

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—The disturbance which was over the New England States last night has moved northeastward to Newfoundland with increased intensity, causing gales and rain in the Maritime Provinces. The weather has been fair and mild in Ontario and western Quebec, also in the Western Provinces.

AROUND THE CITY

FOR WINTER SEASON. The following members of the staff of the Canada Merchant Marine arrived in the city yesterday morning from Montreal: W. R. Roberts, R. Amstrong, F. W. James, C. K. James, L. E. Martin and W. A. Kennedy.

OPEN EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.

The emergency hospital in West St. John has been opened for the winter season to render first aid to any one hurt around the piers and ships at Sand Point.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

Percy Gibson, managing editor of the Canadian Boy, and Dominion Publicity Agent for Canada for the Boy Scouts, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. Gibson was welcomed by many old friends. He is the same genial Percy and states that the Boy Scout movement is growing larger every day.

FIREMEN OUT TWICE.

The firemen were given two runs yesterday, but in neither case was any damage done. In the first, a smoke pouring from the Magee building on Water street caused the sending in of a still alarm. On investigation it was found the smoke came from a chimney which had not been closed up. In the afternoon a slight blaze in a woodpile on Chesley street called out the North End firemen, but it was out by the time the men arrived.

THE CHILLY BLASTS.

The chilly blasts of last night's gale caused the average man to bundle up in his heavy winter overcoat and scud along the streets for the cheery light of the home fireside. Such was not the case with the "weaker sex." A number of followers of Dame Fashion appeared on the streets in the usual coat, bare chest and elaborate display of silk hose, and appeared to be quite comfortable despite their attire.

SUCCESSFUL SALE.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Queen Square Methodist Church held a successful tea and sale yesterday afternoon in the school room for church purposes. The supper was under the convener's hand, Mrs. F. A. Blizard, president of the society, and Mrs. A. B. Gilmore; the candy table under the convener's hand of Miss Besse Grace Robertson; fancy work table, Mrs. H. D. Smith and Mrs. M. C. Hetherington, and home-cooking table, Mrs. W. B. Magee and Mrs. Bertram Smith. The decorations were in charge of Mrs. F. E. Williams.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday a case against Fred Zaywart, charged with having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling, was resumed. Mrs. Zaywart said that there had never been any liquor in the house. The case was postponed until a witness can be subpoenaed to give evidence. W. M. Ryan appeared for the prosecution and K. A. Wilson for the defence. A young girl charged with theft of \$1.50 from the Royal Fruit Store was remanded for consideration. One man charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty and was also remanded.

COUNTY COURT.

In the county court yesterday before Judge Armstrong, hearing was begun in the case of Henry R. Ross against J. O. Miller. This is a suit for \$97.00, a claim based on work done and parts supplied to a secondhand automobile purchased by the plaintiff on a warranty that the car was in good condition and in running order. Several witnesses were examined and the case adjourned till this morning. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., and G. Earle Logan for plaintiff, M. B. Innis and H. A. Powell, K. C., for defendant. Members of the petit jury are required to be present in the circuit court on Monday next, at 10.30 a. m.

MILITARY NOTES.

Lieutenant Jas. Wood of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Ottawa, arrived in the city yesterday to assist in the training and re-organization of the Princess Louise Hussars, commanded by Lieut. Col. A. J. Markram, with headquarters at Sussex, and the New Brunswick Dragoons, commanded by Lieut. Col. C. H. McLean, D. S. O., with headquarters in St. John. In discussing the unemployment situation, which Mr. Barth says exists more or less in every city from coast to coast, he voices the opinion that the Bittern Law, such as exists in Australia, should be in force both in Canada and the United States; which, he considers, would result in both countries obtaining the superior class of emigrants.

TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE WANTS "BONE DRY" RULE

At Annual Convention Prohibitionists Decide to Ask for Vote at an Early Date on Importation of Liquor into New Brunswick—Keen Discussions on Many Phases of Law Enforcement Here.

The New Brunswick Temperance Alliance met in annual session here yesterday at the Y. M. C. A. The meetings were largely attended and the discussions on all points raised were of a high order. The feature of the morning session was the attempt of Rev. W. H. Robinson to have certain charges which he had made in connection with the activities of some of the sub-inspectors under Rev. W. D. Wilson investigated. He claimed that under the act the investigation himself and should have been done so. Mr. Robinson contended that before the report of the executive was received and adopted this matter should be cleared up.

