

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The depression which was off the coast of Florida last night is moving slowly up the Atlantic and gradually increasing. The weather is turning somewhat colder tonight in the northern portions of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Elsewhere in Canada it is fair and relatively mild.

Prince Rupert	46	50
Victoria	44	48
Vancouver	48	50
Kamloops	30	42
Calgary	33	52
Edmonton	22	30
Battleford	10	20
Prince Albert	3	27
Regina	3	27
Saskatoon	10	27
Moose Jaw	17	42
Winnipeg	16	26
Parry Sound	22	32
London	10	26
Toronto	26	33
Ottawa	12	33
Montreal	3	28
St. John	3	28
Halifax	4	34

Forecasts

Maritime—Generally fair today with a little higher temperature. Likely to become more unsettled.

Northern New England—Partly cloudy and moderate temperature Tuesday and probably Wednesday. Fresh shifting winds.

AROUND THE CITY

MEETING POSTPONED.
The next meeting of the Commercial Club has been postponed till January 9th.

Skating this afternoon at the Victoria rink, admission fifteen cents. Band will be in attendance this evening.

METHODIST MINISTERS.
The Methodist ministers met yesterday morning in Centenary church but nothing of special interest beyond routine matters, was dealt with. Rev. George Morris was in the chair.

A PRETTY CALENDER.
The Standard has received a very pretty calendar from the Wilson Box Co., Ltd., showing the head of a beautiful black thoroughbred horse and a handsome young lady. The picture is entitled "Bred in Old Kentucky."

INVITATIONS FOR DANCE.
Invitations have been issued by Lieut.-Colonel Beverley R. Armstrong and officers of the 3rd N. B. Regiment, Canadian Garrison Artillery, for a dance to be held in the Armory on Wednesday evening, December 31st.

DEBATING CLUB.
A meeting of the Catholic Inter-Society Debating Club will be held tomorrow evening at the Y. M. C. I. The meeting will be held at eight o'clock, when the constitution, as drawn up by the executive will be passed upon.

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN.
The Provincial Memorial Home for Children on Wright street is now occupied by eighteen little ones, and persons who are so inclined might forget that this is the Christmas season and gifts will make the youngsters happy.

MEETING OF COLLEGES.
A meeting of the colleges of the Maritime Provinces will be held at Truro, Tuesday, December 30th to arrange a hockey and basketball schedule for the coming winter. Plans will also be discussed for the inter-collegiate track meet to be held some time next spring.

PASTOR REMEMBERED.
The Men's Brotherhood of Tabernacle church on Sunday presented their pastor, Rev. A. Lawrence Tedford, with a gift of money.

A resolution was passed at the death of Mrs. Dennison, wife of Rev. P. P. Dennison, a former pastor of the church, was passed, and a letter of condolence ordered to be sent to him, in behalf of the church.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.
Much difficulty has been experienced by the employees of the N. B. Telephone Co. in their work of repair of the cable across the harbor to West St. John, in which a leak recently occurred. The cold weather has hampered the repair work considerably, but it is thought that the exact location of the leak has at last been determined.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS.
William Walsh, M. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walsh, Rockland Road, reached the city yesterday afternoon from Washington, D. C., for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Walsh is pursuing a course of studies at the Catholic University of Washington, leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He is specializing in applied psychology, and during the past year has been investigating the psychological methods used by propaganda-bureaus for the adoption by the United States of the League of Nations covenant.

REPRESENTATIVE CHOSEN.
Miss Lesley Pickett, of this city, has been chosen to represent the King's College women at the International Missionary Conference which is being held in Des Moines, Iowa, at the beginning of the year. Miss Pickett is to leave on Saturday next. Jonat J. Bennett, of Wolford, has been chosen to represent the King's College men. The other Maritime Province colleges are also sending delegates, and a special Pullman is to be placed at their disposal for the long trip to the American West.

Miss Florence Driscoll, of this city, will leave on Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents at Lorneville, St. John County.

Grand Concert At Seamen's Institute

Empress of France Concert Party Made Decided Hit With Large Audience Last Evening—Talented Performers.

The "Empress of France Concert Party" made their first appearance in St. John at the Seamen's Institute last evening, and it is safe to say that they have made for themselves at once a high place in the opinion of a St. John audience. They will be welcomed whenever they visit the port for they can give an excellent concert and have a number of performers who are most talented.

Excellent selections were given by the orchestra composed of the following: Piano, Mr. Sorenson; double bass, Mr. Haworth; cello, Mr. Davis; 1st violin, Mr. Jones; 2nd violin, Mr. Groaton.

While the songs were all good especially applause greeted C. Neary and the humorous dacts given by Messrs. Shevlin and Wilcott, and Messrs. Deane and Langley. Mr. Lingley was warmly welcomed back to St. John where he is an old favorite on the stage.

H. Cosgrove acted as chairman and Walter Brindle announced the programme. J. Hayes was in charge of the concert. The hall was completely filled a number having to be turned away. At the close of the programme, refreshments provided by the Navy League were served to the performers by the Y. W. P. A. Many of the men expressed appreciation of the Seamen's Institute and spoke of their enjoyment of the hospitality received there.

The programme was as follows: Orchestral Selection—"Empress" Orchestra.
Humorous Song—H. Smallwood.
Song—G. Lawson.
Spanish Love Song—G. Tucker.
Duet—Messrs. Shevlin and Wilcott.
Comic Song—G. Atkinson.
Song—J. O'Connor.
Comedy Duet—Messrs. Ramage and Pearce.
Song—F. Jackson.
Humorous Song—C. Neary.
Orchestral Selection—"Empress" Orchestra.
Song—J. O'Connor.
Song and Dance—Messrs. Deane and Langley.
Song—H. Ambrose.
Duet—Messrs. Shevlin and Wilcott.
Song—G. Lawson.
Comedy Duet—Messrs. Ramage and Pearce.
Song—C. Neary.
Selection—"Empress" Orchestra.
God Save the King.

St. John's Welcome To All Soldiers

Thomas Walker of B. C. Says His Soldier Son Referred Happily to His Welcome at St. John—No Other City in Canada Bears Comparison.

"St. John and Brandon were the only two cities in Canada mentioned by my soldier son after his journey across the continent," said Thomas Walker of Victoria, B. C., who is in the city on his way to England by the Empress of France.

"My son, returning from the war spoke of the great reception he got on landing at St. John, and of the work the ladies at St. John were doing to welcome the returned soldiers, and look after the comforts of their dependents. The only other city he talked about when discussing his journey across Canada was Brandon, where there were ladies at 2 o'clock in the morning to give the troops coffee and a friendly smile."

Mr. Walker was in Ottawa with a delegation which visited on the Government urging support of the ship-building industry which is giving employment to many returned soldiers. He believes the ship building industry in Canada has a future; at present ships are being built in Canada cheaper than in the United States; but some assurance is necessary that the Government will pursue a policy calculated to develop a Canadian merchant marine. Mr. Walker was impressed by the views of Col. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine, on the necessity of building Canadian ships in the interests of Canada and the Empire.

Being a Rotarian Mr. Walker looked up Secretary Armstrong of the Board of Trade on his arrival here.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF SOLDIER HEROES

C.W.V.A. Members Have Arrangements Completed for Tree and Tea for Their Comrades' Dependents.

An executive meeting of the G. W. V. A. was held last evening when routine business was transacted. A meeting of the Christmas party committee will be held on Wednesday, when final arrangements for the tree and tea for the widows and orphans of soldiers will be made. The societies are assisting in this entertainment and it is reported that several gifts of money have been thankfully received by the secretary of the G. W. V. A.

HOLIDAY SEASON AND MANY BUYERS

Stores Are Crowded, Streets Filled With Pedestrians Carrying Parcels—Plenty of Money and Purchases.

In spite of the advice, spread far and near to shop early, there are a great many people who cannot grasp the Christmas spirit until the last few days before the festival. The stores were crowded last evening until a late hour, and the streets filled with pedestrians carrying bundles of all sizes and shapes of articles which are in abundance and in many varieties, are now almost bare and it would seem that the custom of sending Christmas messages in this fashion has rather increased of late years than diminished.

The Standard was told in a tobacco store that the rush there is usually at the last minute, for, knowing just what they want, people put off buying cigars, cigarettes, tobacco or pipes until the rest of the list is completed.

Shopping is a little difficult this year for several reasons. There are a number of articles which are impossible to get and some lines, which when they can be bought, have risen so in price that they are beyond the reach of a large majority of the shoppers. However, there are lovely things in all the stores, useful and ornamental to suit all tastes.

