THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Pressure continues low over Newfoundland and the Southwestern States, and quite high over the Canadian Northwest. The weather has been mostly fair and somewhat colder in Eastern Canada, and fine and very cold in the West.

St. John	30	36
Dawson	*20	*6
Prince Rupert	18	30
Victoria	16	32
Vancouver	16	34
Calgary	*26	*8
Edmonton	36	20
Prince Albert	*26	24
Medicine Hat	*16	*8
Regina	*25	*20
Winnipeg	*12	*8
White River	*28	*10
Parry Sound	4	26
London	28	30
Toronto	28	30
Kingston	22	26
Ottawa	12	24
Montreal	18	20
Quebec	18	22
Halifax	34	44

*—Below zero

Forecast.

Maritime—Fresh to strong northwest and west winds, decreasing tonight; fair and cold.

Northern New England — Fair and somewhat colder Tuesday; Wednesday, increasing cloudiness with rising temperature; fresh west and northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

MEETS THIS MORNING.

The City Council will hold its meeting this morning at 11 o'clock instead of in the afternoon as usual.

ENJOYABLE DANCE

The Millidgeville Summer Club held the first of a series of semi-monthly dances which are to be featured throughout the winter, in the Studio last evening. A very enjoyable time was spent by those present.

CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The county secretary yesterday received from the St. John Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co. the sum of $100 to be devoted to providing a Christmas treat for the inmates of the St. John Municipal Home.

PAY PARADE TONIGHT.

All officers, N. C. O's and men No. 6 Signal Co., will parade at the Armories this evening, at 7.30 o'clock to receive pay. All uniforms must be turned in for inspection. By order, A. Leavitt, Major, O. C. No. 6 Signal Co.

TIMELY GIFTS.

The treasurer of the Home for incurables yesterday received from T. McAvity & Sons a check for $100, a contribution toward Christmas at the Home, together with expression of their Christmas good wishes for those in the institution.

C. P. R. GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

The C. P. R. has 2,000,000 bushels of grain in the elevators and on track and has orders for the shipment of 500,000 bushels within the next few days. Imports are heavier this year than last season, while exports are about the same as last year.

INQUEST WILL BE HELD.

Coroner P. L. Kenney said yesterday that he had decided to hold an inquest into the death of Ernest Black, who was killed Sunday night at the Bay Shore round house. The inquiry will be held on Wednesday evening at No. 7 fire station, West St. John. The following jury has been empanelled: J. Firth Brittain (foreman), Fred Desjardins, Charles Mabee, William Armstrong, Chester Cameron, Edmund Howard and Richard Lee.

RATHER SKEPTICAL

A certain little urchin in this city is very skeptical as to the genial disposition, and omniscient knowledge of the desires of the little people in the world possessed by Santa Claus. He was heard to remark to another chum yesterday, "Aw Gosh, Jimmie, I don't think much of Santa Claus. Why I saw him in front of a store on King street Saturday, and he didn't even look at me. Gee I don't think much of that old geezer."

REMEMBERS ORPHANS.

The orphans of the city have not been forgotten by their friend, J. D. O'Connell, and will receive their usual Christmas treat at his expense. Yesterday Mayor Schofield received a letter from Mr. O'Connell in which he enclosed a cheque to provide a new twenty-five cent scrip and five new pennies for each child in the orphanages, and these amounts will be sent to the different institutions before Christmas day.

ENJOYABLE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The members of the Temple Club were the guests of their president T. H. Carter in the club's rooms in the Masonic building last night, where they gathered to celebrate with him his birthday. The evening was pleasantly passed with games, music, songs, and cards, and refreshments were served. A. E. Prince in a happy address conveyed the good wishes of the crew to their genial host, and Mr. Carter's reply, was followed by the members joining in a rousing chorus "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

ATTRACTS KIDDIES

A Christmas exhibit being featured by a Union street candy store, brings one back to youthful dreams, or a page out of Grimms' Fairy tales. It is a little house made entirely of candy. Its walls are painted with winter green drops, and it stands about two feet high and three feet long and two wide. The door casings and window sashes are made of peppermints, creams, and chocolates, and needless to say many a kiddy's eyes are glued on that particular window these days. The clever and attractive little model is the work of the Cosmo Candy Co.

More Money Needed For Empty Stockings

To Date Addresses of 168 Families Received, Representing 623 Children — Many More Names to Come

"INASMUCH AS YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE, MY LITTLE ONES, YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME."

Can any man woman or child in the city who already has not made a donation to some worthy cause during this joyous season of Christmas, read the above quotation without thinking that they might be able to help to make Christmas a happy one for some unfortunate child.

