

THE WEATHER

Thursday, Dec. 3.—A shallow trough of low pressure extends from Lake Superior to the Southwest States and the weather is cloudy and mild over Western Ontario. It has been somewhat colder from the Ottawa Valley eastward, while in the Western Provinces the temperature has been fairly high.

St. John, 23 30  
Prince Rupert, 24 31  
Victoria, 44 50  
Kamloops, 28 48  
Calgary, 22 46  
Edmonton, 18 38  
Medicine Hat, 22 38  
Regina, 22 36  
Winnipeg, 28 32  
White River, 22 28  
London, 28 30  
Toronto, 28 40  
Ottawa, 18 28  
Montreal, 20 28  
Quebec, 16 24  
Halifax, 24 34

AROUND THE CITY

MILITARY NOTES  
Captain V. W. S. Heron of the Royal Canadian Regiment, Toronto, arrived in the city yesterday and reported to local military headquarters. He will assist in the reorganization and training of the St. John Fusiliers.

PROBATE COURT  
In the probate court the will of Arthur W. Adams was admitted and his widow confirmed as executrix. She is the sole beneficiary under the will. The estate was probated \$1,825.00 personalty. C. F. Sanford was proctor.

NEW LADDER TRUCK HERE  
The motor ladder truck ordered by the city arrived yesterday and will be used for the first time. This is the first of its kind to be put in operation in the maritime provinces and will add greatly to the efficiency of the department.

SAND POINT PROTECTION  
Commissioner Bluslock is preparing a chart of the sand point, and the fighting equipment at the west side docks. Three new boxes are being placed at sheds 7, 16 and 16. The government pay for the boxes but the city is placing them.

ENQUIRING ABOUT US  
A United States school girl in Free Water, Oregon, requests the St. John Board of Trade to send her the latest information about St. John "in the American language." A copy of the board report for 1920 in the English language was mailed to this youthful enquirer.

PORTLAND LODGE  
ELECTED OFFICERS  
Excellent Staff of Officers  
Chosen at Meeting by Sons of England Benefit Society.

Wholesale prices of pork and beef have slumped very appreciably. One wholesale dealer declared yesterday that hogs on the hoof have returned to what is practically their 1913 price. Pork and pork products at wholesale are from all reports on their way down toward that level.

Drop in Live Hogs  
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ENJOYABLE DANCE  
AT THE STUDIO  
A most enjoyable dance was held at the Studio, Germain street, yesterday evening, by Miss Edith Swetka, Miss Marion McCleary, Miss Violet Taylor, Miss Marion Ross and Miss Williamson. Over one hundred and fifty young people were present, and the cheerfulness on the occasion was Mrs. Geo. Stubbs, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Dickson.

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Christmas nuts, raisins and other holiday goodies will be cheaper in St. John this year than last, according to several wholesalers who were spoken to yesterday. Hog prices are practically down to 1913 level again, and beef has dropped seventeen cents since September last. Sugar has come down rapidly and, of course, everything of which sugar is a constituent will be cheaper, but the reduction in some other cases will not be so great. Candy prices have receded fully twenty per cent, in certain kinds.

The Decline  
The decline in the price of walnuts, almonds and filberts has been occurring since early in month of September. Wholesale at eighty cents per pound, filberts at thirty-five cents, almonds from thirty to thirty-five cents. Owing to the recession which has been in progress, walnuts may now be purchased by retailers at fifty-five cents per pound, filberts at twenty cents, and almonds at twenty-five cents. The only nut which has held its price is the Brazil, which varies from thirty to forty cents per pound, which is the same as that of last year. Practically all the present supplies of nuts in the hands of the local wholesalers are very small, however, and due to the shortness of the period intervening between now and Christmas, it is very problematical if any may be obtained here for the Yuletide season.

Fruit is Cheaper  
At the present time fruit is cheaper than it has been for some time; but a limited supply of oranges is on hand. The two kinds which are now in demand are the naval and Florida. About a year ago naval oranges were selling at a wholesale price ranging from \$7 to \$8 per case; while the present price is from \$8.50 to \$9. Florida oranges were purchased by the retailers over twelve months ago at approximately \$8 per case; but the price now is from \$7 to \$8. This is accountable to the fact that the season previous to last year was a big one, while a short crop last year has tended to slightly increase prices. However, the present crop, of which shipments are only about starting, is very large and should result in much cheaper oranges next year, but not at present prices.

Apply to Drop  
Apples may possibly be slightly lower, but if this occurs soon, it will likely take place after Christmas. Very little demand exists, it is said, for Northern Spies from Ontario, at the present prices, which are fairly high. Nova Scotia apples by the barrel and Washington box apples are being sold to retailers, the former at \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel, and the latter at \$4.25 to \$5 per box.

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Milk Prices Will Not Be Lowered

Dealers and Producers Now Blame Price of Hay for Keeping Milk at 17c Quart  
Whatever hope the mothers of St. John might have had for a lowering in the price of milk in the near future seem doomed to failure. Dealers and producers both state that while the price of feed has gone down, the price of hay has gone up, and they therefore are no better off than when they paid 15 cents a quart of milk to seventeen cents a quart. Several of the dealers claim that if the price of milk was to be lowered there would not be enough profit in the business to warrant continuing it. They state that hay at present is very high and that while feed is lower the quality is poor.

Prices of Hay  
The market quotations do not bear the milkmen out when they say that the price of hay has balanced the drop in feed. In September pressed hay was quoted at \$35 a ton, and the present price asked is \$40, a rise of five dollars.

Sell at a Loss  
It was stated by the producers when they last raised the price of milk that when there came a sufficient drop in the price of feed they would sell milk back at the old prices. Some of the small grocery shops around the city who handle milk are selling it at the present time at lower prices than asked by the dealers, but milkmen claim that the grocers make up in the sale of other articles whatever money they drop in the milk transactions. They stoutly maintain that the present price is the very lowest at which they can sell milk and still make a reasonable profit.

Lemon Extract Case In Court

Harry Kent Allowed to Go—Advised Not to Deal in Lemon Only for Cooking.  
Harry Kent, grocer, of 77 Brussels street was allowed to leave the police court yesterday, after promising the magistrate to have nothing further to do with lemon extract except for cooking purposes. Kent was charged with refusing to let a police officer look at lemon extract register in which he is required by the Prohibition Authorities to register all extracts sold. The magistrate pointed out to the defendant that it was the duty of a police officer to see that all provincial, federal and imperial laws were properly carried out. He said it was a serious offence to disobey a policeman, and resistance to a police officer was a much more serious offense than resistance to an ordinary citizen.

The Corner Grocery Selling Milk, Bread and Other Articles Will Be Deal With.  
The lid will be shut down hard in St. John from sharp 12 o'clock Saturday evening to exactly 12 o'clock Sunday evening, in the future. The Sabbath's calm will be spent with a capital "C." The druggist who traffics in sodas, ice cream or grape juice, or the corner grocer who accommodates a customer with the odd quart of milk, a loaf of bread, or other necessities will be held in court and duly prosecuted. One shopkeeper was recently called upon to produce ten dollars in court for selling many groceries on Sunday.

Freight Rate Hearing.  
The Board of Railway Commissioners is to give that a sitting will be held in Ottawa on Dec. 14, to arrange dates for the hearing of the application of the Maritime branch of the C. M. A., that the differential over Montreal on through traffic existing before 1915 should be restored. Applications covering alleged discriminatory rates as between Western and Eastern Canada in Western Mountain rates will be considered at the same meeting.

Victor Records for Sale.  
All the latest Victor records for sale at the McDonald Piano and Music Co., 7 Market Square.

See the Display of Fancy China at F. A. Dykeman's Store Today.  
Now that Christmas is drawing so near the annual problem of gift giving will be with us again. A piece of china is always useful and is something that reflects good taste on the part of the giver. The pieces on display are mostly hand-painted Nippon bought before the advance on China and marked at old time prices. Separate cups and saucers 50c to \$1.00. Biscuit dishes, toilet sets, vases, etc., at equally moderate prices. Early choice is advisable.

Christmas Sale.  
The Annual Sale of Loyalist Chapter, L. O. D. E., will be held on Saturday at the store of Mr. P. E. Holman, 22 King street, beginning at 10 a. m. The different tables—Lion, Ham, Cooking, Baby Wear, Novelties, Dolls and Christmas Wreaths—should attract many. Come and bring your friends.

McMillan's Gorgeous Display.  
Christmas Cards, Tags and Bells are now on view. All prices.

OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS ARE COMPLETE—SHOP EARLY.  
Genuine Gartcraig Fire Brick  
due about December 10.  
in Square, End Arch, and Side Arch.  
Also Fire Clay.  
For Quotations, Call, Write, or Phone Main 1920.  
W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED  
Store Hours: 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Open Saturdays till 10 p. m.  
OUR TOY DEPARTMENT IS AT ITS BEST—SHOP NOW.

Winter Hats Must Be Sold Now To Make Room for Christmas Goods  
For today we have marked practically every Trimmed, Tailored and Untrimmed Winter Hat in our showrooms at a ridiculously low price as we simply must sell hundreds today to make room for Christmas Goods which are arriving daily now. All are attractive, smart new hats of approved dependable quality materials for Winter Wear. You will instantly recognize them as most exceptional bargains.  
Today we will introduce to the St. John children a line of Toy Automobiles, etc., priced around 15 cts.  
The Year's Toy Sensation The Walking Doll on display in our showrooms.  
Dolls! Dolls! Dolls! Dressed and Undressed Advanced styles. Attractive prices.  
Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Sparkling Cut Glass  
ALWAYS AN ACCEPTABLE PRESENT. PARTICULARLY SO AT CHRISTMAS  
Our new displays of Attractive Cut Glassware include many new and attractive patterns in the pieces most popular for pretty table service.  
Thin Blown Crystal, Etched.  
Bobsons ..... \$2.25 up  
Nappies ..... \$3.75 up  
Butters ..... \$3.50 up  
Salts and Peppers ..... \$1.75 up  
Creams and Sugars, Spoon Trays, Celery Trays, Etc., Etc.  
Heavy Crystal, Deep Cut.  
Tumbler ..... Doz., \$12.50 up  
Goblets ..... Doz., \$16.00 up  
Bud Vases ..... \$3.50 up  
Comports ..... \$2.75 up  
Emerson & Fisher, Limited  
25 Germain St.

STORES OPEN 8.30 A. M. CLOSE AT 5.55 P. M. SATURDAY 10 P. M.  
A Great Offering of Men's and Boys' Overcoats  
You haven't seen Overcoat values like these for a long time. These groups include Overcoats for real cold weather—Overcoats in a variety of warm fabrics and new styles. You can come here and get exactly the Overcoat you want; you can get it at a very decidedly reduced price, too.  
Men's Chesterfields, Ulsters, Ulsterettes, Trench Coats, etc., in Beautiful Textures and Patterns  
Reduced as follows:  
\$34.50 ..... for \$29.30  
38.50 ..... for 32.70  
40.00 ..... for 34.00  
46.50 ..... for 39.55  
47.50 ..... for 40.35  
\$51.50 ..... for \$43.75  
52.50 ..... for \$45.00  
58.00 ..... for 50.55  
62.00 ..... for 54.40  
Boys' and Youths' Overcoats  
in favorite winter styles, fabrics and colors. These prices are very exceptional:  
\$16.50 ..... for \$13.95  
17.50 ..... for 15.30  
19.00 ..... for 16.95  
\$25.50 ..... for \$22.10  
26.50 ..... for 23.80  
30.00 ..... for 26.75  
Junior Boys' Overcoats  
The sort that small boys need for playing, for going to school, or for best. Look over these reduced prices:  
\$10.00 ..... for \$9.95  
15.00 ..... for 13.15  
16.50 ..... for 14.45  
\$18.50 ..... for \$16.15  
21.00 ..... for 18.25  
Boys' Mackinaw Outfits  
Regular \$11.40 for \$6.95. These consist of Mackinaw Coat, Long Gaiters, and Raw-Hair Hat, with inside earbands.  
Men's Burberry Coats  
Made of grey and brown fleeced cloths, half lined with silk. Regular \$80.00. Sale \$68.00.  
Manchester Robertson & Allison  
KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

