

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Pressure is lowest tonight over Nova Scotia and highest in the middle Pacific States. Snow and rain have occurred today in the Maritime Provinces. The weather remains very cold throughout the West and it has become much colder in Ontario and Quebec.

Prince Rupert	36	40
Victoria	28	38
Vancouver	22	32
Calgary	18	28
Battleford	24	11
Moose Jaw	22	4
Regina	20	18
Winnipeg	22	18
Harry Sound	2	22
Toronto	16	24
Ottawa	12	20
Montreal	16	30
Halifax	24	50

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Forecasts.

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales; northwesterly to westerly; a few light local snowfalls or flurries, but partly fair and colder.

Sort of Mystery About Passenger

Albert Stevens of Saskatoon Found on Rodney Wharf—Had Been in the Water—Wac Placed on S.S. Corsican.

Albert Stevens, aged forty-five, a native of Saskatoon, found Saturday night by longshoremen lying on Rodney wharf, near the ferry, in a very pitiful condition. His clothing was saturated, and it is believed that the man must have been in the water for the wharf. He was taken to W. C. Wilson's drug store, Union street, where he received a full change of clothing from some customers who were in the store at the time. He was unable to give any explanation as to how he came to fall off the wharf, nor would he state how he was rescued, but it is surmised that the man must have climbed up the wharf himself, as there was no person near at the time of his falling over.

It is the opinion of the men who found him that he is in all probability might have jumped over the wharf, as it is hardly possible for any person to fall off, as the wharf is guarded by a wire fence. The sum of \$1,500 was found in his possession, also a ticket for passage to England on the S. S. Corsican. He was taken on board the ship by Policeman Gill and handed over to Dr. Bell, the ship's physician, and sailed for England yesterday.

Largely Attended Meeting Yesterday

Church Warden and Vestrymen of All City Anglican Churches Heard Addresses at St. John's (Stone) Church on Forward Movement.

A largely attended meeting of church wardens and vestrymen of all the city Anglican churches was held yesterday afternoon at St. John's (Stone) church school room. Sir Douglas Hazen presided, and after the singing of a hymn Rev. Canon Kuhring offered prayer.

Canon Armstrong spoke on the general aspect of the Forward Movement and its spiritual aspect. Rev. Archdeacon Crowther gave an address on Stewardship and its relations to the Forward Movement. Five minute talks were given by H. A. Porter on "Diocesan Needs"; Ronald Frith on "Beneficence"; W. H. Harrison on "Organization"; and H. Usher Miller on "Missions."

Narrow Escape From Drowning

Passenger Tripped Over Line and Fell Into Dock at Sand Point Saturday Night—Rescued Between Ship and Dock.

About 10.30 o'clock Saturday night while men were working on No. 5 dock loading the C. P. O. S. Corsican, they were startled by hearing cries for help, and on investigation it was found that one of the male passengers had been overboard and was resting on one of the fenders between the ship and the wharf. A line was lowered and the man was brought up on the dock uninjured but very wet and cold. He was taken on board the ship, given first aid and retired to his bunk. The man did not give his name to his rescuers nor tell how he came to get into the water. It is believed that while walking down the dock to the ship he tripped over the bow lines from the ship and fell over the side of the wharf, then swam to the fender between the ship and the wharf. One of the men working on the dock at the time of the accident complained that considerable time was lost after hearing the calls for help in procuring a life preserver, and that one of the boxes on the side of the warehouse that is supposed to hold a life buoy was empty.

This is the third accident that has happened on the Corsican since her arrival. One man fell into a coal bunker and sustained a broken leg; another man fell into a bunker and was killed, and the third accident is the man who fell off the dock Saturday night. The latter with the man who fell into the ship Saturday made two of the ship's passengers who had narrow escapes from drowning.

AROUND THE CITY

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR.

Miss Annie Puddington was in charge of the children's hour in the Public Library Saturday morning and gave some sixty or seventy interested children a talk on "Norse Legends."

SAILED FOR LIVERPOOL.

The C. P. O. S. Corsican sailed about four o'clock yesterday afternoon for Liverpool, with a full passenger list, a large cargo and about four car loads of mail.

WELCOMED BY FRIENDS.

Sergeant John Sandall and Mrs. Sandall, who were in the city for a few days having been passengers from England on the S. S. Corsican, left on Saturday for Halifax. Sergeant Sandall was welcomed by many friends in St. John. He went overseas in 1915 with the Balclutha unit and was for some time in France. Recently he was stationed at Buxton. After a trip to Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Sandall expect to settle in New Brunswick.

