

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—The weather remains very mild in the southern portion of Alberta. Elsewhere in the West it has moderated with some light local snowfalls. From the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces, the temperature has been very low accompanied by a few light local snow falls in Ontario and along the Nova Scotian coast.

Victoria	43	48
Kamloops	28	32
Calgary	26	48
Edmonton	0	20
Prince Albert	0	0
Winnipeg	1	13
Port Arthur	22	22
Parry Sound	28	46
London	1	12
Toronto	7	21
Ottawa	14	26
Montreal	16	28
St. John	12	26
Halifax	9	24

—Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Northerly to north-westerly winds; fresh to strong during the day; fair and very cold.

Northern New England—Fair and continued cold Thursday. Friday probably fair, slowly rising temperature. Fresh northwest winds, fair weather.

AROUND THE CITY

TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

Rev. F. E. Boothroyd, field secretary of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance, who is carrying out an itinerary in Northumberland County during the week of December 14 to 21, was in Chatham on Sunday.

ON LILY LAKE.

Despite the zero weather a large number of persons took advantage of the excellent sheet of ice coated over Lily Lake for their favorite pastime. Between three and four hundred skaters enjoyed themselves immensely last evening.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Dr. J. F. L. Brown, medical health officer for the southern district, called a meeting of the several registrars in the county yesterday afternoon explaining to them their various duties of handling the registration of vital statistics, which will be taken over by the Board of Health January 1, 1920.

SALE HELD.

The Women's League of St. David's church under the direction of the president, Mrs. Atkinson Morrison, held a sale in the school room of the church yesterday afternoon to dispose of some articles which were left over from the recent sale held by Miss Willet, Mrs. David McMillan and Mrs. Dunlop were in charge.

DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION.

An explosion occurred in the acetylene generator in Joseph Ross' house at Hampton, Kings County, on Tuesday evening about six o'clock. Mr. Ross, a barber, owns the building in which he has his shop and dwelling. Fortunately, nobody was injured, but much damage was done, windows having been blown out, a bulge caused in the walls and the floor raised.

SERVICE ALL RIGHT.

The submarine cable which went out of order Tuesday, is not affecting the West Side telephone service, as the new cable recently installed by the New Brunswick Telephone Co. over the bridge is handling the service from the submarine cable satisfactorily. Owing to the extremely cold weather being low the work was suspended for a time last night.

POPULAR PROMOTION.

Friends of Lieut. Harold O. Crookshank, R. N. V. R., will be interested to hear that news has been received from his promotion to Commanding Officer of Motor Launch 202, Mediterranean Squadron, in Budapest when he received the news of his promotion and left for Budapest. He has had some wonderful experiences particularly during a trip up the Danube River.

ORDERS ISSUED.

Orders have been issued by Chief Medical Officer, Dr. G. G. Melvin, that there is to be a more rigid quarantine of houses containing cases of scarlet fever. Henceforth no one will be allowed to leave the infected house except breadwinners of the family, and no visitors will be allowed except the doctor and the clergyman. This order is to be strictly enforced by the local board, and offenders will be dealt with by rigid measures being taken.

INSPECTION OF RUBY L.

An inspection of the Packet Steamer Ruby L., which was badly damaged by fire Tuesday night, was made yesterday morning by Captain A. J. Mulcahy and on his recommendation the master of the damaged steamer will have the ice thawed by steam and the water and damaged cargo of feed removed and the vessel made ready for a survey. Capt. Mulcahy said there was so much ice in the hold, that it was impossible to give any estimation of the damage. The deck has been badly damaged by fire, and by chipping.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

Before Mr. Justice Barry yesterday morning in the suit of B. V. Colpitta vs. The Continental Life Insurance Company, a technical objection taken by the defence was argued. The jury had found a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,000, on the ground that notice to their agent was not given to the company, under the New Brunswick Act of 1917. The objection argued this morning was that the New Brunswick Act did not apply. Judgment was reserved for December 23. J. H. A. L. Fairweather for plaintiffs; W. H. Harrison for defendant.

WANTED.

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School Programs Were Interesting

Closing Exercises in Public Schools Yesterday—Many Presentations to Students—Tablet Presented to High School.

The assurance given by the Mayor that the High School would soon have adequate playground facilities was a feature of the Mid Year Commencement exercises held in the Assembly Room of the High School yesterday morning. A large number of parents and interested friends were present and appropriate exercises were carried out.

Principal Myles presided at the exercises and there were present Dr. Emary, chairman of the school board; Sir Douglas Hazen, Canon Armstrong, and Dr. Spangler, president of the Furthurly Club and Dr. Malcolm, M. C.

The High School principal announced that the school would reopen on Monday following New Year's.

Preliminary to the exercises, the High School Cadet Corps, directed by Sergeant O'Brien, gave an exhibition of physical drill.

Principal Myles opened the exercises with a brief address in which he said that for the first time in the school's history there were more than 600 scholars. There were 580 scholars who wrote the Christmas examinations.

The presentation of medals followed. Mayor Hayes stating as he gave the Corporation Medal, that the city would exert every effort to provide playgrounds for the youth of the city. Canon Armstrong paid a high tribute to the founder of the Ellis Medal and Sir Douglas Hazen expressed his hope that the boys would soon have a proper playground.

In an able and well delivered address, Fred McEwen, editor-in-chief of the High School fortnightly journal, presented to Principal Myles on behalf of the staff of the school's paper, a brass tablet, appropriately lettered in memory of High School students who gave their lives in the Great War. Master Fred Wetmore conducted Flag Salutation.

The ceremonies were concluded with the National Anthem.

At St. Vincent's school there were reviews of the season's work and short exercises carried out in the different classrooms.

At Alexandra school the pupils of the school assembled in the exhibition hall and carried through in splendid fashion a pretentious programme of literary and choral numbers, the participants being largely from Grade VI, instruction by Miss McLennan.

At St. Malloch's School the younger boys thoroughly enjoyed a splendid Christmas tree freighted down with prizes from Santa Claus. Primary grade pupils presented an attractive programme of songs and recitations in the auditorium of the school. Recitations were given in class rooms of other grades.

At St. Peter's Girls' School the various rooms marked the closing session with recitations and class singing, evincing the spirit of Christmas.

There were a number of beautiful drawings in colored crayons on the black boards of a number of the class rooms. There were many visitors at the school.

At St. Peter's Boys' school the work of the year was reviewed in the presence of a large number of parents and friends of the children. The blackboards in the upper grades were decorated with drawings of the pupils and were much praised by the visitors. Readings and recitations were rendered by Douglas Aitken, Edward Landry, Ed. Corkey, Allan O'Brien, and the Albert School closing exercises were confined to the different rooms, where there was a review of work and class recitations and songs.

In Principal McDiarmid's room, Mr. G. S. Mayes, as for a number of years past, presented a gold medal of beautiful workmanship to the West Side pupil making the highest marks at the High School entrance examinations. This year Miss Alice M. Fulton was the fortunate recipient of the Mayes medal.

In a short address of an inspirational character, Mr. Mayes congratulated Miss Fulton on the splendid marks she made in writing last summer's examination papers for High School entrance and urged all pupils to make the most of their opportunities.

At the request of Principal McDiarmid Mr. Mayes conducted an oral examination in arithmetic. The young scholars recognizing in him a true friend, gave him a hearty welcome.

Mr. Mayes will again award prizes to West Side scholars next year.

The Brunswick Chapter, I. O. D. E. prize for the best essay on: "What We Owe the British Navy," was presented to Leonard Ellis, the second prize going to Miss Muriel Mahony. Both essays were of a high order.

The Brunswick Chapter have offered at the Albert School three beautiful pictures to be hung in the assembly hall.

A Dufferin School an attractive programme of songs, readings and recitations delighted a large number of parents and friends of the school children. Miss May McArthur and Miss May Brooks were presented by I. O. D. E. members with their prizes for winning essay on the Navy.

At St. Patrick's Boys' School a lengthy programme of splendid recitations was gone through with the effect. G. S. Mayes and Rev. A. J. O'Neill addressed the scholars.

A large number of visitors were present at the Victoria School closing and an interesting programme was carried out both by the primary and advanced sections.

A public examination and entertainment was carried out at the St. Joseph's School. The programme consisted of appropriate songs and recitations.

At LaTour School a lengthy and interesting programme was carried out. G. S. Mayes visited the school at 11.30 and presented his annual prize of \$5 in gold.

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Women's Hospital Aid

Regular meeting this (Thursday), 3 o'clock. Board of Trade.

Law Students Held Banquet

Enjoyable Supper at Bond's Last Evening—Excellent Speeches Delivered—Faculty Were Guests of Students.

The faculty of the Kings College Law School were guests last evening at a banquet held at Bond's and a very pleasant evening of social intercourse was spent, able speeches being delivered both by the large number of the legal profession.

After the good things provided for the banquet had been disposed of, the President, F. W. W. Bartlett welcomed the members of the Faculty and spoke of the great interest taken in the course by the large number of students attending the Law School this year. Mr. Bartlett paid a tribute to the Faculty saying that they were men who had made a success of the legal profession and that it was the duty of each student to make the most of the wonderful opportunities offered.

Mr. Bartlett then proposed the health of the King which was drunk with musical honors.

The toast "Our Alma Mater" was proposed by J. R. Gale who stated that all students of Kings College are exceedingly proud of their Alma Mater and that they are all gentlemen and sportsmen. No college had prouder record in the war and meeting many graduates overseas he had seen impressed with their enthusiasm for the college. They were all thorough soldiers and gentlemen. He hoped that all the present students might share some of the redoubtable glory and be able to pick up a few leaves from the laurel wreath.

In replying to this toast J. F. H. Teed a graduate of Kings in Arts referred to the history of Kings. In 1802 a Royal Charter was granted to Kings College Windsor by King George and it is the oldest University in the British Dominions possessing such a charter. Through the efforts of eminent lawyers in St. John the Law School here was established in 1832 and successful lawyers all over the Dominion owe their training to this school.

Mr. Teed then stated that eighty-two per cent graduates and undergraduate had enlisted in the war and described the effort which will be made by the alumnus to erect a permanent memorial to these brave men. The proposal is to erect a building at Windsor and a campaign will be instituted early in the year. Mr. Teed asked for the support of all Kings College students in this undertaking.

A well delivered reading was given by Kenneth McLaughlin.

The toast to "Our Guests, the Faculty," was proposed by J. F. Frauley and replied to by Dr. Campbell, who described the establishment of the law school. Speaking of some of the original lecturers all of whom had passed away except three and he himself was the only one of the three still connected with the school.

"The Legal Profession," proposed by E. J. Chambers, was responded to by Dr. Baxter. He said that the legal profession represented service in the broad sense. He referred to the part being played by the Canadian Association which was formed six years ago. Dr. Baxter told of attending the annual meeting held in Winnipeg. The distinct object of the Association is to promote justice in all parts of the Dominion, and in order to do this a uniformity of law is required. In such of the provinces will be striven for.

An address on the medical profession was given by Dr. W. W. White. He referred to the great benefit it would be to the city if a medical education could be provided here. While he saw no chance of this in the near future, he had always advocated the erection of a modern up-to-date and well-equipped hospital.

J. King Kelley, in proposing the health to the college students spoke of the fine ideals which actuated Kings College. Sheriff Wilson commended the advantages of the modern law school with the methods which were necessary in the old days. F. J. G. Knowlton made the closing address in praise of King's College.

The toast to the ladies was proposed by J. H. Drummond and responded to by R. F. Cahill both speakers doing justice to the subject.

I. J. Goldberg, R. W. Hewson and C. L. Doherty were the committee in charge of the entertainment.

Christmas Cheer Given By I.O.D.E.

Some of the excellent work which the Royal Standard Chapter I. O. D. E. is doing was reported at a special meeting held last evening in the Orange Hall German street. The Regent, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith presided. Grateful acknowledgments of donations for Christmas cheer were received from Dr. Farris of the East St. John County Hospital, the Boys' Club, and from the Children's Aid Society. The latter society, not only wished to thank the Chapter for fifty dollars, but also for a generous donation of dolls and other gifts for the children's tree.

It was reported that beautiful autographed photographs of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire which were presented to the Chapter have been framed and hung in the rest room furnished by the Chapter at the East St. John County Hospital.

It was announced that the Regent, Mrs. F. J. G. Knowlton, and Mrs. Jarvis were present at the school yesterday and presented the prizes for the essays on "What We Owe to the British Navy." The winners received handsome volumes of the "Kipling and Drummond," in which had been placed book plates of the Royal Standard Chapter.

Mr. G. S. Mayes, who had been present at the executive meeting of the Provincial Chapter at Fredericton, and East reported that plans are being formed for a tour of organization work and for deepening the interest in the I. O. D. E. Educational Memorial Fund. Both these subjects will form the principal topics for discussion at the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Chapter to be held in St. John in January.

The following additional sums for Christmas cheer were voted unanimously: Fifty dollars to the Seamen's

Exhibit of Nature Study Collections

At Natural History Society Visiting Teachers May See Collections Arranged by William McIntosh—Of Great Benefit to Instructors

An interesting series of collections is being displayed in the Assembly room of the Natural History Society for the benefit of teachers attending the Teachers' Institute, which opens in the High School this morning at ten o'clock.

The collections consist of a few of the models loaned by the society to the schools of the province to be used in Nature Study. The society also supplies pamphlets and keys to the collections which are of great assistance. Any teacher applying for these Nature Notes is always gladly supplied.

The collections on display are: Animal Products. "What we obtain from Domestic Animals." There are 100 pieces in this collection. It is divided into a series, "What we obtain from the Horns," such as buttons, combs, knife and umbrella handles; "From the Bones, bone meal, fertilizer, bone black, used in the manufacture of sugar, and bone porcelain; "From the Flesh," meats, tallow, glycerine, soap; "From the Intestines," rancid, peeps, catgut and other articles.

The other collections to be seen are "Birds of New Brunswick," "The Fur Bearing Animals of N. B." In this collection a picture of each animal is shown as well as the fur, and the different way it is prepared for the market. "The manufacture of Cocoon, of Linoleum's and 'How Embers are made'" concluded this interesting exhibit.

The collection will prove of great interest to visiting teachers. City school teachers are already aware of the great assistance afforded by the Natural History Society's school collections, and the interesting and instructive papers supplied by Mr. McIntosh to be used in conjunction with the collections.

Mr. McIntosh, as curator of the Natural History Society, has done much for the teachers and pupils of New Brunswick schools to assist them in the study of the plants, insects, minerals, and animals of their native province. That his noble efforts have not passed unnoticed, but have been appreciated by the teachers of the province, will be readily seen by the fact that both the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute, and also the Provincial Teachers' Institute, publicly thanked Mr. McIntosh and passed resolutions asking that the provincial government increase the grant to the Natural Society in order that he may be enabled to carry on his work more extensively.

DECISION REACHED

Conciliation Board Unanimous in Opinion—Result Not Known Till Award Ratified by Minister of Labor.

In the matter of the dispute between the C. I. and the Freeholders the Conciliation Board reached a decision yesterday, which has been forwarded to the Minister of Labor. It was said that the decision of the Board was unanimous, after the evidence presented by both sides had been gone into thoroughly. Until the Minister of Labor has ratified the award and presented it to the Legislature the result will not be made public. The hope is that both sides will be prepared to accept the award, and avoid further trouble during the shipping season.

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S. M. WETMORE,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

Commencing Sunday morning, December 21st, 1919, the Ferry Time Table will be changed and the Ferry will leave West St. John at 7.30 a. m., East St. John at 7.40 a. m., and then the regular trips will start from West St. John at 8 a. m., and the Time Table will be changed to leave West St. John at 10.35 p. m. on the last trip, and East St. John at 10.45 p. m. on the last trip, and on May 2nd, when the Time Table will be changed to 8 a. m. from West St. John, and 10.35 p. m. from East St. John on the last trip at 10.45 p. m.

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