THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Disturbances of increasing intensity are centred tonight over Alberta and off the coast of Carolina. Light snow is falling in the Ottawa Valley, but in general fair weather with moderate temperature prevails throughout the Dominion.

St. John	2	22
Dawson	*36	*24
Victoria	40	44
Calgary	12	34
Edmonton	4	12
Prince Albert	4	..
Medicine Hat	18	..
Moose Jaw	33	..
Regina	10	28
Winnipeg	4	22
White River	14	22
London	8	32
Toronto	11	33
Ottawa	*6	26
Montreal	0	22
Quebec	*4	12
Halifax	2	26

*—Below zero.

Forecast

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, milder and generally fair.

Northern New England — Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer Friday; Saturday fair, moderate to fresh north and northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

ONE DRUNK

One drunk and three protectionists were quartered in the Central Police Station cells last evening.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HOSPITAL.

Miss Margaret S. Belyea, formerly of Woodstock, is now superintendent of training school at Butler Hospital, Providence, R. I.

GOING TO ROME.

Right Rev. C. J. O'Reilly, Lincoln, Nebraska, formerly of St. John, is to leave on Feb. 5 for Rome and tour the principal countries of Europe.

TELEPHONE DANCE

A number of the New Brunswick Telephone Employes enjoyed one of their popular monthly dances on the top floor of the Telephone Company's building, Chipman Hill, last evening.

TO STUDY FREIGHT RATES.

According to information received by the secretary of the Board of Trade, the matter of freight rates in the Maritime Provinces will be the subject of a hearing in St. John before the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada in the near future.

HOSPITAL NEWS.

Thomas Wright who was injured in a coasting accident at Beaver Harbor was reported from the General Public Hospital this morning to be holding his own.

Andrew Fox, injured at the Nashwaak pulp mill on Tuesday, is much better. His condition is still serious but the chances of recovery are good.

OFFICERS AT FREDERICTON.

Lieut. Colonel H. C. Sparling, D. S. O., general staff officer for M. D. No. 7, and Lieut. Colonel A. B. Snow, organizer and inspector of cadets corps in the province, are in Fredericton to attend a meeting of the Strathcona trust. Brig. Gen. A. H. Macdonell, C. M. G., D. S. O., general officer commanding this district, and Lieut. Col. Murray MacLaren are there for the same purpose.

BANKERS HAVE OUTING.

A reunion of the entire staff of the different city branches of the Bank of Nova Scotia took place under very happy circumstances last night. The bankers and "bankeresses," after enjoying a sleigh ride to Torryburn and back, alighted amidst much tooting of horns and pealing of bells at the Prince William street branch. After the fanfare had subsided they adjourned to the upper floor of the building where a pleasant programme of dancing was feaured to the enticing strains of an excellent orchestra during the remainder of the evening. The thirty-five couples present were chaperoned by Mesdames J. M. Bates and W. A. Clarke.

Good Cheer Circle Annual Meeting

Reports Received and Officers Were Elected—Miss Alice Rising the New President.

The Good Cheer Circle of The King's Daughters held their annual meeting last evening at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. G. A. Teed, Queen street. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Miss Alice Rising, president; Mrs. J. E. Arthurs, vice-president; Mrs. Geo. Boller, second vice-president; Mrs. Clinton Brown, secretary; Mrs. Carry, treasurer.

Committees to carry on various departments of circle work were appointed, and plans made for the part which the circle will take in the Valentine Tea and Sale to be held at the Order.

VOCATIONAL EVENING SCHOOLS

Additional accommodation has been provided in the following classes:

Show Card Writing—Monday and Thursday, Tuesday and Friday at St. Vincent's High School, Cliff street.

Elementary Mechanical Drawing, Machine Drawing and Design—Monday and Thursday at Centennial School Building, Brussels Street.

Chemistry, Building Construction, Electricity—Monday and Thursday, at High School Building, Union Street.

Hours, 7.30 to 9.30 P. M. Tuition free.

Call at Office, Corner Union Street and Hazen Avenue. 'Phone Main 4205 for information or visit the classes in operation.

Delightful Concert By Victorian Troupe

Seamen's Institute Audience Hears Programme of Music, Mirth and Comedy.

One of the most delightful concerts of the season at the Seamen's Institute was given last night by the Concert Party of the C. P. O. S. Liner Victorian assisted by local talent. The comedians of the company, Wall Gas and Baker and Young were screams. They kept the crowd present in roars of laughter when they were on the stage. A pleasing part of the entertainment was Mr. Porter, a lyric tenor, and pianist of some class. Mr. Porter was forced to respond to three encores. The recitations of Miss Ethel McGinley were especially pleasing and evoked much favorable comment. The programme:

Song, selected, Miss McMahon.
Recitation, selected, Miss Ethel McGinley.
Comedian, Wall Gas.
Song, "Out On the Deep," H. Carr.
Cornet solo, "The Rosary," Dan Hughes.
Those Two Boys, Bob and Herb.
Chairman's remarks and interval.
Comedian, Wall Gas.
Song, selected, Miss Fox.
Monologue, "How We Saved the Barge," H. Carr.
Song, "Learning a Song for Christmas," H. Robertshaw.
Recitation, selected, Miss McGinley.
Song, "Marguerite," Bob Smith.
The Dixie Kids, Baker and Young.
Cornet solo, "Absent," Dan Hughes.
Vocal accompanist, Mr. Porter.
Accompanist, Mrs. Gill.
God Save the King.

T. W. Jones, B. A. Accepts Pastorate

Will Become Pastor of Calvary Congregational Church, Montreal.

T. W. Jones, B.A., who will be ordained in May, and who has, since the beginning of the year, been acting pastor of Calvary Congregational church, Montreal, at the annual meeting of that church, accepted the pastorate. Mr. Jones was assistant pastor of the church nine years ago, and for the last five years had been engaged in chaplaincy work on transports between Halifax and England, and later with the Y. M. C. A. at St. John, Quebec and Montreal, where he received the soldiers as they came from England. He has many friends in this city.

Good Work of C. of E. Ladies

Church of England Ladies' Association Held Annual Meeting.

Excellent reports were heard at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Church of England Institute held yesterday afternoon, Mrs. A. W. Daniel presiding.

Miss Tingey, secretary, told of the discontinuance of the flower mission at the hospital, as this work is now done by the Hospital Aid. Two magazines have been presented to the reading room, and the Hearst publications eliminated. The Easter tea and sale netted $144.88; the autumn sale $134.29. Mrs. Bridgestocke sent £5 and Miss Emily Hart contributed $2. The association has given $125 to the library, $25 to the charitable missionary Aid, and $40 towards salaries. The committee of management recommended that duplicate copies of popular books should be purchased.

Miss Helen Sydney-Smith, treasurer, stated that total receipts were $500.81 and a balance of $280.54 is on hand.

Committee Reports.

Reports of committees were as follows:

Membership, Mrs. Tilley—Forty new members.

Hospital, Mrs. A. C. Skelton—More workers needed. Mrs. Thomas Walker, missionary and charitable aid. Work of committee and high tribute to Mrs. John Hay, Miss Alice Walker, book committee, 139 new volumes added to library. Refreshing committee, Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong, Mrs. James McAvity, rooms committee. Local Council of Women, Mrs. J.J. Gordon, Juliet Kerr, Zenana mission, Miss Alice Walker. The luncheon to National Council of Women was reported with a vote of thanks to Mrs. A. W. Golding.

The New Officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Mrs. Alfred Morrisey, president; Miss A. E. Tingey, secretary; Miss Helen Sidney-Smith, treasurer. Committee of management—Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong, Mrs. James H. McAvity, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. W. D. Forster, Mrs. A. C. Skelton and Miss Clara Schofield. The committee elects two more members at its first meeting.

