

**THE WEATHER**

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Lahona disturbances are central just west of Lake Michigan and south of Newfoundland tonight. Weather is becoming somewhat clearer in the West, but is becoming unsettled in Ontario and mostly fair and quite cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

St. John	4
Dawson	20-14
Prince Rupert	30-38
Victoria	34-38
Vancouver	34-38
Kamloops	24-28
Calgary	14-32
Edmonton	20-24
Prince Albert	8-24
Medicine Hat	20-24
Saskatoon	5-24
Regina	10-21
Winnipeg	10-24
Port Arthur	10-24
White River	8-24
Parry Sound	8-24
London	3-30
Toronto	6-32
Kingston	4-32
Ottawa	10-32
Montreal	10-32
Halifax	16-38

—Below zero

**Forecast.** Decreasing northerly winds, fair and quite cold at first, followed by winds shifting to southerly; overcast and milder tonight.

**Northern New England.** Increasing cloudiness and warmer followed by snow Saturday afternoon or night; Sunday cloudy and colder; increasing southerly winds.

**AROUND THE CITY**

**No Standard Monday**  
The Standard will not be published on the holiday.

**THIRTY-NINE SERVED.**  
The Salvation Army People's Palace report that thirty-nine men were served with soup, bread and coffee yesterday morning in connection with the soup kitchen opened there Thursday.

**TO PAVE SOUTH WHARF.**  
South Market wharf will be given a surface similar to that laid on North Market wharf last summer, if plans of the harbor department for work next summer are carried out, Commissioner Bullock announced yesterday.

**ST. MARY'S BAND.**  
As has been the custom for many years, weather permitting, the St. Mary's Band, under the leadership of Harold Williams, will assemble on Haymarket square tonight for the purpose of "playing" the old year out and the new year in.

**PROBATE COURT.**  
In the probate court in the matter of the estate of Amelia Jane Moeur, personally \$1,933.36, Fred J. Elkin was granted probate ancillary to probate granted Agnes A. C. Brade in Middlesex County, Mass. J. M. Trueman was proctor.

**HARBOR DEPARTMENT.**  
Commissioner Bullock said yesterday that an intended making provision in the estimates for 1922 for repairs to the entrance to No. 4 shed on the West Side at an estimated cost of \$10,000. Provision will be made for repairs to some of the trusses under the Sand Point sheds during the coming summer.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE.**  
The children in the Provincial Memorial Home had their annual Christmas tree last night and they sure had a great time. Santa Claus, in the person of Thomas Armore, arrived sharp on time and distributed the many gifts which had been placed on the tree. He also had a large supply of candy, nuts and fruit to dispose of, and the children did their best to assist him in this.

**APPOINTED CATTLE INSPECTOR.**  
J. M. Martin, inspector of fisheries for the department of Marine and Fisheries of this port, received notice yesterday morning of his appointment as cattle inspector for the port of St. John. His duties will be to see that cattle passing through the port are quarantined properly in the sheds, with a sufficient supply of food and water, etc. Mr. Martin also retains his position as inspector of tackle. He is a returned soldier.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.**  
A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White, called at their residence 35 Millidge Avenue last night to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. White's wedding. A most enjoyable time was spent in games, music and refreshments. During the evening Gordon Foster on behalf of those assembled presented Mr. and Mrs. White with a Willow rocker.

**THE POLICE COURT.**  
George Banks, reported by Police-man Corcoran for exceeding the speed limit in Prince Edward street and failing to sound his auto horn at the corner of Prince Edward and Brunswick streets on Dec. 25, failed to appear in court yesterday morning. Thomas Williams pleaded guilty to a charge of blasting without using proper precautions and was fined \$20. Sergeant Rankins said that 50 pounds had been thrown through the roof of a house occupied by J. W. McCarthy and had narrowly missed some people in the house.

**Prince Rupert, B. C., Dec. 30.**  
Twenty-four million pounds of halibut have been handled here during 1921. The year's catch is the best in the history of the fishing industry in northern waters.

# PARIS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE McAULEY MURDER; PRISONER PLEADS INNOCENCE

**Court Room Cleared of Spectators Yesterday Excepting Officials and Prisoner When Judge Chandler Passed Sentence of Death on Colored Man for Worst Crime in History of Province—Doomed Man Took Sentence in Stoical Manner—Did Not Betray Feelings He No Doubt Experienced—Was Convicted of the Terrible Crime on Second Trial—Looked Straight at Judge While Being Condemned to Death.**

**JOHN PARIS' ANSWER**

"Your Honor, the sentence ought to be imposed on the man who committed the crime, not on me. I am innocent of the crime of murdering Sadie McAuley."

Statement made by John Paris when asked by Judge Chandler if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed on him according to the law.

