

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Strong east shifting to westerly winds, snow at first then clearing. Washington, Jan. 3.—Forecast; Northern New England—Clearing Thursday; Friday probably fair; strong shifting winds becoming moderate west winds. Toronto, Jan. 3.—The weather in the west has been colder with local snow falls. Rain has fallen in parts of western Ontario, and snow in the more easterly parts of the province. The temperature continues fairly low in Quebec and New Brunswick.

Temperatures.

Table with columns for location, Min., and Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Calgary, Battleford, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Halifax.

Around the City

The Juvenile Court. A twelve year old boy who was found wandering about the streets Tuesday night by the police, was allowed to go home with his mother. Appointed Road Foreman. Thomas W. MacBeth has been appointed road foreman of locomotives for C. G. R., District No. 5, from Truro to St. John. He took up his new duties yesterday. Flour and Sugar Dearer. Manitoba and Ontario flour increased 30 cents per barrel yesterday, the jobbing price of the former being now \$10.70, and of the latter \$9.85. Sugar has recently advanced 10 cents per one hundred pounds. Boys' Industrial Home. Yesterday morning His Honor Lieut. Governor Wood visited the Boys' Industrial Home, accompanied by Hon. J. E. Wilson. His Honor gave a short address of encouragement to the boys who much appreciated an unexpected visit. Promotion for Wm. Currie. William Currie, manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Company for the province of New Brunswick, has been appointed manager of that company for the Maritime Provinces, with headquarters in Halifax. The news of Mr. Currie's promotion is being received with gratification by his many friends. A Pleasant Evening. Frank L. Titus, who recently purchased the general business of B. W. S. Titus at Bloomfield, entertained a number of his friends the other evening. A number of the young people of the place tripped the light fantastic until the small hours of the next morning. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

COLLEGE NIGHT AT Y. M. C. A. BIG SUCCESS

High School and Senior Business Boys' Clubs Hosts at Enjoyable Function—Students in City Entertained.

A very pleasant evening was spent last night at the Y. M. C. A. by about 80 of the young ladies and gentlemen of the city. It was the annual college night and a number of the students in the city were entertained by the High School and Senior Business Boys' Clubs of the Y. M. C. A. The proceedings opened with a grand march on the gymnasium floor by the entire company, after which they divided into groups and held a number of games and competitions of various kinds. The groups were: Shylocks, Whiz-bangs, Deadheads, Live Wires, Whirlwinds and Dumpcarts. The Live Wires were the winners in the various games played, the others not having a look in. After refreshments had been served the company adjourned to the "gym" floor and played Sir Roger. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

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"SAINT JOHN RIVER IS A SEWER WHICH SPREADS DISEASE RESULTING IN BIG LOSS OF LIFE IN PROVINCE"

Dr. B. M. Mullin, of Provincial Board of Health, Cites Concrete Case Where Whole Families Wiped Out by Diseases Arising from Pollution of Water—Pollution Must be Stopped and Aseptic Plants Introduced, Says Leading Health Official.

"The Saint John River from its mouth to its source is a big sewer so far as the Province of New Brunswick is concerned. Sewage, refuse and garbage are thrown indiscriminately into the river and the public health, the greatest asset of the province, continues to suffer," said Dr. B. M. Mullin, the well known physician of Fredericton, and the efficient secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, to the Standard, at the Royal Hotel, yesterday afternoon.

That in certain sections of the province whole families had been practically wiped out from disease which was the direct result of defective sewerage and contaminated water was the startling statement made by Dr. Mullin. Dr. Mullin is no alarmist. He is a practical physician who has given much of his time to improving health conditions throughout the province. But he is thoroughly convinced that the adequate preservation of the public health of New Brunswick of necessity demands the co-operation of every citizen of the province and the absolute cessation of the pollution of our non-tidal waters.

Dr. Mullin reached the city yesterday from his home in Fredericton. He told the reporter that from a health standpoint 1916 had been a very satisfactory year. Good work had been accomplished by the various local boards, including the Saint John Board of Health.

Public Health an Asset.

"I think, however, that the mortality could be considerably lessened if the citizens of the province would appreciate the fact that public health is the best asset this province or any other community can possess. The greatest factors, which contribute to the mortality are the various diseases arising from defective sewerage and contaminated water. There is a practice on the part of the citizens of the various towns along the Saint John River and its tributaries of depositing dead animals, garbage, refuse and sewage into the water. This is the same water that the citizens are drinking and it is not hard to see that this practice serves to spread disease which has its consequent loss of life. The statistics so far as they are available show that a great many deaths have been caused from disease arising in this way.

A Concrete Case.

