

THE WEATHER

Forecasts
Maritime—Decreasing north-west and north winds, fair and cold.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—The disturbance which has centred near the Georgian Bay last night, has moved very quickly westward to Newfoundland, and high pressure now covers the greater part of the Dominion. The weather has turned colder in Ontario and Quebec, and concludes decidedly cold in the western provinces and British Columbia.

Temperatures	
Min.	Max.
Dawson	+56
Vancouver	+10
Edmonton	+42
Winnipeg	+4
Port Arthur	+4
Parry Sound	+3
Toronto	+23
Kingston	+38
Ottawa	+16
Montreal	+16
Quebec	+6
St. John	+16
Halifax	+22
—Below zero.	

Around the City

To Attend Toronto Convention.

Neil J. Morrison and W. B. Parks, of Saint John Council No. 2, will leave tonight to attend the meeting of the grand council of the National Association of Marine Engineers which will open in Toronto on Tuesday.

Missionary Address.

A large number of ladies gathered in the Congregational church yesterday afternoon to listen to a very interesting address from Miss Diadem Bell, a returned missionary from Chiamara, Africa, where she had labored for some time in the interests of the Congregationalists.

Wagon Overturned.

Yesterday afternoon at five o'clock the System Wet Wash Laundry wagon, slewed on the Princess street ice and was overturned. H. Wilson Dalton, the assistant driver, with the two city detectives happened to be near at the time and assisted in righting the vehicle. The wagon was not damaged, but the horse was cut on one of its legs.

The Hospital Balconies.

The municipal council committee which is considering the erection of balconies at the St. John County Hospital, held a meeting yesterday. Commissioner Wigmore, the chairman, presiding. Another meeting will be held today, at which recommendations for submission to the special meeting of the council next week will probably be drawn up.

Nearing Century Mark.

Mrs. A. J. Esterbrooks of 197 Main street celebrated her 75th birthday yesterday. Mrs. Esterbrooks is the widow of A. J. Esterbrooks, who at one time conducted business on the wharf being a member of the firm of Esterbrooks and Gleason. She is enjoying splendid health and has retained the use of all her faculties to a wonderful degree, her sight and hearing being much better than that of many much younger.

Shoes May be Higher.

An advance in the price of shoes in Canada and the United States is advocated by the officers of the New England Shoe and Leather Association, who say an increase is necessary because of the advancing cost of leather and the demand for higher wages in Brockton, Lynn and other centres in both countries. Thomas F. Anderson, formerly a Halifax newspaper man, is secretary of the association, in whose territory are the largest shoe centres in the world.

St. John River Commission.

The members of the St. John River Commission who met at the Royal Hotel on Thursday to put the finishing touches to the report which they will make to Ottawa and Washington, were again in session yesterday. The report is practically complete, but it will not be made public for some time. The sessions here were private. Hon. Peter C. Keegan, of Van Buren, and Harold Murchie, of Calais, the secretary of the commission, who did not attend the first days meeting were present yesterday.

A Bold Sneak Thief.

On Thursday evening a sneak thief managed to walk to the second story of No. 220 Duke street where Herman Wiesel resides, and picking up Mr. Wiesel's raincoat from the hall rack, made away with it. The theft was discovered later and reported to the detective department at police headquarters. Yesterday Detectives Barrett and Briggs located the stolen coat in a second hand store where it had been sold by the thief, whose identity is not known by the purchaser. Mr. Wiesel will receive his coat, the second hand dealer will be out the amount he paid the thief, and the latter if captured, will not be out, for he will stand a good chance of being "in" for some months.

"CAN I RUN ANOTHER LINE?"

is often a doubtful question when type setting a letter. But you don't have to guess this with the REMINGTON PAPER FEED because you can see the end of the paper coming. A. Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr., 37 Dock St., St. John, N. B.

Races at Victoria Rink tonight, good ice.

MANY READY TO WORK FOR MUNICIPALITY

Likely keen contest for position held by late County Treasurer.

A lively contest for the vacant county treasurership is in prospect. Yesterday there was some vigorous effort by several persons who have declared their intention to make a strenuous contest for the position. The vacancy was caused by the death last Wednesday night of County Treasurer George R. Johnson. It will fall to the lot of the municipal council to fill the vacant position under the law. The council will probably hold a meeting sometime during the coming week to consider a report of the committee on bills which is drawing up several in the interest of the municipality for presentation to the next session of the provincial legislature, which will open on February 24.

It is possible that the county council will not select a new treasurer at the coming special meeting, although it is understood it has the power to do so outside of regular sessions.

The county councillors and several of the members of the city government have been approached by a number of candidates urging their particular qualifications for the office. The late treasurer, M. Johnson, was a North End man, and North Enders are of the opinion generally that the position should continue to be filled by a gentleman of that particular section. So George W. Mullin and Thomas A. Graham, of that part of the city have friends working for them in an effort to land the position. It was said in county political circles that unless the North Enders could get together and unite on one man that district might not be able to land the prize.

A gentleman, whom many outside of the city limits believe is not the dark horse in the race, but the pole horse, is Councillor Dean, the well known representative who assists to represent the interests of the county and Musquash in particular at the municipal board.

John H. Betney, Canadian Pacific Railroad station agent at Fairville, is being urged by his friends to allow his name to be used in connection with the treasurer'ship.

There are at least four other candidates.

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN LEE VS. BOONE

Mr. Justice McKeown decided important case yesterday—Small verdict for Plaintiff

In Lee vs. Boone, Mr. Justice McKeown delivered judgment yesterday. This was an action brought by the plaintiff to recover \$505.25 for use of a hoisting scow, \$95 for shippage and towage, and \$1,235 for damages to and loss of plaintiff's plant by the defendant's negligence. His Honor found that the agreement of the parties bound the defendant to pay time for the plant from the date it commenced work on the defendant's wharf until its return, but that the defendant was not obliged to pay for eight days during which the plant was idle, either in consequence of being laid up for repairs, or the necessity for which was not attributable to the defendant, nor for public and other holidays when the plaintiff's engineers was not working with the plant. On this branch of the case the plaintiff's claim was reduced to \$274.50. He was also allowed \$69 for shippage and towage. The whole of the claim for damages was disallowed, as in the opinion of the Judge it had not been shown that the defendant or his servants were responsible for the injuries which the plant had sustained. A verdict was returned for the plaintiff for \$356.50. Heber S. Keith for plaintiff; Attorney-General Baxter for defendant.

CONFEDERATION LIFE

Elsewhere in our columns will be found the 44th Annual Report of the Confederation Life Association. Notwithstanding the temporarily unsettled conditions of business in Canada, policyholders will be gratified to learn that the new insurance written in Canada exceeded that of any former year. The statement furnishes evidence of very substantial growth in the various branches of the company's business and points to the continued careful management of its affairs. Geo. W. Parker, Provincial Manager, has represented Confederation in St. John, since 1889. Excellent ice and band at Victoria Rink this afternoon.

P.E.I. GETTING GOOD SERVICE THIS WINTER

Steamers running daily from Pictou to "The Garden of the Gulf."

The winter service between the mainland and Prince Edward Island this season has been the best ever known. The Charlottetown Steam Navigation Co's steamer Empress nearly broke all records in maintaining the service between Shediac and Summerside during the early winter. She made her last trip to the wharf at Point du Chene on New Year's Day, the latest date but one recorded. Then a boat ran from Cape Tormentine to the west end of the island daily. The new ice breaker, the ferry steamer Prince Edward Island, is now making daily trips between Pictou and Charlottetown. The steamer Stanley, the original ice breaker, is furnishing an excellent service between Pictou and Georgetown. One boat leaves Pictou at seven o'clock each morning, thus maintaining a complete service both ways and accommodating all parts of the "Garden of the Gulf."

The Earl Grey, one of the modern boats of the Strait service, and her predecessor, the Earl Minto, are now in the Baltic, where they were sent for use during the war. The Stanley, after a long period of winter service in the Straits was transferred some time ago to the fisheries protection branch and is classed as a cruiser during the summer months. There has been no hold up of traffic thus far this winter and when the ferry terminal at Carleton Point, P. E. I. and Cape Tormentine are completed the Prince Edward Island will cross from this side of the Strait and return the same day. The distance between Cape Tormentine and Carleton Point is approximately nine miles. The summer route from Shediac, Pictou to Summerside Harbor is forty miles.

BIGAMY CASE BEFORE COURT

Nicholas Richardson arraigned in Police Court yesterday—Three witnesses sworn.

