ST. JOHN BECOMING USED TO A GREEN XMAS AND NEW YEAR

Weather Forecaster Says Yesterday's Weather was "Unseasonably Mild" -- Local Weather Conditions Vastly Changed from Former Years.

Not only a green Christmas but also a green New Year was St. John's lot this year, and the weather conditions which prevailed yesterday were exceptional for this part of the Dominion.

To the old time residents New Year of 1913 furnished a remarkable contrast to the opening day of the years gone by. Not so long ago a green Christmas was the exception, while of late years it has become more or less the rule. For the past couple of years the weather at this season has been peculiarly mild, and the holidays without snow have lost their novelty with the people of St. John. Instead of the New Year's sleigh drive in the crisp, clear weather, automobile rides have become the vogue; the jingle of sleigh bells has given way to the honk, honk of the auto horn, and even the weather man seems to have changed his tactics to suit the age. Where in the past the wagons would have been hibernating for at least two or three weeks before New Year's, the old year has gone and the new one come and as yet only a flurry of snow has made its appearance.

Is the North Pole moving farther north, or is St. John moving south? The weather man who supplies the weather reports to The Standard is silent on the subject. The fact remains, however, that in the past few years the Christmas season has been unusually mild, and this year it was particularly noticeable. Yesterday, after the rain had cleared the weather was almost springlike, the thermometer registering 44 during the greater part of the day.

Commenting on the fact last evening D. L. Hutchinson, of the meteorological department characterized the weather as "unseasonably mild," the large amount of rain and the small fall of snow to date being out of the ordinary.

To visitors from the British Isles and Europe, who come this way a continuation of the mild climatic conditions which have prevailed for the past month will go far to dispel the impressions which exist as to this climate.

Canada has been styled the "Lady of the Snows," but so far this year St. John and the Maritime Provinces have not lived up to the title.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. George E. Lavers.

The New Year brought sorrow to the home of George E. Lavers, 241 Carmarthen street, yesterday, when his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Lavers, passed away. Mrs. Lavers had been in poor health for some time but despite this fact her death came as an unexpected bereavement. On Tuesday she seemed to be somewhat improved and to friends who called on her that evening she conveyed a cheerful New Year's greeting. Yesterday morning she died. Besides her sorrowing husband she leaves one sister, Miss Catherine Sullivan.

Mrs. Lavers had a large circle of friends who will extend sympathy to her husband and sister. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon.

Gabe—How do you tell the waiters from the guests at a reception? They all dress alike.

Steve—The waiters are always sober.

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CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND WAS GLOOMY TIME

The Season was Unusually Depressing—Poverty on the Increase in London, According to the Times.

London, Dec. 30.—Certainly, so far as externals go, England in general and London in particular has had the gloomiest and most depressing Christmas week. From out of a leaden sky there steamed an incessant rain. All over the country there blew a gale which was the cause of many wrecks. There was no big disaster, certainly such as so frequently has marked Christmas week, but there was a remarkable number of minor calamities from one end of the country to the other. Four persons were killed at a fire in Dalham, and four children were killed at Dundee. A boy accidentally shot his sister dead under the mistletoe, in Yorkshire, and Aviator Petre was killed, and other items of similar melancholy import might be culled from the attenuated papers that have been published the past week.

Fortunately there were no papers on Christmas Day to spread the tidings of floods, wrecks and deaths.

Times' Gloomy Talk.

The English people for weeks have been invited to rejoice at their booming trade and great prosperity. They have been constantly told that 1912 has been a year of unparalleled prosperity, but the Times, in keeping with the Christmas gloom, selects the great annual holiday, Boxing Day, the day after Christmas, to print a complete page dealing with the condition of London's legal poor, and showing the immense increase in pauperism, which as the paper confesses in an editorial is "dismal reading."

The figures show that the poor-law guardians on December 14 were providing for 110,292 persons, representing a ratio of 24.4 per thousand of population. The Times attributes a great part of the increase of paupers to labor disputes.

But the figures not only show that in a year of improving trade London, where the effects should be felt more quickly and generally than elsewhere is not only worse off in regard to pauperism than at the beginning of the year and at the same period last year, but also very considerably worse off than at the beginning of the century. And this in spite of emigration, old age pensions, the feeding of school children, labor exchanges and all the other costly reforms which have been introduced since 1900.

Actual Number Double.

The Times point out that the statistics it quotes relate only to legal paupers, but adds that "if the others who are in receipt of public relief under another name are added, the number is approximately doubled." In Liverpool, Glasgow and other big towns things have improved, but London seems to be growing steadily worse. As the Times says: "There seems to be something essentially wrong with London."

In November trade union non-employment came down to 1-6 per cent. which was the lowest figure recorded in many years. Employers of various trades in various parts of the country were advertising for skilled and unskilled labor, yet in that month 29,000 men applied to the London labor exchanges and 20,000 were left on the register at the end of the month. At the same time Liverpool and Glasgow only had about 1,500.

In London, adds the Times, distress committees are giving relief to able-bodied men at the height of a good trade employment, while employers are advertising in vain for labor. In November 535 men received such relief in London and 160 in the rest of England.

TWO HOOK DRESSES BOON TO HUSBANDS

London, Jan. 1.—London is talking about the latest novelty in dress. Not only the women, but the men are interested in it. It has even become the subject of appreciative cartoons by London humorists. Lincoln, they say, freed the slaves, but this new gown frees the husbands from the slavery of maids' work.

The novelty is the two-hook gown. It was invented by Mme. Robertean, of 8 Dover street Piccadilly, and has been patented here and abroad, to give women a comfortable, modish gown that could be donned at a moment's notice without assistance. It can be made up in any style after the fashion of the moment for morning, afternoon or evening wear.

All reform gowns, until the present one was invented, have been freakish, making the wearer conspicuous. They have been loose hanging, ungraceful things, particularly for street wear, making the wearer look as if she had forgotten to change her boudoir gown before starting out. This two-hook gown is wonderful because it looks like any other modish gown, and everyone is surprised when you really convince them by demonstration that the sole fastenings are really two hooks, easily clasped and unclasped, and easy to get it.

It appeals to every woman, whatever her position. The society woman, with her many daily changes, is saved much fatigue. The actress can make quick changes comfortably. The professional and business woman has more time to devote to work; the elderly lady and the invalid save their nerves.

The comfort to poor husbands, who have perforce bunglingly and unwillingly played maid, fastening and unfastening with fingers innumerable hooks and eyes, is immense. At last they are relieved from this strenuous, but uncomfortable, labor of love.

One man has said that every woman should be compelled by law to wear the two-hook dress; that she really needs it more than the vote.

ADVENTURE OF CREW OF WHALER IN ARCTIC

Scottish Whalers See Their Prize Snatched from Them and Crushed to Pulp Between Two Huge Icebergs.

Over 50 whaling ships will have now anchored in Scottish ports after a strenuous six months' fight with whales and walruses in the Arctic circle. Anxiety has been felt for more than one Dundee whaler this season for it is known that unusually severe conditions have prevailed in the far north, and the whalers have come in contact with icebergs in a lower latitude than has been experienced for some years.

"This has been a rough season," stated the mate of a whaler who returned to the Scottish port a few days ago. "We went up the coast of Greenland to Baffin Bay and passed Cumberland Gulf, where they say the Dundee ketch Sediulsante went down. It was towards the end of June that we sighted our first whale, but this was lost to us, being crushed between two icebergs. We had chased him for several miles in the small boat, and were wondering where he had got when we saw him spouting a few hundred yards off. As we pulled towards him he disappeared, but came into view again as the waves rose and fell, showing his back like a rock in the sea. We reckoned he was about 80 feet or 90 feet long. The harpooner got ready as we slid near him, and he was fived with a good stroke. After that there was work to do.

Fighting For Life.

"For nearly an hour that boatload of men were fighting for their lives, and would have lost them at the last had it not been for the harpooner, who cut in time the rope attached to the harpoon. Not far from where the whale had been sighted were two icebergs, and for days the ship had been threading his way among these white ghosts of the Arctic. When the whale had somewhat exhausted itself and ceased to lash the water into foam the cord attached to the harpoon was pulled in little by little and rolled up. In a few moments the enormous animal appeared on the surface again not far from the boat, and the whalers were preparing for the last act in the drama when suddenly the whale glided off again, making straight for the narrow passage between the two icebergs. The boat was being dragged behind, and, to the horror of the whalers, they saw that the swell on the ocean was bringing the two icebergs together. Already the whale had entered the narrowing opening between the two masses of ice.

Ground Whale to Pulp.

"With a sweep of the axe one of the crew severed the rope, and immediately every oar was in the water to stop the speed of the boat. They managed it in time. The two icebergs crashed together with a tremendous noise, smashing the whale to a pulp, and sending showers of spray and small particles of ice over the sea. One of the whalers was cut in the hand by a fragment. And the whale was lost."

Many of the whalers employ Eskimos to hunt with them and many of these dwellers of the North speak English fairly well. They get certain parts of the catch as their share of the chase, and they wait impatiently every summer for the ships coming from the South, for the sailors bring them presents of tobacco and other trinkets every year. All along the coasts from Greenland to Alaska the natives wait for the summer months, which bring the Scottish walrus hunters. Each man has a gun, and they crawl stealthily over the ice till they are near enough to shoot the drowsy walrus. Occasionally a man is attacked. One Eskimo slipped off the floe in amongst a fighting, struggling herd of walruses. It was deep water, and he was soon lost, his companions being unable to save him.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HOCKEY

McGill Beats Yale

Boston, Jan. 1—McGill University hockey seven defeated Yale at the Boston arena tonight by a score of 2 to 0, in the first game of the Canadian college's annual trip to the States.

Canadians Win in Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—Very excellent goal tending by Vezina was responsible for another defeat of the Tecumsehs at the arena tonight, Canadiens winning by four to three. The largest crowd of the season saw the game which was close throughout, but not notable for speed until near the end of the final period, when Tecumsehs came very close to evening the count. Vezina, however, stood in the breach and practically won the game for the Frenchmen. The game was slow and lifeless in the first two periods. No spirited checking was in evidence and there was an almost total absence of back checking.

The game was the cleanest N. H. A. fixture of the season, only one minor foul being committed, that by Lalonde in the final period.

Ottawa Wins in Poor Game.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The smallest crowd that has ever witnessed a National Association game in Ottawa saw the Ottawas defeat the Torontos by 7 to 1 in a burlesque exhibition at the Arena tonight. Taking a lead of three goals in the first period, the wearers of the red, white and black scored two against Toronto, one in the second and another brace in the final.

Toronto's goal was a lucky one, a long shot from Sue McLean's stick finding a place in the net behind Lesueur. The blue shirts were never dangerous.

Ottawa outplayed the Torontos at every turn and after the first session the spectators sat back in silence, except for the moment when Toronto scored. They then arose and gave Bruce Ridpath's team a mighty cheer as if to encourage them. Otherwise it was a funeral-like affair.

TURKS MAKE CONCESSIONS; PEACE PROSPECTS IMPROVE

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Turkish proposal on this question must approximate very closely to the Bulgarian demands if an agreement were to be reached.

Bulgar Delegate Leaves.

During the conference Michael Madjaroff, the Bulgarian minister to England, had uttered a sharp protest against the dilatory tactics of the Ottoman peace plenipotentiaries, concluding with the declaration of his intention to inform the British Foreign Office that the allies would resume the war.

M. Madjaroff's action brought the proceedings of the conference to a sudden standstill. After his threatening remarks he promptly left the council chamber in St. James' Palace and walked off on his mission to the British Foreign Office.

M. Madjaroff's threat was not, however, taken too tragically by his colleagues, who decided to take a temporary recess evidently expecting that M. Madjaroff would return, and that the conference would continue.

Whn the session was formally opened today the Turks presented practically the same proposals as they had put forward at the last meeting. These were that Turkey should retain the fortress of Adrianople and that the future boundaries of Turkey and Bulgaria should be settled directly between those two powers while the other questions in dispute should be submitted to the great European powers.

The envoys of Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro and Servia rose in indignation and volubly protested against this trifling by Turkey.

M. Madjaroff took the lead in the protest by declaring that the action of the Turks was indecent. It was, he said, an insult to bring the peace delegates to London simply to tell them to leave everything to be settled by the European powers.

M. Madjaroff then launched his bombshell and quit the picture gallery.

The other delegates afterward informally discussed the matters before the conference, and spent some time in drawing up minutes of the proposals that had been laid before them.

Slow.

He—Why do you call Mrs. Flash slow?

She—Why, it has taken her 45 years to reach the age of 30.

No Wonder.

She worries every time he takes the car out.

Yes. I don't blame her. They had to save a long time to get that car.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds; fair, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—Pressure is high over the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, while a trough of low pressure extends from Lake Superior southward to the Gulf of Mexico. Some local snow falls have occurred in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but the weather in Canada has been nearly everywhere fair and mild.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	32	40
Vancouver	30	36
Kamloops	20	26
Calgary	18	30
Edmonton	14	20
Battleford	10	16
Prince Albert	0	6
Moosejaw	14	25
Winnipeg	12	28
Parry Sound	30	34
London	18	36
Toronto	30	42
Ottawa	28	34
Montreal	32	36
Quebec	32	36
St. John	36	44
Halifax	30	40

DIED.

LAVERS—In this city, on January 1st, after a lingering illness, Mary J., wife of George E. Lavers, leaving a husband and one sister to mourn.
Funeral on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, 241 Carmarthen street.

GASS—On December 31st, 1912, at St. John, N. B., Elizabeth Gass, aged 90 years.
Funeral on Thursday, 2nd January, 1913, from 59 St. James' street. Service at 2.30 o'clock.

SHARPE—Suddenly, on January 1st inst., Fanny M. Sharpe, daughter of the late William and Sarah Duffell.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

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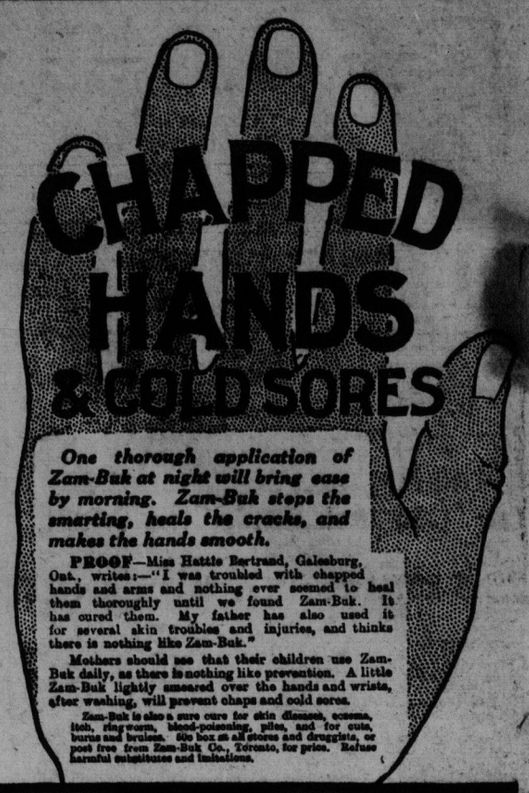

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