

STORM TAKES TOLL OF SHIPS ALONG COAST

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at present in difficulties on the St. Lawrence due to ice conditions, which took a turn for the worse during the week end. Several of the ships have been carried back and forth by the ice for hours at a stretch, unable to put into any harbor or remain stationary, on account of dragging anchors. This morning, as far as the eye could see the river was covered with a coat of ice, about six inches thick. The steamship Valerius was driven at Middle Ground, opposite the Roch traverse on Saturday afternoon but succeeded in freeing herself at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. She is proceeding to sea, not having been seriously damaged by her mishap, and was reported passing Cape Salmon early this morning.

FLOODED WITH APPEALS
The local signal service office is flooded with wireless appeals for assistance from icebound vessels below this port, notwithstanding that the ice breaker Montcalm has been on the move continually below St. Roch traverse during the last three days. She assisted the freighters Hesteria, Ceuta, Daguid and Florida through the ice at that point up to an early hour this morning.

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BUSINESS LOCALS

St. Vincent's Alumnae meeting postponed until next Monday evening. 12-7
K. P. CARDS TONIGHT
Temple Building, bridge and 45's. 12-7
Dancing tonight, Orange Hall, St.monds street. Harmony Orchestra. 12-7
Arena skating and band tomorrow night. Grand opening. 12-7
Card party, St. Patrick's Hall, tonight. Forty-five and Bridge. 12-7
Cards tonight Stella Maris Hall, East Saint John. Drawing next Monday night. 12-7
Bridge and forty-fives (stag), Pythian Castle, Union street, Tuesday evening, Dec. 7. Tickets 25c. 12-7
Regular meeting Martello Temple, No. 25, Pythian Sisters, Prentice Boys' Hall, West Saint John, tonight 8 o'clock. Degree staff please attend. 12-7
SKATING NOTICE.
Grand opening of Arena Tuesday night. Band starts 8.15. 12-7
MONTROYAL ORCH. DANCE
Ritz, tonight, latest numbers. Come and meet your friends. Good time assured. 12-7

IN ONTARIO.
TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 6.—Ontario had its first real taste of winter over the week-end when a snow and wind storm, driving in from northern Michigan, swept the province from Windsor to Ottawa, leaving a blanket of snow nine inches high in most places. It was the heaviest early December snow fall southern Ontario has experienced in some years, and with came temperatures that registered zero and below in some places and just a few points above in others.

FISHERMEN DROWNED.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 6.—Four fishermen were drowned off Long Island last Wednesday when heavy seas capsized the dory in which they had put off from the fishing schooner M. J. Beale, sunk 12 hours previously. Captain Wm. Parks, part owner of the schooner, and the two remaining members of his crew were rescued from another drifting dory 10 miles east of Fire Island.

123 FREIGHTERS HELD
The ice drift, broken loose by the manoeuvring of the tugs and lighters, has wedged at the lower outlet and solidified into a mountainous formation. If the Sainte Marie is successful in carving a lane through this formation, it is planned to keep lighters moving through the path to prevent new freezing while tugs attempt to pull the boats free. There are 86 freighters imprisoned in the lower channel and 87 strung out along the upper reaches of the river.

ANOTHER VESSEL ASHORE
HALIFAX, Dec. 6.—The three-masted schooner Southeast bound from St. Pierre, Miquelon, to Halifax in ballast, ran ashore at six o'clock, this morning at Battery Point, at the entrance to Herring Cove, about 11 miles from here. The crew reached shore safely, although the captain and another man were injured.

USES RAT TRAPS.
SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Dec. 6.—Robert Murray, of Laird Township, came to the Sault Saturday to arrange for the bounty on his ninth wolf of the season, all taken with rat traps. Murray sets the small traps in a bluster and the wolf, getting nipped in one, struggles, and is eventually held by others.

TO NATIVE LAND IN PRIESTHOOD WORK
Rev. Paul P. Kam, First Chinese Priest Ordained in Canada
6, 1925, left the China Mission Seminary, Scarborough Bluffs, Ont., last week for Vancouver, where he will board the Empress of Russia en route to China, his native land. There he will exercise his ministry.

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NOTICE OF MEETING.
A meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons Union will be held, Monday evening, December 6th. Business and election of officers. By order of the president, James L. DeLay. 12-7

REMEMBER
East Saint John Community Club meeting tonight in United Church Hall, Park Ave., 8 p.m. All residents invited. 12-7

GREAT LAKES ICE JAM.
SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 6.—Moderating temperatures today lent a helping hand to the ice-breakers and car ferries attempting to dislodge the ice jam which has choked the outlets of St. Mary's River and imprisoned a fleet of lake carriers. A steady rise in temperature last night had made some inroads into the ice, and led steamboat officials to take a more optimistic view of the situation. Three or four days of moderate weather, they said, might assist the breakers enough to permit clearance of the channel. Colder weather at this time, however, they indicated, would result in a repetition of attempts to move the ships this winter. In that event, they would suffer severe loss. In addition to the possible loss of cargoes, steam would have to be maintained and at least a half crew kept aboard throughout the period of imprisonment. After freeing five of the vessels, in the upper outlet yesterday, the Sainte Marie, giant car ferry, today transferred operations to the lower outlet. The ice clog caused by the down drift of huge cakes, has assumed menacing proportions there, and the Sainte Marie will endeavor to crash a lane through which barrier for the twofold purpose of giving an outlet to the ice drift and releasing some of the down-bound boats in that section of the channel.

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