

THE WEATHER. Toronto, Jan. 3.—The weather today has been moderately cold in Northern Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northern Ontario, and quite mild in the rest of the Dominion. Light snow has fallen in Northern Ontario and rain in Southern Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

AROUND THE CITY. CALENDARS RECEIVED. The Standard has received very nice calendars from the McLaughlin Motor Co. and the Canadian Drug Co.

AT THE HOSPITAL. New Year's Day was a busy one at the General Public Hospital, in addition to three accident cases brought in by the ambulance, seven other patients were also admitted for treatment.

BODY REACHED MONTREAL. The body of John Walters, of the C. P. O. S. staff at St. John, N. B., who died here last Friday, arrived in Montreal yesterday. The funeral takes place from St. Patrick's church this morning.

ATTACHED TO DRAGOONS. Lieut. Roland G. Johnston, of the N. B. Dragoons, was a passenger Saturday night on the Montreal train for St. John's, Quebec, where he will be attached to the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

FREE SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT. In the programme for the year drawn up by the St. Paul's Young People's Society this evening will be devoted to the entertainment of concert parties from ships in port. It will be a free social entertainment for a number of sailors, and plans for their enjoyment have been made.

MEMORIAL GIFT. St. Paul's Church have been endeavoring to raise sufficient money to pay off a debt on the church and quite recently this objective has been reached. The amount was made up by a memorial gift of five hundred dollars presented to the church which brought the entire contributions up to the required sum.

OLD COUNTRY CLUB. At the G. W. V. A. Hall on Friday evening the Old Country Club held a very enjoyable dance which was attended. Music was furnished by a St. Starr phonograph, and the evening was greatly enjoyed by club members and their friends. The committee in charge consisted of P. S. G. Horn, secretary Olive Dickson, Mr. Carrick and D. Arnold Fox.

SERVICE FOR SAILORS. Last evening's service at the Seaman's Institute was conducted by Walter Brindle. There were 125 men present. Yesterday was a very busy day at the Institute in exchange. Money changed was 2027 lire, 150 francs, 220 and 50 guilders. The attendance at the Institute this month has been 9500, not including concert evenings. This is 35 per cent larger than the same month last year.

DEDICATION OF VAULT. A new concrete vault, twenty by thirty feet, with ceiling ten feet high, was dedicated Friday afternoon at Cedar Hill cemetery. Rev. W. H. Sampson and Rev. Jacob Heaney were present and carried out an informal programme of Scripture reading and prayer. Hon. Dr. W. P. Roberts, minister of health, was also present. A chapel is attached to the building at the front of the vault, which will be capable of holding about fifty bodies.

C. P. R. Checker Was Found Dead

John L. Walters Found in His Duke Street Boarding House—Acute Gastritis the Cause.

John L. Walters was found dead in his room, 243 Duke street, by his boarding mistress, Mrs. Potler, Friday afternoon. Dr. Bishop, who was called in, stated that death was due to acute gastritis and that the man had been dead for several hours. An inquest was not deemed necessary under the circumstances.

Foreign Gunmen On Charlotte St.

Bulgarians Held up Man and Two Women at Point of Revolver—Were Arrested.

The back-wash of the American crime wave struck Charlotte street about eleven o'clock last night, when Wilfred Gormley, his wife and Miss Irene Ross were held up by two Bulgarians at the point of a revolver. The foreigners attempted to assault the two women, and one of them drew a gun. Gormley knocked the gun out of the man's hand and put the foreigner to the pavement, laying him cold with a stiff upper-cut. He then proceeded to inflict the same punishment on the other assailant, who took to his heels.

Thugs Arrested. Police officers were soon on the scene. They gathered the would-be gunman up nose to nose, and took him to police headquarters. Armed with a description supplied by Gormley, they proceeded to Main street and arrested the other thug.

When it was learned Friday night that the supposed assailant of the little girls had been arrested and was at the police station, a mob gathered for the avowed purpose of storming the station, capturing the prisoner and setting out the brand of justice which they thought the nature and seriousness of the assault deserved. The counsel of the wiser heads, those who thought no rash move should be made or at least, until there was no doubt concerning the identity of the real assailant was established, prevailed.

Sudden Death of Police Constable

John Merrick Went Off Duty for Dinner and Dropped Dead in His Home.

