

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Variable winds, cloudy, not much change in temperature. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 5.—Since Sunday morning an important depression has developed in the Mississippi Valley and moved rapidly northeastward to Lake Superior, accompanied by heavy gales with rain and snow. The temperature continues very low in the western provinces and a cold wave is now spreading quickly eastward. Winnipeg—2, 18, 33. Parry Sound—36, 42. London—32, 51. Toronto—31, 45. Ottawa—23, 30. Montreal—30, 34. Quebec—32, 40. Halifax—38, 42.

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Forecast: Rain Monday or Monday night; Tuesday, much colder with snow in north, rain in southeast and generally heavy in southwest portion; variable winds, shifting to southwest and becoming brisk and high.

AROUND THE CITY

Freaks of Nature. Messrs. Sinibaldi and Ogden Smith have on exhibition at their store an albino squirrel from Ottawa, which was shot not long ago at Riverside and sent to them by Mr. W. E. Newcombe, of the Clairmont House. The squirrel is of the same species as its more common brown brother. Another freak of nature to be seen at the store is a snow white robin.

Boulders Hard as Wrought Iron. The boulders in No. 5 berth on the West Side are giving the dredging crews much trouble and the blasting will not be undertaken before this afternoon. Drilling the boulders at the angle of the wharf was finished yesterday but there still remained more work to be done at the head of the slip late last night. The outside of the rock was found to be as hard as wrought iron.

Increased Pay to Date from April. Mr. Alexander Gibbs of the I. C. R. returned on Saturday from Ottawa, where he has been on business, connected with the I. C. R. Clerks' Association. Mr. Gibbs states that he interviewed Mr. M. J. Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways and Canada and he had agreed that any increase which should be received by the clerks would date from April 1st, and that they should receive back pay from that date.

Contributions to Seamen's Mission. The Seamen's Mission Society beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contributions: Captain A. Murray, R. M. S. Empress of Britain, proceeds of collection and concert, \$43; Hugh S. Gregory, \$15; F. M. A. lecture and concert, \$39.25; Empress of Britain and Spencer Family, \$11. A large parcel of useful articles of clothing were also received from the St. John Branch of the Women's Sewing Guild of Canada.

The Ludlow Makes a Good Start. The Ludlow was placed on the ferry route yesterday morning and in the evening on the 8:40 trip signalized her first day of activity for some weeks, by going full tilt in the piling of the West Side slips. The passengers were considerably shaken and a small dog on the boat narrowly escaped being hurled to a watery grave. The damage to the piling could not be ascertained but those on board judging from the snapping of timbers believed it to be extensive.

Seamen's Institute Meetings. Rev. L. A. McLean spoke at the Saturday night temperance meeting at the Seamen's Institute. Eight sailors signed the pledge. On Sunday evening the boys of the Virgins Male Orphan Institution attended with Mr. William Pearce, and rendered a musical programme. Rev. Mr. McLean also spoke and was assisted by the choir of Calvin church. On Tuesday evening the crew of the steamer Victorian will give a concert and on Thursday the Ladies Auxiliary will hold a high tea.

Waterloo St. Church S. S. Rally Day was observed in the Sunday school of Waterloo street Baptist church yesterday afternoon. Revs. S. H. Wentworth, the new pastor, delivered an eloquent address on the subject Possibilities of the Sunday School. Deacon William Peters, honorary superintendent of the school, who has been Sunday school superintendent of Waterloo street church for the past 29 years, spoke on the past history of the school. There was singing by the children's choir and by the male quartette and several selections by the orchestra. Rev. Mr. Wentworth preached his first sermon last evening.

Will Address Women's Canadian Club. The Women's Canadian Club of St. John have a promise from Professor Shortt, to deliver an address on Monday, Dec. 13. The meeting will be at Keith's Theatre rooms at four o'clock. Professor Shortt's subject will be "the difference between the American and Canadian systems of government." Prof. Adam Shortt and M. J. LaRoche, who are members of the civil service commission, spent Sunday in the city and will leave this morning for Yarmouth. After a tour through Nova Scotia, Prof. Shortt, will return to St. John to address the Women's Canadian Club. On Saturday the commissioners had a conference with Dr. G. U. Hay, the local examiner for the civil service.

