

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The weather has been mild with light snow and rain in Ontario and fair and cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. It has been cold in Manitoba and mild further west.

St. John	6	24
Dawson	24	42
Prince Rupert	34	46
Vancouver	34	46
Kemloope	34	46
Battleford	10	26
Medicine Hat	24	46
Moose Jaw	37	52
Regina	10	26
Winnipeg	18	32
White River	12	28
London	27	38
Toronto	28	34
Ottawa	8	30
Montreal	6	26
Quebec	4	14
Halifax	10	28

Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime.—Moderate winds with some light snow or rain. Northern.—Variable winds. Cloudy and unsettled, Friday and Saturday, probably light snow; colder in New Hampshire and Vermont Friday and in Maine Friday night.

AROUND THE CITY

NO STANDARD ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tomorrow, New Year's Day, the regular edition of The Standard will not be issued.

RHODES SCHOLAR AWAY

George F. Skinner, Rhodes Scholar, will sail today for the Empress of France to take up his studies at Oxford.

TO CONSIDER A QUESTION.—Mayor Schofield has asked the shipping men and engineers to meet in his office this afternoon to further consider the bridge across the falls.

HERE ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

The Board of Railway Commissioners will hold a session here on Wednesday, January 5 at 10 a. m. to consider the matter of the railway bridge across the falls.

SUFFERED INJURY

Everett Brown, 180 Sydney street, a sugar refinery employee, fell yesterday morning and injured his back. He was taken to the hospital for treatment and later sent home.

BANDS WILL PLAY

The St. Mary's Band will, weather permitting, play the old year and the New Year in on Haymarket Square. The Martello Band will perform on the Tilley Square stand tonight.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

The pictures shown at the Seamen's Institute last evening were greatly enjoyed by the large number of Belgians present who are members of the crew of the Grampian. The institute is crowded, sleeping accommodation being at a premium.

EMPLOYMENT FOR GIRLS.

Last night Mayor Schofield informed The Standard that St. John girls who wished to work in the clam factory at Little Leguane could apply to Miss Hoyt, of the Y. W. C. A., who would look after them.

MEMORIAL WORKSHOP

H. Worsfold Schofield stated yesterday afternoon that he had not yet been officially notified of the action of the Soldiers' Comfort Association, but just as soon as the money was placed in his hands the work would be commenced.

TRAINING COURSE APPLICATIONS

Four applications for the Training Course offered by the Victoria Order of Nurses and Canadian Red Cross have been received by Miss Martine, district superintendent, and forwarded to Ottawa. Miss Cole, inspector of the Victoria Order, is expected in the city very shortly and will assist in the organization of the Training School.

POLICE COURT.

Three drunks were before the police magistrate yesterday and were remanded. Four protectionists who had been sheltered in the station over night were allowed their liberty in the morning. A family case was before the court in the afternoon and efforts were made to bring husband and wife together again. J. F. Todd and Francis Kerr appeared in the interests of the two parties.

ELECTIC READING CLUB

Current events was the subject for the evening's meeting of the Electric Club which was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong. Queen St. Dr. Bridges was in charge of the programme and read a very interesting original paper, reviewing the great events of the world over for the year. Other readings were given by Mrs. G. A. Kohring, Richard Hooper, Roy R. Moorhead Legate and Frank Ellis.

A JOLLY PARTY

A jolly party was given at the Y. W. C. A. Reception Centre last evening for the girls of Woolworth's. Miss Phyllis Woods, Girls' Work Secretary, was in charge, and games and music made the evening pass very pleasantly. Miss Madeline Adams presided at the piano. Refreshments were served. There were present, as well as the special guests, Mrs. J. D. Hinton, Mrs. McPherson and Miss Thompson. Today the Senior Gymnasium Class will give a party with a Christmas tree for the children of the British street Protestant Orphan Home.

The Maritime Dental Parlour, 28 Charlotte street, will be open New Year's Day from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m.