Death came very suddenly to John Merrick, the well-known North End policeman, who died at his home, 40 Clarence street, shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Merrick had just come off duty and was about to begin his dinner when he suddenly began to choke, his head dropped down on his breast and death followed in a very few minutes.

Mr. Merrick suffered a stroke several months ago and had been in failing health ever since, so that his death was not altogether unexpected. He had been promised a few months rest with the New Year, but never lived to enjoy it.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, James, of Boston, and one daughter, Mrs. J. Milan, of this city.

The late Mr. Merrick was one of the oldest members on the police force, and was known as a conscientious and diligent officer. He first donned the uniform in 1891 as a patrolman under Chief of Police Clark.

Without Food For Four Days

John Smith Removed from Depot to Hospital Where He Died New Year's Day.

Claiming to be out of work, starving, penniless and without food for over four days, John Smith, aged forty, a native of England, was taken from the Union depot to the General Public Hospital at a little before six o'clock Friday evening and died at one o'clock New Year's morning.

The man was found in the depot by C. N. R. Officer Ross, who on seeing his serious condition, summoned the ambulance and had him conveyed to the hospital. Smith complained of starvation and looked very sick but was able to walk out to the ambulance unaided.

On being admitted to the hospital he told the doctors there that he had come to St. John on the 13th of December, that he had been unable to get work and when his money ran out was forced to seek protection in the police station where he spent Christmas day. He said he had no friends in the city and had had nothing to eat for four or five days. He found a crust of bread on the street and ate it after which he became violently ill.

He further stated that his home was in England but that he had been in Canada for a number of years. Three of which he spent in an asylum in Montreal, and two more in another asylum.

Body Well Nourished. The doctors state that Smith did not have the appearance of a starving man, as his body was well nourished, and that he did not die of starvation, although they have so far been unable to discover just what the cause of his death was. On examination, all the organs were found to be sound, and the partial autopsy performed on the stomach by the provincial pathologist, Dr. Abraham, has brought nothing to light. The final examination to be performed today may, however, determine the cause. So far the doctors have found nothing to indicate poisoning of any description.

Was Frequent Protectionist. Smith was well known at the police station where he had been given shelter as a protectionist for the past few weeks. He was a man of medium build, about five feet, five inches in height and wore a black moustache. The man used to pull his hat down over his eyes when he came into the station. His entrance Christmas was early in the evening.

Whether an inquest will be held or not will depend upon the autopsy.

Suspected Brute Is Under Arrest

George Drew Believed to be Man Who Assaulted Little Northrup Girl.

Geo. Drew, 26 years of age, was taken into custody Friday night on a warrant charging him with rape and doing grievous bodily harm to the little Northrup girl upon whom a forcible act was committed in a car on a C. N. R. siding last Wednesday afternoon.

The two little girls, aged six and eight years, respectively, are now in the hospital receiving surgical treatment because of the brutal act committed. The younger girl is unharmed, but the older who was badly injured is out of danger.

Damaging Evidence. Witnesses have been found who positively identify Drew as being the man seen to take the little girls into the car on the day of the crime.

Mob Gathered. When it was learned Friday night that the supposed assailant of the little girls had been arrested and was at the police station, a mob gathered for the avowed purpose of storming the station, capturing the prisoner and setting out the brand of justice which they thought the nature and seriousness of the assault deserved.

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Has Criminal Record. There is a feeling among the officials that the man who attacked the little girls is the same one who committed sodomy on the little boy at Rockwood Park a few weeks ago.

Drew has a criminal record and has served time in Dorchester penitentiary, having been connected with the famous wool stealing case a few years ago.

Arrested on Brussels Street. Detectives and police constables were all on the look out for Drew all day Friday and at night, and it fell to the fortune of Police Constable John A. McElhinney, a veteran of the Fight 25th to lead the prisoner on Brussels street, and with the assistance of Detective Saunders locked the man up in a cell at police headquarters.

Narrow Escape From Drowning

Fred Creary Rescued from Death by Plucky Work of William McAuley.

Fred Creary of 121 Sheriff street narrowly escaped perishing in the icy waters of the harbor when he fell over the railway trestle between Long Wharf and Acadia street shortly after two o'clock Saturday morning. He owes his life to William McAuley and Mrs. George Wallace, two residents of Acadia street who both heard his cries for help.

Mr. McAuley immediately responded and without hat or coat McAuley rushed to the scene in the meantime and while one looked for a boat the other rang in the alarm from box 142. The fire department quickly responded and a rescue team in the salvage truck and a 25 foot ladder of the ladder truck.

Creary was in a semi-conscious condition when brought ashore and murmuring to himself. He was rushed to the hospital in the salvage truck and is reported to be on the high road to recovery, although suffering from bruises sustained in his fall and the shock of exposure.

Hand Frozen. Mr. McAuley had one hand frozen and suffered a severe cold from his voluntary cold plunge which saved Creary's life. When asked about the rescue last evening Mr. McAuley said he first heard Creary calling "George," and without hat or coat McAuley rushed to the scene. Seeing a shadow in the water he thought it was a man's head and waded out in the water but could not locate the man. He then called out and asked the man where he was, Creary said: "Over here," and, guided by the sound, Mr. McAuley soon reached the unfortunate and managed to hold him on a sort of fence. It appeared to be about half an hour before the firemen were summoned and the rescue of the two men made. Creary is a returned soldier and it is thought he tripped while walking on the railway trestle and fell in the water. He received a cut on the back of the head and would have undoubtedly lost his life had it not been for the timely arrival of Mr. McAuley.

Michael Howard, a C. N. R. engineer, and others assisted in the final rescue of the men.

Daring Hold-up In The King Cafe

Chinese Faced Morning-Early Yesterday Moving—Robbers Escape With \$70.

Hold-up men, the kind that has been terrorizing other cities in Canada and the United States made their appearance in St. John early Sunday morning.

Two young men entered the King Cafe on Prince William street about 1:30 o'clock and ordered a lunch. At the time of their visit there were three men occupying one of the stalls, but there were no others in the dining-room.

When the two had finished eating, they left the table and approached the desk, where they learned their bill was \$1.35. The younger of the two put his hand in his pocket and produced the thirty cents, saying his friend, who had slipped outside the door and took a look up and down the street, would pay the balance.

The man, who had looked out to see if anyone was approaching, returned and asked how much he owed. On being informed it was one dollar, he put his hand in his coat pocket and, pulling an automatic revolver, ordered the Chinaman in charge up to the cigar case, and grabbed the bills of \$5 and \$10 denomination from the cash register, which was open.

Gave the Alarm. When the young clerk in charge saw the revolver, he let out a cry of "Robber," which called the Chinese help from the kitchen. This frightened off the hold-up men, who made a hasty getaway before they had secured all the money in the register.

The police were notified and given a description of the men, but have not been able to locate them. It is said that the robbers got away with about seventy dollars, and in their hurry overlooked about forty dollars that was left in the register.

Hundreds of Men Will Be Employed

Atlantic Sugar Refinery Re-sumes Today—New Working Conditions for Men.

The Atlantic Sugar Refinery in this city will resume operation today after having been closed nearly three months. Mechanics have been employed the last two weeks getting things in readiness for the resumption of work and all is in first class order.

New Working Conditions. It is said the employees returning to work do so under new working conditions. Before the refinery shut down the men were working on three shifts at 47 cents an hour. It is understood they resume work today working two shifts of twelve hours each at 35 cents an hour.

Many Men Employed. It is expected that the reopening of the works will absorb about 400 of the city's unemployed. When the plant closed down many of the unemployed men left the city to seek employment elsewhere, and the great proportion of them are not to return to take up their former duties.

REPORTED ESCAPE. It was reported last evening that twenty-five undesirables had escaped from the immigration building in West St. John where they were being held, awaiting transportation to Europe.

The M. R. A. Ltd. Clothing Clearance

There is only one way to economize. Denying yourself new clothes and saving the price of them is not economy. True economy is in buying what you need and getting a value that means a real saving. You'll get that in the M. R. A. Clothing Clearance Sale; clothes of lasting quality; clothes that are well made and of fine materials, and at prices that will far surpass your expectations.

The quality of the clothing offered you in this sale is of the highest standard—the product of manufacturers who make high grade clothing. There isn't a doubt but that you will be able to find in the assortments a Suit or Top Coat in a style and fabric that you'll like for less money than you have been paying for years.

