

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh winds, mostly westerly, partly fair with a little lower temperature. Toronto, Dec. 16.—A cold wave has set in over the western provinces today and will spread eastward in order of a disturbance which has moved from Manitoba to Lake Michigan since the morning. There has not been much change in the weather from the great lakes to the Maritime Provinces. Winnipeg—23, 24. Fort Arthur—2 below, 16. Parry Sound—13, 28. London—22, 26. Toronto—23, 34. Ottawa—18, 24. Montreal—22, 26. Quebec—22, 26. St. John—30, 34. Halifax—32, 38. New England Forecast. Washington, Dec. 16.—Forecast: Fair in south, local snows in north portion Friday; warmer in west portion Saturday, rain or snow and colder; variable winds becoming east and possibly brisk.

AROUND THE CITY

Heavy Shipments of Grain. The grain exportations from the port of St. John this year promises to be the largest in the history of the winter port. More than 1,000,000 bushels have so far arrived and been placed in the elevators and there are at present about 300,000 bushels awaiting to be unloaded from cars.

500 Comfort Bags for Sailors. The committee of the Seamen's Mission in charge of the sailor's Christmas entertainment report that they expect to have 500 comfort bags ready for Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Yesterday nineteen bags were received from the Frederick W. C. T. U. and six from Mrs. L. MacLaren.

Hand Badly Cut. While chopping wood at his home last evening, Mr. Fred Burke, of Victoria street, had the fingers of his left hand badly cut. Mr. Burke was holding a stick of wood with one hand and using an axe with the other, when the axe slipped, inflicting a painful wound.

Death of Miss Blanch Howes. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howes will have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their daughter, Blanche, which occurred yesterday at their home, Sheriff street. Miss Howes was in the twenty-fifth year of her age, and had been ill for some years, although she was not confined to bed until a few days ago. The funeral will be announced later.

Asphyxiation Case Still a Mystery. George D. Spear, the P. E. Island fisherman who was nearly asphyxiated by gas in Whittaker's boarding house in Mill street on Tuesday night, was reported to be considerably improved at the hospital last evening. He is still unable to account for the fact of the gas escaping in the room while he was asleep. It is expected he will be able to proceed to Boston in a day or two.

Sick Children's Christmas Tree. According to custom next Sunday will be gift Sunday in Trinity church Sunday school. As usual, the pupils in the advanced department are giving towards the basket for the poor. This year the children in the primary department are to contribute gifts for a Christmas tree for the child's ward of the General Public Hospital. To this end the teachers of this department wish each child to take next Sunday a toy, book or tree ornament to help to make Christmas merry for those sick children.

Y. M. C. A. Educational Classes. About forty-five members of the Y. M. C. A. are enrolled in the educational classes that were recently started. The first lecture was given by Mr. A. Wilson, K. C. The next five lectures on bills of exchange will be given by Mr. J. King Kelley. The other subjects are mechanical drawing, penmanship, and commercial arithmetic and French, elementary and advanced. The classes will not meet during the week between Christmas and New Year.

What's in a Name. During the past week two names, the original proprietors of which are at present very much in the public eye have been inscribed on the register at the Victoria Hotel. A few days ago visitors to the hotel noticed the signature "Jim Jeffries, Chicago," and wondered. Yesterday another distinguished name—that of Jack Johnson, Chicago was added to the list. On examination it was evident that the names were written or rather drawn by the same hand. The staff handwriting expert recognized in the same fine Italian hand the signature of "O. U. Kidd" which adorned the register some weeks ago.

High School Closing. The closing exercises of the St. John High School will take place on Friday, when the various medals which have been won by scholars in different grades throughout the past year will be presented. The exercises will be divided into two parts. Mr. W. J. S. Myles, principal of the High School will preside at an interesting programme carried out by the pupils and the chair will be taken by Mr. R. B. Emerson, chairman of the board of school trustees for the presentation of the medals. The mayor, Senator Ellis, Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., and Chief Justice Barker will be present and will aid in the presentation of the medals. The High School orchestra will furnish music.

Presentation At The Y. M. C. A. The Royal Bachelors, an organization of choice spirits who room at the Y. M. C. A., gave a dinner last evening in honor of Mr. Emile A. Gleize, the vice-president of the order, who leaves for his home in Paris, France, today. Mr. E. J. Robertson, the physical director of the association, had charge of the menu and made a reputation for himself as a chef. At the conclusion of the dinner, Mr. Hugh Reid was elected vice-president in the place of Mr. Gleize, and Mr. Frank Kinnear, the president of the order, in an appropriate speech, presented Mr. Gleize with a gold signet ring bearing his monogram and having the following words engraved inside:—"Presented by the Royal Bachelors, Xmas, 1909." Mr. Gleize made a suitable reply. For the past year Mr. Gleize has been employed in the insurance department of Thomson & Co.

McKEAGUE OF GAGETOWN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH IN WOODS

Well Known Lumberman Pinned To Earth Yesterday By Falling Tree And Killed Almost Instantly—Brothers Hurry To Scene To Find Him Breathing His Last—Gagetown Grief-Stricken At The News.

Word reached the city last evening of a shocking accident in the lumber woods near Gagetown, in which Mr. John McKeague, a member of the lumbering firm of McKeague Brothers, Gagetown, was killed almost instantly. Mr. McKeague was superintending the laying-out of a new yard near the camp of his company in the woods on The Millstream four miles from Gagetown, and was struck on the head by a falling tree. Some of the crew were felling a large tree at the time and in coming down the branches caught in a dead trunk which also came down to the ground, pinning Mr. McKeague to the earth. A projecting knot pierced his brain and he was breathing his last when the stub was removed. His brothers were engaged in swamping out the road and camp hurried to the scene of the accident. A rough litter was improvised and the dying man was carried to camp. He expired when the men had gone but a few steps and on the arrival of Dr. Caswell, of Gagetown, at the camp, he found Mr. McKeague beyond all earthly aid. The body was taken to his father's home at Gagetown. A gloom has been cast over the village as a result of this latest tragedy of the woods. Mr. McKeague was about 40 years of age and was well known along the river as a prosperous farmer and lumberman. He was a son of Mr. William McKeague and his aged parents survive. He leaves a widow, two daughters, six brothers and two sisters. One brother resides in Boston and the others at Gagetown.

STREET RAILWAY CO. CHANGES SYSTEM OF FIRE INSURANCE

Offer From Lloyds Brings Old Companies To Make New Terms—Total Risk Carried Now About \$350,000.

Commencing today a radical change will be made in the manner of insuring the property of the St. John Street Railway Co., which consists chiefly of electric light plant street car sheds and gas works with their contents. Formerly the company's property was specifically rated, the various buildings, etc., being each insured for a fixed amount. Under the new arrangement the whole property will be insured for a fixed sum with a co-insurance or average clause. The change follows an offer made by Lloyds to the company a short time ago to insure their property by the method which is now being adopted. The offer was favorably considered as the amount to be paid in premiums was less than under the old system. Thereupon the insurance companies in which the property had been insured, consisting practically of all the British and most of the American concerns made an offer of a similar rate which was accepted. The insurance companies state that the new rate is just as satisfactory to them as the old, for which the premiums are less, the amount to be paid in case of loss will be smaller. Under the old arrangement the property most liable to be destroyed was insured to its full value and the other property was only lightly insured. Under the new arrangement all the property is insured for a fixed sum and in case of any loss the company will be liable for only a fraction of its value. The amount of insurance carried by the St. John Railway Company under the new arrangement is in the vicinity of \$350,000. Formerly the amount was a little over \$231,000.

Lloyds appear to be quite active in the city at present. Last Monday evening at the monthly meeting of the board of school trustees a letter was read from Mr. T. B. Lavers, of Halifax, on behalf of the concern, offering to insure the school buildings at a reduced rate. The present insurance expires next summer and the matter was left with the finance committee.

CHANGES PLANNED IN DISTRICTS FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

Committee On Evangelistic Movement Suggest Three In City Proper—Several Outside Evangelists Secured.

A meeting of the executive of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign committees was held last evening in St. Andrew's church school room, Rev. F. R. Flinders presiding. The committee on finances made a report in which they recommended that Centenary group be strengthened by transferring St. David's church from the St. Andrew's group to the former. The recommendation was discussed at some length and it was suggested that the churches in the city proper be grouped into three instead of four divisions. It was decided to submit the suggestion to the representatives of the churches interested in the matter. The nomination committee reported having received word from several preachers and were instructed to secure the services of Rev. T. Shields of London, Ont., Rev. Mr. Cameron of Toronto and Rev. John H. Elliott of Boston. They were also instructed to secure evangelists for the other groups.

The advertising committee advised the printing of cards and leaflets to be distributed throughout the churches and posters to be placed outside of each church co-operating. The matter of display advertising in the newspapers will be submitted in detail at the next meeting. Mr. W. H. White and Mr. J. Hunter White of the finance committee were added to the executive. A letter addressed to the churches of the province stating the nature of the campaign and urging them to assist in the plan was submitted and accepted.

DECISION IN SEEGE CASE HELD OVER UNTIL TOMORROW

Argument of Counsel Heard Yesterday In Action Brought By Turnbull Estate Company—Two Witnesses Examined

Hearing in the case of the Turnbull Real Estate Company vs. J. A. Segee was concluded in the police court yesterday afternoon before Police Magistrate Ritchie. After the closing argument by counsel, His Honor decided that he would further consider the evidence submitted and deliver his decision at noon tomorrow. Isaiah W. Holder and Ward Stephens, a carpenter, gave evidence for the defence. The latter said that he had known Mr. Segee for 20 years or upwards, was permitted to do the ordinary acts of ownership but thought he had a perfect right to do what he was doing under color of right. In support of his contention Mr. Curry cited a similar case in the Ontario courts, where a verdict had been given in favor of the defendant. He claimed that Mr. Segee, from his long occupation thought that he was within the pale of the law in his operations on the property. He therefore asked the court that the case might be dismissed.

Hon. J. Hazen, for the plaintiff pointed out that the defendant did not claim his right to ownership through purchase or inheritance, but admitted that he had taken possession without any authority whatever. If in 1872 the defendant had put a fence around the property, when the real estate agent, Mr. Hazen, said Mr. Hazen that no person had ever seen the stakes. Admitting that Mr. Segee claimed a title from 1872, when as a boy he had assisted his father in putting a fence around the property, Mr. Hazen pointed out that no minor could acquire a title of possession and he was of age. He characterized Mr. Segee's evidence as unworthy of belief, and said that he had contradicted his own witnesses. After citing several cases in the Supreme Court of New Brunswick in support of his contention, Mr. Hazen submitted that a fine should be imposed according to the statutes. As previously stated His Honor reserved his decision.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BASKETS. Acknowledgment of Contributions to Date—Necessary Cases Being Investigated.

Brigadier Adby of the Salvation Army desires to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts which have been kindly sent in to him on behalf of the annual distribution of Christmas baskets to the poor. A Y.M.C.A. member, \$1; D. L. Nobles, Esq., \$5; G. E. Fairweather, \$11; A. P. Barnhill, \$5; J. K. Schofield, \$1; Peters, \$1; Cameron & Fisher, \$5; J. A. Likely, \$5; H. W. Wetmore, \$5; S. E. Aldward, \$5; G. A. Kimball, The American Dye Works Co., \$2; J. Mowatt, \$1; T. D. Walker, \$5; W. Vassie, Esq., \$3; T. H. Estabrooks, J. A. Tilton, \$5; H. A. Allison, \$1; F. R. Fairweather & Staff, \$2.50; E. A. Schofield, \$1; D. R. Jack, \$2.50; Anon, \$3; G. W. W. \$1; Anon, \$10; J. V. Anglin, M. D., \$10; E. A. Smith, \$5; R. P. Pearce, H. E. Schofield, \$1; J. Baxter, \$5; J. B. Robinson, E. L. Jarvis, \$1; Robert Thomson, \$2; W. G. Estabrooks, \$5; W. Rankine, \$2; C. O. Foss, \$10; Anon, \$5; Anon, \$1; J. Vassie, \$5; J. T. Robertson, \$20; J. H. Frink, \$5.

The officers of the different corps are busily engaged in investigating needy cases, and there will be ample opportunity to dispose of the usual number of baskets this Christmas. Gifts in food, clothing and cash should be sent to Brigadier Adby, 259 Prince William St., or if any of the citizens desire anyone to call, they should ring up Main 314. Britain Street Dump on Fire. About 9:30 last night the fire department was called out by an alarm from Box 46, on the corner of St. James and Pitt streets to put out a fire that was burning on the British street dump. When the apparatus arrived the fire was burning brightly but the blaze was soon under control. The origin of the fire is not known.

EBONY Hair Brushes

Make USEFUL and ATTRACTIVE Christmas Gifts for MEN and WOMEN, BOYS and GIRLS, OLD and YOUNG. Small size . . . \$1.00, 75c, 50c. Larger size . . . \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.75. Finest quality . . . \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00. Each Brush in a Box.

Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

KODAKS

FOR Christmas Gifts We have the complete KODAK line. Prices from \$1.00 up. Tank Developers \$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00

E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

WOMEN'S BOOTS

That toe the mark of excellence.

At These Prices you can dress your feet better than ever.

\$3.00 Women's Patent Colt Button Boots, Dull Kid tops, Whole Foxed, Medium Weight Soles Cuban Heels, neat shaped lasts with half wing tips.

\$3.00 Women's Patent Colt Blucher and Laced Boots Dull Kid Top, Medium Soles, Cuban and school heels, whole and circular Foxing good wearing and neat fitting.

\$3.00 Women's Russia Tan Calf Button and Laced Boots, medium weight heels, whole and circular heels, creased vamp.

\$3.00 Women's Velour Calf and Vic Kid, Blucher Cut Laced Boots, medium and heavy soles, Cuban heels, Goodyear Welts, handsome shapes and perfect fitters.

