

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Strong north-westerly winds, decreasing at night; fair and colder.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Somewhat colder weather set in over Manitoba during last night and has since spread over Ontario and in British Columbia. The weather today has been fine through Canada, and in Alberta, the mild conditions have continued.

	Min	Max
Vancouver	40	48
Kamloops	34	46
Edmonton	20	36
Battleford	16	30
Calgary	22	48
Medicine Hat	22	48
Moosejaw	22	48
Regina	17	30
Qu'Appelle	18	28
Parry Sound	22	42
London	34	42
Toronto	32	44
Kingston	32	42
Ottawa	18	36
Montreal	18	40
Quebec	22	28
Halifax	24	46

AROUND THE CITY

Charged with Assault.

Saturday afternoon about four o'clock Henry Harvey was given in charge of Sgt. Finley and Detective Lucas by Walter Minklin for assaulting him on Union street, West End. The prisoner is also charged with being intoxicated.

Coal Handlers Sign Agreement.

The Coal Handlers' Union has signed a contract with the Dominion Coal Company governing conditions of labor for a year. The contract conditions are practically the same as those recommended by the Board of Conciliation.

Seamen's Mission.

There was a large attendance at the evening service in the Seamen's Mission last night. The Rev. W. Gaetz was present and delivered a fine address to the men. During the evening several solos were given and the whole service was greatly enjoyed by all present.

An Interesting Lecture.

Stephen C. Hurley gave an interesting lecture last evening in the C. M. B. A. hall, Union street, before a large gathering, taking as his subject "The Exiles of Erin." The subject is one of common interest to all and the lecturer treated it in a manner most interesting to the listener and educational to close followers of Irish history. Mr. Hurley is an exponent of music and the step to the lecture platform further increases his popularity with St. John audiences.

A Unconscionable Visitor.

George Wanamaker, the proprietor of the Imperial Cafe, was called on in his cafe last evening by an unexpected visitor. The visitor was a beautiful yellow tinged butterfly with black spots on its wings. As it fluttered about the heads of the guests there was quite a scramble to capture it. It was finally landed alive and given a cozy corner in a glass with some sugar to feed on. Mr. Wanamaker is very proud of the capture and took much pride in showing it to the newspaper men and others last evening. To capture a live butterfly about St. John on the 14th of December is something unusual.

STANDARD EMPLOYEES GUESTS OF MANAGEMENT

Enjoyable Dinner in Bond's in Honor of Publication of Largest Paper Ever Issued Here.

The members of the staff of The Standard were guests of the Standard Publishing Company, Limited, at dinner in Bond's cafe Saturday evening. Upwards of forty were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The dinner was in honor of the largest paper ever issued in St. John, the Christmas edition of The Standard. After the dinner had been disposed of a programme of speeches and musical numbers was carried out.

H. V. MacKinnon, managing editor of The Standard, presided, and seated at the same table were A. E. McGinley, the editor; J. B. M. Baxter, E. C. representing the directors; Colin McKay, city hall reporter, and other prominent members of the staff. Mr. Baxter gave a brief historical sketch of The Standard from its small beginning four years ago to the Christmas edition of 72 pages, and spoke of the work of the reporters and others on the staff.

The evening's programme was opened with a toast to the King, responded to with musical numbers, and was followed by a nicely arranged programme in which impromptu speeches by different members of the staff held a leading place. Vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Boom and piano selections were contributed by members of the business staff.

The occasion in commemoration of the largest local newspaper ever published was one which will long remain fixed in the minds of The Standard employees, and has been after enjoying one of the most pleasant social evenings of their lives.

The toast of the King was followed by brief but well chosen addresses by representatives of the different departments, each voicing expressions of gratitude, and complimenting the efforts which have brought the paper to its present high standard of excellence. Every department from the pressroom to the confining of the editorial chamber was heard from, and even Jack, the elevator boy, proved himself equal to the occasion.

