

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 16.—A trough of low pressure extends from Texas to the Great Lakes, while areas of high pressure are situated along the Atlantic coast and over the Western States. Weather has become milder and unsettled in Ontario, while elsewhere in the country the weather has been fair to fine and cold.

AROUND THE CITY

LAD INJURED.

Barry Shean, a lad eleven years of age, bumped into an automobile driven by Charles Stanley, of Miramichi, while he was at play on Pond street about 7.30 last evening. The lad received a severe cut on the chin and was otherwise injured, but not seriously. The officer patrolling the district witnessed the accident, and sent the boy to the hospital. He states the automobile was not at fault.

HYDRO DISTRIBUTION.

The matter of the distribution of hydro current from Musquash will be discussed at a meeting in the city's office on next Tuesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. It is expected that, besides the members of the city council, the meeting will be attended by representatives of the New Brunswick Electric Power Co., and the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and a hydro expert working on behalf of the city.

THEFT CASES.

The detective department have received a report that the young fellow charged with the theft of a horse and sleigh from Mr. Hamilton at Oak Point was arrested at Public Landing Thursday night. It is alleged that he had stolen the horse and was on his way to St. John with a sleigh, also supposed to have been stolen. He will be taken back to Oak Point.

ATTEMPT TO LESSEN THE LIQUOR SALES.

Temperance Alliance Opposed to Any Weakening of Present Act for Revenue or Other Purpose.

What the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance were already working on the problem of lessening the prescriptions for liquor issued by the medical men of the province in view of the coming into effect of the regulations against importation for personal use, was the statement made yesterday by Rev. W. D. Wilson, secretary of the Alliance. He also stated the Alliance were opposed to any weakening of the present act for revenue or any other purpose. In Manitoba the law allows so many prescriptions each month to every physician and they had found that in only five per cent of the cases only one quart of the number issued was used.

Empty Stocking Fund Growing.

Requested That Addresses of Children and Their Ages be Sent in by Local Clergy on Monday.

The heavy work of preparing well filled stockings from the "Empty Stocking Fund" and assisting Santa Claus to deliver the same to over four hundred children in the city, will commence next week and the undertaking means a large amount of work. All the names of children who are to receive the stockings have not yet been received and the local clergymen who have not already sent in a list of worthy cases are requested to send them to the Empty Stocking Fund Editor on Monday if possible.

The fund has grown to such an extent that another hundred pairs of stockings will be obtained on Monday, bringing the total number to five hundred pairs which means that one thousand feet will be comfortably covered on Christmas Day and these receiving the gifts from Santa Claus will also enjoy fruit, candy, nuts and raisins.

IMPORTANT CASES CAUSED A BUSY SESSION IN POLICE COURT

Paul Rental Charged With Having Private Still in His Hilliard Street Home—Joseph Caples Fined \$200 for Selling Liquor—Young Man Borrowed Friend's Room and Got in Trouble.

Yesterday afternoon was a busy one for the police magistrate. Three cases in which the "demon rum" played an important part, said one case of breaking and entering occupied the attention of the court and the proceedings were still going strong when adjournment was made at 5 o'clock.

The first case taken up was that of Paul Rental, charged with having part of a still in his house at 109 Hilliard street. He was arrested on Thursday night by Police Enforcement Officer Dawes and Policemen Killen and Garnett. Officer Dawes testified that he had gone to the defendant's house because of complaints received by the department that Rental was making liquor. He said that he found there a 10-gallon keg containing 9 gallons of mash, a sample of which was produced, consisting of grain, rye, molasses and yeast. The officer said that he looked in a cupboard and found several bottles some of which smelled of liquor. He also found a jug of spirits, which the defendant told him he got for Christmas. A 5-gallon boiler, which Dawes testified was part of a still, was also found. The defendant had told the officer that he had been making beer as a preventive for lead poisoning, as he was a painter by trade.

Policemen Killen and Garnett corroborated Dawes' evidence and the case was postponed until this morning at 10 o'clock.

For Selling Liquor.

Joseph Speight, charged with having liquor in his beer shop and Joseph Caples, charged with selling liquor in his beer shop, pleaded not guilty.

In the first case Inspector Henderson and Crawford testified to finding a bottle of whiskey on the floor in the rear of the shop. The case was postponed until this morning.

In the Caples case, Wm. M. Ryan, counsel for the prosecution, called as a witness George L. Moore, who testified that he had gone into the defendant's place of business on Prince Edward street between 4 and 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The defendant and another man were there. The witness asked for a drink of the best stuff in the house, and was given a glass of liquor which he put to his lips but didn't drink. He then asked the defendant to put the contents of the glass and a similar dose in a bottle for him. Caples put the bottle in a pop bottle and the witness paid him 50 cents for it. The bottle was produced in court and was shown to be only a quarter filled. The witness said that he took the bottle right away to the chief liquor inspector. He also said that he was a stranger in town.

Cross-examined by E. J. Hennesberry, counsel for Caples, he said that he had only been in town 28 hours. He also said that he didn't taste the contents of the bottle as he didn't think it was fit to drink. The magistrate made some caustic comments on the class of stuff being sold as bootleg brand and struck a fine of \$200 or six months in jail.

Defendant Not Present.

Albert McCarthy, charged with a statutory offence, did not answer to his name when called. The magistrate wanted to know why he was not in court after he had been arrested on a warrant. His Honor refused to fix a date for the hearing, saying that the matter was no longer in his hands.

Charged With Entering.

The preliminary hearing of two young men charged with breaking and entering the house of George A. Cameron, 54 Charlotte street, was taken up in the police court yesterday. J. B. Dever appearing for the defendants.

Mr. Cameron stated that a young lady lodger on the top floor awakened him at 1.30 Friday morning. On going up stairs he found that the door of the room was locked and the occupants refused to open it. He sent for the police and on their arrival the door was opened, disclosing the two accused.

Plans Arranged For New Year Rally

The Presbyterian ministers and Sunday school superintendents of the city met in St. Andrew's church last evening, with J. B. Magee in the chair, and Charles P. Stevens acting as secretary. Plans were arranged for the New Year's rally which is to be held in the city on Sunday afternoon, New Year's day, at 2.45 o'clock.

The following organizing committee was appointed: J. B. Magee, Rev. J. A. MacKinnon and Rev. W. H. Spence. The officers elected for the new year were: J. H. Murray, chairman; Charles P. Stevens, secretary.

McCartney's big clean-out sale is now in full swing. The knife has been applied to prices that such values have not been shown since pre-war. A real honest saving on all new goods to you from 25 to 50 per cent on this fine stock of new holiday goods. Must be sold by Dec. 25th. Best values in the city.—D. McARTHUR, 54 King Street.

Clifton House, all meals 60c.

Luxor Temple Mystic Shrine

F. M. Tweedie Elected Illustrious Potentate—Memorial to Nobles Who Paid Supreme Sacrifice in War.

At the annual meeting of Luxor Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held in their rooms, Masonic Temple, Thursday night, reports were received from recorder, treasurer and audit committee.

After reading his report the illustrious Potentate, H. R. McAlister, said that after looking the office for five years, he had decided not to offer for re-election. His decision was received with much regret by the Nobles.

Lieut.-Colonel W. L. Laughlin of St. Stephen and D. W. Kyle of Moncton, reported regarding the Imperial Council meeting which they attended in Des Moines last June. An amount was voted to furnish a shrine room in the new Campbellton Hospital, to be dedicated to Colonel A. E. G. Mackenzie and other Nobles of New Brunswick who gave their lives in the great war. Amounts were also voted to the orphans home and other institutions in St. John.

The following officers were elected for 1922:— Illustrious Potentate—F. M. Tweedie, Chatham. High Priest and Prophet—E. R. W. Ingraham.

Chief Roban—H. A. Porter. Assistant Roban—E. R. Crawford. Oriental Guide—F. Gies Allen. Treasurer—A. M. Rowan. Recorder—Charles Robinson.

Representatives to Imperial Council, which will meet in San Francisco, Orville B. Doherty of Moncton, and Peter Davidson of St. John.

Additional members of the executive, James E. Gibson of Woodstock; E. Clinton Brown, William H. Smith, LeBaron Wilson and William J. McClaverty.

Auditors, F. P. Burpee, H. Colby Smith and J. Herbert Crockett. The election of Charles Robinson as Recorder makes his eleventh year in that office.

PERSONALS

R. W. Rford, of the Robert Rford Company, and W. R. McInnis, vice president of the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Montreal and left last evening for Halifax to meet the steamer Cythia.

J. R. Haycock returned from Fredericton yesterday afternoon. Frederic R. Retalick, of New York, arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to relatives on the West Side.

Misses Reynolds, of Riverside, have gone to Buffalo to spend a few months with their sister, Mrs. F. C. Miller. Mrs. Fred A. Payne, who has been visiting in St. John, has returned to her home in Lincoln.

Tampa, Fla. Times: Mrs. G. W. Gannon and Mrs. S. B. Belyea, of St. Stephen, N. B., have returned to Tempa for their third season and are occupying their winter home in the Seminole Heights section.

General Manager Price, of the C. P. R., left yesterday morning on a tour of inspection of the Fredericton and Woodstock divisions.

Chatham World: We expect the editor of the World home today from the Royal Victoria Hospital.

W. E. Parze has returned to the city after attending the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks' convention held at Windsor, Ont. Mrs. Parze, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday.

H. C. Survis, of St. Stephen, registered yesterday at the Royal Hotel. Mayor McKinnon and Mrs. McKinnon, of Sussex, were guests at the dinner given at the Royal Hotel yesterday.

George E. Corbett, of Annapolis Royal, was an arrival yesterday at the Dufferin Hotel.

E. Paturel, of Shediac, was a guest yesterday at the Royal Hotel. Hon. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Virginia Hetherington, of Codys, was an arrival at the Royal Hotel yesterday.

Among the guests at the Royal Hotel yesterday were Samuel Damant, London, England; W. P. Lowell, Calais, Me., and H. J. Daubney, Arrprior.

The Victoria Hotel those registered included: J. V. McDonald, Charlottetown, and W. S. McDonald, Halifax.

The arrivals at the Dufferin Hotel included: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gordon, Boston, and S. B. Sutton, Moncton. Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, of Woodstock, who were in St. John for several days, have returned to their home.

TO OUR READERS. Dear Sir or Madame: Remember the perplexed Christmas shopper who was asked why she did not send a book as a gift—and the reply—"Why, she has a book!" This often is the attitude of many puzzled Christmas buyers. You yourself may have hesitated about sending records as a gift, feeling that it would be foolish for you to send records already owned by the person your present is intended.

We have solved this problem for you. If the person to whom they are sent desires, these records can be returned on the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday after Christmas, and other records can be selected in place of them.

This is a new feature you'll appreciate. We have thousands of beautiful VICTOR RECORDS on our shelves waiting for you. Here's an ideal "last minute" gift. We're open every evening till 10:30 p. m. Call here for value and superior service. THE PHONOGRAPH SALON, LTD., 19 King Street, St. John, N. B.

Advertisement for Santa Claus at THORNE'S This Afternoon. At 4.30 O'clock. The merry old fellow will be on hand, with a cheery smile and a joyous welcome for every kiddie in St. John, and HIS WANTS TO SEE EVERY BOY AND GIRL IN TOWN, as he said in his message which you read here yesterday and the day before. BE SURE TO COME. —and be on hand as near to half-past four as you possibly can. This will be just one big, jolly kiddie's carnival. Old Santa will show how to get the most fun from the hundreds of Toy Novelties in our Big, Bright Toy Department. Remember the time—4.30 O'clock in the Afternoon at our Prince William Street Window. ALL DOLLS AT HALF PRICE. THE GREATEST BARGAIN OPPORTUNITY IN DOLLS you have ever known. In our exceptionally large stock of Dolls, you'll find the finest exhibit of the kind ever shown here and, while the former prices represented particularly good values, the present REDUCTION TO HALF PRICE gives you the BEST VALUES IN DOLLS your money can buy. There are Beautifully Dressed Dolls from 6 inches to 18 inches high, Baby Dolls from 6 inches high to life size, Undressed Dolls of all sizes, Kewpie Dolls of every size. But they're selling rapidly and, to ensure the widest range for choice, you will be wise to COME IN AND MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS NOW. TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE TOY DEPARTMENT. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Store Hours:—8.30, Open Every Evening Until Christmas Eve.

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