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THE WEATHER PROPHET.

TORONTO, Feb. 10—11 p.m.—The storm center has moved from the lake region to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The pressure is now high over the lake region and to the southward, and there is a developing depression over the Western States. Heavy rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces; elsewhere the weather has been fair. Temperatures at 8 p.m.: Calgary, 6° above; Battleford, 10° below; Qu'Appelle, 6° above; Minnedosa, 2° above; Prince Albert, 10° below; Winnipeg, 2° below; Toronto, 24°; Montreal, 20°; Quebec, 14°; Halifax, 30°.

Local temperatures—Highest, 29° above zero; lowest, 25° above.

TO-DAY'S PROBABILITIES.

TORONTO, Feb. 11—1 a.m.—The indications for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region (covering the peninsula and as far east as Belleville) are: Winds, shifting to easterly; fair weather; with lower temperature in the northern and eastern parts of the Province.

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LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—Mr. E. O. Jones has returned to this city after a trip to the Southern States.

—R. E. Ardiel, of this city, was registered at the Leland House, Winnipeg, last week.

—The officers of the Seventh Fusiliers are talking of holding a military Easter dance.

—Donald Campbell, formerly of London, died at Port Huron on Friday at the age of 71 years.

—Several applications for appointments on the fire department have been left with the city clerk.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson, of West avenue, South London, are visiting friends in Montreal.

—Rev. M. P. Talling left yesterday for Strathroy, where he will address the Sarnia Presbytery.

—A meeting to discuss East Middlesex election affairs has been called for this evening at the East End Hall.

—London South Liberals this evening will appoint delegates to the South Middlesex convention at Delaware.

—Miss Bella Lynch, a teacher in the Talbot street school, is suffering from diphtheria. She has been taken to the hospital.

—The members of "The Gondoliers" Opera Company, who appear here Monday evening, stopped off in the city yesterday en route for the east.

—Mr. E. O. Jones, of the Ball Electric Light Company, returned to the city last evening from his extended tour through the Southern and Western States.

—John Ryan, on promising to march east on Dundas street under police escort until outside the corporation limits and stay there, was released by the police magistrate yesterday. He was charged with vagrancy.

—Sir Joseph Hickson and General Manager Sargeant, of the G. T. R., are expected over the Southern Division of the system this week on a tour of inspection.

—Ed. Fountain was ordered to put in half of the day sawing wood by the police magistrate yesterday. He is to continue sawing until he earns enough to pay his statute labor tax to Inspector Bell.

—Mr. Joseph Holman, who has been in the employ of Mr. John McClary for the past 30 years, wishes it understood that he leaves of his own free will. Mr. McClary and he have always been on good terms, and are so still.

—P. C. Chalmers described Thomas Murphy beating his wife at the family residence last week and accordingly had him arrested, but Mrs. Murphy has hitherto declined to appear against him in court. The magistrate allowed him to go.

—Mr. George F. Burns, the well-known clothier, has been appointed delegate from the London Merchant Tailors' Exchange to the National Tailors' meeting in St. Louis, and left for that city last night. The session will last three or four days.

—A case of diphtheria has been reported from Dufferin avenue east in a family of six. One of the children was recently attacked with what was considered to be croup. The child died and the contagion seizing the other children the doctors pronounced the disease diphtheria.

—The friends of Mr. Will Westlake assembled at his home on Hill street the other evening to bid him good-bye and wish him success on the occasion of his leaving for Toronto, where he has secured a more lucrative position. They presented him with an elegant banjo-case as an expression of their esteem.

—P. C. Howie complains that a week ago Sunday Mrs. Thos. Cahill knelt down in front of his house and prayed heaven to send a curse on himself, his wife and family. He therefore brought a charge of abusive language against her, which was dismissed yesterday by the magistrate on the plaintiff's assurance that he had not yet experienced any effect from the maledictions. Mr. Howie said he merely wished to prevent a repetition of the offense which probably arose over his having arrested her son some time previously for drunkenness.

—Robert Mantell and a distinguished company of players will appear in Shakespeare's famous tragedy, "Hamlet," at the Grand Opera House on Tuesday evening next. As the Prince of Denmark Mr. Mantell has an excellent opportunity to display his eminent gifts as an actor, and the success he has gained in all the larger cities assures a superb performance. In his company are such well-known artists as the Misses Charlotte Behrens, Minnie Monk, and Messrs. Mark Price, Guy Lindsley, B. T. Ringgold and C. W. Vance. This will prove the most interesting theatrical event of the season, and is worthy of patronage.

