

**THE WEATHER.**

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The disturbance which was over northern Manitoba last night is now centered over the Upper Lake region, and is increasing in energy. A pronounced cold wave is moving down the western provinces. A few light snowfalls have occurred in Ontario; elsewhere the weather has been mostly fair.

Dawson	40	30
Prince Rupert	34	28
Vancouver	33	48
Calgary	26	30
Edmonton	16	24
Medicine Hat	26	42
Prince Albert	14	28
Winnipeg	14	24
Port Arthur	8	26
London	11	24
Toronto	8	24
Kingston	10	24
Ottawa	10	16
Montreal	2	14
Quebec	8	4
St. John	6	8
Halifax	18	28

—Below zero.

**Forecasts**

Maritime—Winds increasing to strong breezes and gales. Snow by night.

New England—Snow and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday fair and colder. Increasing south winds reaching gales.

**AROUND THE CITY**

**TAKEN TO HOSPITAL**

Ahmed Tawab, a sailor on the steamer Tunisian, was taken to the General Public Hospital yesterday morning for medical treatment.

**CALENDAR RECEIVED**

F. S. Parrie, Provincial Manager of the Excelsior Life Insurance Company, has presented The Standard with an excellent calendar.

**ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT**

Charles Kennedy was arrested last night, charged with assault, and was allowed out on deposit. A warrant has been sworn out for another charged with the same offence.

**CITY ESTIMATES**

Mayor Hayes states that he expected the estimates of expenditures by the various departments at city hall would be ready for presentation to the council about January 10.

**THE EASTERN LINE**

Beginning Friday, January 3, the Eastern Line service between Boston and Yarmouth, N. S., will be extended so as to include St. John. The steamers now sailing from Yarmouth will stop at St. John on every trip.

**ORPHANAGE OPENING**

The public is invited to inspect the new annex to the Protestant Orphans' Home in West St. John this afternoon and evening. There will be a number of addresses given in the evening by the Mayor, clergymen, and officers of the orphanage.

**JAIL CONTRACTS**

It was announced by Sheriff Wilson yesterday morning that the contracts for the supplying of provisions and bedding to the county jail have been awarded to the following: St. John Mercantile Company, groceries; J. M. Parlee, meats and J. and W. Shaw, bedding.

**TRADE INQUIRIES**

The Board of Trade has received an inquiry from Detroit regarding the dairy situation here. A Nova Scotia firm is asking about fruit dealers in the city and a letter from New York asks for the names of manufacturers of tarpaulins.

**POPULAR APPOINTMENT**

The appointment by the Government of Dr. Margaret Parks on the medical staff of the Immigration Department is announced. Dr. Parks who served with distinction overseas will be a most valuable addition to the immigration staff and will go on duty at the first of the year. She will be stationed at St. John and Halifax.

**HAD FOOT CRUSHED**

Edward Britton, a steward on board the C. P. O. S. liner Tunisian, met with a very painful accident yesterday afternoon about 3:45 when a plank fell on his foot, badly crushing two of his toes, which resulted in their amputation at the General Public Hospital last evening at 7:30.

**A FRENCH STOWAWAY**

When the steamer Canadian Ranger arrived Sunday she brought Peter Guernon, a nineteen year old Frenchman, at a stowaway. The young fellow practically lost all his relatives during the war, and his father and two brothers were killed and his mother died. He is being detained.

**The new Opera House vaudeville programme opening this afternoon of five all-star features, including The Melody Mansion, three dainty girls in a classy song and dancing revue; Tom McLean and Company, in a comedy racing skit; Kiki Bros., spectacular Japanese novelty offering; Emmet and Moore, Irish singing and musical skit; McCann and Robies, hilarious comedy plot, with songs and breezy chatter; and two reels of timely happenings in picture form. This afternoon at 2:30; evening at 7:30 and 9.**

**DONATIONS FROM FIREMEN.**

The ladies of the Local Council of Women Fire Relief Committee received a most thoughtful and kind donation of ten dollars from the firemen at No. 3 Fire Station, Union street, to be expended in a Christmas treat for the children whose homes were burned in the Mill street fire. As the ages of the children were very varied, it was decided that the best plan to distribute the gift would be to send to one family in which there were five children, five dollars; to another of four children, four dollars; and one dollar to a sick girl to purchase fruit. The generosity of the firemen was greatly appreciated both by the members of the committee and also by the recipients of the gift.

**The School Board Discuss Finances**

**Special Meeting Held Last Evening — Overdraft of \$100,000 — Teachers' Salary Increase Would Amount to \$50,000 — To Ask for Authority for Special Assessment.**

A special meeting of the School Board was called last evening to discuss various matters in connection with the estimates to be made up for the coming year, and the business of the Board. There were present Dr. Emery, chairman; Trustees George E. Day, Thos. Nagle, H. Colby Smith, Mrs. Richard O'Brien, J. D. P. Lewin, G. Herbert Green and Dr. H. S. Bridges. After discussing the finances at some length, it was moved by Thos. Nagle that the secretary be authorized to prepare the usual estimates for the amount allowed under the act, \$75,000 coupon interest, sinking fund and \$30,000 for repairs. This was passed. It was then moved by J. D. P. Lewin that the Board request the city council to consent to ask for authority to make a special assessment of \$25,000 per year for three years, the proceeds to be applied annually towards the reduction of the overdraft. Passed.

Thos. Nagle made a motion that, through the city council, the legislature be asked to issue bonds to the amount of \$35,000 for capital expenditure, proceeds of said issue to be applied to the overdraft. It was explained that there is an overdraft of over \$100,000. It was reported by the secretary that it would require some \$50,000 to take care of the increase in salary asked by the teachers and janitors, and to increase the salaries of the officials and staff. A motion moved by G. H. Green, seconded by Thos. Nagle, was moved to the effect that a supplementary estimate should be put in for \$50,000 to take care of the demands of the teachers and janitors and officials. Dr. Bridges stated that he had received word in Halifax an increase in the salaries had been made which was more than that asked by the St. John teachers.

In explanation of the overdraft it was stated that in one instance the coal bill had risen from \$11,000 to \$30,000 owing to war prices. The motion finally passed stated that the local legislature would be asked to increase the amount for which the Board can assess by the two amounts before named. The use of the Board rooms and other rooms in school buildings was granted to the Vocational Board, arrangement to be made with the Superintendent of city schools and the visitors to the schools. The secretary was asked to report on the conditions of the leases of the old grammar school on Germain street which property is owned by the Board. Dr. Emery stated that he thought an automobile should be at the disposal of the School Board so that they could cover the ground between the schools more quickly, and be enabled to inspect the West Side, Millville and other schools oftener. The meeting adjourned at the call of the chair.

**Rotarians Make Presentation**

**To Secretary Hunt and Hear Address from Rev. Mr. Girling on Life Among the Esquimaux.**

A most appetizing turkey dinner was enjoyed by the members of the Rotary Club at their regular monthly evening meeting at Bond's last night. The members were out in force and listened to a very interesting address by the Rev. H. Girling who spoke on his experiences as a missionary with the Esquimaux in the Far North. The musical part of the programme was under the direction of Dr. Spangler, and was greatly enjoyed by all the members.

A feature of the evening was the reading of an address by the president of the club, R. D. Paterson, and the presentation of a handsome Chesterfield arm chair to the secretary of the Club Donaldson Hunt.

The president commended Mr. Hunt most highly for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties in connection with the Rotary Club, and referred to the many letters he had received from different parts of the States and Canada which bore testimony of his efficient work in the interests of the club. It was with great pleasure that he made the presentation on behalf of the St. John Rotary Club. Although taken completely by surprise Mr. Hunt thanked the members for their kindness, in a very tactful speech.

After the presentation had been made the Rotarians pushed back their chairs and hit up the fragrant weed while stories and laughter were the order of the rest of the evening.

