

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 22.—An important disturbance has developed over Nova Scotia today. Pressure is now highest over the Great Lakes and comparatively low over the western portion of the continent. Temperatures are moderating in the West, while the weather has become decidedly colder in Ontario and Quebec.

St. John	22	25
Prince Rupert	24	28
Vancouver	26	30
Calgary	28	32
Edmonton	30	34
Winnipeg	32	36
Regina	34	38
Saskatoon	36	40
Brandon	38	42
Manitoba	40	44
Ontario	42	46
Quebec	44	48
Halifax	46	50

*—Below zero

Forecast.—Northwest gales; a few scattered snow flurries at first but mostly fair and turning decidedly colder; no temperature in many localities tonight.

Northern New England.—Fair and colder Thursday; Friday increasing cloudiness with rising temperature; Northwest and north gales diminishing Thursday.

AROUND THE CITY

PRETTY CALENDAR
The Standard has received a very pretty calendar from The Standard Photo Engraving Co., Ltd., Montreal.

WATER MAIN REPAIRED
A crew from the water department was called to Waterloo street yesterday to repair the cover of one of the service valves which had become dislodged. No effects in the water supply was experienced.

HANDSOME TROPHIES.
A window that is attracting considerable attention is Lockhart & Ritchie's on Prince William street, where a number of beautiful trophies won by the Thistle Curling Club are on display.

SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL
Mrs. David Cummings, Delhi street, has received a bronze memorial plaque from His Majesty King George V. in recognition of her son, William David Cummings, who was killed while in France with the First Divisional Ammunition Column.

WEST SIDE FIRE
The men of No. 6 fire station, West St. John, were called out about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, responding to a still alarm for a fire in a house in King street, owned by T. S. Woodland and occupied by George Tod. Bed clothes were destroyed and a bed some what damaged.

THE POST OFFICE
Monday, December 26th, and January 2nd will be observed as public holidays, by the Post Office as follows:

The Letter Carriers will make one delivery in the forenoon.

The Money Order Branches will be closed; The General Delivery, Registration and Stamp windows will be open from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Street Letter Boxes, and Parcel Receipts will be collected by team as usual.

Mails will be despatched at the regular hours.

PERSONALS

Arthur E. Harrington arrived in the city last evening from St. Thomas, Ontario, to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Harrington, Douglas Ave.

D. C. McInnes, Jr., Vancouver, B. C., who is attending Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ont., is spending the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, 774 Portland street.

Miss Joan McGill, and Miss Elizabeth, at Miss Edgar's school, Montreal, daughters of Premier and Mrs. Foster, returned home yesterday for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Dorcas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. McArthur, student at Trinity College School, and Ronald, son of A. A. Jones, McGill, arrived home yesterday on the Montreal express.

Montreal Star: Mrs. Donville, Rochester, N. B., is to spend Christmas with her son, James Donville, in Montreal.

Miss Melba Scully returned home Tuesday after having spent several weeks in Montreal, the guest of her brother, Dr. Frank Scully, who is practicing his profession in the metropolis.

Gordon Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson, Queen Square, a student of Dalhousie University, arrived home yesterday for the holidays.

Montreal Gazette: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Thibault will leave Ottawa this week for St. John to spend the Christmas season with Mr. Douglas and Lady Mason.

Woodstock Press: Mr. John Ross Jones, formerly pastor of the Richmond Episcopal parish, who went home to England on a visit last fall is returning tomorrow with his family, and will have charge of the Sunday service.

Premier Foster left Tuesday night for Ottawa.

Mrs. J. Willard McNeil and son at Upper Gaspoint are the guests of Mrs. A. J. McNeil of this city.

OUTLOOK FOR CHEAP POWER IN ST. JOHN NOT VERY BRIGHT

Experts Tell Citizens Why Musquash Development Not Likely to Reduce Rates—Government Must Absorb Portion of Capital Charge if the Price to the Consumer is to Get Any Material Benefit.

"I have knowledge of only one more expensive hydro development and I had a hand in closing that down"—R. A. Ross.

"You have not got a cheap power you have a mighty dear power"—W. G. Chace.

These two statements, made yesterday at the meeting held in the mayor's office to discuss the matter of hydro, as the Musquash development affects this city and suburbs, should give the citizens something to think about, as should the further statement of Mr. Chace that he would advise the taxpayers of the city at the present stage of the game, to stand under, R. N. Sanderson, of the Federal Light and Traction Co. of New York, in a few words, made it perfectly plain why the cost of power developed at Musquash was so high.

Councillor O'Brien advanced the suggestion that the city endorse the application of the Parish of Lancaster for the 6,000 H. P. at present offered to the city, and finance the parish in handling it until such time as customers for the whole amount had been secured, but this proposition did not meet with much support from the City Commissioners.

The matter will be further discussed with the Provincial Government in an effort to have them reduce certain items in the cost, and, later, another public meeting will be held at which the proposed bargain will be fully discussed.

His Worship Mayor Schofield presided and those present were: W. F. Burdett, R. H. Armstrong, Henry of Trade, G. Winter Brown, Canadian Manufacturers' Association; L. R. Ross, New Brunswick Power Co.; R. N. Sanderson, Federal Light and Traction Co.; New York; W. G. Chace, president of the Canada Lock Joint Pipe Co.; Councillors O'Brien, Campbell and Golding of Lancaster; J. King Kelly, County Secretary; Roy Willet, Hardware Clerk; P. H. Butler, the Clerk; Hon. E. A. Smith, New Brunswick Power Commission; R. M. Riva, St. John Standard; P. A. Campbell, Dr. D. Parris, G. Maxwell, G. H. McIntyre, Trades and Labor Council; Commissioners Jones, Thornton, Bullock and Frink; G. G. Hare, city engineer; H. N. Hatfield, road engineer; Harry Wilson, city electrician.

Mayor Schofield.
Mayor Schofield in calling the meeting to order said they all knew for what purpose it was being held. At first it had been hoped to have Premier Foster present and to present a definite proposition for the taking over of the power from Musquash. It had been found impossible for the premier to attend at the meeting and he would have to be seen later. It had also been found impossible to obtain certain information, which Mr. Ross needed, in time to make up a statement for this meeting. The latest proposition from the Power Commission was that the city take 10,000,000 k. w. at a cost of 1.5 cents per k. w. at the switchboard in Lancaster, this price being based on a cost of \$2,500,000 for the development.

He felt that some real progress had been made in arriving at the place where they could talk business and hoped in a few days to have something tangible to lay before the citizens. He was anxious that the people take the benefit of the Musquash development in cheaper light and power but at present he could not see where they would benefit unless a market was found for both the amount of current generated at Musquash and by the Power Co. in its plant in the city.

The City's Expert.
He had arranged for Mr. R. A. Ross a man of wide experience in this work, to come here and advise the city as to the technical points and would ask him to address the meeting.

Mr. Ross said he felt something had been accomplished in that the city, the power commission and the Power Co. had got together and talked things over, and he felt the whole matter was to whether the three parties could not get together and pool their interests and should be carefully considered.

The Government was offering the power at a charge not to exceed 1.5 cents per k. w. and if certain charges were eliminated and they might well be, this could be further reduced and the city would be in position to go to the New Brunswick Power Co. and say we have now 10,000,000 k. w. and later will have 21,000,000, which we can deliver to you at a certain price, now what can you do with it?

THE TURKEY-TROT.
The turkey-trot is coming into vogue again, and a local music store on King square has seen fit to introduce the machine popular dance, and last night a fair sized crowd were attracted to the firm's shop window to size up the old dance steps. The firm has placed a large turkey gobble in a large sign in the store window, and are giving tickets for it with every purchase made in their store. The customer who gets the lucky ticket gets the turkey Christmas eve. In the meantime an exhibition of the turkey-trot will be given daily.

Clifton House, all meals 60c.

Malissa Schoer—Mrs. Ketchum, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tobin, has returned to her home in Fredericton. During her stay here Mrs. Ketchum was guest of honor at an enjoyable little tea and bridge.

Miss Zella Paries, a student at McTavish Ladies' College, returned to the city last evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Paries, 139 Main street.

Horace R. Watson, of Colberg, returned home Tuesday night on the St. J. Express from Whiteville, where he has been attending Acadia University.

Dennis Kenealy Died Suddenly
When Neighbor Hastened to Mrs. Yarde's House to Render First Aid He Found Man Was Dead.

Thinking Dennis Kenealy, one of her neighbors, had fallen in a fit, Mrs. Yarde of 75 Moore street called on Mr. K. Kenealy, a neighbor to render first aid. Mr. Kenealy proceeded to do so, but immediately saw that the man was beyond all earthly aid, and instead of being in a fit, was dead.

