

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh winds, mostly westerly, mostly cloudy, a little lower temperature.

NEW ENGLAND FORECAST.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Forecast for New England: Partly cloudy Saturday, local snows in north portion; Sunday, generally fair, moderate to brisk west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Baptist Ministers' Meeting. At the Baptist ministers' meeting next Monday morning Rev. David Hutchinson will give an address on Peter and the Keys of the Kingdom.

Thorne Lodge Temperance Meeting. Rev. Jas. Crisp will address the Thorne Lodge temperance meeting to be held in Haymarket Square hall tomorrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

A Bridge Party. Mrs. H. E. Macdonnell was hostess at a bridge party yesterday afternoon at her residence Duke street. Prizes were won by Miss Travers and Mrs. H. C. Schofield.

Called to the Bar in B. C. A telegram received in the city last evening conveyed the news that Mr. J. Milton Price, who removed to British Columbia a few months ago had been called to the bar of that province yesterday.

Fine Allowed to Stand. In the police court yesterday afternoon the operation will be for the Hotel, who was charged by F. E. Pierce, yard man at the hotel, with assaulting him, was found guilty by Police Magistrate Ritchie and fined \$20. The fine was allowed to stand.

Its Christmas Time. Carrying out the principle that it is more blessed to give than to receive, the Centenary church Sunday school will on Sunday afternoon take a collection of such articles as groceries, fruit, dolls, games and toys, etc., and will distribute them where they will do the most good.

For the Seamen's Mission. The Seamen's Mission Society acknowledges the receipt of \$50 from Mr. W. E. Earle for the building fund, and the following sums for the maintenance fund: Mr. Joseph Allison, \$25; Mrs. Joseph Allison, \$25; The Robert Reford Company, Ltd., \$20; Mrs. James F. Robertson, \$10; R. A. Ltd., \$10; J. and A. McMillan, \$10; Church of Redeemer, Toronto, \$5.

Morgan in Critical Condition. Edward Morgan who was found in a doorway in Brussels street on Thursday morning and taken to the General Hospital, was in a very critical condition last night, being only semi-conscious and at times delirious. The unfortunate man's condition was apparently brought on by exposure, as he stated on being taken to the hospital that he had no abode, and was out in the open all the time.

Help the King's Daughters. Although the King's Daughters have been placed outside the King's Daughters' Guild on Chipman Hill has been filled, the ladies of the Guild feel that the donations of such articles as groceries, fruit, dolls, games and toys, etc., and will distribute them where they will do the most good.

Portland Street Kindergarten Closing. The closing exercises of the Portland street Kindergarten in charge of Mrs. W. C. Matthews, were held yesterday. Forty-eight children were present and the display of gifts upon which they had been engaged for the last three weeks made an excellent showing. After the samples of their work had been taken from a Christmas tree by the little ones, the children retired from the room and in their absence Santa Claus appeared, having a bag of candy and a suitable present for each child.

Claims \$1,000 Damages. Before His Honor Mr. Justice McLeod in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday the case of T. Allan Bustin vs. the City of St. John was commenced. This suit has been pending for almost two years. The plaintiff, who is a farmer in the Parish of Simonds, is suing the city for \$1,000 claiming that amount as damages to his property by the destruction of trees by the Loch-Lomond water pipe. The plaintiff, his son and co-counsel Mr. Shillington gave evidence yesterday as to the amount of damage done. This practically closed the plaintiff's case. Adjournment was made until Monday afternoon. Mr. Stewart L. Fairweather and Mr. J. H. A. L. Fairweather appeared for the plaintiff and the recorder for the city.

Portland Junior Epworth League. An enjoyable evening was spent in the school room of Portland Methodist church last evening when the Junior Epworth League provided a pleasant entertainment for their friends. A large number were present. The programme was as follows: Chorus, Junior League; recitation, Richard Saunders; time chorus, boys and girls; recitation, Berton King; duet, Lillian and Mabel McConnell; dialogue, Kenneth McLaughlin and Carl Chase; song, Fire Brigade, sixteen boys and girls; dialogue, Annie Calhoun and George White; reading, Marion Panjor; mandolin solo, Ethel McEachern; reading, Myrtle Panjor; solo, Annie Patterson; dialogue, Four Seasons, Ada Calhoun, Nina Chase, Rhea Bissett and Kenneth McLaughlin; reading, M. White; duet, Lillian and Mabel McConnell; reading, Marion Panjor; duet, Marion White and Rhea Bissett; chorus, God Save the King.

