

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME:—Strong winds and moderate gales northerly to westerly turning decidedly colder. Local snow falls at first then clearing.

Table with weather forecasts for Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Police Called In. Yesterday morning Policeman Semple was called into Hugh Bush's house in the North End to eject a man who was not wanted there.

E. Dawson Wins Pipe. At the drawing held by No. 1 Wellington Hose Company, last evening, ticket No. 1903, held by E. Dawson, of St. James street, won the prize of a fine calabash pipe.

Meeting for Men. There will be a grand Christmas meeting for men in the Unique theatre on Sunday evening at 8:30 under the Y. M. C. A. auspices.

Teasler Hurt. Winslow Hughton, teasler, was thrown from his wagon while driving on Charlotte street about 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Two Arrests For Assault. John Mullin was given in charge to the police last night for beating his wife in their house on Queen street.

Partridge Island School. School Inspector William McLean visited the school on Partridge Island yesterday in the course of his inspection duty.

The Lansdowne Busy. The government steamer Lansdowne will leave today for Point Lepreau to replace a buoy there which has been out of place for several days.

Heavy Travel. The Boston Express was about forty minutes late in arriving last night. The cars were all snowed up and showed that there has been quite a snow storm west.

Anti-Tuberculosis. A meeting of the executive of the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis was held in their new quarters yesterday afternoon.

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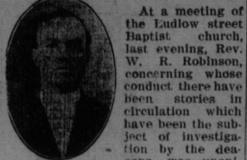
Prentice Boys' Officers. The annual meeting of Union Jack Lodge, F. A. M., No. 35, was held in their rooms Simonds street last night and there was a large attendance.

True Blue Lodge Officers. True Blue Lodge No. 11, L. O. A., last evening elected the following officers: Worshipful master, Wm. J. Smith; deputy master, Thos. Ferguson; chaplain, Wm. Williams; recording secretary, N. P. McLeod; financial secretary, R. J. Anderson; treasurer, Geo. A. Kirkpatrick; lecturer, W. A. Cunningham; deputy lecturer, Joseph Taylor; D. C. S. Ferguson, P.M.; committee, Ezekiel McLeod, P. M., foreman, John Maxwell, James Jack, John Rose and Edwin Tippett; inside Tyler, David Maxwell; outside Tyler, Fred Campbell.

Woodshed Damaged. About 7:40 o'clock last evening fire was discovered in J. S. Gibbon & Co.'s fire wood shed on Hare's wharf at the foot of Union street.

REV. W. R. ROBINSON VINDICATED; CHURCH EXPELS DEFAMERS

Report of Committee Exonerating Ludlow Street Pastor Unanimously Adopted, While Vote for Expulsion of Girls Responsible for Circulation of Scandal Stood 106 to 5.



At a meeting of the Ludlow street Baptist church, last evening, Rev. W. R. Robinson, concerning whose conduct there have been stories in circulation which have been the subject of investigation by the deacons, was unanimously exonerated.

At this meeting Deacon C. E. Belyea moved, seconded by Deacon Everett Ring, that the evidence taken at previous meetings should be read at the meeting of the congregation to be held Wednesday evening.

At the meeting of the congregation held last evening the evidence taken by the committee appointed to investigate the charges was read; after which the committee presented a report, giving their findings as follows: "After hearing the evidence of Mrs. Emery, Mrs. E. L. Strange, Miss Muriel Stewart, Miss Ethel Crossley, and Miss Jessie Crossley, we find that nothing has been brought forward in the evidence that would affect the character of our pastor in any way.

on record as having the utmost confidence in him as a Christian gentleman, and a true minister of Jesus Christ.

"Further, we find that Miss Ethel Crossley and Miss Jessie Crossley, in giving circulation to these reports, have not lived up to their church covenant by absenting themselves from the meetings of the church, leaving the vestry while the pastor was speaking, and doing all in their power to hinder his work in connection with the cause of Christ in this place.

Exonerated Unanimously. The section of the report exonerating the pastor was adopted by an unanimous vote, while that recommending that the names of Misses Ethel and Jessie Crossley be dropped from the church membership was adopted by a vote of 106 to 5.

The result of the vote was received with applause, and the members of the congregation crowded around the pastor and extended their felicitations to him.

GEORGE PEER BADLY HURT ON HESPERIAN

First Serious Accident of Winter Port. Accident—Skull Fractured in Fall Down Hatch.

George Peer, a longshoreman residing in Prince street, West End, met with injuries at Sand Point, yesterday afternoon, which it was feared at a late hour last evening would result fatally.

