

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime winds and moderate gales shifting to northwest and north, becoming much colder, with some light snowfalls.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The disturbance mentioned last night is now centered over Quebec and light snowfalls or sleet have occurred in many parts of Ontario and Quebec. The fine, mild weather has continued in the western provinces and in Alberta temperatures of fifty and sixty have been recorded. Colder weather, however, has set in over Northern Ontario.

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AROUND THE CITY

Conducting a Lottery. Anthony J. Solowis has been reported by the police for exposing ladies fancy goods for sale by lottery at his place of business 71 Germain street. The report was made by Officer James Ross.

Found by Police. The police found a variety of articles on the streets yesterday, including a key, one black pocket book and a pair of gold out links. The owners can receive the above articles by calling at the central station and identifying their property.

Fishermen Prosperous. H. B. Short of Digby, managing director of the Maritime Fish Corporation, is in the city. Speaking of the fisheries Mr. Short stated that in Nova Scotia the fishermen this year had done well and that the outlook for the winter was promising. November was a good month for fishing, the fleet of vessels out of Digby had done well.

Fights With Policeman. A young man giving his name as Albert Tatle was taken in charge for drunkenness by Officer Mann, of the North End yesterday afternoon. While being taken to the police station he used obscene and abusive language. On the police book the charge of drunkenness is supplemented by the charge of offering resistance to the police.

Medical Society. At a regular meeting of the Medical Society last evening, presided over by Dr. Warwick, a very interesting paper on "Emergency Surgery of the Abdomen," was read by Dr. Kelly, which showed careful and valuable preparation. Dr. Kelly discussed his subject at some length. The remainder of the evening was occupied with routine business.

An Army Veteran. James Hunter, a veteran of the English Indian army, who has served through several Indian wars, besides the Boer war, sought the protection of the police station last evening. The unfortunate man, who has always been a steady worker, has suffered severely owing to the change in climate. Curiously enough it was the water that affected him and last evening he was forced to drink several glasses of warm water to relieve the intense pain from which he was suffering. He has secured a position on the construction work now going on at the Falls and will go to work this morning.

SECURE LAND FOR INDUSTRY

Reported that T. McAvity & Sons have Purchased Site on the Marsh Road from Gilbert Estate.

It was reported yesterday that T. McAvity & Sons had completed negotiations for the purchase of about thirty acres of land on the Marsh Road from the Gilbert estate. A portion of the land lies between the Wesleyan cemetery and the apex where the street railway turns down to Kane's Corner, and the balance situated between the railway tracks and the Marsh Road, adjoining the One Mile House.

The McAvity's have been looking for a new site for their industries for some time, and it said all their plants will be assembled on the property purchased from the Gilbert estate. Although little is known, of a definite nature, in regard to the plans of the company it has frequently been stated that their new plant would involve an expenditure of over a million dollars. At present the manufacturing end of the company's business is carried on in a number of scattered plants, and this has meant unnecessary high overhead charges as well as making it difficult to make the extensions which the growing business of the concern might have warranted. George McAvity, who has been last evening said that the company had not made definite plans as yet, and that it was not likely there would be any information to give out until they were ready to call for tenders.

Lumps of comfort for cold weather—Consumers' Coal Company's coal.

LAURIER'S INTEREST IN HIGH LIVING COST, VOTE CAMPAIGN

Hon. T. W. Crothers Gives Facts Concerning Present Attitude of "White Plume"—Sir Wilfrid's Arguments Fall Before Cold Reasoning of Minister of Labor.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier has developed an interest in the cost of living because he thinks he can get votes," said Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, in an interview last evening. That is politics. All the time Sir Wilfrid was in power, except in 1907, the cost of living was increasing. That did not cause him much worry. My predecessor, Mr. Mackenzie King, used to go about the country pointing to the rise in prices as an evidence of prosperity.

"But Sir Wilfrid says the tariff by encouraging combines raises the cost of living," said the reporter. "Well," said the Minister of Labor, "when Sir Wilfrid came into power his government reduced the tariff; at any rate we told it did. What happened? Straightway the cost of living began to increase. 1896 was a low price year. In 1897, the first year the Laurier government was in power, the index number of wholesale prices was 92; it has increased every year, except during the panic of 1907, and at present is well over 130.

A Liberal Fault. "If Sir Wilfrid's statement that the combines are the main factor in the increase in the cost of living is correct, then it might be asked why they did not curb the combines? The combines could not have been very active from the time the Conservatives adopted the national policy till they were turned out in 1896; for during those years prices rapidly increased. So if it is up to the combines, then Sir Wilfrid has something to answer for. What did he do to curb the combines? His government passed one act directed against combines, and held one investigation into the coal mines. And the United Shoe Machinery Company simply changed the form of its lease.

"What is the cause of the high cost of living in your opinion?" "There are quite a number of causes," said Mr. Crothers. "In my view the principal one is that there are today a much smaller percentage of people living on the land than there used to be. The last census shows that while in the preceding ten years the rural population of Canada increased only 17 per cent., the population increased 62 per cent. The three prairie provinces are practically all cities in respect to the production of food products. They raise grains on an extensive scale, but produce little of such food stuffs as pork, beef, ham, bacon, eggs, and fruit.