In Order That the Week End May Be a Busy One in Furs  
A few of the striking bargains that our pre-Christmas Sale makes possible:  
Hudson Seal Coats  
Oosom Trimmed ..... Now \$350.00  
\$550.00 quality ..... Now \$450.00  
\$675.00 quality ..... Now \$450.00  
\$725.00 quality ..... Now \$600.00  
Beaver Trimmed-Hudson Seal Coats  
\$750.00 quality ..... Now \$550.00  
\$780.00 quality ..... Now \$650.00  
Hudson Seal Coats—Were \$700.00. Now \$550.00  
Hudson Seal Coats—Were \$600.00. Now \$480.00  
These Coats are plain self-trimmed.  
Skunk Trimmed Hudson Seal Coats  
For \$675.00 Coats ..... \$540.00  
For \$750.00 Coats ..... \$595.00  
For \$825.00 Coats ..... \$650.00  
Dillagee's Sons, Limited—Saint John, N. B.

Cathedral Bazaar Lottery Winners

Prizes Include Trips to Some Important Cities in United States and Canada.  
In St. Vincent de Paul's auditorium last night, lottery tickets were drawn in connection with the Cathedral Bazaar which was held in the Y. M. C. hall from November 7 to 15. Many of the prizes were donated through the Children of Mary Rev. Father Duke presided for the occasion, and the prizes were as follows:  
Fruit cake, D. J. McNeil, 132 Union street.  
Lad's Yoke, Mr. McGillivray, 16 Cliff street.  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Portrait, T. Graham, Charlottetown, Fairville.  
Ton of Hired Coal, won by ticket 7, Setter Dog, Charles Doyle.  
Gull Lotery (trip to Washington), won by ticket 1773.  
Trip to New York, George Arsenau, West St. John.  
Trip to Montreal, J. Crowley, City Market.  
Trip to St. Anne de Beaupre, Mrs. Melliday, 113 Sydney street.  
Trip to Halifax, won by ticket 2097, Trip to Charlottetown, John Carney Silver Falls.  
Revolver, A. G. Kane, 66 Waterloo street.

Pleasing Function Last Evening

N. B. Life Assurance Underwriters' Assn. Held Monthly Meeting at Bond's.  
The New Brunswick Life Assurance Underwriters' Association held their monthly meeting at Bond's last evening. Supper was partaken of shortly after six o'clock. When the good things had been disposed of, the gathering resolved into a business meeting, with the president, Robert Reid, manager of the Northern Life, in the chair. Routine business was transacted, and an interesting paper on "Income Insurance" was read by F. W. Gilvan, of the Canada Life. A musical programme, consisting of chorus singing, was carried out, and after several numbers had been enjoyed, the meeting was brought to a close. A large number were in attendance.

Floor and Table Lamps Bargain-priced at M. R. A. Ltd.

Just before Christmas sale, many people who have been considering purchasing a cheerful lamp, either for their own homes or to give as gifts, are now flocking to M. R. A. Ltd. All lamps with mahogany standards and beautiful white shades are included. Piano Lamps, Chesterfield Lamps and Reading Lamps. Every one is marked at a very special bargain price. You still have but one Saturday to see these splendid values. Sale is going on in art section, Germain street entrance.