Potts, Pritchard and Jackson; musical selections, Messrs. A. Taylor and Owen.

SANTA CLAUS
ON KING STREET

Hundreds of Kiddies Feasted Their Eyes on the Old Gentleman.

The adoring eyes of many kiddies feasted on Santa Claus, yesterday, who was stationed in front of a King street store for a few hours. The youngsters viewed with awe and admiration the one who is now uppermost in their thoughts. Some of them were timid in the presence of the great dispenser of gifts, and all were happy when they had an opportunity of shaking hands with Santa. The joy of the kiddies reached a climax when Santa, acting his part well, went into the bag he was carrying and began to dispense candies to the little folks. It was a pleasure for the grown-ups, who gathered to watch the sparkling eyes and beaming countenances of the children as they received candy from Santa.

POST NUPRIAL RECEPTION.

Mrs. Beverley Taylor held her post nuptial reception on Wednesday. She wore white Georgette and white chiffon tulle and was assisted in receiving by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Taylor, who wore tulle and satin. Mrs. Victor E. Govald poured tea, wearing green velvet with hat to match. Mrs. L. R. Rottie, Moncton, cut loaf, who wore blue Georgette and blue satin with black hat. Mrs. Isabelle, Mrs. Hill and Miss Hazel Taylor served, the former wearing white Georgette over peach mink, with black hat and the latter wearing yellow satin with black hat. Little Miss Eleanor Sharpe attended the door. The rooms were masterfully decorated with carnations.

Reduction In
Passenger Rates

Ten Per Cent. in Passenger Rates on All Canadian Roads New Year's.

A reduction of ten per cent. in passenger rates on all Canadian Railroads will go into effect at the first of the new year, and all freight rates will be reduced by five per cent. Although the general public accepted the drastic advances authorized by the Railway Commission last September with considerable indignation, they soon became accustomed to the new order and accepted it as the inevitable. The fact that passenger and freight rates have joined the procession towards the cellar, along with sugar, woolens, leather, and other articles fast approaching their pre-war levels will tend much towards increasing the joy of the Christmas spirit.

Commission's Grant.

The Railway Commission on September 8 last, granted a 40 per cent. increase in Eastern Canada freight rates, and 35 in Western freight rates. After December 31 they ordered a reduction of five per cent. in both. This means that the Eastern freight rates though reduced by five per cent. will still be 35 per cent. higher, and the Western thirty per cent. higher than they were prior to September 8, still every little bit helps.

The passenger rates were advanced 20 per cent. last September, the rate to continue to December 31, when a cut of 10 per cent. was to take effect. Parlor and sleeper car rates were advanced by 50 per cent. and a 20 per cent. increase was made in excess baggage rates. No cut was ordered in these two rates, which will therefore continue in effect.

Local transportation officials have been advised to keep an eye out for a change in tariff rates, but have received no other notice of the coming reduction. It is just a question whether by buying single trip tickets, those who plan on spending both Christmas and New Year's away, may save on the reduced rates which will be in effect after December 31. No excursion rates will be granted the Christmas travellers.

INDUSTRIAL HOME
GOVERNING BOARD

A special meeting of the Board of Governors of the Boys' Industrial Home was held in City Hall yesterday afternoon. The matter of finding homes for several of the boys whose terms have about expired was discussed, and all satisfactory arrangements have been made, whereby the boys will be suitably placed. Those present at the meeting were His Worship Mayor Schofield, Judge Ritchie, F. W. Daniels, W. S. Fisher and J. S. Myles.

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YOURSELF AND THE
POOR

You want to help, of course. Do it through the Associated Charities—then you know it goes to the deserving of any and all creeds. Send your contribution to the secretary—Miss Grace Robertson, 152 King street east. Do it now! The needs this Winter will be many.

TIMELY HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS
SHOPPERS SEEN AT DYKEMAN'S

Fancy China
Separate pieces, pretty hand-painted designs, Vases, Plates, Cups and Saucers, etc., ornamental and really useful, 50c to \$2.00.

Work Baskets
Japanese work baskets lined with silk, different styles and colors, large and small sizes, 50c. to \$2.70.

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Japanese Cake or Fruit Baskets with handles, in all sizes, 15c. to 85c.

Sacks and Purse
Leather Bags, Velvet Bags, Silk Bags, a wonderful variety to choose from, all marked at very reasonable prices.

These and many other practical solutions of the gift problem now on display at F. A. Dykeman's. Sale of Fancy Work and Novelties, special lobby today. Lady Roberts Chapter, I. O. D. E.

VICTORIA RINK

Will open as soon as weather permits. The winter pleasure to be a banner SKATING SEASON. Season tickets for sale at Nova Sales Co., Ltd., Phone M. 521. Price same as last year.

MAZOLA DEMONSTRATION
Butler's Grocery, Wall Street. Call and see actual cooking of delicacies.

McMILLAN'S GORGEOUS DISPLAY
Christmas Cards, Tags and Seals are now on view. All prices.

DEMONSTRATION THIS AFTER-NOON
The new harlequin, purchased by the city, will be demonstrated on King street east in front of the court house between 2:30 and 3 o'clock this afternoon.

OUR HOLIDAY DISPLAYS ARE COMPLETE—SHOP EARLY.

Axes - Saws - Chain

and Axe Stones and Saw Handles Sleigh Shoe Steel

Peavies and Peavie Handles Belts—Driving Calks

Camp Supplies in Iron and in Enamelware

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Ladies' Handkerchiefs Slightly Soiled 10 cts. to clear.

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These Overcoats are made for comfort; for style; for wear. They have been carefully tailored in every detail—they had to be to achieve such uncommonly smart appearance and good fit. All are made of warm, serviceable Overcoatings in a big variety of patterns and colorings.

MEN'S CHESTERFIELDS, ULSTERS, ULSTERETTES TRENCH COATS, SLIP-ONS, etc. election offers a fine choice.

\$34.50 Overcoats . . . for \$29.30	46.50 Overcoats . . . for 39.55	\$2.50 to \$5.00 . . . for 45.00
38.50 Overcoats . . . for 32.70	47.50 Overcoats . . . for 40.35	58.00 to 59.00 . . . for 52.55
40.00 Overcoats . . . for 34.00	51.50 Overcoats . . . for 43.75	62.00 to 64.00 . . . for 54.40

BOYS AND YOUTHS' OVERCOATS—The sort they need for coldest weather; made of heavy, warm fabrics, well lined.

19.00 to 21.00 . . . for 16.95	17.50 to 18.50 . . . for 15.30	27.50 to 28.50 . . . for 23.80
\$16.50 Overcoats . . . for \$13.95	23.50 to 25.50 . . . for 22.10	30.00 to 32.50 . . . for 28.75

JUNIOR BOYS' OVERCOATS—Little fellows will look their best and be most comfortable in such coats as these:

\$10.00 to \$12.50 . . . for \$9.35	Covered with brown duck—Regular \$12.00 for \$10.20
15.00 to 16.50 . . . for 13.15	Covered with Bedford Cord—Regular \$13.50 for \$10.00
16.50 to 17.50 . . . for 14.45	Covered with Brown Corduroy—Regular \$17.00 for \$14.45
18.50 to 19.50 . . . for 16.15	
21.00 to 22.00 . . . for 18.25	

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MEN'S PLAIN MACKINAW with belt. Regular \$12.00 for \$10.20

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