

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate southerly and westerly winds; fair and milder.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Fine weather has prevailed today throughout Canada, and it has been unseasonably mild from the Rockies to the Ottawa Valley. In Quebec and the Maritime Provinces moderately cold conditions have obtained.

	Min	Max
Victoria	36	48
Vancouver	36	46
Kamloops	34	40
Edmonton	32	38
Battleford	32	44
Prince Albert	34	42
Calgary	32	44
Medicine Hat	32	44
Winnipeg	32	44
Regina	32	44
Q'Appelle	32	44
Port Arthur	32	44
Parry Sound	32	44
Toronto	32	44
Kingston	32	44
Ottawa	32	44
Montreal	32	44
Quebec	32	44
St. John	32	44
Halifax	32	44

AROUND THE CITY

Arrested for Assault.
Stanley Brown was arrested yesterday on the charge of assault.

Preparing for Auto Show.
F. S. Jackson arrived in the city yesterday from Toronto in the interests of the second annual automobile show to be held next month under the auspices of the New Brunswick Automobile Association.

Tea and Sale at Westfield.
The sewing circle of the woman of St. Luke's church, Westfield, held a very successful tea and sale on Saturday evening. All present passed a most enjoyable time, and the handsome sum of \$95 was realized.

Returning to the West.
Wendall T. Farris, a former newspaper man of St. John, now practicing law in Vancouver, has been visiting his father, Hon. L. P. Farris, Grand Lake, and renewing former acquaintances in New Brunswick. He returns to the west this evening.

To Inspect New Elevator.
J. M. R. Fairbairn, assistant chief engineer of the C. P. R., J. A. Shaw, chief electrician and J. Spelman, of the Metcalfe Construction Co., arrived in the city yesterday and will remain several days. They will inspect the new elevator at Sand Point with the idea of the C. P. R. taking it over from the contractors. The party arrived in the city yesterday on the private car, Lethbridge.

V. P. S. Elects Officers.
At the annual meeting of the Young People's Society of Exmouth street Methodist church last evening officers for the coming year were selected as follows: President, Miss Valdrin; first vice-president, M. A. Adams; second vice-president, Miss Laura Myles; third vice-president, Miss Willis; fourth vice-president, Gordon Steves; secretary, William Beville; treasurer, R. Goodrich; representative to the district league, Miss E. Fisher. The reports from the various committees showed that the work of the society during the year had been very successful.

A Coward's Act.
Last night about midnight a number of young men were enjoying themselves singing as they walked along the north side of the King Square. When near the corner of Charlotte, one youth with a false idea of humor, tore the hat from the head of an old man who was standing there and then struck the old fellow across the face with the hat. The young fellow then went along with his companions laughing. The fresh youth may feel proud of his action but it was fortunate that a police officer was not near at the time or he would have time to think that his action was that of a coward.

CHEMICAL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

The Rough Notes magazine states that automobiles carrying approved fire extinguishers would be allowed a reduction of 10 per cent on the purchase of the car and 15 per cent on private cars.

While no allowance of this kind is made here at present it goes to show the value accorded to chemical fire extinguishers by some of the automobile companies.

The Pyrene Extinguisher is one that has been approved by the automobile insurance companies in the States. We are carrying extinguishers of all kinds, including the Pyrene and can supply them from stock at once.

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This season of the year when you are spending so much money you want to make it go as far as possible. There is a chance at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store to make one dollar do the work of two. Over three hundred pieces of ladies' neckwear (samples) bought at just half price, to sell the same way. The \$1.50 pieces are 75 cents; the \$1.00 pieces are 45 cents; and 50 cents; the 75 cent pieces are 39 cents; the 55 and 60 cent pieces are 29 cents; the 25 cent pieces are 15 cents. Such dainty creations. Everything in neckwear, and no two alike.

Notice.
The Commission of the St. John Municipal House request that all in against the institution be handed in to the secretary not later than the 20th inst. to ensure prompt payment. By order, S. M. Wetmore, Secretary.

PERSONAL.

J. A. Kelley, of this city, is visiting in Fredericton.

H. W. Woods, M. L. A., was in the city yesterday.

Gold print cannot do justice to Consumers' Coal Co's HOT coal—You must try it.

PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL.

VALLEY RAILWAY TAKES NECESSARY STEP TO GET COURTNEY BAY ROUTE

Plans of Route Filed Yesterday in Name of Intercolonial, but in Opinion of Real Estate Men Points to Valley Railway as Real Factor in Development

What is regarded as one of the most important steps in connection with the development of Courtney Bay was taken yesterday afternoon when the Intercolonial Railway filed plans of the route it will follow to get to the waterfront in the new harbor. While the process was carried out in the name of the Intercolonial it is believed by men closely in touch with the situation that the real parties interested are the Valley Railway, and as it is hoped the Grand Trunk Pacific traffic will come largely over the Valley line, the opinion is that the action of yesterday eventually will mean the establishment of immense G. T. P. terminals.

