

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Pressure is high near Atlantic and Pacific coasts, with a trough of pressure extending from Lake Superior to the southwest states. The weather has been mostly cloudy and milder today over the eastern half of the Dominion, and it has continued comparatively mild in the west.

Prince Rupert	34	40
Victoria	34	42
Vancouver	39	38
Kamloops	14	20
Edmonton	10	16
Winnipeg	8	14
Medicine Hat	6	12
Moose Jaw	12	18
Battleford	12	18
Prince Albert	14	20
Waskaganah	14	20
Port Arthur	22	28
Parry Sound	20	26
London	12	18
Toronto	12	18
Kingston	16	22
Ottawa	12	18
Montreal	12	18
St. John	6	12
Halifax	6	12
Saskatoon	6	12

FORECASTS

Maritime—Moderate west and southwest winds; fair, with somewhat higher temperature.

Northern New England—Cloudy and warmer Wednesday; probably snow in Vermont Thursday snow or rain. Moderate southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

PRETTY CALENDAR.
The Standard has received a very neat and pretty calendar from the Bank of Nova Scotia, Charlotte St.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.
The chairman of the Public Utilities Commission is understood to be in correspondence regarding an expert to advise on the telephone situation in St. John.

THE CLERK.
The January issue of The Clerk has a photo and sketch of E. L. Bling, a photo and interview with H. A. Allison, and photo and sketch of A. E. Day, who has gone on the road as a traveller. This issue contains much other matter of interest to the clerks of the city.

SEARCHED THE STEAMER.
As the result of a man named Gormery informing the inspectors that he had obtained liquor from an Italian sailor, Inspector Merryfield and Kerr searched an Italian steamer in port yesterday and were unable to find any liquor. The sailor whom Gormery alleges gave him the liquor will appear in court today.

A STILL ALARM.
A still alarm was sent in from No. 10 City Road, a three tenement house owned by Vesna Levine. The chemical quickly responded and succeeded in putting the blaze out before any serious damage could be effected. The occupants of the house were Patrick Gaudet, Miss Clark and Mr. Sadler. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

CALENDAR RECEIVED.
A handsome calendar has been received from the Policy Holders' Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which H. Eldon Belyea is local manager. Underneath the British coat of arms, which has as standard-bearers Boy Scouts, are all the coat-of-arms of the overseas Dominions, upon the Union Jack. The design is striking and has a strong patriotic appeal.

NEED NOT REPORT.
Chief of Police Smith received a letter from Colonel Sherwood, chief of the Dominion Police Department, Ottawa, stating that an order-in-council, dated December 20, 1919, had been passed whereby it is provided that aliens are not required to report to police headquarters after January 1, 1920. This requirement had been in force during the war and for several months afterwards.

CONTINUE FERRY SERVICE.
The commissioners of the Lancaster and Indiantown ferry held a meeting in Commissioner Bullock's office yesterday to consider the situation created by the sale to the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company of the ferry steamer Elsie Ross. Heber Vroom, chairman of the commission, presided. The commissioners arranged to continue the ferry service indefinitely, and will meet again some time in the future.

COMING ON GRAMPAN.
A large shipment of Chinese coolies are expected to land at this port from France in transit to China on or about January 17th. The S. S. Grampian, of the C. P. O. S., which sailed from Havre, will bring the Mongolians to Canada. They will proceed across the Dominion via the C. P. R., and will be under military guard until they sail from Vancouver. Lieut.-Colonel Ross Napier, officer commanding the special coolie guards, arrived in the city yesterday from Halifax to make arrangements for the accommodation of about seventy men of the guard who will conduct the coolies while in Canada.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.
It was announced yesterday at local military headquarters through district orders that the Royal Air Force will cease to exist after January 16. It was also announced that all correspondence relating to officers should be addressed to the secretary of the air ministry, Kingsway, W. C., London, England; relating to cadets, to the officer in charge of R. A. F. records, Blanford Camp, Dorset, England; relating to pay or imperial gratuity, to the paymaster, R. A. F., 20 Victoria street, Toronto, Canada; relating to medical doctors or pensions, to the officers in charge of paying imperial pensions, militia and defence department, Ottawa; and relating to the difference between imperial and Canadian gratuity, to the director of S. A. A. P., militia and defence department, Ottawa.

Machinists After Advance In Wages

Meeting of Union Held in Longshoremen's Hall Last Night—Strike Vote Was Carried—Advance Offered by Employers Not Satisfactory to Men.

A meeting of the machinists was held last evening in the Longshoremen's hall, Water street, with the President George Hustin in the chair. It was found necessary to take action on the schedule between employers of the St. John machinists and the machinists. The schedule has been under consideration by the employers for one month, and up to date, the machinists say, very slow progress has been made. The machinists found it necessary to take a strike vote on the proposition which was carried. It is hoped by them that it will not be necessary to put the vote into effect, but the machinists feel that they are justified in requesting better conditions than are existing at the present time.

A member of the union said last night they had requested a joint meeting to consider the proposition, but the request has not been granted. The employers as individuals have said they could not meet the demands, but have expressed their willingness to make advances on conditions unsatisfactory to the men.

The machinists claim that during the war, they worked here subject to the terms fixed by the employers, which were then far more inconceivable than any other town in Canada.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Excellent Programme Carried Through Yesterday for Primary Department of Charlotte Street Baptist Sunday School.

The primary department of the Charlotte Street United Baptist Church Sunday School held a Christmas tree and entertainment in the Sunday school room yesterday afternoon.

Singing, recitations and dialogues were greatly enjoyed by the large number present. Some very interesting lantern slides of St. John, the harbor and a number of other views were shown. At the close of the entertainment, Santa Claus appeared and made the hearts of over one hundred little children happy by gifts of candy, nuts and oranges.

Mrs. N. A. McLeod, superintendent of the primary class; Miss Gertrude Melmer, Miss Nellie Rogers and Miss Ella Clark, teachers, with Wesley Hoyt, are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment, which was through their efforts.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING

Interesting Lecture on Russia by W. F. Burditt Enjoyed Last Evening—Donations Received and New Members Elected.

The regular monthly meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening, with the president, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, in the chair. A very interesting lecture on Russia previous to the war was given by W. F. Burditt. Sixty lantern slides of views of Russia were also shown.

After the lecture, donations were received from Dr. Mabel Hanington, consisting of numerous articles from China. Coins were also received from E. A. Kincaid.

The following are the new members elected: Miss Gertrude Belyea, Miss Winifred Blair and Miss Edna Weldon.

ESTIMATES WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME

Commissioners of County Hospital Met Yesterday and Made up Preliminary Budget for 1920—Will Request Refrigerating Plant.

The Commissioners of the St. John County Hospital met in the office of the County Secretary, J. King Kelley yesterday morning and made up the preliminary budget for 1920. The estimates will be about the same as the amount expended in 1919. The commissioners will ask the County Council to build a refrigerating plant and also a bath and workshop. It is expected that this will be covered by a bond issue. The meeting adjourned to meet again next Monday when the budget will be finally approved.

VICTORIAN ORDER IN THE WEST

Mrs. J. Charlotte Hanington, chief superintendent of the V. O. N. of Canada, left Ottawa Saturday night for Regina, Sask., where she will consult with Sir Richard Labe and the Red Cross Society regarding the Rural Nursing Service for that province. This nursing service is particularly for the returned soldier soldiers in the northern parts of the province.

Mrs. Hanington will also attend a Red Cross Society meeting in Vancouver on January 13 to arrange for a similar nursing service in British Columbia.

VICTORIA RINK.
Skating this afternoon, admission 15 cents. Skating with band this evening.

Presentation To Boy Scout Troop

St. Jude's and Trinity Troops Were Honored in Trinity School Rooms Last Evening—Excellent Programme Enjoyed.

A presentation to members of the Boy Scout Troop of St. Jude's and Trinity churches took place last evening in Trinity church school rooms. A. C. Skelton presided. The prizes were given by the Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, of the John Ambulance Association, at Ottawa, and were won by the St. Jude's troop for proficiency in First Aid. As the Trinity troop came only fourteen marks behind St. Jude's the local branch decided to give a second prize. The following boys received the Wallace Nesbitt prize of wrist compasses: Edward Jenner, Lorimer Klarsens, William Edwards, Preston Jennings, Reginald Connor, Trinity team received flash lights as follows: Paul Walsh, Lawrence Seels, Edward Walsh, Allen Gard, Reginald Wheeler, Stanley Olive, in Scoutmaster of St. Jude's; Rev. D. H. Lovett, of Trinity. Mr. Lovett was assisted by Charles Belyea.

The following programme was carried: Drill, St. Jude's; drill, Trinity; drill, Wolf Cubs; game by Wolf Cubs; First Aid display; Blindfold boxing; tub tilting; Firemen's Lift Race; Admission of a tenderfoot scout.

Dr. Murray MacLaren addressed the boys, congratulating them on the skill shown and telling them how useful the knowledge of First Aid would be to them.

Dr. Stewart Skinner made the presentation.

Uniformity of The Text Books

Chief Superintendent of Education Instructed to Keep in Touch With Other Provinces—Meeting in Halifax Thursday—Other Matters.

The Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick, W. S. Carter, has been instructed by the Board of Education to keep in touch with the two sister provinces—Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island—and with the four Western provinces in the matter of uniformity of text books.

Dr. Carter and Dr. Bridges, who were elected by the Text Book Committee of the province, will attend a conference of the heads of the educational boards of the three provinces to be held in Halifax on Thursday next.

A great advantage in the uniformity of text books would be the matter of cheapness. Although it is the intention to ultimately change several text books, owing to the unsettled condition of the nations, the new geographies and histories will not appear for some time yet.

The four western provinces have been working on proposed new text books for some time, and are ready to make recommendations which will influence the meeting at Halifax to a considerable extent.

The next Provincial Teachers' Institute is to be held in Fredericton on the three last teaching days of June of this year.

The new school inspector, L. A. Moore, took up his duties in Nova Scotia at the beginning of the new year, his headquarters are Woodstock, and he will have charge of Carleton and Victoria counties.

A committee appointed to report on the minimum for teachers salaries will be ready to appear before the next session of the provincial legislature.

The Annual meeting for the University of New Brunswick will be held in the Equity Court Chambers Friday night.

At the meeting of the text book committee held in St. John last week, the text books to be changed were decided upon.

The representatives of the various provinces at the conference to be held in Halifax Thursday, will be: For New Brunswick, the Superintendent of Education, W. S. Carter, and Dr. H. B. Bridges, Superintendent of Education for that province, and Colonel Campbell, Superintendent for the Island.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The United Services for the Week of Prayer were held last evening in the various churches with good congregations present. The topic for last evening was the "Call of a Religious Education." Tonight the addresses will be upon "The Call of the Home Land."

DEPLORABLE CASE

A deplorable case was made known to those in authority yesterday when a resident of a Nova Scotia town came to St. John seeking her sixteen year old daughter, who had run away from home. The girl was found living with a family of colored people under such distressing conditions that she was taken to the Municipal Home by Police Matron Ross.

THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Session, Held Last Evening. Arrangements Made for Opening Next Tuesday and Teachers Appointed—Domestic Science Classes to Start.

The vocational schools committee met last evening when plans were further matured, arrangements made, and teachers appointed for definitely opening in the Odd Fellow's building, corner of Union Street and Hazen Avenue on Tuesday evening next for the classes for women and girls, in dress making, knitting and millinery; while on the same evening the domestic science class will start in the domestic science building on Waterloo street.

All classes will begin at 7.45 p. m. and close at 9.45. Registration is to take place at the School Trustees building, Hazen Avenue, on Friday and Saturday of this week, and Monday and Tuesday of next week, from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, and from 7.30 to 9 in the evenings, thus giving those employed by day a chance to register in the evening.

Arrangements are also being completed for the men's and boys' classes which are to open almost immediately, but the registrations for which can be made now.

There is every indication that the need for vocational training which has been somewhat delayed in starting in St. John will be taken advantage of by the young men and women of the city.

Those present at the meeting last evening were: Dr. A. F. Emery, Chairman; A. Gordon Leavitt, Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond, Mrs. Richard Eyles, Thomas Nagle, J. D. P. Lewin and Alexander Wilson.

REGULAR MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

Daughters of Israel Were in Session—Matters Relating to Charitable Work Taken up—Plans Made for Entertainment.

The Daughters of Israel held their regular meeting last evening in the Y. M. H. A. on Howfield street. The president, Mrs. J. Goldman presided and various matters relating to the charitable work of the society were taken up. The sum of \$150 was voted to supply the necessities of life, such as coal and groceries for those in need.

Plans were made for an entertainment which will take place a week from Wednesday at the Synagogue on the corner of Wellington Row and Carleton street. There were twenty-eight members present last evening and much interest is being taken in the activities of the society.

SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE YESTERDAY

One Seaman for Refusing Duty and Four Others for Desertion Taken in Custody—Four Drunks Gathered in.

Patrick Keogh was given in charge by the captain, J. Roach of the S.S. Cornish Point, for absenting himself without leave, and also for refusing duty, he being an article seaman.

Four men deserting the steamer Scotian, Oscar Berg, Alfred Johnson, Oscar Larson and Tursten Eurston were given in charge by C. P. R. Inspector Cadlow last evening.

Four drunks were retained for the night.

Carl Watts is being held for the Chatham police.

ST. JOHN SOCIETY OF MUSIC.

The vocal test for those desirous of becoming members of the chorus, will be held in the Natural History Society's room, Union street, on Wednesday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

DE GOGORZA RECITAL

Box Office Opens at 10 A. M. This Morning for Exchange Ticket Holders.

Young men and young women of St. John have you thought seriously of the opportunity opening up for you in the FREE evening classes just being started in vocational training?—See Advt.

A GRACEFUL YOUNG LADY.

Miss Dorothy Dixon is described in the Belfast News Letter as a graceful young lady with high soprano voice, using her upper register with fine effect, receiving double accolades.

Miss Dixon will assist her father, the Irish soldier evangelist, James Dixon, as soloist at the Great Mission in Centenary church next week.

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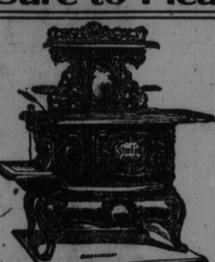
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