The "Empty Stocking Fund" is providing for the poorer children in the city who are not to blame for their present position and in every name received their present home condition is caused by the head of the family being out of employment for many months or through sickness. The names of these families that have been received by the "Empty Stocking" editor are being kept in strict confidence, and the only ones knowing the names (other than the editor) are the persons sending them in.

It might be stated that there have been quite a number of personal appeals sent in, and all others have been received from the different clergymen of the city, also from the secretary of the Associated Charities. It is the clergy and the secretary of the Associated Charities who know better than others where the most worthy cases in the city are to be reached. It must be distinctly understood that the presenting of good woolen stockings filled with fruit, candy, nuts, and raisins to hundreds of poor children is not being done in the manner of charity, and the parents must not look at it in that light, for the home that is poor this Christmas has not always been so, and will undoubtedly not be such during the Christmas season of 1922. The gifts are for the purpose of helping Santa Claus to make hundreds of young hearts happy on Sunday next, and by helping Santa, it is assisting the kind father and mother, and in many cases the widowed mother who is obliged to work hard every day to support several small children.

According to a report in yesterday's papers regarding the "Empty Stocking Fund," it was stated that "The churches were looking after this fund." This is entirely incorrect. The fund was started and is being conducted wholly by the "Empty Stocking" editor, and all monies received are being looked after by the cashier of The Standard, who will also pay for the goods received. The only part that the churches in the city have to do in connection with the "Empty Stockings" is that the different clergymen of all the city churches have been requested to send in the names of worthy cases, the well filled stockings are handed to these clergymen who will attend to the delivery of the same to the persons whom they recommend receiving them.

There is not one name of an unworthy case to date, and the families receiving the stockings are kindly asked to receive them with the same good feeling as the giver, and this not only means the "Empty Stocking" editor, but every person who has so kindly made a donation. Perhaps it is only the clergy, the secretary of the Associated Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and other such organizations who are aware of the conditions as they at present exist in St. John, and if such conditions were generally known the financial assistance to the different funds would be greatly enlarged.

There are over forty clergymen in the city of St. John, and while up to last night only ten had been heard from by the "Empty Stocking" editor, others will send in names not later than today or tomorrow.

It is our wish to be able to look after every child whose name is sent in; every cent will be expended in this manner, and should there be some children disappointed on Christmas day it will only be for the reason that there is not enough money to look after them all.

To date the total amount of money received is $491.16. Of this amount there has been expended $450, leaving a balance of $41.16. The addresses of 168 families have so far been received and the total number of children in these families number 623.

Apples, oranges, nuts, candy, raisins, stockings and mittens have been purchased along with other articles. It might be stated that 600 pairs of stockings have been purchased, and it was only possible to obtain 200 pairs of mittens, but as the number of children is larger than the number of pairs of stockings purchased, it will be necessary to obtain more money for the purpose of purchasing more goods, and as the fund will remain open right up till Saturday, Christmas eve, it is not yet too late to send in a donation which will be most thankfully received.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAK.

Early Sunday morning, a grocery store on Main street, owned by John Sorozak, was broken into and a full box of cigarettes and a dozen small packages were stolen. Entrance was effected through a second-story window and, upon reaching the ground floor, the burglar forced a door leading into the shop. The police are working on the case.

REPAIRS COMPLETED.

The repairs on No. 3 main were completed about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the service was back to normal about 6 o'clock. When the men got down to the leak it was found some of the pine wedges had worked out of the joint and this allowed the water to run to waste. The wedges were driven back to their places and the water turned on again. While the repairs were being made the city pressure was reduced about thirteen pounds.

Morrisey Charged With Robbing Mails

Evidence Given Against Letter Carrier — Was Caught With the Goods by Postal Clerks.

The case against Harry Morrissey, a local letter carrier, charged with the theft of jewelry and other articles from His Majesty's Mail, was begun in the police court yesterday morning. The articles alleged to have been stolen were taken from the mails between December 1 and December 15, and amounted in value to $300. T. Edwin Ketchum and William E. Hale, clerks in the post office, and George Withers, superintendent of mail carriers, gave evidence and the hearing was postponed until this morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Ketchum testified that he was on duty on the main floor on Sunday, when the accused came in about two o'clock to sort over his mail for the next day. The accused, after taking from the frame the parcels and papers for his walk went into a closet and the witness heard paper being torn. He said that he saw the accused come out of the closet and open a parcel and put a brush and something else into his pocket. He asked the accused what he was doing and he said that he was fixing a parcel which had become undone. Hale and Withers questioned Morrissey as to what he had put in his pocket and he produced a letter, addressed to a lady on Main street, which he said he was asked to deliver immediately.