Dr. Stephenson was called to examine the man, and pronounced death due to heart disease with which the man had been suffering for some time. It was reported that when Mrs. Yarde's notice was first attracted to Mr. Kenealy's state he was attacked by a sharp fit of coughing in her home Tuesday morning, following which he fell on a couch, as she thought to be ill, and was answered by his wife, who was then in the room.

Mr. Kenealy was a man of about sixty-two years of age, and was a former resident of Quebec City, some six weeks ago he sold his farm

to his brother-in-law there and came to the city to spend the winter. He became a boarder with Mrs. Yarde and had been visiting and visiting quite often. It is said that he was a constant and faithful visitor to the city and was expected to arrive today to take care of the winter. He has also some relatives in the city.

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Inquest Held Last Evening

Accidental Death Returned by Jury Who Enquired into Death of Ernest Black, Killed by Train Monday.

A verdict of accidental death was returned last evening by the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Ernest Black, foreman of a G. P. R. switching crew, who was killed near the Bay Shore round-house Monday night. The inquest was held at No. 1 fire station, West St. John with the coroner, Dr. P. L. Kennedy presiding. The evidence of six witnesses was taken after which the jury retired and after half an hour's deliberation brought in their verdict.

Fred J. Duffy.
The first witness called was Fred J. Duffy, G. P. R. foreman, who was on duty with Black at the time of the accident. He testified that the accident occurred about 12:30 o'clock and at the time he was about 10 feet away from where it happened and on the same side of the train as Black. It was Black's duty to uncouple two cars at the end of the train and the witness was to wait for another side with them to a certain point. As he did not see the cars coming nor see Black's light, he suggested something and ran back only to find the unfortunate man lying face-downward under the wheels. The witness said that the hose coupling was not disconnected as it should have been and that, in his opinion, the coupling-pin was defective.

Robert D. Hickey.
Robert D. Hickey, engineer of the train, said that they were pushing down what was called the old south lead, travelling about 3 or 4 miles an hour. He said that took the pin signal and cut-off from Howard Johnston who was working as the third car from the engine.

Howard E. Johnston.
The next witness was Howard E. Johnston, G. P. R. yardman, who was acting as head-end brakeman on the train at the time of the accident. He said that he took his signals from Black who was on the rear-end. The witness said that he was about 10 car lengths from Black and saw his light. He did not see him go to the second car. He said that the deceased was always a very careful man and never took any risks. The witness saw the coupling-pin after the accident and admitted it was somewhat defective.

Arthur M. Betts.
Arthur M. Betts, car inspector, testified that Black could not have seen the cars by the usual method from the side of the train that he was on.

Wm. J. Merryweather.
Wm. J. Merryweather, yardmaster, when asked what he thought was the cause of the man's death, said he thought that Black, having lost his rubber, which was found lying under the train a few inches from the man's hand, tried to procure the rubber before the train started and failed to do so. The witness said that he inspected the coupling after the fatality and found it to be defective. He said that Black was a bright and careful man and he didn't think he would attempt to push up the coupling-pin with his hand.

David M. Ryan.
David M. Ryan, assistant superintendent of the G. P. R., said that he had made an investigation into the accident. He said that he thought the probable cause of the accident to be Black's attempt to get a rubber which he had lost while crossing the tracks during the previous movement of the train. From the fact that the rubber was found between the rails a few inches from the man's right hand, the witness thought that Black had given the signal to Black and then attempted to reach the rubber but failed to get it to the ground. "They had no time of dragging or slipping near the tracks. The witness said that the company forbade the uncoupling of cars by hand and as Black was a careful and efficient man, he would not attempt to do such a thing.

James W. Jennings.
James W. Jennings, car inspector, was the last witness called. He testified that he had made a cursory inspection of the train when it had come in but had not noted the coupling. He found nothing out of order but had heard later that one of the pins was defective.

This concluded the evidence and the coroner thereupon instructed the jury to retire.

W. F. Butler, claims agent of the G. P. R. and J. Lewis, sections appointed in the interests of the company.

The jury was composed of J. Fifth Britain, foreman, Fred Hargreaves, Charles Nelson, William Armstrong, Thomas (Gaston), Edmund Howard and Richard Lee.

The jury returned their verdict to the coroner's office of West St. John.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.
Notwithstanding the atrocious weather prevailing overhead and the disagreeable swirling underfoot, large crowds of Christmas shoppers were out last night and King, Charlotte and Union streets were thronged with hordes of Christmas parades.

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