

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong northerly winds and gales, with local rain or snow showers, turning colder.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—The disturbance which was centered near Lake Erie last night has now reached the Straits of Belle Isle.

Quebec, 23; 34. Prince Albert, 6 below; 6. Port Arthur, 2; 40. Ottawa, 16; 24.

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—Forecast for New England: Fair Wednesday, preceded by rain or snow on Atlantic coast; Thursday, fair, slightly warmer, diminishing north to east winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Grain Arriving Daily. Grain is now being received daily by the C. P. R. elevator on the West side and by the I. C. R. elevator for export in the winter port steamer.

Tea and Sale. The Girls' Association of St. John's (Stone) church held a sale and tea in the Sunday school building yesterday afternoon and evening, which was well attended.

I. C. R. and Bills of Lading. The I. C. R. will in future only accept the uniform bill of lading as ordered by the Railway Commission.

The Question of Telephone Rates. A special committee of the Board of Trade will meet this morning to consider complaints of increases in the telephone rates.

The Presidency of Acadia. A despatch from Halifax in one of the evening papers yesterday stated that no president of Acadia University had yet been appointed.

Death of Mr. G. W. Cosman. The death occurred last evening of Mr. G. W. Cosman at his residence, 210 Brussels street.

Wanted in a Hurry. About 6 o'clock last evening a horse and sledge owned by Merritt Bros. was left standing before their place of business on South wharf while the teamster went into the building to see about some parcels that were to be delivered.

Elected to Badminton Club. At a meeting of the ladies' committee of the Badminton Club held yesterday afternoon the following ladies who have been on the waiting list for some time, were elected: Miss Ena MacLaren, Miss Frances Hazen, Miss Jean Freeman and Miss Nora Robinson.

Conversation in Trinity. The Church of England Institute held their annual conversation last evening in Trinity church school room.

Harbor Board Appoints Committee To Bring In Report—Application Of F. E. Williams For D.A.R. Refused.

Extension To Reed's Point Wharf Now Being Considered

Deaths. Cosman—On November 23, at his residence, 210 Brussels street, G. W. Cosman, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

TARDY STEPS BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE GRAND MANAN COAST

Commander Thompson Attached To Marine Department And S. C. Campbell Inspector Of Life Saving Stations Arrived Here Yesterday—Will Make Report And Recommendations To Department—Evidence Of Fishermen To Be Taken.

Goaded to action by the vigorous protest and the publicity given the matter by The Standard and other papers, the Dominion Department of Marine and Fisheries are at last taking steps towards the improvement of the life saving stations on the Grand Manan coast.

Commander Thompson is one of the British naval officers who have come to Canada under Admiral Kingsmill to assist in the organization of a Canadian navy. Until the ships have been built, he will be attached to the Marine and Fisheries Department and his first duty has proved to be an investigation into the life saving stations on the Grand Manan coast.

To Make Recommendations. Commander Thompson has spent his life in the service of the Royal Navy and eighteen years ago visited St. John when he was a dapper lieutenant on H. S. Blake. He stated to a Standard reporter last evening that he

was not making any inquiry into the wreck of the Hestia but was simply sent to make recommendations as to the best methods to adopt in the establishment of life saving stations.

With regard to the Canadian navy, Commander Thompson said he knew very little and no one either in the service or in Parliament could say more. The whole thing was still in the embryonic stage. He did not believe that the new navy would be under the control of the Marine and Fisheries Department, as it was entirely separate and distinct.

Preferred Talking Airships. Mr. Campbell, the official inspector of life saving stations, comes from Baddeck, N. S., where flying machine experiments are being carried on by Messrs. Baldwin and McCurdy and when approached last evening offered to talk all night on airships, but had nothing to say with regard to affairs of the department or the wreck of the Hestia.

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