

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northeasterly to northerly winds, fair and cold.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The pressure remains normally higher over the Dominion, and comparatively low over the Middle and South Atlantic States. A little light snow has fallen today over the southern portion of Ontario. Otherwise the weather has been everywhere fine.

Temperatures.		
	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	48
Kamloops	10	20
Regina	10	14
Calgary	10	14
Edmonton	12	16
Battleford	8	14
Moose Jaw	12	17
Winnipeg	12	22
Fort Arthur	8	22
Perry Sound	12	24
Toronto	22	25
Ottawa	16	24
Montreal	18	24
Quebec	18	24
St. John	20	26
Hallifax	18	28

—Below zero.

Around the City

French Officers Here.

Capt. H. Baleyse and L. Darrigo, of the French army, are at the Royal Hotel. They are here in connection with the shipment of horses for the French Remount Department.

Good Wishes for Brothers.

Thomas H. Rowley and Walter M. Rowley, who have joined the 26th Battalion, were recipients last evening at a few tokens and the best of wishes from many friends for a safe return from Berlin to St. John.

For the Free Kindergarten.

The Community Welfare Committee of the German street Brotherhood has decided to take up the matter of providing for the free kindergarten during the next year. Next week the members will make a canvas of the city with the idea of raising funds for the kindergarten work.

Social Hour for Soldiers.

Rev. Mr. Kuhring has sent out invitations to members of the 26th Battalion for a social hour in the Stone church school room Sunday evening. Coffee and cake will be served. The writing and rest room for soldiers will be opened from 5.30 o'clock.

The Lumber Mills.

Murray & Gregory's saw mill at Marble Cove has closed down for the winter. A number of other mills have also discontinued operations. Stetson, Cutler & Company's mills at Indian town and Pleasant Point respectively, and Moore's mill, at Pleasant Point, are still running.

At the Boys' Club.

The Boys' Club last evening was visited by W. B. Tennant, president of the Playgrounds Association, and Commissioner Potts of the executive committee of that body. Both addressed the boys. Sergeant Sullivan put the boys through a military drill. Other visitors were present and a pleasant evening was spent. Commissioner Potts, Mr. Tennant and A. M. Belding later visited the Girls' Club in the McLaughlin building.

New Policemen.

Two young men were sworn in as members of the St. John police force yesterday morning at the Police Station. They are Howard and Dykeman, who resigned to join the 26th Battalion of Infantry for overseas service. The two men were Fred W. Storm, aged 21, 6 feet 1 1/2 inches in height, chest development 38 up to 40 inches, and weighing 180 pounds; Henry B. Young, 23 years of age, 6 feet in height, chest development 38 up to 40 inches, and weighing 160 pounds. The men went on duty last night.

Patriotic Fund

Riverside, N. B.	\$624.00
Elgin, N. B.	266.60
Pleasant Vale, N. B.	11.00
Midway and West River, N. B.	58.75
Harvey, N. B.	107.75
Point Wolfe, N. B.	7.00
Hastings, N. B.	14.00
Alma, N. B.	82.75
Hopewell Hill, N. B.	12.00
Hopewell Cape, N. B.	183.00
Total	\$1,456.85

People of Havelock, N. B. 735.00
Provincial Hospital Staff (for December) 51.00

The Greater St. John.

A letter from Buenos Ayres, South America, addressed to "The British Consul, St. John, United States of America," was turned over to the secretary of the Board of Trade yesterday. It contained information respecting the formation of a Mercantile Exchange in Buenos Ayres, under the management of C. S. Lawson & Company. If the Buenos Ayres Mercantile Exchange expects to do business with Canada it will have to get better acquainted with His Britannic Majesty's North Atlantic possessions.

Gymnasium in Fairville.

Fairville has now a gymnasium where the young men of that community may engage in physical exercises and otherwise build up their physical frames. The new recreation building is at the rear of the Baptist church and was formerly a barn, but it has been properly fitted up and a good chance for exercise has been provided. Frank Thorne, a member of the Y.M.C.A. champion basketball team, and a leader of one of the classes in the city, was in charge of the work last evening and he put those present through some of the preliminary work connected with gymnasium work. Basketball will be played but attention will be given to the proper development of the young men.

OFFICERS FOR N.B. BATTALION APPOINTED

Announcement made yesterday of provisional appointment of officers for 26th—List much as expected.

Yesterday announcement was made of the provisional appointment of officers for the 26th Infantry Battalion from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Supporting Lieut. Col. McAvity are: A. E. G. Carter, R. W. Morrison, appointed senior major, and T. Malcolm McAvity, junior major. Major Arnold of Sussex is appointed paymaster and Major Murray of Sussex, medical officer. Capt. W. R. Brown, formerly of the imperial service, is confirmed in his position as adjutant, in which capacity he has been serving for some time, and the same is true of Lieut. W. Cheverie, late of the R. G. A. at Halifax, who is appointed quartermaster, and Captain A. O. Dawson as signalling officer.

The names of the company commanders, each taking the rank of captain, are Guy Ginnear, Sussex; D. D. McArthur, C. I. Dunfield, F. H. Elliott, W. H. Belyea, F. F. May, George Keefe, and A. McMillan. The list of Lieutenants who have been honored with positions in the several companies is: F. A. McKenzie, C. E. Fairweather, F. R. Lockhart, P. G. McAvity, A. D. Carter, R. W. Morrison, G. A. Mowatt, J. A. McKenzie, N. MacFarlane, C. F. Leonard, W. C. Lawson, H. W. Ferguson, J. A. Legere, G. M. Johnston, D. C. Sherren and C. D. Knowlton.

While the announcement is made that the appointments are provisional, it is expected all will be ratified. Quite a number of young men who had qualified for positions were disappointed but hope to receive appointments if a third contingent is sent to the front.

LETTERS RECOVERED FROM WRECKED SHIP

Mail from ill fated Empress of Ireland received by St. John people.

W. D. Stewart, who is now a private in the 26th Regiment and training for duty at the front, was surprised man yesterday when he received a letter that had been sent to him from the Dead Letter office and which bore the mark that it had been recovered from the sunken ship, Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence. Mr. Stewart had sent the letter addressed to his mother in Sheffield, England, and while he had only signed his name Wilfred, he had fortunately placed at the top of the letter his St. John address, 35 Clarence street. This was all that would cause any person to know from whom the letter had been sent, so when it was recovered with others and taken to the dead letter office, it was opened, and when the address was seen on top it was remailed to Clarence street and was delivered to Mr. Stewart. The soldier locks on the letter as a souvenir, and while the address on the envelope has been obliterated by the water, the wording of the contents is all right.

Private Stewart said last evening that he intended to remail the letter along with other presents to his mother at Sheffield as part of his Christmas presents.

Captain R. W. W. Frink was another citizen who received a letter from the Dead Letter office on which was stamped the words "Recovered by the divers from the wreck of the steamship Empress of Ireland." The letter was apparently undamaged and the ink of the address to a business firm in England was not damaged, nor was the lettering of Mr. Frink's firm on the top of the letter. The contents were about the same as when sent from the office on Prince William street. On the front of the envelope, however, there was a pink stain and two round marks as if caused from being in contact with some other articles in the mail bag, or from a metal part of the bag. Captain Frink had mailed the letter to a firm in England, and he now holds the recovered letter as a souvenir.

Rev. Dr. W. E. McIntyre's mail yesterday morning brought him a letter written on May 27 last, and addressed to Rev. J. Jenkins, M. A., Arranford, Carmarthenshire, Wales. The envelope bore the inscription: "Recovered by divers from the wreck of the S. S. Empress of Ireland." The return is made by the dead letter office, which is sending back to the sender's mail that went to the bottom with the ill-fated steamer. The letter, despite its long immersion, was perfectly legible, but the envelope bore unmistakable signs of the disaster. The address was blurred, the stamp was gone, the gum on the flap melted, and there were evidences of mold.

