

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh west to southwest winds; fair and becoming milder.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Snow flurries have occurred locally today in Ontario and western Quebec, but elsewhere in the Dominion fair weather has prevailed, much more moderate from Ontario eastward and comparatively mild in the west.

Temperatures.

Victoria	40	43
Vancouver	36	46
Kamloops	26	43
Edmonton	26	44
Calgary	26	44
Winnipeg	12	30
Parry Sound	6	24
Toronto	6	27
Kingston	6	24
Ottawa	10	24
Montreal	4	22
Quebec	12	13
St. John	4	13
Halifax	4	13

—Below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Public Utilities.
A meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held here yesterday, but only routine matters were dealt with.

McAvity Assessment.
A meeting of the common council will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon, at which it is hoped a bill to fix the assessment of the McAvity Company for a period of years will be agreed on.

Horse Ran Away.
A horse owned by O'Neill Brothers ran away on North Market street yesterday, and after racing along Charlotte street, up Coburg street and down Fiddock street was brought to a stop by a Mr. Gillespie. Luckily no damage was done.

Acknowledgments.
The management of the Seamen's Institute beg to acknowledge with thanks the sum of ten pounds from the R. M. S. Emerald of Britain, per Captain G. O. R. Elliott, Assistant Marine Superintendent; also the sum of \$20.06 from R. M. S. Royal Edward, per Mr. Best.

Spoke on Missions.
Rev. Mr. Scrimgeour returned missionary from Trinidad, speaking at the Thank Offering service held in St. Andrew's church last evening on the work in Trinidad. Rev. Mr. Scrimgeour told in an interesting manner of the progress made and of the needs of the field. The address was listened to with keen attention by all present.

Sugar Refinery.
F. H. Anson of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries Ltd., is in the city in connection with the work at the new sugar refinery at Ballast Wharf. He could not say last evening just when the big structure would be ready for progress being made. He will remain in the city for several days and will make an inspection of the buildings.

At Every Day Club.
At the Boys' Every Day Club last evening Miss Carrie Ballie, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Ewing, Alfonso C. Smith and Harry Dunlop assisted in entertaining the boys. Mr. Ewing occupied the chair. Miss Ballie was heard in several readings, and Mr. Smith sang several numbers. Mr. Dunlop contributed several piano selections. About ninety boys were present and a very pleasant time was spent.

Funeral Today.
After the jury, which has been chosen to act at the inquiry, viewed the remains of Albert Johnson, who lost his life in the Grand Union hotel fire at Chamberlain's undertakings rooms last evening, the body was taken from there to the residence of John O'Brien, 42 Mill street. The funeral will be conducted today at 2:30 o'clock. At the Cathedral prayers will be read over the body and interment will be made in the old Catholic cemetery.

Big Leaguers in Rome.
Oscar Fricke, of the North End, received from Rome a postcard sent to him by Tom Daley, the baseball player, and a native of this city. Daley, who will figure this season in the catching line with the Chicago White Sox is tonight in the city, and is now viewing the ruins of ancient Rome. Although young Daley's age is still under the place in the voting list, the former North End has gained an enviable reputation on the baseball field, and he is being watched closely by the scouts. Last season Daley played with the Lowell team.

Proposed Bye-Law Change.
The Board of Fire Underwriters have made the suggestion to the city that when the building by-laws are revised there should be a clause providing that in all buildings in which a gas lighting system is installed there must be a meter or stopcock somewhere in front and easily accessible, so that in case of fire the gas could be shut off. It is said that in many cases of fire, pipes are burned off or broken, and the escaping gas greatly increases the difficulties of the firemen in extinguishing the flames. Other cities have adopted the provision which the fire underwriters wish to have put into effect here.

Changes in Charter.
The city commissioners are advertising bills to make several amendments to the city charter upon which the citizens' committee worked so hard two years ago. One proposed amendment asks that the common council be authorized from time to time to redistribute the services mentioned in sub-section 1 of section 14 of the charter, and is apparently intended to give the commissioners the right to change about. Another proposed amendment provides for the filling of a vacancy in the office of commissioner should such vacancy occur within three calendar months before a biennial election.

THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL.

KADUNA'S MEN FACING VOYAGE OF TERRORS

Freighter Crept into Port, Yesterday, 29 Days out from Cardiff After being Mercilessly Buffeted by Wind and Wave—Lost Thirty-eight Miles in One Week.

After the worst experience Captain Purdon and the officers and crew of the steamship Kaduna ever had, that steamship arrived yesterday afternoon about four o'clock, anchored in the harbor, and docked at the I. C. R. terminus after eleven o'clock last night.

When seen on board the ship Captain Purdon and his officers were feeling happy over the safe arrival, although all showed the effects of terrible experiences undergone during the very long voyage from Cardiff to St. John.

Flying high and light, with no cargo, the steamer was a toy for the elements, and the Kaduna's officers are satisfied that they have been visited by all the gales and hurricanes on the North Atlantic during the past few weeks. To have a hurricane blow away the canvas on the upper decks, tear tarpaulins from the hatches, and then tear up the hatches, cause the ship's funnel stays to rip the boat deck up to such an extent that it allowed the seas to wash into the engineer's quarters, constituted an experience that no sea-faring man wishes to repeat. All on the Kaduna are well but worn out. The ship will need repairs before she sails on her voyage to South Africa with a general cargo.

Twenty-nine days out from Cardiff to this port in an ocean steamer tells the story of the hardships and perils the ship came through, and it was the grit of the captain and chief engineer with their respective staffs, that brought the liner into port with all safe.

Wasted One Week

The seas broke through the opening of the boat deck and flooded the quarters where the engineers live, so it was necessary for them to sleep in the engine room and get their meals in the saloon. So fierce was the hurricane that the canvas was blown from the upper bridge, the tarpaulins-ripped from the hatches and the hatches torn up. Officers and members of the crew had their hands full looking after matters and trying to make all secure. For one solid week the ship did not make any progress but was driven back towards the Cape Verde Islands.

The chief engineer, Mr. Harlow, was a very tired man last night for he had been almost continually at the throttle since the ship left Cardiff, notwithstanding the work at repairs. While in conversation with The Standard reporter, Captain Purdon said that he has been in the grip of two previous hurricanes, but this was the worst of all.

Will Take Heavy Cargo

The Kaduna is an excellent ship and will fitted up but being so far out of water, proved a mere toy for the heavy gales. There is a full general cargo awaiting the ship for South Africa and included in the lot is very heavy mining machinery, some of the pieces weighing as much as twenty-eight tons.

Marine Superintendent Cunningham was on hand when the ship docked and congratulated Captain Purdon on reaching port safely. Mr. Cunningham stated he had no doubt that the ship would arrive alright despite the fact that she was so long on the voyage. In a few days she will be ready for her long voyage to South Africa with a full cargo, and when loaded, will be more able to go against any hurricanes met with.

Another One Delayed

It was only last Wednesday that the steamship Carindon arrived in New York, having been twenty-eight days from London, and in her voyage, her officers stated, she had met the worst they ever experienced. Some members of her crew were injured by being thrown about by the heavy seas. Fortunately all aboard the Kaduna are well but worn out. They are apparently happy and glad to be in port.

Poured Oil on Waves

The barometer kept low nearly all the time, being particularly low from February 4th until the 12th, and on the latter day, the ship encountered

Fire Destroys Residence, Loss \$1,500—Impossible to Prevent Total Destruction—Spread Rapidly.

A disastrous fire which broke out yesterday at Brown's Flats, resulted in the complete destruction of the residence of William Day, and caused a total loss of property valued at \$1,500. Only \$500 insurance was carried on the building. Mr. Day will find it difficult to replace the property.

Fire in the building was first detected between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning, and had then already gained a certain amount of headway. Starting near the roof of the house the fire which, it is believed, was caused by a defective flue, spread rapidly through the floors and partitions and soon the house was a mass of flame. There was no available means of checking the blaze and Mr. Day had to stand by and see his home destroyed.

The house was completely destroyed causing damage to the extent of \$1,500, and besides this Mr. Day lost all of his furniture which will mean an additional loss.

