WEATHER IN 1910 MAKING A RECORD FOR MILD WINTERS

Figures given out at the Meterological Observatory yesterday afford a striking comparison between the weather conditions of the present winter and the temperature in the years that have gone before. It now seems probable that 1910 will constitute a record for a mild winter and the statistics form very strong proof for this supposition.

First of all, the snowfall since January 1st has amounted to only 2.10 inches, while last year the precipitation for the same period was 12.5 inches. Going back further to 1905, rememberd as an old fashioned winter, the snowfall for the month of January alone amounted to 42.65 inches.

A further comparison between 1905 and 1910 reveals that the mean temperature during the first twenty-four days of January in 1905 was only slightly below the minimum in 1910. In 1905 on seven of the 24 days, zero weather was experienced, while the mercury has only dropped below the cipher twice in 1910.

Lest year there were four days on which zero weather prevailed. On three occasions in 1905, the mean temperature fell below zero, while the lowest in 1910 is 2.15. The highest mark recorded in 1905 during January was 47.5 while on Saturday last the temperature was 52.5.

Mean Temperatures.

The mean temperature for each day are as follows:

	1905	1910
Jan. 1	35	21.35
Jan. 2	34.2	35.85
Jan. 3	25.8	21.15
Jan. 4	9.75	3.65
Jan. 5	25	2.15
Jan. 6	85	27.95
Jan. 7	23	30.7
Jan. 8	5.40	18.6
Jan. 9	28.9	25
Jan. 10	30.6	24.5
Jan. 11	17.90	13.85
Jan. 12	15.5	18.5
Jan. 13	17.15	18.95
Jan. 14	2.50	6.75
Jan. 15	2.85	11.25
Jan. 16	17.25	22
Jan. 17	14.85	21.5
Jan. 18	25	35.05
Jan. 19	16.25	40.1
Jan. 20	37.50	25.5
Jan. 21	11.9	35.8
Jan. 22	21.4	45.75
Jan. 23	17.15	43.75
Jan. 24	2.75	38.15

The averages for the 24 days are:

	1905	1910
Maximum	26.71	32.19
Minimum	7.94	16.43
Mean Temp.	17.32	24.31

WESTMORLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT IN SESSION

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Jan. 25.—The Westmorland county council met at Dorchester this afternoon.

The Moncton city delegates will be chosen by the new city council tomorrow morning.

Councillor Campbell of Sackville was unanimously elected Warden and briefly thanked the colleagues for the honor conferred upon him. He hoped the session of the board would be marked by strict attention to business. After the appointment of committees and the hearing of a delegation from the Westmorland Rifle Association in regard to a grant, the council adjourned until Wednesday morning.

How The Deserters Escaped.

Corporal Kemplan of the R. C. R. Halifax is still in the city searching for a deserter who escaped while being taken back to Halifax by jumping from a moving train in the I. C. R. yard on Monday night. Corporal Kemplen feels very badly over the matter; it having been the first time he has had anything occur to mar his records. The man went along very quietly, and as he had given himself up his escape was totally unlooked for. He asked permission to go for a drink of water and on its being granted he made a dash and before anyone could stop him jumped from the moving train. Corporal Kemplen started after him, but was hampered by his coat catching on one of the seats, and before he could extricate himself the train had increased its speed so that it would have been dangerous to attempt to jump. Corporal Kemplen started to get off but was prevented from doing so by one of the train hands. He will remain in the city until he receives advice from the commanding officer at Halifax.

A Trip to the British Isles.

Rev. David Hutchinson delivered an interesting lecture in Temple building, Main street last evening on his recent trip to the British Isles. The lecture was illustrated by reflectroscope views. The speaker led his hearers from St. John to Montreal, and across the Atlantic, to Glasgow. Views were shown of the University, where special attention was given to mechanical teaching. Many interesting points in the United Kingdom were touched upon, and pictures of the different places thrown upon the curtain, abong which was St. Albans Harrow on the Hill, and the Fighting Cock, the oldest tavern in England. The Victoria street church orchestra was in attendance.

DEATHS

Lindsay—Suddenly at his residence, Celebration street on 23rd instant, John J. Lindsay.

Funeral this afternoon from Zion church, Burpee Avenue, service at the church will begin at 2.30 o'clock.