Need More Farmers. "Then into Canada there pours each year nearly 400,000 immigrants, who are not producers the first year. Then there are in Canada a great number of industries which are still only in their infancy."

BUSY SCENE AT SAND POINT AS CHRISTMAS SHIPS LEAVE

Crowd of 3,038 People Returning to Native Lands for Holiday Season Throng Decks and Warehouses—Tunisian and Lake Manitoba Left Last Evening

The docks at Sand Point presented a busy appearance yesterday afternoon, when four large ocean liners were making ready for sea. The warehouses were thronged with passengers all anxious to get on board their ships. The thousands of passengers were all in a happy frame of mind, as they were returning to their Old Country homes to spend the Christmas holidays with their relatives and friends.

Two passenger steamers sailed last evening also—a Manchester freight steamer and two passenger steamers will leave today.

The Allan liner Tunisian, bound for Liverpool, left last evening with a large general cargo and over 1,200 passengers. Of this number eighteen are first class, two hundred in the second cabin and about one thousand steerage.

The first cabin passengers are Jas. Anderson, Mrs. Case, Mrs. K. C. Cosler, Dr. W. Evans Darby, H. V. Hatfield, W. H. Howard, Miss M. Knowles, Leslie Lilley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDonald, Miss Jessie McDonald, Captain and Mrs. Royle, H. W. Stewart, Miss Suberland, Harry Thrush, Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Aubrey West.

The C.P.R. steamer Lake Manitoba, bound for Liverpool, also got away from Sand Point last night, and her passenger list includes 170 second cabin and 700 third class passengers. The ship also took away a large general cargo.

The Manchester liner Manchester Mariner, sailed last evening for Manchester via Philadelphia, with a large general cargo but no passengers.

The passengers bound for Scotland to spend the Christmas vacation boarded the large Donaldson line ship, Letitia yesterday afternoon and last evening. This ship will sail for Glasgow this morning at nine o'clock. The ship has on board a large general cargo and her passenger list includes 200 cabin and 500 steerage. The Letitia will call at Halifax for a few hours to load apples, and it is expected about 200 passengers from points in Nova Scotia will board the ship at that port.

The Allan line steamer Pomeranian will sail this evening for London and have with a good cargo. Her passenger list will include about 250 persons.

With the sailing of the steamers Manchester Port, for Manchester, and the Rappahannock for London, yesterday morning, the Tunisian and Lake Manitoba for Liverpool, and the Manchester Mariner for Manchester via Philadelphia, last evening, the Letitia and the Pomeranian today, it will mean the sailing from this port of seven trans-Atlantic liners in about 24 hours. Each ship is taking a good cargo and the passengers to leave port yesterday and today number 3,038.

With the sailing of these seven steamships, and the arrival of the steamer Royal George this morning, there will still remain four steamers in port loading or discharging freight.

city commissioners that the Dunn wharf would be too narrow for their purposes, and that other proposed sites on the West Side were unsuitable. Mr. Dick is of the opinion that a way can be found to abolish the dust nuisance which patrons of the ferry complain of. It is understood that the company is ready to pay a good sum to keep the dust away from the ferry floats.

One of the propositions which have been made, with this end in view, is that the approaches to the ferry should be roofed over.

Big Boom Broken. Yesterday afternoon, about five o'clock, an eighty-foot derrick boom, used by the S. Moffat Co. workmen, for placing the frame work to support the new grain conveyors at and about in position, was broken. The weight of the frame work proved too much for the boom. There was a loud crash as the frame work fell to the ground near the foot of the street. The frame work was badly broken, and the workmen were scattered in the way at the time of the accident and no one was injured.

LOCAL LABOR DISPUTE NOW BEING HEARD

Hon. Mr. Crothers Holds Conference with Both Parties.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROGRESSING WELL

Longshoremen and Steamship Company's Representatives Argue Case—Provinces Please Minister

Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, who is in the city had a conference yesterday with Percy Thompson, representing the Allan line, and J. E. Tishe, John T. Joy and Wm. Dempsey, representing the longshoremen in reference to the dispute which has arisen between the Allan line and the longshoremen over the question of the employment of men outside the union. The matter was gone into thoroughly, and the conference will be resumed today.

In the evening Mr. Crothers received a delegation from the Trades and Labor Council composed of J. L. Sugrue, F. Hyatt and others, who discussed with various matters which they want the Dominion Department of Labor to deal with.

Mr. Crothers when seen after the conference said he had had a busy day, and that as the conferences were to be continued he felt it would not be proper to make any statement in regard to the matters brought before him.

Speaking of his trip through the Maritime Provinces Mr. Crothers said he was much pleased at the way he would be treated by the people, he was surprised at the greatness of the industrial enterprises in Cape Breton. In regard to the Maritime Provinces he thought there was great room for development, and that there were big tracts of land which could be cultivated to advantage. One of the most important problems of Canada was getting people to settle on the land.

