

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—The disturbance which crossed the high region and Mississippi Valley Saturday morning has moved eastward to the New England States, causing rain in the latter region and the Maritime Provinces, and snow in Eastern Ontario and Quebec. In the Western Provinces the weather has been fine and mild.

AROUND THE CITY

FUNERALS. The funeral of Mrs. Adelaide E. Mahoney was held Saturday afternoon from Powers' undertaking rooms to Fernhill. Service was conducted by Rev. F. H. Bone.

VISITING PREACHER. Rev. V. M. Purdy of Truro, preached at St. David's church yesterday morning, speaking in the interests of the Maritime Home for Girls at Truro.

MADE PINE RUN. The schooner Francis J. Nikin, Captain Balfour, arrived at Mobile on Saturday from Preston, England. She made a remarkably fine run of 33 days. R. C. Elkin is her agent.

STARTING JUNIOR CHOIR. A junior choir of boys and girls is being organized now in connection with the Central Baptist Church Sunday School. The annual Christmas concert of the school is planned for the 28th inst., with the gift Sunday coming on the 19th.

AUCTION SALE. A leasehold property on Millidge avenue consisting of a four-roomed building belonging to E. M. Barnes and H. B. Duke, was sold by auction at Chubb's corner at noon Saturday. It was purchased by Edgar M. Day of South Bay for \$1,480. Auctioneer Potts handled the sale and S. B. Bustin was solicitor for the owners.

ST. DAVID'S SONG SERVICE. At the regular song service at St. David's Church last evening Dr. Farquharson, Presbyterian Port Chaplain, was welcomed heartily and responded in a brief address to the words of pleasure at his return spoken by many members of the congregation. There was, in spite of the wet night, a large attendance at the song service.

WILL TAKE COMMAND. Captain A. L. Starratt of the steamer Canadian Ranger which arrived at Halifax on Thursday from Liverpool has arrived here to take command of the Halifax built ship Canadian Mariner. Captain Mackenzie who took the steamer from Halifax to St. John is taking another command in the Canadian Government Merchant Mfr.

RECEIVED MOTHER'S CROSS. Mrs. Harry Sellen, Main street, on Saturday received from the Department of Militia, Ottawa, a Mother's Silver Cross in honor of her son, William, of the Fighting New Brunswick 26th, who lost his life in action at Cambrai. The young man, who paid the supreme sacrifice, went overseas with the 15th Battalion and was drafted to the 26th.

VITAL STATISTICS. Twenty-one deaths were reported in the city for the week ending December 4, from the following causes: Senility, two; pneumonia, two; typhoid fever, two; measles, diphtheria, bronchitis, auto-intoxication, heart disease, arterio sclerosis, premature birth, cerebral hemorrhage, broncho pneumonia, chronic endocarditis, cancer of uterus, cancer alveolar, cancer of lower jaw, malignant disease of the liver, pulmonary tuberculosis, one each.

STRANGERS COMPLAIN. A complaint, which has frequently been made by strangers is the difficulty of getting postage stamps at the Union Depot. Persons arriving at St. John, or merely passing through the city are anxious to send letters or postcards to their friends, and on inquiring about stamps are sent to the nearest drug store, which is over a block away from the station and is difficult for a stranger to find. The question is often asked if it would not be possible for stamps to be sold at the newstand for the convenience of those who use the station, and who often have not sufficient time to go outside the building itself.

OLD COUNTRY CLUB MEETS STEAMSHIP. Passengers from the C. F. O. S. Maitie were met by two delegates from the Old Country Club who have been given a permit from the emigration authorities to be on the docks. It is one of the aims of this organization to meet the boats and induce newcomers to settle in New Brunswick rather than locate farther West. Their efforts are being supported by several local firms who have made inquiries of club members regarding workmen.

Hides and Shoes Under Discussion

"We're Looking for Trade to Pick up With Coming of New Year," Says Dealer. "We're looking for trade to pick up with the coming of the new year," said a prominent hide dealer to the Standard last evening. He further stated that trading in hides was very dull at the present time. The dealer had large supplies on hand and the demand was very limited. This was due to the fact that the general public were economizing in footwear, especially of the better qualities to a marked extent. The retailers were unable to get rid of their surplus stock, and for that reason were not looking large orders with the manufacturers. This meant that the tanneries were not being called on to any extent, and their inaction was the final link in the dullness in hides.

The Hide Market. The dealer described the manner in which the hide market had reached its present state in a very interesting manner. During the war, he said, the shortage in shipping prevented hides being imported from such large producing countries as South America, Australia and China. The result was that the manufacturers' countries, who had hitherto looked to those countries for the greater part of their raw material were forced to go to the home market with the result that hides were at a premium, but were kept within bounds by government control.

Cessation of Hostilities. With the cessation of hostilities, factories which had been concentrating on war orders turned their attention to the civilian trade and a brisk demand for hides began. The domestic supply was soon exhausted, and as government control had ceased prices went skyward. A year after the war hides which had never gone higher than twenty-five cents before reached forty-five cents a pound.

In the meantime changes were taking place in transportation. Freighters began again to seek the lands of commerce closed by the war, with the result that the big hide producing countries which had been piling up raw material started shipping again. The effect was soon felt in the leather market and hides immediately began to slump and have continued to do so ever since.

Reached Pre-War Levels. Today hides have reached pre-war levels and are selling at six cents a pound. It is a long time since they reached such low levels before. In the panic of 1907 they reached four cents, and away back in '93 they went as low as two cents.

There is no indication of their picking up right away, but with the moving of the bumper wheat crop which will make money somewhat easier, dealers are confident that there will be a gradual advance in hides. A wholesale and retail shoe dealer doing a big business both in the province and city when asked as to the present state of affairs with the shoe men, said that while the retail trade was keeping up pretty well, the wholesale was somewhat slack and travelers throughout the province were looking for low orders at the present time. He thought prices would stiffen as soon as the surplus stock became worked off, although they would not reach the high levels attained during the war.

At the present time a great many dealers are selling their stock at considerably below replacement values in order to realize the funds they need for the winter wheat crop, he thought would make money easier.

The Luxury Tax. The dealer said the luxury tax had hit the factories, making higher grade shoes very hard. The public refused to pay a high price for boots and the dealers had been obliged to shut down. He thought a straight sale last year per cent on the source of supply would be much better for all concerned. As things were at the present time the government, and everybody else, was losing on the deal.

Recent letters from manufacturers in the States indicate that conditions there are much better than they were six months back, and dealers are much more optimistic. A number of the factories have opened up and while still paying their workers big money are only working thirty hour weeks. The opening of the American factories will have a beneficial effect at home and upper Canadian concerns are expected to open soon on the same conditions.

While the high grade shoe manufacturers have been hard hit, those concerns who stick to standard grades have not been effected to any extent.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE IS WELL OPENED

Twenty-Three Beds Occupied and Ten Men Sleep on Floor. The session started with a rush yesterday at the Seamen's Institute where last night the twenty-three beds were filled and ten men had to sleep on the floor. Eight men came down from Montreal to find work at this port, three of whom are just out of hospital while five are depending on the employment, they hoped to secure at St. John.

Four Elders Were Inducted

Impressive Ceremony in St. David's Church Yesterday Morning. An impressive ceremony took place at St. David's Church yesterday morning when at the close of the regular service four elders were inducted by Rev. J. A. MacKelgan, minister of the church. The following are now elders of St. David's, J. M. Barnes, H. W. D. Magee, Frederick Shaw, Rev. George Scott, John Willett, K. C. Dr. G. U. Corbett.

Rev. J. A. MacKelgan in his sermon spoke of the origin of the office of elder tracing it back to Old Testament times and through the New Testament to the days of the apostles and the church at Iona, and the Waldenses of Southern France. The governmental system of the United States is very similar to that of the Presbyterian church showing the influence of the Puritans. The duties of elders were described and their responsibilities pointed out.

Kaleidoscopic Changes Here

Some Time Ago the Job Was Seeking the Man—Today It's Different.

This is a country of kaleidoscopic changes. Not long ago the job was seeking the man. There seemed to be no limit to the need of man power. Today the man is seeking the job. From all parts of the country come reports of reduction of working forces and of increase in unemployment.

Speaking of the labor situation to the Standard, Saturday, a leading employer of labor said: "Not long ago the job was a thing to consider tightly. If you didn't like it or the boss didn't boost your pay as often as you desired, you could quit or go out and get something more to your liking. There never was such a situation before and it will probably be a long time before there is like it again."

"With the hectic days there was much shirking. Men loafed on the job. Labor lagged at its work. It took advantage of the opportunity in many many instances. If you doubt it lagged I will recite one instance that I know about. One establishment laid off many men recently. The production the following week with the reduced force, was fully up to that of the full force. To my mind, the reason for this was a great deal of slacking in the plant, and those retained have an ardent desire to hold their jobs. A job has suddenly become something to be cherished."

Frightened Tree Prize Winners

St. John Boy Wins in Older Group, While First Prize in Younger Goes to St. George.

During the past few weeks a drawing contest has been conducted among the members of the Children's Corner, appearing in the Saturday Standard. The result of that contest was intended for publication yesterday last but was inadvertently omitted from the children's page. The names of the winners, as given below, will be reprinted in next Saturday's paper.

