

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong northerly and northwesterly winds, clearing and cold. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26.—The disturbance which was approaching the Lake region on Friday night has since moved to the Atlantic coast and thence northeasterly, causing a gale with snow in the Maritime Provinces. From three to five inches of snow fell during Saturday in the lower Lake region and somewhat less elsewhere in Ontario. Fine moderately cold weather has prevailed in the Western Provinces.

Minimum and Maximum temps:— Winnipeg 6 4 Port Arthur 2 10 Toronto 16 25 Ottawa 14 24 Montreal 18 24 Quebec 18 24 Halifax 18 32

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Forecast for New England: Clearing in south, local snows in north portion Monday with brisk to high northwest winds, slightly colder; Tuesday, generally fair.

AROUND THE CITY

S. S. Bertha Delayed by Accident. The steamer Bertha has been detained in port for the past week on account of a breakage in her main steam pipe. The pipe was repaired by workmen from Fleming Foundry, but owing to some mistake in not opening a valve, when steam was turned into the pipe, the repairs were blown out and destroyed. The accident will cause a further delay before the steamer can leave port.

Baseball on Christmas Day. The record for late baseball in St. John was broken on Christmas Day, when two teams captained by Mr. Frank Whorton and Mr. J. Armstrong played a five inning game on the Shamrock grounds. The match resulted in a victory for the former team by a score of 8 to 5. The game provided a great deal of amusement and a large crowd of fans were attracted to the grounds by the novelty of the scheme.

Liquor License Applications. Tomorrow is the last day in which applications may be made for licenses to conduct a liquor business in the city. To date forty-five applications have been received, thirty-eight for retail, five wholesale and two hotels. One brewer has also applied. An application has been received from William Savage, who desires to move his saloon from Lorne to Lansdowne ward, but it has not been decided as yet if the application will be granted.

Reunion After Eighteen Years. After a separation of eighteen years the six sons of the late John H. Northrup observed Christmas together in the city with their mother, who resides on Elm street, and other members of the family. Besides Messrs. Allan, Murray and Alexander of this city, the other sons present were Mr. Joseph of Chicago, Mr. Harold of New York and Mr. Hedley of Jemseg. The three visitors propose to remain in the city until the New Year.

Ferry Traffic Heavy on Xmas Eve. The attractions in the King street stores and on the east side generally must have appealed strongly to the residents in Carleton if the ferry returns for Christmas Eve are any indication. In the morning 1444 people passed through the West Side turnstile and in the afternoon and evening 4501 made the trip across, a grand total for the day of 5945. Christmas Day was a decided contrast. In the forenoon the figures fell to 357 passengers and during the remainder of the day 1862 tickets were deposited, giving a total of 2219 from west to east.

Lecture on Old Age Annuities. What is the Canadian system of old age annuities? Of what benefit is it to the workman—or to any citizen? What steps are necessary in order to take advantage of it? These and other questions will be fully answered at the Every Day Club, Union street, this evening, by Mr. N. W. Brown, Government actuary, who has been going through the province on this mission for months past. Mr. Brown is an interesting speaker and all who hear him will gain a clear knowledge of the old age annuities system. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock. There will be music. All will be welcomed and ladies are especially invited.

Condemned Whist and Dancing. Rev. M. L. Gregg, B.A., of Laconia, N. H., was the preacher at both services in German Street Baptist church yesterday. His morning sermon was appropriate to the day. In the evening the speaker took for his text—"Whatsoever a man soweth, so shall he reap." He pointed out the evil influence upon the young mind resulting from reading bad books, and from the bad example set by parents and declared that parents were responsible for the sins of their children. He condemned whist parties and dancing among women and also scored the drinking and tobacco habit of men. In referring to credits and declines the speaker said that much was being said about the new religion, but that what men needed most was not the religion of ex-president Elliot or of Mrs. Eddy, but honest, upright faith, that would help them to seek a refuge in heaven.

Civic Business. The boards and committees of the common council will meet this week in monthly sessions and the customary postponement until the first week in the new year will not take place, owing to the necessity of passing the estimates before January 15. A special meeting of the water and sewerage board will be held at 3 p. m. today to meet Mr. F. A. Barbour, consulting engineer on the water and sewerage board to effect a settlement of his account against the city. The safety board will meet in the evening. On Tuesday evening the board of works will meet at 8 o'clock and the harbor board at 9. The water and sewerage board will hold its monthly session on Wednesday at 5 p. m. and the treasury board is slated for Thursday at 3 p. m. The monthly meeting of the council will take place on Monday, January 3. A special meeting may be called later to take up the estimates.

CHRISTMAS SEASON WAS BUSY IN POLICE CIRCLES

Fourteen Taken Into Custody—Edward Moore, Charged With Assault, Finds Ally In Brother And Both Are Arrested—William Sheeley is Gathered In After Stiff Fight—Mrs. Mary McLaughlin Again Victimized—Sailors In Trouble.

Friday and Saturday were busy days in police circles, and numerous arrests were made. On Christmas Eve there were eleven taken into custody mostly for drunkenness, as compared with fourteen for last year, and 38 for 1907. On Christmas day this year there was but three arrests as compared with the last year. The most important arrest was that of Edward Moore, who was taken to the Central lockup by Sergt. Campbell and Policeman Robert McCollum, about nine o'clock Friday night, having been charged by Abraham Lahood with assault and beating him in his shop, 232 Brunswick street. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Lahood laid his complaint with Officer McCollum saying that Moore had attacked him without cause or provocation, and had used him roughly, also breaking a pane of glass in his store.

Brother Attempts Rescue. About four or five hours later, Officer McCollum arrested Moore on Brussels street. As the officer was escorting his man to the lockup, he was accosted by Percy Moore, a brother of the prisoner, who wanted to know why his brother should be arrested. Percy, who has somewhat of a reputation as a fighter, seemed very indignant and attempted to effect his brother's release. Things began to take on a serious aspect when Sergt. Campbell appeared upon the scene and Percy was also placed under arrest. Both men were taken to the station. Upon depositing \$120 they were allowed their liberty.

William Sheeley, who acquired notoriety in police circles on Nov. 8th last, by putting up a stiff fight with I. C. R. Policeman Collins, which resulted in the officer being severely injured, got into trouble again on Saturday night. About 9 o'clock Sergeants Baxter and Caples were called into the Seaman's Mission rooms, Prince Wm. street, to eject Sheeley, who was under the influence of liquor and was creating a disturbance. On being ordered to leave the building Sheeley, who is a giant in stature, became abusive to the officers, remarking to Sergt. Baxter, "If I had you on the wheel I would pile you

in a heap." He was then placed under arrest and taken to Water street lockup. After Sergt. Baxter had left the cell Sheeley made a vicious attack upon Sergt. Caples, setting him by the shoulders and attempting to butt him with his head. The sergeant was on the alert, however, and succeeded in quieting his assailant. Mrs. McLaughlin, who keeps a restaurant on the corner of Water street and Market Square, evidently experienced considerable trouble with "blockers" and others who occasionally drop into her place for a meal. Not long ago two men were there in charge by Mrs. McLaughlin for refusing to pay for their meals and using abusive language to her. On Saturday Mrs. McLaughlin complained to Sergt. Campbell that William McDonald had entered her restaurant and without cause or provocation started in to use abusive language to her, and that when she ordered him to leave the room he had slapped her across the face. McDonald was later arrested on Water street and placed in the lockup. He is thought to belong to the North End. When arrested he was under the influence of liquor but put up a stubborn fight with the officers. Two sailors from the Str. Shenandoah were arrested on Water St. last evening and this morning will appear in another court to the charge of drunkenness and possibly fighting. Officer McCollum's attention was attracted to the men by their shouting and singing. He started to investigate and found four men engaged in wrestling and pushing one another down into the snow.

Whether the men were really fighting or not the officer could not determine but he did not deem it prudent to allow them to go on the wharves in their condition so he took two of them into Water street lockup. When he came out the other two had gone. For the first time since transferred to the North End police force last September, Officer Watson was called upon to make an arrest, in fact two arrests. The break occurred on Christmas night when Thomas Donovan and Joseph Dixon, who had not been wisely but too well, had to be locked up.

A communication was received at police headquarters here on Friday from the chief of police of Manchester, England, asking that a watch be kept for a young man named Francis John Bevington, who had recently robbed the Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank of £1,100 in gold on Dec. 8th, and who is believed by the police authorities of Manchester to have taken passage to St. John. The local police are keeping a sharp lookout and the list of passengers on the last two steamers to arrive in port have been carefully examined, but no one had registered by the name of Bevington. Neither did any of the passengers answer to the description of the youthful robber. Bevington is but 18 years of age, and is about 5 feet, 6 inches in height. He was employed as a clerk in the bank and was heard to have expressed a desire on several occasions to come to Canada. As no trace can be found of him in Manchester it is believed that he has carried out his design. It is thought that if Bevington has not already passed through here he may possibly be on board some of the ships that are at present bound to St. John. A reward of \$50 has been offered by the bank for information that would lead to his arrest. Bevington will be caught here extradition papers will be applied for.

PERSONAL Mr. Frank O'Hara, a former St. John boy, who for the past two years has been residing in North Sydney, has returned to St. John. Mr. O'Hara's wife and family accompany him. In the absence of Acting Sergt. Finlay of the police force, who is suffering from La Grippe, the post of acting sergt. is being filled by Officer S. D. Hamma.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS. Notice Of Appeal In Currie Case. Mr. Charles S. Hanington, acting for Mrs. L. A. Curry, plaintiff and respondent in the Curry separation suits, on Friday morning filed with his honor, Judge McKeown, a notice of appeal from the recent decision of the court.

Habeas Corpus Case. The habeas corpus case of Ethel May Barton vs. the Mother Superior of the House of the Good Shepherd, was taken up before Mr. Justice McKeown. Mr. L. A. Curry, K.C., who was acting for the mother of the girl in seeking to have her taken from the institution, sent word to the court that he would abandon the application and the case, therefore, was dismissed by his honor. The girl was present in court, having been brought from the home in charge of Detective Killen. J. King Kelley, solicitor for the S. P. C. A., appeared in the interests of that body, the child having been sent to the home at the instance of Rev. B. Colquhoun, agent of the society in Wood-

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