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WEATHER--Decreasing northwest to west winds. Fine and very cold.

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ONE CENT.

A report received at the Times office this morning is that Rutyard Kipling has ordered a barrel of ink and is about to add seventeen verses to his celebrated poem "Our Lady of the Snows." Possibly he has drawn his inspiration from St. John.

This is the office boy's contribution to the story of "Snowbound St. John" and as he laid it on the editor's desk this morning he unlocked his snow shoes, nodded deferentially and cheerfully observed that it was a fine day. Unfortunately for the boy the editor had just finished shovelling himself and his domicile out of a mountainous drift. Consequently he was a man who to be comfortable there is a boy wanted at the Times office.

St. John awoke this morning to find that the most violent storm of many years had come during the night. The streets, paralyzed by the street car services and delayed trains for many hours. In short, business while not suspended, has received a severe bump and the merchants will lose a considerable aggregate sum as the result.

Those citizens who so fortunately situated that business did not call them forth early, stayed close to their fireplaces and left to others the troublesome task of ploughing through snowdrifts to their offices or stores.

Others, who were not so fortunate, but had to be abroad made the best of the situation and wended their weary way, sulkily pronouncing ferocious anathemas upon the street cars, the teamsters, the city, the weather and any person, thing or circumstance that appeared in the least culpable.

Some of the fortunate possessors of snowshoes and did not hesitate to use them. In this connection a number of funny incidents were reported. Over on Wright street the snow had a full sweep and the result was that the whole length of the street was a succession of immense drifts. Among the business men living in that section of the city who made good use of snowshoes in reaching his office was H. B. Schofield, president of the board of trade. He manipulated the shoes like a veteran and although he attracted some attention made the trip to his office more comfortably than did his less fortunate fellows.

About nine o'clock, while the storm was at its height two young men clattered into the post office on snow shoes, secured their mail and clattered out again. Many other instances of snow shoe travelling were reported particularly from the outskirts of the city.

Not a car moved during the storm since ten o'clock last night. Consequently the livery stables did a rushing business. The cabs were not equal to the sudden demand and many people walked who would have driven had a team been obtainable.

At noon the restaurants did a rushing business. Men who usually lunch at home were their chief patrons and they reaped a harvest accordingly.

No accidents due to the storm were reported at police headquarters and strange to say, not a protectionist applied for a night's lodging at either station. Neither was there any increased rush at the Metrople and other shelters affected by wanderers.

Trains are all delayed to a considerable extent and from the postal department comes the information that all the branch lines in the province are tied up.

The attendance at the city schools was very light and one session was the rule. In the whole Victoria school building but ten pupils put in an appearance and school was dismissed at noon.

Reports from outside the city show that the storm is general. New York reports much suffering among the poor and a complete suspension of all surface lines of street cars.

Various towns throughout the Maritime provinces report a very heavy snowfall, high winds and cold weather.

All of last night's attractions in the city, with the exception of the Burns' celebration, were poorly attended and several private functions were cancelled or indefinitely postponed.

IN THE SCHOOLS. Ten Pupils at Victoria School--Thirty at the High School.

The attendance at the city schools today was very poor. The storm having kept many pupils away. At Victoria school only ten scholars were present. These were sent to one room, where they studied until noon, when the school was dismissed for the day.

At the High school, about 30 scholars were present, and the educational exercises were carried out in one room. The storm having kept many pupils away.

St. John Snow Bound---Streets Blocked With Drifts---Street Car Service Paralyzed---Railway Traffic Disabled and Trains Far Behind Time---Snowslide From Fort Howe---Great snowstorms Reported All Over the Country.

The scholars of Leinster street schools have had a great many holidays lately as a leak in the boiler suspended study for five days last week.

The painters had been at work in the rear operating room, and the unexpected visitor made sad havoc of their labors.

The work of clearing the room is progressing as favorably as can be expected, but it is necessarily a slow operation.

Mr. Maher the only one to suffer. The window sashes in the rear room of the North End police station, where the coal and wood are stored were forced. In some of the glass broken and the room almost half filled with snow.

Mr. Maher in charge reported that he had been carrying snow from the compartment for nearly half an hour, and still had a big contract ahead of him.

The back wall of the station is banked with snow above the roof, and the room is in perfect darkness. When the occupants of the station heard the crash they thought that the "end of all things" had come.

THE STREET RAILWAY. Not a Car Moved in St. John Since Ten O'clock Last Night.

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Manager Earle, of the St. John Railway Co., told the Times this morning that the cars had been kept running up to ten o'clock last night, and the latter part of the night double-deckers were run until it was found impossible to continue.

An endeavor was made shortly after ten to take out the two sweepers, but the snow had become so packed on the rails that the sweepers were unable to get up the hill from the sheds.

The situation today is that the rails are completely covered with snow and the street railway officials try to clear the tracks they were unable to do so.

Mr. Earle said that as soon as the storm abated, they would put all the men they could get to work clearing the rails, but at present it would only be a matter of time.

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The mayor explained that he had called the meeting because the streets were blocked and the teamsters' strike had added to the difficulty. There would be many more snowstorms, no doubt, and unless something were done quickly the citizens would be compelled to go in and out of their houses by way of the upper windows or the roof.

The snow must be removed. Ald. Macrae moved that an injunction be issued to prevent any more snow from falling within a radius of half a mile from the fountain on King Square, and for a mile in a northerly direction from a broken limb on the southerly side of an old tree on the east of King Square, south by west one half east, with all appurtenances thereto appertaining, or as the case might be.

This motion was not seconded. Ald. Christie enquired if the recorder had been asked for an opinion as to the liability of the weather. He was answered in the negative. Ald. Hillough thought they should have at least one opinion from the recorder--if not two.

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TOLD IN A NUTSHELL. City streets blocked. Citizens on snowshoes. No street cars. Empty schools. No trains in or out. St. John practically isolated. Snowslide from Fort Howe. Branch railways tied up. No shipping moving. Teamsters strike still on. Funeral postponed.

searching wind which swept the streets and at times reached a velocity of fifty miles an hour. The snow piled in drifts, in many cases nearly ten feet deep and made it almost impossible to make any headway.

The men state that it was with the utmost difficulty that they kept their eyes-lashes from being frozen together. Naturally enough the streets were completely deserted and when morning dawned they were almost completely fagged out, only too glad to seek their beds.

This is only one of the many difficulties with which the night patrolmen has to contend and if the many citizens whose homes he protects while they sleep could accompany him on such a night they would, more than ever realize and appreciate the value of his services.

TRAINS HELD UP. St. John Isolated--No Trains In or Out This Morning.

The trains from the west, that connect the two Boston trains and the Montreal express were held up in fact the time of their arrival is indefinite.

At Harvey there is a bank of snow from ten to fifteen feet high in the cutting. The Boston express due here last night, at 11:15 is not yet and it is learned that she is stuck in the snow-drift at Shantytown near Grand Bay.

At Shantytown for a stretch of over one hundred and fifty feet in the cutting the depth of snow is actually fifteen feet.

When to-day's Boston express and the Atlantic will arrive is as yet an unanswered question among railway authorities here.

A special train with snowplow left Moncton this morning and met with many snow piles on the way. Naturally many impediments were encountered but the special finally reached Sussex and after leaving there, started on the snow-plow special, nor the Sussex express has reached St. John. The latest heard from the Sussex express was that she was at Nauyas-walk station, waiting there for the snow-plow to open up the road.

A special detachment received by The Times this afternoon says that fifty men have been employed all morning opening up the road at Shantytown where the Boston express is reported to be practically submerged by the snow.

The night express from Halifax due here this morning is up against it in the drifts on Pelligh Mountain. It is said that the express will be assisted by auxiliary men from Truro. All freight trains on the T. C. B. leaving St. John today have been cancelled.

FUNERAL POSTPONED. Owing to impassable roads Mrs. Christie's funeral will be held Saturday.

Owing to the very severe storm which is now raging, the funeral of Mrs. J. J. Christie has been postponed until Saturday. The roads are in an almost impassible condition, and a postponement has been deemed necessary.

BRANCH LINES TIED UP. Mail Service Badly Demoralized Through New Brunswick--Carrying Mails by Team.

The branch railways are all held up. C. A. Murray, acting superintendent on the mail service is a busy man today. He is certainly up against

it in connection with the mail transportation service.

The New Brunswick Southern is stalled, and in all probability it looks as if the situation will continue for a day or two. It is learned that the New Brunswick Southern people are doing all they can to expedite the transfer of the mails, but the Times is informed that they run up against difficulties, the highway being totally impassable after the storm.