While some of the properties which the railway will cut through will have to be expropriated, the most of the securing of land for the purpose was done by the firm of Armstrong and Bruce acting for the I. C. R. The land secured is a strip one hundred feet wide at all places. It starts from the I. C. R. main line near the Crosby molasses warehouse on the Marsh road, crosses the R. G. Murray property and comes across Westmor-

ROYAL GEORGE'S CAPTAIN HAS WORDS OF PRAISE FOR HARBOR

Entertains Prominent Citizens at Luncheon Aboard Vessel—Pleased with Accommodations—Rise and Fall of Tides no Cause for Worry—Excellent Facilities for Coaling.

Captain Thompson, of the Royal George, entertained a number of prominent citizens at luncheon on the Canadian Northern liner yesterday afternoon. Among his guests were Senator Thorne, J. M. Robinson, president of the Board of Trade, H. C. Schofield, and Capt. Gilles of the Donaldson Line, Percy W. Thomson, A. C. Skelton, L. G. Crosby, A. C. Currie, G. H. Harrison, G. H. Flood, Dr. Hogan, F. P. Starr, and H. T. Hoag, secretary of the Board of Trade.

In proposing the health of the commander and many prosperous voyages to his ship, President Robinson of the Board of Trade, said that while St. John had lost the Empress boats, it could console itself by the fact of securing such fine craft as the Royal liners to take their place.

Capt. Thompson in responding said he had been greatly surprised to find that there was a rise and fall of the tide at St. John. He said he had heard that there was a rise and fall of the tide at St. John, and that he was being notified that he was to run to St. John this winter he had some misgivings. But on examining his charts he learned that the greatest range of the spring tides here was 27 feet.

GOOD PLAY CLEVERLY PRODUCED

Stock Company's Offering of "A Dawn of a Tomorrow" the Best Yet—Piece all Should See.

"The Dawn of a Tomorrow," the Thompson-Woods Company's offering for the current week, was given its first performance last evening, and made an instantaneous hit. It was regarded by many in the audience as the best thing this popular company has yet done, and in certain respects such is the case.

The piece is something different. It is away from the stereotyped routine of plot and counterplot and tells a human interest story. The tale is that of an eminent financier suffering from a nervous strain, who, given up by his physicians as a highly probable candidate for the lunatic asylum, decided upon suicide. Averse to notoriety, he goes in disguise to the east side of London where, it is his purpose to bring the end. He comes in touch with certain denizens of the slums, and by imbibing their philosophy is brought to a clearer view of life, resigning in improved mental health.

The action of the piece centers about Miss Brandt, who as "Glad" of the east side, ultimately converts the would-be suicide, Sir Oliver Holt, (Mr. Weyler) to a better appreciation of his duties to humanity. Miss Brandt was at her best, and gave a thoroughly consistent presentation of a very exciting part.

The other ladies of the company were seen only in roles of very minor importance, but Miss Davis and Miss Briggs did their work in a manner entirely satisfactory to the audience.

"The Dandy" (Mr. Maharry) the slum-dwelling pickpocket and streetwise character, had several opportunities for efficient work and in the third act particularly showed his ability in a strongly emotional scene.

Mr. Webster, however, carried the interest of the audience through the entire piece and read his lines quietly, yet convincingly, and with entire satisfaction.

WILL ASK FOR FIRE MARSHAL FOR PROVINCE

Underwriters Preparing Bill for Next Session of Legislature.

WOULD INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS FIRES

Inquiry into Causes would Educate People to Need of Greater Care and Thereby Reduce Number.

The Board of Fire Underwriters will submit to the next session of the Provincial Legislature a bill providing for the appointment of a provincial fire marshal. Many American States have found it pays well to have a fire marshal to investigate fires, and the local fire underwriters feel that the time is ripe for making a move to have a fire marshal appointed in this province. A committee of the Board of Fire Underwriters has been appointed to take up the matter and prepare a bill to be submitted to the legislature at its next session.

The proportion of fires which are readily preventable have by various authorities been placed at anywhere from 10 to 20 per cent of the total, and it is everywhere conceded that the needed authority should be given to proper governmental departments to supervise and control the construction, occupation, protection and inspection of all premises as regards fire preventive measures, together with power to arrest and prosecute those who would wilfully or maliciously destroy property by fire. The advantages of uniform laws are well recognized. A provincial fire marshal law, guarding as it would the lives and property of citizens, would no doubt have beneficial results; at any rate the experience of other places lead the fire underwriters here to believe this. The citizens are interested in the matter not only because a fire marshal law properly carried out would do much to reduce the danger to property and life, but because a reduction in the number of fires would no doubt be followed by a reduction in the insurance rates.

Under the act which the Board of Fire Underwriters hope to induce the legislature to adopt it would be the duty of the provincial fire marshal to conduct an investigation personally or by his deputies into all fires of suspicious origin, and to enquire into laws and ordinances of the province, county or city in relation to the following matters: The prevention of fires, the storage, sales and use of inflammable and explosive materials, the installation and maintenance of automatic fire alarm systems and fire extinguishing equipment, the construction, maintenance and restoration of fire escapes, the means and adequacy of exits, in case of fire, from factories, asylums, churches, hospitals, schools, halls, theatres, and all other places in which numbers of persons work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose, the suppression of arson and the investigation of the origin, cause and circumstances of fires.

Canada is said to be the leading country in the world in the matter of losses by fire. For some time it was only second in the race, but since the United States have shown a disposition to cope with the fire problem some improvement has been made there. Statistics published a year ago showed that in the United States and Canada the per capita loss from fire was some times the per capita loss in countries like England and Germany, while the expenses of maintaining fire-fighting departments on this continent were many times greater than in the old world.

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EMPRESS ARRIVED IN ST. JOHN SATURDAY

Not Expected by Shipping Men, and Had Stormy Passage.

Those connected with shipping were rather surprised to see the schooner "Empress" arrive in the harbor Saturday morning. She had evidently received pretty severe treatment in the recent gales, having a considerable list to port when she arrived. Heavy weather has prevailed along the Atlantic coast recently, and she was not expected on this account, for some few days. However, she arrived safely and is now docked at the Consumers Coal Co's wharf, where she is discharging a cargo of particularly fine American Hard Coal for the Consumers Co. If the Charlotte street siding is completed in time, a considerable portion of this coal will be shipped by rail to inland points.

Already 100 feet of the track runs along the front of the Consumers property, and they are now in a position to ship coal direct from the wharf into cars, if the switch connections were made at Ballast wharf. This gives the Consumers Co. the best facilities in the city for this class of business, no other coal company having rail connection to their docks.

Yours very truly,
CONSUMERS COAL CO. LTD.

Suitable Xmas Presents for Mechanics

Nothing better than Useful Tools of good quality for those who are interested in the following list:

CALLIPERS, Outside and Inside; SPEED INDICATORS, HACK SAWS, THREAD GAUGES, WINE GAUGES, SCREWDRIVERS, SETS OF TAPS and DIES, COMBINATION SQUARES, DEPTH GAUGES, CENTRE GAUGES, THICKNESS GAUGES, STEEL SCALES, SETS OF DRILLS, CENTRE PUNCHES, MACHINIST'S HAMMERS, SURFACE GAUGES, REAMERS, COUNTERSINKS, STILLSON WRENCHES, MONKEY WRENCHES, ADJUSTABLE S. WRENCHES, CHUCKS, SETS OF SOCKET WRENCHES, IVORY RULES, OIL STOVES, HAND and BREAST DRILLS, OILERS in Brass and Copper, DIVIDERS, BOLT CUTTERS, PIPE SETS.

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A Plain, Practical Timepiece, so plain that a dollar buys it—so practical that millions of people carry it.

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New Corduroys

Fancy and Two-Tone Velvet Finish Fabrics In Novel Weaves at Only 55c a Yard

These fashionable new corduroys which are extremely popular just now will make up into the smartest of Costumes and Dresses.

The materials are this season's effects in pattern and coloring, closely woven, but soft and velvety, and the proper weight to shape perfectly in conforming to present style lines.

This will be an ideal opportunity to procure a practical Christmas Gift or provide for your own needs at a generous reduction.

A limited quantity only of these cloths, so you must hurry to get them.

Commencing This Morning

Fancy and Two-Tone Velvet Finish Corduroys for costumes and dresses, in black and white, grey mixed and new blues, 27 inches wide.

Sale price, per yard . . . 55c

This Sale will be in the Costume Section—Second Floor.

DRESSED DOLLS FOR THE KIDDIES

A Big Exhibit of all Kinds Now in the Millinery Salon, Also Fine Perfumes and Stationery. Come and Choose Gifts Early.

Specials for This Morning

IN CARPET DEPARTMENT FROM 9 A. M. TO 1 P. M.

HEARTH RUGS, animal designs, regular price \$2.75. Morning Sale price, each \$1.90

NURSERY RUGS, picture ends, regular price \$2.50. Morning Sale price, each \$1.75

FINE WILTON RUGS, assorted designs, regular price \$4.50.

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