

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—A moderate disturbance is centered tonight near the Bay of Fundy, while an area of high pressure and cold weather covers the middle states and Manitoba. Light snow has fallen today in Quebec and rain in the Maritime Provinces, elsewhere has been fair.

Prince Rupert . . . 36 43
Victoria . . . 34 40
Kamloops . . . 16 23
Calgary . . . 18 40
Moose Jaw . . . 0 16
Prince Albert . . . 12 22
Battleford . . . 20 22
Winnipeg . . . 22 26
Port Arthur . . . 16 42
Perry Sound . . . 10 14
London . . . 17 27
Toronto . . . 9 27
Ottawa . . . 9 18
Montreal . . . 4 22
Quebec . . . 4 24
St. John . . . 2 36
Halifax . . . 8 36

—Below zero.
Foggy.
Maritime—Fresh to strong westerly winds; fair and colder.

New England—Fair, colder Friday, with a cold wave in West and by night to eastern portions. Saturday fair, continued cold.

AROUND THE CITY

SCOTIAN AT ISLAND
At ten o'clock last night the C. P. O. S. liner Scotian was anchored at Partridge Island, but reports said she would not dock this morning at West St. John.

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS.
Frank Rankine, owing to poor health is retiring from the old firm of T. Rankine & Sons, Ltd., after many years of active business life in the city. Arthur P. Rankine is entering the firm which was organized in 1826, having had nearly one hundred years of prosperity.

ARMY AND NAVY
A meeting in the interests of the Army and Navy Veterans Association will be held Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. at 7:30. All veterans, either of South Africa or of the Great War are invited to attend. It is hoped that a strong branch of this Association may be formed in St. John.

EARLY MORNING CALL.
Yesterday morning about three o'clock the fire department was called out by an alarm from box 58 on Carleton street. Sections of a wooden staging in a chimney in the Garage had caught fire, and although no damage resulted the firemen were about the place for nearly an hour before the all out blow was sent in.

INCREASED EARNINGS.
Harbor earnings for the past year will appreciably exceed the total for the previous year, according to official advice. A comparative report will be available later. There were seventeen steamers in port yesterday morning and prospects are that the first week of the new year will prove a busy period along the water front.

CONCERNING AVIATION.
A. H. Wetmore, Walter Allison and R. E. Armstrong, the Board of Trade's committee on aviation, visited the Mayor at City Hall Wednesday morning and held with him a discussion on the communications recently received from the Truro and Vancouver aviation companies concerning the establishment here of a landing and housing area for aeroplanes and airships.

MUSICAL ARTIST HERE
Miss Ruth Blaisdell, one of Canada's leading artists in the musical world and whose beautiful voice has delighted St. John audiences on various occasions, is the guest of the Misses Blanche, Leinster street. Miss Blaisdell is enroute to New York to further perfect herself in her musical studies. Miss Blaisdell is a member of the Faculty at the Toronto Conservatory of Music and has been given leave of absence to pursue her studies.

NORTH END FIRE
Last evening the firemen in the North End division were called out for an alarm from box 145 for a fire which had started in the rear of the building owned by Mrs. Alice Phillips, 538 Main street. The blaze had started from an oil stove and before the fire was extinguished considerable damage had been done to the contents in the rear section of the building. The early discovery of the fire is said to have prevented a more serious conflagration.

INTER-CHURCH S.S. SCHOOL TO BE HELD
Series of Lectures and Conferences to be Arranged by St. John County Sunday School Teachers' Association.
Plans are being made by the St. John County Sunday School Association for an inter-church school for Sunday School teachers to be held in this city beginning January 13th and lasting for nine consecutive weeks. Lectures will be delivered by Rev. G. S. Dawson, Dean of the Association, Rev. F. S. Dowling, A. S. Bishop of Fairville, Rev. Lawrence Tedford and others and conferences will be held on many different subjects in connection with Sunday School work. The sessions will be divided into three sections: Children's division, Young People's division and officers.

On Wednesday O. J. Lawson and F. L. Kilborn of the Customs Staff were operated upon in the Civil Re-Establishment Hospital, West St. John. Both are progressing favorably.
Herbert A. Northrup and Harry P. on buyers for Manchester Robertson Allison Ltd., are leaving today for the continent on a buying expedition for the firm.

Artillery Dance Most Enjoyable

Brilliant Social Affair Held on New Year's Eve Attended by Large Number of Guests—Army Scene of Delightful Dance.

The Artillery Dance held on New Year's Eve at the Army by the Colonel and officers of the 3rd N. B. Garrison Regiment will long be remembered as one of the most delightful dances given in St. John. There were over six hundred people present and the scene from the balcony was a very beautiful one. The waltz with flags and bunting, the khaki, and blue and red uniforms mingled with the many hues of the lovely gowns worn by the ladies, all made up a brilliant picture. As the old year came to a close, the darkening of the lights and the striking of the hour with two strokes marked its passing. The dawning of 1920 was greeted by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the exchange of good wishes. A programme of seventeen dances was enjoyed.

