

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Easterly to southerly winds with light snow fall. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26.—Light to moderate snow falls have occurred today in Ontario and western Quebec and showers have fallen in many parts of British Columbia, but elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

AROUND THE CITY

Meat Dealers Reported. William Baxter has been reported by the police for doing a meat business on Brussels street without a license.

Skating at Queen's Rink. The cold weather has again made a beautiful sheet of ice on the Queen's Rink. A band will be in attendance tonight.

Christmas Drunks. There were no less than fifteen prisoners arrested on Saturday and Sunday, one of the number being on Sunday and all were for intoxication.

Coal Steamer Arrives. The new steamship Rosanna, under charter to the Dominion Coal Company, has arrived from Sydney, C.B., with a cargo of coal.

Undesirables Ejected. The police were called into Spaulding's pool room on North Street, Saturday night, to eject a man who was not wanted there. The officers were also called into George Adams' pool room to eject an undesirable man.

Police Reports. The police report that on Saturday a glove was found on Main street, a rubber boot for a carriage was found on Main street, a parcel was found on Exmouth street and another on Charlotte street. These articles can be obtained by the owners applying at the central police station.

Schooners Overdue. Two Lunenburg schooners, the Virginia and Annie E. Butts, consigned to L. G. Crosby, of St. John, with molasses from the West Indies, are overdue. No uneasiness is entertained as to their safety, as they are excellent sea boats and may have only been delayed by the heavy northerly winds of the past few weeks.

Mass Meeting in Unique Theatre. Rev. David Hutchinson was the speaker at the meeting for "men only" held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in the Unique Theatre Sunday evening. His subject was "The Power of Peace." Garfield White presided, and there was a large attendance. At the close three men came forward and signified a desire to lead a better life.

Willie Young's Christmas. Yesterday was a happy one for Willie Young, the little son of Elmer Young, of the West End. The little fellow was operated on last July for lip trouble by Dr. Archibald, of Montreal, and he has so far improved that for the first time since the operation he was enabled yesterday to get his clothing on and eat at the table with the family and partake of his dinner. The little fellow's recovery is almost complete.

The Board of Trade Smoker. It is anticipated that the largest group of commercial travellers ever gathered at a social function in St. John, will be at the board of trade smoker in Keith's assembly rooms on Wednesday evening. Besides the brief and sparkling speeches by the president of the board of trade, the mayor and Rev. G. M. Campbell, there will be a programme in which some of the best entertainers on the coast will take part. It will be a free and easy affair of the genuine holiday sort.

Expressmen Work Overtime. The local express companies report that their business during the week preceding Christmas was far heavier than in any previous year. J. R. Haycock, local manager of the Dominion Express Company, said the number of parcels from the States was large, while the east and west traffic, as well as the more local business was much heavier than usual, indicating that the country was in a fairly prosperous condition. The expressmen were kept busy night and day in order to make deliveries before Christmas day.

Heavy Christmas Travel. The passenger traffic on the railways during the Christmas week was rather heavier than usual. This year for the first time the railways offered special excursion rates from the United States during the holiday season, and as a result between 1000 and 1200 people now residing in the States came back to New Brunswick to spend Christmas with the old folks at home. There was also quite a number of people who came down from Montreal and other Canadian cities to spend the Christmas in their old homes by the sea. The country is growing, said Terminal Agent Ross, and the number of people moving about increases every year.

Fell From Car; Badly Hurt. Mrs. James Gosline, wife of the policeman at Central Station, was very badly injured on Saturday afternoon while trying to board a street car on the corner of Mill and Main streets. It was about four o'clock, and the car was filled with passengers. As Mrs. Gosline reached the step of the car the signal had been given, and the car started. She was thrown from the step, and after being dragged a short distance, was thrown on her face to the pavement. She was conveyed to the home of her daughter in the North End, where she was attended by Dr. Pratt, and was afterwards taken to her home in the West End, where Dr. Day is attending her. Her face was badly swollen and her side was strained, while she is also suffering from a severe nervous shock and is confined to bed. The conductor of the car stated that he did not see Mrs. Gosline getting on the car as he was inside among the passengers.

A CHRISTMAS EVE TRAGEDY ON RODNEY WHARF, WEST END

Mangled Body of John Matthison of Empress of Ireland's Crew Found Lying Across Railway Tracks Near Ferry Toll House--Was Accidentally Crushed Beneath Wheels of Engine or Car.

Crushed to death beneath the wheels of a train, a Christmas Eve tragedy which created considerable talk about the city on Sunday and yesterday, was enacted on Saturday evening on the railway tracks in the rear of the ferry toll house on the West Side. As a result, the mangled body of John Matthison, a native of Liverpool, 43 years of age, is lying in Beattie's undertaking rooms, West End, to await the decision of Coroner Berryman as to whether the circumstances attending his death are such as to warrant an inquest.

Matthison was found lying across the rails in the rear of the ferry toll house on Saturday evening by Police-men W. R. Lee and George Clark of the West Division Police. It was at first thought that he was drunk, but when the officers tried to lift him they were horrified to find that the man's right arm had been cut off above the elbow and was hanging by a few shreds of flesh. He was also frightfully cut and mangled about the lower portion of the body and there were several ghastly wounds on his face and head.

Dr. Kenney was at once summoned, and a further examination revealed the fact that the left arm was broken at the shoulder. The man was dead when found and had probably met his death by being struck either by the incoming Shore Line train, or by some cars which had been shunted down the track.

Found By Police Officers. Policeman Lee made the gruesome discovery about 10 o'clock. Earlier in the evening, during one of his trips down the wharf, he had found a man named David Martin, a coal trimmer on the Empress of Ireland, lying intoxicated in the vicinity. Martin was unable to walk and was taken in charge. Later the officer returned to the wharf and saw what he at first thought was another drunk, but on examination it was found that the unfortunate man was dead.

Enquiry elicited that Matthison, Martin and a third man named Gallagher, all from the Empress of Ireland, had been on the wharf earlier in the evening and had also visited a coal

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FINISHED TRIMMING "THE TREE" AND DIED. Death With Tragic Suddenness Saddened West End Home Early Christmas Morning--A Pathetic Incident.

There is a great deal of sympathy and regret over the death of Mrs. Mary Leah Buchanan, the wife of Arthur W. Buchanan, of Nelson street, West End, which occurred early Sunday morning. The death was a very sudden one. With her husband they were engaged in trimming a Christmas tree and about two o'clock in the morning had finished their work when she took a hemorrhage and collapsed. A physician was quickly summoned, but could do nothing to save her life, and she died shortly afterwards. Mrs. Buchanan had not been complaining of any illness before, and the sudden death was a severe shock to her husband and relatives and friends. The deceased was the third daughter of Mrs. Annie B. and the late John H. Northrup and leaves besides her mother, three sisters and six brothers. The sisters are Mrs. Geo. F. Bagnell, Miss Catherine and Miss May Northrup. The brothers are Mr. Joseph, Allan, Alexander, Harold and Hedley, all of this city. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 20 Nelson street. Interment will be at Cedar Hill.

AN EXHIBITION OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. How a Tiny Wanderer Found His Way to a North End Home and a Very Merry Christmas.

A prominent government official and his wife who reside in the North End, were surprised Saturday night. It was nearing midnight and they had about finished preparing for Santa Claus when a noise was heard in the front vestibule. It was raining and blowing hard and when the head of the household went to the front door he was surprised to find a rugged urchin about 9 years of age.

He very kindly took the little fellow into the house and found him drenched to the skin. His clothing was torn and in his arms he clung to a couple of cheap tin toys. The kind hearted gentleman took the boy to the bath room and stripped him and found the little fellow's wet underwear tied up with strings. The boy was given plenty of warm water and soap and while he was being bathed a telephone message to a nearby clothing store brought a couple of pairs of trousers and some good warm underwear. A bed was arranged for the lad and he was put to sleep. Sunday morning the children who lived in the house were early out of bed to see what Santa Claus had brought them and to view with joy the large Christmas tree. When they learned that a poor little wanderer had arrived there during the night they got him out of his bed and joined in making the Christmas morn-

J. S. EDWARDS LODGE HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Loyal J. S. Edwards Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester, Unit, has elected its officers for the ensuing year as follows: Peter Fishwick, N. G.; G. W. Slocum, V. G.; A. J. Almon, treas.; T. D. Sparks, chaplain; J. W. Parley, warden; T. E. Owens, R. S. N. G.; A. C. Keith, L. S. N. G.; F. C. Ward, R. S. V. G.; S. Chambers, L. S. V. G.; John Allan, G. M.; H. Hatcher, O. con.; J. W. Protheroe, I. con.; W. Nugent, I. G.; J. S. Thompson, O. G.; J. Almon, E. S.; S. J. H. Walker and Geo. W. Slocum, trustees; Peter Fishwick and S. Chambers, auditors; Dr. A. F. Emery, physician; H. Noakes, financial secretary.

The lodge records show a very successful year and the members are expecting a large addition to their membership during the coming term. One such as he had never before enjoyed. Later in the morning it was learned that the boy belonged in the vicinity of Fairville. The boy is said to have a tendency to run away from his home and stay out at nights. A relative called for the little fellow, who was very loath to give up the happy time he was enjoying in his home where he had been so kindly treated. Chief of Police Clark spent Christmas in Fredericton.