

THE WEATHER.
 Maritime—Fresh westerly winds, fair, with a little higher temperature.
 Toronto, Ont., Feb. 21—A great area of high pressure practically covers the continent tonight with moderate cold resulting from the Rockies to Newfoundland.
 Minimum and maximum temperatures:
 Atlin—16, 38.
 Prince Rupert—26, 42.
 Kamloops—6 below, 24.
 Edmonton—6 below, 24.
 Calgary—8 below, 16.
 Battleford—24 below, 6.
 Prince Rupert—20 below, 22.
 Qu'Appelle—2 below, 22.
 Moose Jaw—2 below, 14.
 Winnipeg—4 below, 24.
 Port Arthur—zero, 32.
 Pelly Sound—8 below, 10.
 Toronto—6, 22.
 Ottawa—2 below, 12.
 Montreal—zero, 8.
 Quebec—6 below, 8.
 St. John—8, 18.
 Halifax—10, 18.
 Forecasts, Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay, Upper Lawrence, Ottawa Valley, Lower Lawrence and Gulf—Strong westerly winds, mostly fair with show flurries, a little higher temperatures.

AROUND THE CITY
 Fell in a Fit.
 Charles Stewart fell in a fit on King Street yesterday morning and was conveyed to his home on Leinster street.

Arrested At Shelter.
 Policeman McNamee was called into the Salvation Army Shelter on Water Street yesterday to eject Patrick Martin whom he later arrested for drunkenness.

False Alarm.
 Some person sent in a false alarm from one of the I. C. R. sheds yesterday morning and the department was given a needless run to box 152 on Mill street.

Thorne Winner.
 There was a large crowd at the Victoria Rink last night who witnessed a warmly contested half-mile race between Thorne and Longley. The former won by about five yards in 1 min. 22 secs.

High Tea and Sale.
 There was another large attendance at the St. John the Baptist High tea and sale last evening, over two hundred taking supper. It will be continued until Thursday night. The City Cornet Band will be present this evening.

Elect Officers.
 A meeting of St. John Perfection Lodge of Masons, A. and A. Scottish Rite, was held last evening when the election of officers took place. A. R. Campbell being re-elected G. P. G. M. The installation of officers will take place on Friday evening.

There was an especially fine display of the Northern lights last night in the hours of eleven o'clock and midnight. Long shimmering tongues of red, white and blue light were flung across the northern heavens in majestic sequence, and the scene was a vividly beautiful one.

At Mission Church.
 At the Mission church of St. John the Baptist, Paradise Row, tonight, Rev. Father Conyers will conduct a Bible class from 7.45 to 8.30, to which all men and women are welcome. At 8.30 the Men's Association will conduct a social evening and all men of the congregation are invited.

Died in Boston.
 Word reached the city last evening of the death at Boston of Fred Thorne, formerly engineer of the tug Springs-hill. Mr. Thorne went to Boston some time ago for treatment at one of the hospitals there. The news of his death will come as a shock to his many friends here.

A Lecture on Forestry.
 G. Ernest Fairweather read a very instructive lecture on Forestry, at the rooms of the Natural History Society, last evening. The lecture was the last of the series of the Bickmore course of McGill University, and proved one of the most interesting, dealing with the various phases of reforestation, protection, forest fires and the benefit that will result from a wise use of the wealth of the country. F. A. Dykeman presided.

Farming Side Line.
 A new feature of farming industry in New Brunswick was revealed when an enquiry at a local dairy depot yesterday as to the source of supply of nearly put up bottles of sweet and sour pickles, labelled Standard Brand, the reporter was informed that H. H. Smith, of Hoyt Station, N. B., was the manufacturer, and that he made the pickles as a side line on a successful general farm. He finds that there is a ready sale for all he can prepare and his experience opens up new possibilities for the up-to-date farmer.

Leak in Water Main.
 Officials of the water department have been employed day and night since Sunday trying to locate a leak in one of the water mains running along the old Westmorland road near the Methodist burying ground. Owing to the number of drains in the vicinity it has proved a difficult job to locate the leak and a number of excavations have been made in the frozen ground without success. Owing to the severe weather recently the frost has got down to some of the water pipes and yesterday the city workmen were engaged in thawing out a frozen pipe in Waterloo street.

Temperance and Morality.
 A meeting of great importance to the Methodist churches of the city will be held in Centenary church tomorrow evening. T. Albert Moore, the newly elected secretary of the department of Temperance and Moral Reform of the Methodist church in Canada, will present the work of his department for the first time in this section of the country. Until recently Rev. Mr. Moore has been engaged in the work of the Lord's Day Alliance, and has been heard here before in connection with the work of that organization. The presentation of the work he is now engaged in should prove of great interest, and a large attendance at the meeting tomorrow evening is expected.

RETIRING FIREMEN ENTERTAIN FELLOWS

James Sterling Gives Big Spread on Occasion of His Retirement, After 19 Years Faithful Service.

Last night at his residence, 199 King street east, James Sterling was the host at a banquet given to a number of his friends in the fire department. Mr. Sterling has been a most active member of the department since 1892 and is looked on as one of the best firemen that has ever responded to an alarm, being a fire fighter with few equals and well up in all the work-logs of the department.

