

THE WEATHER. Toronto, Dec. 8.—Pressure is high and the weather fair and cold from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces. In the West the weather has been fair with a tendency toward lower temperatures in northern districts.

AROUND THE CITY. TO TALK MATTERS OVER. Capt. Walsh of the C.P.O.S. is expected in the city today to talk over matters with representatives of the various unions working on the harbor front and sign the contracts for the season.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL. Frank Coleman, charged with stealing \$150 from Mrs. McGinnis, was sent up for trial before the next sitting of the Kings County Court yesterday.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES. The executive of the Red Cross met yesterday morning, Mrs. F. S. White in the chair, and discussed work at the winter port docks for this season. It was decided to supply milk and biscuits to the children coming in on the steamers.

CHARGED WITH THEFT. Hugh Johnson was arrested last evening on the charge of theft of baggage from the steamer Empress on the boat's arrival from Digby yesterday. The arrest was made by C. P. H. police and Detective Biddiscombe.

MILITARY NOTES. Lieut. Colonel H. C. Spurling, D. S. O., general staff officer for Military District No. 7, left for Sackville yesterday morning in connection with the reorganization of the Canadian Army training corps at Mount Allison University. On completing reorganization in Sackville, Colonel Spurling will go to Halifax on duty before returning home.

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union 918, held their regular meeting in the Trades and Labor Hall yesterday evening, with President Joseph Nixon in the chair.

ON INSPECTION TRIP. A party of C. N. R. officials, recently promoted, reached the city yesterday by Maritime Express on a tour of inspection. They included W. A. Kingsland, general manager, Montreal; L. S. Brown, assistant general manager; J. C. O'Donnell, general superintendent, Moncton, formerly of Winnipeg; A. C. Baker, division superintendent, Moncton, and F. P. Brady, Toronto.

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### No German Toys Sold In St. John

Merchants State Local Stock is Canadian or British Make—Won't Purchase German

"All toys on sale in my store are typically British or Canadian make," stated a local toy merchant yesterday evening when informed of a despatch received from Montreal to the effect that some toys of German manufacture were on sale in that city. "There is not one toy of German manufacture in my stock," he continued. "It is possible, however, that some toys of German make are on sale in Montreal, owing to the fact that there are two or three agencies for German goods in Upper Canada. I do not think that any of these toys have reached St. John, and I, for one, will take the greatest care not to purchase any." This statement was reiterated by several local toy dealers.

Report From Montreal

The report from Montreal stated that, although close scrutiny had been made by dealers of the origin of many varieties of toys on sale in that city, it is admitted by some that, in spite of such care, a considerable quantity of public susceptibility, a certain proportion of German manufacture had crept into stock. It was said also that it was impossible to entirely exclude the German product, for, in many cases, the actual place of manufacture could not be ascertained. Trade-marks apparently were not guaranteed, because of the ease of German producers to make their commodities through agents and identify them as the manufacture of allied or friendly countries.

The German Article

According to a Montreal despatch, there are some dealers in Montreal, and managers of toy departments of large shops who are quite emphatic in their statements that "there is not a German toy in the place," the precautionary steps they had taken having been sufficient to exclude articles manufactured in Germany. One manager there pointed to a display of magic lanterns as being the only article originating from that country, and this man stated that these were purchased because they were "unobtainable elsewhere."

From Other Countries

There are apparently, however, a few toys on sale in St. John from France, Switzerland, Belgium and Japan. European countries have supplied most of the metal and mechanical toys, while weird assortments of bizarre articles, principally of a decorative nature, have come from the Orient. A great majority of the big toys, particularly those of propelling quality, are produced in the United States.

While there are a number of Canadian manufacturers in the toy trade, the industry in this province has not as yet reached a stage of development of substance, and the domestic product does not hold any material place in the displays exhibited so far.

### Confessed To Many Breaks

Two Juveniles Who Escaped from Industrial Home Entered Duck Cove Homes

Two juveniles, who were arrested late on Tuesday night charged with escaping from the Boys' Industrial Home, breaking into and entering Emerson & Fisher's establishment on German street and burglarizing the lunch cart of James Young, North Market street, appeared before Police Magistrate Ritchie yesterday.

It was also discovered after investigation that they had broken into five cottages at Duck Cove belonging to Messrs. Timmer, Levin, Lawson and Haley and Mrs. Avery. Several flashlights and blank cartridges were found in the vicinity of the cottages which had been stolen from Emerson & Fisher's store, and, in addition, some of Emerson & Fisher's goods had been hidden under one of the bathing houses at Bay Shore. These were recovered and also several files.

The youths confessed to all crimes, and while they broke the locks and windows in the cottages, they did not steal anything from them. They were sent back to the Boys' Industrial Home.

### Seamen's Institute Place of Activity

Over Five Hundred Visitors There Yesterday—Good Canteen Business

Yesterday was a busy day at the Seamen's Institute over five hundred people visiting the building during the day. In the evening, the canteen was well patronized, the men apparently appreciating the more substantial food which is served there in the form of "hot dogs." Walter Brindle and his assistants were kept busy at work exchanging money, the following amounts being changed: 1,200 francs, 350 lire, 225 and 350 Belgian francs. Five books of ferry tickets were purchased. Many questions were answered and assistance given in several cases.

In the evening, a picture show was given. It is stated that every motion picture exchange in St. John, except one, has very willingly provided seats free of charge for the seamen. This goes on all winter and speaks well for the exchanges who thus prove their realization of the debt of gratitude owed to the seafarers who bring merchandise to our port.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE. Tonight, 8 o'clock, Coriaca Concert Party. Admission 20 cents. Reserved, 25 cents.

### Well Dressed Men Looking For Food

Reports Received at Meeting of Associated Charities Board

A large attendance marked the first monthly meeting of the Board of Associated Charities official new year, which began yesterday. The president, W. S. Fisher, was in the chair, and considerable business was transacted.

Expect Many Calls

From the general discussion that transpired, it was evident that there will be more calls on the board's organization this winter than has been the case for some years past.

Members of the board took occasion to pay high tribute to the secretary of the board, Miss Grace O. Robertson, for her great devotedness to the duties of her office.

Several ladies present told of well dressed men coming to their door and asking for a meal, stating that they had come to the city looking for work and had been unable to find it and were out of funds.

Secretary's Report

Miss Robertson submitted her November report, as follows:—Appeals received, 179; requests for employment, 55; employment found for 42 persons recommended, 61; requests for records, 21; records given, 16; seeking relief, 25; relief procured for 22; visits made, 87; clothing given, 61; cases investigated, 12; two men asked for transportation.

Treasurer William Young said it would be necessary to receive more funds to successfully carry on the work which the association was faced with this winter. A committee was appointed to consider the matter of raising additional funds.

### Hydro Commission Conference Held

Engineers Will Make Estimate of Cost Per Unit for Power Delivered Here

"Whether the city distribute the power themselves or do it through the New Brunswick Power Co. the ultimate consumer will get the benefit of whatever saving there may be in the cost of developing it as compared to present day cost of developing from coal," was the statement made by Mayor Schofield, after the conference held yesterday afternoon in his office to talk over this important subject.

Those Present

Premier Foster, the members of the Hydro Commission, the city commissioners, and L. R. Ross, representing the New Brunswick Power Co. were present. All parties were agreed that a saving would be made in the cost of producing power and that the consuming public should get the benefit of this saving, whether it was large or small.

Make An Estimate

It was finally decided to have the city engineer G. G. Hare and C. O. Foss, engineer for the commission, get together and make up an estimate of the cost per unit for the power delivered in the city, both by a new installation and by handling it through the Power Co., and report on the saving which the public might expect.

Issues Warning

In speaking of the matter His orship issued a warning that the people must not expect too much from this development, as it was much more expensive to get power from a small plant such as this than it was from Niagara. He pointed out that the work was estimated to cost \$1,500,000, and on this amount the commission must get \$180,000 in order to pay its way.

### Christmas Mail Going To England

Large Amount Being Received in Local Post Office—Forwarded Next Week

Christmas mail to families and friends residing in England is now being received in large quantities in the local post office. Parcels are coming in fast, and many presents will leave for the old country on the return voyage of the C. O. P. Sliner Melita, which from present indications will leave St. John tomorrow.

Leaving Next Week

The bulk of the Christmas mail for England, however, will likely be conveyed across the Atlantic by either the steamer Corsican or the Empress of Britain next week, but the exact date for the closing of the mails has not yet been announced by the post office authorities. Definite information on this point will probably be forthcoming within the next three or four days. The C. O. P. Sliner Corsican is now docked at No. 3 berth, Sand Point, and will sail sometime after Saturday next; while the Empress of Britain is now on her way from Halifax to this port.

Nothing Yet From West

From various parts of the province Christmas mail for England is arriving, but none of the mails from the West for the old country have yet reached St. John. Most of the mails from such cities as Montreal, Ottawa, London, Toronto and Winnipeg are closed cases, and will probably arrive very early next week.

Present indications are that Christmas gifts this year for England will be far in excess of those of last year, and the present parcels now being received are between sixty and one hundred per cent. above normal in number. It is customary to allow a period of ten days from the time of sailing for delivery of parcels to the addresses in England; but it sometimes takes a longer time, due to heavy seas, customs inspection and other possible delays.

### Not Proposed By Any Outside Party

Prominent Orangeman Says Protest Meeting Held by Loyal Men and Women

"Absolutely nothing to it, so far as St. John is concerned anyway, and I believe the same thing will apply to Fredericton and Moncton," was the way a prominent Orangeman of the city summed the reported statement of Lindsay Crawford in Moncton, that his meetings were being broken up by the efforts of men from Toronto.

"Whatever was done in St. John was done solely on the initiative of the loyal men and women of this city, and was not proposed by any outside party. Neither was St. John Orangemen responsible for what took place in Fredericton and Moncton. I am in a position to know what I am saying and can state positively there was no concerted action in that matter."

Returned Soldier

A returned soldier, questioned by the Standard regarding the statements that the Sunday meeting held in St. John to protest against Lindsay Crawford speaking in this city was engineered from Toronto, said: "As it appears from the statement of Lindsay Crawford, he seems to have been in wrong with the people of Toronto. Therefore, he wishes to create the impression that the people in this part of Canada would not be adverse to his coming if they were not incited from Toronto. This is absurd, and a mere subterfuge. The action in St. John was absolutely local and in no way controlled from any outside point."

Another Denial

A prominent member of the Orange Lodge in St. John denied emphatically that Sunday's meeting was planned in Toronto. It was, he said, a meeting called of patriotic citizens, and all classes were represented. On the citizens' committee, which called the meeting, were several men who did not belong to any society whatsoever. It was felt that Lindsay Crawford was not wanted, in view of his record as an agitator and that it was in the best interests of the city that he should not speak here. The feeling against him was strong, but the committee wished to restrain people from committing any breaches of the peace, and did not organize or stir up feelings that might result in disorder. No messages of any kind were received in St. John from any other city. The protest against Lindsay Crawford's meeting came from patriotic citizens in general.

That the feeling against this man's activities is no new thing is proved by the expression of the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, the provincial branch, and the Dominion branch have all passed resolutions and made it a point of honor to be held in the paper, "The Statesman," of which Lindsay Crawford is editor, requesting that it be kept out of Canada.

### Sales Conference Opens Here Today

Distinguished Rubber Men Will Attend First Conference Held in Provinces

Distinguished rubber men are coming to attend the sales conference of the Dominion Rubber System (Maritime) Limited, to be held in this city today and tomorrow.

This is the first sales conference ever held in the Maritime Provinces. W. R. Stewart, maritime sales manager has been a busy man during the last few days getting ready for this busy session. The programme will include among other things a banquet at the Union Club on Friday night, which it is expected that upwards of sixty rubber men will be in attendance. Among other visitors from out of town to the convention will be R. E. Jamieson, president Dominion Rubber System; Lieut.-Col. E. M. Maclean, J. M. S. Carroll, J. C. Rudolph, A. E. Morrisette, W. Thompson, sales managers, and W. F. Bilger, advertising manager, as well as fifty members of the various sales departments who are responsible for the marketing of Dominion Rubber System products throughout the Maritime Provinces.

BLouses FOR GIFT SHOPPERS

Buy Her Something She Can Wear

Charming Blouses, such as are being shown by F. A. Dykeman Co. are being introduced. Just taken from their boxes, these are now on display, ready for your selection. Artistic in design, and so well made and attractive that any woman would be delighted with them.

Waists are ideal gifts. It is easy to choose one at this popular store.—Georgette Crepe, Voile, Satin, Crepe-de-Chine, high or low neck, in all the regular styles, as well as the new over-blouse effect. The prettiest of evening shades at prices within the reach of all. Visit the Christmas Waist Booth, second floor.

The Officers and Members of Saint Andrew's Society are requested to meet at the Orange Hall, Germain street, on Thursday at 2 p. m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late member MR. ROBERT B. PATERSON, a past president of the society.

By order, ALEXANDER McMILLAN Pres. CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL DEALS 60c. McMILLAN'S GORGEOUS DISPLAY Christmas Cards, Tags and Seals are now on view. All prices.

Woolen Serge Dresses \$15.00, \$19.00, \$21.00 Silk or Georgette Frocks \$28.50, \$31.00 Woolen Coats \$39.50 Gloves \$3 to \$35 Silk Plush Hats \$8.25

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All of you grown-ups will be as thrilled and excited during the visit as the little girls and boys who gaze with starry eyes at all the wonder things.

As this or that new Toy is discovered they give ohs! and ahs! of delight. Everyone from the tiniest tot to granddad enjoys coming into this happy place—and all are most welcome.

### Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Today we will Feature New Trimmed Winter Hats at Special Prices.



## 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. Safe for the tiniest tot—no sharp corners—distance from floor less than when standing.

Let the kiddies joy-ride all the day long.

Prices \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50

Santa Claus will see that a Kiddie Kar is delivered Christmas Eve if the order is left with

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## A Personal Touch in Gifts of Apparel

This store's gift stocks are filled to overflowing with odd bits of apparel that women enjoy having. Early selections are advised for your own satisfaction.

### GIFT BLOUSES

Endless in variety, elaborately embroidered with metal threads, silk floss or wool; also plain tailored and semi-tailored models for those who prefer them. You may choose from Georgettes, Crepe-de-Chines, Messalines, Tricolettes and many dainty tub stuffs.

### GIFT NECKWEAR

Here is plenty of room for individual choice. Handsome Evening Scarfs are in plain shades and lovely color blendings, made of sheer Ninons and Crepe-de-Chines, Collars, Vestees, Sets of Collars and Cuffs and Fischus are in combinations of net, organdy and lace. Styles are extremely becoming and delightful.

Spanish Lace Scarfs in black or white also suggest thoroughly enjoyable gifts.

### GIFT LINGERIE

Exquisite hand work, ribbons and laces adorn Chemises, Night Gowns, Camisoles and other dainty garments.

Silks, Crepe-de-Chines and Satins many times form the foundation of these lovely pieces.

Negligees and Boudoir Caps are also very beautiful and decidedly gift.

### GIFT HOSIERY

Silk Hosiery in black or colors is popular as gifts. You can find many kinds here very moderately priced; you can also find the better kinds and the choice of colors is comprehensive. Lace clocked models have a gift look that is appropriate this time of year.

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