

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Fresh to strong northwesterly to westerly winds; fair, much the same temperature.
Toronto, Dec. 3. - Light snow and sleet has fallen today in the Maritime Provinces, but elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine and mild.

AROUND THE CITY

Hole in Sidewalks. The police report a dangerous hole in the sidewalk on Albert street near Main, requiring the attention of the street department.
Arrested for Assault. George Lifton, aged 27 years, was arrested yesterday on the charge of assault. Francis Cole was given in charge last evening by his wife who claims that he assaulted her.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL ON STEALING CHARGE

Thomas McNeil Committed to Higher Court by Magistrate Ritchie-Hennessy Case Continued.

In the case of Charles McNeil charged with stealing several articles from the Russian laborers, Thomas Williams, a blacksmith, at Courtenay Bay, testified in the police court yesterday that he bought the stolen watch for fifty cents from McNeil. Isaac Hammond testified that he saw the stolen articles, which consisted of a watch, two razors and a pair of scissors, in the prisoner's room. McNeil was committed for trial. Mr. J. A. Barry appeared for the defendant. The case against David Hennessy, charged with resisting arrest and cutting Officer Anderson on the nose, was taken up. The officer testified that he, with a man who had complained against Hennessy, met him on Charlotte street, and when he went to arrest Hennessy he drew a knife on a cut him on the nose.

LETTER TWO MONTHS ON ITS WAY HERE

Dr. L. A. Langstroth, who is the proud possessor of a costly collection of stamps, has received some very old and rare envelopes with the addresses and the stamps on them. They were at one time the property of Mr. Lowery, the keeper of the racket court on Leinster street, some years ago. One of the envelopes bears an address and the postage stamp showing that it had been mailed from Maryborough, Australia, on July 10th, 1857. It reached Melbourne on July 10th. Arrived in Liverpool, Eng., on September 6th, 1857 and did not reach the St. John post office until September 29th, 1857. The post marks show that the letter had been carried by the Royal Mail Ship Europa, via Marselles, and it took two months and six pence to bring it from the sender to St. John. It was a registered letter and had taken about two months in its journey.

Canadian Club. Tomorrow evening at 6.15, at Bond's Dr. J. W. Robertson, chairman of the Royal Commission on Industrial Training and Technical Education, will address the Canadian Club on a Development Policy for New Brunswick.

TOOK SHARE OF BURDEN, SHOULD NOT LOSE REPRESENTATION

Premier Fleming Gives Interesting Address, at Borden Club, on Question of Maritime Representation - Fathers of Confederation Never Intended Number Should be Reduced.

Hon. J. K. Fleming gave an interesting address on the question of Maritime representation, before a meeting held under the auspices of the Borden Club in their rooms over the Victoria alleys last evening. Other speakers were Hon. J. A. Murray, Hon. John E. Wilson and H. W. Woods of Welsford. The vice-president, W. H. Harrison, opened the meeting with a brief speech. Fruits of Wise Government. Hon. J. A. Murray, when called upon for a speech, said he felt that all that he should be required to do was to introduce other members of the legislature. He said the local government was trying to administer the affairs of the province in a sane, businesslike manner, and the results were creditable to its efforts. The territorial revenues have been increased about \$200,000. Increases in marriage licenses showed a more general prosperity. Speaking of the Valley Railway, Mr. Murray said it was a work of magnitude, and had and was receiving the best consideration of the government. Engineering difficulties had been met with in connection with the bridging of the St. John river: the old government started a railway at Norton and ended it in the woods; the present government did not propose to start a bridge and be compelled to abandon it when half way across the river. But the government would see that the Valley Railway came into St. John by the best practical route. Referring to the question of Maritime representation in the Dominion parliament, Mr. Murray said Premier Fleming was doing his utmost to protect the province, adding that as the resources of the provinces were developed and the people realized their opportunities, there would be an increase in population that would probably prevent further reductions of our representation. J. Starr Tait, the president of the club, then introduced Premier Fleming.

Have Borne Our Share.

