

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Fresh northeast-ly winds; fair and a little colder. Toronto, Jan. 5.-The Atlantic disturbance is now centred off Newfoundland and the weather is fair over the greater part of the Dominion. It has been slightly colder today in Ontario and Quebec, but continues quite mild in the west.

AROUND THE CITY

Cheque Found. A purse containing a cheque, drawn on a local Chinese laundryman, to the extent of a few dollars, was found in City Road and awaits an owner at the North End police station.

Miss Elizabeth Evans. In the death of Miss Elizabeth Evans, on Sunday, Milford lost one of its most popular young ladies, who will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

Choir Meeting. At the annual meeting of the Brussels street Baptist choir, held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Byles, last evening, officers were elected as follows: Leader, Mrs. W. H. Allan; organist, Miss Beryl Blanche; secretary, G. Nobles; treasurer, Miss M. Stillewell; librarians, Mrs. Kate Blanche and E. Brown.

Maritime Home for Girls. Several visitors, including His Lordship Bishop Richardson, intend being present at the meeting to be addressed by Rev. Dr. J. W. McMillan of Halifax at a supper in Bond's at 6.15 o'clock this evening.

Seeking Information. At the meeting of the city council yesterday, Com. McLellan submitted some more questions with a view to getting information about the water service. He wanted to know why there was a difference of about two million gallons in the draft of water on certain dates.

Had Christmas Surprise. The patients at the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium, River Glade, were given a pleasant surprise on Christmas, when on entering the dining-room at noon they found it decorated with greenery, flags and bunting.

Sons of England. A meeting was held last evening to arrange for the organization of a new lodge of Sons of England, and some fifty candidates sent in their names.

WEDDINGS. A quiet wedding was performed last evening at the residence of the officiating clergyman, 302 Princess street, when Rev. W. Camp of Leinster street United Baptist church united in marriage Roy Everett Mollitt of St. John to Miss Mable Alexander of St. John.

PERSONAL. C. B. Dunham, accountant in the Royal Bank at Fredericton, went out last evening on the late train to take over his new duties at the Halifax branch of the bank.

Government Meeting. The local government met here yesterday and had a conference with A. R. Gould and other officials of the St. John Valley Railway Company.

Notice to Farmers. If farmers wishing help will apply at once to the Superintendent of Immigration, 102 Prince William street, they can get them at reduced wages for the winter and have them on hand when the busy season begins.

THE OYSTER INDUSTRY IS DEVELOPING

Efforts of Flemming Government Meeting with Much Success - A Big Contract Let.

The efforts of the Flemming government to encourage the development of the oyster industry in New Brunswick is meeting with success, and already two companies have taken up ready to barren areas under the act passed by the legislature.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Sen. W. H. Thorne Elected President at Meeting of the Executive Committee, Last Evening.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Conservative Association of St. John city and county last evening the following officers were elected.

President, Senator W. H. Thorne. 1st vice president, L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A.

ASK CHANGE IN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT

Labor Representatives at Ottawa Apply for Several Amendments - Dominion Election Day Public Holiday.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.-Amendment of the Industrial Disputes Act to offset the decision of the Court of Review in the Montreal Tramways case that a discharged employee cannot apply for a board of conciliation, a request that the fair wage clauses in government contracts provide a penalty for employers who violate them; amendment of the Immigration Act forbidding employers during labor troubles to loan money to immigrants; legislation to put into effect the findings of the technical education commission; to make Dominion election day a public holiday and abolish candidates' deposits; the eight hour day on all public works and a royal commission to investigate conditions of iron and steel workers in the Maritime Provinces.

The foregoing were the chief demands of a delegation representing the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress which waited on Premier Borden today and received promise of consideration. The delegates were: James Watterson, Ottawa, president; P. M. Draper, Ottawa, secretary; Fred Bancroft, Controller James Simpson, James Givens, James Watt and John Bruce, of Toronto; George Brunst and J. T. Foster, of Montreal, and J. G. O'Donoghue, Toronto, solicitor.

Beautiful ice and fine band at Queen's Rink tonight.

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SCOUT FARM AT SUSSEX TO BE BUILT FOR A BATH

Many Learning to Become Good Farmers - 122 Immigrants Here During December.

Although it is not usual for new settlers to come to New Brunswick in the winter, the report of the provincial superintendent of immigration shows that 122 persons came to the province during December. This number includes married men and families, single men and domestics.

The training which boys are given at the scout farm is intended to fit them for successful careers in the colonies. Many have gone out to good paying situations and have made a favorable impression.

Buckhurst Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, is a scout training farm of about 200 acres, mixed arable, meadow, and woodland, where fifty lads learn stock, poultry, fruit and general farming, market-gardening and handicrafts to fit them for careers on the land at home or in the dominions overseas.

The lads are from fifteen to seventeen years of age. The system of training is particularly directed to developing their character, manliness, and citizenship at the critical time of their lives.

A permanent group or patrol of seven scouts forms their unit. Each patrol works under the responsible leadership of a patrol leader. The patrol of seven lads is in co-operative partnership for work, and is an administrative unit for discipline and duties.

Both bodies hold their meetings in public, and their proceedings are conducted on business lines. Co-operation is fostered by each patrol working a small homestead to its own best advantage and sharing in the results.

The boys do the practical work of the general farm, and they work on the duties of the house-cooking, cleaning, etc., in routine. The boys are sons of professional men, traders, clerks, etc. Some pay fees; others who are unable to do so are paid for by scout associations, and supporters of the movement. A few scholarships are available to assist suitable scouts.

Most of the lads are from London and the larger towns.

The St. John Conservative Club has completed preparations for the meeting on Wednesday evening. Mr. Fowler will be the speaker, and an interesting evening is anticipated.

FERNHILL CEMETERY COMPANY MEETING

Little Difficulty with Stone Cutters - Will Complete the Drive Way next Spring.

The quarterly meeting of the Fernhill Cemetery Company was held yesterday. Stone cutters have been complaining that they had difficulty setting concrete foundations for monuments, and the company decided to have its own men put down the foundations.

The financial report for the quarter showed that \$2,000 had been added to the perpetual repair fund. The directors purchased a steam drill to remove rock so as to construct a driveway around the cemetery, and facilitate the movements of teams. The driveway has been rough graded and will be fixed up in the spring.

H. B. AMES, M.P. TO MONTREAL FOR A BATH

Conditions in Montreal were very Bad During Water Famine - To Hold Investigation.

"Practically the whole of Montreal was without water for nine days on account of the break in the main pipe which carried the water from the St. Lawrence River to the pumping station," said H. B. Ames, M. P., who was in the city yesterday.

"Several months ago it was decided to enlarge the canal and in order to provide for the water supply while the work was going on a large concrete pipe was provided. This was run parallel to the canal. When the digging was well underway in the canal the break in the pipe occurred. It was thought by some that the digging had been carried in too close to the pipe and the lack of proper support caused it to buckle. Anyway an investigation is to be held and the real cause of the accident will likely be discovered. If it had not been for the excavating plant of the contractor, which was in the bed of the canal the water supply could have been secured through it and it had practically been decided to do this even at the risk of destroying the plant when the break in the pipe was repaired and the water supply renewed.

"Conditions were very bad during the time the water was cut off, and it is lucky that no serious fires occurred when there was no water to fight it with."

Mr. Ames left last night for Halifax where he will give another of his lectures. He is to address an audience in Moncton tomorrow night and he is due to speak in Montreal on Thursday.

FERRY SERVICE COST FOR YEAR

\$56,848.52 for 1913, as Against \$54,137 for 1912 - Many Improvements Made.

The maintenance of the ferry last year cost \$56,848.52, as against \$54,137 for 1912. In addition to the cost of operating the ferry the city is bound to the amount of \$11,770 to cover work on the pilings, wharves, etc. The total expenditure on the ferry was, therefore, \$68,618.

The revenues for the year 1913 have not been compiled as yet. There was an increase of \$960 in the number of single teams carried as compared with the previous year. Trips of policemen were 1,064 less and of militia men 436.

The Ludlow when in service consumed 8 tons, 434 pounds of coal per day. Her operating expenses per day being \$32.64.

The Governor Carleton when in service consumed 5 tons, 2181 pounds of coal per day. Her operating expenses being \$24.34 a day.

Repairs to the Ludlow cost \$6,182 and repairs to the Governor Carleton \$3,375.

Mr. Schofield told the council yesterday that he would want an appropriation of about \$6,000 for the ferry this year.

The ferry employees are asking for an increase of \$10 per month in wages.

SKEES No better winter sport exists than skeeing. It is fine exercise and affords plenty of action. We have secured splendid values this year. Child's, 5 ft. Price \$1.50 per pair. Adults, 6-12 ft. Price 3.00 per pair. Adults, 7 ft. Price 4.75 per pair. Adults, 8 ft. Price 5.25 per pair. Poles, 75c each.

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Hockey Boots and Slippers At Lowest Prices In order to clear out the balance of our Hockey Boots and Kid and Felt Slippers we have greatly reduced the prices. Men's, Women's and Children's Felts in the lot. Men's and Women's Hockey Boots from \$1.78 to \$2.48. See Windows for Prices on Felts. Slater Shoe Shop - 81 King St.

SKATES Boker's Hockey and Whelpley Reachers. COLD WEATHER MEANS GOOD SKATING. ARE YOU READY? HOCKEY SKATES (Plain) 50 cts. to 75 cts. HOCKEY SKATES (Nickel) 1.00 to 1.50. ACME SKATES 60 cts. to 1.65. AUTOMOBILE SKATES 2.50 to 3.00. WHELPLEY LONG REACH SKATES 1.25 to 2.25. BOB SKATES 50 cts. STORES WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY EVENINGS DURING JAN. AND FEB. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

BARGAIN SALE OF FURS CONTINUED THIS MORNING The Free Hemming Sale of Household Linens and Cottons NOW IN FULL SWING IN LINEN ROOM.

New Embroideries for Spring, 1914 27 and 40 inch Embroidered Flouncings, Corset Coverings, Allovers, Fine Beadings, Strappings and Edgings to match. All the latest novelties for Spring. There are now on sale at Centre Counter, Back Store, four lots of our new embroideries at special prices 5c, 7c, 10c and 15c yard

New Dress Goods and Suitings for Spring Enough of the new materials for spring are ready, so that you may form a good idea of what you would like to have used for the new season's garments. A great many more will arrive soon, but in the meantime come and inspect the following very stylish fabrics: NEW BROCADE BEDFORDS-In navy blue, saxe blue, fawn, tan, grey, taupe, brown, 44 to 50 inches wide. Per yard 80c., \$1.00, \$1.10. NEW BROCADE POPLINS-In King's blue, saxe blue, navy blue, mode and black, 52 inches wide. Per yard 1.00, \$1.20. NEW BEDFORD SUITINGS-In mode, fawn, golden brown, negro brown, tan, saxe blue, Copenhagen blue, light grey, pearl, grey, dark grey, navy, green, black 48 to 52 inches wide. Per yard 80c., \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.60. HONEYCOMB SUITINGS-The latest weave which will be a leading feature for the coming spring. Mode, saxe blue, King's blue, navy blue, golden brown, fawn, 52 to 56 inches wide. Per yard \$1.75 to \$2.40. SHEPHERD CHECKS-For costumes, heavy weight, in all the different sizes, from the smallest to the extreme large checks, 52 to 80 inches wide. Per yard, \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.75. For dresses, in small and medium checks, 44 inches wide. Per yard 80c. MEN'S SERGES FOR LADIES' WEAR-A large assortment, 58 inches wide. Per yard, \$1.00 to \$2.50. DRESS GOODS DEPT.-GROUND FLOOR.

Suggestions in Some of the New Season's Wash Goods STRIPED CREPES, white grounds with sky, tan, navy and black stripes, 28 inches wide. Per yard 20c. FLECKED CREPES, pink, helio, grey, blue and champagne grounds, flecked with white, 28 inches wide. Per yard 25c. LOOP CREPES, self colored grounds with looped stripe; champagne, helio, sky, white and cream, 28 inches wide. Per yard 28c. SELF-COLORED CREPES in navy, pink, blue, sky, champagne and white; 40 inches wide. Per yard 35c. EMBROIDERED SPOT CREPES, in white, pink, and sky with silk embroidered spot; 40 inches wide. Per yard 50c. WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT-FRONT STORE. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited