

7 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Northerly gales, very cold with snow. Toronto, Dec. 15.—A pronounced cold wave from the north has swept over Ontario and Quebec during today and temperatures fell rapidly. Light snow falls have occurred from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces and rain has fallen on the Southern British Columbia coast, while in the western provinces the weather has been fair. A chinook in Alberta has caused high temperatures in southern districts. Washington, Dec. 15.—Forecast for New England: Fair Friday, colder, with a cold wave in east and south portions; Saturday fair, with slowly rising temperature; high northwest winds, diminish.

AROUND THE CITY

Business Change. Yesterday Frank Skinner purchased the business which has been carried on under the firm name of F. S. Skinner & Co., and will carry on under his own name in the future.

Scarlet Chapter. Chapter will meet this evening in the Orange Hall, Germain street, for the exaltation of several candidates. The new paraphernalia which did not arrive in time for the first time tonight.

St. Andrew's Elders. In St. Andrew's church this evening a meeting will be held for the nomination of elders and for a preparatory service. The elders will not be elected until Monday so that the result of the ballot in the names selected tonight will not be known before Tuesday next.

Study Browning. The Women's University Club met last evening at the residence of Miss A. Whittaker, Pitt street and continued their study of Browning. Three papers were read as follows: The Philosophy of Browning, by Miss Goodwin; Browning's Optimism, written by Dr. Parks and read in her absence by Miss Whittaker, and Browning's Religious Teachings, by Mrs. A. A. Graham.

Boy Scout Plans. At the meeting of the executive of the Boy Scout movement held in White's Restaurant last night, thirteen members were present. Matters regarding a field day to be held on New Year's Day were discussed, and a committee was appointed to arrange the games, and other details. It was also decided that a tournament be held in the spring, when there will be given an exhibit of all boy scout work.

Fate of Western Extension. The ferry steamer Western Extension was taken over to Hilyard's blocks yesterday where she will be thoroughly inspected with a view to preparing an estimate of the sum required to put her in repair. The inspection is being made by F. S. Heans and Richard Retallick and will take some time. It is stated that the boiler may have to be discarded, but this will not be definitely known until the examiners make their report.

No Reply From Minister. The mayor wrote to the Minister of Public Works some time ago, pointing out that the city authorities did not consider it advisable to take up the question of the transfer of its foreshore rights in Courtenay Bay to the Government without some assurance that the Government would undertake the maintenance of the trunk sewers running into Courtenay Bay. The minister has not replied to this communication, probably because of the pressure of other business.

Contract Completed. John Kennedy, a railway contractor, who has just completed a contract for the construction of 82 miles of the new Transcontinental to the north of Grand Falls, passed through the city yesterday on his way home to Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Mr. Kennedy has another contract for about 60 miles of the new transcontinental, and will resume work on it in the spring.

Fish, Forest and Game. At a meeting of the executive committee of the New Brunswick Fish, Forest and Game Protective Association, held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening, plans for better protection were discussed and these will be announced at an early date. Better financial support was talked of and the association has received excellent encouragement. It is expected that early next year there will be a joint meeting with the Guides' association in this city.

Samuel Richey Home. Samuel Richey, who represents the firm of A. and I. Isaacs, arrived in the city on the Boston Express last night, after an extended trip, going as far as Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Richey has been on the road since early in September, and has visited nearly every place of interest from the coast to coast. He met a large number of men from St. John and other sections of the province throughout the West, and states that they are all doing well.

Paying Specified Wage. In reference to the complaint of the delegates of the Carpenters' Union, to the Trades and Labor Council that Scully and Adams were not carrying out the Dominion Government's fair wage schedule in connection with the construction of the shed on No. 7 last evening said his firm was paying the wages specified in the contract, and in some cases more than the specified wages. The contract, he said, called for the payment of \$2.50 per day to carpenters, while in some cases they were paying \$2.75. Mr. Adams said he expected to finish the work of building the warehouse by the last of January.

The Globe Laundry. Messrs. Vall Bros., of the Globe Laundry are now occupying their former premises, and with a new plant and improved equipment are better prepared to meet the requirements of their patrons.

ALL DURANT COMPANY STOCK UNDERWRITTEN

Sugar Refinery Now Assured and Construction Will Begin in Spring—W. H. Thorne Asked to Become Director

Those residents who may at some time or other have experienced a feeling of pessimism as to the probability of the Durant sugar refinery project ever becoming a reality, will be glad to learn that F. C. Durant has all the stock of the new company underwritten and that there is now nothing to prevent a start being made on the preparation of the site for the industry in the near future. It was also reported yesterday that W. H. Thorne had been invited to become a local director of the sugar refining company. When asked last evening Mr. Thorne said that he had met Mr. Durant in Montreal some weeks ago and had then been informed that all the stock had been underwritten and that the plans would be filed with the city clerk, Mr. Thorne says the matter of his becoming a local director of the concern was discussed at that time, but he had heard nothing of it since. It is expected that work on the site for the refinery will be commenced early in the spring.