Smith—At Montreal, on 22nd inst., Lillie G., beloved daughter of Maria E. Smith, in the 12th year of her age.

Funeral today from the I. C. R. depot after the arrival of the Montreal train.

Clayton.—Entered into Life Eternal on Saturday, 22nd inst., Eva Alma Clayton, eldest daughter of Joshua Pollitt and Eva J. Clayton.

Boston papers please copy.

Her remains will be interred from her father's residence, Fernhill Cemetery, on Tuesday at 2.30 o'clock. Funeral private.

GOVERNMENT SEEKING TO CLOUD ISSUES INVOLVED

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that certain engineers has done wrong in regard to the classification; therefore it was necessary to see where the classification was faulty. The question where over-classification had prevailed was the base of everything.

Information Wanted.

The country he added, wanted to know the method by which the road had been built. Was the mounting cost to be attributed to dishonesty? Here Mr. Lennox made Mr. Fielding very uncomfortable by quoting his old statements that the net cost of the whole line would be only **$13,000,000,** whereas, in 1908, Mr. Graham confessed that it would be **$38,000,000,** that the Quebec to Moncton end would cost only $25,000 a mile and the Quebec to Winnipeg section only $28,000 a mile.

Then he noted the way in which the Premier had obeyed Mr. Parent all through. The Lumsden resignation occurred on 25 June but **IT WAS NOT TILL MR. PARENT WROTE** on 30 December that Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved.

The Cool Facts.

The weight of Mr. Lennox's speech, however, lay in his extraordinary careful examination of the over-classification question. He took ten contracts with regard to which information is now available and worked out **THE MOST ASTONISHING OVER-CLASSIFICATION.** He was prepared he said, to allow 20 per cent of margin for error in estimating cost, quantities, proportions of material, etc.

If the discrepancies ran over this, there was something wrong. These ten contracts were the great McArthur contract, District F, just east of Winnipeg; the Hogan and McDonnell section in District B, west of Quebec; and eight contracts between Levis and Moncton. **IN ALL OF THESE,** the solid rock returned **ENORMOUSLY EXCEEDED** the estimate; in nearly all the same was **TRUE OF THE LOOSE ROCK;** in **EVERY ONE** of them the common excavation, i.e., the cheapest work, proved to have been **ENORMOUSLY OVER-ESTIMATED.** Details may be given of several of these.

New Brunswick Cases.

In District A, or New Brunswick:—First contract, 50 miles from Moncton westward. Here the rates were for **solid rock $1.50 per cubic yard; loose rock 55 cents, common excavation 25 cents.** The quantities of material estimates were solid rock, none at all; loose rock 129,000 cubic yards; common excavation 1,841,000 cubic yards. The cost was to be $71,000 for loose rock and $460,000 for comomn excavation, or $531,000 in all for these three items; or an average cost of **NOT QUITE 27 CENTS A CUBIC YARD.** It worked out: **SOLID ROCK 10,000 CUBIC YARDS; LOOSE ROCK 850,000 CUBIC YARDS; COMMON EXCAVATION, 600,000 CUBIC YARDS.** Thus the rock grew enormously and the common excavation shrunk. The cost was **$632,500;** yet the actual material moved was half a million cubic yards less than the estimate. The cost was **43.3 CENTS PER CUBIC YARD.**

Thus there is an overpayment of **$238,000 OR 60 PER CENT.**

This is for only 3 items out of 103. The total estimate for this contract was **$989,000.** The actual expenditure is put at **$1,359,000.** Again an **INCREASE OF 60 PER CENT.**

The Second Case.

Second contract 8 miles; T. W. McManus & Co.

Here the estimate was no solid rock; 58,000 yards of loose rock; 529,000 yards of common excavation. It worked out: **85,400** yards of solid rock; **247,000** yards of loose rock; and only **93,000** cubic yards of common excavation. The estimated cost had been **$140,000** on these three items. It worked out at **$271,000.** The estimate was for **23.8 CENTS** per yard. It worked out at **63.5 CENTS.** The increase is **166 PER CENT.;** or 2 1-2 times the estimated rate. On these three items alone the cost is $47,740 a mile. Put in another way, the proportions work out:—The engineer estimates, **10 PER CENT. LOOSE ROCK 90 PER CENT. COMMON EXCAVATION:**

This becomes **20 PER CENT. SOLID ROCK; 58 LOOSE ROCK; 22 PER CENT. COMMON EXCAVATION.**

The Third Case.

