

### THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong easterly and northerly winds, cloudy with local falls of sleet or snow, much the same temperature.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—Very little change has taken place in the general distribution of pressure over Canada. Temperatures have remained much the same in all districts and the weather throughout Canada has been for the most part fair except in the Georgian Bay district, where snow to a considerable depth has fallen and in the lower St. Lawrence Valley, where light snow falls have occurred, rain has occurred in parts of the Maritime Provinces.

Winnipeg, 10, 14.  
Port Arthur, 12, 20.  
Perry Sound, 12, 24.  
London, 8, 20.  
Toronto, 15, 22.  
Ottawa, 16, 22.  
Montreal, 20, 22.  
Quebec, 8, 18.  
St. John, 20, 26.  
Halifax, 20, 28.

New England Forecast.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Forecast for New England: Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; light to moderate west winds.

### AROUND THE CITY

On Saturday next, Christmas Day, The Standard will not be published.

The Late Capt. Dennis Cohan.

The members of the Irish Society and Benevolent Society are requested to meet in the rooms of the latter at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral of their late brother, Member, Capt. Dennis Cohan.

Winter Port Notes.

The C.P.R. S.S. Lake Michigan will sail for London via Antwerp this afternoon at 4 o'clock. She takes away a large general cargo and 400 head of cattle. The Lake Champlain will move over to No. 6 berth this morning to load cargo for Liverpool.

Concert in Seamen's Institute.

The R.M.S. Tunisian Pierrot troupe which made such a big hit here last season, have arranged a splendid programme for the concert in the Seamen's Institute this evening. They will have the assistance of two special artists from ships in port.

Thistles Elect New Members.

At a meeting of the Thistle Curling Club last evening at the rink, the following new members were elected: Messrs. Roy M. Sippell, Donald Cameron, J. H. Maxwell, J. W. Ewart, Geo. T. Polly, Harry Ervin and Bruce McPherson.

Concert by Young People's Choir.

The young people's choir of Brussels street Baptist church gave an enjoyable concert in the school room of the church last evening. Among those who took part in the programme were Miss Worden, Miss Beryl Blanch, Mr. Willis Stalmers, Miss Louise Colwell and Miss M. McLean.

Results of Canton LaTour Contests.

The voting contests in connection with the Canton LaTour fair, for the most popular fireman and street railway motorman or conductor, closed last evening. Mr. W. Sanderson proved to be the most popular fireman and Mr. Geo. Needham, secured the most votes for the most popular motorman.

Court LaTour Elect Officers.

Court LaTour, I. O. F., elected officers last evening as follows: Mr. G. Stephenson, C. R.; John McQuaid, V. C. R.; E. J. Todd, R. S.; Geo. Currie, F. S.; J. M. Scovill, Jr., C. D.; Dr. Jas. Manning, Treasurer; C. W. Greenslade, orator; Dr. L. A. McAlpine, court physician; J. W. MacKenzie, S. W.; J. W. Brittain, J. W.; A. A. Wilson and M. E. Grass, finance committee.

In Supreme Court Chambers.

Before His Honor Mr. Justice McKeown in supreme court chambers yesterday morning Mr. Fred R. Taylor for the plaintiff in the case of George McKean vs. James Kennedy applied for a commission to issue to London to take the evidence of necessary material witnesses for the plaintiff in the case, Mr. W. A. Ewing, K. C., for the defendant opposed the application. The application was granted.

Cian MacKenzie Ladies Install Officers.

At the regular meeting of the ladies of Cian MacKenzie held in Oddfellows' Hall last evening officers were installed by Mr. H. L. McGowan, past chief, as follows: Mrs. J. A. Murdoch, lady chief; Mrs. Geo. Corbett, lady treasurer; Mrs. Robert Jamieson, chaplain; Dr. Mary E. MacLeod, secretary; Miss E. G. Corbett, assistant secretary; Miss Kathleen Murdoch, senior conductor; Mrs. Fred Fowler, junior conductor; Mrs. E. R. Reid, guard; Mrs. C. K. Cameron, past chief.

An Apology is Now in Order.

The daily Telegraph has been served with notice that unless an apology is forthcoming within five days for the alleged libellous statements made regarding Mr. Richard O'Leary's connection with the Richmond wharf proceedings will be taken against the paper for libel. By the status of New Brunswick when it is proposed to bring an action for libel against a newspaper, the paper must be notified of that fact and five days are allowed in which to tender an apology. Messrs. Hazen and Raymond are acting for Mr. O'Leary.

No Change in City Grouping.

At a meeting yesterday of the committee appointed by the executive of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign movement to consider the advisability of changing the division of the churches in the city proper from four to three groups, it was decided to make no change, but follow the original suggestion of the executive and have four groups. The meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon and those present were, Rev. W. W. Lodge, Rev. Gordon D. McKeown, Rev. J. B. Forbes, Rev. Jas. Crisp, Mr. A. W. Robb, Rev. L. A. McLean, Rev. Dr. Chas. R. Flanders, Rev. S. W. Anthony, Rev. H. D. Marr, Rev. A. A. Graham, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. J. D. Milbury, Mr. W. C. Cross and Mr. Parks.

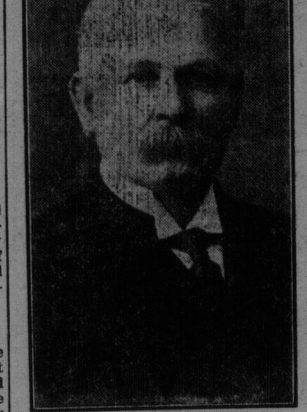
We have inaugurated such low prices that no one in need of wearables, present or future, can afford to pass by this great clearing sale. C. B. Ferguson.

## ATLANTIC DIVISION SENDS GOOD WISHES TO MR. DOWNIE

Heads Of Departments Representing 1500 C. P. R. Employees Presented Congratulatory Address Yesterday On General Superintendent's Recent Marriage—Good Feeling Which Exists Is Emphasized—Mr. Downie Makes Happy Reply.

When Mr. Wm. Downie, general superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., stole a march upon his friends and was quietly married to Miss Charlotte Wilson in St. John's (stone) church on the afternoon of December 8th, no opportunity was given for the officials and employees of the division to extend their congratulations on the happy event.

It was not to be expected in view of the cordial relations which have existed for the past six years between



MR. WILLIAM DOWNIE, General Superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the C. P. R.

Mr. Downie and his subordinates that such an occasion would be allowed to pass unnoticed and yesterday afternoon—the earliest opportunity after his return from his wedding tour—the heads of departments assembled in his private office to extend to him and Mrs. Downie on behalf of some 1500 officials and employees in the division, hearty good wishes for their health, long life and happiness.

The presentation by Mr. Downie's expressed wish, took the form of an address, and he emphasized the fact in his reply by saying that he valued such a gift more than anything else that could have been given him.

In carrying out his wishes the donors left nothing undone to provide a lasting memento of the occasion. The address was engrossed on parchment and handsomely bound in dark blue leather, finished with gold and lined with red velvet. The cover bore an inscription giving the general superintendent's name and the position he holds with the C. P. R. in gift letters.

The Address.

It was 3 o'clock when the heads of the different departments assembled in Mr. Downie's private office. Without any unnecessary preliminaries the address was read by Mr. C. W.

Hon. J. P. Burchill, M. P. P., of New Brunswick, accompanied by his son, Mr. G. Percy Burchill, passed through the city yesterday afternoon home from Ottawa where he attended the conference on the Dec. 16, chartering of the G. T. P. arranged between the Federal and Provincial Governments. To Mr. Burchill the movement owes its origin, as his motion in the Legislature at the last session started the ball rolling.

Speaking to a Standard reporter yesterday Mr. Burchill said he was surprised to find that the conference was limited to a little more than half an hour. Twenty-five representative men from Quebec and New Brunswick had gathered at Ottawa and found themselves very much hurried in presenting their case. There were many who had no opportunity to say anything and what speeches were made were necessarily brief.

He had expected to see Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the conference but Mr. Fisher was deputed to represent the Premier. This was a disappointment, although the minister present had expressed their appreciation of the importance of the project.

In addition to what little was said at the conference Mr. Burchill said that a letter drawn up by the delegates and presenting their views on the matter was also left in the hands of the ministers.

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Pots Not Boiling Fast Enough.

To bring some of the good cheer of the season into the hearts of 500 men, women and children by providing them with good dinners on Christmas Day is the joyous task the local Salvation Army has undertaken. One hundred baskets containing 400 meals will be sent to families less fortunate than their neighbors. At the shelter it is planned to feed 75 roving men, while a number of women will be provided for at the Evening Home. The Christmas pots with the announcement "Keep the pot boiling," which have been on the street corners for some days, have not received as many contributions so far as last year, but it is expected that they will bubble faster from now until the holiday. The Army is anxious to receive anything in the way of provision or cash to go towards the dinners.

Reception at Y. M. C. A.

At a meeting of the social committee of the Y. M. C. A. last night it was decided to have the building thrown open to the New Year's day. In the afternoon a public reception will be held and in the evening there will be a special entertainment for the members and their male friends. The committee is now at work arranging an enjoyable programme.

Death of Miss Margaret London.

The death occurred in Montreal yesterday of Miss Margaret London, a well known resident of Canterbury Station, where for many years Miss London in company with her brother, Edward, kept a large general store. The body, accompanied by Miss London's two nephews, Charles and Edward, who are attending McGill, left Montreal last evening and will be brought to Canterbury Station, where the funeral will be held. Miss London is survived by two brothers, Edward and John, both residing at home.

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Lumbermen's,	\$1.80
Boys' and Girls'	2.40
Ladies'	3.00
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Men's Suits, \$4.95 to \$20.00	Hats, \$2.00 to \$3.00	Comfort in Wool, 50c. to \$1.00
Men's Pants, \$1.00 to \$4.50	Capes, \$1.50 to \$1.50	Fancy Shirts, 50c. to \$2.00
Boys' Overcoats, \$2.98 to \$12.00	Leather Collar Bags, 75c. to \$1.50	White Shirts, 50c. to \$1.50
Boys' D. B. Reefers, \$2.00 to \$8.00	Men's Gloves, 25c. to \$3.00	Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to 75c.
Boys' Suits, \$2.00 to \$12.00	Boys' Gloves, 25c. to \$1.00	Initial Linen (6 in box), \$1.50
Boys' Pants, 45c. to \$1.75	Fancy Braces, 25c. to \$1.50	Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, 50c. to 75c.
House Coats, \$3.50 to \$5.00	Combination Sets, 75c. to \$1.50	Plain Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1.00
Fancy Vests, \$2.00 to \$4.00	Garters and Armbands (boxed), 50c.	Men's Sweaters, 75c. to \$3.75
Dressing Cases, \$1.75 to \$15.00	Christmas Neckwear, 15c. to 50c.	Boys' Sweaters, 50c. to \$1.50
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Reefers, 3.75 to 8.00	Fur Collars, 3.00 to 4.00
Waterproof Coats, 5.00 to 18.50	Fur Gloves (gumlet), 6.75 to 21.75
Rain Coats, 10.00 to 28.00	
Overcoats, 7.50 to 30.00	
Suits, 5.00 to 25.00	

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Boys' 2-Piece Suits, \$2.50 to \$10.00	Boys' Bath Robes, 1.25
Boys' 3-Piece Suits, 3.75 to 13.00	Boys' Hockey Caps and Toggles, 35c. to .50
Boys' Russian Suits, 3.75 to 7.50	Boys' Grey Lamb Caps and Tams, 3.00 to 4.50
Boys' Sailor Suits, 2.25 to 7.50	Children's Bo-peep Bathrobes, 3.50
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Boys' Fancy Overcoats, 3.50 to 8.50	
Boys' Regular Overcoats, 4.25 to 13.50	

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