

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fair and comparatively mild today followed by snow showers or gales with snow or rain at night or on Saturday.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 20.—The depression which was this morning over Wisconsin is moving slowly eastward and pressure is high off the Atlantic coast and over the west and north-west states. The weather has been generally fair today throughout Canada and for the most part comparatively mild.

Port Arthur—18, 34.
Parry Sound—18, 38.
Toronto—26, 41.
London—22, 40.
Ottawa—14, 32.
Montreal—18, 32.
Quebec—8, 24.
St. John—20, 34.
Halifax—26, 36.

New England Forecast.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Forecast for New England: Unsettled, probably followed by rain Friday; Saturday, generally fair and colder, brisk south shifting to west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Inspection of Equipment.

Capt. W. R. Luger, commissioner of wrecks, arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the equipment of the Government steamer Stanley, which is in port.

On an Inspection Trip.

Mr. W. J. Dean, chief game warden, arrived in the city last evening from Musquash on an inspection trip in which he will take in the counties of St. John, Queens, Sunbury and York.

Prosperity All The Time.

Many business men find it difficult to find time to attend properly to their advertising. In this case it is fine to have a business so well established that it goes on prosperously whether advertised efficiently or not. This is the experience of the St. John Business College.

Amos vs. Clark and Adams.
Yesterday afternoon His Honor Judge McKewen visited the Marsh Bridge and inspected the concrete mixer, which is figuring prominently in the suit of Amos vs. Clark and Adams. His Honor was accompanied by Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C. counsel for the plaintiff and Mr. F. R. Taylor, counsel for the defendants.

Alexandra Temple of Honor.
On Sunday afternoon a temperance meeting will be held in Temple Hall, Main street, under the auspices of Alexandra Temple of Honor. Rev. B. H. Nobles will be the speaker. On February 16th the members of Alexandra Temple will hold ice sports in Victoria Park. Entries will open immediately after the policemen's sports. If the affair proves successful the members propose holding sports annually.

Pierrots in Carleton.
About 500 people were present at a concert given in the Carleton City Hall last evening by the famous Tuni-sia Pierrots. The concert was held under the auspices of the West Side Every Day Club, and a good sum was realized. The programme opened with a musical circle. Solos were sung by Foster E. Brown, W. A. Davenport, H. Allan, M. Piper, M. Williams, J. Harrington and M. Horncastle, and piano selections were given by Mr. Griffith. After the circle, a laughable sketch entitled "Gratin" was presented.

E. D. C. Concert.
There was a large attendance at the Every Day Club concert last evening and an enjoyable and varied programme was carried out. There were selections by the orchestra, a piano and violin duet by Mr. and Mrs. Printer; piccolo solo, Fred Robinson; piano solo, Robin Dobson; accordion solo, Mr. Hurley; vocal solos by Misses Ethel and May Alchorn; Harold Colwell, Gordon Smith and Miss Gray; recitation, Miss Grey; duets, Mr. and Miss Alchorn, and Mr. and Miss Oram; reading, Mr. Thompson; comic songs, Mr. Printer; dancing, Bert Alchorn and P. Edwards; comedy sketch, Mr. Duplisea. There were many encores.

McGill Conservatorium Examinations.
The candidates preparing for the McGill University conservatorium examinations will be examined in St. John in both theoretical and practical subjects in the spring of 1910. Further details concerning these examinations, including the names of examiners, the dates of examinations, and the prizes offered, will be announced in about a week. All the pianoforte examination music required may be obtained directly from the McGill University Conservatorium of Music, 323 Sherbrooke street, West Montreal, at 20 cents per book post paid. Lists A and B in grades 1 and 2 are in separate books. In all the other grades the three lists A, B and C, are in one book.

Better Class of Settlers Arriving.
Mr. E. Blake Robertson, assistant superintendent of immigration, passed through the city yesterday on his way from Halifax where he has been on an inspection trip. Speaking to a Standard reporter Mr. Robertson said the immigrants this season were of a much better class than usual. A large number of Scotch and English farmers were arriving on every boat, but there was little variation in the other nationalities represented. No difficulty was experienced in placing the new settlers. Many of the English and Scotch immigrants were travelling in parties and taking up adjoining sections of land, forming colonies of their own, and helping one another as much as possible.