PLENTY OF BOOZE.

It is stated that part of the cargo brought from England last week were thirteen thousand cases of whiskey which is consigned to merchants in Victoria, B. C., and the consignment has been sent west.

SHIPPING MEN ARRIVE.

F. T. James, assistant marine superintendent, and Messrs. Armstrong, Phillips, Montgomery and Roberts, of the office staff of the Canadian government merchant marine, have arrived in the city.

RETURNING SOLDIERS.

Two New Brunswick soldiers were passengers on the Corsican, left on Sunday. They were Pte. William Butler and Pte. P. A. Dunphy. The two soldiers are St. John boys and will arrive on the 6.05 train this morning.

VACCINATE OUTSIDERS.

In accordance with an order of the local sub-district Board of Health, Secretary T. M. Burns and Dr. W. J. Ellis, city health officer, called upon the officers of the Ship Laborers' Association and requested that the men from outside districts who come to join the association be required to produce evidence of satisfactory vaccination.

CALLED TO MONTREAL.

Adjutant Hard, of the Salvation Army, has been called to Montreal by serious illness of his father, who is 79 years of age. For some time past the Adjutant has been conducting a building campaign at St. Stephen, meeting with much success. He was among the representatives of the Salvation Army presented to Admiral Jellicoe by the Lieut.-Governor of the Province.

POPULAR PRESENTATION.

James McNeven, a popular member of the staff of the district pay office, was pleasantly surprised Saturday morning when his fellow associates presented to him a travelling bag fully equipped. He was formerly a member of the 26th Battalion and since his return home has been on the staff of the C. A. P. C.

R. S. SIME RE-ELECTED.

Robert S. Sime has been re-elected president of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association. The meeting was held in Halifax, Saturday. The other nominee was George D. Ellis, also of St. John.

MILITARY NOTES.

Colonel Thomas J. F. Murphy, who served overseas during the entire period of the great war, and who, some years ago, was in charge of the military hospital at Quebec, has arrived here, temporarily to fill the position of A. D. M. S.

ACCEPTED POSITION.

Charles McCrossin, formerly of the Opera House orchestra staff left on the Halifax express Thursday evening of last week for Sydney, C. B., where he has accepted a position with one of the leading theatres in that town.

SATURDAY EVENING CONCERT ENJOYED

The Saturday evening concert arranged by members of the Young Women's Patriotic Association at the Seaman's Institute was largely attended and greatly appreciated. The following programme took place:

- Song..... Mr. Plummer
- Song..... Miss Mooney
- Song..... Mr. Sandall
- Readings..... Miss Bine
- Song..... Elmer Belding
- Song..... Mr. Sandall
- Song..... Miss Mooney

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION WORK

Important Meetings Held Yesterday—West St. John and North End Divisions Were Organized.

The Sunday School Association work in the city is progressing and two important meetings were held yesterday. The West St. John Sunday School District was organized in the Carleton Methodist church in the afternoon when there was a good representation of teachers and officers present. The principal address was delivered by Rev. A. S. Bishop, president of the Fairville division, who spoke on the value of community work in religious education, and the work that could be accomplished in co-operation in the various schools. It was a most helpful talk and was listened to by those present.

A nominating committee was appointed who are to bring in a slate of officers early in the New Year.

THE GENERAL FISH MARKET IS QUIET

The general fish market is quiet, but firm, according to a local fish dealer. The fact that the Lunenburg fishermen sold a big catch at \$12 a quintal is interesting. Cuba and Jamaica free buyers at present, but the other West Indies markets are poor. Porto Rico is overstocked for the present, but after the first of the year should become a considerable buyer. In Brazil owing to the rate of exchange the buyers are holding off, but Newfoundland has no large supplies in this market, and Norway will probably find markets nearer home.

STAR MISSION CIRCLE.

A tea and sale of fancy work was held by the Star Mission Circle of the Exmouth street Methodist church on Saturday afternoon. Approns and candy were also for sale and there was a large attendance, a substantial sum being realized for the general work of the circle. The tea committee consisted of Mrs. Ernest Thomas and Miss Laura Myles, assisted by several other young ladies. Mrs. A. W. Estey and Mrs. C. G. Cosman presided over the nicely decorated tea table. The fancy work table was in charge of Mrs. Otty Black and Miss Ina Love; the candy table, Miss Florence Beville and Miss Edith Bustin.

FUEL FUND COLLECTION.

