

THE WEATHER.

Tuesday, Jan. 4.—A shallow depression, centered tonight over Northern Ontario, is moving eastward... Local snow has fallen in the Western Provinces and Northern Ontario with the advent of colder weather.

AROUND THE CITY

CHANGE FOR WORK. Factory at Little Leppaux will be at the Y. W. C. A. today and may be interrupted by those desiring work.

LEFT FOR FREDERICTON. Hon. C. W. Robinson, Minister of Lands and Mines and Hon. Fred Magee were passengers on last evening's train to Fredericton for the government meeting now in session.

CONSIDER ESTIMATES. The finance committee of the Municipal Council are called to meet Friday afternoon, in the office of the County Secretary, to consider the estimates of the various institutions for 1921.

RAILWAY COMMISSION HERE. The Board of Railway Commissioners meet here this morning at 10:30 o'clock to hear arguments relative to the height of the new railroad bridge and the Douglas avenue crossing.

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TO HOLD ENQUIRY. Wreck Commission L. A. Demers passed through the city yesterday en route from Ottawa to Halifax, where he will hold an official enquiry into the cause of the wreck of the Norwegian steamer Ramstad, which grounded on Sambro ledges a couple of weeks ago.

MRS. W. E. FOSTER ILL. Premier Foster was unable to attend the meeting of the Government at Fredericton today on account of the illness of Mrs. Foster. It will be gratifying to the many friends of Mrs. Foster to learn that she is not seriously ill, but is incapacitated by the prevailing epidemic brought about by sudden weather changes.

GOING TO FLORIDA. Alexander Phillips, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, is arranging to leave here this morning for Florida where he will spend several weeks for the benefit of his health. Mr. Phillips underwent a surgical operation a few weeks ago and is not gaining as rapidly as he had hoped for. A sojourn in the South is advised by his physician.

No Change In Milk Conditions. The deadlock continues between the milk dealers of St. John and the producers of Kings County. The local dairymen insist that the farmers must accede to the two cent cut established by the dealers. The farmers are equally determined that but one cent shall be knocked off the price they have hitherto secured for each quart of their product.

Meeting Held. An emissary of the King's County Producers, in the person of their secretary, W. H. Huggard, waited on the St. John dealers last night who met on the Foresters' Hall on Coburg St. Present conditions in the milk business were discussed at some length, and although complete harmony prevailed, Mr. Huggard was instructed to convey to his association the dealers' determination to secure the two cent cut.

Public Demand. They insisted that they cannot refuse to accede to the public demand for lower milk prices, and the farmers in common with the rest of the community meet how to the prevalent price cutting. Wages are down, fodder and feed are down, and milk must take the count as well.

At present there is no change in the conditions which prevailed yesterday and the consumer has his choice of milk ranging in price from ten to seventeen cents a quart.

The dealers message will probably be delivered to the producers today when a decision as to whether or not they will buck the low cost of living will be arrived at.

The choir of St. John's (Stone) church is requested to be at the church at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Charles A. Masters.

Maritime Mail Works Employees

Meetings Held Yesterday to Consider Situation — Feel They Were Not Used Right

The employees of the Maritime Mail Works, who have been thrown out of employment by the sudden closing down of the plant, held several meetings yesterday to consider the situation of unemployment with which they have been confronted. The men claim they were without a job, the company closing the works without giving the men any previous warning of what was to happen, or any notice of their intention to close the works.

Will Seek Conference. The executive of the union will endeavor to meet the management in conference to consider the situation created by the company's move, and enter into a discussion of the wage question for the purpose of ascertaining if there exists a common ground upon which they can get together and reach an agreement.

The executive will meet today to prepare a statement for the public, setting forth their views, and justifying their position. They contend they have been placed in a wrong position before the public by the statements attributed to Stanley Elkin, M. P., manager of the Maritime Mail Works, in an interview with The Standard, and by their statement, to be issued, they hope to correct the wrong impression made.

Will Do Their Part. A representative of the men, but not authorized to speak for them, informs the Standard there is a disposition on the part of the employees to do their part in reaching a wage agreement consistent with existing conditions. He says they are unable to discuss it intelligently among themselves, as they have not been fully acquainted with ideas of the management as to wages and working conditions.

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Question of Fares For Street Railway. Having failed so far to secure further information from the Boston experts relative to the schedule of fares submitted by them to the directors of the St. John Street Railway Company, are unable to come to a decision on the proposal to increase their fares, and the whole question is in abeyance for a few days.

The directors after having received the report of their statisticians, gave it careful study and are not yet convinced the schedule proposed by them would work out satisfactorily to all patrons of the system.