Third contract; 38.4 miles; contractors, G. T. P.

Here the estimate was **$767,000.** So far $584,000 has been spent, and $639,000 is to be spent, or **$1,224,000** in all; an increase of **$456,000, OR 60 PER CENT.**

Here the estimates were:—

Solid rock **22,000 YARDS;** this grew to **75,000.** Loose rock, **492,000,** which grew to **545,000.** Common excavation, **494,000 CUBIC YARDS,** which shrunk to **207,000.** Solid rock increased by **240 PER CENT.,** loose rock increased by **11 PER CENT.** The expense on these items is **393,000;** had the classification been accurate, it would have been **$318,000.**

The Fourth Case.

Fourth contract, 68 miles; contractors, G. T. P. Co.

Here the solid rock grew from **315,000 YARDS** in the estimate to **614,000 YARDS** in actual returns; an increase of **95 PER CENT.** There were decreases in the two cheaper varieties, netting the contractors **$341,000** more.

The Fifth Case.

Fifth contract, 31 miles; contractors, the Willard Kitchen Company.

Here the same thing happened; solid rock grew and the others shrunk. Estimated at **252,000** yards to cost **$376,000,** solid rock grew to **525,000** to cost **$783,000.** Here the total quantity to be moved dropped from **2,448,000** yards to **1,155,000** actually moved. In this case, as Mr. Lennox said, we move only 47 per cent of the estimated quantity of material, but pay **97** per cent of the estimated cost. We have a million and a quarter yards less material moved and we save $28,000. The prices jumped from 41 cents to **85** cents a cubic yard. The increased cost on the actual quantity handled is **$580,000.** Solid rock increased by **107 PER CENT.**

In this case the total estimated cost was to be **$1,646,000.** There has been spent $905,000, there is yet required $1,327,000; total **$2,232,000** or an increased cost of **$1,116,000.**

This was a case of what is technically known as an "unbalanced bill;" the rate for the loose rock, which ran so remarkably into solid rock was very low, only 35 cents a cubic yard.

The Sixth Case.

Sixth contract, 61 miles; contractors, Lyons and White.

Here solid rock grew from **172,000** yards, to cost **$276,000** to **231,000** yards costing **$371,000;** loose rock grew from **64,000** yards to cost **$32,000** to **749,000** yards, costing **$374,000;** common excavation dropped from **1,676,000** yards to cost **$385,000** to **773,000** yards, costing **$177,000.** The total estimate was **$694,000;** the actual expenditure is **$923,000.**

The solid rock grew by **34** per cent and the loose rock by **1057** per cent. The changed classification caused an increase of expense of **45** per cent.

The Seventh Instance.

These contracts cover the portion of the line which runs through New Brunswick. Mr. Lennox gave other instances; it will be enough to note the case of District F, at the other end of the line. The distance is 244 miles; the contractor is J. D. McArthur.

Here the prices were $1.70, 60 cents and 30 cents. The quantities estimated and returned were:

	Estimate Yards	Actual Results Yards
Solid rock	3,696,000	6,492,000
Loose rock	733,000	2,029,000
Common excavation	11,233,000	2,123,000
Total	15,662,000	10,644,000

The cost worked out as follows on these three items:

	Estimated	Actual Cost	In.
Solid rock	$6,283,000	$11,037,000	75pc
Loose rock	440,000	1,217,000	176pc
Common	3,369,000	636,000	
Total	10,092,000	12,890,000	28pc

Thus the quantity moved was five million yards less than the estimate, but the cost went up by **$2,789,000.**

The whole work, 103 items, was to cost an even twelve millions. These three items cost nearly $900,000 more than the total estimate. The average rate was to have been **64 cents** per yard. These charges in classification have sent it up to **$1.21 a yard.**

The Highest Tender.