Children's Festival Greatly Enjoyed

Unusual Number of Talented Young Entertainers Gave Programme at Imperial

It has been remarked several times recently that St. John possesses an unusual number of talented young entertainers, and yesterday afternoon's Children's Festival, held under the auspices of the King's Daughters, emphasized this fact. The Imperial Theatre was well filled with a delighted audience, and Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, who arranged the programme, was highly congratulated upon the success of the affair. In songs, recitation, piano playing and dancing, the young people showed great talent and ability.

Among the splendid numbers, special mention must be made of the dances given by Miss Angela Gregory of West St. John; the jazz band of the Free Kindergarten children, and the drill in which the Virgin's boys appeared. A Christmas and New Year's greeting in human form.

The proceeds of the concert are for the work of the City Orphan Home at Fredericton will be made. At the close of the entertainment, the performers were treated by the organization. The various Circles were in charge of arrangements as follows:

Ushers—In His Name: Tickets, Confort; Advertising, Lent's Hand; Trust for the Children; Good Cheer; Opportunity, Ministering and Doorkeepers.

The Programme

The programme was as follows: Recitation—"Just Before Christmas," Norman Magnusson; Babies' Gym Class of the Y. W. C. A.; In Nursery Rhymes; Children of the Free Kindergarten; Christmas Songs and Exercises; Recitations: Vera Roberts; Song: Olive Rankin; Doll—Sixteen boys from the Wiggins Orphan Home; Dances: Butterfly and Clog; Angela Gregory; Sacred Solo: Norman Magnusson; Japanese Chorus—Children of the Imperial Christmas Entertainment; Song: "Dear Mother of Mine," Rita McMan; Polish Folk Dance, "Jolly Cottage," Senior Girls' Class, Y.W.C.A.

Trinity Annual Xmas Entertainment

An Excellent Programme Was Carried Out—Children from Orphanages Invited.

At Trinity Sunday School yesterday afternoon the annual Christmas entertainment of the primary school was held. The children of the primary school and members of Credit Roll with their parents, also the small or children in Protestant Orphanage, Britain street, were invited.

The affair was in charge of Miss Ethel Hazen Jarvis, primary superintendent, and Mrs. E. Caverhill Jones, superintendent of Credit Roll, with the following committees:

Tree committee:—Mrs. F. Caverhill Jones, Miss Sara Hare, Ice Cream committee:—Mrs. A. W. Golding, Mrs. J. E. Gorham. Santa Claus committee:—Miss Mary Robertson, Master Norman Skinner, Mrs. E. L. Jarvis.

Music committee:—Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Miss Gretchen Betz. Refreshment committee:—Mrs. T. W. Trost, Mrs. W. MacBride, Mrs. L. Robertson, Miss Hilka Bartsch.

The programme was as follows: Games with the little ones, led by the Girl Guides of Trinity Troop. Carole sang in the circle under the leadership of Miss Jarvis, "Once in Royal David's City."

"The Star Shone in the Heavens," Master Tommy Southouse; "See the Star is Shining," Master Fred Jackson.

Chorus by the children. Then followed a march into supper, where specially fitted low tables and Kindergarten chairs were arranged with refreshments. After supper the distribution of presents by Santa Claus from a well filled tree took place and the happy children wished Christmas would come oftener than once a year.

Empress of France Left For Liverpool

Hundred First Class, 350 Second and 600 Steerage Passengers.

The Empress of France sailed for Liverpool yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock with 100 first-class, 350 second class and about 600 steerage passengers and a full freight cargo.

Overseas Cruisers

Among the passengers were about fifty cruises enroute to Scotland to cur' experts with the 'stane' over there. About thirty five of them came from Western Canada arriving on the 1.15 Montreal train, going directly to the Empress of France from Fairville. A dozen cruises from Nova Scotia, who arrived yesterday morning, joined the Westerners at the dock. Local cruises met the Western party on their arrival and assisted them in transferring their baggage and in attending to other little details of departure. The cruises were extended an invitation to be the guests of the local clubs a few days on their return from Scotland. They expressed a desire to spend a few days here and will do so if proper arrangements for a stop over can be made.