**K. F. C. EVENING**

The Knights of Columbus held last evening one of their delightful assemblies in the K. of C. Hall, Coburg street. The committee in charge was as follows: Messrs. William Ryan, M. T. Morris, J. F. McInerney, Fred McDonald, William O'Leary, Frank Murphy, James McManus, A. P. Ryan, floor director. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nugent, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McInerney, Mr. and Mrs. G. McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Conlon.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The common council met in committee yesterday morning at city hall with the mayor presiding and all the commissioners present with the exception of Mr. Thornton. No business was transacted and the meeting adjourned.

**G.W.V.A. Treat Held Yesterday**

**Widows and Orphans of Fallen Comrades Entertained at Veterans' Rooms from 3 to 5—Delightful Time Given Children and Mothers.**

The annual Christmas treat given by the Great War Veterans, to the widows and orphans of their fallen comrades, took place yesterday afternoon, and a very pleasant time was spent by all present. The large room at the G. W. V. A. was nicely decorated and a magnificent Christmas tree filled almost the whole platform. General McDougall was the speaker of the occasion, and he dwelt upon the fact that the men who had given all for their country were not forgotten by their friends, and that the Veterans enjoyed giving this pleasure to the children each year. He said that generous donations had been received from the Young Women's Patriotic Association, the Soldiers' Wives' League, the Board of Trade and many city merchants. Santa Claus was then introduced who, assisted by Canon Kuhring, presented splendid presents to the children, including skates, flash lights, dolls, beads, soap, handkerchiefs, fancy collars and a well filled bag of candy. Ice cream was served by a committee of young ladies with Mrs. Tillotson as convener.

Afternoon tea was served to the members by the Y. W. P. A. with Miss Alice Hatch as convener, assisted by Miss McKay, Miss Beattie and Miss Alice Fairweather. Mrs. A. E. Frame and Mrs. William Cooper presided at the tea table, which was prettily centered with red flowers and greenery. Miss Sterling presided at the piano. Those on the Christmas tree committee were Sergt. Pink, Canon Kuhring, K. Clawson, William Vassie, A. E. Frame Mrs. Tillotson, Miss Alice Hatch, William Cooper assisted, as did many of the other veterans.

**Steamer Tunisian Makes A Record**

**By Using New Valve Receiver, Latest Marconi Invention, Ship Was Able to Keep in Constant Communication With Old Country Since Leaving There.**

An interesting fact in connection with the S.S. Tunisian now in port is that this steamer is the first coming to St. John to keep in touch with Great Britain by wireless, using the new valve receiver. This is the latest and most modern invention of the Marconi system, and the steamer has been in constant communication with the Old Country ever since leaving the other side. The Marconi valve receiver has been in use in the Navy for some time, but has not until recently been commercialized. The time when sixty miles communication was regarded as an achievement has been left far behind.

**JOSEPH P. AMBERG RELEASED FROM GOAL**

**Allowed Out Yesterday, Entering Into His Own Recognition of One Thousand Dollars—Jury on Case Disagreed Twice.**

Yesterday afternoon shortly before three o'clock Joseph P. Amberg was released from goal on entering into his own recognition in the sum of one thousand dollars conditions upon his appearing for trial when called upon. On Christmas Day R. B. Hansen, C. C. G. for G. Earle Logan, counsel for the prisoner, applied to Mr. Justice Barry at Fredericton, for an order and on the Crown counsel concurring the order was made. It did not reach the city until late Saturday and today John Willet, K. C. Clerk of the Circuit Court, went to the goal and took the recognition.

Amberg was arrested in November on a serious charge and was tried before Mr. Justice Barry and a jury at the November sittings of the Circuit Court. On each occasion the jury disagreed.

Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C. appeared for the Crown at both trials and G. Earle Logan for the prisoner.

**INCREASE IN PRICE OF FLOUR**

All grades of flour were advanced \$2.25 a barrel yesterday morning and this will bring the cost of a barrel of flour to more than \$15 to the average household. The advance is presumed to have taken place on account of the heavy buying of Canadian wheat by Americans. According to advice from several bakers no change in the price of bread is expected this week, but an increase may be expected soon.

**VICTORIA RINK.**

Skating this afternoon. Admission fifteen cents. Band and skating tonight.

Mrs. H. H. McAvity and daughter Nona who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAvity, King street East left last evening for Halifax where they will remain for some time before returning to Bermuda.

**Police Court Cases Yesterday**

**Police Court Dock Not Large Enough to Hold Large Number of Prisoners — Many Drunks Dealt With — Other Cases.**

The number of prisoners to appear before the police magistrate yesterday was an unusually large one, the prisoners dock not being big enough to accommodate them all. Seven drunks were each fined \$3 or two months, the more affluent paid up.

Of the three natives of Barbados arrested on Pettungill's wharf Sunday night, Mack Pangel and Timothy Hemmings were fined the usual fine for drunkenness and \$20 for fighting; another negro, Thomas, was fined \$3 for being drunk.

John McGloin and John McCaulin pleaded guilty to two violations of the Liquor Act; they were remanded. For being drunk and for breaking a glass sign, the property of A. C. Smith & Co., West Side, Allan Mason and Roland Parker were fined \$3 and are to make good the damage to the sign.

John Acker and Bruce Stirling, were allowed to go home with their relatives who appeared in court on their behalf.

Charles Creary and Leo McAnn pleaded guilty to the charge of wandering on Sheriff street and not being able to give a satisfactory account of themselves.

A woman charged with drunkenness was remanded till her case could be further considered.

The Webster case came up on the opening of the afternoon session of the court, but was postponed, as the defense wish to have a further analysis of the liquor made.

The case of Steven Bros. charged with the sale of adulterated cattle feed, was resumed. P. D. Lewin in summing up the case for the defense pointed out that the government expert had admitted that the feed in question contained a percentage of protein and fat considerably in excess of that called for by the government regulations; the case which contained the notorious seeds objected to by the prosecution had been passed by a government inspector who was therefore liable if any infringement had been made.

W. R. Scott for the prosecution drew attention to the fact that the Southern Mill specifically defined the utter elimination of noxious seeds, in the manufacture of feed. He asked that the minimum penalty be imposed, as it was not the intention of the department to be too severe under the circumstances arising in the case. Judgment will be rendered Saturday at 11 o'clock.

His Honor remarked that he would give in the city for New Year's. It was not his intention to commit again that heinous crime of visiting his relatives, as he had Christmas Day.

The charges of their laid against Fred Hansen and Leo Livingstone was withdrawn.

Samuel Sedovsky, charged with assaulting Wasi Krusk, was allowed to go on his own recognizance and was bound over to keep the peace.

William Perry, Lawrence Penber-ton, John and George Feney, arrested early Saturday morning for wandering around and not being able to give a satisfactory account of themselves, were allowed to go on deposit of \$32. The case will be disposed of this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Judge Ritchie in commenting on the ever increasing number of arrests for drunkenness, said that when the act had first been put in force in May there was a goodly number held for drunkenness in the county jail; by June the number had decreased to one-half, in July the number was very small, but August had seen the coming of the boot leggers, matters had become serious, and at present the jails were filled with the victims of the dope that was now being peddled in place of liquor.

**HAD NEARLY FORTY MONTHS' TREATMENT**

**Sergt. James Osborne of This City Has Undergone Eleven Operations on Shattered Limb — Expects His Discharge Soon.**

Among the passengers on the outgoing Montreal Express last evening was Sergt. James Osborne of this city who has been spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Os-borne 206 Sydney street. Sergt. Osborne was enroute to St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, where he has been taking a course of treatment at the Ste. Anne de Bellevue Hospital for shrapnel wounds received while doing his bit in the Great War. His many friends in this city will be pleased to learn that he has successfully recovered the use of his left leg after nearly forty months of treatment and eleven operations upon the shattered limb. During the course of the next few weeks the young soldier expects to get his discharge from the army to enter again in civil life. He is also a first contingent medalist having seen much service overseas with the crack 13th Battalion of Montreal.

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