

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 13.—A belt of rapidly moving areas extends from the Western Provinces southeast to the New England States, thence northeastward to Newfoundland. Pressure is relatively high over British Columbia and the Hudson Bay region. Weather has been fair and mild in the West and mostly cloudy and cold with light local snow in Eastern Canada.

AROUND THE CITY

MAYOR SCHOFIELD AWAY
Mayor Schofield left yesterday afternoon on a business trip to Montreal. He will be away two or three days, during which time Commissioner Frink will be acting mayor.

CHILD DEAD.
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shorwood, of Upham, will be sorry to learn of the death of their infant daughter, Vera A. Burial will be at Upham today.

PRENTICE BOYS' FAIR
The prize winners at the Prentice Boys' fair, last evening, were as follows:—Air-gun, A. V. Duffy; ten pins, P. Campbell; bean toss, J. Clark; a devil among tallies, Roy Campbell; bean bags, H. Moffat; flood-gates, G. Smith; bagatelle, J. Pilonmore; door prize, H. Burley.

SIDEWALK WORK.
The plank platform which has served as a sidewalk in Millidgeville avenue is being replaced by a chider walk. This will serve as a base for an asphalt or concrete sidewalk which the public works department plans placing there next year. Similar work is being undertaken in Chesley street.

FISHERIES SALE.
The sale of city fishing privileges in the harbor will take place on Tuesday, January 3, by public auction, at the Commissionaire Bullock announced yesterday morning. The committee of the whole will meet before the sale and arrange terms. The privileges will extend from the time of sale until December 15, 1922.

WON ELLIS MEDAL.
Miss Clara Lunnery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lunnery, 192 Millidge avenue, is the winner of the Ellis Medal for mathematics, given by Mrs. J. V. Ellis. Miss Lunnery, who was a student of St. Vincent's school last June, when the examinations were taken, has a fine record as a student. She is now attending Normal School, Fredericton.

ASSESSORS REAPPOINTED.
On motion of the mayor at yesterday's city hall meeting, it was decided to reappoint James Collins and Timothy T. Lantulum to sit with E. Murray Olive, chairman, as board of assessors for the city for the coming year. The mayor reported that this was one less than the usual number, but that John Ross, the third member, was now ill and unable to attend the meetings. The others, however, had been carrying on the work.

TO DISCUSS PAVING.
Commissioner Jones announced yesterday morning that a meeting of the property owners of King street east would be held on Friday evening of this week in the basement of the Y. W. C. A. recreational centre to discuss the matter of the paving of that street under the shunters plan. The mayor, who is a property owner in the street, is to preside, but in the event of his absence, the chair will be taken by Commissioner Jones, also a property owner there.

Lady Roberts' Chapter I. O. D. E.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lady Roberts Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Helen Wilson, Queen Square. The regent, Miss Althea Hasan, presided. The chapter decided to give one-third of their proceeds from all teas, sales and other enterprises to the Memorial Fund; and they voted a sum of money to help defray the expenses of a soldiers' widow in the old country. The quarterly donation was sent to the Victorian Order of Nurses. Much of the afternoon was taken up discussing the coming of the dance, which is to be held under the auspices of the Lady Roberts Chapter, at the Studio on January 3. Elaborate plans are being made and indications point to the success of the tea.

Empty Stocking Fund Growing

Little Boy Makes Donation—Several Pathetic Letters Received from Poor Widows.
Some more money was received yesterday for the Empty Stocking Fund, and one of those to call the Standard was a little boy who donated thirty-five cents, saying that he saved it up and wanted to give it to the fund. "This little fellow sure has a good heart when he thinks about the youngsters who are less fortunate than him." Several letters have been received by the Empty Stocking Editor which are most pathetic, and the requests that certain poor children be looked after will receive attention. Some of the children are without fathers, the head of the family having died or deserted them; in other cases the fathers are very sick, and then there are widows who have been out of work for many months. Widows with several children are asking that the little ones receive stockings, and if citizens could only realize the great distress they would not be lacking in donating cash to such a worthy object. The fund has now grown to over three hundred dollars, and it will need more money to look after the hundreds of children who should be visited by Santa Claus and made happy.