TO SECURE WATER POWER FOR ST. JOHN INDUSTRIES

Aldermen and Board of Trade Now Grappling With The Problem—Mispec And Silver Falls Again Being Considered—Suggestion To Exchange Pulp Mill For Rights On Musquash River—City To Be Asked To Have Surveys Made.

Travelling by different routes and not doing any advertising on the journey, members of the Common Council and a sub-committee of the Board of Trade are aiming to secure the development of water power in the neighborhood of St. John for the benefit of present and prospective industries.

At the present time the only electric power available is supplied through the St. John Railway Company, and it is claimed by manufacturers and those in touch with the situation that the price today is prohibitive. "What is the cost of power?" is the first question asked by a concern seeking to locate in St. John. So far no satisfactory answer to the question has been given.

Within easy distance of the city there are three sources from which water power for the generation of electricity can be derived, Little River, the Mispec stream and the Musquash and its branches. Each in a quiet way is just now receiving some attention in an attempt to solve the problem.

Silver Falls. Some of the aldermen who are alive to the possibilities of Silver Falls, on Little River, have been acquiring data which tend to show that with the expenditure of a moderate sum in acquiring certain rights on the stream, a fall of 120 feet would be available, and sufficient power could be developed to prove a material factor in cheapening the cost in the city.

On the part of the Board of Trade there is a more active movement.

Within the last few days the subject has been under discussion by a sub-committee and the Mispec stream and the Musquash river are both receiving attention. The Mispec as a source of power is an old story. It has been advocated and condemned by engineers for years.

The latest proposition is to build dams at the outlet from Loch Lomond and at points between the upper lakes and create a vast storage reservoir. With this additional power of supply it is claimed that a dam near Mispec would develop 2500 H.P. or sufficient to provide all the power used in the city. The difficulties surrounding this proposition in the way of riparian damages, etc., have yet to be considered, but the scheme is claimed by its promoters to be entirely feasible.

On the Musquash. A more original proposition deals with the Musquash river. The water rights on this stream are controlled by the Inglewood Pulp Company, with which Messrs. Stetson, Cutler & Co. are closely identified. The Mispec pulp mill is now under lease from the city to this concern, and it has been suggested that the city might negotiate to exchange the mill for the water rights on the Musquash to the mutual benefit of both parties.

While none of these proposals has so far taken concrete form there is no doubt that in the near future the Board of Trade will ask the city to make a survey to ascertain if power can be delivered in St. John at a cost which would make it available for industrial purposes.

OUTCAST WHO ONCE HAD HAPPY HOME GETS BUT COLD RECEPTION

Robert McMann, U. S. A., Visits Police Station For Protection—Had Been Drinking And Is Treated Accordingly.

"I suppose I am an outcast now, but I once had a happy home," declared Robert McMann in a voice that quivered with emotion to the police officers at the central station, where he had gone for protection about 11 o'clock last night. "You can put me in a cell if you care to," he continued, "for I have not no other place to go."

Questioned by officers McMann said that he was a native of the United States, but having heard of the good times in Canada he had made his way to St. John. To a Standard reporter he said that he had not enjoyed a square meal for two days, and that he could not procure work in the city. He was particularly bitter in his denunciation of the upper classes in the United States whose attitude towards the workman, he said, could be likened to the autocrats of Russia.

McMann was somewhat under the influence of liquor, and as it was his third visit to the central station during the evening, he was placed in a cell by Police Officer Joseph Scott and opposite his name on the police records appears a charge of drunkenness.

CATHEDRAL HIGH TEA LOTTERIES DRAWN FOR LAST EVENING

The drawings of the lotteries in connection with the Cathedral high tea and sale was held in the St. Vincent de Paul rooms, Cliff street, last evening, before a goodly number of spectators. Following is a list of the winners:

1st Prize—Water color, Mr. Leo Kelly, 7 Alma street. 2nd Prize—Watch chain fob—Mr. C. Power, Princess street. 3rd Prize—Fruit dish, Mrs. F. Gorman, 78 St. James street. 4th Prize—Pearl necklace, won by ticket No. 152. 5th Prize—Parlor stove and ton of coal, Mr. H. J. O'Neil, 109 Elliott Row. Mrs. Haney's Lottery. 1st Prize—Picture, Miss Mary Haney. 2nd Prize—Ladies' slippers, Miss Theresa M. Travis. 3rd Prize—Centrepiece, Miss Mary Haney. 4th Prize—Sofa pillow, Mr. L. Donovans. 5th Prize—Nickel plated water kettle, Mr. J. E. Crowley. Fancy Table Lottery. 1st Prize—Handsome steamer trunk Mrs. J. H. Doody. 2nd Prize—Nickel plated tea kettle, Mr. J. J. Whelley. 3rd Prize—Sofa pillow, Mr. H. Gallagher. 4th Prize—Centrepiece, Bishop Casey. 5th Prize—Carving set, Mr. S. Durick. A sofa pillow donated by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd was won by Miss Coholan, 2 Chipman Hill. The doll's age guessing contest was won by Miss Margaret Lantulum who guessed 3 years, 7 months and 4 days, the doll's age being 3 years, seven weeks and two days. The cake weight guessing contest was won by Miss Esther Martia, 73 High street, who guessed 13 1/4 pounds, the cake weighing 13 pounds and one ounce. Mr. Carl Schaeffer, of the firm of Woolly and Schaeffer, will leave this evening on a business trip to New York and other American cities.

NO TIPOT NAVY WILL SUIT THE SONS OF ENGLAND

Stirring Speeches At Enthusiastic Rally By Marlborough And Portland Lodges In North End Last Evening.

Canada's share in the building of an Imperial Navy was the theme of several of the speakers at an enthusiastic rally of the local lodges of the Sons of England Benefit Society in the Temple of Honor Hall last evening. The occasion was the official visit of Marlborough Lodge, No. 207, to Portland Lodge, No. 245. Nearly one hundred members were in attendance.

The watchword of the society is Loyalty, and the former Englishmen who make up the membership interpret that word as meaning closer connection with the Mother Country.

Mr. C. Ledford and other speakers strongly supported Canada taking a more advanced stand than that laid down in the Canadian Parliament and criticized the building of a tipot navy.

A full programme of speeches, songs, etc., occupied the entire evening and it was a late hour before the gathering broke up. The speakers included Mr. A. B. Thorne, president of Marlborough Lodge, Mr. E. Bittan, president of Portland Lodge, Mr. R. L. Carlos, D. Dept., Mr. Charles Ledford, secretary of Marlborough Lodge, Mr. L. A. Belyea, Mr. E. Lawrenson, Mr. A. Webb, Mr. H. Sellen, Dr. W. F. Roberts and Mr. H. Green.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN K. OF C. ROOMS LAST EVENING

Will Be Open To All Of Irish Ancestry Irrespective Of Religion—Committee To Draw Up Constitution.

At a well attended meeting in the Knights of Columbus' rooms last evening definite action was taken with regard to the formation of the St. Patrick's Society. It was decided to organize and a committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing up a constitution and by-laws. The society will be open to all men of Irish race and ancestry irrespective of religion. It will be conducted along the same lines as the existing societies in Montreal and Halifax and will be to men of Irish descent what St. George's Society means to the Englishman and St. Andrew's to the Scot. Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., presided at the meeting last night and Mr. Frank McCafferty acted as secretary. After the decision to organize, some time was spent in discussing the terms of the constitution. The committee appointed to prepare the constitution and by-laws is as follows: Hon. E. J. Ritchie, Dr. J. P. McInerney, M. F. P.; Mr. W. J. Parks, Mr. F. E. Williams and Mr. Mullin. A further meeting will be held when the committee is ready to report.

THERMOS BOTTLES

For Christmas Gifts. Pints. \$2.75 and \$3.50 Quarts. 4.00 and 5.50 Coffee Pot. 1.50 FOR TRAVELLERS, INVALIDS AND INFANTS. They Are Indispensable.

Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

KODAKS

Christmas Gifts. We have the complete KODAK line. Prices from \$1.00 up. Tank Developers \$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00

E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

MEN'S SLIPPERS MAKE PRACTICAL GIFTS

- 75c. 90c. \$1.00 \$1.15 \$1.25 \$1.50 \$1.75 \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00

Men's Slippers this Season are chiefly in chocolate and wine shades and the ever popular Vici. The very best slippers we carry—and they are beauties—cost but little money and yet no other gift will last as long and be so comfortable.

Waterbury & Rising King Street, 111 Street, 111 Street.

For Christmas

We have a stock of fine CONFECTORY. PERFUMES in pretty packages, 25c to \$1.00 each. TOILET SOAP in boxes, 25c to \$1.00 each. EBONY HAN MIRRORS, 75c to \$2.50 each. EBONY HAIR BRUSHES, to match mirrors.

E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

Winter Port Notes. The Donaldson Line S. S. Athenia will sail this afternoon at 3 o'clock for Glasgow. She will take away 696 head of cattle. Allan Line S. S. Tanian arrived in Halifax last evening with 525 passengers on board, consisting of 43 saloon; 88 second and 394 third class. The Tanian will arrive here today in time to dock on the afternoon tide.

Hockey Sticks FOR MEN FOR BOYS

Table with 4 columns: Stick Name, Price, Stick Name, Price. Includes items like X Painted, XX Elm, XXX White Ash, Iroquois, Men's Mic-mac, Spalding, Starr Grooved, Rex, Goal IX, Spalding Goal.

W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd Market Square, St. John, N. B.

New Evening Dress

Opinions differ as to the truth of the old adage "As well be out of the world as out of style." But the desirability of exact correctness in Evening Dress is generally recognized. We have just received a worthy line of new Evening Dress Suits which are priced at \$25. The cut is absolutely correct. The materials and tailoring are unusually good. We feel that we can recommend these suits to our most particular customers.

GILMOUR'S, 68 KING STREET TAILORING AND CLOTHING. "A GOOD PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES"

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Biscuit are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct individual food article, made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries. They are sealed in a special way which gives them crispness, cleanliness and freshness which "crackers" from the paper bag always lack. They are the nation's accepted

National Biscuit Co. Ask Your Grocer

Stores Open Till 11 O'clock Tonight. St. John, Dec. 18, 1909.

Useful Christmas Gifts IN Clothing and Furnishings

It is becoming the custom more and more each year to give useful Christmas gifts such as give comfort and service long after the holiday season is over. It is just such gifts as these that we are showing in large variety, a visit to these stores will help you decide on what is best to give. Read the partial list over.

- Men's Overcoats. . . . \$3.85 to \$22.50 Trunks. \$2.90 to \$10.00 Men's Suits. 4.95 to 20.00 Suit Cases. \$1.75 to 17.50 Men's Pants. 1.00 to 4.50 Club Bags. 2.50 to 9.50 House Coats. 3.50 to 5.00 Men's Sweaters. 75c to 3.75 Bath Robes. 5.00 to 7.00 Boys' Sweaters. 50c to 1.50 Boys' Overcoats. 2.98 to 12.00 Mufflers. 50c to 2.00 Boys' Suits. 2.00 to 12.00 Gloves. 35c to 3.00 Boys' Pants. 50c to 1.75 Caps. 25c to 1.50 Carriage. 1.25 to 2.50 Shirts. 50c to 2.00 Boys' Vests. 1.50 to 4.00 Underwear. 50c to 2.50

The swiftest line of neckwear in the city. See it. A fancy box with each gift purchased of 50c. or over.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings 199 to 207 Union st.

Advance Showing of New White Lawn and Colored Waists

A Collection Permitting a Glimpse at the New Season's Styles—Desirable Waists for Personal Wear and for Christmas Giving

The present demand for light, dainty waists is greater than ever before at this time of year, and, in pursuance of this store's policy to be in readiness to supply your exact needs, we are able to offer these waists thus early to serve as acceptable Christmas gifts and for your own personal use. A true representation of the style-dictates in waists for the coming season and a showing affording splendid opportunities for satisfactory choosing.

A Visit Will Convince You That the Values Are Exceptional

WHITE LAWN WAISTS—Carefully made, dainty in appearance, elaborated with pretty trimming effects in tucks, plaits, lace and embroidery; a few tailor-made, with laundered collar and cuffs. Sizes 34 to 40. Prices 75c. to \$1.50

Commencing Wednesday, and until Christmas, all M. R. A. Stores will be open Evenings until 10 o'clock. Closed Monday and Tuesday nights to permit Our Large Staff to arrange Stocks in Preparation for the Grand Final Rush of Holiday Shoppers. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.