For years he has been assistant foreman of No. 2 Hose Company and his retirement from the department is greatly regretted by the firemen and the citizens at large.

The banquet given by Mr. Sterling last night was one that will be long remembered by those who were fortunate to be present. The large table in the dining room was gorgeously set. In the centre was a miniature fire wagon decorated with flowers and loaded with English bonbons. In front of each guest was also a souvenir fire wagon. The menu card was in itself one of the neatest and most appropriate designs. The front cover showed a colored design of a fireman on a ladder fighting the flames, and in gold letters was the name of the guest with the figures 1892-1911 on it.

The bill of fare prepared by Mrs. Sterling was most tempting, as follows:

- Bouillion de Jolly Boys.
- Celery. Crackers.
- Crimped Smelts.
- Creamed Sweetbreads.
- Roast Turkey with Oyster Dressing.
- Cranberry Sauce.
- Riced Potatoes. Stewed Carrots.
- Tomato Salad.
- Olives.
- Pistachio Jelly Cream. Angel Cake.
- Coffee.

After the diners had done full justice to the repast there was a round of speeches. The health of His Majesty the King was drunk with musical honors.

The next toast was that to the Fire Department and was responded to by Chief John Kerr, who spoke of the great worth of Mr. Sterling as a fireman and citizen and of the loss that the department will sustain on his resignation.

The toast to the Salvage Corps was responded to by Capt. R. W. W. Frink and E. G. McCollough.

Supt. Charles Piercey responded for the permanent men.

The toast to the ladies was brought speeches from John LeLachur, Jr., Fred Heans and Michael Ready.

The health of the new district engineer was responded to by Charles H. Jackson, who holds that office.

The toast to the retired firemen was responded to by ex-foreman E. W. Barlow, that to substitute firemen by Harry Ervin.

The toast to the chemical engine was responded to by James Thomas and Fred Lawson championed the ladies.

The gentlemen in their speeches all spoke in glowing terms of the host and of the great regret at his retirement from the department.

The gathering broke up about midnight.

HELPFUL COURSES AT NIGHT SCHOOL

Provincial Institution Will Open March 21 for instruction in Butter, Cheese Making and Dairy Methods.

The Provincial Dairy School will open at Sussex on the 21st of March, when there will be a two week course in creamery, butter-making, milk testing and farm dairy butter-making. On April 4th a two week course in cheese-making will be opened; instruction will be given in the making of home-made soft cheese for which there is such a growing demand. In connection with both courses lectures will be given upon the selection, breeding, care and feeding of dairy cattle.

These courses are free to all who care to attend. Men who are intending to work in cheese factories and creameries in the province this year are expected to attend the classes and keep themselves informed upon the most up-to-date methods in their own and their patrons' interest to have all their employes take advantage of these free courses of instruction.

Those wishing to attend should make application without delay to C. W. McDougall, Dairy Superintendent, Sussex, N. B. Leaflets giving the programme of courses will be mailed to all who request them. Boarding places will be secured for those who are for them when making application to attend the classes.

SCHOOL BOARD GET THE BELL BUILDING

Transfer from S. Kerr & Son for Same Price Which They Paid, Accomplished Yesterday—Considered Bargain.

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees, held yesterday afternoon, arrangements were made for taking over the Bell Building at the corner of Union and Prince William streets recently purchased by S. Kerr and Son, of the St. John Business College.

The trustees secured the building at the same price paid for it by Mr. Kerr. The two upper stories will be leased to Mr. Kerr and used by him for his business college. A board room for the trustees and offices for the superintendent and other school officials will be fitted up on the ground floor, and the rest of the building will be reserved for class rooms or in connection with the extension of the work of the High School as the need may arise.

The school trustees have been anxious to secure this building for years and at the price they paid for it they feel that they have made an excellent bargain, as it occupies a central position and is well suited for the purposes for which they want it.

MAIN STREET W.F.M.S. OBSERVES JUBILEE

First Charter Granted in United States 50 Years Ago—First Doctors for Whole of Canada.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Main street Baptist church celebrated the jubilee of the organization of the society in the United States by holding a jubilee social in the vestry of the church last evening. Rev. David Hutchinson presided, and there was a large attendance. After a devotional opening and a chorus by the members of the society, Mrs. David Hutchinson gave an interesting sketch of the growth of the Women's Missionary Society, and described the work it was engaged in at the present time.

She told how the society kept missionaries in foreign fields, employed doctors, maintained schools, hospitals, dispensaries, homes, leper asylums, milk farms, mission boats, printed papers and leaflets, etc. She also described the conditions in health-lands which made such work necessary, and said that if Canada had the same number of physicians, in proportion to population that India has, there would only be forty doctors in the Dominion. In India only about one man in every ten can read or write.

After the address there was a solo by Mrs. Olmstead and a piano duet by Miss Eva Gallop and Miss Audrey Mullin. A feature of the entertainment was a number, called the Votes of the Women, rendered by a group of ladies and a little girl dressed in the costumes of heathen lands.

