

THE WEATHER. Crossed, Nov. 25.—The temperature remains almost stationary throughout the Dominion with a forecast of pleasant weather for the Maritime Provinces, and fair weather in the west.

AROUND THE CITY. COMMERCIAL CLUB. General Meeting Commercial Club, G. W. Y. A. Hall, this evening at 8 o'clock.

GONE TO MONTREAL. Mayor Schofield left last night for Montreal and will return to the city again tomorrow.

MAKING INSPECTION. Lieut.-Col. W. K. Walter of the general staff, was in the city yesterday and made an inspection of the St. John Company of the Machine Gun Brigade.

HAULING SNOW AWAY. All the city teams and seven double-teams hired by the Commissioner of Public Works from private parties were engaged yesterday in hauling snow off the principal streets.

C. P. R. ENGINEER HERE. J. M. Fairbairn, chief engineer of the C. P. R., arrived in the city from yesterday afternoon with J. M. Woodman, head of the new bridge at the Falls.

WANTS PORT INFORMATION. A request was received yesterday by the secretary of the board of trade from Quebec manufacturers for the names of steamship lines sailing out of St. John and their local agents.

RECEIVED MOTHER'S CROSS. Two St. John mothers yesterday received from Ottawa the silver cross issued by the Canadian Government to mothers whose sons gave their lives in the great war.

C. N. R. ELEVATOR TAKING GRAIN. The first grain for this season was taken in the C. N. R. elevator yesterday, about 18,000 tons going into the bins. Every day will see this amount added to, fifty cars now being on the sidings waiting to be unloaded.

CONSIDERED INSURANCE. The Board of Commissioners of the St. John County Hospital met yesterday morning to consider the matter of additional insurance on the buildings at East St. John, which are valued at \$250,000. No action was taken.

THE POLICE COURT. Vincent Cusack, charged with soliciting passengers inside the railing at the Union Depot, was fined \$2. The penalty was allowed to stand.

Board of Trade Council Meeting. Will Press for C. N. R. Development on Harbor Front.—Thanksgiving Day.

The council of the Board of Trade at its meeting yesterday morning had under consideration a report of the traffic committee on C. N. R. M. M. sailings from the port of St. John, which has been looking into the question with a view to finding out if the city was getting its full share of the sailings of the government liners.

Asks Expression Of Their Opinion

Central Labor Unions Sounded on Advisability of Forming Provincial Federation. President Campbell of the St. John Trade and Labor Council has recently addressed a letter to the various central councils throughout the province, asking for an expression of opinion on the advisability of forming provincial and inter-provincial federations in the Maritime Provinces for mutual help.

Obtain Best Results. Mr. Campbell, in commenting on the Provincial and Inter-Provincial Federation proposal, informs the Standard it is the opinion of the local Trades and Labor Council that the best results can be obtained for labor and the country in political affairs through such agencies.

Broad-minded Men. These representatives need not necessarily be men who hold a union card, but they must be men who are broad-minded enough to see that what labor asks is not class legislation, but that their aims are built upon the broad principle of doing the greatest good to all people.

Conferred With General Manager

Railway and Steamship Clerks Had Conference Yesterday With J. M. Woodman. A committee representing the railway and steamship clerks conferred with J. M. Woodman, general manager of C. P. R. New Brunswick Division, yesterday afternoon, relative to wage scale and working conditions for the shipping season about to open.

The Conditions. Members of the Clerks' Association and others interested in the conference were reticent about making known the wage requested for the season, or the working conditions desired. It is known that a nine-hour day is one of the conditions asked for, with time and a half for everything over nine hours.

Pleased With Conference. The members of the committee at the conference were greatly pleased with the consideration shown them by General Manager Woodman, and the desired evidence by him for a friendly solution of the problems up. They express the belief that an amicable adjustment of their differences will be arrived at. This afternoon the Clerks' Committee will meet representatives of the shipping companies.

Luscious Lobster Attractive Feature

St. John and Charlotte Season Opened 15th—High Prices Offered in States. The luscious lobster is now the attractive feature of the local fish markets. It is temptingly displayed and causes one to thoughtfully count one's toll and figure out how one can indulge in a desire for the "broiled live."

Good Market. Considering the limited field now open to lobster fishermen, the receipts at the local markets have been quite satisfactory. The season opened November 15th for the Counties of St. John and Charlotte, and these will provide the only source of supply until about December 15th, when the Nova Scotia shore, east of Halifax, will be open. On the south shore of Nova Scotia the season will not be on until March, two months later than usual.

The Price. The retail price prevailing today is 40 cents per pound. Much of the catch by St. John and Charlotte lobstermen is finding its way to the Boston markets. High prices are being offered there, and local dealers are obliged to "bid up" in order to have sufficient stock to meet the demands here. In addition to the Boston demand there is the exchange rate, which adds a little extra profit to the local shipper, and a profit that must be met by the local retailer in his purchases, and the consumer pays it all.