Mr. Crothers does not think militarism can thrive in a country like Canada, and believes the genius of the people will find a way to avoid industrial wars as well.

The present government, he said, did not believe in hoarding money, and would do what it could to develop the natural resources of the country and equip ports to handle its trade.

PERSONAL

Joseph Apps, general baggage superintendent of the C. P. R., was in the city yesterday on business.

William Stitt, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., was at the Royal Mooney, general agent of the Canadian Northern Railway, is expected to arrive in the city this morning from Halifax.

Roy Kinsman arrived in the city on the Boston train last evening.

RECORD BARGAIN SALE OF WINTER MILLINERY CONTINUES AT MARR'S

Delighted Buyers Express Surprise at Wonderful Values—Goods Speak for Themselves.

Some idea of the extraordinary values being offered by the Marr Millinery Company can be gathered from the fact that, ultra fashionable velour hats, in every wanted color, which usually bring from \$10.00 to \$12.00 each, are being offered today, by this firm, at \$2.00 each. Black beavers, of excellent quality, in all prevailing modes, which sell, as a rule, from \$4.00 to \$5.00 each, are priced at \$2.00 each, and near-velours, in popular shades and colorings, are placed on sale at \$2.50 to \$3.00, are placed on sale at 50 cents each.

Buyers, in many instances, have expressed surprise at the wonderful values, but are reminded of the fact that the hats were purchased under unusual conditions, at a great concession and can be offered, therefore, at a mere fraction of their regular prices.

Two snaps for Christmas presents at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. The celebrated "Moulton" English cape glove for ladies will be on sale there for the next few days at 80 cents. In some places this glove is sold as high as \$1.25. Tan shades and in all sizes. This is a winter weight glove of superior wear quality. A pretty box with each pair.

Another department of those Austria made silk shawls, Society occasion headwear or neck scarfs. They are larger and better than the last lot but the price is only 40 cents. They are worth \$1.00 each. A pretty box with each one if you ask for it.

ELECTED GOVERNORS OF STOCK EXCHANGE. New York, Dec. 10.—William C. Van Antwerp and William A. Greer were elected governors of the New York Stock Exchange today to succeed Bernard M. Boruch and Ira A. Kip, Jr., who recently resigned.

A Bissell Carpet Sweeper. Makes a Useful and Appropriate Xmas Present. Princess, Ball Bearing, Price - \$3.75. Universal, Cyco Bearing, Price - \$2.75. Boudoir, " " - 3.50. Standard, " " - 2.50. Grand Rapids, " " - 3.00. Champion, " " - 2.25. W.H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

Winter Weather Is Now With Us—Are You Prepared? Let us suggest that you get ready for it. We have a big selection of First Quality Rubber Footwear in Overshoes and Rubbers for Men, Women and Children. GET YOUR RUBBERS AND GAITERS NOW. Do your Christmas Shopping early. Our lines for this in Hockey Boots, Fels, etc., are now complete. Slater Shoe Shop - 81 King St.

SKATES--MADE BY BOKER A Guarantee of Quality. Better Skates than Bokers' cannot be bought at the price. THE LEADER... 75 cts. per pair. THE BEAUTY... \$2.00 per pair. THE ROYAL... \$1.25 per pair. THE NOVO... 2.75 per pair. THE HE... 1.50 per pair. THE HOCKEY KING... 3.50 per pair. THE DOMINION... 2.00 per pair. THE MONTREAL HOCKEY... 4.50 per pair. "AUTOMOBILE SKATES"... \$2.50 to \$6.00 per pair. Get a copy of our new "Christmas Booklet"—Every Christmas shopper needs it. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Bargains for This Morning in the Linen Room. These Specials Will Be Offered from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Only. The morning sales are meeting with success, as shoppers are finding that the values are well worth coming early to get, and then you have the rest of the time to look over the gift things in other departments before the afternoon rush begins. For this morning these special items will be offered in the Linen Room. HEMSTITCHED AND HAND EMBROIDERED PURE LINEN COVERS, suitable for bureaus and sideboards, size 18 x 54 inches. Special price each... 95c. HEMSTITCHED AND HAND EMBROIDERED PURE LINEN SHAMS OR SMALL TABLE COVERS, assorted designs, sizes 30 x 30 inches. Special prices, each... 75c, 85c, and \$1.95. HAND EMBROIDERED GUEST TOWELS, hemstitched ends, sizes 15 x 25 inches. Special price, each... 50c.

Furniture Gifts Will Be Popular This Christmas. Here Are Some Suggestions—Hundreds More for Your Inspection at the Market Square Store. Parlor Mirrors—Gilt frame, various sizes at \$2.50, \$3.25, \$11.00, \$12.50 to \$25.00. Music Cabinet—Mahogany finish, polished Price \$8.50. Rattan Rocker—For den, turned oak, or early English finish. \$7.25. Rattan Standard—Life cover, \$3.50. Others from \$3.00 to \$8.00. FURNITURE DEPARTMENT—MARKET SQUARE. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited