

THE WEATHER

Forecasts

Maritime—Winds, increasing to gales, from southwest; mild with occasional rain.

Toronto Jan. 21.—A moderate disturbance is centred tonight near Lake Superior and a severe cold wave is spreading into the western provinces from the northward. The weather has been quite mild from the Great Lakes eastward, with light rain in many parts of Canada.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Forecast: Northern New England—Rain Saturday; Sunday rain or snow, south and southwest winds.

Temperatures

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	30	38
Kamloops	8	22
Calgary	22	31
Edmonton	28	22
Battleford	22	22
Prince Albert	16	24
Regina	12	20
Winnipeg	6	22
Port Arthur	28	32
Perry Sound	34	40
London	35	50
Toronto	36	46
Kingston	34	42
Ottawa	26	36
Montreal	26	38
Quebec	16	30
St. John	24	34
Halifax	20	32

*—Below zero.

Around the City

Property Sale Today
The Raynes property in Fairville will be sold at public auction at noon today at Chubb's corner by T. T. Lantulum. Hope is a chance for the investment. See advertisement.

Trades and Labor Council.
The Trades and Labor Council held a meeting last night and considered a number of matters of routine nature. The election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

Arrested for Vagrancy.
Daniel Joshua, a colored man well known about the city, was arrested last night on a charge of vagrancy. He will be examined later as to his mental condition.

DeMolay Preceptory.
The regular meeting of Saint John DeMolay Preceptory No. 3 A Knights Templars was held last night in Masonic Hall, Germain street. There was a large attendance of members and degrees were confirmed.

Wedding Anniversary.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Watters, of 60 St. Patrick street, who today celebrate the 51st anniversary of their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Watters are enjoying splendid health and prospects are bright for their celebrating many more anniversaries.

Concert in Municipal Home.
In keeping with their custom of past years the members of the City Cornet Band last evening gave a concert for the inmates of the Municipal Home. The programme of the evening was well arranged and nicely rendered and all those present richly enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

A Military Funeral.
The funeral of Sergeant Kenneth Blair, Sunday, will be a military one and it is expected that detachments from all the units in the city will be present. All the returned soldiers in the city are asked to meet at the recruiting rooms, Germain street, in uniform Sunday at 2:15 p.m. to attend the funeral.

The New Evangeline Home.
Col. Jacobs of the Salvation Army headquarters was in the city yesterday and went to Halifax last night. When asked about the transfer of the Evangeline Home to the militia department, he said that was one of the things he was going to Halifax to attend to and there was nothing definite to say until he had seen the authorities there.

"Some" House.
A report was received by the Board of Health yesterday that the house 211 Brunswick street, is in an unsanitary condition. It was stated that the water pipes were frozen, that the closets were shut off from the sewer, and that a dead dog had been in the dwelling since some time last summer. S. M. Wetmore, agent of the S.P.C.A., reported the matter to the board.

Many Sleighting Parties Out.
The excellent sleighting and mild weather gave many people great enjoyment last night. A number of large sleighting parties were conducted and one large four horse sleigh containing a happy crowd of young ladies and gentlemen went as far as the Clairmont House at Torriburn, where a supper and dance was enjoyed.

Sunday's Meeting.
The meeting Sunday night at the Imperial is to be returned soldiers' night and will be for men only. All returned wounded soldiers in the city are invited to be present and take seats on the platform. Capt. Tilley, recruiting officer for New Brunswick, will preside. The Imperial orchestra will provide music. A. W. Baird will give a patriotic recitation. The speakers will be: Sergt. Major George Dalzell, Lance Corporal Stewart, returned soldiers, and Rev. N. A. McNeill, a visiting clergyman.

WINTER PORT BUSINESS IS VERY BRISK

Arrival of additional tonnage reducing freight blockade—Great season's trade expected.

Winter traffic here is flourishing just now, and freight is being handled more expeditiously, due to the arrival of additional tonnage, the blockade being materially reduced in volume. Commissioner Russell, who has been devoting much of his time and attention towards improving shipping conditions across the harbor, said last evening that the situation was now very satisfactory on the West Side. Traffic thus far has been much heavier than during the same period last season.

Lack of trans-Atlantic tonnage has been a handicap at all ports along the Atlantic seaboard, where heavy shipments of grain await transportation. In St. John the situation has been rapidly improving for a week, until now steamers are coming and going with more degree of regularity than was the case several weeks ago. Some of the vessels have hampered shippers and harbor officials by persisting in consuming much time on the runs across the ocean. The weather has been boisterous and as much as 23 days have been required for voyages.

The New Zealand steamer which arrived yesterday was soon provided with a berth by Commissioner Russell and the harbor master, Frank D. Alward. Arrangements were also made yesterday for the immediate docking of the Donaldson line steamer and two Canadian Pacific freight boats which were reported approaching the harbor last night.

