

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Pressure has fallen rapidly over the St. John area, and is now higher over Michigan and Illinois. Weather tonight is fair and milder in the West. Fair and slightly colder in Ontario and Quebec, and unsettled with light local rain in the Maritime Provinces.

St. John	4	34
Prince Rupert	15	36
Victoria	22	36
Vancouver	24	36
Kamloops	22	36
Calgary	2	40
Edmonton	22	36
Prisco Albert	22	36
Medicine Hat	22	36
Saskatoon	22	36
Regina	22	36
Winnipeg	22	36
Port Arthur	22	36
Toronto	22	36
Kingston	22	36
Ottawa	22	36
Montreal	22	36
Quebec	22	36
Halifax	22	36

—Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Fresh to strong westerly winds, decreasing to night; fair and somewhat cold or again.

Northern New England—Fair and colder Wednesday; Thursday increasing cloudiness with rising temperature, strong northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

NOT THE MAN
Charles Fullerton, 226 Watson street west, wishes The Standard to state he is not the man who was arrested for assault on William Mullin.

RETURNED TO DUTY.
Inspector Caples, of the city police force, has returned to duty after being confined to his home for nearly two weeks with a bad attack of influenza.

CHILD DEAD.
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hanna, of 69 Water street, West Saint John, will be sorry to learn of the death, yesterday morning, of their son, John E. A. Hanna, aged six years and three months. He had been ill for only a short time. Besides his parents he is survived by one sister and three brothers.

APPOINTED VENDORS.
The following have been granted retail licenses under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, for the year 1921-1922: St. John City—J. Benson Mahoney, Robert W. Hawker, Edward A. Parren, M. Y. Padock, J. Harry Deacon, George K. Bell, J. H. Crockett and J. M. Journey; West St. John—W. C. Wilson, W. N. McKel and E. R. W. Ingham; Fairville—Palmer Drug Co. Mr. Journey's is the only new license.

EMPANELLED JURY.
In connection with the death of Charles Atkinson Monday afternoon, Coroner H. A. Porter yesterday morning summoned the following jury: Herbert J. Keith (foreman), D. J. Stobbs, W. B. Hatfield, Francis MacFarlane, William Wheaton, J. K. Parsons and Jas. J. Merryweather. The jury met at the hospital at noon and viewed the body, after which the coroner gave permission for the removal to the home. The inquest will be held on Thursday evening.

IS IMPROVING.
That His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc was considerably improved yesterday was cheering news that was announced from the St. John infirmary yesterday. It is now expected that a short rest will be sufficient to restore His Lordship to good health. His Lordship on Christmas eve was examining some work which was being done in the palace and slipped and fell on a steel girder in one of the rooms. An X-ray examination determined that no bones were broken, but he was suffering from a rather severe bruise on his hip.

Invitation To Speed Skaters

Hilton Belyea Offers Speed Artists Use of West End Rink for Training Purposes

A special invitation is extended by Hilton Belyea, to the speed skaters who are entering in the Canadian championships, to make use of his rink in West St. John for training purposes. It is necessary for the skater to show a card from the Y.M.C.A. showing that he is entered in the events and he will gain admission to the rink and be well looked after. If the speed artists can arrange to come in a body Hilton says that he will give them the rink to themselves between nine and ten or ten and eleven in the morning; between 1 and 2 in the afternoon, or between 6.30 and 7.30 in the evenings. There is a good warm dressing room to change in and receive a rub down. The ice surface is eight laps to the mile and can be easily made seven or six laps to suit. The rink is 330 feet long, 145 feet wide on one end, and 125 feet on the other. As there will be a band in attendance tonight it would be a good chance for the fast ones to take the opportunity offered them by Mr. Belyea to get in some training early this evening. In addition to the local skaters a chance to train, Hilton also extends the privilege to any of the skaters visiting the city to make the West End rink their home in the city.

Mail Clerk Died On Halifax Express

Hezekiah G. Moulton Contracted Pneumonia in Truro—Died When Train Was Near Hampton

While being rushed to his home from Truro, N. S., mortally ill with pneumonia, Hezekiah G. Moulton, a railway mail clerk, of 168 St. James street, died on the Halifax train while it was nearing Hampton at about 4.30 yesterday afternoon. Mr. Moulton died in the arms of a fellow mail clerk, G. H. Markham, of 116 Wright street, who took care of him from Truro until his death.

Speaking to The Standard last night Mr. Markham stated that he went to Truro on his arrival there learned that Mr. Moulton was seriously ill in the Jubilee Hotel. On visiting him he found his fellow mail clerk was in a very critical condition and rapidly nearing his end. A doctor was summoned, who diagnosed the illness as pneumonia and advised that he be taken to St. John to spend his last few hours with his wife and family.

Mr. Markham therefore had him taken to the train and placed in a berth in a sleeping car where he cared for him during the trip home.

The sick man appeared to be doing better during the trip, and when the train was approaching Hampton Mr. Markham started to prepare the sick man for the ambulance which had been wired for from Truro. He succeeded in awakening the man with some difficulty and had him partly dressed when he suddenly died in his arms.

Mr. Markham stated that the deceased's death was largely due to overwork. He said he had been in ill health for some time and was suffering from diabetes, and that in consequence of the long hours and hard work of the Christmas season his run-down condition left him prey to pneumonia.

On the arrival of the train in St. John Coroner H. A. Porter was notified but decided that the question of whether an inquest was necessary was a matter for the Kings County authorities to decide, as the man had died within their jurisdiction.

As the matter was within the jurisdiction of the sub-district board of health, the board's coroner, Dr. Wm. Warwick was communicated with, and he gave permission to have the body removed to Chamberlain's Undertaking establishment.

Dr. Warwick stated last night that the circumstances surrounding Mr. Moulton's death are peculiarly sad. His death it is believed was largely due to diabetes which he contracted during the twenty-seven months he served in the trenches. He was but thirty-one years of age, and leaves a wife and two young children, George, an infant of but three weeks old, and a little girl, Lenora, aged four.

His wife was formerly Miss Gertrude Watt, a step-daughter of John Bond, Sewell street, this city.

There is also left to mourn his mother, Mrs. George Moulton, three brothers, James and Russell of North Sydney, and Frank of this city employed with W. Pedersen, the florist; also seven sisters, Mrs. William Young, Mrs. C. A. Oton, Mrs. John Ford, the Misses Belle, Amy, Ruth, and Minnie, all of North Sydney. The deceased served overseas with the Canadian Engineers and on his return obtained the position as clerk in the Railway Mail service department and in May last was advanced to the post of Railway Mail Clerk.

David McDonald, superintendent of the Railway Mail Clerks of this division was at the train on its arrival and spoke highly of Mr. Moulton last evening, whom he said was a good official and well liked by all who knew him.

Empty Stocking Fund Finished Strong

Nine Hundred and Fifty Children Cared For—Contributions \$593.66, Expenditure \$549.05; Balance to Charity

The "Empty Stocking Fund" finished strong, the many hundreds of children in the city received their warm woolen stockings well filled with good things in plenty of time for Christmas, and all the bills in connection with the venture have been paid, and there is a neat little balance left which will be given to the Associated Charities and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Many letters of congratulation on the success of the fund have been received, as well as letters from different clergymen expressing their thanks for the gifts requested by them and which they distributed, causing real happiness in so many homes.

To every citizen or organization who made donations to this fund, the "Empty Stocking" editor extends heartfelt thanks for their all share in the good work that has been accomplished. We are all happy that Santa Claus was able to visit so many homes which he would have undoubtedly missed if it had not been for the fund and we are well paid in knowing that the gifts were received by thankful mothers and the kiddies were made happy.

Every child who was recommended was looked after, the total number of stockings to receive stockings was nine hundred and fifty, and the homes visited, two hundred and eighty-nine.

The total amount of contributions amounted to \$593.66. The total expenditure \$549.05, leaving a balance on hand of \$44.61. This amount will be divided between the Associated Charities and the St. Vincent DePaul Society to assist these organizations in carrying on the good work which they have in hand.

The following gifts in idea what was distributed among 956 children whose names ranged from two months to thirteen years.

Stockings	958 pairs
Candy	574 pounds
Raisins	570 pounds
Wine	400 pounds
Oranges	1,000
Apples	3 barrels

In addition to the above 1,350 paper bags were used for candy and for holding the stockings delivered to each family.

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Board of Trade Council Session

City Unemployment Situation Discussed—Will Take Up Matter With the Mayor

The city unemployment situation formed the theme for discussion at a special meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade at noon yesterday. Reports were heard from outside interests on the subject, and it was decided after discussion that the Council co-operate with the Mayor in the matter, and that in order to secure a full understanding of the situation the Council should appoint a committee of the Board to study upon the Mayor's suggestion as to the opening of a labor bureau by the Board of Trade will be arranged at the meeting.

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Of Interest To The Local Veterans

Dept. of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Open Tuesday and Thursday Evenings Commencing Next Month

Local Veterans will be interested to know that the local office of the Dept. of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment at Pacific Dairies Bldg., 150 Union Street, will be open from 7 to 9 on Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing the first week in January and until further notice for the purpose of accepting applications for Returned Soldiers' Insurance. This will enable many of those who are unable to visit the office during the ordinary business hours to obtain full information. Premiums may also be paid.

The insurance scheme is becoming increasingly popular as its benefits become better known, the Government having issued insurance contracts up to the present time to the value of nearly \$20,000,000. This is increasing at the rate of about \$2,000,000 per month. The Act provides that applications may be accepted only until September 1st, 1922, so a comparatively short time remains in which insurance may be obtained.

The outstanding feature of the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act, is, of course, the fact that it is available without medical examination, having been provided by the Government particularly for the benefit of individuals whose health was impaired by war service. It is open to all, however, and the favorable rates make the policies offered attractive to Veterans enjoying good health as well as to those who are less fortunate. One of the most popular features of the scheme is the fact that premiums may be paid monthly in small instalments without extra charge, either by means of deduction from pension, or directly to the Department in the ordinary way.

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GRAND MILITARY DANCE

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CAROL SERVICE

The choir of St. John's (Stann) Church, under the direction of Mr. E. MacDonald Millar, will render a Carol Service on Wednesday evening, the 28th inst., at eight o'clock. This will be a treat for music lovers in the form of a choice selection of the good old English Christmas Carols. Silver collection.

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