Lectured Before Canadian Club

'The Enemies of Anglo-Saxon Solidarity' Subject of John A. Stewart of New York. Over two hundred members of the Canadian Club enjoyed a very interesting lecture yesterday evening at Bond's Restaurant by John A. Stewart, of New York, City Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Sea-Grave Institution, on the subject, "The Enemies of Anglo-Saxon Solidarity."

Pleased With Country. During the course of his address, Mr. Stewart stated: "I need not assure you that I find it a mighty pleasure to be with you here, but I am able to speak to you in a bane-like and conversational manner, rather than to speak from a public platform, addressing the Finance Committee of the Sea-Grave Institution, on the subject, 'The Enemies of Anglo-Saxon Solidarity.'"

The Price in Toledo. A report received yesterday and emanating from Toledo, Ohio, states that the second reduction in the price of bread within a week was announced on Wednesday by one of the largest bakers in that city.

Another Reduction In Price of Flour

A Further Drop of Fifty Cents Per Barrel Becomes Effective This Morning. Another reduction has occurred in the price of flour, and it becomes effective this morning. This time the recession amounts to 50 cents per barrel and will no doubt be joyously received by citizens as a whole who are hoping that a reduction in the price of bread per loaf will shortly take place.

Montreal Reports. Montreal report states that the question has arisen there as to whether or not housewives want their bread reduced, and they would rather pay half a cent a loaf less and have it delivered as at present. It is stated that local bakers in that city are in a quandary as to which course the public would prefer, and are asking their customers some expressions of opinion.

League of Nations

While on this subject, I suppose I may take the opportunity of answering an enquiry, which, no doubt, came into the minds of each and every one of you, and that is what is the status of the Republic of the United States on the League of Nations. There is no question whatever, notwithstanding anything you have heard to the contrary, that if a placid vote were taken in my country, that four-fifths of nine-tenths of the people would vote for a League of Nations of some sort, and for an alliance based on respect for other nations. Canada today stands in a most unique position; and that is, to interpret America to Great Britain and Great Britain to the United States, and can act as the link in the joining of the great English-speaking nations of the world.

Ask For Amendment

Unfortunately, however, the League of Nations treaty as at present constituted is contrary to Article three of our constitution; but what the United States purposes to do is to ask the League of Nations to amend that part which is contrary to our constitution and we will gladly join. We assuredly want to join the League of Nations, and also join with Canada, Great Britain and the other English-speaking countries in combating the enemies of Anglo-Saxon solidarity. It is our earnest wish that Great Britain and our country should be eternal friends.

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THE HOUSE BREAKERS

Isaac Campbell, deputy sheriff of Kings county, took with him to Halifax yesterday, Leo Priest and Percy Swynner, both of Halifax, who were arrested recently in connection with breaking into summer cottages at Ononneto. They will be tried before the Kings county court.

Dykeman's To Hold An Extraordinary Sale of Women's Fur Coats

Saturday and Monday next their entire stock offered at pre-war prices. This sale is only for two days, and during that time the firm will make a big effort to effect an entire clearance. Owing to the manufacturers having given a special discount of 20 per cent, the firm is able to offer their on the stock during these two days at a straight reduction of 45 per cent, or, in other words, a chance is offered to get a swell Fur Coat right at the beginning of the season at actual pre-war prices. See window display.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.

McMILLAN'S GORGEOUS DISPLAY of Christmas Cards, Tags and Seals are now on view. All prices.

ANNUAL MEETING. St. John Association, Stone Church School, Friday, 8 p. m. Presentation of Certificates. Public invited.

OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS ARE COMPLETE—SHOP EARLY. Black and Galvanized Sheet Iron. Sheet Zinc, Sheet Lead, Tin Plate, Solder. Your Orders Will Receive Prompt Attention. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.—Hardware. Store Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Open Saturdays till 10 p. m. OUR TOY DEPARTMENT IS AT ITS BEST—SHOP NOW.

24th Anniversary Sale Prices Throughout Our Store TODAY. We will have on display a number of Trimmed Made Dress Hats of "the better sort." These will be on display at most attractive special prices, values which will be found most exceptional. Marr Millinery Co., Limited. All girls are most cordially invited to inspect our present large showing of dolls.

Kiddie-Kars MAKE Happy Christmas Kiddies. For boys and girls up to eight. Sport for the kiddies all the day long. Good anywhere—indoors and out. Santa Claus will see that a Kiddie Kar is delivered Christmas Eve if the order is left with Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., 25 German Street.

See Special Christmas Ad. Page 7. Xmas Ribbons of Loveliest Kinds for Camisoles, Bags, and Other Novelties. Manchester Robertson Allison & Co. KING STREET - GERMAN STREET - MARKET SQUARE.

Save Money on Christmas Furs. Investing in Furs at our Sale means Saving Money on Christmas Gifts of Merit. Here are a brief few. See the whole line personally: Raccoon Coats that were \$450. Hudson Seal, Skunk trimmed, was \$475. Now \$350. Hudson Seal, Opossum trimmed, was \$560. Now \$330. Hudson Seal, Beaver trimmed, was \$750. Now \$540.