

THE SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR IS HERE AGAIN

Little More Than Eight Hours of Daylight Today—Little Change in Length of Days Will be Noted Before Jan.

"When the days begin to lengthen, "The cold begins to strengthen"— "Today, December 21st, has the distinction of being the shortest day in the calendar year, and marks the beginning of the real winter season. The sun rose this morning at 7.38 o'clock, and will set this afternoon at 4.18 which means a little more than eight hours of daylight. There will really be very little change in the length of the days noticeable for a week or so from this date. Tomorrow the sun will rise a minute later and set a minute later and the same thing will happen on Sunday. Not until January 10th will old Sol start getting up earlier and then he will only beat today's record by one minute, but he will go to bed eighteen minutes earlier than was the case today. Only on one or two occasions during the month of December has the mercury dropped below zero but a marked change in this respect may be looked for from now on.

CITY AFFAIRS

At Bebbington's Our one dollar Holly wreaths are appropriate for home, church or cemetery. A good supply of celery and parsley are on hand.

Winners in Contest The winners in this week's Missing Letter Contest are: Helen Burns, Madeline Burns, Doris McMaster, Alice McGinn, Beatrice Cain. The missing letters spelled the words St. Stephen and Milton.

Leaving for Florida Miss Katherine McCann, teacher in the Smythe Street School leaves tonight for West Palm Beach. She expects to be absent about two months and while there will visit Mrs. E. F. Powers. Mrs. Thomas G. Powers, will accompany her as far as Boston, where she will spend several weeks visiting friends.

A Weather Change The weather, which has been rather mild here for several days, underwent quite a change during the night. About an inch of snow fell and was followed by a drop in the temperature. As a result of the change the roads today are in fair condition for travel.

Cattle Shipment A carload of Jersey cattle was shipped from Harvey Station to Edmundston on Wednesday for distribution among farmers of Madawaska county. Princess Grey, of Hillside a record performance cow was in the shipment, the second to go to Edmundston. T. M. Richards of Edmundston is distributing the cattle.

Home From the Woods Mr. Roland H. Wheeler of Kingsclear who has been surveying for the Fraser Companies, Limited, on the headwaters of the Tobique and Restigouche, returned home today to spend Christmas. He says that there was considerable snow in the north woods early in the month, but a heavy rain took most of it off. When he left for home there was only about six inches in the woods.

Dean Carney Improving Very Rev. Dean Carney, who is a patient at the Victoria Hospital, yesterday observed the 44th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. He was the recipient of messages of congratulations and good wishes from friends in all sections of the province and a number remembered him by gifts of flowers. The dean has put up a splendid fight after a most serious surgical operation but recovery in his case must necessarily be slow and tedious.

Donald Richards, student at Mount Allison is home for the holidays.

XMAS TRADE PROMISES TO BE VERY BRISK

Snow and the Cold Snap Have Greatly Improved the Roads—An Enormous Market is Expected Tomorrow.

Only two more full shopping days are left for Christmas and they give promise to be very busy ones for the enterprising business men of Fredericton. The light snowfall and change in the temperature last night has put the highway roads in far better condition for travel and as a result a monster country market may be looked for tomorrow. Although buyers have been very active during the past few weeks and many sections of the country have been combed for farm produce, particularly poultry, beef and pork, there is still considerable left within a radius of thirty miles of Fredericton and it will be on display in the country market tomorrow and Monday. Turkeys sold last Saturday in the market for seventy cents a pound but it is scarcely likely that that price will hold during the next three days. Heavy shipments from outside points have reached both Saint John and Fredericton and the price has slumped (Continued from Page Five.)

MANY PRESENT AT CLOSING OF THE SCHOOLS

The Lieut. Governor's Silver Medal Presented to George E. Foster—Good Attendance of Visitors.

The various departments of the city schools closed this morning for the Christmas vacation. A large number of visitors were present at the different schools and the programmes in all were very interesting. Special interest seemed to create in the primary grades where the little tots went through the different exercises. The blackboard work in the different rooms reflected credit upon both the teachers and pupils. At the Fredericton High School the pupils of the different departments gathered in the Assembly Hall and the programme was as usual an excellent one. The Lieutenant Governor's medal for the highest standing in the entrance examinations was presented the winner, George E. Foster, Rev. Mr. Mooers of Devon made the presentation and congratulated the winner and wished him success throughout his High School career. Dr. G. C. VanWart, chairman of the (Continued from page five.)

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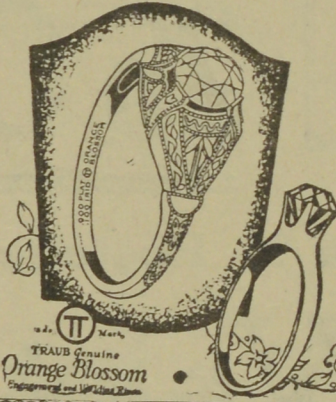
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