Waterbury & Rising

For Christmas

We have a stock of fine CONFETIONERY. PERFUMES in pretty packages, 25c to \$5.00 each. TOILET SOAPS in boxes, 25c to \$1.00 each. EBONY HAND MIRRORS, 75c to \$2.50 each. EBONY HAIR BRUSHES, to match mirrors.

E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

Canton LaTour Fair.

Koith's Assembly Rooms were crowded again last evening by visitors to the Canton LaTour fair. All the booths were well patronized and the excellent music discoursed by the Carleton Cornet Band was much enjoyed. In the voting contest for the most popular Oddfellow, Mr. E. E. Staples had a comfortable lead. Mr. V. B. Sanderson is leading for the most popular fireman. The other prize winners were: Tumbling contest, Miss A. O'Brien; air gun, Mr. H. Norris; bagatelle, Mr. A. D. Snider; John Myles and Wm. Burke. A special programme is being arranged for the children tomorrow afternoon.

Watches EVERY BOY WANTS ONE Ingersoll, Nickel \$1.00 Defiance, " 1.25 Maple Leaf, Gun Metal 1.25 Guide, Gun Metal 1.50 Gun Metal 2.50 Buren, Nickel 4.00 Omega, Silver Case 9.00 " Gold Filled Case 11.00 W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd Market Square, St. John, N. B.

New Evening Dress Opinions differ as to the truth of the old adage "As you are out of the world as out of style." But the desirability of exact correctness in Evening Dress is generally recognized. We have just received a worthy line of new Evening Dress Suits which are priced at \$25. The cut is absolutely correct. The materials and tailoring are unusually good. We feel that we can recommend these suits to our most particular customers. Also, new white dress vests, correct in cut and faultless in finish, at \$2.50. New lines of Blue and Black Suits in "advance styles"—the strictly down-to-date models that will be worn through 1910. Moderate prices and QUALITY GUARANTEED.

GILMOUR'S, 68 KING STREET TAILORING AND CLOTHING. "A GOOD PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES"

UNEEDA Biscuits are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct individual food article, made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries. They are sealed in a special way which gives them crispness, cleanliness and freshness which "crackers" from the paper bag always lack. They are the nation's accepted BISCUIT National Biscuit Co. Ask Your Grocer

Useful Christmas Gifts IN Clothing and Furnishings It is becoming the custom more and more each year to give useful Christmas gifts such as will give comfort and service long after the holiday season is over. It is just such gifts as these that we are showing in large variety, a visit to these stores will help you decide on what is best to give. Read the partial list over: Men's Overcoats . . . \$25 to \$22.50 Trunks . . . \$2.00 to \$10.00 Men's Suits . . . \$15 to \$20.00 Suit Cases . . . \$1.75 to 17.50 Men's Pants . . . \$1.00 to 4.50 Club Bags . . . 2.50 to 9.50 House Coats . . . 3.50 to 5.00 Men's Sweaters . . . 75c to 3.75 Bath Robes . . . 5.00 to 7.00 Boys' Sweaters . . . 50c to 1.50 Boys' Overcoats . . . 2.95 to 12.00 Mufflers . . . 50c to 2.00 Boys' Suits . . . 2.00 to 12.00 Gloves . . . 35c to 3.00 Boys' Pants . . . 1.75 Caps . . . 25c to 1.50 Cardigans . . . 1.25 to 2.50 Shirts . . . 50c to 2.00 Fancy Vests . . . 1.50 to 4.00 Underwear . . . 75c to 2.50 The swiftest line of neckwear in the city. See it. A fancy box with each gift purchased of 50c. or over. J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings 199 to 207 Union st. Stores Open till 8 p. m. St. John, Dec. 17, 1909.

GLOVES All Kinds For Christmas Gifts On every Christmas list, great or small, the word "Gloves" appears. We know this and have made preparations accordingly—never before have our shelves been so crowded with every conceivable style and variety—gloves for evening and party wear, kid street gloves, warm gloves and gauntlets for motoring and driving, boys' girls' and little children's gloves and mittens. And the quality is absolutely reliable. It is a great satisfaction to know that your gift is the best obtainable of its kind, and that is something of which you may be assured if you purchase your Christmas Gloves here.

Perrin Gloves—In Cape and fine kid. Per pair \$1.00 to 1.35 Dent's Gloves—In Cape and heavy kid for street wear or driving. One or two dome, in tans, greys or black. Per pair \$1.00 to 1.60 Misses' Gloves, Boys' Gloves—Per pair 65c to 1.10 See our Special Glove, sizes 5 1-2 to 7 1-4, at \$1.00 pair REAL ANGORA GLOVES, in Black, White and Grey. ANGOLA GLOVES, GAUNTLET GLOVES, FUR-LINED GLOVES—GLOVE DEPT.—FRONT STORE. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.