Given Send Off.—The Nova Scotian cruises were given a rousing send off on leaving home of Wharf, Bruno and Ashcroft.

Classes Open On January 6th

Expected That All Classes in Vocational Training Will be Filled on Opening Night.

It is expected that all classes for vocational training will be filled to their capacity and opened on Thursday evening, January 6th. Further information regarding the location of the classes, hours, etc., will be made later. Applications have been coming in rapidly for all the courses during the past week. Every effort is being made to make each course as practical and as attractive as possible. Exports in each branch have been engaged as instructors. Following is a short synopsis of the courses which are being offered:

Show Card Writing.

This course is especially adapted to the needs of store clerks who wish to become window trimmers, shipping clerks, etc. It consists of practice in brush making, letter formation, saying out, penmanship, shading, color combination, making different types of show cards, etc.

Electrical Course.

This is designed to meet the requirements of men employed in electrical shops, or to enable them to enter. It will consist of lectures and practical work in magnetism, static and dynamic electricity, currents, wiring and assembling of switch boards, troubles with motors, generators and other electrical instruments and their repairs, etc.

Mechanical Drawing.

Adapted to the needs of men in foundries, boiler shops and repair shops of various industries, etc. who wish to qualify for the drafting office and managing positions. It will be divided into two classes, one in elementary work, consisting of instruction in drawing, lettering and shading, sections, geometrical problems, projections, etc. In advance mechanical drawing classes, instruction will be given in tracing, blue print reading, drafting, detailed and assembled drawings of standard machines and design of parts of simple machines, etc.

Architectural Drawing.

Architectural drawing designed to meet the needs of those who have had practical experience in building construction or who would like to enter an architect's office will consist of both lectures and drafting practice in projection, copying, line print reading, detailed drawings from architect's plans and simple designs. The building construction course or blue print reading and estimating will be given in the evening. Both of materials and labor, building superintendence, etc.

Motor Mechanics.

For garage workers or any young men who wish to become chauffeurs, skilled mechanics, etc. or for those who wish to learn to drive and repair their own cars. It will consist of instruction and practical work as follows:

The principle of the gas engine. Engine parts, names, composition, etc. Valves and valve timing. Carburetion and feed system. Electrical batteries. Ignition (battery and coil). Ignition (high and low tension magnet). Oiling system.

Chemistry.

Adapted to the needs of drug clerks and men engaged in occupations where a knowledge of chemical laws, which are the basis of most manufactures is necessary. It will consist of lectures and practical work in general chemistry, including chemical changes, elements and compounds, fundamental laws and theories, water, air, combustion, oxidation, acids, bases, salts, equivalents, laws of gases, molecular weights and some elementary qualitative analysis; together with the manufacturing of certain articles such as sugar, soap, glass, etc.

Bookkeeping and Mathematics.

Bookkeeping for clerks, office boys, messengers who wish to become bookkeepers, or small shop keepers who wish to keep their own accounts, will consist of instruction and practice in elementary bookkeeping, penmanship, spelling, arithmetic, etc. A course in applied mathematics of a practical nature, bearing upon the work in the elementary drafting and estimating classes will be carried on for those who shall attend these classes.

Home-Making Department.

The home-making department consists of elementary dressmaking instruction and practice in hand and machine sewing, cutting, shrinking, alterations, renovations, decorations, lampshading, bleaching, dyeing, cleaning, etc.

Millinery, instruction and practice in making and trimming hats, renovations and remodeling, appreciation of color, line and form, discussion of materials and appreciation of combinations, etc.

Domestic Science, study of the economic value and cooking of typical foods, their composition, nutritive value, preparation and attractive serving, etc.

A course of twelve lectures opened to all members of the classes will be given once each week, commencing the second week in January. It is proposed to have these given by prominent men and women who are authorities on the different subjects. The programme will be announced later.

