

## THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Light snow falls have occurred in Ontario and Western Canada while other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fair. It has been comparatively mild in the West and cold from the Ottawa Valley eastward.

St. John	4
Dawson	18
Prince Rupert	30
Victoria	40
Kamloops	36
Calgary	36
Edmonton	20
Rosina	29
Winnipeg	24
White River	20
London	23
Toronto	26
Ottawa	18
Montreal	8
Quebec	4
Halifax	24
Below zero	

Forecast.—Maritime—Moderate winds; local snow flurries but mostly fair with stationary or light temperatures.

Northern New England.—Cloudy Thursday and Friday; somewhat warmer Thursday; fresh southwest and west winds.

## AROUND THE CITY

## NOTICE.

Until repairs to our building are completed, the business office of The Standard will be located on the top floor of the Merchants' Bank Building, Prince William Street.

## LATE ARRESTS

Two drunks and four protectionists were quartered at the Central Police Station last night.

## S. S. GRAMPIAN ARRIVES

The C. P. O. S. Grampien from Antwerp arrived in port last night with 1,200 passengers, who will disembark this morning.

## TO OPEN HOTEL

Messrs. E. J. Mooney and Harry Gorman have taken over the Prince William Apartments and will open it as a rooming house about the first of January.

## ON WESTERN TRIP.

Harold deV. Partridge of the T. H. Estabrooks Company, Ltd., will leave on a western trip January 1st, spending some time at the Toronto and Winnipeg branches of the company.

## MOVING TO MONTREAL

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston leave here Monday for Montreal, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Johnston's connection with the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. makes it necessary for him to make his permanent residence in Montreal.

## ST. JOHN CAPTAIN.

The American full-rigged ship Brynhilda, recently reported as arriving at Baltimore from Havre after a passage of 57 days, has a St. John man, Captain Kennedy, as master. He succeeded Captain Watt, who sailed the ship for years and was master at the time the Brynhilda loaded lumber in Halifax for the United Kingdom.

## Head Line Notes

McLean-Kennedy Co. report that the steamer Askel Adden, left Louisburg last night for St. John to load deals for the United Kingdom.

The steamer Ramore Head, Capt. Milner, will arrive here on Saturday to load general cargo for Rotterdam and Hamburg.

The steamer Dunant Head now at Rotterdam from Hamburg is loading a general cargo for St. John.

## CREDITORS MEET.

In connection with the affairs of the St. John Weavers, Limited, a meeting of the creditors was held yesterday afternoon. A petition had been presented by C. F. Inches to Mr. Justice MacKenzie, asking that an order be made authorizing an official trustee to take over the affairs of the company under the bankruptcy act.

## SCHR. "FRIENDSHIP" IS WRECKED AT ST. MARTEN'S HEAD

Parrsboro, N. S., Dec. 29.—The schooner "Friendship" which had been sailing in the Bay of Fundy for years, is a total loss at St. Martin's Head, N. B., where she sank. Captain Newcomb, who had sailed to prevent her from sinking, bound for Alma; N. B., from Parrsboro, with a cargo of coal, the vessel was far off her course, as the spot where she went ashore was well down the bay below Alma. The cargo was saved. The Friendship, which was owned and sailed by Captain Harry Newcomb, of Parrsboro, was sixty tons net and uninsured.

## MARRIED.

BLANCHARD : PORTER.—On Dec. 29th, 1920, by Rev. Robert Smart, Osbourne Merrill Blanchard, to Olive Cora Porter, both of Westfield.

## DEATHS.

HANINGTON.—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Wetmore, 80 Coburg St., on December 18th, Thomas B. Hanington, in the eightieth year of his age. Funeral service at his residence 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. Coffins taken at the 1000.

## Stanley E. Elkin, M.P. Home From England

Says Conditions on Other Side Not Encouraging—Business Depression Will be Short.



STANLEY E. ELKIN, M. P.

Mr. Elkin, who has been in England the past few months on business connected with the industry in which he is heavily interested, arrived home yesterday evening in New York, accompanied by Mrs. Elkin. Mr. and Mrs. Elkin spent Christmas in New York with Mr. Elkin's parents, who are spending a short time in the Metropolis.

Conditions Not Encouraging.

Mr. Elkin reports conditions on the other side of the Atlantic as far from encouraging, and that it is quite a difficult task to get along in the general situation existing there today. It is his opinion, from his observations and studies, while abroad, that there will not be general prosperity until world peace is assured. Because of the unsettled conditions in foreign countries the purchasing power is out of the market, and, therefore, there is not the ready demand for the products of the continent.

Short Depression.

From what he has been able to learn since arriving in New York he believes an upturn in spirit prevails in the industrial centres and thinks the business depression may not be of short life. It is his opinion that a notable revival in trade may reasonably be expected within the next three months.

The whole situation, he says, depends, to a large extent, upon commodities and wages. Until we get lower wages, consistent with the low cost of living, there will not be great improvement. The unemployment situation is general throughout the world, he says, and in England it is presenting as serious a problem as is here.

The Steel Merger.

Mr. Elkin had but little to say about the steel merger. He is not in a position to give out any information to the public regarding the plans of the Canadian Steel Corporation.

From what little Mr. Elkin had to say on the steel combine one might reasonably assume that the Maritime companies are in the merger.

Prices are so low on steel products, he says, that many plants in Germany and Belgium have been obliged to close down, and this despite the fact that the exchange rate is largely in their favor.