Inspector Thompson was sent for and the accused was searched. A wrist watch, a pair of cuff links, three rings, two gold watches, three letters and $53 were found on his person. In the lavatory were found several pieces of paper and string.

William E. Hale another clerk, told a similar story. He also said that the parcel, which the accused had been seen to open, was addressed to G. R. Somers, 98 Coburg street, from the Brennan Show Card Systems, Toronto. After the arrest he said that he had found on the accused's desk sixteen letters from the general delivery and three parcels which didn't belong to his route. These parcels were addressed to A. Fine, Union street, Leonardville, Deer Island, and the other to a young lady on Princess street. The witness said that a parcel, addressed to Ernest Law, and containing a gold watch case, had shown signs of having been tampered with.

George Withers, superintendent of mail carriers, corroborated the evidence of the other witnesses from the time he arrived in the office. He said that the accused had been working for the postal department for twenty years, and that fifteen years ago he had been suspended for a similar offence.

On Sunday night, the detectives, on visiting the home of the accused, found three watches, rings, a bracelet, a pearl necklace and several other things.

The Unemployment Situation Serious

Registration Campaign Shows 941 Men Out of Employment and Number Will Over Reach 1,000 Mark.

That the unemployment situation is a serious one has been amply demonstrated by the registration campaign conducted under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance, incomplete returns showing that up to last night nearly one thousand persons were out of and needed employment.

Of the number registered in this campaign the great majority are heads of families and unless work is provided for them the little ones must suffer for lack of proper food and clothing. The returns from the churches had not been handed in last night, except from the Anglicans, and it is expected when the figures are totalled up today it will be found the number out of work will go over the one thousand mark.

The figures available last night were:—

St. Vincent de Paul	210
Trades and Labor Council	110
Red Cross	40
G. W. V. A.	447
Seamens' Institute	54
St. John Baptist Church	16
St. Peter's Church	20
Anglicans	195
	941

A special meeting of the Alliance will be held on Wednesday morning to hear the reports and make up a statement to be presented to the city council.

ROTARY CLUB HEAR ABOUT BOYS' WORK

Boys' Work was the subject under discussion at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday, W. F. Burditt was in the chair. G. L. Short gave a ten minute talk on Boy Scout work in this city; J. H. Hamilton told why he gives a great deal of time to the South End playgrounds and boys' club; A. M. Belding touched upon the same topic. Alex. Wilson gave a two-minute talk on Rotary as an agency to develop a broad acquaintanceship and better opportunity for service and success. Walter W. Leonard, Allen B. Crookshank and Com. John Thornton were elected members. H. G. Marr reported that the club would send out twenty-six Christmas baskets this year. W. C. Clark, for the entertainment committee, recommended an old fashioned minstrel show at an early date, and later a Rotary night with high class programme and ball. Rotarians Spengler, Kilo Smith, Thos. Gay and Dewitt Carres formed a quartette and added greatly to the musical programme of the day. There was practically one hundred per cent. attendance.

Hydro Matters To Be Taken Up By Council

Meetings Today and Tomorrow to Discuss Various Phases of the Whole Matter

Hydro-electric matters will hold the floor for today and tomorrow at City Hall. This afternoon at 3.30 there will be a conference of the commissioners and R. A. Ross of Montreal, the expert engaged by the city and at 8.30 the members of the Council, and Mr. Ross will meet Premier Foster and members of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 there will be a meeting in the Mayor's office at which the subject will be discussed by the commissioners and representatives of the New Brunswick Power Co., the Board of Trade, the Trades and Labor Council, Hardware Clerks' Association, Engineering Institute, Rotary Club and any other organization which has signified its intention of sending a representative.

Presented Gold Medal To Winner

Pleasant Function at Albert School Yesterday — Gold Pieces at Other Schools.

The gold medal and $5 gold pieces offered by G. S. Mayes for competition in the West Side schools were presented to the winners yesterday morning by Mr. Mayes. The Christmas closing of Albert school took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, the closing of LaTour and St. Patrick's will not take place until Wednesday morning. At the LaTour school Harold Williamson was presented with a $5 gold piece for the highest mark in that school, and at St. Patrick's John Montague received a $5 gold piece for the highest standing in that school.

