

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh winds mostly westerly fair and cold. Toronto, Dec. 19.—Pressure remains low from the great lakes...

AROUND THE CITY

Arrested For Begging. Martin Murphy, an Englishman, was placed under arrest on Saturday by Sgt. Baxter for begging money on Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Downie Home. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Downie who were married on Wednesday, Dec. 8, in St. John (Stone) church, returned from their bridal tour on Saturday evening on the Boston express and are now residing in their new home, 23 Coburg street.

Keeping It In The Family. Mr. Harry Gilbert, of Rothesay, brother-in-law of the Hon. Wm. Pugsley, has been appointed to a lucrative position in the Public Works Department at Ottawa.

Liquor Licenses. Thirty-one applications for retail liquor licenses have already been received by Mr. J. B. Jones, liquor licenses inspector. This year sixty retail licenses were granted.

Choral Service in Centenary. An enjoyable choral service was carried out last night in Centenary church at the conclusion of the regular service. Those who assisted in the service were Miss Olivia Murray, violinist; Miss Hea, organist; Mrs. J. Pierce Crockett, Mr. D. B. Pidgeon and Mr. Jas. Griffith, vocalists.

St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. in Debate. An interesting debate on the subject, "Resolved that labor unions are beneficial," was held in St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday afternoon.

Queen Square S. S. Centennial. Mr. A. B. Gilmour informs The Standard that the centenary of the omission in the historical sketch read at the centennial of Queen Square Sunday school. Special reference should have been made to the late Mr. Thomas Bustin who was one of the oldest members and regular and uninterrupted in his attendance up to his last illness.

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SANTA CLAUS A VISITOR CENTENARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Merry Christmas Exercises With Novel Features Yesterday Afternoon—360 Children in Happy Mood Build Tree Laden With Their Contributions—Many Gifts To Cheer The Homes Of Those Less Fortunate.

When Superintendent Fred Murray faced his Sunday school of 367 members yesterday afternoon in the large Centenary Methodist schoolroom, he had the large platform mainly to himself, though there was a grove of eight or ten goodly trees growing about him.

Seasonable Greetings. "I wish you all a happy Christmas," said the superintendent having rung the bell. The little folks were ready—"The same to you," they shouted in one terrific yell.

Reception by Santa Claus. At the call of the superintendent the infant class sent forward its tree laden with contributions. It was received by Santa Claus with evident approval and Assistant Superintendent...

QUALITY OF CANNED GOODS TO BE MORE CLOSELY INSPECTED

C. S. McGillivray, Inspector of Canneries, Here On Annual Trip—300 Factories Are Now Under Supervision.

Mr. C. S. McGillivray, of Ottawa, inspector of food factories and canneries arrived in the city yesterday on his annual trip of inspection. Today, Mr. McGillivray will go to St. George to inspect the pork and beans canning establishment there and returning will visit the three vinegar and pickling factories in this city.

In an interview with a Standard reporter, Mr. McGillivray gave some interesting facts in connection with his work. He inspects altogether 300 factories in all parts of the Dominion, of which 200 are in Ontario. All establishments in which food is prepared for export, with the exception of salmon canneries and pork packing establishments, come under his inspection.

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LUMBERMEN HAVING POOR SEASON SO FAR IN MIRAMICHI WOODS

Manager For Pulp Co. Says Operations Have Been Suspended In Places—Cold Weather Badly Needed.

Mr. Mark H. Spaulding, resident manager at Chatham, N. B., for the Miramichi Pulp and Paper Co., was in the city yesterday and in conversation with a Standard reporter said that open weather on the Miramichi still continued and that the smelt fishermen were waiting anxiously for the ice to make the river. The ice had gone out after a day or two of freezing and the river was clear to the mouth.

Mr. Spaulding says that the lumbermen have had a bad season in the woods so far. There has been so much rain, that the swamps and lowlands are filled with water and in some places operations were suspended for some time. The cut on the Miramichi, he believes, notwithstanding the bad season, will be about an average one. His own company will cut about 14,000,000 feet.

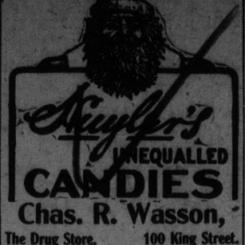
LIVERPOOL TRADE POOR COMPARED TO OTHER YEARS

Capt. Webster Of Lake Champlain Says Thousands Want Employment—Steamer Made Record Trip Across.

After breaking all her previous records from Liverpool to St. John, the C. P. R. S.S. Lake Champlain, in command of Capt. Webster, arrived off the island at 10 o'clock Friday evening and dropped anchor until 11 o'clock Saturday morning, when she docked at No. 1 berth. She made the run across in nine days and twenty-two hours.

Speaking to a Standard reporter yesterday afternoon, Capt. Webster said the trade in Liverpool this year was very poor compared with other years. Two years ago steamers could not carry the quantity of freight that offered. Today a large number of steamers were laid up and thousands were out of employment.

A Holiday Necessity A BOX OF



KODAKS FOR Christmas Gifts

We have the complete KODAK line. Prices from \$1.00 up. Tank Developers \$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00. E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

Men's Slippers MAKE PRACTICAL GIFTS

- 75c. 90c. \$1.00 \$1.15 \$1.25 \$1.50 \$1.75 \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00

Men's Slippers this Season are chiefly in chocolate and wine shades and the ever popular Vici. The very best slippers we carry—and they are beauties—cost but little money and yet no other gift will last as long and be so comfortable.

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

For Christmas

- WE have a stock of FINE CONFECTORY. PERFUMES in pretty packages, 25c to \$5.00 each. TOILET SOAPS in boxes, 25c to \$1.00 each. EBONY HAND MIRRORS, 75c to \$2.50 each. EBONY HAIR BRUSHES, to match mirrors. E. CLIFTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

Without Money or Friends. Two young girls who came in on trains from the east on Saturday were found on arrival to be absolutely penniless and on applying to the Salvation Army headquarters were admitted to the Metropole. The girls did not appear to know one another but misery likes company and each brightened up considerably on seeing that the other was in the same plight as herself.

PERSONAL. Rev. J. J. McCasill will leave today to spend a brief holiday in Montreal and Fort Kent, Me. Next Sunday service will be conducted at St. Matthew's church by Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell.

Hockey Sticks FOR MEN FOR BOYS

Table with 4 columns: Stick Type, Price, Stick Type, Price. Includes items like X Painted, XX Elm, XXX White Ash, Iroquois, Men's Mic-mac, Spalding, Starr Grooved, Rex, Goal IX, Spalding Goal.

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

New Evening Dress

Opinions differ as to the truth of the old adage "As well be out of the world as out of style." But the desirability of exact correctness in Evening Dress is generally recognized.

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

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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.

Stores Open Till 10 O'clock Tonight. St. John, Dec. 20, 1909.

Christmas Clothing At Bargain Prices

These are busy days at the Harvey store. The people realize that when we say bargains it means a genuine chance to save money and they are quick to take advantage. We have added Men's Reefers to the bargain list.

A Christmas Gift Of Dainty Lace Work Will Give Much Pleasure

Lace work carries with it a certain fascination that is irresistible to all lovers of the beautiful and this extensive showing is no exception to the rule. The gift of a piece or two of these delicate and beautiful creations will prove to be a glad surprise on Christmas morning.

- Baby Irish Work In D'Oyley, Centres, etc. square, oval or round. Sizes 6 by 6 each, .30c to 35c. Sizes 8 by 8 each, .40c. Sizes 9 by 9 each, .65c. Sizes 12 by 12 each, .85c to 90c. Sizes 14 by 20 each, \$1.75. Sizes 20 by 20 each, .75. Sizes 24 by 24 each, .55. Maderia or Eyelet Hand Embroidery In Centres, D'Oyley, etc. square and round. Sizes 4 by 4 each, .8c. Sizes 6 by 6 each, .35c to 90c. Sizes 10 by 10 each, .30c to 1.30. Sizes 12 by 12 each, .40c to 1.85. Sizes 20 by 20 each, \$2.25 to 4.50.

Oregon Lace Work, D'Oyleys, Centres, Tray Cloths, Table Covers, Etc. 6 inch size, each, .30c. 8 inch size, each, .30c to 85c. 12 inch size, each, .50c to \$1.15. 24 inch size, each, \$2.00 to 3.00. 26 inch size, each, 2.40 to 4.85. 36 inch size, each, 3.40 to 6.25. 20 by 46 inches, each, 6.85 to 8.50. 24 by 28 inches, each, 4.00.

Rememering Wednesday, and until Christmas, all M. R. A. Store open evenings until 10 o'clock. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.