Repeat Concert.
 By general request the concert given by Zion Methodist Sunday school last Thursday to a crowded audience, will be repeated tomorrow evening.

Sermon to Young Men.
 By reason of an exchange of pulpits with Rev. W. R. Robinson, of West Side, Rev. W. Lawson will not give his usual sermon to young men, but will do so the first Sunday in March.

R. L. BORDEN CLUB.
 A sleigh drive and supper will be held under the auspices of the Club, at Newcombe's on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND, inst. Sleighs leave King Square at 8 p. m. Tickets \$1.50, and may be obtained from members of the Executive Committee.
 A good musical programme has been arranged. Members may bring their friends.
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 that got damaged by water on board the S. S. Rappahannock, will be placed on sale Wednesday morning at the most extraordinary price of 10 cents a yard. Considering that this Point d'Esprit Net is only wet it is the greatest bargain imaginable. There is a very large quantity of the white, but only a small quantity of the black. This net can be used for dresses, waists, lingerie hats, fancy work, small drapes and many other purposes. The average price would be 30 cents a yard.
 We will also place on sale Wednesday morning an immense lot of Fine Frillings, including the newest styles of Persian and Cord Neck Frillings. Two prices for the lot 5 and 10 cents a yard: They are worth all the way from 20 to 35 cents a yard.
 The Five Cent Counters are still attracting hundreds of people to our store. Ribbons, Laces, Trimmings, Lace Collars, Collarettes, Bead Necklaces, Hamburg Trimmings, etc., are all on display on these counters at the one price.
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 The biggest feature of this Sale will be introduced this morning when we offer at much reduced figures a large lot of MEN'S COLORED SHIRTS. Latest 1911 designs, new colorings, most reliable cloths—perfect fitting Shirts, that will give entire satisfaction.
 Soft fronts, plaited fronts and starched bosoms, cuffs attached and separate. Light stripes, new figured effects, pretty color-tinted grounds with solid stripes. All entirely new and quite different from previous showings.
 This will be an opportunity to stock up for the season at a much less outlay than later on. A large variety to select from in sizes 14 to 18.
 These Shirts are extra value at regular prices, 85c. to \$1.50. SALE PRICES... 65c., 85c., \$1.15
A Bargain in English Half Hose
 A limited quantity which has been slightly damaged by water on board steamer. Black pure Llama Wool, seamless, good Spring weight. To go much below regular price... Pair 25c.
 MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS DEPT.

CLEARING-UP SALE IN LINEN ROOM AGAIN TODAY
NEW BLACK SILKS AND SATINS

BLACK PEAU DE SOIE. A double faced silk with a rich satin finish, used for coats, dresses, blouse waists, etc., 20 to 23 inches wide. Price 70c. to \$1.25 per yard.	BLACK MESSALINE. A soft rich satin for dresses, blouse waists, etc.; width 19 inches to 21 1-2 inches. Price 80c. to \$1.10; width 40 inches price \$1.85.	BLACK SURAH. A soft twilled silk used for dresses and blouse waists, 20 in. wide. Price 65c. per yd.
BLACK PAILLETTE. A soft bright finished silk and the most popular at the present time; used extensively for dresses and blouse waists; width 19 to 22 inches. Price 50c. to \$1.10 per yard; 36 inch wide, price \$1.25 per yard.	BLACK DUCHESSE MOUSLINE— A soft rich satin for dresses, etc.; width 40 inches. Price \$2.00 per yard.	BLACK ORIENTAL SATIN. A soft bright satin for dresses, etc.; width 42 in. Price \$2.30.
BLACK FAILLE FRANCAIS. A rich corded silk, finished alike on both sides; used for gowns, coats, dresses, trimmings, etc.; width 21 to 23 inches. Price 95c. to \$2.15.	BLACK MOIRE SILK. For separate skirts, trimmings, etc. Width 20 to 22 inches. Price \$1.10 to \$1.50 per yard.	BLACK CORDED SILK, a heavy corded silk used for coat collars, trimmings, etc.; width 20 in. Price \$1.10 to \$1.40 yd.
BLACK BENGALINE. 48 inches wide, a corded silk, used especially for coats. Price \$2.95.	BLACK SATIN FLORENTINE. A new make of a soft finished satin; width 20 1-2 to 22 in. Price 90c. to \$1.40 per yard.	BLACK TAMALINE. A soft satiny finished silk used for blouse waists and for linings; width 20 in. Price 50c. yard.
	BLACK SATIN DU STYX. Also a new make of a heavy finished satin; width 21 1-2 in. Price \$1.85.	BLACK TAFFETA For coats, dresses, blouse waists, drop skirts and linings width 20 to 23 in. Price 55c. to \$1.25 per yard; 36 inches wide, \$1.10 to \$1.50 per yard.
	BLACK C. B. SATIN. For coat linings etc.; width 23 to 25 inches. Price 60c. to \$1.25 per yard.	BLACK JAPANESE SILK. For summer dresses, kimonos blouse waists, dress linings, etc.; width 37 in. Price 40c. to \$1.15 per yard.

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