Nicholas Richardson, charged with bigamy, was before the police court on preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon. The marriage certificate of the prisoner's alleged marriage to a second wife was put in evidence and it was shown that a man was married on the 16th day of August, 1915, by Rev. R. S. Crisp, and that Miss Maud Crisp and William Williamson, the coachman, who drove the couple to the Methodist parsonage, were the witnesses. Miss Maud Crisp, daughter of the clergyman, was placed on the stand but could not identify the prisoner as the man whose marriage she witnessed. William Williamson, a coachman, testified that he drove a man and woman from the Victoria Hotel to the home of Rev. Crisp on Carmarthen street, and that both were lame. He witnessed the wedding, but would not say that the prisoner was the man married.

Rev. D. M. Robichaud, of Tracadie, N. B., testified that he knew the defendant, Nicholas Richardson, who was a farmer at Tracadie, and had officiated at his marriage, that the defendant and the woman lived together as man and wife for a year after. This marriage took place on May 26th, 1912. The bride at that time was Marie Jeanne Savoie, and the license is recorded at Bathurst. This finished the taking of evidence for the day and the prisoner was further remanded to jail.

WAR CLAIM PAID

Mr. W. W. Titus, Manager The National Life, City. Dear Sir: I desire to thank you for your company's cheque in settlement of my late husband's (Dr. Duval's) policy. I appreciate your promptness in settlement of this claim. Yours very truly, (Sgd.) MRS. J. L. DUVAL.

New Dress Goods.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing a very pretty range of new dress goods in a silk and wool weave called Crepe Faille. It is 36 inches wide and comes in the following colors, pale blue, pink, grey, navy, golden brown, sage blue, viceria, old rose, reseau and ivory, and is especially suitable for evening dresses and separate waists. They are also showing some very pretty fancy silks, regular values 70 cents, for 39 cents, in stripe silk poplin and floral effects.

MORE SUPPLIES THROUGH HERE AND HALIFAX

Board of Trade Council hears very satisfactory report—Hon. J. A. Murray to speak in St. John.

At the meeting of the council of the Board of Trade yesterday a very satisfactory report was presented with respect to the handling of more supplies through the ports of St. John and Halifax.

A committee was appointed to give further consideration to the request from Sir George E. Foster with reference to the sending of a trade delegation to France.

An excellent paper on immigration was read by Mr. W. F. Burdett and the executive of the members until the hour for adjournment. This and other papers on the same subject will likely be read at the monthly meeting of the board, Monday, Feb. 6, when Hon. J. A. Murray, minister of agriculture, has consented to deliver an address on the recent inter-provincial conference at Truro.

ST. JOHN INTERESTED IN BIG INSURANCE SUIT

Directors of Anglo-American Co Defendants in action to recover \$230,000

A suit has been instituted against Percy W. Thomson and the executor of the estate of the late James Knox, ship chandler of this city, and other directors of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Co. to recover \$230,000. The plaintiffs are the insurance company and its manager, J. W. Rutherford, acting for himself and other shareholders who allege that the directors are guilty of a breach of trust in the investment of the company's funds, which are described in the bill of complaint as "unauthorized and imprudent."

The Anglo-American Co. which has a branch office in this city, purchased the Montreal Canadian Insurance Co. about eight years ago, and it is understood that it is in connection with that purchase that the action is brought. The proceedings are largely of a technical nature, it is said. The directors besides those mentioned, who are also named as defendants are: Jos. N. Sheeston, A. A. Allan, Reuben Millichamp, H. P. Eckhardt, Emil Nerlich, the executrix of John Plett, and the executors of S. F. McKinnon, all of Toronto, and John R. Barber, Georgetown.

COMPETENCE

The Foundation of Success.

While visiting in Gundry's Jewelry store, one day recently, we had the pleasure of examining the different parts of a very finely constructed watch known as a chronograph watch, which is a very accurate time-keeper. The watch is a masterpiece of watch-making, and is a very fine specimen of the art. The watch is a chronograph watch, and is a very accurate time-keeper. The watch is a masterpiece of watch-making, and is a very fine specimen of the art.

Viewing it as it lay spread out over half a dozen different trays the dozen on dozens of small delicate thread-like springs, finely polished, highly tempered levers, hammers, pinions, wheels, plates, bridges and dozens of things that seemingly were of no use to anybody and only a bother to the watch repairer, we were filled with a desire to know more. In answer to our questions Mr. Gundry gave us the following information:

"Yes, it seems difficult but every piece fits with absolute accuracy. To one trained these watches are very little more difficult to repair than any high grade watch but one might linger a while on the words 'properly trained.' I have known cases where owners of such watches thought it necessary to return them to the makers for repairs. While this may be going to extremes, the fact remains that owing to the scarcity of good watch repairers in America there is a very limited number of stores where such work is even attempted. 'Yes, we do these and any other made in any factory. Unfortunately we were cursed with such a hard early training in mechanics under expert advisors that we are somewhat afraid we will never get away from the bench. Just can't.' This watch strikes the hours, quarters and the minutes in answer to pressure on the slide on the case, also has a perfect chronograph attachment for timing horses, etc., with a thirty minute register dial. In England they are quite the thing among the upper ten.