The culmination of one of the gravest crimes that has ever occurred in the annals of the criminal history of St. John took place yesterday afternoon in the circuit court room on Germain street when Mr. Justice Chandler, in the presence of the prisoner, crown officials and officers of the law, passed the sentence of death upon John Paris, who was convicted, on December 2, of the murder of Sadie McAuley.

**Stoical Manner**

The doomed man took the sentence in a very stoical manner. Not a muscle in his face twitched and in no way did he betray the feelings which he was no doubt experiencing at the time. With pale countenance, he stood erect and, with his head casted slightly to one side, looked straight at the judge throughout the proceedings. His only remark, from the time he left the jail until the time he departed from the court house, was in answer to the usual statutory question, as to whether he had anything to say, why the sentence of the court should not be passed upon him.

When asked this question by the judge, Paris again protested his innocence and said that, if sentence were going to be imposed, it should be upon the man who committed the offence, not on him.

**Waited for Patrol.**

After sentence had been passed, Paris, in the custody of Detectives Siddons and Donahue and Constable Garnett, was taken into the court room, where he remained, under guard, for ten minutes while waiting for the police patrol. During this time he sat staring fixedly before him and seemed entirely oblivious to his surroundings. He betrayed no sign of nervousness, but waited with a patient and resigned air for the return trip to the city jail.

**Cleared of Spectators.**

After the completion of the Circuit Court's proceedings, yesterday afternoon, the court house was cleared of spectators at 5 o'clock. The impression prevailed that the business for the day was finished but, nevertheless, the atmosphere seemed charged with expectancy. The large crowd of people that filled the court room all afternoon were under the impression that they were going to hear sentence passed on Paris, but they were doomed to disappointment.

**Paris Appears.**

The halls of the court house were deserted, except for the officials of the court, when, at 5:45 o'clock, Paris appeared, in charge of Detectives Siddons and Donahue and Constable Garnett, and was immediately conducted into the court room. A few of the curious had evidently lingered outside the building, for a rush was made to get in to hear the sentence. Nobody was permitted within the room, however, except the court officials and officers of the law.

**Prisoner Was Smooth Shaven**

The prisoner was smooth shaven except for a light moustache. He wore a long brown overcoat and carried a cap in his right hand. He appeared to be somewhat thinner than on his last appearance in court, and, although extremely pale, showed no sign of nervousness or apprehension.

After the arrival of the prisoner, William M. Ryan, on behalf of the Crown, made the customary motion to the court that sentence should be passed.

**Paris Was Told to Stand and, upon rising to his feet, remained standing in a careless attitude with his head slightly tilted to one side, his right hand holding his cap, and his left hand in his pocket.**

**Defendant's Answer.**

Mr. Justice Chandler then asked the prisoner the customary statutory question: "John Paris, have you anything to say why the sentence of this court should not be passed upon you according to law?" To this question, Paris replied, in a low but firm voice: "Your Honor, the sentence ought to be imposed on the man who committed the crime, not on me. I am innocent of the crime of murdering Sadie McAuley."

**Delivering Sentence.**

In delivering the sentence of the court, Mr. Justice Chandler told Paris that he had been charged with the murder of Sadie McAuley; he had been given a fair trial; he had been found guilty by a jury. His honor said that it was now his duty, although a painful one, to pass the sentence imposed by the law for such an offence. He said that it was necessary for him at this time to en-

**Police at Work**

The police worked tirelessly on the case for weeks but were baffled by the lack of clues to work on. Rewards were offered by the city and provincial governments for the apprehen-

son and conviction of the murderer. The Levine girl described the man they met as having worn, amongst other things, a pair of khaki breeches and as being swarthy and smooth shaven.

**Paris Arrested**

John Paris, originally of Truro, N. S. was arrested for the crime August 19, by Detectives Powers and Biddiscombe on the Westfield road. He was brought before the Levine girl for identification and she said that he looked like the man they had met only he (Paris) had a moustache.

Paris was first tried for the crime on September 25, before Mr. Justice Barry, in the Circuit Court, and his trial lasted two days. Considerable evidence was produced by the prosecution and strong evidence in the nature of an alibi was set up by the defence. After three and a half hours deliberation, the jury disagreed, seven for conviction and five for acquittal.

**The Second Trial**

The second trial began on November 22 and lasted ten days. The Attorney-General, J. P. Byrne and Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., conducted the prosecution and G. H. Verpon of Truro appeared for Paris. The case was tried before Mr. Justice Chandler at the November sittings of the Circuit Court. Much new evidence was produced on both sides and it was not until the evening of December 2, that the case went to the jury. After deliberating four and a half hours, a verdict of guilty was returned.

The prisoner was remanded for sentence and there was considerable discussion later as to whether or not he would be granted a new trial on an application for reserved cases. Such was not the case, however, and John Paris received his sentence yesterday at six o'clock.

**The Last Sentence**

The last sentence of hanging carried out in St. John was on May 9, 1883, when a negro by the name of Hughes was hanged for the murder of his wife, Sheriff Harding was the hangman.

The murder occurred at Back River where Hughes and his wife lived in a fit of jealousy, he attacked her with an axe and cut off her head.

**Sacred Cantata At St. David's**

Choir of the Church Delighted Large Audience by Repeating Christmas Programme Last Evening.

The sacred cantata "Bethlehem" (Maudslayi) given by the choir of St. David's Presbyterian church Christmas night, was again repeated in the church last evening. The solo parts were taken by Miss Emma Cline, soprano; K. Mathewson, tenor; and S. C. Girvan, baritone.

**Christmas Pastoral on "Silent Night"**

(Harker) was beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. T. Gunn. The congregation joined in the singing of several hymns in the cantata. J. Bayard Currie presided at the organ.

**Sudden Change of Temperature**

Mercury Fell Two Below Zero Yesterday Morning—Heavy Wind and Snow.

St. John was treated to another sudden change of temperature yesterday, a cold snap striking the town in the early hours of the day, the drop in temperature being accompanied by a high wind. The official reading yesterday morning was two below, with a north easterly wind blowing at from 34 to 38 miles an hour which made it seem much colder. At noon the mercury had climbed to the zero mark and rose steadily through the afternoon until it had reached six above. Last evening it started to drop again and at last midnight was on the zero mark again.

**Seventy Men Have Registered**

Presented Tax Bills at City Hall—Openings for Several Men in Lumber Camps.

About seventy men have presented their tax bills to John Brooks, Mayor's clerk, and have registered for the work which is to be undertaken by the city. Mr. Brooks has openings for several men if they will go outside the city to lumber camps, and he has a call for two good choppers to cut cordwood. The pay offered for this being \$1 per cord and board.

**PERSONALS**

Miss Isabel Ross, of New York, is visiting Mrs. John E. Moore, Germain street, and leaves for Montreal today to be married.

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Sale of Millinery All This Week

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**Acquittal Eleven, One For Conviction**

Jury Unable to Come to An Agreement in the King vs. George V. Parker—Defendant Admitted to Bail.

In the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon, the jury in the case of the King vs. George V. Parker, charged with receiving goods stolen from the C.P.R., knowing them to be stolen, were unable to come to an agreement after deliberating for three hours. The final vote stood eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. His Honor Justice Chandler thanked the jury for their services and discharged them. Parker was admitted to bail and bound over for the next sitting of the circuit court in this county.

**Many Married Men After Work**

Numerous Hard Luck Cases Heard at Registration and Employment Office Which Was Opened Yesterday.

The St. John Registration and Employment Office opened yesterday, and sixty-three men registered their names as wanting work of any kind that might offer. Six men were sent to jobs, five of them temporary and the sixth a permanent position at Hampton.

Of the sixty-three men who registered, thirty-five were married men with families and some of them had been out of work for a long time. One said he had been out of a job for eleven months, and another for over a year. All trades were represented among the men who registered, and each and every one expressed his intention to take the first job that offered if he could not get a job at his regular trade.

Arrangements have been made for women to register between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 4 in the afternoon. The hours for the men to register are from 8 to 9.30 in the morning and from 5 to 6 in the afternoon.

The Salvation Army have a man on duty all day to take telephone calls and persons who have work to be done can phone to Main 3429 and obtain the needed help.

**Municipal Council I.O.D.E. R.**

Plans for Provincial Quarter Meeting Were Discussed Appeal from Retired Soldier.

A meeting of the Municipal Council, Dec. 28, was held yesterday afternoon in the Government room. Mrs. J. Boyle Travers presided as chair. Plans for the provincial quarter meeting, which will be held on Jan. 17, were talked over. It was announced that Miss Coaling national educational committee would probably visit the city at that time and address a public meeting. An appeal was read from a retired soldier who wanted his wife brought here from England, and no legitimate action was taken. The request will be granted.

Mrs. Hugh Mackay gave an account of a recent meeting of the election committee, held in the Fredericton.

**WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**

A well established life insurance company wants reliable active men in unrepresented districts. Remuneration guaranteed. Apply O. Box 354, St. John, N. B.

**GRAND MILITARY DANCE**

Will be held Saturday evening, 31, at the Armories, under the auspices of the St. John Garrison and Entertainment Association. Admittance will be introduced. Applaud, noted singer, and patronage of General A. H. Bell, G. O. C., M. D. No. 7, commencing at 8 p. m. Tickets: 50 cents; gent's, 50 cents. Ladies, 25 cents.

**RECEPTION.**

The President and Officers of the Garrison Officers' Mess will be at home Monday, January 2nd, in the Officers' Mess, the Armories, from twelve to one o'clock.

**Clifton House, all meals 60c.**