

THE WEATHER

Maritime - Fresh to strong westerly winds; fair; much the same temperature.

Toronto, Dec. 4.-A few light scattered showers have occurred today in the Maritime Provinces, but otherwise the weather has been fine throughout Canada, and the mild conditions have continued.

Table with columns: Min., Max., Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Moosejaw, Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Steamer Notes

The Red Cross liner will sail to night for New York, and in addition to a number of passengers will take a full general cargo.

Fish Scarce Today

In the local retail fish market the supply is rather limited and the variety is small. The prices for today are: haddock and cod 6c. a lb.; halibut 15c. a lb.; haddis 9c. a lb.; kip 24c. to 30c. a doz.; smoked fillets 12c. a lb.; smelt 12c. a lb.; smoked salmon 25c. a lb.; bone cod 16c. a lb.; blonators 25c. to 30c. a doz.; salt herring 18c. a doz.; salt mackerel 7c. to 20c. each; salt shad 25c. to 40c. each; Scotch car-d herring 24c. doz.; tongue and rounds 10c. a lb.; oysters 75c. a quart; and clams 20c. a quart.

The Royal George

The steamship Royal George, of the Canadian Northern Steamship Limited, will arrive here on Wednesday next, and will be the first steamship of this line to come to this port. The John direct on Wednesday night last with the mails and a large general cargo, and also has on board 47 first cabin, 104 second, and 356 third cabin passengers.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHY TO WINNING FOOTBALL TEAM

Standard Cup Presented at Enjoyable Function Last Evening-Boys Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Fenton were hosts at a most enjoyable function last evening on their home on the West Side. They entertained the members of the football team from Albert school, winners of The Standard cup in the recent school league.

After the more material portion of the programme had been given due attention, the toast to the King was honored, after which Mr. MacKinnon formally transferred to Mr. Howard, representing the committee in charge of the School Boy Athletic Movement, the cup which The Standard offered. Mr. Howard in reply outlined the work so far accomplished and told of plans for other sports than football which it is intended shall receive their proper share of attention.

Mr. McDermid acknowledged the presentation on behalf of the school, and spoke in a very appreciative manner of the effect of the athletic movement on the work of the classes. He feels that the committee have adopted a very wise provision in making eligible for the sports only those boys who give proper attention to their studies.

Mr. Fenton gave the lady some sound advice, congratulated them on their success and mentioned that in view of the record of the West Side in years gone by, there should be no reason why Albert School should not win the cup three times in succession, thereby becoming the owners.

The funeral service of D. Russell Jack will commence at 1:30 o'clock and not at 2 o'clock as erroneously stated in an evening paper.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE NOT EXPECTED TO WATERLOG

Representatives of Steamship Companies and Heads of Union do not Anticipate any Trouble - First Allan Liner of Season Docked Last Night at Sand Point.

The Allan line steamer Pomeranian arrived in port last evening and docked at No. 1 berth, Sand Point, shortly after eight o'clock. The steamer has a large general cargo and about 125 passengers from Havre and London. There are only a few English speaking passengers on board the ship and after she was warped into the pier last night it was announced that the passengers and their baggage would not be landed until this morning and then the steamer would be hauled over to the I. C. R. wharf to discharge her cargo.

Reports from the steamer were to the effect that the passage across the Atlantic was not a bad one, with the exception of a couple of days which were considered rough, and a couple of days ago the steamer ran into the snow and rain storm which was experienced in this city, and as one of the passengers called it, "a regular blizzard."

All on board are reported well and the voyage was uneventful. There was quite a large number of persons about the dock last evening awaiting the arrival of the ship and as it had been freely spoken about the city that there was a likelihood of a strike being called by the longshoremen.

The representatives of the steamship company or the heads of the Longshoremen's Association are not looking for any difficulty and expect that the work will be carried along in the same manner as was done last season. As has been customary with the Allan line, they have had their regular workmen to discharge and load the steamships. Some are union and some are non-union, but all receive the rate of wages that are called for by the union. The regular gang of men who have been working on the Allan line

MAYOR SENDS TELEGRAMS ABOUT TUNISIAN'S MAILS

Deputy Postmaster General Asks Why St. John Objects to Mails being Forwarded on I. C. R. - His Worship Supplies Desired Information.

In connection with the routing of the British mails, arriving here on the Allan Liner Tunisian, Mayor Frink, yesterday, sent the following telegram to Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Postmaster General:

Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Postmaster General, Ottawa. "Report apparently confirmed that steamer Tunisian's mails, direct for the West, were to be forwarded by I. C. R. instead of by C. P. R. This proposal meets with strong disapproval here. Is it not possible to have this mail sent C. P. R.?"

PROGRAMME A LONG RUN OF CLEAR PROFITS

The following wire was received yesterday regarding Rochester Hills Mining Company:

Renov. Dec. 3rd, 1915. "Will get extension (lease), which means we build mill. Conditions yet to be worked out. We hold key to situation. Want best deal possible, make us strong company. Will be two weeks before deal can be closed. Outlook most bright."

Sons of England Fair. There was a good attendance at the Sons of England fair last evening and the music was furnished by the St. John Pipe Band. The prize winners were as follows: Bowling alley, Jack Howard, 1st; Harry Pike, 2nd; Gent's bean toss, Chas. Edwards. Ladies' bean toss, Mrs. James McCrackin, 1st; Miss Florence McNutt, 2nd; Plate game, A. J. Brittain. Door prize, ticket 155. Jess Cook won a special prize of a half barrel of flour with ticket 23. Tonight the Sons of England Band will play a programme.

NEARLY SIXTY THOUSAND FOR PAVEMENTS

City will Pay Over Half and Property Owners about \$20,000 - An Extensive Programme.

The city department of public works reports that the permanent pavements laid this year cost \$58,120.20. Under the local improvement act the property owners abutting on the paved streets will have to pay about \$20,000 of this amount. The city this year has been obliged to pay more than half the cost because it happened to be the owner of a good deal of the abutting property.

COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW MR. CROTHERS

Trades and Labor Council to Lodge Complaint about Enforcement of Health Act in City.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, last evening, a committee was appointed to interview Hon. Mr. Crothers, Minister of Labor, when he comes to St. John next week. Another committee was appointed to arrange a series of open meetings under the auspices of the council after the holidays.

SERIES OF MISHAPS ON WESTERN SECTION DEMORALIZES TRAFFIC

Trains to and from St. John Behind Schedule Yesterday - Derailments Responsible for Trouble.

Through the derelictment of a freight on the Main Central Railway, early yesterday morning, and two subsequent derailments, there was a general mix up in the railway traffic on the Atlantic division, and trains arriving here and departing were running hours behind schedule time.

Going Home for Christmas. The big Donaldson line steamer Casandra was delayed yesterday awaiting for passengers on a delayed C. P. R. train, and did not get away until about two o'clock this morning. The steamer took away a large general cargo for Glasgow, also 600 sheep. Her passenger accommodation was pretty well filled up as she is the first steamer to leave port carrying the Christmas passenger list. There are on board 80 cabin and 450 third cabin. All are from the west returning to their homes to spend the happy Christmas and those on board last evening were enjoying themselves spinning yarns and singing songs.

Women's Canadian Club. Women's Canadian Club meets Saturday 2:30 o'clock, Art Club Studio, corner Carleton and Peel streets. Full attendance requested; important business.

The Aberdeen in Port. The government steamer Aberdeen will arrive in port today and will have on board the men who have been employed making repairs at Machias Island. The work has been discontinued for the season. The steamer Lansdowne is off the blocks where she has undergone a thorough overhauling, and is fitting out at the government pier. She will be in commission again in a few days.

TOYS. Our Toy Department is full of the very latest novelties. Come in and pay it a visit and bring the children. Mechanical Toys, Games, Meccano, Dolls' Furniture, Dolls, Rocking Horses. W.H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

LET YOUR XMAS GIFT Be a Mignonne Horizontal Knabe Grand Or a Willis Upright. Rich and Dainty in Case. Selected Product of both factories for the Holidays. WILLIS & CO., LTD. - Manufacturers - MONTREAL. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES: WILLIS PIANO & ORGAN CO. HALIFAX AND ST. JOHN.

