

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, easterly and northerly; snow or rain, Saturday colder.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Rain has fallen today in many parts of the western provinces and British Columbia, while in other parts of the Dominion there has been no precipitation, and in the Maritime Provinces it has been fine and quite cold. Colder weather is setting in over Ontario tonight.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Mis	Max
Prince Rupert	23	38
Victoria	33	40
Vancouver	36	40
Kamloops	22	28
Battleford	10	24
Prince Albert	10	24
Calgary	12	26
Edmonton	12	26
Regina	15	28
Winnipeg	14	27
Port Arthur	18	31
Parry Sound	22	30
London	28	37
Toronto	30	32
Kingston	28	32
Ottawa	24	28
Montreal	23	28
Quebec	24	30
St. John	28	34
Halifax	34	37

\*Below zero.

## AROUND THE CITY

**Parcel of Clothes.**  
A parcel of clothes found on Main street is at the North End police station.

**Bank Clearings.**  
Bank clearings for week ending Wednesday, \$1,386,205. Last year, \$2,069,108.

**Chimney on Fire.**  
A still alarm was run in on Wednesday for a chimney fire in the Salvation Army hall on Rodney street.

**Creating a Disturbance.**  
Officer Addison was called into Thomas Graham's house in Erin street, on Wednesday to quell a disturbance.

**Arrested for Assault.**  
H. L. McKnight was placed under arrest by Deputy Chief Jenkins on Wednesday. The prisoner is charged with assault.

**Small Fire.**  
Danville's store on Water street was the scene of a small fire on Wednesday. No. 1 chemical was called and the blaze speedily extinguished.

**Shoved Through Window.**  
Harry Alexander and Morris Daley are reported for shoving a man through the window of William Dacey's saloon on Brussels street.

**Trouble in Union Alley.**  
Officer Kane was called into Frederick Jones' house in Union alley, on Wednesday, to quell a disturbance which Jones junior was creating.

**Found by Police.**  
The holiday crowds dropped the usual number of articles, among them a gold watch, a hand saw, several keys, a child's glove, and last but not least a pair of tarrigans.

**Aunt Fannie's Present.**  
The person who lost a sealed Christmas present tied in a neat package, with the words "To Aunt Fannie from Gladis and Alice," may receive the same on application at the North End police station.

**The Yuletide Spirit.**  
Handsome reminders of the Yuletide and the spirit prevailing at this season of the year have been received by the Standard from Postmaster Sears and the manager and staff of the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

**Unlucky Thirteen.**  
Although up until a late hour this morning the police sheets for Christmas Day were clean, thirteen offenders were gathered in Christmas Eve and two men came in for protection. The offenses of the unlucky thirteen include drunkenness, swearing and one or two serious charges.

**Found at Station.**  
Two bank books and a leather wallet have been picked up at the Union Depot and are at present in the keeping of the general news agent at the station awaiting owners. The articles were found in the station on Tuesday. One bank book is an issue of the Dominion Savings Bank, credited with a balance of \$30, and another with \$16 credited to the owner. Neither bank book contains a signature. The wallet contains bills and notes but no money.

## ASKS FOR RELATIVES OF GEORGE SCHULTZ

The Chief of Police has received a telegram from W. A. Griffin, superintendent of the T. and N. O. Railway, North Bay, Ontario, stating that a man named George Schultz or Geford Schultz, died there Sunday afternoon. The telegram states that the deceased was understood to have once conducted a blacksmith shop in this city, and asks that relatives be communicated with at once, with a view to sending the remains home for burial. It was stated that a brother and sister were living here.

Investigation by the police showed that no people of this name who are relatives of the deceased live in this city. It is believed that Schultz was a Moncton man and inquiries are being carried on in that city.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Eleanor Robinson, manager and editor of the Educational Review, St. John, was the guest of W. B. Bayes, chairman of the school board, and Mrs. Belyea, during the sessions of the Teachers' Institute—Woodstock Press.

TEN YEAR OLD ALEXANDER MOORE GOOD CHEER  
VICTIM OF HORRIBLE ACCIDENT DISTRIBUTED  
AMONG POOR

Son of Thomas Moore, of Garnett Settlement, Instantly Killed on Christmas Eve, while Playing with Winchester Rifle—Parents were on way to Purchase Presents.

The accidental shooting at Garnett Settlement of Alexander Moore, the ten year old son of Thomas Moore, which occurred on Wednesday morning while the parents were on their way to the city to make ready for the coming of Santa Claus, forms the nucleus of one of the most pitiful incidents of the Christmas season. The sad accident which resulted in almost instant death occurred at the Moore home, Garnett Settlement, in the vicinity of nine-thirty o'clock Wednesday morning, and the news was communicated to the parents on their way to the city.

Left alone in the house, the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Moore were playing with a Winchester rifle, and playfully—little heeding the danger of the act—"Sandy," the eldest of the family, placed the barrel of the loaded gun in his mouth. While he held it in this position another of the children was toying with the weapon, and in doing so touched the trigger. A cartridge was immediately discharged and the bullet lodged in the head of the unfortunate victim, who died a few moments afterwards.

Christmas in the Moore home yesterday was far from joyous, and the long looked for day of Santa Claus' arrival was steeped in sorrow by the shocking fatality. Possibly no more sorrowful accident than that of Wednesday morning could have befallen. The fond parents left the home early in the morning and drove to the city to complete their Christmas shopping. On their arrival at Marsh bridge they were greeted with the sad news that their son "Sandy" had been accidentally killed while toying with a rifle.

Word of the accident came by telephone to the store of William Alexander while Mr. and Mrs. Moore were on the road between here and Garnett Settlement. On receiving the information they returned home to find their son, whom they had left joyously awaiting Christmas, dead, and the little brothers and sisters overcome with sorrow.

The body will be buried today at Garnett Settlement.

Mrs. Moore, who was formerly Miss Annie Garnett, is a sister of Miss Officer Garnett of the North End, and her many friends in the city deeply sympathize with her in her bereavement.

## BOLD ROBBERY ON XMAS EVE

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Standing broken into and Valuables Stolen.

The expectations of some of the residents of White street were realized on Christmas Eve when, during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Standing, early in the evening, their home was broken into and a gold watch, a \$20 gold piece and other valuable articles stolen. Besides this a door was broken down.

For sometime past residents of White street have been annoyed by the actions of an unknown man who began by looting about the street and then graduated to peaking into windows. Whether this person took advantage of Mr. and Mrs. Standing's absence to rob their home is not known, but it is thought possible.

The case, which has one outstanding clue, has been handed over to the police, and although no information has been gleaned from that source yesterday, it is thought that the robber was familiar with the house.

The clue in question, and on which the residents pin their faith as leading to the ultimate apprehension of the thief, is that the robber apparently went direct to the electric light button. This button is hidden in a corner and but few knew its location. When the articles were first missed it was thought that Mr. Standing had carried out a practical joke. This was found untrue, however, and the police were at once notified.

Some time ago the peculiar actions of a man on White street attracted the attention of one of the residents, who investigating found the looter in question jammed in a corner of the back yard. Other suspicious circumstances surround the case, and it is thought that the robber will be rounded up without undue delay.

## MIDNIGHT MASS, FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS

For the first time since the eve of the present century High Mass was celebrated at midnight Christmas Eve in the Cathedral. The occasion was marked by a large attendance. Every seat was occupied and a large number unable to secure accommodation stood throughout the mass. The celebrant at the high mass was Rev. D. S. O'Keefe.

In St. Peter's church midnight mass was celebrated with equally large numbers present. Rev. Father Grogan, C. S. R., was celebrant.

In the Cathedral church last evening Pontifical Vespers were sung at 7:30 o'clock with His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc pontificating. Rev. Michael O'Brien was master of ceremonies. Rev. William Duke acted as deacon, and Rev. D. S. O'Keefe sub-deacon.

## CHARITY WORKERS RELIEVE DISTRESS

Poor Children in Pond Street Home Given Toys and Dinner by Thoughtful People.

There was at least one home in the city yesterday which rejoiced in the fact that there are charitable societies which seek to make Christmas a happy day for the poor.

While in the homes of the wealthy the tooting of horns and beating of drums sounded early Christmas morning, and in a Pond street dwelling there lay an inviolable mother, and surrounding the bedside stood three empty-handed children without even the slightest token from Santa to whom they had sent numerous letters. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of a kind neighbor, however, the said circumstances were explained, and within an hour's time the charity workers had delivered as delivered some toys in abundance and a good dinner. It was even cooked by a thoughtful friend.

Santa Claus just came late, that's all, and the rest of the day was indeed a proper Christmas for the children.

## BREAKS INTO LIQUOR STORE

Thief Enters John Sheehan's Saloon, on Brussels Street, and Seizes Several Bottles.

On Christmas eve the liquor saloon of John Sheehan, 309 Brussels street, was broken into and a quantity of liquor stolen. Although it was reported that the man who broke in was from the saloon, Mr. Sheehan said last evening that such was not the case and that there was nothing missing besides a number of bottles of liquor.

An entrance was made to the building sometime between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, presumably near midnight, by forcing a window facing an alley off Brussels street. From the appearance of the place yesterday morning, when the theft was discovered, it was evident that the culprit had intended to go farther with his work and had been scared away by someone approaching. The case has been reported to the police who have the matter in hand.

## DIES SUDDENLY ON VISIT TO FRIEND

While visiting at the home of her neighbor, Mrs. Travis of Smythe street, Mrs. Terris, a woman in her sixtieth year, suddenly dropped dead about 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. Death, which is attributed to a weak heart, came unexpectedly and without a moment's warning.

The aged woman, apparently in good health, took a walk from her home on Pond street residence to pay a brief visit to her neighbor and while in a friendly conversation she was suddenly taken with a weak spell, collapsed and passed away before medical assistance had arrived.

It is understood that the deceased had been troubled with heart disease. For a number of years Mrs. Terris has been working at the Royal Hotel.

The body was taken to the home of her son J. J. Terris, City road, from where the funeral will be conducted this morning. Another son, surviving, is William Terris, now employed at Bear River with the Foundation Company. The deceased leaves one sister married in New York. The funeral will be held at half past eight this morning.

## TOOK PLAYFUL DIVE OFF BALLAST WHARF

Alfred Hicks, who hails from England, was the immediate cause for a hurry call for a policeman at Ballast wharf about half past ten Wednesday evening.

It seems that Hicks, who is evidently a jolly soul and not above a lark, became filled with the Christmas spirit as dispensed at the local bars, and later wandered to the Ballast wharf.

There he saw the waters of the harbor swirling pleasantly past, and taking off part of his raiment plunged in. After a satisfactory swim he crawled out and discovered a plank, not so hard as he fellows, on which he went to sleep. Officer O'Neill, who answered the call for a cop, in company with Sergeant Caples and Patrolman Ross, placed Hicks in a warm cell. The Magistrate will probably hear the story of the Christmas Eve plunge in court this morning.

**Resisting Police.**  
Thomas Spellman was arrested on Charlotte street Wednesday by the Chief of Police and is charged with drunkenness and with violently resisting arrest.

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## Salvation Army and Other Religious Bodies Astir in the Good Work—Brighten Many Homes.

While those in the more comfortable walks of life were enjoying themselves in their homes or amid congenial surroundings members of the charitable organizations and churches were scattering good cheer among the more unfortunate who form what is supposed to be the lower element in the city's population.

Many homes in which otherwise there would have been no celebration were brightened and the inmates cheered by visits from members of the Salvation Army and other religious bodies. Many little children would not have participated in any form of Christmas celebration if it were not for these charitably disposed people. Cases of extreme poverty were met with and the baskets containing Yuletide cheer were received with deep gratitude by those who had scarcely the means of providing themselves and families with even the necessities of life.

Little children who had given up all hope of anything in the way of Christmas remembrances and whose delicate bodies had been recently nourished on account of the unfortunate circumstances in which those who were supposed to care for them had been placed in the stern rush of city life, were overjoyed by the foods given them.

In some cases the scenes viewed by the dispensers of Christmas cheer were particularly touching and made a marked impression on them. Small children begging for Santa Claus to bring them something more than the coarse foods which formed their daily diet thought that the good saint had indeed appeared when representatives of the charitable organizations appeared in their homes with baskets containing turkey or roasts of good beef and other articles that are usually associated with the celebration of the season of Peace and Good-will. The sight of these children when they viewed the contents of the Christmas baskets was said to be stronger in the memory of those engaged in the work than anything more permanent could be done for these little ones in the lower strata of society.

Many of those engaged in the distribution of cheer among the poorer members of the community went to their homes and enjoyed their own blessings with more thankful hearts than ever before.

While the different churches attended to the poor among their own members the work of ministering to those with no particular religious convictions was left practically to the Salvation Army.

More than 150 baskets of Christmas cheer were distributed by the army and homes in all parts of the city were made brighter by the visits of the soldiers. Citizens in general replied in a generous manner to the appeal of the Salvation Army officers and funds flowed in from all quarters.

In the Evangelical Home Christmas Day started early. At half past five inmates of the home assembled and ushered in the day by singing carols. The morning was spent in preparation for the special Christmas dinner, which was served at noon. The afternoon was spent in singing and games and the evening was a quiet one. A quiet entertainment was provided in the evening. The Christmas tree for the children in the home will be arranged for this afternoon.

Forty-five men were present at the Christmas dinner in the Salvation Army hall. Roast beef, plum pudding, mince pies and other holiday foods were provided.

The inmates in the county jail were also remembered and bags containing oranges, apples, nuts, candies, raisins and other delicacies were sent to that institution.

The Salvation Army Band from No. 2 Corps serenaded several citizens during yesterday morning.

**UNITED SERVICE.**  
The Presbyterian congregations of the city conducted a united Christmas service in St. James' church yesterday morning. Rev. Ralph Houghton was the preacher. He took his text from Luke 2: 20. "There was no room for them in the inn." He made a plea for better lives. The present day celebration of Christmas, he thought, left no room for Christ.

Rev. P. H. Thompson, minister in Calvin church, led in prayer, and Rev. Gordon Dickie conducted the devotional exercises.

James Griffith sang, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and the choir rendered an anthem.

The offering was for the Protestant Orphan Asylum.

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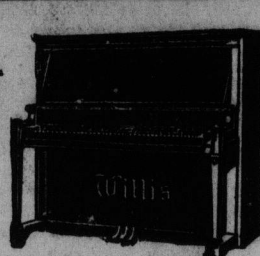
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