Vote of Appreciation.

A vote of appreciation was passed to the retiring president, Mrs. A. W. Daniel. Resolution of sympathy in recent bereavement were extended to Mrs. James F. Robertson, Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong, Rev. H. A. Cody, Miss Helen Jack and to Mrs. Louis Whitman of Ottawa, who was formerly connected with the association, and whose sister the late Mrs. Jack MacLaren was formerly the secretary of the association.

Council Cutting Assessment Down

On Grants and Assessments Passed Yesterday Big Saving Made Over Last Year.

The city council spent yesterday in discusing grants and assessments for the year 1921 and adjourned at six o'clock to further consider some of the items this morning. Vocational training will be cut for this year unless the city solicitor advises that a suggestion made by the mayor that it be spent under the supervision of the city council can be carried out. The estimates for the various departments were all passed except the water and sewerage department, the council asking the commissioner to again go over his estimates and see if they could not be reduced and also take care of the sewerage maintenance and fire hydrants. The commissioner of safety reduced his estimate for police by $1,000, but the others passed as presented to the council.

Some Grants Less.

The grants for this year are $23,600 less than a year ago, due to the cutting out of $10,000 to the G. W. V. A. and a like amount to the Exhibition Association, and $2,000 for the Improvement Associations There was only one increase in any grant, $500 for the Lancaster and Indiantown Ferry, which was raised from $1,000 to $1,500.

The members of the council were out to keep the assessment down to at least last year's figures, and they succeeded in doing better than that. On the grants and assessments passed yesterday the taxpayers will be called on to pay $36,467.26 less than they did last year, and if the sewer and hydrant maintenance items are taken from general assessment and placed in water revenue, this amount will be increased by another $30,000, making a total reduction of nearly $67,000, and this means at least ten cents on the tax rate on the same valuation as last year.

The grants and assessments passed were:

Grants

	1920	1921
Horticultural Asso.	$5,500	$5,500
Riverview Park	250	250
Arboracultural Scty.	500	500
Seamen's Mission	250	250
Associated Charities	225	225
Victorian Order Nurses	2,000	2,000
Free Kindergarten	1,500	1,500
S.P.C.A.	150	....
S.P.C.A. Ladies Aux	100	....
Tourist Association	800	800
Natural History Scty	400	400
G.W.V.A.	10,000	.....
Swimming Scows	1,200	1,000
Town Planning	500	...
Exhibition Asso.	10,000	.....
Prevention of Tubercu losis	500	500
Board of Health Milk Inspection	1,000	....
Public Library repairs	1,150	1,000
Indiantown-Lancaster Ferry	1,000	1,500
Playgrounds	4,500	4,500
Improvement Leagues	2,000	.....

The application of the Art Club and Travellers' Aid for $1,000 each were turned down.

Assessments.

	1920	1921
Public Works Department	$199,750.23	$230,640.25
Lights	42,306.60	42,885.98
Fire	125,588.93	125,973.12
Police	110,812.55	108,834.95
Ferry	67,104.50	64,529.50
Overexpended Balances	42,506.93	2,839.03
Free Public Libraries	7,725.00	7,725.00
Exhibition Association	618.00	618.00
City Survey	———	10,300.00
Salvage Corps	750.00	750.00
Interest and Sinking Fund	69,988.93	76,871.00
Vocational Schools	17,510.00	———
Grants	44,831.75	19,925.00
Soldiers' Day	14,257.54	———
Recouping Playgrounds	927.00	———

Committee Will Choose Camp Site

Boy Scout Assn. Fhvor An Equipment Department at Ottawa.

The quarterly meeting of the Boys' Scout Association was held last night at headquarters in the Ritchie building, with Provincial Commissioner, A. C. Skelton, in the chair. Among those present were: Secretary F. W. Hewitson, E. H. Turnbull, S. G. Olive, G. L. Short, T. E. Simpson, Richard Ingleton, A. M. Belding and V. C. Timberley.

