

13 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair and cold, local snow flurries. Toronto, Dec. 8.—The disturbance from the Pacific has crossed the mountains and is centered in northern Alberta accompanied by milder weather in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Light local snowfalls or flurries have occurred today from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces and rain has fallen in southern British Columbia. Winnipeg—6 below, 6. Fort Arthur—6 below, 6. Parry Sound—4, 18. London—12, 20. Toronto—19, 28. Ottawa—6, 10. Montreal—8, 24. Quebec—6, 16. St. John—20, 26. Halifax—16, 30.

AROUND THE CITY

Brought from Sussex. Constable Ross arrived in the city last night from Sussex, having in custody a young man whom he was conducting to the Provincial Hospital. Monday Evening Skating Club. A meeting of the Monday Evening Skating club will be held in St. Andrew's rink this evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested. Zion Sale and Tea Closed. The sale and tea which has been held by the Zion church, closed last evening and is reported to have been the most successful ever held in the church. In the vicinity of \$140 was realized. Brotherhood Officers. A meeting of the Brotherhood Society of the Victoria street Baptist church, was held last evening, when the following officers were elected: President, J. A. Vanwart; Vice President, Garnett Cowan; Secretary, Joseph Parks; Treasurer, Beverly Appleby; Committees will be selected at the next meeting. Afternoon Bridge. Miss Jean Kelly entertained a number of her friends at an afternoon bridge at her home, Leinster street, on Tuesday afternoon. The prize winners were Miss Mamie Greaney and Miss Nan Morgan. Mrs. Morris poured coffee and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Postponed Until Monday. Owing to the engagement of the Opera House by the Annie Laurie Company for the last three days of next week, the benefit concert for H. L. Spencer, which was to have been held on the 15th inst., has been postponed until the evening of Monday, December 19th. The concert is under the auspices of the newspaper fraternity of the city, and an excellent programme has been arranged. Live Stock Sale in March. Among the passengers on the Athol, which sailed yesterday afternoon for Glasgow, was A. H. Thomson, the well known stock importer. Mr. Thomson will visit England, Scotland and France and will bring to the province an importation of Clydesdale and Percheron stallions and mares, with Shorthorn and Ayrshire cattle. He will return about February 10th, and the animals will be offered at public auction in March. Gideon L. O. L. Officers. The annual meeting of Gideon L. O. L. No. 7 was held last evening, when the reports showed that the year had been a most successful one. Officers were elected as follows:—W. M., H. Chesley; D. M., Andrew Gibson; Chap. Geo. Jenkins; Rec. Secy., E. J. Hatt; Fin. Secy., W. C. Day; Treas., Christopher White; Doct., William Crabb; Lecturer, John Amos; Deputy Lecturer, Hon. Robert Maxwell; P. M., Foreman of committee, W. Martin; Committee men, E. J. Heat, John Shields, Charles E. DeBoo; Inside Guard, John Shields. Young Men's Social. The Young Men's Association of German street Baptist church held an open business meeting last evening in their rooms, which was largely attended. An interesting programme was carried out consisting of vocal and instrumental selections and readings. Those who took part were Mrs. F. S. Porter, stockholder, Miss Grant, Rev. F. S. Porter and Walter Belyea. Refreshments were served and the singing of college songs brought the meeting to a close. The association has made rapid progress since its formation and is now recognized as one of the chief factors in the work of the church. Novelty Shower. There was a happy gathering last evening at the home of John T. Nuttall, 29 Charles street, when about 30 young lady friends of Miss Gertrude Nuttall invaded the home and gave a novelty shower. This occasion was warranted by the fact that on Tuesday next Miss Nuttall who is most popular among her friends leaves the city for Boston, Mass., and on Wednesday will become the bride of Clarence Cowan formerly of this city but now a prosperous business man of Providence, R. I. At the gathering last night there was dancing, instrumental and vocal music and refreshments were served. Successful Tea and Sale. The tea and sale of fancy articles held under the auspices of the Ladies Sewing Circle of the Waterloo street Baptist church yesterday afternoon and evening was well attended, and a considerable sum was realized from the sale of refreshments and fancy goods. The vestry of the church, where the sale was held, was prettily decorated, and the arrangement of the booths made a very artistic effect. Those in charge of the tables under the direction of Mrs. F. H. Wentworth, president of the society, were: Fancy tables, Mrs. D. H. Dunfield, Miss Machum, Miss Parlee, Miss Pooley, Miss Eversett, Miss Amy Parlee; refreshment counter, Mrs. J. F. Smith, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. L. N. Hoyt, Mrs. F. Hoyt, Mrs. Thomas Short, Mrs. Frodsham. More for your money than your money can buy elsewhere is the general expression of the great C. B. Pidgeon December clearance sale now in full swing at the corner of Main and Bridge streets.

ST. JOHN PEOPLE ON BOARD EMPRESS

C. P. R. Steamer Due This Morning—R. B. Kessen and Party Returning—A. Piers Brings Plan of New Steamer

The C. P. R. steamship Empress of Britain, Captain Murray, is due here this morning from Liverpool. The steamer left Halifax at 7 o'clock last night. The Empress has a large passenger list made up of 91 saloon, 163 second cabin and 475 steerage. Among the passengers is Arthur Piers, head of the steamship department of the C. P. R. who is bringing to Canada the plans and specifications of the big new steamers which the C. P. R. proposes to build for the Canadian Atlantic service to take the place of the Empresses when the latter are transferred to the Pacific. Joseph Doherty, the St. John pilot, is bringing the big ship to this port. The following is the list of her saloon passengers: C. Allaway, Windsor; D. O. Atkinson, London, Eng.; Miss O. Bartlett, St. John, N. B.; Alexander Baxter, Marchline, N. B.; E. Brettell, Frank Burnett, Mrs. Burnett, Vancouver; H. P. Carter, Victoria; James R. Craig, Mrs. Craig, London; Mrs. M. Cushing, St. Paul; W. J. Davidson, Edinburgh; Dr. P. G. Finley, London, Eng.; F. A. Fitzgerald, Dublin; H. W. Flett, Edinburgh; Miss K. Gall, Montreal; A. Gouze, Mrs. Gouze, Winnipeg; Miss J. B. Graham, Glasgow; W. C. A. Hodgkinson, London, Eng.; Dr. W. L. Holman, Breslau; R. B. Kessen, Mrs. Kessen, Miss M. Kessen, St. John; Mrs. H. E. Marshall, Cardiff; Miss Ethel Marshall, Bristol; Mrs. N. G. May, London; Mr. Nelson, Bradford; A. Piers, Liverpool; Mrs. Haylor Reed, Montreal; James Scott, rs. S. Scott, Quebec; G. H. Smith, Leeds; Miss B. D. Spicer, London; M. S. Stevenson, Montreal; P. B. Strong, Yokohama; W. B. Taylor, Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Toronto; E. F. Walter, Montreal; Miss Frances F. Walter, Montreal; Miss Frances Watts, Bristol; Miss M. E. Winslow, Manchester; Miss Annie Winstanley, Edinburgh.

REV. W. R. ROBINSON MAY TAKE ACTION

Practically Unanimous Vote That Ludlow Street Pastor Should be Exonerated Without Investigation.

It was reported yesterday that there were serious differences between Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of the Ludlow street Baptist church and some members of his congregation and it was intimated that there had been some talk of an investigation into certain rumors concerning the conduct of the minister. Rev. Mr. Robinson was not in the city yesterday and could not be seen but from the opinions gleaned by a standard representative from members of the church, it would seem as if the rumors which had been given currency were somewhat exaggerated. A meeting was held in the church on Wednesday evening and it was said that at that meeting the question of an investigation into the reports came up for discussion. The Standard was informed that 82 votes were cast upon the question and of these 73 were to unanimously exonerate the Rev. Mr. Robinson without any further hearing and 9 were in favor of ventilating the reports. Rev. Mr. Robinson himself, it is said, is in favor of tracing the stories to their foundation and has intimated that he will take action against the persons circulating them.

REV. DR. HUTCHINSON SPEAKS ON TEMPERANCE

Genesis of the World-Wide Movement Outlined in Vigorous Address—First Lecture of Educational Series.

The Rev. Dr. Hutchinson lectured on "Temperance, Genesis of the Movement," last evening, in the Temple of Honor Hall, in the course arranged by Alexandra Temple. Today the temperance movement, said the speaker, is world-wide. There is no civilized nation on earth which today is not either seeking to rid itself completely of the liquor traffic or is trying by legislation to so regulate it that its harmful influence will be checked as much as possible. The liquor business is no longer regarded as respectable. "Within the memory of some present the fact that a man was a distiller of ardent spirits, or a brewer of malt liquors, or a licensed keeper of a tavern did not disqualify him to hold office in the Christian church. It is different today. What church today receives into its membership men who are engaged in the liquor traffic?" "When we compare the past with the present we see that a great change has taken place all over the world in regard to the subject of temperance. How is this change accounted for? Is it the result of some sudden impulse? Nay. The man who thinks that the temperance movement is the offspring of a few hot-headed cranks, or that it is a thing of mushroom growth and duration shows his ignorance of the signs of the times in which he lives. In all countries the temperance cause has behind it the most sagacious of intellects; and it endures within itself the undying principle of righteousness. Its history was traced back to the beginning of the last century. The lecturer carefully pointed out the genesis of the temperance movement in England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States and in Canada. The lecture was well received and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer. "The Growth of the Temperance Movement" is the subject of Dr. Hutchinson's next lecture.

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WATERBURY & RISING, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street. Cheapness of Russian Wheat Forcing Canadian Product Out of British Market—Being Held in West. It is expected by those who should be in a position to know, that the grain shipments from this port this season will be lighter than for some winters and this is ascribed to the fact that the Russian grain is being sold in the British market at a price that the Canadian grain can not compete with. Advices from the west are to the effect that the shippers are holding their grain for better prices and at the present there is little likelihood of these being reached. L. R. Ross, terminal agent of the I. C. R., when asked about this condition of affairs last night said, "If one can believe what he sees in the upper Canadian papers, it would seem as if the shipments of grain would be light, or else that the bulk of the grain will go forward in the last steamers of the season. The Russian grain in selling in the British market at a lower rate than the Canadian article and while this condition holds, there is little chance for heavy shipments. Two steamers recently left Montreal light and went south to complete their cargoes rather than take the grain that offered at the low freight rate."

New Fruits Now in Stock New Navel Oranges, New Messina Lemons, New Nuts, Figs and Dates Full Assortment—Order Now for Holiday Trade. The Willett Fruit Co. Ltd Wholesale Fruits, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Select Your GREETING CARDS For Christmas Today We have cards in stock or will make designs for special purposes. Send us that late order for CALENDARS and we will deliver it promptly. C. H. Flewelling, 85 1-2 Prince William Street

Christmas Presents. The first week after the opening of W. H. Thorne & Co.'s new premises was a great success. Hundreds inspected the beautiful exhibition of Christmas presents and many purchases made. In the afternoon it is sometimes most difficult to attend to all customers and give them special attention. Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Company would suggest, when possible, to call in the forenoon when the rush is no so great. Mrs. Robert S. Ritchie will receive her friends on Friday afternoon, Dec. 9, at No. 9 Peters street.

Sterling Silver Tea Spoons The following patterns in stock: Lancaster, Strasburg, Alden, Beaded, Thread, Engraved Windsor, Irvan, Old English. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited Market Square and King Street, St. John, N. B.

Just a Few Reminders We would like to call your attention to a few of the numerous articles that will be suitable for you to present to any man or boy as an Xmas Gift. Our furnishing goods are all marked down in price, so it is an excellent opportunity to buy nice, fresh stock, at prices that will make your money extend as far as possible. CHILDREN'S TOQUES, 23c. to 39c. MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS, 23c. to \$1.13. SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, REGULAR 50 cents, NOW 39c., 3 for \$1.00. MEN'S AND BOYS' SHIRTS, 39c. to \$1.13. MEN'S HALF HOSE, REGULAR 50 cents, NOW 39c., 3 for \$1.00. MEN'S AND BOYS' SWEATERS, 39c. to \$2.49. TRUNKS, \$2.00 to \$9.70. SUIT CASES, \$1.60 to \$12.00. MEN'S OVERCOATS, \$7.50 to \$18.00. BOYS' OVERCOATS, \$3.75 to \$10.00. MEN'S SUITS, \$5.00 to \$20.00. BOYS' SUITS, \$1.98 to \$12.00. MEN'S REEFERS, SPECIAL, \$3.98. BOYS' REEFERS, \$2.00 to \$6.00. BOYS' KNICKERS, 45c. to \$2.25. TRAVELLING BAGS, \$2.00 to \$9.50.

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Magnificent Showing of New Millinery For Christmas Gifts Our designers have outdone themselves in preparing this collection of Trimmed Hats intended for those to whom millinery will appeal for Christmas giving. While prices are extremely moderate, the values are really extraordinary and the models unsurpassed for beauty and richness. It is needless to mention that styles are up-to-the-minute, and embellishments seasonable, including Felt, Beaver, Velvet, Silk, Satin, Fur, in black, blue, green, red and brown color effects. A limited number, so it would be well to select in good season. Each \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, and \$5.00 While in the Millinery Room look over the pretty little Angora, Berlin, Bear Cloth and Plush Bonnets for children. The new Wool Caps for ladies, suitable for the theatre and for motoring, are attracting attention—we have them in various colors. Also a nice assortment of Ladies and Children's Wool Toques.

Lace Department Two lines of DOUBLE WIDTH WAIST NETS, 35c. and 50c. Some of these worth double the price asked. EMBROIDERED WAIST PATTERNS, front and material to match, \$1.30 each. NOVELTY EMBROIDERED CORSET COVERS, shaped for the arm. Includes band for shoulder. Prices 55c. and 85c. EMBROIDERED CUSHION SLIPS, special 75c. each. HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, all linen, 6 for 35c., 3 for 50c. LACE DEPARTMENT. APRON LENGTHS for this week, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c each. FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS, 10c, 15c, and 20c. each. Lots 3 for 50c., 2 for 25c. INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, boxes 1-2 doz., 40c.; boxes 1-2 doz., 50c. ENGLISH PRINTED CAMBRICS—A full stock to select Christmas presents from. NEW WASH WAISTINGS, all widths, stripe and fancy designs. This is a shipment for spring but received early for the Christmas trade. 25c., 28c., 32c., 35c. yard. GUIPURE and LAWN FRONTINGS, a big selection to pick from. Absolutely new. 50c., 57c., 63c., 75c. Enough for front.

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HARBOR REVENUES SHOW SMALL GROWTH

Increase Only Made Possible by Expansion of Summer Overseas Trade—Coasting Business Very Poor.

The city's revenues from harbor dues up to the end of November of this year amounted to \$41,053.91 against \$39,626.00 for the corresponding period of 1909. This gives an increase of \$1,427.91 in the revenues. Frank D. Alward, the harbor collector, stated that the revenues from coastwise shipping had fallen off considerably during the summer. St. John's overseas trade during the summer had increased a great deal, but the number of vessels which came here to load lumber for American ports was about the lowest on record.

ARGUMENTS STRONG IN FAVOR OF WOMEN

Debate at Exmouth Y. M. A. Results in Decision on Side of Woman Suffrage—Those Who Took Part.

Resolved that the women of Canada shall be given the right to vote in the near future, was the subject of debate at the meeting of the Exmouth Street Y. M. A. last evening. After a warm argument it was decided by the judge that the good women of Canada were good enough to vote. The champions of the ladies' cause were Walter Drake, Richard Irwin, L. Hendron and Roy Sandall. Those who argued that women were not old enough to vote in this country were Wm. Case, Walter Adams, Walter Lawton, and Robert Goodrich. Geo. Shaw acted as judge and gave a decision in favor of the affirmative. The young men who supported the side of the suffragettes handled their case in an able manner. They pointed out that in Australia the women had been given the franchise, and as a result the Labor party was in power.

Showing Christmas Millinery at M. R. A.'s

This is a special exhibit of brand new trimmed hats featuring the latest effects in millinery designing. They are handsome models, all different and prepared especially to serve as Christmas gifts, and to be sold at such favorable prices as to make them unusual bargains for holiday shoppers. On display in millinery room this morning.

The Globe Laundry.

The management of the Globe Laundry wish to announce that they have established a temporary office in the building occupied by the Myers machine shop, and have secured the use of the plant of Ungar's laundry for their washing. The same help will be employed as in the past. The telephone number is Main 623 as formerly.

The public will kindly note that Wm. Thomson & Co. have taken over the agency of the Elder-Dempster line.

A wallet containing papers and tickets, owned by W. J. Cameron, of Montreal, was lost this morning. Anyone finding it will confer a great favor by returning it to the Y. M. C. A. office.

Rev. George M. Campbell, D.D., arrived in the city on the Boston express last night.