

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec 27.—A moderate low area is moving across Northern Ontario attended by milder weather with local snow burials in Ontario. Weather has been fine and rather cold elsewhere in Canada.

Forecast. Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, fair and rather cold at first, southwesterly winds with somewhat higher temperature tonight.

Northern New England—Cloudy and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday fair; moderate variable becoming southerly winds.

AROUND THE CITY

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE The annual Christmas tree and program will be held at the Municipal Home this afternoon.

A LADY'S MUFF The owner of the lady's muff, found on King Street, can have the same by calling at the Central Police Station.

OFFER OF HOME A resident of Garnett Settlement has notified the mayor that he is willing to give a home to a woman and child for the winter season. He intends going away for a while, and the house will be at the woman's disposal and she may remain until the spring if she so desires.

TWO WANDERERS Ralph Tower and Roy Ogler were arrested by the police during the week-end, for wandering about and not being able to give a satisfactory account of themselves. Fifteen drunks were gathered in over the week-end and six protective night shelter within the friendly walls of the Central Police Station.

LOOKING FOR WIFE Intelligence received by the local detective department from Detroit, reports the fact that the police of that city have, as yet, been unable to locate the wife of David Mack, the young man who died as the result of the unfortunate throat-cutting incident of Friday night.

GIVES THANKS The superintendent of the Municipal Home desires to thank the following firms for generous donations which are much appreciated: Puddington, Watmore and Kennedy, Kelly, Baird and Peters, candy and apples; Waterbury and Rising, oranges; Weis's Shoe Store, slippers; Purley Lee Cream, ice cream; J. D. O'Connell, scrip and pennies; Standard, free copy of the paper.

POLICE COURT When the Police Magistrate held court at 6.45 Saturday morning, five men pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and were fined \$6 each or two months in jail.

Thomas Wilfred Armstrong, who gave himself up to the police on the charge of deserting from H. M. S. "Cambrian" while in the port of St. John in December last, was remanded to jail.

A CORRECTION The following names were contributed of \$5.00 each to the Protestant Orphan Home an error in Saturday's papers reading differently: Mrs. E. Holmes, Junior Phillips Class (Hartland Baptist Church) Boston, H. H. Cochran (Bloomfield), C. Harold Scott, "Friend", Geo. W. Brown, Dr. Fred Johnston, J. Cecil Mitchell, W. S. Allison, Walter C. Corbett, Corbett, Women's Institute (Chance Harbor), Dr. F. Fred Johnston (additional), St. Stephen U. T. C. U. Received today from an annual giver \$60.00.

VITAL STATISTICS There were thirteen deaths in the city for last week from the following causes: Debility, alcoholism, myositis, diphtheria, heart failure, endocarditis, myocarditis, chronic valvular heart disease, arterio sclerosis, Bronchopneumonia, double pneumonia, cancer of the stomach, cancer of bladder, premature birth, fracture of cervical vertebrae, one each.

There were a large number of births in the city for the week, and the honors were about equally divided, there being twelve boys and eleven girls. Five marriages were performed during the week.

WON THE TURKEY The large live turkey which has been the centre of attraction doing the "Trot" on a tall late dance in the window of the Phonograph Saloon, Fine Square, during the ten days preceding Christmas has found a new home. Every purchaser received a ticket. The drawing took place Saturday night at 8.30 o'clock. Roy Driscoll performed the drawing with Fred W. Coombs and H. Russell Sturges as witnesses. The winner was Mrs. George Murray, 174 St. John street, who in turn sold the bird to William Webster, and the money obtained therefrom she sold Mrs. Murray presented to the Wright Street Memorial Home.

MANIFESTATION OF TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT HERE

Response to Appeal for Aid for Unfortunate and Needy Most Generous is Testimony of Workers—Various Institutions Observed Feast Right Joyously—Children in Homes Well Looked After.

The testimony of those who were in close touch with the situation was in effect that more of the real Christmas spirit, that of true helpfulness and care for the unfortunate of earth, was in evidence this year than ever before, and if any person in the city and surrounding suburbs did not enjoy some Christmas cheer it was not so much because of those who tried to make a "Joyous Christmas" for each and every one. All the institutions were plentifully supplied with good things and the churches and kindred organizations looked after the wants of those about the city who had not the wherewithal to purchase Santa Claus for themselves. Baskets of goodies were sent out by the Y.M.C.A., Rotary Club, Salvation Army, and the churches. Nearly 1,000 "kiddies" were made happy through the "Empty Stocking Fund."