82 PER CENT. OF VOTERS FAVOR PROHIBITION

Premier Hazen Receives Petition from Kent Co. Parish Asking for Operation of Local Prohibitory Law.

Rev. Ph. Hebert, parish priest of Buctouche, was in the city yesterday for the purpose of presenting to Premier Hazen a petition of the ratepayers of the Parish of Wellington, Kent County, praying that no more licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors in that parish should be issued and that prohibitory laws might be granted them under the provisions of the act passed in 1903 by the House of Assembly. This act provides that when it is made to appear by petition to the Premier that the public sentiment in any parish is largely in favor of the prohibition of the sale of liquor an order in council may be passed declaring that no licenses for the sale of liquor in such parish shall thereafter be issued. In the Parish of Wellington at the present time there are 778 voters, and of this number 639 or 82 per cent signed the petition. The signatures were verified by the affidavits of Rev. Father Hebert and Rev. John B. Young, Methodist minister in the parish. It is stated that only eight residents in the parish declined to sign the petition. The Premier informed Father Hebert that the petition would be considered by the executive, and action taken at the January meeting of the government.

FALL FROM SWEEPER MAY MEAN HIS DEATH

Jasper Warwick in Unconscious Condition at Hospital as Result of Accident in Brussels Street.

Last night about 10:45 o'clock, Jasper Warwick, a street car conductor, was seriously injured on Brussels street. He had been working on the sweeper that was engaged in clearing the snow from the tracks and when he fell from the rear of the car to the tracks. The car sweeper was stopped and the man was picked up unconscious and carried into Bowes' shoe store. The ambulance was then summoned and the injured man conveyed to the general public hospital in charge of Dr. Pollock Sullivan. At an early hour this morning the conductor was still unconscious and the attendants reported no change in his condition since he had been taken there.

A GOOD PROGRAMME IN A GOOD CAUSE

Opera House Should be Crowded at Spencer Benefit Concert on Monday Evening—Many Clever Performers

There are two good reasons why the Opera House should be crowded next Monday evening. One is that the concert is a Christmas benefit for the aged poet, H. L. Spencer, who is old and feeble, and in straitened circumstances. The other is that the entertainment will be one of the best ever given on the Opera House stage. Leading artists are freely giving their services. The instrumental music will include the Every Day Club orchestra, and the City Cornet Band, with Mr. Gallagher, of the band, as cornet soloist. The singers will include Mrs. Gerow, Miss Blenda Thompson, G. S. Mayes, J. A. Kelly, M. T. Morris, and Floyd R. Baxter, Robert Seely and Mr. Bambury. A mixed quartette will sing Mr. Spencer's song, "A Hundred Years to Come," with music by Rev. H. T. er's Restaurant, 101 Charlotte street.

PECULIAR ACTION OF MARKET COMMITTEE

Mr. Dunham Thrown Out of Employment While Director Wisely Gets Same Pay for Less Work—Objection Voiced

There is considerable talk on the street among those who are conversant with the situation as to the finding of the committee which investigated conditions in the city market. While there is a feeling that the conditions in the market were not what they should be, it is also felt that the committee acted out more than summary justice to Mr. Dunham, the clerk of the market, and that in his case the punishment was unduly severe, judged in the light of the treatment extended to the director of public safety. A gentleman who is in thorough touch with matters in the City Hall said last night: "A section of the press of the city is loudly applauding the council and the committee which investigated the market for their action in suspending the director of public safety and the market clerk. As a matter of fact Mr. Dunham is the only one who suffers materially from this action, for his suspension means the loss of his salary, while the suspension of the director does not even mean the loss of that portion of his salary which is chargeable to the market department. "Some of the aldermen may be inclined to doubt this," he continued, "but if they inquire they will find that it is correct. As a matter of fact, keeping the salary of the director of public safety is charged to those departments over which he has control, but his salary, or any part of it, cannot be taken from him through his suspension from the control of the market. The only effect of the most recent action of the council then is to lessen the duties and work of the director without affecting his remuneration, whereas Mr. Dunham loses his living. This, to my mind, is manifestly unfair, and the council, or the committee, or whatever body has the matter in hand, should lose no time in remedying an action which to say the least is peculiar."