There were demonstrations in their honor by well known.

Several "unbelievable" marked under guard from Montreal and were placed aboard the Empress for export.

C.P.O.S. Grampian Here From Antwerp

Arrived Yesterday Morning With 1,100 Steerage Passengers—Had Rough Trip.

The C. P. O. S. Liner Grampian, from Antwerp with 66 cabin and 1100 steerage passengers docked early yesterday morning. The trip across was the roughest ever experienced, according to reports of the officers. After two days out the ship ran into boisterous weather and was tossed about to the discomfort of all.

Christmas at Sea

Special preparations were made for celebrating Christmas at sea. The cabins were artistically decorated and a special menu, served by the chief steward. Most of the passengers were not feeling like celebrating but those who were able to get about enjoyed the efforts put forth for their entertainment by officers and crew.

Forty Rejected

The immigration officials were busy all day yesterday examining the steerage passengers. About forty of them were rejected and sent back aboard ship. Those rejected were Polish, Czech, Slovak, Hungarian, man and wife were also refused admission to this country.

There were two steerage ways on the Grampian and they were ordered back by the authorities.

Steamer Pretorian From Glasgow

Docked Yesterday Morning With 113 Cabin and 292 Third Class Passengers.

The Pretorian from Glasgow, with 113 cabin and 292 third class passengers, docked at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Grampian moving out to make room for her sister ship.

Rough Weather

The Pretorian experienced much the same disagreeable weather as reported by the Grampian. The liner was eleven days making the trip. A special Christmas party was provided by the officers for their guests at sea and a most enjoyable time was had on that occasion.

Cotton Mill Employees

The Pretorian brought from Scotland several young ladies who are coming here to enter the employ of the cotton mill at Milltown. A representative of the company was at the docks to look after the interests of the young ladies and see them safely transferred to Milltown.

Three special trains were despatched by the C. P. R. with passengers from the two steamers for Western Canada.

GEORGE SHEPHERD WAS ARRESTED

Taken in Custody at Portsmouth, N. H., for Using St. John Man's Name Illegally.

A man giving the name of George Shepherd, was arrested at Portsmouth, N. H., yesterday for attempting to secure money under false pretences. Using the name of Leo Feiner he telegraphed to Mrs. Feiner in New York for \$25. She wired her son in St. John for an explanation and the Portsmouth police do the rest.

When searched at headquarters the name of Feiner was found posted in Shepherd's hat. A second man from Buffalo was taken into custody shortly afterward, but he was able to satisfy the officials that he was not connected with the case. This is the second attempt of this kind at obtaining money from the Portsmouth Western Union office within the past two weeks.

"RECONDITIONED" PRICES ON READY TAILORED OVERCOATS AND SUITS.

We have taken stock and marked these goods at rock-bottom prices regardless of their original cost. Here's some idea of the very great savings you may make:

\$75 Overcoats now	.....\$55
\$85 Overcoats now	.....\$45
\$95 Overcoats now	.....\$35
\$40 Overcoats now	.....\$30, \$25, \$22.50
\$25 and \$35 Overcoats now	.....\$20
\$30 and \$35 Suits now	.....\$20
\$60 and \$65 Suits now	.....\$45
\$30 and \$45 Suits now	.....\$35
\$40, \$35, \$30 Suits now	.....\$25 and \$20

—Gilmour's, 68 King Street.

IF YOU WANT REAL BARGAINS

Bigger bargains by far than you've ever had before, wait for DYKEMAN'S JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE. Women's Suits, Coats and Dresses at ridiculously low prices. Silks and Dress Goods at a mere fraction of their regular value. Watch for the big ad. in this paper right after New Year's—You'll be surprised.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 50c.

VICTORIA RINK

Skating in afternoon. Skating and band tonight.

OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE. Friday evening, New Year's Eve, the scene of Macaulay Bros. & Co. will remain open until 10 p. m. to afford people an opportunity to make New Year's purchases.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE. Grampian Jan Band Saturday night 8 o'clock. Admission 30 cents. Reserve at 10 o'clock.



