

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate west and south west winds, fair weather with higher temperature.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31.—The Atlantic coast storm has passed away to the eastward, and the weather is now fair from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces.

New England Forecast. Washington, Dec. 31.—New England warmer and generally fair Saturday; Sunday light to moderate southerly winds.

AROUND THE CITY

New Linotype. Patterson & Co., Germain street, have lately added another Linotype setting machine to their plant.

Mrs. William Pugsley Entertains. Mrs. Wm. Pugsley, wife of the Minister of Public Works, entertained at an enjoyable dance at the Golf Club last night.

The Empress Steamers. The C. P. R. R. M. S. Empress of Britain, Captain Murray, sailed from Liverpool yesterday for St. John via Halifax.

St. John Business College. Day and evening classes will reopen Monday. This is the college that does not find it necessary to disparage a competing school or even to canvass for students.

Services Appreciated. The Senior Mission Band of Calvin Presbyterian church had a pleasant gathering last night at the home of Rev. L. A. McLean.

Changes in Customs Entry Blanks. Changes in the entry blanks at the Customs House have been made owing to the operation of the French treaty.

Appeals Again Recommended. At the regular meeting of the Appeals Committee yesterday afternoon the recommendations which were sent back by the council were reconsidered with the result that practically all were again recommended.

St. Andrew's Lady Curlers. A meeting of the St. Andrew's Ladies Curling Club will be held at the rink next Monday afternoon for the purpose of electing skips and arranging for the seasons play.

Conference on Dry Dock Proposition. St. John's position in the matter of securing the dry dock and shipbuilding industries of Harland and Wolff was discussed at a private conference called by Mayor Bullock yesterday afternoon.

Allowed to go West. The young German woman who landed from the steamer Corsican and was detained by immigration officials last Saturday, was allowed to go through yesterday to Edmonton, Alberta.

Two Accidents at Sand Point. Walter H. Parlee, of Victoria street North End, met with a painful accident at the Winter Port yesterday afternoon.

Past Year Best In City's History

St. John Has Progressed Along Many Lines—Lumber Shipments To States Increased \$1,000,000—Harbor Revenues Improved \$11,000—Tax Collections Made a Record—Bank Clearings \$6,000,000 Heavier—A Bright Outlook.

Mayor Bullock spoke truly last evening when in answer to a request to give a review of the year that was passing, he replied that 1909 had been a year of solid, steady progress for St. John.

At City Hall. Mr. D. G. Langley, city chamberlain, while not able to give out a detailed statement last evening said that not only with respect to the year's assessment but in the collection of back taxes the payments were heavier than ever before.

The harbor revenue for 1909 shows an increase of \$11,500.57 over the amount collected in 1908. In the winter port revenue alone there was a gain of \$8,191.10.

Bank Clearings. Bank clearings show a substantial increase. There was a gain of \$6,170,633 over the clearings in 1908 while the increase the year before was only \$285,222.

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S. S. GORSICAN SAILS WITH OVERSEAS MAILS AND 400 PASSENGERS

G. M. Bosworth 4th Vice President Going To England—Is Non-Committal, But Predicts Good Business.

The Allan R. M. S. Corsican, Capt. Gambel, sailed for Liverpool via Halifax, yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock with the overseas mails consisting of 219 bags and 625 packages of parcel post.

Saluting the New Year. The steam vessels in harbor ushered in the New Year by a vigorous tooting of their whistles.

At The Opera House. The Robinson Opera Company gave an excellent performance of the comic opera Boccaccio last evening.

A Holiday Necessity

UNEQUALLED CANDIES

Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We take this opportunity of thanking our many customers for their very liberal patronage during the past year and wish all A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

New Year's Gifts

- Snowshoes, Moccasins, Larrigans, Overshoes, Skating Boots, Hockey Boots, Ankle Supports, Felt Boots, Felt Slippers, Cloth Leggings, Leather Leggings, Rubber Boots, Waterproof Boots, Waterbury & Rising

MORTGAGE IN PAID ON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY'S BUILDING

Bequest Of Mrs. Catherine Murdoch Provides Funds—St. John Behind Other Cities In Annual Grant.

Friends of the Natural History Society will be glad to learn that the recent bequest of the late Mrs. Catherine Murdoch has already provided sufficient funds to pay off the mortgage on the fine building owned by the society in Union street.

Mr. Wm. McIntosh, curator of the museum said yesterday that the society was looking forward to making their work more educative and helpful to the people of St. John.

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Fireplace Fittings. It is not yet too late to pick out some attractive furnishings to enhance the value of the cheery blaze. Come in and see our Andirons, Fire Sets and Fenders, In Iron and Brass. W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS. To our customers, whose good-will we value. And this is our Resolution—that throughout 1910 our vigilance shall not be diminished; we shall be constantly on the watch for opportunities to give better values and improve our clothing where improvement is possible.

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Advance Showing of Bright, New Dress Goods And Suitings for Spring. AT MRA'S LTD. If you are planning a suit or dress of distinction, one that will express your individuality and discriminating taste, one that will combine serviceableness with lasting beauty—where so good a place to study out the problem as it is in this department?