Buy what you need now, and be assured a wholesome saving.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF BISCUITS. The old established firm of T. Rankin & Sons, Limited, have reduced the price of their Biscuits from One to Two and a Half cents per pound, prices effective January 1st, 1921. New price lists will be issued to the trade as soon as possible.

The election of officers and the annual meeting of the St. John Branch of the G. W. V. A. will take place in their rooms on Monday, the 3rd of January, at 8 p. m. An opportunity will be given for the payment of dues. All members requested to attend.

F. A. Dykeman's Big Sale Starts Wednesday Morning

A Big Ad. Will Appear in This Paper Tomorrow Giving Full Particulars.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c. VICTORIA RINK. Skating in afternoon. Skating and band tonight.

Protect Your Horse From Broken Limbs. Many a good horse has been rendered useless and had to be destroyed as a result of broken limbs due to dull, or smooth shoes. This meant dead loss in hard cash to the owner who, often could ill afford it. Has it been YOUR experience? Don't take chances. Use "NEVERSLIP" Horseshoes and Calks. "Never Slip" Shoes have Red Heels. "Never Slip" Calks are Red Tipped. Otherwise they are not "Never Slip". Let us supply YOU with "NEVERSLIP" HORSESHOES AND CALKS. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Store Hours:—8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open Saturdays till 10 p.m.

SLEDS--SLEDS. Every boy—and girl too—must have a sled. A snow shovel is another necessary winter toy. Let them have them and keep them out in the open—they'll be healthier and happier too. Flexible Flyers—the steering sleds, \$2.50 to \$4.15. Boys' Clipper Sleds 60c. to \$4.00. Girls' \$1.10 to \$6.00. Snow Shovel—Wood and Steel, 25c., 30c. and 35c. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Our Mid-Winter Clothing Clearance Offers Extreme Value-Giving. Economy on clothes is a big point and here is economy for you; economy in quality and economy in price. The way to save money on clothes is to buy when you can buy best, and to buy clothes that possess a degree of quality which satisfactorily meets every type of service. This Mid-Winter Clothing Clearance offers you just that opportunity. Sale ends on January fifth. Make up your mind to save money and—buy now. Important News About Overcoats—It's Good News. For men of all builds and all ages you can find here fine Ulsters, Ulsterettes, Chesterfields, Form-Fitting and other Top Coats, made in a splendid choice of heavy ulsterings and in the season's best colors and patterns. Everything to choose from and at prices sensationally low. A saving of from \$8.00 to \$14.85 on every Overcoat in our stocks. Regular prices \$34 to \$64. Now \$25.95 to \$48. Suit Values That Make You Enthusiastic. You'll be surprised to see what a fine Suit you can buy here now at a very low price. A good deal better and finer than you imagine. These Suits are the product of leading manufacturers. There are styles for men and young men; all sizes; and in a choice of best fabrics and patterns. Some of the lowest prices you have seen in years. Regular values \$37.50 to \$67.50. Now \$29.95 to \$53.95. Excess Value in Boys' Suits and Overcoats. Here you get real value in Boys' Clothing—value based on a new year of new price levels, plus a wearing quality that successfully wins out over time and service. The clothes are so good and the prices so low, you ought to buy all the boy needs during this big selling event. Warm Overcoats fashioned from heavy overcoatings, and in newest styles and patterns. Regular prices \$16.50 to \$32.50. Now \$12.40 to \$24.40. Junior Boys' sizes. Regular prices \$10.00 to \$22.00. Now \$8.25 to \$16.50. Boys' Suits. Regular prices \$15.00 to \$23.50. Now \$12.40 to \$18.80. Junior Boys' sizes. Regular prices \$9.50 to \$14.50. Now \$7.95 to \$11.60. Men's Sheep Lined Coats, Men's and Boys' Mackinaws, Men's Separate Trousers, and Boys' Knickerbockers—All marked at extremely low prices until January fifth. (Sale in Men's and Boys' Clothing Shop, 2nd Floor).

You're Invited of Course—TO—Your January Fur Opportunity Sale Which Begins January 3rd. Here's an illustration of what it offers. Page 3 tells you ever so much more. D. Magee's Sons, Limited, Saint John, N.B.