Apple Dealers Up In Arms. Local wholesale apple merchants are indignantly protesting against the action of the local authorities in allowing Messrs. J. W. Worth and W. Bowby, of Nova Scotia, to carry on a large apple business in the city without paying the regular license fee, which is required of other dealers. Mr. W. Bowby came here from Nova Scotia almost three months ago and rented a warehouse on Walker's wharf. Since the apple season began, it is claimed, they have carried on an extensive business flooding the local market with apples which they had imported here from Nova Scotia. The local merchants say that they do not mind the competition, but they feel that it is only fair that Messrs. Worth and Bowby should be taxed. It is said they have been reported by the police or more than one occasion for carrying on an extensive business without a license, but for some unknown reason nothing has been done in the matter.

WHITE CANDY COY APPLY FOR \$20,000 AND TAX EXEMPTION

Claim Competitors Elsewhere Have Bonds Guaranteed Or Are Heavily Bonused — Thos. F. White Interviewed.

Encouragement of existing industries rather than concessions to prospective ones is often held to be a sound policy and acting on this belief the White Candy Co., Ltd., will this afternoon make application to the common council for total tax exemption and a bonus of \$20,000 or the guaranteeing of the company's bonds to this amount.

Mr. Thos. F. White, president of the company when interviewed by a Standard reporter last evening, said that the company were asking for concessions because their principal competitors were heavily bonused concerns. He mentioned Ganong Bros. and Moirs, Ltd., the latter of which is exempted in Halifax and has \$100,000 bonds guaranteed besides. "If a St. John firm was not competing with firms that were bonused," said Mr. White, "I wouldn't support the application for exemption, but I think every manufacturer who is competing with exempted companies elsewhere will say that we have a right to some consideration."

"If we were exempted," he continued, "we would spend almost the entire amount in increases in our salaries, and it would all come back to the city. Again if the bonds were guaranteed, we could enter the western market. The only way St. John will ever share in the richness and prosperity of the west will be to send the product of her factories and receive in return some of the golden stream. As a result of Ganong's business, St. Stephen draws tribute from every city and town in Canada and no one could doubt for a moment that St. Stephen is not well repaid for the exemption."

Mr. White pointed out that other towns had offered him the same terms which he had asked from St. John, but that he wished to give this city the first chance.

HAVE MADE ST. JOHN TERMINUS OF CUBAN-MEXICAN SERVICE

Elder - Dempster Line Give This Port Preference Over Halifax—Trade And Facilities Satisfactory.

Capt. Cotterell, shore captain at the ports of Halifax and St. John for the Elder-Dempster line arrived in the city Saturday and will remain to superintend the loading of the steamer Sokoto which is due today from Cuba and Mexico. When interviewed by a Standard reporter yesterday, Capt. Cotterell said that the Senior, the first South African boat of the season, would arrive here on Thursday and he would remain in St. John until the steamer is discharged. The volume of trade between Canada and South Africa he added, was on the increase and more freights was carried by this, the only line which runs direct between the two countries than ever before.

With regard to the Cuban-American service, Capt. Cotterell said that St. John would be made the terminus of the line, instead of Halifax and that the latter would be simply a port of call. St. John had offered sufficient inducements in the way of freight and facilities to warrant a continuation of the service and at present the Sokoto and the Borna were well supplied with cargo. Barley and other products from Ontario and the west were now being shipped from St. John, instead of being taken to Halifax. New Brunswick hay and potatoes will also form a considerable portion of the Sokoto's cargo when she leaves St. John this week.

WAS DEAF TO ALL DEMANDS TO PAY FOR HIS DINNER

Daniel Fritch Arrested Saturday Night for Refusing to Settle in Bushan's Restaurant — Put Up Stiff Fight.

Daniel Fritch was arrested on Mill street on Saturday afternoon by Police Officers J. H. McCollum and Silas Perry, for being drunk and obtaining a meal from Philip Bushan's restaurant on Mill street and refusing to pay for it. Fritch, who claims to be a native of St. Martins, stepped into the restaurant for dinner about 3 o'clock. He was not at all inclined to be shy in giving his order and ate a very substantial meal. Then in an absent minded way he walked out of the restaurant, apparently deaf to the demand of the waiter to pay his bill. It was not long before Officer McCollum who had been notified of Fritch's behavior took up his trail and a few minutes later in company with Officer Perry found his man near the Union Depot. Fritch put up a stiff resistance but was finally escorted to Central station and placed in a cell. He will be brought before Magistrate Ritchie today.