Continuing Mr. Fleming pointed out that the west had assumed the burden of building the C. P. R. and developing the western country and should not be asked to suffer in consequence of its desire to be national in its outlook. Not only had the east given its treasury to develop the west, it had given its men and women. In order to deal with the problem which will arise in future the bonds of Canadian unity must be drawn closer, and there must be a spirit of give and take. If the west is "notwithstanding that you of the east gave of your treasure and youth to buy and develop the west, still we must have a line which will reduce your representation," that would be a blow at the Canadian spirit in the east. The Premier said that the question should be decided not on its legal merits, but as a matter between brothers. Not much satisfaction had been obtained at the interprovincial conference. The matter would be taken before parliament, and nothing would be left undone to conserve the right of the Maritime Provinces. Population was not everything. The eastern provinces in entering the confederation gave up their entire made sacrifices for the good of the whole. The money of these provinces had been used to purchase vast areas of land. The eastern provinces had a proprietary right in such lands, but it had been given to the other provinces. For that these provinces demanded compensation.

Address Appreciated.

W. H. Harrison moved a vote of thanks to the Premier, saying that those who had heard his presentation of the matter would feel that the case for New Brunswick was in safe hands. The motion was carried by a standing vote. Hon. John E. Wilson made a brief speech. He said he was absolutely confident that the Valley Railway would be built in a way that would be in the best interests of St. John. Referring to the work of Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Mr. Fleming, he said few people realized the nature of the work they had had to do when they took over the tangled affairs of the province and declared these two men would occupy a high position in the history of the province. In conclusion Mr. Wilson sang as representative of the city his chief interest was in serving the city of St. John. J. B. M. Baxter was called upon for a speech, but asked that H. W. Woods of Welsford be given an opportunity to speak in his place. Should Get Together. H. W. Woods, M. L. A., of Queens county, in the course of a brief speech suggested that in view of the importance of the question of Maritime representation to St. John, another to New Brunswick generally, and a third to matters of educational, religious and social nature, and material particularly appropriate to the Christmas season.

Maritime Representation.

Continuing Mr. Fleming took up the subject of Maritime representation, and told of the work of the conference recently held at Ottawa, paying a tribute to the ability displayed by Premier Mathieson, of P. E. I., at that conference. In 1907 the parliament of Canada considered the question of representation, and decided to get the opinion of the provinces, and in accordance with that decision it had been taken up, but the other provinces showed little disposition to recognize the claims of the Maritime Provinces.

New Brunswick's Loss.

If no remedy would be provided New Brunswick would lose two members in the House of Commons if a redistribution bill was passed on the basis of population. Mr. Fleming contended that the Fathers of Confederation never intended that the representatives of the Maritime Provinces should be reduced.

Will be Brightest and Newest Ever Published in St. John - An Additional Half Section Decided Upon Yesterday to Give Advertisers who Delayed Another Opportunity.

The Christmas edition of The Standard was practically ready for the press yesterday, but as a number of articles of more than ordinary interest were offered for publication, it has been decided to add a half section of eight pages to the paper originally proposed. This means that there will still be opportunity for advertisers who have not yet decided. The paper will consist of something in the vicinity of seventy pages, filled from front to back with special articles on different phases of life in New Brunswick. One section is devoted to St. John, another to New Brunswick generally, and a third to matters of educational, religious and social nature, and material particularly appropriate to the Christmas season. While it is not the intention of The Standard to hustle around for any number of advertising orders being furnished on hand to complete the paper, still there may be some who after it is issued will feel that they have missed a good opportunity, and it is for the benefit of these that this advice is now given. No copy of any sort will be accepted after tomorrow.

ARRANGED UNDER AUSPICES WOMENS' CANADIAN CLUB - HISTORY OF FORT HOWE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING.

The historic evening under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club will be held on the evening of December 12. The York Theatre has been secured for the purpose, and invitations are being sent out to the Mayor and Commissioners, Board of Trade, Historical Society, Loyalist Society, Men's Canadian Club, Daughters of the Empire, Natural History Society, Art Club, Playgrounds Association, Women's Council and other organizations, to attend what it is hoped to make a memorable event.

Under Auspices Womens' Canadian Club - History of Fort Howe will be Discussed at Meeting.

A very largely attended meeting of the Women's Canadian Club was held yesterday morning at the home of Mrs. James H. Frink, with the President, Mrs. E. A. McManus, in the chair, and discussed the whole question of arrangements for the historic evening. Not only will the programme deal with historic incidents concerning Fort Howe, related by competent speakers, but this will be supplemented by a series of views showing old Fort Howe and its surroundings, as the place as it appears today with its present environment. It is also hoped to have prepared under the direction of William McIntosh an Indian tableau representing the signing of the famous Indian treaty which was signed on Fort Howe. There will be appropriate music, and the evening will be not only one of the most important held under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club, but the members hope that it will deepen public interest in Fort Howe and its history, and the project of converting the place into a public park. A letter has been sent to J. E. Harkin, Dominion Commissioner of Parks and Playgrounds, asking him if possible to be present that evening, and get in touch with local societies and learn for himself the story of the old fort.

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TOYS. Our Toy Department is full of the very latest novelties. Come in and pay it a visit and bring the children. Mechanical Toys, Games, Meccano, Dolls' Furniture, Dolls, Rocking Horses. W.H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

Winter Weather Is Now With Us - Are You Prepared? Let us suggest that you get ready for it. We have a big selection of First Quality Rubber Footwear in Overshoes and Rubbers for Men, Women and Children. GET YOUR RUBBERS AND GAITERS NOW. Do your Christmas Shopping early. Our lines for this in Hockey Boots, Felts, etc., are now complete. Slater Shoe Shop - 81 King St.

Make It Their Happiest Christmas. This is what your boy or girl will tell you if their gifts include a SLED, FRAMER, OR TOBOGGAN. Boys' Sleds, 30c to \$5.00. Girls' Framers, 40c to \$3.00. Speedway Flyers, \$1.50 to \$7.75. TOBOGGANS. A large assortment, 3 ft. to 8 ft. Prices \$1.50 to \$10.00. SHOP EARLY. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Sale of Blankets and Down Quilts Continued This Morning IN THE HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT. Men's High-Grade Flannel Shirts. Our High Grade Flannel Shirts will afford perfect comfort. They are very popular with business and office men and also have grades suitable for those engaged at outdoor employment. Shirts are custom made with extra large roomy bodies, full yokes, gusseted and double stitched seams. The assortment is large and the values undoubtedly the best shown anywhere. Fine English Flannels, plain and striped with double cuffs and some with separate double collars. Prices \$1.50 to \$3.75. Fancy Flannels with sateen neck bands, no collar. Prices \$1.75 to \$2.50. Fancy Flannels with reversible collars. Prices \$1.00 to \$2.00. Plain Grey Flannels, light, medium and heavy weights, with separate double collars or collars attached. Prices \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Men's and Boys' Winter Underwear. Before purchasing heavier weights in underwear come and inspect our variety which is the largest in Eastern Canada. Men's Union Shirts and Drawers, Sizes 32 to 44. Per gar. 65c. Men's All-Wool Shirts and Drawers, Sizes 32 to 44. Per gar. 65c. Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, Sizes 32 to 44. Per garment 95c. to \$1.15. Men's Extra Fine Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, a very popular medium weight unshrinkable. Sizes 34 to 48. Per garment \$1.00 to \$1.50. Men's Heavy Weight Fine Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, in two qualities, unshrinkable. Size 34 to 48. Per garment \$1.25 to \$2. Men's Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, in three qualities. Size 32 to 46. Per gar. 50c., 60c., 75c. Men's Elastic Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, in nine of the most popular weights at the lowest possible prices. Sizes 32 to 48. Per gar. 75c., to \$1.75. Boys' Heavy Union Shirts and Drawers, Sizes 22 to 32. Per garment 40c. to 60c. Boys' Extra Fine Union Shirts and Drawers, Sizes 22 to 32. Per garment 50c. to 80c. Small d'oyles to large size covers, in all conceivable shapes. Price five cents to \$5.75 per piece. They have two hundred of one special centrepiece which they are willing to sell at twenty-five cents. They also have another very special centrepiece that is priced fifty cents. One term, both round and square, of the pure linen centre with the edge of hand-work embroidery. They have a special sale on of pure linen crash table covers, embroidered in colored silk. Price forty-two cents.

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