At the Albert school among the visitors were Miss Mildred Long, winner of the medal offered by Mr. Mayes for the pupil from that school making the highest marks in the high school entrance examination; Mr. Mayes, Mrs. B. R. Taylor, H. R. W. Ingraham, Dr. H. S. Bridges and the mother and grandmother of Miss Long.

In making the presentation to Miss Long, Mr. Mayes paid a tribute to the work of the teachers in the school and voiced the hope that Mr. McDiarmid, principal of the school, would soon be restored to health. He complimented the pupils on the excellence of the musical programme rendered.

Dr. Bridges and H. R. W. Ingraham spoke briefly, the latter making reference to the new building which was to be erected soon in which to house the pupils at present crowded into the Albert building. Dr. Bridges stated in connection with the new school that it was proposed to have a manual training and domestic science department for the West Side.

PERSONALS

W. W. Taylor, of St. George, registered yesterday at the Royal Hotel.

W. B. Bentley, of St. Martins, was a guest at the Victoria Hotel yesterday.

Sheriff and Mrs. Foster, of Woodstock, were arrivals yesterday at the Dufferin Hotel.

P. J. Hughes, of Fredericton, registered yesterday at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Carlton, of Sussex, were arrivals at the Victoria Hotel yesterday.

Rev. Father McLaughlin, of Woodstock, was a guest yesterday at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lutes, of Bathurst, who will remain in the city for a few days, are registered at the Victoria Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jones, of Weymouth, was an arrival at the Dufferin Hotel yesterday.

Commander and Mrs. Elliott, of the Canadian Pacific Services Limited, are registered at the Royal Hotel.

H. J. Leaman, of Moncton, was an arrival yesterday at the Victoria Hotel.

A. C. Rand, of Moncton, was a guest yesterday at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wood, and wife, of Moncton, are stopping at the Victoria Hotel.

James Friel, of Moncton, registered yesterday at the Royal Hotel.

Among the arrivals at the Royal Hotel yesterday were: G. G. Gould, Halifax and W. J. Lanigan, Waterville, Me.

At the Victoria Hotel the guests included: H. Colburne, Boston, and C. R. Brook, Montreal.

Those registered at the Dufferin Hotel included: L. B. Friedman, Charlottetown and J. J. McInnnity, Boston.

J. B. Taylor arrived home on the C. P. R. from Montreal, Saturday, and will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Taylor, West St. John.

George Boyce, a student of Toronto University, and his friend, Huntley Gordon, Vancouver, are the guests of Mr. Boyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. V. Boyce, Princess street.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Sewell returned Saturday from Montreal.

Colonel and Mrs. T. G. Loggie of Fredericton have gone to the west to spend Christmas with their son, Major Gerald P. Loggie, and his wife.

Mr. Justice Chandler arrived in the city from Moncton last evening.

Mr. Justice White of Sussex arrived in the city last evening.

Samuel J. Maxwell, retired railway mail clerk, left Saturday to spend the winter months with his daughter in Hamilton, Ont.

INVITED TO REMAIN.

At the regular official quarterly meeting of the Queen Square Methodist church, Rev. Neil McKinnon received and accepted an invitation to remain as pastor for a third term.

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Santa Claus Invites all Kiddies to See Him at Thorne's

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LADIES' STARR SKATES. "Regis" (nickeled), sizes 8 1-2 to 10 1-2, $3.25; "Glacier" (nickeled), sizes 8 1-2 to 10 1-2, $3.50; "Tube" (nickeled), sizes 9 to 10 1-2, $7.00; "Tube," Aluminum Finish, sizes 9 to 10 1-2, $6.00.

MEN'S STARR SKATES. "Mic-Mac" (nickeled), sizes 10 to 11 1-2, $5.00; "Regal" (nickeled) sizes 10 to 11 1-2, $5.00; "Velox" (nickeled), sizes 10 to 11 1-2, $6.50; "Imperial" (nickeled) sizes 10 to 11 1-2, $6.00; "Tube Hockey," sizes 10 to 11 1-2, $6.00; "Tube" Pleasure, sizes 10 to 11 1-2, $6.00; "Tube" Racer sizes 10 to 11 1-2 $9.00. Also Long Reach Skates, sizes 13 to 16, $4.00. Also Genuine Alfred Johnston Racing Tube Skates, complete with boots.

SKATING BOOTS. Boys', $3.00 to $5.50; Men's, $4.25 to $6.85; Ladies', $5.50 to $8.50. Hockey Sticks from 50c. to $1.50.

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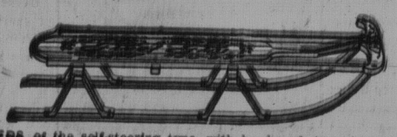

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