

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Pressure is decidedly low tonight over Lake Superior and highest in the North Pacific States. The weather has been for the most part fair today over Canada, very mild in the western provinces and moderately cold from Ontario eastward.

Prince Rupert	40	44
Victoria	40	48
Calgary	28	42
Moose Jaw	28	37
London	2	23
Toronto	2	23
Kingston	2	16
Ottawa	0	12
Quebec	0	12
St. John	10	18
Halifax	18	26

Forecasts

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, shifting to south and southwest, generally fair and moderately cold today, then becoming milder.

Northern New England—Cloudy and warmer Friday; Saturday, fair, moderate variable winds becoming south and southwest, and increasing Friday afternoon.

AROUND THE CITY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The boards of trade of Toronto and of Vancouver have wired their Christmas greetings to the St. John board.

PRETTY CALENDAR.

The Standard has received a very pretty calendar from the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, R. F. Wright, acting manager.

THE MESSENGERS OF GREETINGS.

The Western Union and C.P.R. Telegraph Companies have special telegram blanks for the Holiday Season, while the Messengers have special holiday cards for their customers.

GAILY DECORATED.

The Japanese steamship Tokuta Maru, lying at the Pettibon wharf, was decorated from stem to stern yesterday in honor of Christmas day. The ship is loading grain for Greece.

GIVEN THEIR LIBERTY.

Seven defaulters were released from the county jail on Wednesday, taken to military headquarters where they were granted their discharge and given transportation home.

LOOKING FOR BROTHER.

James Walsh, now of Seattle, who left this province with his mother Elizabeth Walsh, for the United States in the year 1868, when he was about five years of age, is now in the city enquiring as to the whereabouts of his brother, Michael Walsh, and his mother's brother, Michael Carton and will be pleased if any person who knows anything about either of these persons or kin will give the information to the Commissioner of Harbors, City Hall.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.

A meeting of the creditors of Calvin W. Urquhart, a trucker, of Victoria Lane, was held on Tuesday afternoon in the law office of G. E. Burke Logan, Mr. Urquhart had previously made an assignment to Miles B. Innes for the benefit of his creditors. The appointment of Mr. Innes as assignee was confirmed and C. S. Huntington and Leonard A. Conlon were appointed inspectors. The liabilities amount to about three thousand dollars. It will be impossible to determine the amount of the assets until the next meeting. Adjourned until December thirtieth at three p.m. at Mr. Logan's office.

THE POLICE COURT.

A session of the police court was held early Wednesday morning to enable Magistrate Ritchie to leave on the early train for St. Stephen to spend the holiday.

Frank Tennant, arrested by Inspector McAlister and Merryman on Tuesday night for having liquor in his possession, was remanded to jail.

Thomas Grant, given in charge by Max Shecter, 125 Mill street, for stealing five pairs of moccasins valued at \$12 was also remanded.

William Cosmeak was up on his old familiar charge of vagrancy. He was remanded.

Three drunks appeared in court. One was taken to the hospital on the order of the jail doctor. The other two were sent below.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

L. R. Ross, local terminal agent of the C. N. R., received the following telegram this morning:

All Employees

Toronto, December 24th, 1919.

In this Christmas message I desire to express my hearty appreciation of the co-operative efforts of officers and employees who with gratifying results have worked hard to make the first year of the Canadian National Railways one of progress and success. During the New Year let us keep up the good work and show that Government owned railways in Canada can be operated efficiently. I do not believe that personal incentive and ambition are eliminated from the make-up of our officials and employees because they work for the Government. You may rest assured that the opportunities for promotion are yours and that good work will be recognized and rewarded. In a spirit of good will I extend the wish that a full measure of happiness be yours at this Christmas season and that well being attend you throughout the New Year.

D. B. HANNA, President.

Portrait agents wanting good prints and finishes—lowest prices on frames—ask for catalogue, United Art Co., 4 Brunswick Ave., Toronto.

Skating this afternoon. Admission fifteen cents. Skating this evening, with band.

SANTA CLAUS VISITED MANY LOCAL INSTITUTIONS YESTERDAY

East St. John County Hospital, General Public, Provincial Memorial Home, Boys' Industrial, Municipal Home, Orphans' Home, Children's Aid and Others Were Made Brighter on Christmas Day.

This year Santa Claus visited not only nearly every St. John home, but made a special call at the various institutions, and at each place the day was spent pleasantly, and in the case of the Children's Homes most joyously.

At the East St. John County Hospital the whole institution was decorated with greenery and bells, the entrance hall having a large Union Jack conspicuously placed. The Young Women's Patriotic Association took charge of the Soldiers' Wing, under the direction of Miss Beatrice Frink. In the children's ward a beautiful tree was provided by the Douglas Avenue Red Cross Circle. This was discovered by the children on Christmas morning and bore for the little patients all sorts of delightful gifts. They also found well-filled stockings by their beds.

At 8 o'clock Christmas Eve Santa Claus appeared in person and delivered presents from the trees which decorated each ward. Each soldier in the Soldiers' wing received a filled stocking from the Red Cross Society and from the Knights of Columbus Hospital Committee. The children's stockings were provided by the Red Cross.

The Mayor and Mrs. Hayes visited the Hospital yesterday afternoon. Only one or two of the soldiers returned to their homes for Christmas, and the day passed very pleasantly. All the patients were allowed to visit one another, and visitors were allowed all day, no rest hours being observed at 12:30 a splendid dinner was served with menu and favor. All the up-patients were seated at nicely decorated tables set in the wards and waited on by the nurses. There are ninety patients at the Hospital, and all ninety patients of the kindness shown by the many societies and friends who made it possible for such an enjoyable time to be spent.

On Christmas Eve Miss Lawlor's class from the Cathedral choir, accompanied by Mrs. McCarty, sang carols outside both the soldiers' and civilians' wings. Afterwards they gave some much enjoyed music in the stoptail. Yesterday afternoon music was also rendered.

A Christmas gift of a piano was made possible by Miss Anna Haley, of the K. C. Hospital Committee, the fund being completed by \$125 being sent through Mayor Hayes from the J. Fred Belyea Fund for Soldiers and Patients. This fine instrument has been placed in the recreation room furnished by the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E., and will be the source of much pleasure. The generous gifts of the institution, for which Dr. Farris and the staff are so deeply grateful, will be acknowledged later through the press.

General Public Hospital.

For the first time the hospital was decorated throughout with Christmas greenery by a committee from the Women's Hospital Aid, under the co-operation of Mrs. J. H. Doody. From the same society, stockings, containing all sorts of delicacies were provided for each patient, including the children's ward. Here, also, appropriate toys were sent by Miss Travers' committee of the Hospital Aid.

Prettily trimmed trees were placed in each ward, and the men were given, for the one day, the greatly appreciated privilege of smoking in the wards. Many visitors came to see their friends during the day.

At noon a dinner was served, whose bill of fare included turkey as well as all the usual Christmas articles. In the children's ward a very lovely tree, loaded with every kind of useful presents, including boots, dresses, hats, caps, books and toys. Each child received a sled and each girl a small rocking chair.

Chief Justice McKeown introduced Santa Claus, impersonated by Dr. James Manning, president of the Home. Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. G. O. Akerley, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kerr, Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Rev. W. R. Robinson assisted in the distribution of gifts. Those present were addressed by L. Potts, M. L. A., Dr. Manning, Francis Kerr, Mrs. Akerley, and Rev. W. R. Robinson. The matron, Mrs. O'Brien, and the nurse, Miss Brown, were handsomely remembered and the children gave three cheers for the matron.

Mayor Hayes and a number of visitors inspected the Home and expressed themselves delighted with it. The Board of Directors are most grateful to all who contributed towards yesterday's celebration.

Boys' Industrial Home.

The boys themselves got from the woods two large Christmas trees and decorated the Home. Yesterday morning they found Christmas stockings, which they greatly enjoyed. A fine chicken dinner was served. In the evening from the Christmas trees were distributed gifts of sweaters, hockey sticks, games, books and a present of money. The gifts were presented to the thirty-two boys by the superintendent, A. J. Parker. Donations were received from the following: P. W. Daniel & Co., Waterbury & Rising, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, R. Morton Smith, Vassie & Co., Mrs. L. G. Crosby, Mrs. Louis Green, Mr. Leonard A. L. Goodwin, Scovill Bros., Mrs. E. Robertson, Mrs. D. W. Meserereau (Frederickton Junction), W. C. T. U., Mrs. Seymour, Miss Fox, Mrs. E.

Provincial Memorial Home.

The twenty-one children at the Provincial Memorial Home were given Christmas stockings crammed with toys, candies and nuts began the day for them. Then followed a dinner of chicken, plum pudding, jellies and all sorts of good things. At 4 in the afternoon the committee in charge of the Christmas tree called everybody to the children's playroom, where a large tree had been placed. It was splendidly trimmed, and bore all sorts of useful presents, including boots, dresses, hats, caps, books and toys. Each child received a sled and each girl a small rocking chair.

Children's Aid.

Christmas morning was a wonderful time of surprises for many thousands of little ones in St. John. It is doubtful, however, if the happiness of any, or all of them, was at all comparable to the feelings of the little girl in the Children's Aid Home, 48 Garden street. After she had had time to take in something of the glory of it all she exclaimed:

"Santa Claus never came where I lived before, but he comes here."

If all the ladies of Vancouver Chapter, I. O. D. E., who saw to it that the magnificent tree was well trimmed and loaded with such things as children prize; if all of the other ladies and gentlemen who contributed so freely of their time and means to ensure that when Santa Claus reached 48 Garden street he should be well loaded, all of them due to the nameless donor who left a pair of candy canes at the door late Christmas Eve could have heard the little girl exclaiming that in her artless way they would have been satisfied their usefulness was well rewarded. More than that, they would have carried a glow in their hearts that would have made them bolder through the 365 days of the coming year.

It is no use trying to describe Christmas in the Home in anything else than superlatives. They had everything that heart could wish, and had it in abundance. The day had been long looked forward to and prepared for. All the little ones had been keyed up to a high pitch of expectation, but the reality so far surpassed their most sanguine thoughts that words failed them and the din of trumpets, horns and other musical instruments supplied the deficiency. No one had been forgotten, and each had a well-filled stocking. All were happy, and for the day even the little ones who were sick forgot their ailments. Altogether Christmas day, 1919, will stand out as a red letter day in the history of the Children's Aid Home.

Besides the toys, however, many articles of substantial use were on the trees, including even little sweaters and mitts, warm and comfortable in the cold days ahead. Then most wonderful of all from far away Cuba J. D. O'Connell had sent thirty-two boxes of twenty-five cent scrip, one for each child and four more for the members of the staff.

Repairs for Hot Water and Steam Boilers. P. Campbell & Co., Prince William St.

AT STONE CHURCH.

It was announced at yesterday's service in Stone church that the Rev. H. Girling, who is expected to arrive on the S.S. Scandinavian, will preach at the Stone church next Sunday morning. Mr. Girling is a scholastic as well as a missionary, and has a most interesting story to tell of his adventures among the newly discovered tribes of the North Pole.

Was Killed Christmas Eve

Edward Thorpe While Returning Home to Mace's Bay Was Killed When Car Struck Rock—Was Former Policeman.

Killed on Christmas eve by the overturning of his car while on his way home with Christmas presents for relatives and friends was the sad fate of Edward Thorpe, of Mace's Bay, formerly of the police force of St. John. On an icy section of the Spruce Lake road near Armstrong's Mr. Thorpe's car skidded, struck a rock and turned over, falling down into a gully. That is the only explanation of the Christmas Eve tragedy which has shocked the community.

Mr. Thorpe came into the city Christmas Eve and did some shopping in the North End, buying Christmas gifts. On his return he stopped at G. D. Hanson's store in Fairville, where he bought some things, evidently intending to buy Christmas gifts. After wishing Mr. Hanson a Merry Christmas he got into his car and started for Mace's Bay.

About ten o'clock Mr. McCarthy, passing along the Spruce Lake road near Armstrong's noticed a car overturned at the side of the road, and on investigating found a man underneath dead, and with parcels done up in the festive manner of the Christmas season scattered around.

Dr. Keaney, the West Side coroner, was notified and the body was taken to Brennan's undertaking establishment on the West Side. Dr. Keaney stated last evening that he did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest, as his investigation had satisfied him that the death of Thorpe was quite accidental. Mr. Thorpe was on the police force of St. John for some time but resigned about six months ago. He was about thirty years of age and unmarried. He has been living with his mother at Mace's Bay. Besides his mother he leaves one brother and six sisters, most of whom are now residing in the United States.

"Mother" Tillotson Kindly Remembered

Official Visitor for G.W.V.A. Was Not Forgotten by War Veterans Who Look on Her With Pride.

The place held by Mrs. J. H. Tillotson in the hearts of the returned men was shown on Wednesday evening when she was asked to go to the great War Veterans Rooms on Westington Row. There she was presented with an address telling of the appreciation felt by the men for her faithful and earnest work among them which has earned for her the address was a table mirror and a cut glass vase filled with roses. The presentation was made by Sergeant Logan. Mrs. Tillotson was surprised but thanked the boys in her sincere way.

Mrs. Tillotson is the official visitor for the staff of employees on Wednesday evening, and is always ready and willing to assist any of the soldiers or their families in any way that it is possible for her to do. She is looked on as the "kind mother" to all the soldier boys, and will never be forgotten by those who went overseas.

PRESENTATION TO MANAGER W. C. MCKAY

Staff of Opera House Gave Manager a Real Surprise Christmas Eve—Performers and Staff Also Remembered.

The popular manager of the Opera House, Walter C. McKay, was not forgotten by his staff of employees on Wednesday evening, and he was given one of the greatest surprises of his life when his staff along with the performers and the orchestra assembled in his office, and David Latimer on behalf of his associates read the following address:

December 24th, 1919.

Mr. McKay, Opera House Manager.

Dear Mr. McKay—it affords me great pleasure at this season of the year to extend to you the greetings of your staff. We trust this expression of good will may assure you of our every day interest in you and the work in which we are endeavoring to assist you. We earnestly hope that this coming year may be one of continued success and prosperity in all you undertake. On behalf of myself and associates we wish to present you with this Christmas gift as a token of esteem.

Manager McKay was then presented with a seal cap and a large box of tobacco.

Mr. McKay was thoroughly surprised and made a brief address of thanks to those who were so thoughtful.

Mr. McKay did not forget every member of his staff who received from him a donation, while the actors and actresses performing at this popular theatre each received a Christmas present.

With music and song, and impromptu addresses a very enjoyable time was spent by those present in the theatre.

THE FESTIVITIES OF CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR SEASON

bring to the feminine mind the absolute necessity of a pretty Evening Frock, a dainty Blouse or smart Separate Skirt, or else the material needed for making same.

A visit to the Dryden store will fully demonstrate that needs of Miss St. John in this respect have been anticipated to the fullest degree.

In Ready-to-Wear the latest modes are always on display, and in yard goods the lovely Fallottes, Satins, Taffetas, and Georgettes will speak for themselves; and speaking of yard goods it is well to remember that it is at this store that the celebrated McCall Patterns are to be found—the best all-round patterns on the market to-day.

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You will like the Lovely Silk Undergarments showing for women at this store—They are exceedingly attractive and just the kinds you would wish to own—Included are

Night Dresses of crepe-de-chine and wash satin in flesh color and white. Some are tastefully trimmed with medallions, lace and ribbons, others are very plain.

Underskirts for dainty gowns. These are made of silk, crepe-de-chine and wash satin, lace trimmed and hemstitched.

Camisoles are in especially attractive styles. Fashioned of georgette, crepe-de-chine and wash satin and beautifully trimmed with lace, tucks and ribbons.

Silk Vests, Combinations and Bloomers in "Niagara Maid" and "Queen Quality."

Envelope Chemise are in an assortment of dainty styles and very attractively trimmed.

"Billy Burke" Pyjamas, made of crepe-de-chine and silk.

Wonderfully Pretty Silk Kimonos are developed in all the attractive boudoir shades. Some are in Slip-over styles, others fasten in front and are tastefully hand embroidered or hemmed with plaitings.

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