The many friends of Mr. Edward C. Hickson, accountant with Messrs. Hanington & Hanington will regret to learn of his serious illness in the Montreal hospital, where he is about to undergo a serious operation.

ROBBED OF \$25 AND THROWN FROM WHARF BY TWO MEN UNKNOWN

James Freeman Rescued By Officers Of Cassandra Saturday Night Tells Strange Story.

After being saved from a watery grave in the harbor on Saturday night about 9 o'clock by the daring feat of one of the officers of the S. S. Cassandra, who made a plunge from McLeod's wharf to rescue him, James Freeman, an Englishman, on regaining consciousness made the charge to the officers that he had been thrown over the wharf by two men who had attacked and robbed him of \$25.

About 8.45 the second mate and one of the sailors of the S. S. Cassandra were attracted by cries for help that apparently came from the water directly at the bow of the ship, which was then lying at McLeod's wharf at the foot of Duke street. Rushing to the edge of the wharf in the direction from which came the cries, the form of a man could be seen through the darkness struggling in the water. The officer, who is a strong swimmer immediately plunged over the wharf after the drowning man, whom he succeeded in seizing by the collar just as he arose for the second time to the surface. A rope was secured around the man's waist and after some little difficulty he was finally landed safely on the wharf. It was some time before he regained consciousness. In answer to a question as to how he met with the accident, Freeman told the officer that he had been attacked from behind by two men who were unknown to him, and that they had taken \$25 from his pocket, after which they shoved him over the wharf. He had apparently been drinking and was taken to Water street lockup by night detective Lucas.

Freeman is an Englishman, and gave his age as 43. He had been working, he said, for William Winton, at Plaster Rock, and had been paid off with \$150.00 last Tuesday, after which he came to St. John. He has been drinking since then and lived in a house the east end of Duke street with a colored woman. He was ejected from there on Thursday by the police for fighting. He claims the greater part of his money was stolen. He will be brought before Magistrate Ritchie this morning.

VICTORIAN ARRIVES AFTER STORMY TRIP ACROSS ATLANTIC

Passengers Left Yesterday By Special Train—Lake Manitoba Spoken By Wireless On November 29.

After a rough and stormy voyage across the Atlantic the Allan R. M. S. Victorian, Captain Edmund Outram, arrived in port yesterday morning at 6.30 o'clock from Liverpool via Halifax and docked at No. 3 berth. The steamer which cleared from Liverpool Nov. 21, had on board 323 passengers, 4000 tons cargo and a heavy mail, consisting of 2000 bags and 452 packages of parcel post. She reached Halifax on Friday afternoon and landed most of her passengers and discharged 850 tons of cargo and the mails. Among the passengers who disembarked at Halifax were Sir H. Montagu Allan, C. V. O., John Pitblado, the well known financial agent of Montreal, G. E. Gylling, consul for Sweden, R. H. Court, managing director of Le Canada newspaper and F. S. Hammond, of the firm of Hammond Brothers, Toronto. She left Halifax Saturday morning bringing around 11 first, 25 second and 10 third class passengers. Coming up the bay the steamer encountered strong head gales, with high seas, sleet and rain. The passengers were landed here yesterday morning at 11 o'clock and went west by special train in the afternoon. The Victorian was in wireless communication with the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba on Nov. 29.

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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING IN DUNN'S SLIP

Engineer Robson Fell From Steamer Premier Saturday Evening — Rescued When Nearly Exhausted.

William N. Robson, engineer, of St. John street, Carleton, had a narrow escape from drowning in Dunn's slip about 5 o'clock Saturday evening. While making a line fast on the side of the ferry steamer Premier, he lost his balance and fell into the slip. His loud cries for help were heard by Thomas Lynch, who happened to be in the room, apparently deaf to the side of the wharf he caught hold of Mr. Robson, as he was sinking. A line was made fast around him and with the aid of two boys the drowning man was hoisted aboard the Premier in a semi-unconscious condition. After regaining consciousness, Mr. Robson, who is well advanced in years, was removed to his home in St. John street. He was employed as engineer on the Premier during the summer months.

Miss Jean L. Dolg, clerk with H. W. deForest, Ltd., today severed her connection with the firm and will sail on Dec. 16 for Liverpool on the S. S. Heperian.

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