Recruits for 69th Battalion. The Halifax day express which came in two hours and five minutes late last night, brought with it twenty-six French-Canadian troops for the 69th Battalion. They were all from Montreal.

Golf Clubs At Half Price

Rare bargain values are these Golf Clubs, which, although having passed through the recent fire in our premises, have been but little affected beyond slight damage from water, and, with a bit of cleaning up, will be as good as new. Delay may bring disappointment: Get YOUR supply NOW.

GOLF BALLS

are also among our special offerings in the sporting department. These were "barely touched" by water; we have only a few of them which we offer you at the following prices:

"Grey Dimple" Were \$7.75, Now \$6.00 a dozen
"Red Dot" Were \$6.25, Now \$5.00 a dozen
"Zodiac" Were \$7.75, Now \$6.00 a dozen
"Perma," Painted Were \$10.00, Now \$7.50 a dozen

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ATTRACTIVE BARGAINS IN FINE, DAINTY WHITE UNDERWEAR FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN—All are made of sheer English Longcloth, Nainsook and Lawns. Many have fine needlework and French lace trimmings.

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Business Hours Are Daily from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Linen Room Specials for Today

HEMSTITCHED AND MEXICAN DRAWNWORK SHAMS, size 36x36 inches. Special, per pair	50c.
HEMSTITCHED AND EMBROIDERED COTTON BED SPREADS, quite a limited number.	
72x 90 inches	Special, each \$25.00 and \$2.75
80x 90 inches	Special, each \$2.75 and \$3.00
90x100 inches	Special, each \$3.00 and \$3.50
CIRCULAR PILLOW COTTON in three widths.	
40 inches	Special, per yard 18c.
42 inches	Special, per yard 20c.
44 inches	Special, per yard 22c.

The Pillow Cotton will be hemmed Free of Charge Saturday only.
LINEN ROOM—GROUND FLOOR.

Clearing Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Wool Hats, Caps' Toques, Curl Cloth and Tweed Hats Continued Today in Millinery Salon.

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SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—Double thread, natural wool, "unshrinkable," in a make which has stood the test for many seasons and given such universal satisfaction that many customers will have no other. This underwear is soft, comfortable and especially durable. Size 34 to 46.

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New Stamped Gowns and Corset Covers

They come all made up with "Convent" Cotton for working, also directions; all enclosed in envelopes. The garments are in the latest shapes and made of good quality White Nainsook.

GOWNS	Each 90c, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.50
CORSET COVERS	Each 60c.

We also have Gowns in Girls' and Misses' sizes.

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Erzerum.

Petrograd, Jan. 30, via London.—The Russian widening, fanlike, to the westward, southward with the possibility, according to semi-official reports, forming with the British Mesopotamia expedition. The Russian advance is pushing west of portland town of Khnynskala, fifty miles southeast, and likewise toward Urumiah, where it is believed the British have been repulsed with heavy losses in the region of the Kandalanki Pass, southeast of Russian victory is reported.

Although a broken, mountainous country, these are not far removed from the head of the Taurus. It is pointed out that at a junction, this being indicated by the retreat of their army that was recently reported as evident purpose of the move being to cover Erzerum.

It is admitted that the recent successes in Mesopotamia are thus far not of great importance, but it is also pointed out that which military observers point out, readily at hand.

CLOSING IN ON ERZERUM.—Athens, Jan. 29, 7.30 p. m., via Paris, Jan. 29, according to reports received here. A strong line to the Tigris Valley, the advances add.

INDIAN TROOPS HAVE REACHED MESOPOTAMIA

Left Flanders Several Weeks Ago — Austrian Losses Heavy in Recent Fighting at Gorizia.

London, Jan. 30.—A despatch today from the British press representative with the British forces in the Persian Gulf district, contained the announcement that the Indian troops which left Flanders several weeks ago are now in Mesopotamia. Rome, via London, Jan. 30.—The official statement issued by general headquarters today reads:

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