After an evening of much pleasure, the programme was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

ALLAN LINED VICTORIAN BRINGS RECORD MAIL ON FIRST TRIP

Arrived in Port Yesterday with Over Four Thousand Sacks—Two Carloads of Overseas Matter Loaded in Twenty-four Minutes—Officials Enthusiastic with Transfer Work.

The Allan liner Victorian, Captain John Williams, arrived in port yesterday morning and docked at No. 6 berth, Sand Point. The steamer's passenger list included 29 first-class, 126 second and 234 third cabin. Of this number 266 are en route to Canadian points and the others are for the United States. The first cabin passengers are as follows:

A. L. Ayton, Mrs. Ayton, Miss J. Cameron Brown, Hendrick Campbell, Miss Olive M. Checkley, Miss A. B. Cooke, J. H. A. L. Fairweather, Claude Gibson, Mrs. H. J. Hague, O. Jenner, Charles Johnson, S. L. King, Miss C. M. Leigh, Miss A. B. Macdonald, D. W. Mill, Capt. G. Ogilvie, R. G. A. Mrs. Ogilvie, Master Ogilvie, A. H. Patterson, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Isabel Smith, Miss Helen L. Smith, G. W. Stairs, W. E. Staneland, Andre Systemans, Miss M. B. Thysen, Collin E. Tyrer, Ph. Valiquet.

In addition to a large general cargo the Victorian brought out one of the largest mails ever landed in Canada, there being over 4,000 sacks. The ship docked about eleven o'clock in the morning and the workmen at Sand Point made a record for handling the baggage and mails. They worked hard and the cars were ready to receive the goods. About four o'clock in the afternoon all the baggage and the mails had been taken from the ship and were loaded on the cars ready for transportation to the western and the Nova Scotia points. Among the lot of mail were two carloads of overseas mail and in 24 minutes these two cars were loaded. They were then attached to the first-class passenger special and were soon on their way to the Pacific coast, and the C. P. R. will rush these mails along to be in time to catch the sailing of the steamer at Vancouver for the Orient.

It took fourteen cars to hold the

mail for Montreal and other points in Western Canada, and at 4.30 o'clock this special train was placed on the tracks and headed out of West St. John and was on its way westward.

Immediately after the ship was docked the mail points were placed on teams and hastened to the I. C. R. depot and loaded on the Atlantic express and this mail was landed in the Halifax post office last night.

The postal officials who were present at Sand Point to superintend the transfer of the mails, and the C. P. R. officials who had charge of the handling of the same, were more than pleased at the rapid manner in which the mails were transferred from the ship to the cars, and hurried away on special trains. One prominent official said yesterday afternoon that yesterday's work proved the fastest that he had ever witnessed in the handling of mails in Canada. The mail for Montreal will be in that city early this morning and it can be plainly seen that for fast work St. John is the port for the mails to be landed in.

The Victorian sailed from Liverpool on Saturday, the 6th inst., and for a few days of the voyage encountered some very rough weather. Heavy westerly gales and high seas were met but the ship ploughed through them without damage.

This is the first visit of the Victorian to St. John this season. The officers of the ship are as follows: Captain—John Williams. Chief Officer—W. Frantice. Purser—A. Evans. Surgeon—J. Winder, M. D. Chief Engineer—A. Gillespie. Chief Steward—F. Cooper. Saloon Stewardess—Mrs. Kennedy. Second Class. Steward—Hy. Monkhouse. Stewardess—Mrs. Casement.

ST. JOHN'S XMAS NUMBER A BIG HIT

Many Complimentary Remarks—Despite Unusually Large Issue Every Copy was Sold Before Noon.

