

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The depression which was near Texas last night have moved with great rapidity to the Ottawa Valley, where it is now situated; it has given a few showers in Ontario from the Georgian Bay eastward, snow and rain in Quebec and rain in the Maritime Provinces. The weather remains very cold from Lake Superior to the interior of British Columbia and throughout the far north.

Kamloops	0
Calgary	26
Edmonton	20
Regina	27
Winnipeg	26
London	29
Toronto	26
Ottawa	24
Montreal	24
St. John	16
Halifax	26
Below zero	

Forecasts
Maritime—Strong winds and cold southerly, shifting to westerly and northwesterly, mild and showery today, then turning colder with some light local snowfalls or flurries.
Northern New England—Rain or snow Wednesday, fair and much colder with a cold wave Wednesday night and Thursday. Strong southwest winds shifting to west and north-west.

AROUND THE CITY

A SLIGHT DELAY

A steam hose burst on one of the cars of the Sussex train last evening just as it was about to pull out. The train was delayed a short time while the hose was being replaced.

IS RECOVERING

Mrs. J. Richardson, of Germain street, who sustained very painful injuries while visiting friends at Gaspe, by slipping over a log and fracturing her limb, is said to be recovering rapidly.

THE BOYS CLUB

A large number of boys attended the opening of the Boys Club, which took place last evening in the Victoria City Road. Owing to the condition of the weather the programme which was arranged was postponed until the next meeting, the first of next week.

A MILD WINTER

According to a well known authority there is no need of worrying about a cold winter (then the presentation of a robin was seen in a garden of the North End. If, in his wisdom, he has decided to stay all season it will doubtless be a mild one.

SEVEN SEAS CHAPTER

The Seven Seas Chapter I. O. D. E. last evening entertained those who had assisted them in their presentation of a sea sketch at the recent performance of the folios. A delightful dance was enjoyed at the Manor House.

HENRY HUBBARD INJURED

Henry Hubbard, 223 Brussels street, aged thirty-eight years, fell off a sled while driving on Brussels street about noon yesterday and had his leg fractured. He was taken at once to the hospital.

PACKET STEAMER DAMAGED

While approaching the East Side dock at 7:05 o'clock yesterday morning, during a thick vapor the ferry steamer Governor Carleton collided with the packet steamer Commodore Ross, lying at Thorne's Wharf, damaging the rails and stanchions of the latter craft.

THE STEAMER CORSIKAN

The steamer Corsikan will arrive this morning with passengers, mails and merchandise. Among the military on board are Lieut. A. R. Mackenzie of the Royal Engineers, and son of Col. Mackenzie of Chatham; also Private T. J. Smith of St. Stephen who is also attached to the Royal Engineers.

"The Hoodlum" With Mary Pickford Still Attracting Crowds
Yesterday's bad weather and extra bad footing did not prevent more large crowds from attending the evening of the Hoodlum's latest success "The Hoodlum" at the Imperial. The matinee and night shows were splendidly attended. The same extraordinary features, the curtain again this afternoon and evening and looks as if it will run again Thursday. An extra special attraction today and tomorrow will be the genuine German submarine pictures of sinking British vessels—both sail and steam—a movie scoop obtained by downright purloining on the part of an American officer in Berlin where the negatives were placed in the archives.

THE CANADIAN CLUB

The following names were passed for membership to the Canadian Club at a meeting held in the President's office yesterday afternoon: S. O. Bryanton, R. R. Barley, E. H. Kennedy, G. A. Macgregor, J. A. V. Mahony, J. W. McAlary, L. D. MacLaren, P. C. MacNeil, E. J. Macdonald, C. R. Ramsey, J. B. Rainsford, E. M. Smith, G. A. Smith, J. M. Treadwell, Wm. Tansey, D. Thomas, S. T. Walsh, P. L. Webb, C. B. West, R. H. Warwick, Dr. E. J. Ryan, Thomas Phillips, C. E. Lowe, W. G. Smith, C. B. Fisher, Major A. J. Losier.

See our ad in this edition. The Ross Drug Co. Ltd., 100 King St.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS PANTRY SALE POSTPONED
A pantry sale slated for this coming Saturday in the Imperial lobby has been postponed until Saturday the 20th. The Loyalist Chapter I. O. D. E. will hold a similar sale this Saturday in the Imperial.

Sad Scene On The Willow Grove Road

Officials Visited Miserable Log Shanty Yesterday Afternoon and Found Seven Small Children Living in Bad Circumstances.

About fourteen miles from the city on the Willow Grove road is a miserable log shanty with the rain pouring in through the roof and here on wet beds seven children ranging in age from fifteen years to nine or ten years found what shelter they could last night. Behind it was a small shed built loosely of boards in which covered two cows and a calf, some geese and a few hens in a state of comfort not much if any inferior to that enjoyed by their human lords and masters. This was the conditions found by Police Matron Ross, S. M. Wetmore, Secretary Municipal House Commission and Rev. George Scott when they drove out to the place. The children belonged to two different families, Woods and Hansen. Five of the little ones, the Woods, were brought to the city and placed in the Children's Home, 88 Garden street. Another trip will have to be made to the scene when an effort will be made to have the whole brought to the city and placed in more comfortable quarters. The reason any were left was that only one coach had been taken and this was filled by Police Matron Ross and the five children. Mr. Wetmore and Rev. Mr. Scott rode home in the open sleigh. Warrants under the Criminal Code will be sworn out against Woods who is a returned soldier, and his wife for exposing their children to conditions which constituted a menace to their lives.

Yesterday morning shortly after ten o'clock two teams harnessed to an open sleigh and a coach left the city and reached the log hut which is a very small affair between 2 and 3 o'clock. The place from the outside looked desolate enough. There was new thinking about the logs and there were no windows in the three sides of the walls. The first thing that met the eye on opening the door however was the water pouring from the roof. The old lady explained this by saying that the roof had been covered with tar paper and the recent wind storm had stripped it off. Besides the grandmother there were the three youngest Wood children in the house and a twelve year old Hansen girl. Upon being asked that the others were she said that the fifteen year old Hansen girl and her fourteen year old brother were in the woods getting wood while the rest were at school. It was painfully evident that fuel was scarce as there was none in the yard and a little later the girl appeared when called and confirmed the story of her whereabouts. It was not cold at that time but the house felt miserable and none of the children appeared to be very warmly clad while their feet were seemingly insufficient.

In answer to a question the old lady said that the father of the Hansen children worked at the winter port in the city and drove out on Sundays with their weekly supply of groceries and provisions. At the same time she explained by the time he got out and had had something to eat there was no time for him to do any work about the place and he had to hitch up his horse and drive back again. The visits of the father and mother of the Hansen family to look after their offspring were not nearly so frequent as they said. In the month of March, 1918, six of the children of Frank Woods and his wife Bertha were taken from a house on George street in a terrible condition of filth and vermin. They were brought before Rev. W. M. Duke and Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Justices of the Peace, and on the 21st of that month they were committed to the Children's Aid Society until their father came home who was at that time overseas. Under the circumstances when the father returned and said he had got a house at Underwood, East St. John, the Society could do no other than let him have the custody of his own children. Another baby has been born to Mrs. Woods since. An effort will be made now to have them all permitted and placed in foster homes. On the way out the party secured at the Municipal Home a supply of warm garments which were found very needed when bringing the children to the city.

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The Monday day clinic was cancelled, a clinic will be held at 2 o'clock in the evening instead. The Wednesday clinic for adults, and the Friday clinic for children will be held as usual.

The matter of appointing a secretary whose assistance is urgently needed, was laid over till the next meeting which will be held the second Tuesday in January.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MEN.
It's the natty little "fixings" that lend grace and elegance to a man's apparel—nobby hats, ties, gloves, walking sticks, muffler, silk handkerchiefs. The gift store's stock has been carefully selected. 88 King St.

Mrs. Louis M. LeLacheur will be at home to her friends next Wednesday afternoon, December 10th, at her residence, 24 Pitt street.

Common Council Meeting Yesterday

The Issues of Bonds Were Announced—Bill to Militia Department for Exhibition Building Repairs—Payments for November.

In accordance with the Mayor's notice of motion a month ago the city council yesterday passed an order authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$318,500. The issues will be as follows:—\$247,500 for 40 years at 5 per cent.; \$37,500 for 10 years, at 5 1/2 per cent.; \$33,500 for 20 years at 5 1/2 per cent.

It was decided to send a bill for \$12,671 for repairs to the exhibition buildings to the Militia Department. Two forms of foundation—broken stone and cement concrete—for paving on the sides of the roadway of Douglas avenue, will be considered when tenders are called for.

Plans and specifications were ordered prepared for paving the North and South sides of Haymarket Square, and east of the Marsh Bridge to Cooper's Corner with granite blocks.

City Road will be paved with granite blocks on cement concrete foundation, or bituminous concrete on cement concrete foundation, according to best tenders.

It was decided to sell the house on Milford Road known as Monahan Annex, to Mrs. Deborah Miller for \$950.

The commissioner of finance reported payments for November amounting to \$222,585, and recommended the following payments:

Treasury	\$ 979
Public Works	2,123
Water and Sewerage	4,648
Public Safety	2,466
Harbors, Ferries and Lands	3,599
Timothy T. Lantulum, John Collins and John Ross were appointed assessors of taxes.	

The city employees will be paid December salaries on the 20th inst., so they can have a Merry Christmas. E. H. Cairns, president of St. David's Brotherhood, wrote supporting the idea of a juvenile court—referred to committee of whole.

Gordon Leavitt wrote making application for the grant of \$5,000 for the Vocational School Board, on the understanding that it only apply to expenses till December 31st, 1919.

The Common Clerk—"The Controller would not hand over the money, as the order-in-council says it must serve till the end of March."

A communication was received from Secretary White pointing out that the Board of Commerce could not do everything, and that there were means by which cities could take a hand in finding out whether prices were too high. The matter was referred to the Mayor, who said Commissioner Fisher knew all about it.

Tenders were received for building a shed near No. 5 warehouse, West Side as follows:

W. A. Munro	\$950
John A. Adams	673
C. J. Shackleton	905

Mr. Adams' tender was accepted. N. B. Telephone Company was given permission to erect a pole on St. Peters street near Waterloo.

Commissioner Thorne said tenders for blue serge for police and firemen's uniforms were much higher than ever, and there was a question where they could get deliveries. He had an offer of Irish serge from Mark Fisher & Sons, which was used by the C. P. R. Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

He moved the acceptance of the tender of Mark Fisher for 400 yards of Irish serge at \$6.50, provided they would guarantee deliveries by February 1st. All the serge was under weight.

Commissioner Thorne's motion was adopted, with the proviso that he order additional cloth for uniforms for the ferry employees.

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County W.C.T.U. Annual Meeting

Interesting Session Yesterday Afternoon—Address by Chief Inspector Wilson—Favored Juvenile Court—Officers Elected.

Interest and enthusiasm in the cause marked the annual meeting of the County of St. John W. C. T. U., which was held yesterday afternoon in the Orange Hall, Germain street.

Mrs. R. D. Christie, county president presided.

The devotional service, which opened with prayer, was led by Mrs. Mary Seymour, evangelistic superintendent. Mrs. Seymour read Ephes. 3 giving a helpful talk on Personal Services.

In her opening remarks the president commented upon the inspiring devotional service and the faithful work of Mrs. Seymour. Miss B. Campbell sang a solo very acceptably accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

Chief Inspector Wilson addressed the meeting saying that much had been accomplished by the Prohibitory Law in the last eighteen months. He gave instances of the betterment of conditions especially on railway trains and at depots.

Reports were read by the secretary from the St. John Union St. John North, Charlton and Fairville unions, all showing that an active interest is being taken in the work.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, We, the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John County, have long felt the need of greater protection of our wayward boys and girls;

"Whereas, We believe that this can be obtained under the Children's Protective Act;

"Be it resolved, That we petition the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of St. John to establish a Juvenile Court, and appoint a judge and probation officer, in accordance with the above mentioned Act; also to make provision for the salaries of officers and the maintenance of such court."

The women also expressed themselves strongly in favor of a law to deal with parents who willfully neglect their children.

The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance on hand.

Mrs. Seymour spoke of the illness of the past Provincial President and Provincial Treasurer, Mrs. Lawson, and asked that a letter of remembrance be sent her.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Mrs. R. D. Christie, President
Mrs. David Hipwell, Mrs. J. Scott, Misses J. Adams, Mrs. O. D. Hanson, Vice-presidents.

Mrs. H. Deamer, Secretary-Treasurer. The meeting closed with the benediction after which supper was served by the ladies of the St. John Union.

COL. A. H. H. POWELL SEVERELY INJURED
Slipped on the Ice While Leaving Military Headquarters Yesterday, Breaking His Left Arm.

Col. A. H. H. Powell, A.A.G., met with a very painful accident yesterday afternoon which will disable him for some time. While coming out of Military Headquarters he slipped on some ice on the stone steps and fell, breaking his left arm between the elbow and the shoulder. First aid was rendered by military members of headquarters staff and Col. Powell was later taken to his apartments in the LaTour where last evening the bones were set.

Reserved seats for the Jellicoe meeting, Thursday evening, in the Imperial, may be obtained from those in charge in the lobby of the theatre Wednesday and Thursday morning from ten to one on presentation of this year's card of membership in Navy League or Canadian Club. No seats will be reserved by telephone. The charge for reserved seats to members is 25 cents. Box seats are 50 cents.

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Persons desirous of becoming members of the St. John Society of Music are requested to attend Trinity Church School on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of undergoing an elementary vocal test.

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