Make It Their Happiest Christmas. This is what your boy or girl will tell you if their gifts include a SLED, FRAMER, OR TOBOGGAN. Boys' Sleds, 30c to \$5.00. Girls' Framers, 40c to \$3.00. Speedway Flyers, \$1.50 to \$7.75. TOBOGGANS. A large assortment, 3 ft. to 8 ft. Prices \$1.50 to \$10.00. SHOP EARLY. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Buy Gift Things Now and During the Morning Hours. Furniture for Christmas Presents. With the approach of every Christmas season the tendency to purchase useful articles is becoming in greater favor, and this year, no doubt, more gifts of furniture will be made than ever before. In anticipation of the demand for furniture as Christmas presents we have an unusually large and handsome array of odd pieces such as Easy Chairs, Rockers, Writing Desks, Music Cabinets, Piano Chairs, Cheval Mirrors, Hall Mirrors and Seats, Parlor Tables, Parlor Cabinets, China Closets, Buffets, Sectional Book Cases and other things too numerous to mention in limited space. If you intend to make a furniture gift, you'll find hundreds of good suggestions here. FURNITURE DEPT.-MARKET SQUARE.

Week-End Specials in Millinery Salon. CHILDREN'S DRESS HATS AND BONNETS in silk, velvet and plush, fur and flower trimmed, also hand embroidered. All are imported hats in the season's newest shades and combinations. Each \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00. LADIES' DRESS HATS in velvet, silk and felt, trimmed with flowers, feathers, etc. Each \$3.75 to \$9.50. LADIES' IMPORTED PATTERN HATS, ostrich feather and fur trimmed, very gorgeous creations at less than half price to clear. Each \$10.00 to \$15.00. MOTORING BONNETS in Suede Leather, various colors, some faced with fancy silk, self and ribbon bands. Each \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.25. KNITTED WOOL COMBINATION HOOD AND SCARF, white and sky. Each \$1.50. JAEGER KNITTED TURBAN CAPS, camel-hair shade, white and grey. Each 65c, \$1.00, \$1.75.

Suggestions for Boys' Christmas Gifts. Knitted Motor Scarfs, 50c. \$5. Brasen, in fancy boxes pr. 50c. Sweaters, each .85c. to \$3.00. Jerseys, each .65c. to \$3.00. Umbrellas, each 75c. to \$5.00. Handkerchiefs, colored borders, 3 for 18c.; 3 for 25c.; 2 for 25c. Handkerchiefs, white Cambric, 3 for 25c. and 2 for 25c. Handkerchiefs, white linen, in Christmas box, extra value, 6 for \$1.00. Drinking Cups, each 50c. to \$3. Hair Brushes, each 50c. to \$2. Cloth Brushes, each 25c. to \$1. Whisks, each .15c. to \$1.00. Coin Purse, each 15c. to 75c. Bill Folds and Books, each 50c. to \$1.00. Collar Bags, leather, ea. \$1. \$2. Fancy Armlets, pair 25c. to 75c. Boys' Garters, pair 35c. Neckties, each 25c. to \$1.00. Kid Gloves, pair 65c. to \$1.00. Wool Gloves, pair 15c. to 75c. Underwear, suit 75c. to \$2.00. Combinations, each \$1 to \$1.65. Colored Shirts, ea. 50c. to \$1.25. Pyjamas, suit . . . \$1.00 to \$1.75. Night Shirts, each 75c. to \$1.00. Stockings, pair 20c. to \$1.00. School Bags, roll leather, each 75c. to \$2.00. Soft Double Collars, white and colored 2 for 25c. White Starched Collars, latest styles, 2 for 25c., 3 for 50c. Pocket Manicure Outfits, each 40c. to \$2.25. Cuff Links, pair 25c. to 75c. Matched Sets of Cuff Links and Pin, set 75c. to \$3.75. Scarf Pins, each 50c. to \$1.50.

BOYS' FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited