

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Fresh northwesterly winds, fair and moderately cold. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 20 - Moderately cold weather prevails this evening throughout Canada. Light snow falls have occurred today in the Georgian Bay district, Northern Ontario and Eastern Manitoba.

AROUND THE CITY

On Saturday next, Christmas Day, The Standard will not be published. Thumb Smashed. Edward Carlin, an employe of Stearns, Cutler and Co., had his thumb badly smashed yesterday morning by having it jammed between two logs on the sluice.

Pierrot Troupe at Seaman's Institute. An unusually good programme is being arranged for a concert at the Seaman's Institute tomorrow evening in which Pierrot troupes of the R. M. S. Tunisian will participate. Talent from other ships will also assist.

There will be a special meeting of the I. L. and O. Society in their rooms on Union Street this evening to make arrangements for attending the funeral of the late brother member, Mr. Dennis Molan.

No Cases For Trial. The December session of the supreme court in equity will open tomorrow at eleven o'clock. His Honor Judge Barker will preside. It is understood that outside the common motions which may be made there will be no cases for trial.

Being Taken to His Home. Mr. Jefferson White, who had his leg broken by a log falling on it in the Maine woods on Saturday, passed through the city last evening en route to his home in Menston. Mr. White was in a cot in the baggage car and was accompanied by two of his friends.

A Cold Snap. One of the coldest snaps of the month occurred yesterday. Early in the morning it was 11.7 degrees above zero, at 9 a. m. the thermometer registered 13.5 degrees, at 3 p. m. 21.3 degrees and at 9 p. m. 21 degrees. The highest temperature during the day was 21.3 degrees. At Sussex in the morning the thermometer went down to zero for the first time this winter.

The Corinthian's Cargo. The Allan liner Corinthian, which ran aground in Halifax harbor and is now having part of her cargo lightered, sailed from St. John Friday with the following cargo: wheat, 151,185 bushels; apples, 42 bbls.; 2 cars of leather; 1 car of oatmeal; 1 car of hops; 4 cars of implements; 3 cars of asbestos; 79 cases of lily bulbs; 75 bbls. of apple chips, and 431 standards of deals. Twenty-four passengers were carried, 13 of whom were second cabin and the rest steerage.

Improvements at the Y. M. C. A. Considerable improvement has been made in the boys' rooms at the Y. M. C. A. by Mr. W. H. Moor, the Boys' Secretary. By means of a generous donation from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the association a number of comfortable mission chairs and a table have been purchased and one of the rooms which is very well lighted has been arranged as a reading room. The pocket pool tables and other games that were in the room have had another room set aside for their exclusive use. An office has also been built for the use of Mr. Moor.

Lost Her Money on the Train. A young girl named McCollum, whose home is in P. E. I., arrived in the city last evening on the late train from Bangor and being without funds was given permission to sleep in the depot. The girl stated that she had money when she started but lost it on her way to St. John. She appeared to be quite sincere and produced a ticket to the island as proof that her story was true. Mr. L. R. Ross, terminal agent gave her permission to spend the night in the depot. She will leave on the train this morning and will spend Christmas with her family.

Created a Disturbance. Harry Belyea has been reported by the police for creating a disturbance in the Star Theatre last evening. Belyea went to the theatre last evening but was refused a ticket as he was thought to be under the influence of liquor. Not to be outdone Belyea went upstairs and when asked for his ticket presented a piece of folded paper. The ticket collector thinking that it was a pass allowed him to remain, but when on examination he found that the paper was but a blank sheet he demanded the price of admission. This Belyea at first refused to give but finally produced the necessary amount. As he was creating a disturbance he was ejected. The matter was brought to the attention of the police, who entered a report on the books at the North End station.

Hearing in Bustin vs. City Concluded. Hearing in the claim of Bustin vs. the City of St. John was continued from Friday last before His Honor Mr. Justice McLeod in supreme court chambers yesterday afternoon. The plaintiff is suing the city for \$1000 claiming that the defendants did that amount of damage to his property when laying the Loch Lomond water pipes. On Friday the plaintiff closed his case and yesterday the case for the city was concluded. William Murdoch, city engineer, William Leo and James Lamb gave evidence as to the value of the land and the amount of damages done. Argument of counsel then followed after which His Honor said he would reserve judgment. Mr. S. L. Fairweather and Mr. J. H. A. L. Fairweather appeared for the plaintiff and Hon. C. N. Skinner, the recorder, for the city.

RICHARD O'LEARY LOOKS TO TELEGRAPH FOR RETRACTION

When Interviewed Yesterday Gives True History Of Sawdust Wharf Proceedings At Ottawa - Letter Sent To Pugsley Not "Altogether Different" From Copy As Alleged - Knows Of No Gravel Taken After Government Bought It.

It was reported yesterday that Richard O'Leary of Richibucto had instituted legal proceedings against the St. John Telegraph in consequence of the report published concerning his evidence at Ottawa. Mr. O'Leary was in the city yesterday, and when asked whether this was true said that he was asking the Telegraph for a retraction and apology. He certainly did not intend to allow these statements to be published without seeking redress.

There was no material difference. Perhaps I went over the draft and made a few changes in the wording, and the copy given me was made with the press from the first letter. But the letter and the copy I produced were neither altogether or substantially different.

One question to which Mr. O'Leary takes exception represents him as having read to the public accounts committee what he said was the copy of a letter he had sent to Dr. Pugsley, and says that afterwards the minister produced the original letter which was "altogether different." The Telegraph referred to this several times in such a way as to make it appear that some grave deception had been practiced.

Mr. E. T. P. Shewen, chief engineer of the Public Works Department for St. John district returned last evening from Lorneville, where he made an inspection of the new breakwater which so miraculously shifted bottom in the heavy storm of a few days ago. To a standard reported Mr. Shewen explained that the pierhead had broken off from the main breakwater, drifted outwards 75 feet then swung around at an angle to its previous position.

In his twenty-seven years experience as an engineer he said he never seen such a thing happen before. The wind had been blowing 72 miles an hour and some of the upper part was first blown off the breakwater. The bottom then slid out and the pierhead was displaced. The breakwater he added, had not been built according to the plans first drawn up, but had been altered to suit the people of Lorneville.

As to his recommendation of the best course to pursue in handling the dismantled breakwater, Mr. Shewen said he preferred not to speak until his report had been presented to the department.

DECORATIONS CAUGHT FIRE LIGHTING GAS IN CLIFTON HOUSE

Prompt Arrival of Chemical Saved Serious Conflagration Last Evening - Damage Is Confined To One Room.

The first Christmas accident occurred at the Clifton House at 6 o'clock last evening when a bell boy, in lighting the gas in one of the guest's rooms on the 2nd floor, ignited the decorations on the chandelier and the flames spread to other parts of the room. Only the prompt arrival of the firemen saved the hotel from a serious conflagration. The room had been trimmed with greenery and it was planned to hold a whist party in the room last evening. Then the boy rushed down stairs with the intelligence that the room was afire the whist party was forgotten and an alarm was at once rung in.

No. 1 chemical was soon on the scene and the fire subdued. The window curtains were destroyed and the carpet damaged, but the fire was confined to one room and order was soon restored. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

A Holiday Necessity A BOX OF KODAKS

Christmas Gifts We have the complete KODAK line. Prices from \$1.00 up. Tank Developers \$3.00, \$4.00, \$6.00

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

After an hour's discussion yesterday the ferry committee agreed upon Mr. George H. Waring, Jr., as the man to recommend to the common council as the new ferry superintendent at a salary of \$1,200 a year. Mr. Waring is an engineer of recognized ability and is connected with the Union Foundry of which his father is manager. Mr. Waring was chosen from six applicants and it is understood the committee were unanimous in making the recommendation.

The Chairman interviewed. Speaking of the committee's recommendation last evening Ald. Potts said that the board had gone into the matter very thoroughly and Mr. Waring's practical knowledge of engineering and mechanics had told in his favor. It was in the mechanical and best looks had occurred and Mr. Waring's appointment to the position would render unnecessary the sending much of the repair work either to the Union Foundry or to the Phoenix Foundry.

For years there had been a carpenter in the service and the committee did not think it advisable to appoint another. He felt convinced that the best interest of the city would be served by the appointment.

Ald. Holder stated after the meeting that the decision had been unanimous. He had come to the meeting, he said, intending to support Mr. Retallick but had been shown that a practical engineer and not a carpenter was needed for the post.

No Heated Discussions Now. Asked if there had been any heated discussion during the meeting, Ald. Holder replied with a smile that the disturbing element had been eliminated from the committee. As to whether the members would all stand by when it is considered in council, Ald. Holder said he supposed so.

Close of Canton La Tour Fair. Canton La Tour Fair was brought to a successful close last evening, following a large attendance. Mr. H. Lemon was the winner of the International Correspondence School course, which was the prize given for the most popular Odd Fellow. He won by a good margin. The contests for the most popular fireman and contractor will remain open until 8 o'clock this evening. Mr. W. Sanderson is leading in the fireman's contest, with Mr. George Needham well to the front for the contractor.

St. Joseph's To Hold Reunion. The Y. M. S. of St. Joseph in St. Malach's hall last evening, nominated officers for the ensuing year. The election will be held next Monday evening. It was decided to hold a reunion of the society on January 2.

MOTHER, WIFE OR SISTER

Would be delighted on Christmas morning to receive a pair of handsome slippers. There are so many occasions in the course of the season when slippers are an absolute necessity.

We have a superb showing embracing all the new and fashionable styles and patterns.

Suedes in grey, brown, black and tan. Sa'lome Ties and Ribbon Ties, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00. Patent Collars in some Ties, Pumps, Ribbon Ties and Strap effects, \$1.75 to \$5.00. White Kid and Calf in Pumps, Ribbon Ties, and Blucherettes, \$1.50 to \$4.00. Black Vel Kid in Ribbon Ties and either one, two, three, or four strap, plain and embroidered in jet and steel, \$1.25 to \$3.00. Bronze Kid, Red Kid and Real Gold Kid, in pretty shapes and styles.

Waterbury & Rising King Street, Mill Street, Union Street.

For Christmas We have a stock of fine CONFECTORY. PERFUME in pretty packages, 25c to \$5.00 each. TOILET SHAPS in boxes, 25c to \$1.00 each. EBONY HAND MIRRORS, 75c to \$2.50 each. EBONY HAIR BRUSHES, to match mirrors.

E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

St. John Globe in New York Herald. Yesterday's New York Herald contains an article on the St. John Globe with excellent cuts of the building. Senator Ellis, Mr. R. O'Brien, managing director and Mr. F. B. Ellis, city editor. An interview with Senator Ellis, in which he advocates direct diplomacy for Canadians is given prominently on the front page.

Harbor Board Meeting. At a meeting of the Harbor Board yesterday morning it was decided to recommend that Messrs R. P. and W. F. Starr be given permission to extend for 30 or 40 feet, the center track on the wharf north of the Carleton ferry floats on condition that the work shall be done at no expense to the city and under the direction of the city engineer. A wharfage charge of five cents is to be paid on all coal landed at this wharf.

Snowshoes and Moccasins

Table listing prices for various types of snowshoes and moccasins, including Lumbermen's, Boys' and Girls', Ladies', Gents' Tramping, etc.

W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Clothing for Christmas

Economies effected by buying the Suit or Overcoat here will leave the Holiday Purse in condition to purchase more Christmas Cheer for others. And the economies of our clothing are REAL economies. The prices are moderate—and the VALUE is exceptional. We offer new Suits of Sterling Worsted in black or blue all wool, and finely finished fabrics, at \$16, \$18, \$22 and \$25. Also tweeds and worsteds of the newest modes at \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18 to \$25.