It is further stated that the commissioners on the route between St. John, and St. George positively refuse to have the highway broken so that through traffic may be assured. It is further stated that they will not even give a lantern to the teamsters on the N. B. Southern Railway to help them out of their difficulty.

It also appears from what the Times can ascertain that the people of St. George are not most obliging in furnishing teams for the New Brunswick Southern, as their prices are said to be exorbitant, as in one case \$25 was asked for a single team from St. George to St. Stephen.

The Salisbury and Harvey road is blocked. The train is at Albert and is likely to remain there temporarily. The New Brunswick Coal and Railway Co., is in the same predicament. Traffic is suspended.

The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island railway is stalled, but it is expected service will be resumed tomorrow.

The Kent Northern and the Carleton Place roads are also held up. The mail service will not be interfered with to any great extent, on the Kent Northern for the mails will be carried around by team, via Harcourt.

COMPLETELY HELD UP. Fredericton Reports a Particularly Wild Storm--P. E. Island Snow Bound.

Fredericton, Jan. 26--(Special).--The wildest snow storm of the season set in last night and up to noon today was still raging.

The mercury is hovering near the zero mark and a strong gale of wind is blowing. About fifteen inches of snow has already fallen and drifted very badly in many places. All railway traffic in this section is held up and no trains are expected before evening.

The country roads are reported badly blocked. Charlottetown, Jan. 26--(Special).--The whole province is now snow bound. Only one train moved today.

AT AMHERST. Snow Storm Heaviest of the Season---Roads Blocked and Traffic Almost Suspended.

Amherst, Jan. 26--(Special).--The heaviest snow storm of the season raged here last night and this morning accompanied by a terrific gale. The roads are blocked and traffic is almost suspended. As midnight the fiercest of the gale the firemen were called out by a fire in the Dominion House which was soon subdued.

IN HALIFAX. Street Cars Running With Difficulty---West Indian Steamer Detained.

Halifax, Jan. 26--(Special).--The snow storm which commenced here yesterday afternoon, continues today. Already an immense quantity of snow has fallen and it is with difficulty the train cars are kept running. All trains to and from the city are delayed. The steamer Ocean from the West Indies via Bermuda which was here yesterday has not reached port and is doubtless outside detained by the storm.

ALONG THE COAST. Storm is Particularly Severe on Vessels--Schooners Reported Ashore.

Yarmouth, Mass., Jan. 26--Two schooners, one a four masted and the other with five masts are reported high and dry on the flats near North Dennis. Both apparently are coal laden.

Highland Light, Mass., Jan. 26--The terrible storm which began yesterday and continued all night had not abated this morning. Before a gale of 50 miles an hour, the snow was driven in clouds so thick that even on shore a person could not see the water without going to the very brink. Some of the wires connecting the life saving stations were blown down and no word from them could be received. No disasters have become known at this point.

SAME OLD STORY. New England Centres Report Trains Stalled and Street Railway Traffic Demoralized.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 26--Traffic on steam and trolley lines in and about this city partly blocked by the heavy snow storm of yesterday remained in the present winter, one degree above zero according to the weather.

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THE TIMES' NEW REPAIRER.

Lost--Between Berryman's Hall and Ald. Christie's office, Main street, a union card. Will the finder please return to Ald. Holder.

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AN INTERESTING CASE. An interesting case will come up at the police court tomorrow. A prominent citizen is charged with peering in at the window where a lady was

making her toilet. He denies the charge. It appears from his statement that he came out on his snowshoes this morning through an upper window of the house of the lady in question a terrific gust caught his breath and forced him to turn his head aside, toward the window. He admits having caught an involuntary and momentary glimpse of dainty lingerie, but submits that the storm and the snowdrifts and absence of a curtain on the window were entirely to blame. Moreover, the gentleman has been married sixteen years. The case will be watched with deep interest.

NARROW ESCAPE. A citizen who looked out of an upper window this morning to survey the storm saw a disturbance of the surface of the snow and reached for a gun, thinking it was some wild animal. The belief was momentarily confirmed when a hairy object was protruded through the drift, and the citizen was just taking aim when a wild yell restrained him. It was his next door neighbor, an individual with long hair and whiskers, burrowing his way out of his home. It is feared there will be some casualties as a result of the mistaken zeal of citizens with guns and sporting proclivities.

Our esteemed fellow citizen Mr. Janney Jones is taking nourishment with a spoon.