After the usual routine business had been dispensed with, a motion in favor of an equipment department being started at Ottawa. A camp committee was appointed to choose a camp site for the Provincial Camp in the summer, with Professor J. D. Tothill, chairman; T. E. Simpson and V. C. Timberley.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Thursday, February 3, and to hold a Provincial convention of Patrol Leaders during the Easter holidays in St. John.

Eclectic Reading Club Session

Excellent Programme at Residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Powell.

The Eclectic Reading Club held its January meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Powell last evening. Miss Homer was in charge of the excellent programme, the subject being: "Jenny Lind." Those taking part were: Mrs. George Matthew, Miss Homer, Mrs. George Hare, Mrs. Scovil and Miss Frances Stetson.

A resolution of sympathy was passed for the relatives of the late James F. Robertson, Mr. Robertson having been for many years a valued member of the club.

Imported Police Unequal To Task

Pilfering from West Side Sheds Becomes Alarming—To Ask City's Assistance.

Pilfering from the West Side freight sheds seems to be going on at a swift pace. If all reports are true, it has reached an alarming stage Despite the fact the C. P. R. has brought a carload of special officers here to guard property and prevent the stealing of freight, the pilfering goes on. Besides the C.P.R. officers some in uniform and some plain clothes men, there is the further protection to property, moral at least, of the mounted policemen, who are here to guard government interests.

Will Ask City's Aid.

A delegation of C.P.O.S. officials, headed by Capt. Walsh, will wait on the city council today and plead for better police protection from the city.

Commenting on the situation last night, a well known citizen, versed in affairs of the city for the last quarter of a century, said:

"The cry of the C.P.R. for assistance from the city in stopping pilfering from the West Side sheds is an admission of the inability of their imported special police to perform the work required of them. I am not at all surprised at this. Bringing here, as they do each winter season of late years, a force gathered from Upper Canada, mostly Englishmen unacquainted with the city and its make up, men who are not able to get into the good graces of the dock workers in order to obtain information, how could one expect them to succeed in their work.

Try City Men.

"About ten years ago local men, men with training in police work, were hired by the C.P.R. to look after property in transit. There were only about six men employed then and the freight shipments were as heavy then as now. Those officers knew every man who was employed about the works, and were able to spot "light fingered" loiterers. There were attempts at pilfering then, but rarely did the plunderer get off without being caught and punished. Did it ever occur to the C.P.R. that they might secure better results by the employment of local men on their police staff? Isn't it worth considering?"

GREAT NIGHT FOR SLEIGHING PARTIES

To those who love the great outdoors, last night was an ideal winter's night. The hills of the city swarmed with juvenile sliders, while several parties of the older young folk enjoyed tobogganning, skating and dancing on the slides and lake, and in the pavillion at Rockwood Park.

Several sleighing parties were organized, and their progress through the city was accompanied by the merry peal of bells, drowned for the most part, in the din of horns. One horn to each pair of lusty lungs.

The Period of Price Transition Is Now Here

George T. Creary is Revising All Prices and is Making a Great Mid-Winter Clearance of Mens Wear Starting Today.

"For the whole month of February we are working to meet the transition period from which the readjustment of affairs must come," said Geo. Creary, in his preparation of bargains for Semi-ready Great Mid-Winter Sale for Men.

"It may be that we have to devote more than a month to the clearance, but we have decided to pocket a loss and be as cheerful about it as was Tom Sawyer's cat when he gave it a dose of Pain Killer. Somebody must lose, and the newspapers decided a few months ago that it should be the merchants, the while they raised their advertising rates. We will sell many garments for less than they cost us—though they are worth more today than what we paid for them.

"Starting this morning, bright and early, we expect to launch the greatest sale of high-class merchandises for men ever known in St. John. It is not fly-by-night sale of mixed up bankrupt goods that are without genealogy or reputation, but a sale of the best merchandise from the leading makers of repute in Canada.

SATURDAY'S BUYERS

will find money-saving opportunities in our Mid-season Sale of Men's and Young Men's Overcoats, Suits and Trousers. Bargains in Neckties—all at reduced prices. Take a glance at our window and you'll hardly resist stocking up. Gilmour's, 68 King St.

POWER BOAT CLUB ASSEMBLY

The St. John Power Boat Club will hold an informal assembly on Friday evening next in the club house, Cedar street, to which officers and members of the R. K. Y. C. are invited. Dancing from 8 to 12

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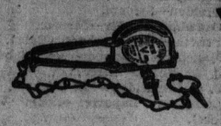

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Surprisingly low prices are in favor. The following lists will give you some idea of the values offered you in these lines here today:

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Tea Pots—Regular Prices $2.50, $3.00, $4. and $4.75....Sale, $2, $3.25 and $3.75
Coffee Pots—Regular $2.00 and $2.50 .....Sale, $1.75 and $2.00
Hot Water Jugs—Regular $1.50 to $2.50 .....Sale, $1.25 to $2.00
Tea Caddys—Regular $2, $3 and $4. Sale, $1.75, $2.50 and $3.25.
Sugar. And Creams — Regular $3.00 to $5.25. Sale $2.25 to $4.00
Sauce Boats — Regular $1.50 for $1.00
Cups and Saucers—Regular .75, .90, $1 ea..... Sale .65, 75, and 85 ea.

Cake Plates

The popular Martin Limoges China. 13 odd plates. Regular Prices, $2.50 to $6.20. Sale, $1.25 to $4.75

Odd Silver Pieces

Lovely gift varieties that would find favor in any home.

Cream and Sugar (2 pairs only) Regular $12.25 for $8.00
Candy Jars, four only. Reg $7.75 for $4.75
Toast Racks ....Regular $7.00 for $4.50
Card Trays .....Regular $1.50 for $1.20
Silver Deposit Tea Sets. Reg. $10 for $7.50
Regular $8.75 for $5.50.
Oil Bottles. Reg. $1.65 for $1.25.
Mustard Jars. Reg $3. for $2.25. Reg. $1.75 for $1.40.
Sugar Shakers. Reg. $1.25 for .90
Salt Bottles. Reg. $1.75 for $1.46
Coasters .....Regular .55 for .40

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Vases .....Regular $6.00 for $4.50
Sugar and Creams. Regular $7.00 for $5.25. Regular $2.25 for $1.90.
Frappe Glasses, 10 only. Regular $1.25 each. Sale .90 each; 2 only. Regular $1.00 each. Sale .75.
Custard Cups, four only. ..Reg. .50 for .40
Tumblers, 5 only. Reg. $1.35 for $1.15 ea; 5 only. Reg $1.10 for .90 ea ; 12 only. Reg. $7.00 for $5.00 doz.
Vinegar Bottles. Reg. $1.10 to $5.75. Sale .90 to $4.25
Marmalade Jars. Regular $3.25 for $2.50.
Berry Dishes, 11 only, Regular $2.25 for .80 each.
Bowls, 2 only, Regular $4.50 for $3.75. Pitcher. Regular $6.00 for $4.75.
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Goblets, 3 only .....Reg. $1.00 for .75

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Sugar and Creams ..Reg. $1.85 for $1.55
5 Fruit Dishes ....Reg. .15 each for .12 ea.
5 Casseroles .....Reg. $3.25 for $2.55
2 Casseroles ..... Reg. $2.50 for $2.00
1 Bowl .....Reg. .65 for .50
2 Childs' Sets (cereal bowl and plate) Reg. $2 for $1.15
11 Soup Plates. Reg. $4.80 for $4
6 Dessert Plates. Reg. 35 ea for 28 ea Reg. 30 ea for 25 ea
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