Must Be Increased. President Ross of the Street Railway Company informs The Standard that there must be an increase in fares if the company is to carry on in a manner that will afford the stockholders any returns on their investment.

The schedule proposed by the statisticians is regarded by many of the directors as rather too drastic in some instances and they have requested the statisticians to give the question further consideration for the purpose of arriving, if possible, at a schedule which is acceptable to the riding public. It is expected the directors will have the further recommendation of the experts in hand for consideration on Thursday.

MOUNTED POLICE. The Standard was informed yesterday that the twenty-five undisciplined who effected their escape from the West Side docks Saturday and Sunday were not quartered in the Immigration Building where between 90 and 100 undisciplined are still under detention.

The "Mounties" feel rather hurt at reports circulated to the effect that the men escaped from their custody. In justice to them it may be said that a man has never been known to get away from the force, yet "it's not done, you know."

NEW YEAR'S PARTY. Yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's church school-rooms a New Year's party was held for the young ladies, which are held for young girls each week. Mrs. O. S. Tronovsky was in charge. Rev. F. S. Dowling addressed the members during the afternoon.

Board of Health Estimates Lower

Want Representation on Victorian Order Board — Reports Received

The estimates to be submitted by the Board of Health for the coming year will be \$5,900 less than those of last year. The announcement was made at the monthly meeting of the board held yesterday.

Chairman John Kelly presided and George Blake, Mrs. Richard Hooper, W. H. Golding, Dr. W. R. Warwick and Secretary T. M. Burns were in attendance.

Anti-Tuberculosis Report. Two hundred and four patients were reported on the register of the St. John Anti-Tuberculosis Society by the society's nurse, Miss S. E. Brophy. Of the number, sixty-five are children.

Thirty-seven patients attended clinics during the month, and twenty-three prescriptions were filled.

Seventy-nine patients are under treatment, and one hundred and twenty-five under observation. One hundred and ninety-six visits were made during the month.

Dr. T. Fred Johnson, dairy and slaughterhouse inspector, reported a marked improvement in the 116 milk samples submitted by him to Dr. Abramson, provincial bacteriologist, for analysis.

Child Welfare. The Child Welfare report, submitted by Miss M. J. Munde, of the Victorian Order of Nurses, showed 363 visits during the month. Of these, forty-two were made in Botetown and 109 in West St. John, the balance in the city.

Thirty new babies were enrolled, and one death occurred from pneumonia. Two deaths were reported to the T. B. dispensary for examination. The attendance at the Child Welfare Clinics was reported to have fallen off since the advent of the cold weather.

Charitable organizations were given on the names of twenty poor families deserving of Christmas cheer.

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Returned Men Hear Unfounded Rumor

Military Officers Have Not Heard That Canadians Would Go to Rhine.

There has been a rumor current among returned soldiers that those who desired were to be given an opportunity to again don the khaki for service on the Rhine. It was reported that the American forces, forming a part of the army of occupation, were to be withdrawn and Canada was to be asked to send an army of volunteers from among former service men to take the place of the U. S. troops.

Has No Information. When approached on the question last night, Brigadier-General A. G. Macdonnell said he had no information on such a move, and seriously doubted that such a project was under consideration. According to the rumor current New Brunswick was to be allotted two companies under Colonel McLean. It is reasonable to assume that if such plans for sending Canadians to the Rhine were being formulated, General Macdonnell would have been made cognizant of the part New Brunswick was expected to play.

General McLean. General McLean, when queried on the situation, was quite emphatic in his declaration that no such plan was under consideration. If such were being considered by military men he felt it would not be sanctioned by parliament which would have the final say in the matter. "Parliament," he said, "would be very much against it."

Canadian Building and Construction Industry Hear Reports and Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Building and Construction Industry, St. John branch, was held in the Board of Trade rooms last night.

This branch is affiliated with the Canadian Association, with headquarters at Ottawa. There was a full attendance of members and a general review of the year's business was discussed and trade conditions generally talked over.

The organization is a live factor in the city, and is working for the mutual benefit of consumers, manufacturer and supply men, with an object of dealing fair with labor and of matters of general benefit to the public.

J. A. Grant and William J. Crawford were appointed delegates to attend the general conference to be held in Winnipeg on January 18.

Officers Elected. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

J. A. Grant—President. John Flood—First vice-president. H. L. MacGowan—Second vice-president.

S. Christie—Hon. Treasurer. W. J. Crawford—Hon. Secretary. Directors representing each trade: S. C. Webb, electricians; F. E. Wagners, carpenters; H. O. Clark, masons; D. J. Barrett, sheet metal workers; R. E. Fitzgerald, plumbers; N. Nonnenman, tins; J. H. Pullen, painters; J. P. Mosher, general contractors; G. H. Waring, mill machinists and iron workers.

TO STIMULATE TRADE. A silver teapot has been offered by the T. H. Estabrooks Co., Ltd., to its salesman in the Maritime Provinces, to be awarded to the man making the highest average sales during January, February and March.

The teapot, which is on exhibition in the window of P. W. Daniel & Co., Charlotte street, will travel all over the provinces before the final award, the salesman making the largest monthly sales being privileged to possess the teapot for thirty days, and have his name engraved on it.

DEATH OF CHILD. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hachey 6 Short street, will sympathize with them in the death of their child which occurred yesterday. The funeral will be held today.

Don't Fail To See These Extraordinary Silk Bargains At Dykeman's Clearance Sale

JAPANESE SILK, 36 inches wide, a soft, lustrous, really useful silk; washes and wears to perfection. A big range of most lovely colors to choose from. Regular \$1.95 values. January Sale Price, \$1.19 yard.

SHANTUNG PONGEE, 34 inches wide, at less than the price of cotton. Nothing better for blouses, shirts, dresses, negligees, or even curtains. Smooth weaves, free from dressing. Regular value \$1.25. January Sale Price, 90c. yard.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c. VICTORIA RINK. Skating in afternoon. Skating and band tonight.

STANDARD CALENDARS. The Standard has a number of rather attractive wall calendars which we will be pleased to give away as long as they will last, to any of our friends who may happen to call. These calendars will not be given to children.

ELEVATOR GIRL WANTED. Afternoons only. Apply The Standard Office.

Searchlight. Small, Neat and Serviceable at a Popular Price. The Howe No. 5, illustrated above, is fitted with a lens of heavy convex plate, permitting the use of a G-12 bulb. This Searchlight is equipped with exclusive Howe superior focusing device. It is also provided with a 4-inch rear view mirror. The door is 6 inches in diameter; the lamp is 6 1/2 inches deep and weighs 3 pounds. The Price, complete, is \$12.50. Other Howe Searchlights, at \$11.00 and \$12.00 each. Also, we offer the Victor Searchlight, at \$6.25 and \$7.50 each, and Stewart V-Ray Searchlight at \$11.00 and \$12.00 each. MOTOR CAR SUPPLY DEPARTMENT. STREET FLOOR. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Store Hours:—8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open Saturdays till 10 p.m.

Victor Traps. MADE IN CANADA BY THE ONEIDA COMMUNITY LIMITED Niagara Falls, Ontario. For many years the Victors have been the largest selling popular priced traps. They are substantially built and have the benefit of information secured by seventy years of trap manufacturing. Their sturdiness coupled with the fact that it does not cost a lot of money to lay in a supply, makes them the prime favorite of hundreds of thousands of amateur and professional trappers. Made in 9 sizes, each being especially adapted to the work for which it is intended. SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY Emerson & Fisher, Ltd. - St. John, N. B.

One Day More For Mid-Winter Clearance Prices On Suits and Topcoats For Men and Boys. This Store, with its prompt effort to give its customers every possible advantage in clothes buying, offers in this big selling event—Suits and Top Coats that favorably meet the clothing ambitions of men and young men—and offers them at prices very unusually low. OVERCOATS. Just to have a chance to choose from such a fine selection would be interesting, for there are Overcoats for men of all types and ages. Overcoats in many different styles, in many different colorings, in many different fabrics. But it's just as interesting to know that the tailoring is as good as you want it to be, and that you are getting more value than has been possible in the past; lots more. Chesterfields, Ulsters, Ulsterettes, Form Fitting and other fashionable models—the very choice of the season's stocks. Very Special at \$25.95 to \$48.00. FINE SUITS. You'll be surprised to see what a fine Suit you can buy here now at a very moderate price. A good deal better and finer than you imagine. The price is probably a great deal less than you have been in the habit of paying; but the Suits are probably even better than you have been getting. They are made of selected materials and very choice weaves and colorings, tailored with a sincere regard for shapeliness and distinction of style. Very Special at \$29.95 to \$53.95. Boys' Suits and Overcoats are also included in this selling event—The bargain prices bring them within the reach of the parents of every boy. (MEN'S AND BOYS' SHOP, SECOND FLOOR). 10-Button Length Gaiters at Clearance Prices. Sizes 3 to 6, in fawn, brown and light and dark greys. All one special! Bargain Price, \$1.75 Pr. (Hosiery Section, Ground Floor.)

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