The First Arrest For Shop Lifting

Detective Saunders Arrested Two Juveniles for Stealing Articles from Various Stores.
The first arrest for shop lifting for this Christmas season was made last night when Detective Saunders took into custody two juveniles aged ten and thirteen respectively just after the pair had walked out of Ferguson and Page's after skilfully purloining a lady's gold wrist watch, an expensive gold watch chain, the lady on being taken to the police station confessed to Detective Biddecombe to having carried on a varied career in shop lifting, thieving and burglarizing.

They admitted having stolen two gold watches from the store of Louis Green, Charlotte street, a vest pocket kodak from Nelson's book store, and toys and mouth organs from Roche's. In addition to this they also confessed to breaking and entering the grocery store of Major A. J. Markham, Carleton street and stealing a quantity of goods. The articles stolen by the two youths will amount to considerable in excess of a hundred dollars. The detour of which they seemed possessed would have made the "Artful Dodger" stand against his own alumnus, and their schemes at the schemes in which the quickness of the hand deceived the eye, would have been the delight and admiration of "Fagan the Jew." The older of the two culprits, has an impediment in his speech, and his general demeanor is such as to mislead the casual observer into believing him incapable of such undertakings, while his ten year old companion, is possessed of a cherubic face and a pair of large blue eyes whose child-like innocence and candor would at most make one think to think him capable of the misdeeds he was confessed to. The method employed by the lads is simply that the simply walked into the shops, took a look round, helped themselves, and walked out at the trays spread out before them.

Grain Located In C. P. R. Elevators

Over 1,500,000 Bushels Now in West St. John—About 75,000 for Creek Government.
Over 1,500,000 bushels of grain are now located in the C. P. R. elevators and cars on the west side of this port, and approximately seventy-five thousand bushels of this amount is destined for the Greek Government. During the past three weeks an average of one hundred and twenty thousand bushels have arrived in St. John. The shipments to date are far in excess of those received up to the middle of December of last year, and the probabilities are that large consignments will continue to come into St. John for some time at least.

With the recent shipments from Montreal, there is now an approximate remainder of two and one-half million bushels in the elevators at that point, the largest part of this quantity will likely be held there until the opening of the season at that port next spring. It is estimated that about 3,000,000 bushels of grain are now stored at Port McNicoll, while Fort William has about 25,000,000 bushels roughly speaking contained in its elevators. A large portion of this commodity which is now at the former place will be shipped through St. John while certain shipments of the grain at Port McNicoll will be made to Europe, and these, it is stated, will come through this port.

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Jack Evans Was Badly Injured

Was Assaulted by Four Other Seamen on C.G.M.M. Canadian Voyageur—Now in Hospital.
The boy-in of the C. G. M. M. Canadian Voyageur, being what, was badly beaten up by four members of the crew at about 10.30 last evening, in consequence of which the victim, Jack Evans, was taken to the General Public Hospital in the ambulance, suffering from what was feared was a broken jaw and fractured skull. The four sailors—Mike Driscoll, of Inlet; Charles Thomas, of Quebec; Douglas Conway, of Scotland, and William Ryan, of Liverpool, were given in charge by the first officer and taken to the police station in the patrol, where a charge of being drunk, fighting and creating a disturbance was lodged against them. Whether a more serious charge will be preferred will depend upon the condition of Evans.

St. John County W.C.T.U. Annual

Reports Received Showed Good Work Accomplished—Officers Were Elected for Coming Year.
The annual meeting of the St. John County W. C. T. U. was held in their rooms, Orange Hall, Germain street, yesterday afternoon. The meeting was opened with devotional services, led by Mrs. M. Seymour. Prayer was offered by Miss C. Fullerton and Mrs. O. D. Hanson. Mrs. Seymour gave a delightful Bible reading, taking as her theme "Faith" and the personal touch of our Saviour. The business session was opened by Mrs. D. Hipwell, vice-president, in the absence of Mr. George Colwell, county president. Reports were received from St. John, St. John North, Fairville and Carleton unions. All showed much good work being done. Mrs. Seymour reported that she, with a young friend, gave a treat to the boys at the industrial Home on Halloween.