IMPERIAL SPRINGS A SENSATION

The Imperial's wild animal feature created a furore last night. If you can imagine lions, bears, monkeys, leopards, panthers and elephants roaming in and out of private homes, stores, barber shops, bar-rooms, etc. among consternated people—the result of a wrecked circus train—you can get some little idea of the excitement this wonderful picture produced. It is a two-reel Vitagraph—an absolute scream of fun and high tension. There was a lighthouse melodrama, too, and Pathe's Weekly. The Imperial's photo-news service was inaugurated last night, showing the Grand Union Hotel, Corry Law, the champion St. John dog; the Moncton buildings burned yesterday, the Courtenay Bag dry dock to date, and other interesting features. The Banjo Trio and Miss Don as well. Business was bumper. Same show today. Tomorrow the aeroplane adventure "Wrecked in Mid-Air" in two reels.

Maritime province skating championships, Victoria rink tonight. Over twenty fast men entered.

RIGID QUARTERS IN HOTEL FIRE

Coroner's Jury Composed of Well-Known Business Men.

MAY LEAD TO BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

Coroner Roberts and Com. McLellan Inspected Building Yesterday — R. T. Hayes, Foreman of Jury.

Speaking with The Standard last evening, Coroner Roberts stated that the inquest into the hotel deaths resulting from the fire would take in a wide scope, and that not only the cause of death in each particular case would be inquired into, but that other matters would be taken into consideration which would probably lead to a more rigid enforcement of the laws governing the construction of buildings. In the personnel of the jury is found full evidence that the matters pertaining to the fire will be thoroughly and carefully probed. The jury empanelled last evening was composed of the following business men: R. T. Hayes, manager; J. M. Humphrey & Co., foreman; Richard Washburn & Rising; F. S. Thomas, merchant; James Lewis, merchant; Edward Bates, contractor; W. H. White of White & Calkin and W. A. Wetmore, merchant.

The above mentioned men who have been chosen to act on the jury in both cases, viewed the remains of the victims of the hotel fire last evening, and it was decided that the inquest would be held at the call of the coroner.

They will meet at the hotel this morning about nine o'clock and go through the building in order to gather material evidence to be used in connection with the inquest.

To acquaint himself with the facts of the case, Coroner Roberts, in company with Commissioner McLellan, went through the burned building yesterday afternoon and made a careful inspection of the interior of the hotel. Discussing the situation with a representative of The Standard last evening, Coroner Roberts said that there were many hotels in the city which, if visited by such a fire as that of Tuesday evening, would be the scenes of much greater calamities. He inferred that at the inquest the matter of hotel accommodation and convenient means of escape in such buildings would be thoroughly gone into.

From the present condition of the body of Albert Johnston, it is self-evident that the lad was caught in trying to effect an escape through the door of his bedroom. One of his hands and the side of his face were slightly burned and the body was found in a bundle behind the door. It is concluded that the unfortunate lad opened the door and was instantly met by a sweep of flame, to the floor in a swoon. The tiny body being bundled up behind the door seems to account for it being overlooked by the firemen.

WANTED TO PAY CHARGE AGAINST THE ADJUTANT

Joseph Dixon Said he was Mad—Twice Ejected from Shelter, was Story.

The even tenor of life at Central Police Station was rudely disturbed last evening when a boisterous person entered and stated his desire to lay a charge against Adj. Cummings of the Salvation Army for ejecting him from that haven, despite the fact that he had the necessary fifteen cents.

Joseph Dixon was the name under which the disturber labored and it is understood that he has only been out of jail a few days. Bursting through the doors of the police station, and before he could be questioned, Dixon drew fifteen cents from his pocket and threw them with great force upon the desk. After stating that he was in a towering rage he requested to be taken below.

"Am I drunk?" asked Dixon, glaring wildly around. "I went in there at half past six with a loaf of bread and was put out. I went back, Cummings can't fool me, and I was put out again. I want to lay a charge against him."

Although it was the general opinion that Dixon had had several catnaps, no one said anything. He was then offered a bed, but on continuing to air his grievance, was gently but firmly led to the door, said door was opened and Dixon pitched outside. What happened to him after that is not for publication. Truly this is an unjust world.

DEATHS.

HAMILTON—Suddenly on Saturday February 21st, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur M. Howe, 51 Hawthorn street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Elizabeth Cranston, widow of Dr. George A. Hamilton, of this city. Funeral Friday afternoon, the 27th inst., from St. Paul's (Valley) church. Service at 3 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM.

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