Several letters bearing the expressive legend "Recovered by Divers from Wreck of S. S. Empress of Ireland," were returned to the Board of Trade officers yesterday. They consist of letters addressed to British manufacturers by the Board secretary and bear the date of May 27. The message had been dissolved before the

BIG DEMONSTRATION OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW DOCKS

Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. J. D. Hazen will arrive at noon today—Premier Borden unable to be present—Ministers will address gathering on West Side this afternoon.

While the ceremonies in connection with the opening of the new docks on the West Side will mark an epoch in the history of the development of the winter port they will lose something of their attraction for the citizens by the fact that the Premier of Canada, who had been expected to take part in the ceremony, will be unable to be present. Yesterday Manning W. Doherty, manager of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company, received a wire, stating that Sir Robert Borden, owing to pressure of public business, had been compelled to cancel his proposed trip to the Maritime Provinces. Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Robert Rogers will, however, be present and take part in the ceremony.

The ministers will arrive in the city on the noon train. They will be met at the station by a delegation of prominent citizens. From the station they will go to the city residence of Hon. Mr. Hazen, with an escort formed of the employees of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company, who number about 600 men. The procession will proceed by Mill and Dock street to King street, and thence by Charlotte and Coburg streets to Mr. Hazen's residence.

At one o'clock the ministers will be entertained at luncheon at the Union Club. This function will be of an informal character. J. M. Robinson, who has been president of the Board of Trade, will make a brief address at the luncheon, extending a welcome to the city to the ministers, and his will be the only speech. About eighty guests are expected to attend the luncheon.

After luncheon the ministers will go to the Union Station where the Maritime Dredging and Construction Co. has arranged to have a special train to take as many citizens as can be accommodated to the docks on the West Side. This train will leave the depot about 2.30 o'clock. Arriving on

the West Side the ministers and their party will make an inspection of the new wharf facilities which have been constructed during the summer.

Speeches at 4 o'clock.

It is expected that the ceremony of formally turning over the docks to the Department of Public Works will begin about four o'clock. A platform has been erected, from which addresses will be made to the gathering of citizens. Manning W. Doherty will make a brief address, formally turning over the new docks which his company has constructed to the government, and then speeches will be made by Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine, and G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C.P.R.

The completion of the work undertaken by the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company five days sooner than the time specified in their contract is a tribute to local enterprise. This company has accomplished in about nine months the work which a former contractor had been given nearly two years to do. The opening of the new docks before the season of winter navigation has really begun is another evidence of the fact that the present Federal government is an administration that does things. When Hon. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hazen were here last winter they promised that the government would undertake to have additional facilities for the winter port trade this winter, and the opening of the new docks today will mark the fulfillment of that promise.

Last evening The Standard received the following telegram:

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—It has been Sir Robert Borden's intention to accompany Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. J. D. Hazen to St. John, but he has found himself unable to make the journey. He is expected to be in the city tomorrow, and his ministers have been tremendous, and Sir Robert is at work early and late.

OPERATION OF THE EVANGELINE HOME WILL ASK POLICE TO TAKE ACTION

Report for year ending September 30th shows work done by Salvation Army Institution.

A statement of the work done at the Evangeline Home during the year ending September 30 last gives the following interesting particulars:

Number of girls in the home on September 30, 1913, fourteen; number admitted during the year fifty-four, total sixty-eight; number of girls sent to situations, seventeen; sent to friends, twenty-one; sent to another home, one; left of own accord, three; died, one; number in home, September 30, twenty-five, total sixty-eight.

Sixty children were also admitted during the year, thirty-one of whom remained at the close. The fact that a large percentage of these girls were unable to pay anything toward their support threw a heavy burden upon the institution for its financial upkeep. The work is carried on altogether apart from the regular maternity work, there having been through the year fifty-one paid private patients.