CONTEST PRIZES. The prize winners of the Frightened Tree Contest are as follows: In Class One—The Older Group. First Prize, \$2.00, Leonard Ellis, 253 Prince street, West St. John. Second Prize, \$1.00, David McQuinn, 24 Somerset street, City. In Class Two—The Younger Group. First Prize, \$2.00, Thomas Chaffey, St. George, Charlottetown. Second Prize, \$1.00, H. Myer Armstrong, Norton, R. N. No. 4. Special Prize, 50 cents, Elmyr McParland, Buxton Road, Kings Co. Special Prize, 50 cents, Robert Ross, 138 Wright street, City.

Those who tied very closely with the winners in the first group and who deserve very honorable mention are: Marion Hopkins, Bridgetown, N. S. Iva Grace Tatton, North Head, Grand Menan, St. E. Mary Hoyt, Hampton. Madge Brishan, Queen street, St. John West. Fred Cunningham, Bonabec. Pauline Bellows, Lower Windsor. Blanche Keith, Havelock. Ethel E. Cochrane, Upper Dorchester.

Marion Walsh, Strathadam. Mary E. Noylitt, St. Stephen. G. F. Lee Cooper, Gagetown. Florence G. Case, Hatfield Pl. Florence Chalmers, Kingsway. Raymond Roberts, Metcalf street, City. Floyd M. Cleveland, Alma, Albert Co. Cora Sherwood, Hammond Vale. Luther Wallace, Great Salmon River.

And those who deserve very honorable mention in the younger group are: Donna Graham, Royton. A. Peckler, Hamilton, Annapolis. Ina Branch, Burnside. Amelia H. Dunlop, Passages St. Donald D. Wilson, Lakeville Car. Marjorie Baker, Burnside. Melvin Small, North Head.

Will the prize winners who live in the city kindly call on The Standard Office, Pr. William street, and receive their awards.

Commander A. Lyon Of British Navy

Here on Mission for British Empire—Leaves for Halifax to Arrange Convoy. Commander A. Lyon of the British Navy, was a passenger on the C. F. O. S. liner Melita, which arrived in this port late on Saturday afternoon. The commander, whose home is at Sutherland, in the North of Scotland, is in Canada on a mission for the British Government, and leaves this afternoon for Halifax where he will arrange a convoy of ships and bring them back to England. The British Government had a surplus number of ships after the close of the war, and many of these vessels have been sold to foreign governments.

When interviewed yesterday, Commander Lyon expressed the opinion that there was a possibility of a change in the Government of Great Britain at present, and, politically speaking, the situation now is comparatively quiet. He stated that the Hon. Mr. Minister of Labor, had been over since the cessation of hostilities and is still working with the greatest vim to obtain employment for the returning men of that country, but that no trouble in the way of a demand for war service gratuity on the part of soldiers was experienced in England.

Twenty-one Years Service. The commander, who has served for twenty-one years with the British Navy, remarked that he was slightly out of touch with the industrial situation in England, outside of what the newspapers contained, explaining that he resided in the far north of Scotland and that the rural telephone system only reached Tain, a place about twelve miles from his abode in Sutherland. He explained that this was his second visit to Canada, having arrived at Quebec several years before the outbreak of the war, and had also visited Vancouver and Prince Rupert, B. C., on this occasion. The commander declared that the Melita had held well during the heavy head seas which was encountered on the way across the Atlantic, and spoke very highly of the officers of the big liner.

From the early days of the war Commander Lyon commanded patrol ships along the English Coast and also convoys between England and Gibraltar up to the time of the signing of the armistice. He was very experienced during hostilities, outside of stating that his vessels had encountered many submarines, which were attacked by his patrol ships.

Trail Rangers Hold Grand Camp

Over Hundred Boys at Y.M.C.A. and Enjoyed Evening of Lectures and Sport.

One hundred and thirteen boys gathered at the Trail Rangers' Grand Camp at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday last for a fine evening of lectures and sport. The churches represented included St. David's, Tabernacle, Carleton Methodist, Fairville Baptist, Fairville Methodist, Germain St. Baptist, St. Bartholomew, and Central, Waterloo street and Ladlow street Baptists. After the supper there was a sing song led by A. M. Gregg, Maritime Boys' Secretary, and an address on "Right ways to make a living," by W. C. Cross.

The basket ball and medicine ball hustle were won by St. David's, while St. David's won from St. Mary's by a score of 6 to 3.

Nicholas Bose in swimming won his qualification under the direction of Mr. Hyslop. The door work in the "gym" was in charge of the Boys' Secretary, Mr. McEwan.

