

4 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Winds shifting to westerly and northwesterly partly fair and colder, light local falls of sleet or snow.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Colder weather has set in over the city today while in the western provinces it has been unseasonably mild with maximum temperatures of over 50 in southern Alberta. Light snow falls have been fairly general in Ontario and western Quebec.

AROUND THE CITY

Found By Police.

A pair of child's mittens found by the police on King street East yesterday, await the owner at the Central Police Station.

Dispensary Removal.

The Anti-tuberculosis Society will remove its effects from the Board of Health rooms today and take up new quarters in the old water department building on Carmarthen street.

Put Out Of Misery.

Yesterday afternoon a dog was run over by a street car on Prince William street near the Market Square, and was so badly injured that at the request of S. Merritt Wetmore, the secretary of the S. P. C. A., Sergeant Baxter killed the animal with a shot from his revolver.

For Stealing Coat.

Last night a waterproof coat was stolen from Isaac Williams' store on Dock street. The matter was reported to the police and Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen arrested Walter Low Prince Edward Island on suspicion of being the thief. The coat was found in the prisoner's possession.

Liquor Licenses.

Wednesday the 28th inst. will be the last day for receiving applications for liquor licenses. Up till last evening there had been received by Inspector John B. Jones applications from 25 retail dealers, four wholesale dealers, two hotels and two brewers. Last year there were 53 retail licenses granted.

I. O. O. F. Induction.

Peerless Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., last evening inducted several candidates into the third degree. Dr. A. D. Smith, grand master, and Grand Representative Bain, of Moncton, were present and delivered interesting addresses on the affairs of the order. Afterwards refreshments were served and the members, of whom about 60 were present, spent a pleasant evening in a social way.

Lost His Money.

On Monday evening a young man while walking along Charlotte street lost his purse, which contained the total amount of money which he had for purchasing Christmas presents. The streets were crowded and a few minutes after he noticed his loss he retraced his steps but was unable to find the lost purse. He notified the police of his loss but so far the finder has not been located.

Service Improved.

No complaints have been received from Lancaster Heights in regard to the water service for some days. The city engineer has instructed the people on Partridge island to draw off the water at certain hours when there is no large draft on account of the C. P. R. locomotives at the round house. The engineer was authorized to shut off the water from Partridge island altogether, if he considered it necessary, but he thinks that under the present arrangement the people on the heights will not be troubled with water shortage.

Death of "Dan" Taylor.

Daniel Taylor, a colored man, who for years has been a most prominent person about the city, is no more, as he died in the General Public Hospital yesterday afternoon after a few weeks' illness. Taylor was a happy man, and during his many years about the city was a well-known character as a stage comedian. He appeared on numerous occasions in amateur performances and was always one of the happy kind. He will be missed by a large number of friends. He was a man of about fifty years of age.

A Sidewalk Sermon.

T. J. Wally, from Toronto the Good, in the city yesterday, delivered himself of some observations about the condition of the sidewalks. "In Toronto," he said, "the police scolded that the sidewalks are cleaned after a snow storm. Here the sidewalks are only cleaned in patches and as today are covered in many places with a coat of sleet, making walking difficult and dangerous. A progressive city like St. John where everybody is chasing the nimble dollar, ought to take measures to see that the walking is better."

A Handsome Gift.

At a meeting of the St. John W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon the matter of handing out the Christmas baskets to the deserving poor was arranged. There was some surprise when the president, Mrs. C. H. Dearborn announced that she had received through the mail a short note asking that the St. John Union accept the enclosed gift, which was no less than \$125 in bank notes. The letter was not signed and it is not known by the members of the Union who the donor is. The members of the Union wish The Standard to publicly acknowledge their thankfulness to the unknown for the most generous gift.

The Use of Nickels.

The nickels come in very handy during these strenuous shopping days, said a St. John matron yesterday. "In the afternoon I take my children and drop them at one of the moving picture shows, and then go on and make my purchases to the shops, calling for the dears on my way home. The other day I saw one of the managers and told him how nice it would be if he would open a nursery in connection with his establishment, where the children, whose mothers are out shopping, could go in and rest when they grew tired of watching the show. But what do you think he said? 'Madam,' said he, 'we never put on a show that the kids would grow tired of seeing.'"

YOUNG SUFFRAGIST PAYS/ELECTION BET

Unusual Sight of Girl Walking Backwards Attracted Attention in Union Street—Had Backed Unionists to Win.

An interesting performance was given by a St. John young lady on Union street yesterday afternoon. Starting at the Opera House she proceeded to walk backwards along the sidewalk towards Coburg street. She was youthful, possessed of a rather vivid prettiness, with a nose quite expressive of a gingery temperament, and she wore a reddish brown suit, with a black hat slashed with red trimmings. Her unusual mode of locomotion attracted the attention of the large crowd of shoppers thronging the street. The young man averred that she had got her hobble skirt on wrong and couldn't steer herself. One asked what was the matter. The lass gave him a withering glance as he snatched back into the crowd. She continued to move backward till she reached Coburg street, where a boy of her girl friends pounced upon her, applauding her feat. She was, it seemed, fulfilling an election wager. Being a suffragette, she had wagered that the Liberal government in England would be trimmed.

HUNDREDS ATTEND DR. GRAY'S FUNERAL

Last Respect Paid to Memory --School Children and Fraternal Societies in Procession--Many Floral Tributes

A very large number of people in all walks of life paid their last sad respects yesterday to the memory of Dr. James H. Gray whose funeral was held from his late residence, Fairville, at 2:30 o'clock. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of the Ludlow street Baptist church, assisted by Rev. George A. Ross, pastor of Fairville Methodist church, and Rev. W. H. Townsend. The interment was made in Fernhill cemetery. The Fairville and Union Point schools suspended their studies out of respect to the deceased, and the scholars and male teachers from both attended the funeral in a body. The Medical society also attended in a body, and there were also present representatives of the I. O. F., I. O. O. F., I. O. G. T., the Liberal-Conservative executive and many prominent citizens, including Premier Hazen. The deceased's only brother, E. I. F. Gray, of Bangor, came to the city for the funeral and followed the remains to the grave. The esteem in which the deceased was held was attested by the many beautiful floral tributes. Included in these were the emblem of Oddfellows, the three links from Peerless Lodge, I. O. O. F.; a Maltese cross, from Court Loyalist, I. O. F.; a large crescent from the scholars of the Fairville school and Union Point school, as well as handsome tributes from the St. John County W. C. T. U., the Fairville W. C. T. U., the Liberal-Conservative party, Mr. and Mrs. John Sime, Dr. Dennis Bonnell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooper, and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Baker and others.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT COURT LA TOUR

E. O. McQuaid Chosen as New High Chief Ranger--Visitors from Sister Courts Give Addresses--Installation Later

Court La Tour, I. O. F., at a meeting in the Foresters' hall, last evening elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Chief ranger—E. O. McQuaid. Past chief ranger—J. A. Stephenson. Vice-chief ranger—J. W. Britain. Recording secretary—E. J. Todd. Financial secretary—G. W. Currie. Treasurer—Dr. James Manning. Orator—C. W. Greenslade. Senior W.—A. R. Covey. Junior W.—A. Thomas. S. B.—W. Hatfield. J. B.—G. W. Andrews. Court physician—Dr. L. A. McAlpine. C. D. H. C. R.—J. M. Scovill, Jr. Trustees—W. J. Thomas, J. S. Peters. Finance committee—A. A. Wilson, M. E. Grass. Central committee—J. M. Scovill, Jr. J. A. Stephenson, E. O. McQuaid, O. K. Crawford, J. W. McKenzie. The meeting was well attended. A number of addresses were given by the officers and visitors from other courts, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. A public meeting to install the officers will be held next month.

Travellers' Smoker.

At a meeting of the advertising committee last evening it was decided on behalf of the board of trade to extend an invitation to every commercial traveller who will be in St. John on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28th, to attend a smoker at Kotli's assembly rooms that evening. It will be a free and easy, and an orchestra will be in attendance. The musical programme will be in charge of a joint committee of the advertising committee of the board and the travellers' association. Three bright and very brief speeches keyed to the St. John note, will be delivered during the evening. As the board of trade has not a complete list of the travellers' names and addresses, all are requested to accept this notice as an invitation to what will doubtless be one of the most enjoyable smokers ever held in St. John.

FRIGHTFUL TOLL OF LIVES TAKEN ON N. T. R.

48 Killed During Construction of Railway, of Whom 14 Met Death on New Brunswick Section.

The report of the Transcontinental railway commissioners as submitted to the minister of railways and canals for the current year, contains some interesting information regarding the work on this section of the line, but particularly with reference to the toll of human lives which the work has exacted. In the Province of New Brunswick there were during the year from April, 1909 to March, 1910 fourteen men killed and nine injured. In dealing with this in his report District Engineer Foss submits the list as follows, all killed and injured being contractors' employes:

- 1909: April 25—Thomas Johnson, killed by earth slide. May 11—Unknown Italian drowned. June 15—William Leaman injured by falling from a trestle. June 18—D. Oxobeta killed by an explosion, and in the same day William Simpson and one Italian were killed and P. Cougher and two Italians injured by a derailment. July 6—Leve Dare, killed through being crushed by a car. July 22—Roy Keddy, killed in an earth slide. Aug. 14—John McMillan killed and J. Robertson, J. Ruunicis and H. Patterson injured through the fall of a trestle. Aug. 21—S. Ioanchoff killed by explosion. Aug. 23—A. Bevilacqua killed, crushed by a car. Aug. 28—Nathan E. Aarle, killed by explosion. Oct. 16—William Bardeau injured, crushed by a car. Nov. 3—Alezanaz Stella injured in explosion. Nov. 20—Al Moore injured through being crushed by a wagon. 1910: March 5—S. Belen killed, and B. Chiovani, injured in explosion. In all there were 48 killed and 12 injured during the year and it is a melancholy fact that the district in the Province of New Brunswick lead all others in the matter of casualties.

STOP COCK BLOW-OUT MADE THINGS LIVELY

City Workmen Lifted Out of Trench by Force of Water in Prince William Street --Repairs Made.

Yesterday afternoon while a gang of men from the water department were making an excavation in Prince William street for the purpose of repairing a leak in the pipe running into the Bank of New Brunswick, the stop cock of one of the mains blow out. Evidently there was a heavy pressure of water at the time, for the stream catching one of the men in the trench lifted him out in a hurry. Fortunately he was not injured. For a time it looked as if a geyser had erupted in the street, the big stream of water hurtling across the sidewalk and impinging against the front of the bank building. Presently the trench filled up with water, which boiled like a witches' caldron, while the overflow rolled down the street past the stop office. After the water was turned off the men baled out the trench and put in the stop cock. No great inconvenience was caused, as the water was only shut off in a small section of the business district.

LECTURES ARRANGED BY CANADIAN CLUB

Prof. Grant of Queens to Speak on Jan. 5--Forester Ketchell and Peace Secretary Tyrer Also Coming

A meeting of the Executive of the Canadian Club was held yesterday when the following new members were elected:—C. Fraser MacTavish, H. J. Smith, H. Lester Smith, Hugh H. Reid, A. C. Jardine and J. Roy Campbell. A letter was received from Walter H. Belding, of Parrsboro, stating that a Canadian Club had been organized there, and asking the favor of correspondence with the St. John club. Lectures dates were fixed as follows: Jan. 5, Prof. Grant, of Queen's University; Feb. 25, James L. Tyrer, assistant secretary of the American Peace society; March 7, A. Ketchell, Dominion Forester.

Toys Dolls, Etc.

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

Carpenter's Union.

The Carpenter's Union met last evening and installed officers for the year.

Fancy Lawn Waists.

In addition to the waists which F. A. Dykeman and Co. have had made up for their Christmas trade, they are showing a large number of tailored and fancy lawn waists of 1911 style, which would make a most appropriate gift to any lady.

A Suit or Overcoat Practical Gifts for Men.

Probably father, or brother, or husband, if the truth were known, would be much better pleased to receive a fine new suit or overcoat or waterproof from Gilmour's on Christmas morning, than the more "sentimental" but far less practical gift you had planned for him.

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. B. MAHER, Proprietor.

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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.

WATERBURY & RISING, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street. Three Stores. Women's Cadet Calf, Blucher Cut, Laced Boots, Best American Make, Newest Shaped Lasts, Low Cuban Heels. The same Boot in Button.

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.

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Men's and Boys' Overcoats REDUCED IN PRICE. This is the proper time for you to buy an overcoat if you want to get the best that is going, and get it at a real generous reduction. HARRY N. DEMILLE, Successor to J. N. HARVEY, 199 to 207 Union Street.

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