Commissioner Russell is very much pleased with the situation on the West Side and looks for a splendid season's record for winter port traffic.

The South African liner Bantu docked at the I. C. R. pier yesterday morning. The arrival of vessels from New Zealand and South Africa will be learned with interest by shipping men, as there had been rumors current on the opening of the winter port season that there was a possibility that South Africa and New Zealand liners might not come here this year. Work on these liners is eagerly sought by the dockmen, as the steamers carry huge cargoes of package freight.

The New Zealand Line service from St. John holds the world's record for the number of automobiles floated in a single vessel in the regular trade. All vessels carried big lots of automobiles from St. John, several taking over 400 cars on the voyage east.

General activity is reported along the water front.

Two other steamers docked yesterday. Consul Barranco of Cuba has furnished the Board of Trade with a statement of exports and imports from St. John to Cuba ports during 1915. The consul remarks:

"I am gratified to see that the trade between St. John and Cuba has been greater this past year than the previous ones, but with proper transportation facilities the increase could have been much larger.

"I reiterate again to you that there are excellent opportunities for the sale of New Brunswick potatoes and fish in the markets of the Island Republic, and if the merchants of the city and province will take advantage of these opportunities, a large trade can be built up between this city and Cuba."

The statement for the year shows 8,178 bags of potatoes, valued at \$13,651.70; 16,042 bbls. potatoes, value, \$36,976.70; 528 drums codfish, \$47,888.50; 217 drums haddock, \$2,097.50; 1,362 drums hake, \$7,121; 1,375 drums herring, \$1,028.25; 561 drums dried fish, \$2,110; 20 boxes sardines, \$60; 31 drums pollock, \$147; a total of \$67,069.65.

Three schooners and two steamers cleared through the consul's office for Cuban ports during 1915.

ST. JOHN PHYSICIAN MAKES NOVEL TRIP

Dr. M. Case motored to Wickham on ice in response to urgent call.

A rather novel trip was made yesterday by Dr. M. Case of this city when he motored over the ice of the river up to Wickham, making the trip an exceptionally good time. The doctor was called to Wickham to attend Councillor C. D. Case of that place who is suffering with a severe attack of pneumonia. Dr. Case motored to Torriburn then to the Willows, through to Kingston's Creek and then made his way over the ice of the main river, making the through trip from the city in an hour and twenty minutes. There was a good coating of snow over the ice and the going was good except in a few places where the snow of the last few days had drifted. No great difficulty, however, was experienced in making the trip and return to the city by the same route was made before dark.

WELL KNOWN BUSINESS FIRM TO BE WOUND UP

Affairs of A. B. Smalley & Son placed in hands of Sheriff Wilson as Assignee.

High Sheriff A. A. Wilson was selected as assignee of the bankrupt Prince Wm. St. firm of A. B. Smalley & Son, watchmakers, jewellers and opticians, at a meeting of creditors held yesterday at the office of Burton L. Gerow, F. R. Taylor and John F. H. Teed were decided upon as inspectors.

The closing of the well known house occurred shortly after the mysterious disappearance last month of A. B. Smalley, head of the firm. It is not known positively whether Mr. Smalley is alive or dead and this lack of information is having an important bearing on the liquidation of the firm. It could be legally proved that he is living it might be necessary to wind up the estate under the creditors' relief act, as the deed of assignment would not be effective.

Sheriff Wilson will take charge of affairs at once and the executors are already in his hands.

No offer of a compromise was laid before the meeting, but the creditors appear to feel that they would be satisfied if they could get fifty cents on the dollar. The liabilities are heavy. Thus far it has been impossible to prepare an accurate statement of them or of the assets. The estate consists of the stock in the closed store, two house properties in St. John, and a number of western town lots of uncertain value.

Among those present were Mr. Gerow, Fred R. Taylor, representing the Bank of Nova Scotia; H. P. Pudding, representing other creditors, and Mr. Eastwood, head of the Eastwood Co. of Sydney, another creditor.

The affairs of the firm are in a mixed condition and it will take months to straighten them out.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AFTER QUARREL

Elizabeth Stackhouse tried to poison herself in Rockwood Park.

Yesterday morning a nineteen year old girl named Elizabeth Stackhouse, who resides on St. Patrick street, had some family differences with the result that she left her home stating that she intended to do away with herself. After leaving home her father became alarmed and notified police headquarters. Sergeant Caples went along the shore of Courtenay Bay in search of the girl, while the father went out to Rockwood Park. The father was successful in finding his daughter in the park, but not before she had swallowed some poisonous drink. The girl appeared very ill but was able to walk home. Dr. Baxter was summoned and gave her attention. Last night Dr. Baxter informed The Standard that the girl had recovered.

Yesterday afternoon when Detectives Barrett and Briggs called at the Stackhouse home for the purpose of taking the girl into custody on a charge of attempted suicide, she was too ill to be removed.

GERMANS TAKEN TO AMPHERST

The four German prisoners who were brought to the city from St. Stephen Thursday night and lodged in cells at police headquarters, were at noon yesterday taken over to the internment camp at Amherst under escort of a military guard. In The Standard yesterday it was announced that word had been received that some of the Germans had nearly gained their liberty by prying the window of the guard house. Last night Chief of Police Gibson and his assistants formed The Standard that two of the Germans were detained in the St. Stephen jail and were safe, but it was the two who were locked up in the Milltown guard house that pried the window clear and very nearly made their escape.

Good ice and band at Victoria Rink this afternoon.

Crepe Fallie.
Most ladies like something different, exclusive, that which stands out from the ordinary kind. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing a fine sheer material called crepe fallie. It has a richer appearance than the crepe de chine, has more body and will wear very much better. The price is no higher, \$1.35 for the double width quality—in all shades. This material is suitable for waists, dresses and trimmings.

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J. A. WHEATON PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Death came suddenly to well known railway contractor—Out on Monday.

John A. Wheaton, who for many years was one of the best known railway contractors of Eastern Canada and Maine, died yesterday afternoon at his home on Bentley street. He had not been ill for any length of time and was out walking last Monday. Death was due to the infirmities of old age.

John A. Wheaton was born at Wheaton Settlement, Parish of Salsbury, Westmorland Co., in 1838. He was brought up on a farm and at an early age showed an aptitude for business. When a young man he entered the employment of a railroad contractor after the construction of the European and North American railroad from St. John to Shediac, which road was built as a link of the system under the same name which extended to Bangor. Eventually the Intercolonial, New Brunswick railway and Maine Central took over the system, the Canadian Pacific later purchasing the New Brunswick Company's property.

Mr. Wheaton became associated with E. P. Clark and A. E. Trites of Salsbury and engaged in the construction of thousands of miles of railroad bed and track in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Maine.

He built the northern division of the Intercolonial in his younger days of contracting. He also constructed the Albert road from Salsbury to Albert and Alma, known as the Harvey and Salsbury; the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island road, from Sackville to Cape Tormentine, of which Lieut. Gov. Josiah Wood of Sackville was the principal shareholder and which is now part of the Canadian Government Railway system; the Cape Traverse branch of the Prince Edward Island railway of the Canadian Government system, the Petfordiac, Elgin and Havelock road, between the places named in Westmorland, Albert and Kings Counties, the Moncton and Buctouche road, from Moncton to Buctouche, Westmorland and Kent Counties; Central, later the New Brunswick Coal and Railway's property, from Norton, Kings Co., to Chipman, Queens Co., leased to the Canadian Pacific road which extended the line to Fredericton; Inverness and Richmond road in Cape Breton, and a section of the Bangor and Aroostook road in Maine.

Mr. Wheaton came to St. John about 20 years ago. He is survived by a wife, six sons, four daughters, five sisters and a brother. The sons are: Freeze of Belleisle Station, Kings Co.; Hartley of Seymour, Conn.; Myles of Buctouche, Trueman, John and Herman of this city. The daughters are: Mrs. W. B. Carson of Norton, Mrs. J. McCready of Simcoo, Ont.; Mrs. D. F. Sinclair, of Duke street, this city, and Miss Fanny, at home.

The sisters are Mrs. John Miller of Carleton Place; Mrs. Henry Campbell of Salsbury; Mrs. Thomas Cochrane of Lutz Mountain, Westmorland County; Mrs. Zephia Bleakney and Mrs. Abraham Steeves, both of Wheaton Settlement.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF INDECENT CONDUCT

Captain John Smith, who claims that he is in command of a tug boat on the river, was arrested at his home in Advocate, N. S., was arrested yesterday afternoon for disgraceful actions on Carleton street. After hearing the evidence Smith was remanded to jail until today, being unable to get fifty dollars bail.

It was shortly after one o'clock that Alex. Long, the driver of the patrol wagon noticed Smith on Carleton street insulting young girls who were on their way to school. Mr. Long caught hold of Smith with the intention of conveying him to the police station. Smith resisted and struck Long on the face with the result that Long struck back. There was a clench but Long held on, and was assisted by George Jackson and Herbert Alward. Shortly before Long caught hold of Smith a telephone message had been received at police headquarters telling of the occurrence. Detectives Barrett and Briggs answered the call and arrived on the scene in time to relieve Long, Jackson and Alward who were tussling with the prisoner. The detectives took Smith to the police station.

In court Smith said he had nothing to say about the matter except that he did not remember committing the offence. He said that he roomed on Duke street.

Commissioner McLeellan, who was in court, stated that the police department had received complaints about a man who was frightening women and girls on Duke street at night, and the description given resembled the prisoner. The case will be disposed of this morning.

Good ice and band at Victoria Rink this afternoon.

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