Whereas, with the operation of the Prohibitory Act, there appears from time to time opportunities for some changes which might be made, increasing ease and efficiency of enforcement; therefore resolved this Alliance authorize our executive to bring to the attention of the Government such amendments as they, in their experience, may find necessary to the best administration of temperance legislation.

Resolved, that this Alliance request all local branches to take such action as appears necessary to publish regularly at intervals the whole list of names of persons convicted under the Intoxicating Act.

Seriously Handicapped.

Resolved, whereas the enforcement of the N. B. Temperance Act is being seriously hampered by the facility with which liquors are being imported from outside the province, and the recent referendum from which it is demonstrated that the people are in favor of a bone-dry province, therefore resolved that the Government be requested to submit to the people, at the earliest possible date, the question of such importation, and that the executive of this Alliance be instructed to press this matter upon the attention of the Government, with a view to early action on the subject.

Pays For Publicity.

An animated discussion regarding newspaper publicity occupied much time and was entered into by a number of members. It was introduced by Rev. F. E. Boothroyd, who praised the method adopted by the W. C. T. U. of Campbellton. This organization has a column in a local newspaper for which they pay, and in which the names of those convicted of offences against the Prohibitory Act are published. It was no time for charity, or for withholding names out of consideration of members of a family. If a poor old woman was convicted her name would be published. Rich men were not named in the papers.

Before the Public.

Resolved, that every effort be made to put the present temperance situation before the people, through public meetings, use of the press, distribution of literature and in co-operation of the clergy and various temperance organizations.

In view of the coming referendum vote, that we call attention to the im-

St. John The Second Port In Canada

Interesting Comparative Statement Showing Port Business.

The report of the Board of Trade for the year 1920 has just been sent out to the members, and is well worth a careful perusal by every one, containing as it does in concrete form many pertinent facts about the city and its great distributing centres of the empire. It gives a short history of the city and port, and a series of tables show the progress which has been made in all lines during the past twenty years.

The Figures.

Following are a few of the figures: In 1914 the ratepayers numbered 14,382, and the tax rate was \$1.92 per \$100; in 1920 the number of ratepayers was 18,562, and the rate \$2.99 per \$100.

St. John Second Port

St. John is second ocean port in Canada, the figures for the six year period, 1915-20 being, Montreal, \$2,977,440,899; St. John, \$98,200,169; Halifax, \$28,296,720; Vancouver, \$980,855,897; Quebec, \$16,644,454. The bank clearings have grown from \$36,325,495 in 1900 to \$150,307,896 for ten months of 1920.

Grain Exports

The grain exports in 1903-4 were 3,787,733 bushels, valued at \$3,026,876; in 1920, 2,129,000, valued at \$26,594,169. The customs receipts have increased from \$1,184,909.37 in 1903-4 to \$5,398,914.87 in 1919-20.

Vessels Arriving

In 1900 the number of vessels entering was 2,411, with a tonnage of 923,854; cleared 2,233, tonnage 878,640. In 1920, 2,129 entered, with a tonnage of 1,489,884; cleared 2,143, tonnage, 1,470,625. This shows a slight falling off in the number of vessels, but a large increase in the tonnage.

Chief Exports

Some of the chief exports during the past year were: Wheat, \$34,647,844; flour, \$9,762,494; sugar, \$5,351,406; salmon, \$2,461,011; meats, \$16,270,304; leather, \$2,216,316; planks and boards, \$6,577,085.

Railway Checkers Receive Increase

Three and One-Quarter Cents Per Hour Increase for Nine Hours, Also Overtime.

An official of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks stated last night that arrangements have been practically concluded whereby Railway Checkers in St. John will receive an increase for the coming season of three and one-quarter cents per hour for a nine-hour day, and time and a half for overtime. The scale which was in force last year allowed for an eight-hour day, which rate will be effective in this port. It is understood that officials of the brotherhood and representatives of the Shipping Federation will meet some time this week to decide upon a scale for Shipping Checkers for the coming winter. Reports indicate that Montreal port will probably close on Saturday next, and Port McNichel has already discontinued this year's operations.

TWO PROTECTIONISTS.

Two protectionists were sheltered from the winter blasts at the Central Police Station last evening. They were the only ones to share the city's hospitality, as no arrests were made by the police.