T. of H. Social.

A pleasant social was held in Temple Hall last evening when the members of Alexandra Temple were at home to their friends. A large number was present and an excellent programme was carried out which included the following numbers: Address, Mr. Geo. T. Blawie; selection, Alexandra Temple quartette; address, Rev. J. J. McCaskill; piano duet, the Misses Gallop; reading, Mrs. J. N. Robertson; duet, Messrs. Carson and Bond; solo, Mr. Hazen Taylor; solo, Mr. Wm. Scott; houses solo, Mr. Jas. Bond; solo, Mr. Robt. Carson. After the programme had concluded refreshments were served by the committee and a vote of thanks was tendered those who had taken part.

Prepare Bill To Limit Tax Rate To \$1.90

Bills And Bye-Laws Committee Deal With Proposed Legislation To Curtail Expenditure—Ald. Potts Mover Of Resolution, Claims Development Of Real Estate Is Handicapped By Present Extravagance—To Reserve Fishery Lots.

At a meeting of the Bills and Bye-Laws Committee last evening, it was decided to recommend to the council that a bill be introduced into the legislature at the coming session to limit the tax rate to \$1.90 for the next five years. Authority for this recommendation was given recently by a resolution passed by the common council on motion of Ald. Potts.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie, the police magistrate and Mr. G. A. Henderson, police clerk, were also heard on amendments to the city court act and there was some discussion on the proposal to engage a stenographer to take shorthand reports of the proceedings. It was also decided to introduce legislation to set aside fishery lots which are required or likely to be required for harbor improvement.

Ald. Potts, when asked last evening for particulars of his scheme for a fixed tax rate, said that he felt that

the time had come when there should be some limit to the city's extravagance. He had noticed in his business as a broker that real estate could not be leased for any length of time owing to the uncertainty of the tax rate. The property owners did not want to take chances.

If there was a fixed rate, he believed the city would benefit from the larger number of buildings which would be erected. Real estate men who opposed the idea claimed that it would mean an increase in the valuation, but he did not agree with this view of the case. Another advantage would be derived from the fact that every man who paid on income would know exactly what his tax rate would be.

The present method, he added, was curtailing business in many lines and hindering the development and growth of the city. It was time that unlimited extravagance should stop.

HELD DROWNING MAN BY HIS HAIR TILL ASSISTANCE CAME

John Miller, Unconscious From Blow, Fell Into West Side Slip Yesterday—Plucky Rescue By George Black.

But for the prompt assistance of some of his fellow workers, John Miller, a young Scotchman of Montreal, would have been drowned yesterday morning in one of the West Side slips.

Miller who is employed as a trucker by the C. P. R., was walking along one of the beams under No. 6 shed about 7.30 o'clock, when he lost his balance and fell into the water. As he felt himself falling he cried out for help, but before reaching the water his head struck one of the cross pieces and he was rendered partially unconscious.

His shouts and the noise of his body striking the water were heard by the men working in a car near the shed and they went to his assistance. George Black, a trucker, carrying a rope, crawled along one of the beams, and getting as close as possible to the man who was feebly struggling in the water, threw it to him. He was too weak to grasp it, however, and began to sink.

Realizing the danger, Mr. Black slid down one of the stringers, and as the drowning man rose again to the surface, managed to catch him by his hair.

A rope was soon fastened around his body and he was hoisted from the water in a semi-conscious condition by four of the gang he worked with.

He was carried into one of the gear sheds and after regaining consciousness was removed to his home.

PROGRESS IN PLANS FOR SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL MEETINGS

Speakers In Evangelical Campaign Allotted To Different Groups—Sunday Mass Meeting Will Be Held.

Business of importance was transacted at the meeting of the central committee on the simultaneous evangelistic campaign held in St. Andrew's church last evening. Rev. C. R. Flanders presided. Judge Forbes reported that Rev. Duncan McPhail of Boston, would arrive one week before the campaign opened in order to assist in the preliminary work.

Speakers were allotted to the different groups as follows: Centenary—Rev. Charles A. Sykes. St. Stephen's—Rev. A. B. Richardson. St. Andrew's—Rev. Ora S. Gray. Brussels Street—Rev. W. A. Cameron. North End—Rev. Dr. A. J. Smith. Carleton—Rev. Milton S. Ross. Fairville—Rev. Lawrence B. Greenwood.

The finance committee reported that Rev. S. W. Anthony and Rev. J. C. B. Appel had been secured to canvass for contributions to the guarantee fund. Each group will name a treasurer to whom all subscriptions are to be paid. The funds afterwards being turned over to Mr. Andrew Malcolm, treasurer of the central committee.

The Personal Worker's Committee was completed as follows: Centenary, Rev. W. Camp; St. Stephen's, Rev. Gordon Dickie; West End, Rev. J. Heaney; Fairville, Rev. Frank Bishop.

The music committee reported that the extension platform would be erected for the use of the chorus when necessary and that all members of the chorus would be enrolled and admitted by card. Five thousand Ander hymn books are to be secured. Pianos are to be used at all the services and volunteer pianists will be obtained.

It was decided to hold mass meetings in the church in each group in which the meetings will be held, at 7.30 o'clock on the next three Sunday

NEW COMET VISIBLE IN SOUTH-WESTERN SKY LAST EVENING

Unexpected Visitor Attracted Much Attention By Bright Appearance—Discovered In South Africa Few Days Ago.

The appearance of a comet low down in the southwestern sky attracted much attention in the city about six o'clock last evening and was mistaken by many for Halley's comet, which, however, is not yet visible in these latitudes.

The celestial visitor which appeared for a brief hour last evening, was discovered in South Africa two or three days ago. It is brighter than planet Venus and for the next few evenings the nucleus and tail will be brilliant objects in the southwest immediately after sunset.

A Mystery At Present.

Just what the comet is nobody knows. It is believed to be De Rote's comet, but the amount of information in regard to it is very slight. Astronomers are devoting all their energies to add to their stock of knowledge of it while it remains in view, and it is expected that before long its exact position in the celestial economy will be known. At present it lies in the constellation Capricornus, very low in the southwest. It is just above the sun and moving east. The tail of the comet, which always points away from the sun, is pointed directly up.

It has not been possible to estimate as yet how far the comet is away from the earth, but the fact that it is now leaving the sun indicates that it is now passed the minimum distance.

Visible At Noon.

Referring to this comet, R. G. Aitken, astronomer of the Lick observatory in California, gave out a statement on Wednesday that it was easily seen there at noon on Tuesday with the naked eye. It was about four degrees east of the sun and was moving toward the northeast.

Daylight observations have shown that the spectrum of the comet's nucleus is continuous, crossed by bright sodium lines extending into the comet.

TWELVE YEAR OLD OFFENDER PROVED QUITE A HANDFUL

Officer Scovill Smith Catches a Tartar in George Curran—Rough And Tumble Ends In Police Report.

Officer Scovill Smith, I. C. R. policeman, has reported George Curran, the twelve-year-old son of Frank Curran, manager of the Canada Railway News department for loitering around the coachmen's shelter, and also for carrying parcels in the depot contrary to rule, and thereby hangs a tale.

It appears that the lad and Mr. Smith conceived a violent antipathy for one another at the time of their first meeting and time has not done anything to mend the breach. Yesterday afternoon, the boy was in the shelter, when Mr. Smith came in and ordered him out. George, who is quite a favorite at the depot, has been accustomed to move about freely and he resented the action of the policeman.

After some words, the sturdy guardian of government property, seized the lad and endeavored to put him out. Here he met with a surprise; however, for George proved to be a much bigger proposition than his small size indicated, and the officer was quickly aware of the fact that he had "caught a Tartar" when he audaciously found himself on the broad of his back with the aforementioned tartar astride his manly chest.

Officer Smith naturally struggled to free himself and the doughy George was soon flailing for his life with the policeman in hot pursuit. The chase was soon abandoned, however, and George was reported. Whether the charge of assault and battery will also be preferred, remains to be seen.

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Natural History Conversations.

An enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Natural History Society at their rooms last night when the associate members entertained all the members of the society at a conversation. Over two hundred ladies and gentlemen were present. The guests were received in the assembly rooms by a committee consisting of Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Mrs. George Matthews, Mrs. G. U. Hay, and Miss Leavitt. No previously arranged programme was carried out, but the evening was spent in inspecting the various departments of the museum. In the mineral department, a display of showy minerals that had recently been arranged by Mr. Wm. McIntosh, the curator, attracted considerable attention. Refreshments were served during the evening by a committee consisting of Mrs. R. Lee, Mrs. Percy Bourne, Mrs. Herbert Bourne, Mrs. Chas. McDonald, and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh, assisted by Miss Mary Murdoch, Miss Jennette Freese and Miss Vivian Freese. Harrison's orchestra was in attendance and added to the pleasure of the evening.

Sale of Flannelette and Knitted Underwear at M. R. A's.

This is a sale the ladies always look forward to, and an opportunity for saving so unusual that this event invariably excites the greatest interest. Manufacturers' samples and odd lines; every garment this season's make. Sale commencing this morning in Ladies' Underwear Department, second floor, annex.

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