

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The depression which was over the Straits of Mackenzie last night has now reached the Maritime Provinces with reduced energy. Another depression which has travelled very rapidly from the British Columbia coast is centered in Iowa, while the cold wave now covers the Western Provinces. Light snow falls have occurred in many parts of the Dominion.

Forecast: Maritime—Fresh to strong easterly northwest and north; mostly fair, becoming somewhat colder.

Northern New England—Fair and somewhat colder Wednesday; Thursday snow with rising temperature. Fresh northwesterly winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Tomorrow—New Year's Day—The Standard will not be published.

DISMISSED FROM COURT. The case of being a stowaway preferred against a young Frenchman was dismissed from the police court yesterday.

MONTREAL TRAIN DELAYED. Owing to a broken axle on a passenger train at Greenville, Me., the line was blocked and the Montreal train was five hours late arriving here yesterday.

TWO SACKS OF BOOZE. Inspectors McAnish, Merryfield and Key while on their rounds yesterday afternoon found two sacks filled with liquor under a wharf in the North End. The liquor was seized.

STRAINED HIS ARM. Harold Hanson, of St. John street, West End, a C. P. R. elevator employe, sustained a strain in his arm yesterday morning while shovelling grain. He was taken to the emergency hospital and later to his home.

THE CHEMICAL CALLED. The chemical from No. 1 hook and ladder station, King street east, was called out yesterday afternoon about five o'clock to extinguish some rubbish on fire, taken from the building on Dock street, which was gutted yesterday morning.

TO TAKE A COURSE. Miss Rhetha E. MacNeill, Wellington Row, cashier with Manchester Robert son Allison, Limited, King street, left for Boston last evening. She intends to take a three years' course in nursing at the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, Boston. Her associates suitably remembered her.

RAID AT NORTON. Chief Inspector Wilson and Sub-inspectors McAnish and Merryfield made a raid on a house in Norton Monday night. Before they could make a seizure it is reported the liquor was dumped down a drain. A charge has been laid against the resident.

SERIOUSLY ILL. Rev. William McLaughlin, C. S. R., of London, Ont., arrived in the city yesterday morning, called owing to the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Edward McLaughlin, who recently fell and sustained a broken hip. Mrs. McLaughlin has a wide circle of friends who will regret to learn of the accident and will hope for her speedy recovery.

THE NEW CONVEYORS. The Peoples Construction Company, of Port Arthur, Ontario, has been awarded the contract to install the equipment in the conveyors connecting berth No. 15 with the C. P. R. elevators at West St. John. The contract price is said to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Work will be started immediately. Messrs. Grant & Horne are building the conveyors.

THE MERCHANTS BANK. F. C. Shreve, manager of the Merchants Bank, which building was badly gutted by fire some weeks ago, said last evening that the repair work in that building is nearing completion and he expected to move into the old quarters in the near future. For the past few weeks the banking business has been conducted in the old Bank of Nova Scotia building on Prince William street.

ST. MONICA SOCIETY GIFTS. St. Monica Society distributed their Christmas boxes of Christmas gifts throughout the city this year. As usual, the boxes were delivered two days before the festival. Each package contained chickens, vegetables, sugar, tea, apples, bread, confections and where there were children, boots, stockings, toys and other articles. The report of the work will show that in the Cathedral parish, fourteen boxes were delivered; in Holy Trinity, eight; in St. John the Baptist, six; in St. Peter's, six; in St. John the Evangelist, five. Mrs. W. E. Scully was co-ordinator, assisted by Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Mrs. A. C. Wilson, Mrs. J. C. O'Connell, Mrs. D. C. Deardon, Mrs. J. G. Grew, Mrs. Joseph H. Ritchie, Mrs. C. G. Morris, Mrs. F. J. Power, Mrs. A. J. McDonald, Mrs. M. Bohn, Mrs. M. A. McCuskey.

Entertainment At Germain Baptist

Lady Teachers of Sunday School Serve Supper to Children and Relatives — Young Men's Association Make Presentation to Phylaxia Society.

One of the largest and most successful Christmas entertainments was held last evening in the Germain street Baptist Church. About two hundred and seventy-five children and adults were present. A dainty supper prepared by the lady teachers of the Sunday School, was greatly enjoyed by all who participated. After supper a concert consisting of dialogues, solos and recitations, was given in the large Sunday School room. In every member of the Sunday School was presented with a bag of candy and oranges taken from the Christmas tree, which was brightly lit up by small electric lamps. Special presents were presented to the young ladies of the Phylaxia Society, also to the members of the Young Men's Association.

THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Pleasing Programme in St. Jude's Church, West End, Last Evening—Boy Scouts' Troop in First Aid Work.

St. Jude's Church, West St. John, was the scene of a very happy gathering last evening, when the annual Christmas entertainment was given. The Sunday School room in which the concert was given was filled to its capacity. The St. Jude's troop of Boy Scouts gave a very interesting demonstration on first aid work, which was greatly appreciated by the audience. Following is the programme for the evening: Duet, Miss Winifred Griffiths, Edith Edwards; song, R. Fenton; recitation, Miss Margaretta Charles; recitation, Miss Daisy Dashwood; song, Miss Estia Smith, Mildred Lee, Daisy Dashwood, Nellie Greary and Florence McKee; recitation, Margaretta Charles; recitation, Marion Williams; recitation, Inas Whipple; recitation, Marion Nichols.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BANQUET ENJOYED

Large Attendance at St. Luke's Church Sunday School Last Evening — An Excellent Programme Carried Out.

The St. Luke's Sunday School held a Christmas banquet last evening in the Sunday School of the Church. Each class had its own table and was responsible for its decoration and as each did its utmost to have the most attractive table, some very pretty and striking results were attained. The programme for the evening included an opening address by the superintendent, H. Usher Miller, a musical number by the Boys' Orchestra of St. Luke's Church, toast the King, toast, The Returned Men, proposed by G. W. R. Brennan and responded to by G. W. Scott and H. Webster. The Church, proposed by Miss Belle Anderson, responded to by The Warden, Mr. Crank. Toast, The Sunday School, proposed by the pastor, Rev. R. P. McEoye by Superintendent Kim. Selections and readings were given by Mrs. Nase, Miss Brayley and Elsie Dunlop. All the lights were put out with the exception of the candles on the table while the Christmas carols were sung by the school. A humorous story, illustrated by lantern slides, was given by the curate, E. P. Wright. The evening closed with a toast to Father Christmas and Benediction.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

J. King Kelley, B. C. L., K. C., received recently a letter from Charles J. Saxe, A. R. C. A., of Montreal, asking for instructions as to requirements for the plans for a new Court House and City Buildings. Mr. Saxe, who is a very well-known architect, also asked if a professional assessor had been appointed to judge the merits of the plans.

Artillery Dance At Armory Tonight

Brilliant Social Affair to be Held This Evening—Large Number of Invitations Issued and Many Preparations Made.

The dance to be given by Lieut. Colonel Beverly Armstrong and officers of the 3rd N. B. Garrison Regiment at the Armory tomorrow promises to be one of the most important social events of the season. A large number of invitations have been issued and every preparation made for a brilliant affair as it will be the largest ball held since the war.

The Maritime Boys' Parliament

Third Session Held Yesterday — Number of Bills Given Reading—Every Moment of Session Full of Interest — A Theatre Party.

The third session of the Maritime Boys' Parliament was held yesterday afternoon in the gymnasium of St. David's church. The sitting of the House opened at 2.30 with all the members present, as well as the Prime Minister and his cabinet.

FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. John Haslam of West St. John Celebrated Golden Anniversary Last Evening — Purse of Gold Presented by Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haslam of 65 St. James street, West St. John, were fifty years married yesterday and friends assembled at their residence last evening to celebrate the occasion. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by those present who congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Haslam on their excellent health and attaining the golden anniversary of their wedded life.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

A very enjoyable Christmas pantomime was given last evening in the Queen Square Methodist Church under the auspices of the Epworth League. A very large number attended and the affair which was of a religious nature, was cleverly presented. The programme for the evening is as follows: Shopper, Elsie Wilson, Jack Waddell, Margarette Gilmore, Georgey Bustin.

Sunday School Scholars' Treat

Older Pupils of Trinity Gave Excellent Programme Last Evening—Badges Presented for Perfect Attendance.

The visitor to Trinity Sunday School Rooms yesterday was greeted with the strains of "Little Nellie Waters" and "I am a Rich Widow" and on entering saw a band of very happy children thoroughly enjoying the Christmas party arranged for them.

FOREMAN NICE IN CRITICAL CONDITION

A few days ago Fred Nice, foreman of the water and sewerage department suffered the loss of two fingers and a severe injury to a third, by being caught in a cog wheel while at work repairing a break in a main.

Commercial Men Were Assembled

Successful Function Held Yesterday at Bond's When Many Subjects Were Discussed After Luncheon.

NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

The travelers who have volunteered to assist in the collection of outstanding subscriptions to the Protestant Orphans Home today have arranged to meet and systematize their routes in Imperial Theatre lobby rooms at 9.30 this forenoon.

ROUSING SALE OF CLOTH COATS BEING HELD AT DYKEMAN'S.

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