Make the Cold Places Liveable

There are certain cold corners, perhaps small rooms, in the home which the general heating system does not quite reach, and which need but a little extra heat to make them cozy and liveable. Here is where the

PERFECTION OIL HEATER

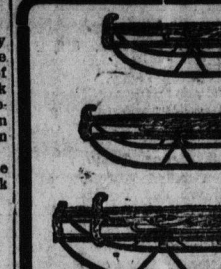
is exactly what you need. Just light the big burner and, in a few minutes, you have an abundance of glowing, grateful heat—clean and odorless. The Perfection is light, strong, handsome, and gives you the most in warmth at the smallest outlay for oil.

The Perfection Oil Heater comes in several styles, at \$9.50, \$10.50 and \$12.50

SEE OUR KING STREET WINDOW

W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED

Store Hours:—8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open Saturdays till 10 p.m.



SLEDS--SLEDS

Every boy—and girl too—must have a sled.

A snow shovel is another necessary winter toy. Let them have them and keep them out in the open—they'll be healthier and happier too.

Flexible Flyers—the steering sleds, \$2.50 to \$4.15
Boys' Clipper Sleds 60c. to \$4.00
Girls' \$1.10 to \$6.00
Snow Shovel—Wood and Steel, 25c., 30c. and 35c.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

STORES OPEN 8.30 P. M.

CLOSE 5.55 P. M.

SATURDAY 10 P. M.



The Balance of Our Christmas Stocks of Toys and Fancy Goods

To Be Sold at Great Reductions on Friday

Here is just a little idea of the many different things included in this selling and the great reductions made to bring about a quick disposal.

DRESSED AND UNDRESSED DOLLS—A good variety to choose from, big and small. Some have long curls and eyes that close. Every doll is a big bargain.

Regular \$2.50 and \$2.75	..... now \$1.00 each
Regular \$3.00 to \$5.00	..... now \$1.50 to \$2.50
Regular \$6.25 to \$8.65	..... now \$3.00 to 4.00
Regular \$10.00 to \$12.00	..... now \$5.00 to \$7.50
Regular \$22.00	..... now \$10.00
Doll's Sleighs—Regular \$4.00	..... now \$2.00
Push-a-Bike—Regular \$4.00	..... now \$2.50
Music Boxes—Regular \$1.95 to \$6.90	..... now 75c to \$2.00

Teddy Bears—Wonderful Bargains among these—Big Bears Regularly Priced \$2.25 to \$12.00 now \$1.00 to \$6.25

Toy Meat Markets, Grocery Stores and Kitchen Sets—Regular \$4.50 now \$1.75

SALE COMMENCES FRIDAY MORNING in Art Department, Germain St. Entrance.

We Sell the Hoover Electric Suction Sweepers

St. John housekeepers are getting pretty well acquainted with the merits of this really wonderful machine, which is the only one of its kind that actually beats—as it sweeps—as it cleans.

Air suction alone cannot dislodge destructive, embedded grit from carpets and rugs. Air suction alone cannot detach clinging litter. So the Hoover electrically beats and electrically sweeps—besides air cleaning. The result is a thorough removal of dirt without muscular exertion. That is why the Hoover is the largest selling electric cleaner in the world. The Hoover also straightens crushed nap and revives coloring. It is absolutely guaranteed to prolong the life of rugs and carpets.

Ask for a demonstration when passing through our Carpet Department.

All Our Stores Will Be Open Friday Previous to New Years Until 10 p. m.

Manchester Robertson Allison & Co.
KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET STREET

For \$7.00

Until January 8th

\$13.50

is the least price these hats are worth

YOU MEN FOLK—can own a Genuine Knox or Stetson Hat, either soft or derby, of your choice.

YOU WOMEN FOLK—can possess either a Genuine Knox French Silk Plush Hat, a Genuine Beaver Hat or a Fine Velour Hat.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited, Saint John, N.B.