DYKEMAN'S—A STORE PRE-EMINENT FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Gifts for the young, gifts for the old, gifts for everybody, in the store that reflects the real old-time Christmas spirit. The proprietors of the Dykeman store in the result of many months' active effort to secure one of the most varied and complete Christmas stock in the entire Maritime Provinces. You are invited to come to this Christmas store. There are innumerable gift selections, a fascinating variety of new Christmas gifts. Whether your wishes urge a splendid, costly gift or one more freighted with love than cost, you will find it at Dykeman's.

RECORDS FOR SALE.

All the latest Berliner records for sale at the McDonald Piano and Music Co., 7 Market Square.

Mrs. Adam will lecture on Denmark at Natural History Rooms, Union street, Friday evening, 8 o'clock. Au-pices Y. W. P. A. Silver collector. Public invited.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

The Annual Sale of Loyalist Chapter, I. O. D. E., will be held on Saturday at the store of Mr. F. E. Holman, 32 King Street, beginning at 10 a. m. The different tables—Luncheon, Home Cooking, Baby Wear, Novelties, Dolls and Christmas Wreaths—should attract many. Come and bring your friends.

MEMILLAN'S GORGEOUS DISPLAY

Christmas Cards, Toys and Suits are now on view. All prices. Messrs. W. H. Davidson and H. S. Murray, the learned counsel for the plaintiff, eloquently pleaded the cause of their client.

PATIENTS ENTERTAINED.

Harry Black and his delightful orchestra was at the Military Hospital in Lancaster last evening and the soldier boys there were delighted with the programme rendered.

Memorial Home Directors' Meeting

Reports Received Last Evening Most Encouraging—Extra Accommodation.

There was a good attendance at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Provincial Memorial Home held last evening in the Market building. Dr. James Manning presided. Good reports were received from all committees. Francis Kerr for the building committee, stating that the new wing is proceeding rapidly towards completion. It is hoped to have it soon ready for occupancy. Extra accommodation is needed, as there are now fifty-one children at the Wright street Home. It was decided to petition the School Board to provide a teacher and equipment for the thirty children of school age at the Home. A room would be provided for this purpose.

Mrs. H. A. McKewen and Mrs. T. A. Graham were appointed to make arrangements for a Christmas Tree, which will be given the children the Tuesday after Christmas. Already a number of contributions in money have been sent to the treasurer, H. Usher Miller, for this purpose. It is asked that all toys or goodies donated for the tree will be sent to Francis Kerr, Princess street.

Housing Problem In Los Angeles

L. Barth of Frisco in City Says Housing and Apartment Conditions Serious.

L. Barth, of San Francisco, Cal., who is stopping at the Royal Hotel, states that the housing and apartment problem in Los Angeles, Cal., which city he visited last month, is a very serious one. Building conditions are bad, although there is not a shortage of material, but rather a scarcity of labor. At this time of the year the population of Los Angeles is increased by about fifty per cent, which is partly the cause of the difficulty to lease either a house or apartment. That city is also overcrowded with many ambitious to become movie stars, who have been lured there in the hope of becoming celebrities.

In discussing the unemployment situation, which Mr. Barth says exists more or less in every city from coast to coast, he voices the opinion that the Bittern Law, such as exists in Australia, should be in force both in Canada and the United States; which, he considers, would result in both countries obtaining the superior class of emigrants.

Paving Plans For The Coming Season

Plans and Specifications for Work Amounting to \$565,000 Will be Prepared.

The city council yesterday decided to have the road engineer prepare plans and specifications for paving amounting to about \$565,000, the streets suggested for this coming year being Douglas Avenue, DuRoiel street, Marsh Road to One Mile House, Haymarket Square, King street West, and Ladlow from Prince to Prince streets and Market Square. Commissioner Frink's first proposition was to undertake the work on Douglas Ave., Marsh Road, Haymarket Square and Brunel street this year, but on the suggestion of the mayor Royal Square was added and on Commissioner Thornton's suggestion, the West Side work included.

On recommendation of Commissioner Bullock a renewal lease was granted to C. Driscoll of a lot in Millford at an annual rental of \$25. The council received an invitation from G. W. V. A. to attend a meeting in the hall next Monday evening to be addressed by C. O. McNeil, the Dominion Secretary, and on motion of Commissioner Thornton the invitation was accepted.

Commissioner Thornton brought up the matter of water supply for the residents of Viasat street and it was decided to take the matter up and dispose of it at the Monday meeting of the council.

INTERESTING MOCK TRIAL BY STUDENTS

An interesting mock trial was conducted by the students of the St. John Law School last evening at their weekly meeting. The case was one in which the plaintiff John Jones assailed his wife after being bound over to keep the peace because of previous assault on her. Mrs. Jones forced her husband to sign all his property over to her threatening to inform the court of his breach of the peace if he did not do so. Jones, fearing that the sureties provided for his friends would be forfeited if he did not do so, complied with his wife's request.

Later he brought action to have the deed voided on the grounds of duress.

Messrs. W. H. Davidson and H. S. Murray, the learned counsel for the plaintiff, eloquently pleaded the cause of their client.

Messrs. H. M. Groom and C. R. Porter were heard with equal eloquence in support of the defendant's claim to the property involved. H. A. Porter acted as judge in the case, and reserved judgment.

OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS ARE COMPLETE—SHOP EARLY. Genuine Gartcraig Fire Brick due about December 10. in Square, End Arch, and Side Arch. Also Fire Clay. For Quotations, Call, Write, or Phone Main 1920. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED 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.

Today We Will Introduce Something Very New a Walking Paper Doll. Also packages with the complete material to make the clothes for these dolls. We have a good variety of dresses. This is the Toy Sensation for Christmas, 1920. Every Day Now We Will Be Introducing the Toy Novelties For This Year! Marr Millinery Co., Limited Make Your Selection Now While Our Doll Display is So Complete

Sparkling Cut Glass ALWAYS AN ACCEPTABLE PRESENT. PARTICULARLY SO AT CHRISTMAS. Our new displays of Attractive Cut Glassware include many new and attractive patterns in the pieces most popular for pretty table service. Thin Blown Crystal, Etched. Bonbons \$2.25 up Nappies \$3.75 up Butters \$3.50 up Suits and Peppers \$1.75 up Heavy Crystal, Deep Cut. Tumblers Doz. \$12.50 up Goblets Doz. \$16.00 up Bud Vases \$3.50 up Comports \$2.75 up Creams and Sugars, Spoon Trays, Celery Trays, Etc., Etc. Emerson & Fisher, Limited 25 Germain St.

STORES OPEN 8.30 A. M. CLOSE AT 5.55 P. M. SATURDAY 10 P. M. A Big Christmas Sale of Floor and Table Lamps. For the long, dark winter evenings, every home should be cheerful with plenty of lamps. They help a lot in making the home a pleasant place during the shut-in season. This sale of Floor, Chesterfield and Table Lamps offers you a very unusual opportunity to buy one or more of the most attractive, high grade lamps—AT A VERY DECIDED BARGAIN PRICE. Here is a little idea of the values you can expect to find: Chesterfield and Piano Lamps. Standards are of mahogany or in mahogany finish—Silk shades are in lovely soft shades of rose, blue, gold and handsome color combinations. Standards regularly priced \$21.00 to \$65.00 Reduced to \$7.50 to \$15.00 Silk Shades regularly priced \$9.50 to \$42.00 Reduced to \$7.50 to \$33.00 Table Lamps. A fine variety from which to make a suitable selection. Standards are in mahogany and mahogany finish, and silk shades are in much the same colorings as Floor and Chesterfield Lamps. Standards regularly priced \$12.25 to \$30.00 Reduced to \$5.50 to \$22.50 Silk Shades regularly priced \$14.50 to \$21.00 Reduced to \$11.00 to \$16.75 One of these Lamps would make an ideal Christmas Gift. Sale Commences Friday, Morning in Art Dept., Germain Street Entrance. Manchester Robertson Allison & Co. KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET STREET

In Order That the Week End May Be a Busy One in Furs. A few of the striking bargains that our pre-Christmas Sale makes possible: Hudson Seal Coats. Opossum Trimmed Hudson Seal Coats—Were \$700.00 Now \$560.00. Messrs. John Willis, of Welsford, N. B., and her two daughters, Misses Theresa and Bertha, have left on a visit to Portland, Me., where Mrs. Willis is visiting her brothers. PATIENTS ENTERTAINED. Harry Black and his delightful orchestra was at the Military Hospital in Lancaster last evening and the soldier boys there were delighted with the programme rendered.