The Standard's Christmas industrial edition appears to have caught the popular fancy. It was anticipated that there would be a strong demand for copies of this paper and many additional thousands were printed. Orders for large numbers of extra copies had been received from agents in the city as well as through the provinces, but besides these, a great many papers were reserved for the later demand in St. John. When the mailing room staff completed their work on Saturday morning it was thought that there were enough papers left over for all requirements, but the actual rush for copies was not even guessed at. By noon on Saturday there was not a paper remaining. It became necessary to go through the sweepings of the office and gather up sections which had been cast aside, and from these to put together a few complete copies. There are none left now, but there are requests for fully two thousand more than can be furnished. The Standard advised all to send in their orders early, and those who neglected to do so must now stand their disappointment.

Many complimentary remarks have been made as to the appearance of the paper and its contents. Next year something better will be offered, and plans are even now being made for a Christmas edition of 1914 which will be a number worth while.

Frederickson Liked It.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 14.—The Christmas industrial edition of The Standard was eagerly sought here and created a most favorable impression with business men, and particularly those of the Board of Trade who have been studying the publicity problem. "That's the kind of booming the East needs," said one of the Board of Trade's officers, after looking over Saturday Standard.

What the Globe Says of It. "The Standard today is a paper of seventy-two pages, the largest newspaper ever issued in St. John. Two years ago, in celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, the Globe issued a paper of fifty pages, which was the largest to date.

The Standard has more than its size to commend it. Its columns are full of important and interesting information concerning the industries and trade of St. John and of the province; harbor improvements and building operations in St. John; civic affairs; education, including an account of the University; the churches and their work; various historical articles of value; articles on prosperous towns in New Brunswick and in Nova Scotia; messages from men of prominence, including Lieut.-Governor Wood, and of course many pages dealing with Christmas and its observance. The articles are suitably illustrated, and portions of the paper are printed in colors. From the mechanical point of view, too, the issue is most creditable. Altogether, The Standard is to be congratulated on its Christmas number."

PERSONAL.

J.H.A.L. Fairweather arrived home yesterday from England on the steamship Victorian. Among the passengers on the Victorian returning from Liverpool were Captain G. Ogilvie, R. G. A. Mrs. Ogilvie and Master Ogilvie.

Boston Harbor Plans

"Boston has worked out big plans of harbor development, and is spending a large amount of money," said Wm. Dempsey, secretary of the Atlantic coast division of the Longshoremen's Union, who is in the city. The new Commonwealth Pier is one of the largest on the Atlantic coast, and it is intended to start work shortly on a dry dock 1,000 feet in length. With increased harbor facilities Boston is setting more trade, and we expect it to become a great port in the near future." Speaking of St. John Mr. Dempsey said conditions here were evidently ripe for development, and that the efforts being made to develop harbor facilities should bring a lot of traffic here.

Three striking bargains displayed in one of F. A. Dykeman and Co.'s windows which will be most suitable for Christmas presents. One is a silk head shawl, very fine quality suitable for wearing on social occasions, in cream, only 49 cents—which is less than half the usual price. A real worthy kid glove for 80 cents (manish style) a glove that usually sells for \$1.25. A knitted silk muff for 59 cents; about one hundred of them to be sold at this extraordinary price; fine quality of silk fringe on ends, knitted closely so as to give comfort; has a glove equal to that of many mufflers sold at double the price.

DIED.

MANN—In this city on December 13, after a lingering illness, Daniel E. Mann, aged 68 years. Funeral (Monday) afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence at 121 Brunswick street. Interment in Cedar Hill cemetery.

WARD—In this city, on the 13th inst., Lydia Joseph, second son of John and Jennie Ward, in the 18th year of his age.

Funeral from his parents' residence, 460 City Line, West End, today (Monday), at 3.15 a. m. to the Church of Assumption for High Mass of Requiem. Friends invited to attend.

GETS WORD OF MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF HIS SISTER IN ONTARIO

Leslie Upham, on Reaching City en Route to Spend Holiday Season in Old Country, Receives Sad Message—Circumstances of Death Lead Police to Investigate.

A death shrouded in mystery which occurred in Windsor, Ont., and caused the police of that town to interest themselves in the case, was disclosed here shortly after the arrival of the C. P. R. noon train yesterday, when Leslie Upham, a passenger on the incoming train received a communication from Windsor, Ontario, informing him of the mysterious death of his sister whom he had left hearty and in the best of health just four days ago.

With the hard earnings of years tucked safely away, and rejoicing in the expectation of returning to his native land and renewing former friendships during the festive season of Christmas, Upham, a young Canadian settler arrived in the city yesterday en route to Bristol by the steamer Royal George. A few minutes after his arrival he received a long distance telephone communication from the chief of police of Windsor, Ontario, that his sister had suddenly passed away.

The message conveyed the information that she had been found dead in the kitchen floor of her dwelling with no apparent clue as to the cause of her death. Incidents connected with the death had prompted the police to interest themselves in the case, and the brother was informed that a post mortem examination on the body would be conducted last evening.

The brother was not informed of

the appearance of the body when found dead, or made acquainted with any particulars in connection with the death other than that she was found lying on the floor in her home.

The young lady who had just reached her twenty-sixth year, was a rather distinguished type of English beauty, and when in her native country is said to have posed as artist's model.

Leslie Upham brought his young sister to settle in Canada some four years ago. Some time after her arrival here she wedded an engineer on the Grand Trunk railway with whom she had not been acquainted via work than two weeks. Disputes later arose between wife and husband and for some months they have not lived together.

Previous to the time of his departure from Windsor, Upham arranged that his sister would live with a woman of that city until his return from England in order that she would not get lonesome.

After bidding her farewell and promising to return after renewing his home in his native city, he journeyed to Montreal; and leaving there Friday evening arrived here yesterday only to receive word that in the meantime she had passed away. Upham had purchased a through ticket to Bristol via Royal George, and last evening intended to try to save his money by being on the steamship people and return to Windsor.

TAKES EXCEPTION TO THE TIMES STATEMENT

St. John, N. B., Dec. 15th, 1913. To the Editor of The Standard.

Sir—The Evening Times of Saturday, in its report of the special meeting of the Common Council, quotes me as saying:

"I would prefer to wait until the Mayor is present. I am willing to say that he will oppose any proposal made by me at this Council. If any reflections are to be made on me I am prepared to deal with them in the criminal courts."

This is an incorrect report, when the statements are combined in the same paragraph, and I cannot conceive how such a mixture of statements could be made, thereby changing the intentions and the true application of same.

Permit me to say that the two statements were made at different times, in reference to different matters, and referred to different persons. The latter portion of the paragraph was a statement made by me when referring to the police report, and as follows: "In making this report I have been confined to the evidence adduced at the two investigations, and I have not had the opportunity to refer to my personal feeling in the matter. I would not allow any personal feeling to interfere with the public interest, and to have any personal cause, and if on account of any reflections made against me, I am prepared to deal with them in the criminal courts."

I think it is obvious that the latter statement does not in any manner refer to the Mayor, and I believe in

LONGSHOREMEN HEAR VISITING OFFICIALS

The large hall of the Longshoremen's Association on Water street was crowded yesterday afternoon with a body of men who make their livelihood along the waterfront and the cause was to hear addresses from officials of the labor unions. The addresses given were to the point and the speakers were heartily applauded by the audience.

John T. Joy of Halifax, who is the president of the Atlantic division, gave a most interesting address. He said that Halifax union men would stand by St. John in case of any trouble that might come up, and he urged all union men to work together in the interests involved.

J. T. Tighe, the third vice-president of the International union, spoke for some time, taking up the various matters regarding labor. He gave an account of the interview with the minister of labor, when legislation was asked for to protect the waterfront workers.

William Dempsey of Boston, who is the secretary of the Atlantic coast division, discussed labor matters generally. He spoke for some length on the progress of the International and said that in event of any trouble Boston would stand by St. John.

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Sale Starts at 8.30 a. m. and Closes at 1 p. m.

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