It is thought that he struck on his head, as when he was picked up he was unconscious and on examination it was found that the base of his skull was fractured.

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GOVERNMENT WILLING TO MAINTAIN SEWERS

Mayor Frink Receives Word from Ottawa That This Will be Done in Exchange for Foreshore Rights.

Mayor Frink received a communication from Ottawa yesterday, notifying him that the federal government would undertake to maintain the sewers running into Courtenay Bay, in the event of the city transferring the foreshore rights to the government for the purpose of constructing harbor facilities.

In Serious Condition. Rev. W. R. Robinson, of the Ludlow street Baptist church received a telegram last evening conveying the news that his wife, who is undergoing surgical treatment in St. Luke's hospital, Chicago, was not recovering.

Invited to Coronation. Hon. J. D. Hazen has received a letter from Earl Grey conveying an invitation from the Right Honourable L. Harcourt, secretary for the colonial government to attend the coronation ceremonies and festivities in connection with the Coronation of King George V, which will take place on June 22, 1911.

RULING DOES NOT REDUCE FISH PRICES

Cut in Freight Rate Across Bay Will Affect Western Markets Only Opinion of Merchants Here.

The announcement that the railway commission had ordered a reduction in the freight rate on haddock from Digby to St. John, from 20 cents per hundred to 8 cents per hundred for car lots and 11 cents for smaller lots, created the opinion that this would result in a reduction in the price of the fish on this market.

PERSONAL. Gordon McIntyre and Robt Johnson, students at McGill University, arrived on the Montreal express yesterday to spend their vacation in this city.

Arthur Dearness, a commercial traveller for a Toronto firm, is home to spend Christmas with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. David Dearness, Queen street.

Miss Daisy Sears, of the Montreal Hospital, has been ordered to remain in St. John for a month convalescing after her recent attack of diphtheria. Her many friends are giving her a warm welcome.

Miss Geraldine Sears, who has been quite ill in Minneapolis, is very much improved, but will be under treatment for some months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Lewis, of West Side, will leave this morning on a brief visit to Boston and New York where they will spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

His Lordship Bishop Casey, accompanied by Rev. Father Porlier, of St. Martin's and Rev. Father McMurphy, of Woodstock, arrived in the city on the Boston express last night from Harvey Station.

W. B. Howard, of the C. P. R. and Dr. W. L. Ellis, of the Immigration Department, left for Halifax on last night's express to meet the P. E. I. steamer Empress of Britain, which is due there today.

Fresh stock of toys, dolls, Truetees sale, Hall's.

Painless Dentistry. Teeth filled or extracted free of pain by the celebrated "HALE METHOD." All branches of dental work done in the most skillful manner. Boston Dental Parlors, 527 Main St., Tel. 653, DR. J. D. WAHER, Proprietor.

OUR LAST CHRISTMAS At These Stores Here's a Christmas Bargain Present for our Customers APPLIQUE PILLOW SHAMS regular 35c. quality, Sale price - 17 1-2c. each. F. R. Patterson & Co. Cor Duke & Charlotte Sts.

Some Pretty Boots For Women \$4.00 a pair

Women's Patent Colt Button, Black Cloth Tops, Goodyear Welt, Made on the Latest High Toe Low Vamp Lasts, Cuban Heels. The Same Boot with Dull Kid Tops.

Women's Cadet Calf, Blucher Cut, Laced Boots, Best American Make, Newest Shaped Lasts, Low Cut Vamps, Goodyear Welts, New Cuban Heels. The same Boot in Button.

WATERBURY & RISING, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street, Three Stores

Specials For Christmas Pineapples, Bananas, Grape Fruit, Tangerine Oranges, Navel Oranges, Spy Apples, Sweet Cider. Order From The Willett Fruit Co. Ltd. Wholesale Fruits, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Let Us Do Your Christmas Engraving. We engrave on all kinds of metal. Brass Initials Supplied, New Designs in Greeting Cards, Calendars, etc. Printing Carefully Done. C. H. Flewelling, 85 1-2 Prince William Street

Fireplace Fittings. We have a wonderfully attractive stock of Brass and Black Fenders, Fire Irons, Fire Sets, Fire Screens. Nothing will improve the appearance of a room more than a nice looking fireplace. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited. Market Square and King Street, St. John, N. B.

Here is a Saving. We are offering you a chance to save a dollar or two just now, and at the same time get an overcoat for the boy or man of your family. The overcoats we have in stock are all new and up to date, but we have cut the price of every coat in stock so as to give you a chance to buy something in this particular line at a substantial saving during the Xmas season. A glance at these prices will convince you of this at once. Men's Overcoats: \$7.50 OVERCOATS Now... \$5.85, \$10.00 OVERCOATS Now... \$8.75, \$12.00 OVERCOATS Now... \$9.85, \$13.50 OVERCOATS Now... \$11.45, \$15.00 OVERCOATS Now... \$12.75, \$16.50 OVERCOATS Now... \$13.95, \$18.00 OVERCOATS Now... \$15.00. Boys' Overcoats: \$3.75 OVERCOATS Now... \$2.98 Sizes 26 to 28, \$4.50 OVERCOATS Now... \$3.95 Sizes 26 to 28, \$6.00 OVERCOATS Now... \$4.95 Sizes 26 to 28, \$7.00 OVERCOATS Now... \$5.85 Sizes 29 to 32, \$7.50 OVERCOATS Now... \$6.45 Sizes 29 to 32, \$8.75 OVERCOATS Now... \$7.50 Sizes 33 to 35, \$10.00 OVERCOATS Now... \$8.75 Sizes 33 to 35. HARRY N. DEMILLE, Successor to J. N. HARVEY, 199 to 207 Union Street

Sleds and Framers. We have a large stock of Sleds and Framers of all styles and sizes. Toboggans \$1.50 to \$8.50 each. EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain St.

All M. R. A. Stores Open Evenings Until 10 o'clock. Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys in Clothing and Furnishings Depts. NECKTIES, new goods never displayed until today. The very latest designs and colorings. Popular shapes, each, 25c. to \$1.25. MUFFLERS, square to fold, the new long scarf shape, hemstitched and fringed ends. Also made styles with fancy and quilted linings, each 50c. to \$3.00. FANCY BRACES, but serviceable, in pretty boxes, 50c. to \$1.85. FANCY ARMLETS in gift boxes 25c. to 75c. FANCY BORDERED HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, each, 50c. to \$1.00. HALF HOSE, CASHMERE, new colors and fancy stripes, pair, 35c. to 75c. FINE SILK HALF HOSE, plain colors and fancy stripes, gift boxes special value lot, per pair, 75c. Other qualities up to \$1.65 pair. GLOVES, unlined, in all reliable makes, Kid, Cape, Suedes and Reindeer, pair, \$1 to \$4.00. Silk lined Cape and Suedes, pair \$1 to \$8. Fleece wool lined kid, Cape and Mocha, 90c. to \$1.75. Reindeer, Fleece Wool and seamless knitted linings, pair, \$1.50 to \$4. Mocha and Reindeer, fur lined, pair, \$2.50 to \$5.75. Grey Buck, fleecy wool and blue fur lined, pair \$2 to \$3.75. MITTENS, Kid and Mocha, fleecy wool lined, pair, \$1.10 to \$1.50. Wool Gloves, plain and fancy knit, fleeced and with extra seamless linings, pair, 35c. to \$1.50. SWEATERS, a new lot for boys just received, button neck and coat style, \$1 to \$2.50. Men's sizes, all popular colors, coat style and ordinary and with high button up necks, \$1 to \$5. UMBRELLAS, very latest handles, good serviceable coverings and strong frames, \$1 to \$9.75. WALKING STICKS AND ICE STICKS, large variety to select from, all strong, prices from 50c. to \$4. FURNISHING DEPARTMENT. Fur Collars... \$3.00 to \$41.00, Fur Gloves (gauntlet) \$6.75 to \$21.75, Boys' 2 Piece Suits \$2.50 to \$10.00, Boys' 3 piece Suits \$3.75 to \$13.00, Boys' Sailor Suits \$2.25 to \$7.50, Boys' Russian Suits \$2.75 to \$7.50, Boys' Reefers... \$2.75 to \$7.50, Boys' Fancy Overcoats... \$3.50 to \$9.00, Boys' Regular Overcoats... \$4.25 to \$13.50, Blanket Coats, Blue, Scarlet, Brown and Gray \$4.75 to \$5.25, Boys' Bath Robes \$3.50 to \$4.50. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. LEATHER GOODS—Hat Boxes for ladies and gentlemen, Fitted Toilet and Travelling Cases, Bags and Suit Cases, a large assortment, all sizes and qualities. Collar Bags, Glove and Handkerchiefs, Bottle Cases, Jewel Cases, Manicure Cases, Music Cases, Writing Cases, Scissors Cases, Sewing Cases, Work Boxes, Bridal Cases, Brush Cases, Shaving Paper Pads, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Tobacco Pouches and Purses, Pipe Cases, etc. FURNISHINGS DEPT. Shop in the Morning and Avoid the Crowds. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.