GILMOUR'S, 68 KING STREET TAILORING AND CLOTHING. "A GOOD PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES"

UNEEEDA Biscuit

Biscuit are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct individual food article, made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries. They are sealed in a special way which gives them crispness, cleanliness and freshness which "crackers" from the paper bag always lack. They are the nation's accepted Biscuit.

Buy Useful Christmas Gifts At the J. N. Harvey Stores

Read this List, but See the Stock,--'Twill Save You Money

Men's Overcoats... \$4.49 to \$22.50. Men's D. B. Reefers... \$3.98 to \$8.00. Men's Suits... \$4.95 to \$20.00. Boys' Overcoats... \$2.99 to \$12.00. Boys' D. B. Reefers... \$2.00 to \$12.00. Boys' Suits... \$2.00 to \$12.00. Boys' Pants... \$1.50 to \$7.50. House Coats... \$3.50 to \$5.00. Fancy Vests... \$2.00 to \$4.00. Dressing Cases... \$1.75 to \$15.00. Trunks... \$1.90 to \$9.50. Suit Cases... \$1.50 to \$17.50. Club Bags... \$2.00 to \$9.50. Hats... \$1.00 to \$3.00. Caps... \$1.00 to \$5.00. Leather Golf Bags... 75c to \$1.50. Men's Gloves... 25c to \$3.00. Boy's Gloves... 25c to \$1.00. Fan Belts... 25c to \$1.50. Combination Sets... 75c to \$1.50. Garters and Armbands (boxed)... 50c. Christmas Neckwear... 15c to 50c.

Make M.R.A.'s Your Gift Buying Headquarters

This store has the question "What to give" perfectly solved, in its broad varieties of splendid holiday goods now at the very height of completeness in every department.

Delightful Christmas Linens. This complete showing suggests appreciative gifts innumerable—the charm of the beautiful patterns, the newness and brightness of the offerings, will irresistibly appeal to the holiday shoppers. BLEACHED DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, most popular and staple designs, in all sizes, from 2 yards square to 2 1/2 yards wide, by 5 yards long. DINNER AND TEA NAPKINS. HEMSTITCHED LUNCH CLOTHS in plain Linen and Pattern Damasks, size from 1 1/2 yards square upward. HEMSTITCHED DAMASK HUCK TOWELS, a number of handsome designs. Each 50c. to \$1.50. DAMASK HUCK TOWELLING, 16 to 24 inches wide, per yard 28c., 40c., 45c., and 50c. SCALLOPED EDGE AND EMBROIDERED LINEN TRAY CLOTHS, 18 by 27 inches. Each \$1.00. SCALLOPED EDGE AND EMBROIDERED LINEN BUREAU COVERS, 18 by 45 inches. Each \$1.45. SCALLOPED EDGE AND EMBROIDERED LINEN SIDEBORD COVERS, 18 by 45 inches, each \$1.70; 18 by 72 inches, each \$2.25 and \$2.40. SCALLOPED EDGE SATIN DAMASK D'OYLEYS, 14 by 14 in. Per dozen \$2.15, \$2.65 and \$3.50. IMMENSE ARRAY OF HAND EMBROIDERED AND JAPANESE DRAWN WORK LINENS, including D'Oyleys, Centres, Tray Cloths, Bureau Covers, Sideboard Covers, Pillow Shams, Five O'Clock Tea Cloths, etc. LINEN ROOM.

Christmas Millinery. Ladies and Misses trimmed hats... \$1.50 to \$7.00. Ostrich Plumes in white, black and colors... \$1.00 to \$5.00. Infant's Hoods, in Angora wool... \$1.60 to \$1.85. Children's Toques, all colors... 30c. to 45c. MILLINERY DEPT.

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