CHRISTMAS SNOW GAME LAST NIGHT

Blustery Storm Affects Street Car Traffic, but Enjoyed by Young People—Wind Blew 30 Miles an Hour.

A snow storm struck St. John about noon yesterday, and by nine o'clock over two inches had fallen. The street Railway was obliged to get out its sweepers, as the cars had a great deal of difficulty getting started on the snow covered tracks. Towards evening the wind, which was from the north west, increased in force (it developed a speed of about 30 miles an hour, and the temperature fell till it reached 17 degrees below the freezing point. The wind during the evening was very gusty and the snow whirled about the streets in blustering squalls. But those who were out seemed to enjoy the storm, and along King street and other streets with any declivity, the young people had great sport sliding their covering of snow, were a glare of ice. The street railway sweepers were put on about 8 o'clock, and were kept busy keeping the tracks clear. The probabilities for today are cold or weather.

Christmas Sale.

Turkey Suppers.

Appropriate Gifts.

Christmas Millinery Sale at M. R. A's.

Santa Claus at Nickel.

Crosley, Messrs. Mayes and Kelly will sing a duet.

WANTED—Four waitresses for Saturday night. Apply at Wanamak-er's Restaurant, 101 Charlotte street.



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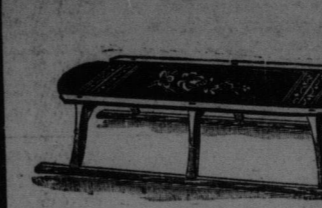
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Men's Overcoats to Measure \$18.00 AND \$20.00

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EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain St.

Grand Clearance Sale of Christmas Millinery

A Last Opportunity to Secure Gifts in Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Accessories at Reduced Prices. This is a reduction sale with a vengeance—such sharply reduced prices that these offerings are certain to be snapped up quickly. Gifts in handsome headwear will be within your reach at but a small fraction of the regular figures, and as this is a money-saving event unparalleled you should come early to this sale.



Commencing This Morning Here Are the Bargains: All Trimmed and Untrimmed Felt Hats, black and colors, two sale prices, 25c and 50c. Untrimmed Velvet and Beaver Hats, black and colors, each \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00. Trimmed Dress Hats, three sale prices. Wings, Fancy Feathers, Hackle Feathers, Coeque Feathers, Osprey Effects, Birds, black, white and all colors. Three startling sale prices, 10c, 20c, 30c. NO EXCHANGE. SALE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8.30 IN MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

Linen Room Specials for Friday

Japanese Hand-drawn Tray Cloths. Size 18x27 in. Two Specials for Friday only 55c. and 65c. each. Striped Shaker Flannel, mers. Size 30x30 in. Special for Friday only \$1.65 each. Striped Shaker Flannel, medium and dark stripes; full 36 in. wide. Friday only . . . 11c. per yard.

- Reminders for Christmas Shoppers. Apron Lengths, tucked, 20c., 25c., 40c. each. Ladies' Mufflers, 29c., 50c. Crepon Lace Centre Pieces, etc. Linen Embroidered Centre Pieces. Leather Belts, Elastic Belts. Fancy Beltings and Belts. Ladies' Kid Gloves. Ladies' Cape Gloves. Ladies' Mocha Gloves. Fur Lined Gloves. Angola Gloves. Angola Gloves. Silk Knitted Gloves and Mitts. Lace Stock Collars, Card Cases. Shopping Bags, Work Bags. Rubber Lined Sponge Bags. Wash Cloth Bags. Rubber Lined Travelling Cases. Moccasins and Pullman Slippers. Gift and Silver Bags, Beaded Bags. Initial and Emd. Handkerchiefs. Fancy Handkerchiefs. Fans, Purse. Hat Pins—most bewildering selection of Fancy Hat Pins for Holiday Gifts. Fancy Shell Combs and Barettes. Fancy Waist and Shoulder Pins. Silver Thimbles, Household Needle Books. Net Waistings, Lawn and Lace Waistings. Lace Robes, Embroidered Waist Patterns. Albatross Waistings. Kimono Materials. Fancy Ribbons, Dresden Ribbons. Silk Hosiery, Lisle Hosiery. Ladies' Neckwear in great abundance. Irish Crochet Collars and Sets. Real Lace Collars. Real Lace Fronts. Motor Vests, Motor Veiling. Art Goods and Needle Work Galore. Dress Goods for Christmas Gifts. Wool Challies, Shepherds' Checks, Challies. Fancy Towels, Guest Towels. Japanese Towel in Centre Pieces etc. Embroidered Pillow Cases, Bed Spreads. Centres, Tray Cloths, Linen Sets. Bureau Tops. Embroidered Collars.

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