Edward O'Brien Was Adjudged Guilty

A verdict of "Guilty of simple theft" was returned yesterday afternoon by the jury in the case of Edward O'Brien, charged with theft with violence of a whiskey from Albert Norris. Mr. Justice in his charge to the jury, expressed the fact that, in his opinion, they would be quite justified in bringing in a verdict of simple theft from the evidence adduced. Sentence was deferred until the end of the circuit, when O'Brien and Paris will be all probably, be sentenced contemporaneously. When the case opened yesterday morning, the evidence of Sergeant Detective Power and Dr. F. L. Kenney, closed the case for the prosecution. The accused then gave evidence on his own behalf, which was practically a denial of the charge contained in his confession at the time of the manslaughter hearing. He admitted picking up a bottle of liquor from the ground, where Norris lay, and running away with it, but denied having taken it from his person. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K.C., for the Crown and W. M. Ryan counsel for O'Brien, advised the jury before adjournment was made noon. Judge Chandler addressed the jury at the afternoon session. After explaining the law in relation to theft, he dealt with a statement, made by the counsel for the defence, to the effect that O'Brien was so much under the influence of lemon extract at the time as to be unaccountable for his action, and that there was therefore, no will intent. His Honor pointed out to the jury that, as the accused had made no such statement in his evidence, he should not take the counsel's statement into consideration at all. The prisoner, he said, had admitted picking up a bottle and running up the street, and, as the act constituted theft, the jury would be perfectly justified in bringing in a verdict of simple theft.

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Early Christmas Shoppers

Newest gift goods for men are here. Neckties, mufflers, shirts, gloves, handkerchiefs fancy and evening vests. All acceptable and appropriate; no man will object to a goodly supply. No fancy prices but a small advance ensuring a quick turnover. As our Christmas sales have always increased our goods, prices and service must be pleasing to our patrons. Gilmore's, 62 King Street.

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Have Started Their Christmas Shopping

Several Stores on Principal Thoroughfares Open Last Evening—Business Particularly Brisk.
That a large number of citizens have already taken time by the forelock and started their Christmas shopping, was evidenced by the increased purchases made in most of the stores in the city during the last two days. Practically every shop window on King, Charlotte, Main, and other business streets, displays attractive gifts in various lines which would satisfy the most fastidious, and, within the shops of the different merchants, the atmosphere is permeated with the Christmas spirit by reason of the decorations and the tasteful arrangement of many articles from the ornamental to the more essential ones. Several stores on the principal thoroughfares were open yesterday evening so as to afford an opportunity to citizens, who are unable to shop during the regular hours, to make their Christmas purchases. Business has been particularly brisk since Monday, and following the usual custom, practically every business establishment will be open each night next week. Only nine more shopping days remain, however, before Christmas, and the advantages of early purchasing are fully apparent when one considers the vast assortment from which to choose at the present time. Members of the public who postpone making their purchases for no good reason, do so to their own detriment, as they have not the same variety from which to select as those who buy early. Hitherto, there has been a tendency to procrastinate in the buying of Christmas gifts, but this year a marked change has taken place. The indications, during the past two days, are that there will be no repetition of last minute purchases, which, as a rule, do not produce the same amount of satisfaction to the donor or the recipient, as the former has little or no choice in the matter of selection, but merely purchases, what appears to be the best to his mind, of the remnants left by the early shoppers.

See Old Santa Claus At Thorne's This Week

The merry old chap has promised that he will be on hand sometime this week, at our store where he will have a joyous welcome for every kiddie in St. John. Old Santa will show you just how to get the most real fun from the hundreds of Toy Novelties you will see in our big, gay, glittering Toy Department. Read Santa's message which is printed just below:—

SANTA'S MESSAGE To the Kiddies of St. John

My Dear Little Friends:— Keep a sharp lookout in the newspapers for the date of my arrival at THORNE'S where I will be delighted to meet you all. Your own old SANTA CLAUS.

All Dolls at Half Price

The largest and finest line of Dolls you'll find anywhere composed our showing of this season, and EVERY ONE OF THEM IS NOW PLACED ON SALE AT EXACTLY HALF PRICE. This means an unusually wide range to select from; there are Dressed Dolls from 6 to 18 inches high, Undressed Dolls of all sizes, Baby Dolls from 6 inches high to life size, Kewpie Dolls of all sizes. Already they are going rapidly. Come in and Make Your Selections NOW. TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE TOY DEPARTMENT. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. Store Hours:—8.30 to 6. Open Saturday Evenings until 10.

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