Delightful Treat At Silver Falls

Young Men's Society of the Immaculate Conception Provided a Beautiful Christmas Tree for Orphans at Institution—Good Program Enjoyed.

A most successful Christmas tree was provided for the children at Silver Falls yesterday afternoon by the young men of the Society of the Immaculate Conception of the Cathedral Parish. For a great many years this tree was provided by members of the Father Matthew Society and as this organization has passed out of existence the Young Men of the Society of the Immaculate Conception took up the work.

James L. McNally, president, acted as chairman, and the following programme was carried out: Welcome song by the children; selection by orchestra; solo, Miss Bernice Moorey; folk dances, C. McPadden; recitation, Miss Della Lyne; selection by orchestra; playlet by children; reading, S. C. Hurley; Christmas song by children. The distributing of gifts from the tree was an item greatly appreciated and many fine presents were given to the delighted orphans.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc spoke on the success of the Institution and praised the Society of the Immaculate Conception for the splendid tree which had given so much pleasure. Commissioner Jones who was an invited guest congratulated the Institution on its efficiency and expressed his admiration of the treat arranged for the children. Other speakers were Father Daley and Father Carleton, chaplain of the Institution who thanked all who had contributed towards the success of the entertainment.

TO STUDY MEDICINE IN LONDON, ENG.

Two New Brunswick Young Men Leave on S.S. Tunisian to Enter the Medical Profession.

Sailing on the S. S. Tunisian are two young men from the Maritime Provinces who are taking up the study of medicine in England. Cecil Travers McInerney son of the late Dr. J. P. McInerney and Mrs. McInerney who went overseas with the 115th and is now returning to London to study medicine at Guy's. Mr. McInerney's father and grandfather were both physicians and many friends will wish him every success in his chosen profession.

ANTHRAX FROM SHAVING BRUSHES

Dangerous Disease Contracted from Japanese Brushes—Warning to Public and Dealers.

The following information has come to the Department of Health of Canada from the Ministry of Health of Great Britain, and has been forwarded from Ottawa to the Department of Health of New Brunswick. The attention of the public and of all dealers in the articles mentioned, is earnestly drawn to this very important matter.

"Ministry of Health informs me that in investigating sources of two cases of Anthrax, London, it has been found that some shaving brushes manufactured in Japan and bearing identification marks 178-252 and 1783 were infected with Anthrax. Four other consignments believed of Japanese origin have since been found infected. Identification numbers 119 stroke 146, 1022, 1040 and 1073. Steps have been taken by Ministry to stop sale all brushes from infected consignments."

Collection of Vital Statistics

Important New Service in New Brunswick Which Went into Operation January 1st—Method of Reporting Births, Marriages and Deaths.

No step in recent years is more important or conducive to the welfare of the people than that which went into operation yesterday, New Year's Day, a new and improved system for the enumeration of the births, marriages and deaths which take place throughout the Province.

The present system is wholly under the control of the Department of Health, and each municipality of the Province provides for the carrying on of the work through its sub-district Board of Health, so far as the primary operation of receiving actual reports of births, marriages and deaths is concerned. It has been so arranged that each definite territorial unit in the Province, that is generally parish and each incorporated town, has its vital statistics registrar. This arrangement, by reason of the local knowledge of these officers, will make it difficult for any birth, marriage or death to escape registration.

The cost of this primary work, while borne by the municipalities, through their boards, will be far from excessive. It will amount to but a very small trifle per head, yearly, for the people concerned.

Almost all the improvements made for nearly a century past in the health of the people have been based upon the knowledge gained through a correct numbering of births and deaths. Any community without it is in the position of a merchant who keeps no books and who never takes stock. The people do not know whether their children are dying at an excessive rate or not compared with the civilized world generally. Without such knowledge they are content to go on, wholly oblivious of the fact, in many instances, that disease and death are making ravages amongst them far beyond what is avoidable.

This was exactly the condition that existed in Europe for many hundreds of years before correct enumeration was employed. After the real facts became known, through vital statistics collection, in England, for example, it led to such protective and remedial action that the number of the nineteenth century than she did in 500 years previously, and this in despite of immigration, a very large factor in the increase of her population. It was in her history, and, stranger of all, in the face of a very pronounced decreasing birth rate.

The following outline as to the manner in which births, marriages and deaths are reported is instructive. When a birth occurs in a family, the attending physician makes out a small blue colored card, affixes his signature, and sends it to the Sub-Deputy Registrar, post free. At the same time or during the next few days, the physician makes out a white and a second form (white in color) which is to be made out by the clergyman, one of the family, or the nurse, placed in a plain envelope marked "Vital Statistics," and sent to the Deputy Registrar of city, town or parish where birth occurred (in St. John City and County, T. M. Burns). The said envelope and contents will pass through the mails free by the order of the Postmaster-General.

In the case of marriage the clergyman officiating makes out on the certificate of registration of the N. B. Department of Health, and forwards it to the Sub-Deputy Registrar of the city, town or parish in which the marriage takes place (City of St. John, T. M. Burns).

ANNUAL FESTIVAL GREATLY ENJOYED

About Eighty Members of Congregational Sunday School Attended Supper Wednesday Evening—Programme and Presentation to Pastor.

The annual festival of the Congregational church Sunday school, Union street, was held Wednesday evening, when about eighty members gathered to supper in the vestry.

After a programme of recitations, music and addresses, gifts were distributed from a large and prettily decorated Christmas tree. The pastor, A. W. Brooks was pleasantly surprised by the receipt of a sum of money from the school, and in reply thanked the members for their gift. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

PERSONAL
Miss Pearl Sullivan of Boston is visiting her cousin, William H. White of the Fire Department at his residence 35 Millidge Avenue.

Mr. Manfred Brown left last evening for Boston after spending two weeks with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Brown.

Young Stowaway Remains In Canada

Pierre Guernonprez, the Young Frenchman Who Was Recently Taken in Custody, Has Been Allowed to Remain in Canada by the Immigration Officials.

The young Frenchman, Pierre Guernonprez, who arrived at St. John on the Canadian Ranger has been permitted by the immigration authorities at Ottawa to remain in Canada and left the city Wednesday evening for Quebec and Montreal. The young man had suffered imprisonment with the Germans at Lille, for four years, during which time his father and two brothers were killed in battle. His mother died of privation and he himself was gassed. Considerable interest has been felt in his case and it is hoped that he will be able to make his way successfully in this country.

SALVAGE CORPS' NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Excellent Programme Carried Through at the New Year's At-Home in No. 2 Rooms Last Night.

The members of No. 2 Salvage Corps and Fire Patrol held a New Year's At Home in their rooms, Main street, last evening with the genial Captain Robert I. Cunningham presiding. Captain Cunningham opened the evening's programme with a brief address, extending the compliments of the season to the members and friends present and thanking the members for their good work in the Corps during the past year.

Snokes and refreshments were then passed round and a most enjoyable programme was carried through.

Vocal solos were excellently rendered by Fred Irvine, F. G. Punter, Mr. Bagnell, Howard Holder and instrumental selections, Messrs. Kane, Bagnell and Nottan; dancing, Mr. Nottan, saxophone selection, Mr. Nobbes; instrumental duet, Messrs. Nobbes and Wallace; piano solo, D. R. Willard.

The Police Court Receipts For Year

More Arrests Last Year Than in 1918—Fines Under Prohibition Act Amounted to \$9,115.

During 1919 the arrests made by the police force numbered 1275, compared with 1076 in 1918, and 1463 in 1917. Of these 851 were for drunkenness, compared with 507 in 1918 and 603 in 1917. The receipts of the Police and City Courts were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Month, Police Court, City Court. Rows for January to December.

The police court receipts in 1918 were \$5,273.50; in 1917, \$5,921.65. The City Court receipts in 1918 were \$283.16; in 1917, \$292.85.

The receipts in prohibition fines were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Month, Police Court, City Court. Rows for January to December.

The prohibition fines in 1918 were \$9,140, and 1917 (eight months), \$8,835.

Total receipts this year are: City court, \$313.35; police court, \$6,753.00; prohibition fines, \$9,115.00—\$16,886.35.

The summonses from the city court during 1919 were 1,801; last year 1,176.

All the stores of Manchester Robertson Allison Limited will open at 9 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. daily, Saturday included, during the months of January, February and March.

Portrait agents wanting good prints and finishes—lowest prices on frames—ask for catalogue, United Art Co., 14 Brunswick avenue, Toronto.

One lady said: "That's the greatest value in Coats I've seen in years." She was referring, of course, to the sale of Ladies' Coats now being held at Dykeman's. And she was right, for that's just what they are, "the greatest value in years." Like everything else the price of Coats has been steadily going up, that's what makes a sale such as this, at this particular time, so remarkable. The entire stock has been divided into just four groups to insure a speedy clearance, beginning at \$19.95, and every Coat is a genuine bargain. See these today.

Dreadnaught Tire Chains advertisement with image of a tire chain and text: although Priced Lower than some other kinds, are made up to a quality standard ABSOLUTELY UNEXCELLED WITHOUT REGARD TO PRICE. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED

Marr Millinery Co., Limited advertisement: Trimmed Hats of Velvet and Beaver, Untrimmed Hats of All wanted materials, Tailored Hats of Pressed Silk Beaver, Sport Hats in The smartest styles. Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Emerbon & Fisher Ltd advertisement: Sure to Please the Cook. One of the most efficient ranges ever offered for coal or wood. STERLING RANGE. Emerbon & Fisher Ltd

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited advertisement: A Delightful Collection of Beautiful and Fashionable Silk Negligee. Smart modes that feature exquisite attention to the detail of trimming and finishing. Pretty Crepe Kimonos for Women. Extra Special Values in Women's Black Cashmere Hose. Manchester Robertson Allison Limited

FUR SALE advertisement: YOUR BENEFIT SALE OF FINE FURS "BETTY WALES" DRESSES WOOLEN COATS KNOX HATS BEGINS TODAY, JANUARY 2ND. D. Magee's Sons, Limited—Saint John, N.B.