There is no lack of toys for the children, and while the beautiful French doll is not seen in such numbers there are plenty of dolls which will delight the hearts of girls of all ages. The Kewpie seems to have a firm hold on the affections of everybody and now comes in every size and with various articles of clothing.

"The society for the prevention of Christmas giving" has few members in St. John and it is a certainty that Santa Claus will be as busy a person in 1919 as he has been through the years distributing the presents which will bring such happiness on Christmas Day.

SCENES IN THE UNION DEPOT

Many Steerage Passengers Talked Loudly in Union Depot Last Night Until They Were Told What Time the Ship Left.

Last evening the men's waiting room in the Union Depot was crowded by steerage passengers destined for the Empress of France. There were men from all the Slav nations, every country in Southwestern Europe had its quota bound for the homeland.

Suddenly a man's voice rang out above the babel of foreign tongues. He was also speaking in a language foreign to the ears of the average Canadian. He seemed a person of some importance, for all craned forward and listened eagerly to his every word. It seemed as though the dread Bolshevik had sent an emissary to St. John to address these his compatriots. Was there to be another campaign of the Reds similar to that carried out in the West?

But, no, it was merely an agent of the C. P. R. telling the people that they might spend the night in lodge-lings throughout the city; their boat was not to leave till later.

Many Students Return Home

Large Number from U.N.B., St. Joseph's, Mt. Allison, Kings, Acadia, St. F.X. and McGill Are in City for Holiday Season.

Among the students from the various Universities who are spending the Christmas vacation at their homes in the city are:

University of New Brunswick.
Miss Blanche Turner, Sam McCavour, Harold Seeley, Ken Seeley, Atwood Bridges, Ron Drummer, Herbert DeVeber, IRL McLaren, G. B. Akerley, Ken Cairns, P. Seeley, Gordon Pickett, Ken Willet, Art Holdman.

St. Joseph's.
Paul Quinn, Alphonsus Harris, Oswald McDonald, Wm. Oubourne, Joe Floyd, Melvin Nichol, John Browne, Wm. McBurlay, Art Cunningham, Joe Butler.

Mt. Allison.
Misses Joan Smith, Francis Smith, Ruth Humphrey, Marion Miles, Margaret Murray; Messrs. Nigel Tennant, Don Humphrey, Chester Brown.

King's College.
Miss Lesley Pickett, Messrs. Cecil Markham, Selwyn Goster.

Acadia College.
Misses Lucy Smith, Helen Simms, Marion Brock, Ella Parlee, Georgia Springer, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Messrs. Jack Jordan, George Estabrook, Gordon Lordy, Horace Wetmore, Cecil Curry, Aubrey Clark, Arthur Hickson.

St. Francis Xavier.
Messrs. John Gorman, Ronald McGilvary, E. L. Jennings, Philip Granan Norman Dwyer, Cyril Driscoll.

McGill College.
Misses Angela Magee, Joan Foster, Catherine Wilson, V. Polley, Gwen Ewing, Rene Evans; Messrs. George Skinner, Gray Lordy, Fred Foster, Russell Donnelly, Howard Bustin, William Deane, Ellis Taylor, Cedric Alward, Yves Anglin, Pierce Patterson, Gerald Anglin, Gordon Green, City Evans. Misses Edith and Mary Barnes.

Collection of Interest in Coins

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The old English coins are especially interesting, there is a silver groat of the reign of Edward the Fourth, the groat was worth about six pence in those days. A cross is stamped on it so that it might be cut into four equal parts, and thus serve as a tip to some deserving page. All English coins of those days were made very fine and stamped with a cross to assist in dividing them into smaller pieces. This accounts for the peculiar system of coinage in use at the present time.

A six-pence of Elizabeth's day, a three-pence of Charles the Second, coins of the William and Mary period, all the Georges and those of the day of Victoria, conclude this interesting group.

The coins of Edward the Fourth show signs of where they have been clipped by the Jewish money lenders, who infested the country in those days. The principal was, that every little bit helped. A silver would be cut off of every silver groat coin, the Jew retained its value and the Jew in a very little while had quite a collection of gold or silver shivers, which soon found their way to the melting pot to emerge in gold and silver bars.

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