The Associated Charities met last evening and adopted a resolution to call the attention of the police authorities to the complaint that young girls of tender age are about the armory during the evenings and some to a late hour. The hope was expressed by some of the members that the police would take some action in the matter.

The movement on foot to open up several of the churches as social centers for the soldiers was also approved. It was pointed out that many of the soldiers had no place to go when off duty and the opening of the churches would prove a great benefit.

The matter of the small boy and the cigarette was also discussed. Some of the members thought the habit was growing. It was hoped that some action would be taken by some one with the proper authority.

The secretary, Miss Grace O. Robertson, reported that during November there had been more requests from women for employment than during the same month last year. There were not many men applying for work. During the month 250 requests from different sources had been received. Relief had been given to twenty-five. Ten men had applied for work and seven had been found employment.

Do your Christmas shopping now at the "Great Transfer Sale," 207 Union street, Opera House Block. Open every night.

ADMIRAL STURDEE HAS RELATIONS HERE

Commander of British ships in fight yesterday related to Col. E. T. Sturdee.

St. John people will have a particular interest in the sea fight of the South Pacific yesterday on account of Vice-Admiral Sturdee, who was in command of the British fleet in that engagement in the sea near the Sturdee family of this city.

Vice-Admiral Sir F. C. Doveton Sturdee, K. C. B., C. V. O., C. M. G., who was promoted to vice-admiral last December is the son of the late Captain Frederick R. Sturdee, R. N., and was born in June 1859. He became lieutenant in 1880 with three first-class certificates, and in 1886 won the gold medal of the Royal United Service Institute for the prize naval essay submitted that year.

In January, 1890 he was appointed to command of the Vesuvius. He later commanded the Porpoise on the Australia station, but was soon addressed to captain. He held many important positions in connection with the Admiralty, and commanded several ships. At one time he was commander of the Drake in the cruiser squadron.

He became rear admiral in 1903 and has been employed as junior flag officer in the First Division of the home fleet.

PREMIER MATHESON TO ATTEND.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 9.—Premier Matheson of Prince Edward Island will be present at the forward movement meeting in Amherst Thursday night.

sea had given up its treasure and the postage stamp had been taken as toll by King Neptune, but in other respects the letters were uninjured by their submergence. They have been forwarded to their destinations.

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	Micmacs, in Featherweight \$3.50	Tube Racers \$5.50
	Regal \$4.00	Ladies' Beaver \$2.25
	Regal, in Featherweight, \$4.25	Ladies' Glacier \$2.50
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Brass Hot Water Kettles and Lamps	\$3.00 to \$7.00
Brass Candle Sticks	\$1.00 to \$5.00
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Size 66x68 inches.	Sale price, per pair	8.75
Size 70x90 inches.	Sale price, per pair	9.50

The Sale will Start Promptly at 8.30 in Housefurnishings Dept., Second Floor.

Christmas Gifts in Whitewear Dept.

BOUDOIR CAPS in dainty colors, trimmings of lace and ribbon. Each	40c. to \$2.50
TEA APRONS, in muslin and lawn, embroidery and lace trimmed. Each	25c. to \$1.35
TEA APRONS with bibs. Each	50c. to \$1.00
Kimonos. Each	\$1.60 to \$6.50
DRESSING JACKETS, hand-made. Each	\$1.50 to \$5.00
CHILDREN'S WHITE DRESSES, 1 to 14 years. Each	70c. to \$5.25
INFANTS' LONG ROBES with skirts to match. Each	55c. to \$6.25
JAEGER SWEATERS for children 1 year to 4, in white and colors. Each	\$1.20 to \$2.75
INFANTS' SILK QUILTS in Dresden patterns, pink and white, blue and white. Each	\$2.00 to \$2.50
CHILDREN'S ROMPERS in dainty colorings. Each	50c. to \$5.00
LADIES' SILK BLOOMERS, in pongee, blue, pink, cerise, green, black	\$2.00
INFANTS' KNITTED JACKETS. Each	50c. to \$1.85
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