## Formal Opening Of New Castle

Arrangements Completed for Three Night Series of Functions Next Month.

## Programme of Athletic Events

Physical Instructor Stirling of the Y. M. C. I. has arranged the following schedule of athletic events for seniors, high school and business boys:

The seniors will perform on Thursday nights and the others on Friday.

Jan. 6 and 7—90 yds dash and standing broad jump; 20 yds speed swimming.

Jan. 13 and 14—100 yds dash and standing hop, step and jump; 25 yds back stroke.

Jan. 20 and 21—220 yds dash and pull up; 56 yds breast stroke.

Jan. 27 and 28—440 yds dash and short swim; 100 yds speed stroke.

Feb. 3 and 4—880 yds run and two standing broad jumps; long plunge.

Feb. 10 and 11—1 mile run and running broad jump; fancy diving.

Feb. 17 and 18—880 yds walk and three standing jumps; 220 yds free style.

Feb. 24 and 25—60 yds potato race and standing high jump; 220 yds relay swimming, four to team.

March 3 and 4—160 yds potato race and running high jump; open diving.

March 10 and 11—220 yds potato race and 120 yards hurdles.

## High School Lost To Junior "B"

At ten o'clock yesterday morning the Junior "B" defeated the High School in a swimming meet. The results were as follows:—Junior "B" 24 points; High School, 19 points. Individual scores:—Robert Hayes, 10 points; Allan Sparling, 7 points; Stanley Ellis, 6 points; Samuel McLean, 4 points; Oswald O'Daly, 1 point.

Events:—100 yards dash; long plunge; fancy dive; nest dive.

## Establishment of Civic Workshop

Soldiers' Comfort Assn. Gives \$4,200 to Provide Returned Men With Employment.

The Mayor will receive from the Soldiers' Comfort Association the sum of \$4,200 to be used for the establishment of a civic workshop to give employment to returned soldiers. This was the decision reached at a meeting of the Soldiers' Comfort Association held yesterday afternoon at Centenary Church, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, president, presiding.

This Association, which did much work during the war in a most practical way, still had on hand at the signing of the armistice a balance of \$10,000. It was voted to hold this balance for the use of soldiers' children to aid them in any way necessary for their comfort and well being. There were very few calls made upon the fund, and in this time of unemployment it was felt by members that money which was raised for the soldiers should be given to them in their time of need.

The mayor and the members of the association will be called upon to pay for a share of the building by paying rent on the number of offices they bring in, the spaces they will occupy, and the amount of business they will do in the new depot.

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The new workshop will be designed with the view of providing space for all the company's offices, which are now scattered about town, and which will on its completion, be housed under the same roof.

Messrs. Duff and Thorne will spend today in the city securing information essential to the designing of the new station.

## Cost of New Depot To Be Built Here

Officials State Cost Will be Over Million—Built Entirely by C. N. R.

W. A. Duff, assistant chief engineer of the Canadian National Railways, of the eastern lines, of Moncton, arrived in the city on the True Express last evening. He was accompanied by H. C. Jones, of Montreal, the architect of the new station to be erected here this coming spring.

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## Dreadnaught Tire Chains

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Although lower in price than some other kinds on the market, Dreadnaught Tire Chains are made to a quality standard that cannot be excelled, regardless of price.

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## SLEDS—SLEDS

Every boy—and girl too—must have a sled.

A snow shovel is another necessary winter toy. Let them have them and keep them out in the open—they'll be healthier and happier too.

Flexible Flyers—the steering sleds, \$2.50 to \$4.15

Boys' Clipper Sleds ..... 60c. to \$4.00

Girls' ..... \$1.10 to \$6.00

Snow Shovel—Wood and Steel, 25c., 30c. and 35c.

STORES OPEN 8:30 P.M.

CLOSE 5:55 P.M.

SATURDAY 10 P.M.

## A FINE LOT OF Children's Cloth and Silk Frocks

Greatly Reduced for a Quick Clearance

Sale Commences Thursday Morning in Children's Shop

These Frocks are of compelling interest to mothers of growing girls. Made of fashionable good wearing materials, and fashioned in smart girlish styles, youthful and gay, yet practical and sensible.

The price groupings below represent very unusual values.

At \$3.00

GIRLS' DRESSES in sizes 8, 10, 12 and 13 years. Only a limited number made from plaids and black and white checks, in bolero style with plain blue collars and vestes, or straight line effect with leather belt.

At \$4.00

Sizes 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 years. Among these are Navy Serge Sailor Dresses trimmed with red; Navy Bolero Dresses with pockets and colored piping; also Straight Dresses with belts and wool embroidery.

At \$6.00

Copen and Navy Serge Dresses of fine quality. Some are fashioned in empire style with pockets and wool embroidery trimmings; others are smartly styled with pleated skirts and belts of various widths. Sizes are 6, 7, and 8 years only.

At \$8.00

Brown, Navy, Copen and Burgundy Serges; also checks of different colors. Many are belted and pocketed and have smart trimmings of rows of wool embroidery. Regulation navy serge "Peter Thompson" style also included. Sizes are 6, 8 and 10 years.

At \$12.00

Regulation Navy Serge Dresses, trimmed with red or black; also Brown or Navy Serge Frocks in straight effects or overblouse styles; many handsomely embroidered in colors. Sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12 years.

At \$16.00

Exceptionally smart Dresses in 8 and 10 year sizes only. These have accordian pleated skirts and effective trimmings of rose or green silk stitching.

## Silk Frocks at Wonderful Bargains to Clear

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