The amount collected for the fuel fund in St. John the Baptist church, Lower Cove, yesterday morning, amounted to \$812. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Meehan, D.D., thanked the congregation, saying it was a very gratifying result owing to the fact that many of the congregation were not in position at the present time to afford any large offering. This collection was the largest ever taken up for the fuel fund in the parish.

POLICE REPORTS.

Three drunks were gathered into the fold by the police Saturday night, and another last evening.

Holy Name Sunday In The Churches

Nearly One Thousand Members Received Holy Communion at Cathedral and Two Hundred at St. John the Baptist Yesterday.

Yesterday being Holy Name Sunday in the Cathedral nearly one thousand members of the Holy Name Society received Holy Communion in a body at 7 o'clock Mass. Rev. W. M. Duke, spiritual director of the society was the celebrant and the Mass was for the intention of the members of the society. After Mass Father Duke addressed these present during them to lead better lives in future and especially to revere the name of God and not blaspheme it. The Rev. Father Oram assisted Father Duke in giving Holy Communion as there was a large number of communicants.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE ON SATURDAY

Loyalist Chapter, I.O.E. Most Successful in Sale Held in Imperial Theatre Lobby.

The Imperial lobby on Saturday looked like a room in Santa Claus' house when members of the Loyalist Chapter, I. O. E. held their annual Christmas sale which has come to be looked for event among their friends.

A special feature of this sale is the lovely Christmas greeting which is prepared and a quantity of artistic cards were quickly disposed of as well as a number of lovely articles of fancy work, beautifully dressed dolls, dainty baby clothes and delicious home cooking were for sale. The proceeds are partly for the I. O. E. War Memorial Fund which is to establish a scholarship and also look after the children of soldiers and sailors to see that they get the education necessary to compete for this scholarship. Over seven hundred dollars was realized.

INSPIRING SERVICE HELD YESTERDAY

A helpful and inspiring service was held at the Exmouth street Methodist church on Saturday night. The service was in charge of the Doorkeepers Circle and the various parts were arranged by Mrs. C. F. Sanford, Mrs. George MacBlizzard.

AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Last evening a large number of seamen were present at the evening service held at the Seamen's Institute. The preacher was Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, who spoke on the subject of Man's Best Strength, giving an excellent address. Dr. Hutchinson showed that man's strength is not mental or physical, but moral, rendered by Walter Bruntz, refreshments were served by the Seamen's Institute committee.

ELOCUTION CONTEST

tonight in Centenary church at 8 o'clock.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR

is what to buy for a Christmas present. A very appropriate gift for HIM is an article of apparel. An excellent variety here from a fine Dress Suit to an armet.

Mufflers, neckties galore, fancy vests, gloves, canes, silk handkerchiefs, brace sets, shirts, raincoats.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR BABY.

Santa Claus says that every little baby in St. John should have a Christmas present, and Santa knows, for there is no person in the home more important at Christmas time than "his majesty the baby."

At F. A. Dyke-man's are to be seen a most interesting display of gifts for baby. On the third floor are shown Wool Costeese, Caps, Crib Baskets, Carriage Robes, etc. Downstairs on the main floor are the cutest little white wool Mitts and Booties, and whilst in the store don't forget to see the prettiest fur-trimmed Corduroy Coats and White Embroidered Dresses now being shown in the blouse section.

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COFFEE MACHINES, either electrically or alcohol heated; Percolating Coffee Pots, Teapots, Chafing Dishes, Hot Water Kettles with alcohol and with electric heaters. Serving Trays, Crumb Trays, etc. Also

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Visit our Christmas Showroom you will find an exceptionally large variety of the newest novelties. You will find that something "different" element which is so much wanted just now and so hard to find. For the girls we have a very limited number of Trego Joint Limb Dolls as well as Sunny Monday, Embroidery Sets, etc. For the Boys we have The Improved Telegraph Set. For the Ladies Boudoir Caps, Fancy Bags, etc. For Ladies, Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, we have the much wanted boxed novelties with the appropriate verses, a number of games which all may enjoy together and which are decidedly new to St. John. It is utterly impossible to attempt to describe such a varied showing so we invite you one and all to visit our Christmas showroom.

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Community Silver — Knives, Forks and Spoons in regulation sizes and odd pieces. Just the thing for gift-giving. You will like the patterns we keep.

Electric Appliances, such as Toasters, Heaters, Irons, and Flashlights.

Reading Lamps, with shades of silk, art glass or hand-decorated parchment and effective mahogany, polyrome and other stands.

Floor Lamps, with tall mahogany or metal frames. These are decidedly attractive with shades of colored silk to correspond with the color scheme of almost any room.

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