At the West Side Home they had a large tree which was not stripped until evening. At noon they had their turkey dinner and last evening in the presence of a number of friends. Mr. Clark distributed the gifts which had been placed on the tree for the little ones. After the presents had been distributed the smaller tots went to bed and the larger children entertained the visitors with carols and Christmas hymns.

At the Provincial Hospital the regular Christmas dinner was served to the patients and gifts of candy, nuts, etc. distributed among them.

At the Wiggins' Male Orphan Home Candy, fruit and nuts, in addition to the usual Christmas dinner were given the boys at the Wiggins' Male Orphan Institution. They will have their tree this year on December 30, when gifts will be given to every boy in the home.

At the Municipal Home a turkey dinner was served but the real celebration will be today when a large Christmas tree with gifts for all will be the attraction.

At the Home for Incapacitated, Memorial Home, and Seaman's Mission the usual Christmas treats will be given later in the week.

The General Public Hospital never looked more attractive than it did at this Christmas time. The greening committee had done their work well, and the decorations together with the artistic notions, from the pen of Mrs. A. W. Estey, made a scene to linger long in the minds of those who visited the building. Each patient in the institution received a wall filled stocking and greetings from the hospital Aid. The Nurses' home was not forgotten by the Aid, and in the hall was a very fine wreath of holly and mistletoe sent with the best wishes of the ladies to the nurses. The tree for the children was a thing of beauty and while not a joy forever, it was a real joy to the little ones who appreciated very much the visit of Santa Claus. Sunday Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president of the Hospital Aid; Mrs. M. Bohan, convener of visitors for the month, and Miss Maude Adley, convener for the children's tree, and many other members of the Aid, visited the institution and the happy looks of the children and other patients more than repaid them for the time spent in getting ready for the treat.

The boys at the Industrial Home were given a first class chicken dinner and all the "Irishmen" and they certainly enjoyed it to the full. Later a beautiful tree handsomely laden with candy, nuts and various other things to gladden the heart of a real boy was stripped of its gifts, and every boy made happy by receiving some reminder of the season. A committee of the Women's Council, of which Mrs. R. A. Corbett was convener, made the preparations for this treat.

The children at the Children's Aid Home, 144 Grand street, were given a chicken dinner, and later the large tree, provided and trimmed by Valcarr Chapter, I. O. D. E., was stripped and gifts and candy and nuts given to each child. One lady sent stockings for each child; the Brookville Methodist Sunday School sent in about seventy-five parcels of gifts and so generous was the giving to this institution that enough was left over to provide another treat at New Year's.

Christmas was royally celebrated at St. John County Hospital. On Sunday they had a Christmas tree, and a very merry and happy party was held in the evening. The patients were thoroughly enjoyed by the patients. The building was nicely decorated. Yesterday they had a special Christmas dinner. Many visits were present on both days, and Christmas was indeed a bright spot in the lives of the patients.

The military patients were not forgotten by any means. The Hospital Committee of the Red Cross prepared and sent to each patient in the St. John, Lancaster and Liver Ganges institutions Christmas stockings, and at St. John and Lancaster they were given a real Christmas dinner. At the Lancaster institution a tree had been set up in the surgical ward and on this were placed bags of candy which the married men distributed among their children as they called on them. This tree was provided and trimmed by Mrs. E. H. Taylor and Miss Fayson. In all something over 200 stockings had been provided and as this was more than was needed for the men in hospital, the balance were given out to men who had been in hospital and been discharged. The men at East St. John were particularly favored as they each received two stockings, the extra one being the gift of the Red Cross of Netherwood School, Redwood.

The decorations for the table at Lancaster were supplied by the Red Cross of Stone Church.

Crushed To Death By An Automobile

Eight Year Old Charles Atkinson, While Coasting Lost His Life Near His Own Home.

The Christmas festivities came to a sad and sudden ending yesterday afternoon about 5.30 at the home of Clayton Atkinson, 177 City road, when word was brought that his eight-year-old son, Charles Atkinson, had been crushed to death beneath the wheels of an automobile, as the result of a coasting accident, very nearly in front of his own door.

So far as could be learned, the young lad was coasting down Richey street and ran into City road just as Dr. Vincent was coming up in his automobile, on route to North End, and it is supposed the sled ran under the car between the wheels, one of the rear wheels passing over his head.

The boy was hurried to the hospital, but died before that institution was reached, and the sad news was conveyed to the stricken home, changing the joy into sadness and mourning.

Coroner Porter was notified of the sad happening and said last night he would in all probability hold an inquiry.

Prince William St. Fire Last Night

Insurance Offices of C. E. L. Jarvis & Son Quite Badly Damaged — Started Near Coal Bin.

In response to an alarm rung in from box 9, the fire department were called out, last evening about 11 o'clock, to attend to a fire in the insurance offices of C. E. L. Jarvis & Son, on the corner of Prince William and Church streets.

The fire was discovered by Policeman Coughlan, who rang in the alarm. The officer noticed a peculiar smell in the vicinity of the building and investigation disclosed a blaze going merrily in the rear of the office.

The re started presumably near a coal bin in the back of the cellar and worked up through the floor into the private office of E. L. Jarvis in the rear of the main office, and did considerable damage to the furniture and fixtures before it could be quelled.

It had evidently got a good start because, by the time the firemen arrived on the scene, a few minutes after the alarm was given, dense volumes of black smoke were pouring from the ceiling and windows and a brick blaze was burning in the body of the office.

The fire department soon had the fire under control and prompt work prevented it from spreading upstairs to the office of the Police Insurance Co. The Salvage Corps members performed excellent work in looking after the furnishings, thus saving a great amount of damage.

Mr. Jarvis was unable to estimate the exact amount of damage sustained but the loss is fully covered by insurance and no valuable papers were destroyed.

The origin of the fire could not be ascertained last night.

The Mayor's Xmas Dinner

Kept Busy Handing Out Tickets for Men Who Wanted a Dinner — None Turned Away.

From the response to Mayor Scheffold's offer to give a supper to any man who was not looked after in some other way, many were misled by the many organizations which were passing out Christmas cheer yesterday. He was kept busy from three o'clock until nearly six o'clock handing out tickets to the men who called, and none were turned away. At five o'clock they gathered at the Y. W. O. A. recreation centre, King Street East, and the committee of ladies served each with a bowl of real Irish stew, a generous helping of mince pie and coffee.

Board of Trade Send Greetings

The Board of Trade sent telegrams of greeting to the leading Boards of Trade from the Atlantic to the Pacific and have received most appreciative replies from Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax and Vancouver. The message sent from St. John read as follows:

"Season's warmest greetings from the St. John Board of Trade. Routing of Canadian freight through Canadian ports will help make all Canada New Year happy. Let us join together to reach this goal."

"WHITE GIFT" EXERCISE

The annual "White Gift" exercise of the German street Baptist Sunday school was held Sunday afternoon and proved most successful. The room was finely decorated for the occasion and a large sum of money, about \$350, and a large quantity of groceries were brought from the various classes. Music for the day was provided by the orchestra of the Young Men's Association.

Give Your Horse Solid Foothold. Many valuable horses have been taken a leg, and hard-earned dollars lost to the owner, as a result of dull calks, especially in winter when the roads were icy and treacherous, when Neverslip Horseshoes and Calks would have prevented disaster. Neverslip calks, which are self-sharpening, and made of the finest selected steel, will hold firmly, even on the most treacherous ice-covered pavements. Only 20 minutes are required to sharpen your horse with Neverslip calks which you'll always know by their red tips. You'll find Neverslip calks in our HARDWARE DEPARTMENT—STREET FLOOR. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. Store Hours—8.30 to 6. Open Saturday evenings until 10.

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British Columbia Attorney-General Hon. J. W. DeB. Farris Here Over the Holiday—Is About to Retire from B. C. Gov't.

Main St. Church Surplice Choir. Singers Appeared Sunday in Baptist Church and Met with Approval of Congregation.

PERSONALS. George M. McDade of Chatham arrived in the city Saturday night to spend Christmas at his home here. F. E. McLaughlin of St. Stephen was in the city yesterday.

Hon. J. W. DeB. Farris, Attorney-General of British Columbia, was in the city over the holiday, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lock Jarris, East St. John, returning last night to his home in Victoria.

The choir of the Main street Baptist church appeared for the first time on Sunday as a surplice choir, and the change seemed to meet with the approval of the congregation. The handsome gowns and caps are the gift of J. Ernest Waring and were presented as memorial to his grandmother who was one of the first members of the church.

Clyde Johnson of the O. P. R. telegraph, accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, spent the holiday with relatives in Brownville. Charles Judge, C. P. R. telegraph operator, spent Christmas with his parents in Fredericton.

FIVE HUNDRED CATTLE IN SHED. West St. John Stock Yards Hold Five Hundred Head of Fine Western Cattle.

NO INQUEST. Coroner H. A. Porter has decided that no inquest will be necessary in the case of David Mack, who died early Saturday morning, a few hours after he was found with his throat cut.

WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED. A well established life insurance company wants reliable active agents in unrepresented districts. Liberal remuneration guaranteed. Apply Box 254, St. John, N. B. Clifton House, all week 60c.

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM. At the Fairville Baptist church, on Sunday evening, the ordinance of baptism was administered to four candidates.

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