—A very successful concert under the auspices of the choir of St. George's Church, London West, was held last evening in the school house before a large and appreciative audience. Rev. Mr. Sage presided and introduced the programme, which was rendered in a most efficient manner, and included the following: Pianoforte solo, Miss J. English; songs by Misses Raymond, Gurd, McMillan and Maggie Gilmour, Messrs. Skinner, Wallace, Morrison and Rossiter; vocal duets, the Misses English and Misses Raymond and Law; trio, Miss Skinner and Messrs. Skinner and Rossiter; recitations, Miss Barke and Messrs Burell and Wyatt, and a glee by the choir.

London Is the Next Place.

Secretary Sayer, Harry McIlwain and Will Lind returned last evening from Kingston, where they have been attending the Y. M. C. A. convention. All report having had a splendid time, the proceedings having proved most interesting and instructive. A reconsideration of the decision regarding the place of holding the next annual convention resulted in the selection of London, and next year the Forest City people will have an opportunity to exercise their hospitality to the delegates. Mr. McIlwain read an address before the meeting on "How to develop religious work among boys," prepared by the junior department of the local association.

"The Gondoliers."

Gilbert & Sullivan's newest opera "The Gondoliers" will be presented for the first time in London on Monday afternoon and evening next. The engagement for this special matinee will afford an opportunity of accommodating the immense crowd of people which is expected to patronized the production. The United States and Canadian press have spoken highly of the opera and on its first tour in Canada it is naturally meeting with splendid success. Of the grand inquisitor (Maurice Hageman) the St. Louis Republican says: "He has to respond to frequent encores. There is something inexpressively ludicrous in the mixture of hard and soft, grave and gay, which he presents. It makes one of the best burlesques at present on the stage."

Zora Semon at the Grand.

Zera Semon isever popular in London, and on the return of the favorite last evening for a week's engagement at the Grand Opera House he was greeted as of yore with an audience that filled auditorium, balcony and "gods" alike. His wonderful ventriloquism as shown in the laughable dialogue of Tim, Joe, Mary Brown and Mrs. Jones (the marvelous talking hand), the astonishing jugglery of Nelton, the dancing and singing of Patton, the intensely funny sayings and doings of the Royal Marionettes and specialties and the mysterious magical work of Zera himself were all given with a vim and glamor that drew showers of applause. Last but not least came the distribution of 100 elegant and useful presents to the happy owners. Mr. Semon had sent invitations to a large number of the local brethren of the Knights of Pythias, of which he is member, and quite a delegation of the fraternity were present and enjoyed themselves.

London Medical Association.

The Medical Association of London held its regular meeting Monday evening in the Medical College. After the transaction of the busines of the society Dr. J. D. Wilson gave a detailed account of his visit to Berlin, with a description of the hospital and their management, particularly Koch's treatment of tuberculosis, and the results of the treatment in different cases, also referring to the progress made by the patients treated by himself in the new hospital in this city. The doctor's remarks were well received by the members of the society. Dr. Niven read a paper on "Ergot, its uses and abuses," which was discussed by Drs. Jones, Meek and Moorhouse. Dr. Wishart also read a paper on "The radical cure of hernia," with a report of thirteen cases, upon which he operated successfully. Drs. Niven, Meek, McCallum, Waugh and Williams took part in the discussion that followed. Drs. Graham, Waugh and McCallum were appointed to read papers at the next meeting. The society is in a flourishing condition and the meetings are full of interest to the members.

Laid to Rest.

David Vandeveer was born in the township of Bertie, Canada, Aug 21, 1830, and died at his late home, Filion, Huron county, Mich., Jan. 27, in his 62nd year. Mr. Vandeveer was married near the home of his childhood, July 19, 1850, and moved to Hyde Park, London township, in 1879, where he carried on the blacksmithing trade successfully for five years. From there he moved to his late home, Filion, and started farming. He leaves a widow, four sons and three daughter to mourn his death, of whom two sons and one daughter (Mrs. J. C. Edwards) are in California, and one daughter (Mrs. Geo. Porter) in this city. He was converted about twenty years ago and joined the M. E. Church, having been a faithful worker in the Sabbath school. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. I. Scott, of Filion, his text being I. Corinthians, xv., 49—"And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

"A" Company's Concert and Ball.

The members of "A" Company, Seventh Battalion, were encouraged Monday night at the East End Hall by a large and enthusiastic crowd of people who listened to an excellent programme rendered in really first-class style. Captain Payne presided, supported by Lieutenant Kingsmill and Color-Sergeant Garside, and after the chairman had made a short speech the following programme was proceeded with, Mr. H. Puddicombe being accompanist:

Selection.....Seventh Band
Song.....Mr. Jas. A. Tancock
Song.....Miss Anderson
Comic dialogue.....
.....Signor Vendel and Private Tawson
Song.....Mr. H. H. Tancock
Song, with guitar accompaniment...Pte. Scott
Recitation.....Pte. Hogg
Song.....Miss Connor
Song.....Mr. Forsyth
Instrumental selection.....
.....Lance-Corporal Roughley,
Private Scott, Messrs. Corbin and Fralick
Song.....Miss Barnard
Recitation.....Mr. Perry
Sand dance.....Drummer Kearney
Song.....Mr. H. H. Tancock
Song.....Miss Anderson
Reading.....Color-Sergeant Garside
Song.....Drummer Kearney
Musical drill.....By members of "A" Company

At the conclusion of the entertainment the men and their friends, to the number of nearly 100 couples, organized a ball and had a generally good time for a few hours.

It Lacks Discipline.

Principal Merchant is not carried away with the equipment and discipline of the London Collegiate Institute. At a meeting of No. 1 Committee of the Board of Education last evening he stated that there were more absentees at the London Collegiate in a day than there was at his Stratford Institute in a month. He suggested that the parents of all absentees be notified of their children's non-attendance with a view to remedying the evil. The matter was referred to the Board. Mr. J. A. MacMillan, B.A., of Toronto, formerly English master at the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute, was the only applicant for the position of associate English master that Principal Merchant would recommend. The committee accordingly recommended him, the salary being fixed at $800. Mr. MacMillan will not remain longer than ten months with the institute. The claim of ex-English Master Libby was referred to the solicitor. The applications from teachers for increases in salaries were laid over. The tender of Reid Bros. for pens, ink and crayon supplies, and J. I. Anderson's tender for foolscap and paper, were recommended for acceptance. Trustees Yates (chairman), Stephenson, McRobert, McPherson, Jeffery, Dewar, Jeffers, McElheran and Secretary Abbott were in attendance.

ITALIAN AFFAIRS.

Great Disorder in the Finances—Little Confidence Felt in the New Ministry.

ROME, Feb. 10.—It is stated that a saving of 12,000,000 lire is possible in the naval estimates. An examination shows that the finances in the Marine Department are in great disorder. For instance while there are only 12,018 men of line estimates are made for provisions for 17,660 men.

The Riforma (Crispi's organ) declares that the new Ministers are all at variance with one another, and it is doubtful if France will support the proposed commerce negotiations with it.

Signor Bouca, Minister of Public Works, in a conversation with a deputy yesterday, said the new Ministerial programme would deal chiefly with economics in the public service, including the War and Marine Departments. The policy of the Cabinet would be entirely pacific, but it would be necessary to ask for fresh foreign capital which Italy could do without.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The Rome correspondent of the Times says: Public opinion is not favorable toward the new Ministry, owing to the belief that it is composed of irreconcilable elements and lacks a common programme. Much difficulty is experienced in filling the minor offices. The majority of the members of the Left have promised neutrality, Crispi will attack the Ministry only in the event of measures against the Dreibund or tending to reduce Italy's defenses.

ROME, Feb. 10.—The Marquis di Rudini, the new Italian Premier, has issued a circular addressed to the Italian Ministers abroad stating that the programme of this Government is pacific and conservative which will guarantee the security of Italy and peace to Europe. The Cabinet will seek to strengthen Italy's friendly foreign relations.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The Journal des Debats says all France asks of the Marquis di Rudini is to allow France to live with Italy as France lives with Austria. The Voltaire states that so long as Crispi's policy survives France cannot resort to a policy of generosity and confidence.

"A Piece of Fiction."

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 10.—The story telegraphed from here yesterday that Stanley purposed giving all the presents he had received from crowned heads and others to Gen. Booth for the Salvation Army is a piece of fiction. At his lecture last night Stanley stated he did not know anything about it, and denied the story in all its details.

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