A GREAT SALE OF DANCING FROCKS AT DYKEMAN'S, REG. \$40 TO \$68 VALUES GOING AT \$22.50. This wonderful sale concerns a number of very beautiful evening frocks bought at a very great concession. The values run as high as \$68 and all are offered at the one price \$22.50. Coming right at the close of the management of the dancing season this sale should cause a sensation. Delicate shades of Pink, Blue and Mauve, as well as Black, Cerise and Fancy Shot effects, Metallic embroideries, Silver Lace Net, Tulle and Overskirts. Fancy sashes and corsage flowers all used with charming effect. Reg. values \$40 to \$68 on sale at only \$22.50. See these in the windows at Dykeman's.

BOARD OF TRADE Elections tonight. Mrs. Beverley Bentlaw Taylor will hold her post-nuptial reception on Wednesday, December 8th, 1920, at her home in Salisbury, N. B. from three to six p. m.

CLIFFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c. McHILLAN'S GORGEOUS DISPLAY Christmas Cards, Yarns and Socks are now on view. All prices.

VICTORIA RINK will open as soon as weather permits. This winter promises to be a banner skating season. Season tickets for sale at Nova Sales Co., Ltd., phone M. 621. Price same as last year.

THE ST. JOHN FUSILIERS Training for December will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Dec. 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 20th and 23rd. Fall in at the Armory at 3 P. M. Notices taken on any of the above evenings. Capt. H. G. ASHFORD, Capt. and Adjutant.

OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS ARE COMPLETE—SHOP EARLY. Genuine Gartcraig Fire Brick due about December 10. in Square, End Arch, and Side Arch. Also Fire Clay. For Quotations, Call, Write, or Phone Main 1920. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED Store Hours: 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m. On Saturdays till 10 p. m. OUR TOY DEPARTMENT IS AT ITS BEST—SHOP NOW.

A Great Value-Giving December "Clean-Up" Sale Starts Full Speed Ahead at Nine This Morning. Every hat is reasonable and entirely suitable for Winter wear, a thrift event of this kind necessarily includes our entire showroom with all hats involved. It does not mean the lowering of the standard of quality in the hats effected—since it is our regular stock and price alone effected. If you are a thrifty shopper you will investigate this December "Clean-Up" Sale and make a good saving while the hats last. We carry a hat over and then again we simply must have more room for Christmas goods—the two reasons why prices are cut so low for this week. We invite Your Inspection of Our Christmas Goods The Children Especially Are Most Welcome Here Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Sparkling Cut Glass ALWAYS AN ACCEPTABLE PRESENT. PARTICULARLY SO AT CHRISTMAS. Our new displays of Attractive Cut Glassware include many new and attractive patterns in the pieces most popular for pretty table service. Thin Blown Crystal, Etched. Heavy Crystal, Deep Cut. Bonbons \$2.25 up Goblets \$3.75 up Nappies \$3.75 up Bud Vases \$3.50 up Butters \$1.75 up Comports \$2.75 up Creams and Sugars, Spoon Trays, Celery Trays, Etc., Etc. Emerson & Fisher, 25 Germain St.

STORES OPEN 8.30 A. M. CLOSE AT 5.58 P. M. SATURDAY 10 P. M. Sale of Best Quality, Heavy, All Wool Mannish Suitings. This morning we will place on sale several hundred yards of Pure Wool, Heavy Worsted Suitings. These are our best quality, dependable, high priced cloths — Colors are navy, grey and black. 56 to 60 in. wide. Prices for this sale \$4.90, \$5.90 and \$6.90 yd. (Sale in Dress Goods Section, Ground Floor.) Manchester Robertson Allan & Co. KING STREET GERMAIN STREET QUERRY QUAY

Revision Downward--In Prices Of Furs, Men's and Women's Attire. RUSSIAN PONY COATS With Grey Opposum, Lynx, Raccoon, or self trimming, and a delightful array of models. \$125.00 for \$165.00 Garments \$125.00 for \$225.00 Garments \$180.00 for \$250.00 Garments \$190.00 for \$275.00 Garments \$210.00 for \$300.00 Garments \$275.00 for \$350.00 Garments. WOOLEN COATS For \$16.50 \$39.50 For \$19.00 \$46.00 For \$21.00 \$51.00 For \$23.00 For \$30.00 For \$30.00. NATURAL RACCOON FURS Scarves Capes To sell for \$75.00—Will sell for \$68.50 To sell for \$60.00—Will sell for \$42.50 To sell for \$50.00—Will sell for \$38.00 To sell for \$35.00—Will sell for \$28.00 To sell for \$27.50—Will sell for \$21.00 To sell for \$30.00—Will sell for \$21.00. Sensible Giving is Good Giving. McHillan's Sons—144 St. John St.