"I can cite you a concrete case," said Dr. Mullin, "which I think is proof positive of my contention that there is a great loss of life from this pollution of our non-tidal waters. Prior to 1908 in Saint Mary's and Gibson the source of the water supply was the Saint John River and surface wells. We then experienced many cases of disease. In fact these communities were regular hotbeds of diph-

SAD CASE IN POLICE COURT YESTERDAY

Man Who Beat Ten-Year-Old Girl Let Off on \$20 Fine to be Paid in Installments.

A case was heard in the Police Court yesterday afternoon which to the hearers was astonishing as to the cruelty handed out to an unfortunate young girl. She is a white girl, being boarded with a colored man named Chesley Ford in an alley off Paradise Row, and according to the evidence given, had been very badly treated unknown to her father. The result of the trial was that the girl was given into the custody of the Children's Aid Society and the colored man, who was adjudged guilty, was fined \$20 or two months in jail. It was agreed that five dollars of the fine be paid into the court on Saturday next, and that five dollars a week be paid for the following three weeks, when the total fine would be given into the court.

The case arose from a telephone message received by Rev. W. R. Robinson, secretary of the Children's Aid Society. He had been informed that the colored man, Chesley Ford, had beaten a ten year old white girl in a tenement, situated in an alley off Paradise Row. On investigation Mr. Robinson found that the girl's father had been paying Ford the sum of four dollars a week for the keep of the daughter. A short time ago when the little girl was ill Ford ordered her to bring coal and wood into the house and when she refused struck her with a strap, a buckle on the strap cut her cheek, blackened one of her eyes and she was knocked off a chair. Ford gave her a blow on the stomach with his fist, and to escape further punishment the girl

UP GO THE CITY TAXES THIS YEAR

All the Commissioners Will Ask for Increases in Their Appropriations—Estimates Now Ready.

From present indications the taxpayers of the city will be called upon to contribute a much larger amount to the chamberlain this year than last. All the commissioners are asking for increases in their appropriations and with the addition of the patriotic fund tax the amount to be raised for civic purposes will be largely in excess of that asked for in 1916.

The commissioner of public safety will in all probability present his estimates for the police department today at the noon meeting, and he stated to the Standard representative last night that the amount asked for this branch of his department would be larger than last year, and if the citizens wanted a police force he would have to have more money, as it was getting harder every day to get men to work for the salary which the patrolmen received.

The commissioner of public works has his estimates ready to submit to the council and he will also be asking for an increased amount in addition to the \$16,000 which he asks for the collection of garbage and \$2,000 for the disposal of the same.

The commissioner of water and sewerage will ask for \$17,000 for sewers and \$12,000 for hydrants, as he expects to replace about 200 of the old hydrants this year. This amount will have to be provided for in the estimates as the commissioner will not have any surplus from the water department on last year's operations and his plans for this year will take the estimated receipts from that source.

The commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands will also ask for more money for the ferry service. The cost of maintenance will be higher as the number of people using the ferry has fallen off since the loop line was put in operation across the new bridge, and the West Side ferry floats must be repaired this year.

It is also known that the School Trustees will ask for more money. This would seem to point very decidedly to the fact that taxes will follow the tendency of everything else and go higher.

LIEUT. WETMORE HAD MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Nearly Killed in Heavy Somme Fighting, but Says He is Glad to Return to Front.

Lieut. Norman Wetmore, son of W. E. S. Wetmore, of Bloomfield Station, was in the city yesterday. Lieut. Wetmore is a returned hero who is leaving shortly for the front to rejoin his unit. He pays a high tribute to the efficiency of the Canadian troops and says that the New Brunswickers at the front are maintaining the best traditions of the province.

Lieut. Wetmore's many friends will be delighted to hear that he has almost completely recovered from the effects of the terrible wounds he received in the Somme fighting. The young officer had a miraculous escape from death. A German shell blew off his helmet and badly injured his skull. In fact a piece of the skull was blown away by the shell, while his left side was completely paralyzed.

"I am glad to be able to go back," said the young lieutenant, who went to the front with a Nova Scotia battalion in order to get into action as quickly as possible. "It's pretty strenuous at times, but I am glad to go back."

The many friends of Lieut. Wetmore from miles around gathered at his father's home the other evening to bid him farewell. A pleasant evening was spent.

It's a Girl.

Dr. J. J. Haggerty is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a girl on Tuesday afternoon.

Citizens of St. John are invited to attend the meeting at the Imperial Theatre tonight under the direction of the National Service Board. Speakers: Hon. J. D. Hazen and R. B. Bennett, K.C., director of National Ser-

Kimenas. The kind that has warmth without weight, softness and strength without being bunglesome is the kind that are on special sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. The regular price is \$6.00. This lot will be sold for \$4.35. They come in a large range of colors such as Copenhagen, rose, garnet, grey, Chester and Indian shades. All sizes.

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