A remarkable fact was brought out by Mr. Lennox with regard to this contract. The McArthur tender was figured out by the commission, on its estimates to be about $18,000 lower on a total expenditure of $13,000,000 than the next lowest tender, that of the Pacific Construction Company. But on the figures as they actually turned out, the Pacific Construction Company's tender would have saved over $600,000. This worked out thus: The McArthur tender is lower in a certain number of items which loom large in the estimate; but it is higher in exactly those items in which there were surprising increases. This point Mr. Lennox proved at length. Either there had been blundering and dishonest estimates, or there had been dishonest allowances, or both.

The Eighth Case.

Also very startling were the figures in the Hogan and McDonnell contract west of Quebec. Here the estimate compared with the actual returns as follows:

	Estomate	Actual	In.
Solid rock	$1,753,000	$5,512,000	214pc
Loose rock	158,000	868,000	440pc
Common excavation	1,323,000	500,000	
Total	$3,234,000	$6,880,000	109pc

The total cost was to have been **$5,297,000;** these three items out of 103 beat it by **$1,583,000.**

Mr. Graham.

Mr. Graham opened with the admission that there had been mistakes in the estimates. They had been deceived on the engineers reports. They had had to rely on these and were not to be blamed. The country, however, had got value for the expenditure in that it would have a good road and so had nothing to complain of. Besides it was absolutely protected against loss for there was held back 10 per cent. of the contracts and there also was a lien on the contractors' plants. These securities aggregated nearly five million dollars. This represents Mr. Graham's answer to Mr. Lennox's indictment.

The main effort of his speech was directed towards establishing non-responsibility for the government. In August on returning from England, he had written to Mr. Parent urging that any employe found to have been derelict in his duty should be dismissed at once. Mr. Parent replied that it could be found anywhere and further that Mr. Gordon Grant had investigated the matter personally and found that Mr. Lumsden's statements could not be substantiated. He defended the arbitration proceedings now pending and quoted extensively from documents to show that the government had taken every possible precaution.

Mr. Barker and Mr. MacDonald spoke and the House adjourned at 10.55.

SHAMROCKS WIN

Montreal, Que., Jan. 25.—Thirty seconds of over time decided the fortunes of tonights National Hockey Association match at the Arena, Shamrock scoring the odd goal that broke the 2 to 2 tie with Hailebury at the end of the hours play. The Irishman can claim all the medals in sight for the close finish act, for it was the second time in four days that the team completed the hours play on even terms with their opponents. There was no dispute like that of the Renfrew-Shamrock clash, however, the teams lining out with little or no delay for the over time play that gave the home team the winning goal.

Helping To Boost St. John.

In the schoolroom of Brussels street Baptist church last evening Mr. W. H. Golding delivered an illustrated talk on the history of St. John to the Sunday school children of the congregation. He gave a brief review of the progress of the city since 1831, illustrated by 100 stereoptican views. The talk was much enjoyed by the large number of children present.

SALVAGE CORPS NO. 2 ENTERTAIN FRIENDS AT SOCIAL EVENING

An enjoyable social was held in No. 2 Salvage Corps rooms last evening when No. 2 Company entertained No. 1 at an At Home and smoker. A large number were present and with songs, speeches and instrumental selections, the evening passed very pleasantly.

Soon after the visitors had arrived, an aladm from box 48 for a slight fire on the Broad street dump was sent in and a squad from No. 1 responded. They were driven as far as the depot in No. 2's salvage waggon and took a car from there. The fire was soon extinguished and the rest of the evening passed undisturbed.

Lieut. John Thomson of No. 2 presided at the smoker. The programme was as follows:—Addresses by Lieut. Thomson, Capt. R. W. W. Frink, of No. 1; Ex-Capt. White of No. 2, Director Wisely, Ald. J. King Kelley; solos by Messrs. F. McKean, Robt. Holder, Robt. Seeley, D. B. Pidgeon, Wm. Holder, Biard Stilwell, Edward Bonnell; Piccalo solo, Roy Crawford, Reading Steve Matthews; Piano solo, D. Arnold Fox; Comic songs, Fred Punter; Trombone duet, Messrs. Stevens and Williams; Piano solo, Professor Oakes.

The Jones-Crawford orchestra under the leadership of Mr. F. C. Jones was present and rendered some very fine selections. Refreshments were served during the evening and the gathering dispersed with the singing of the National Anthem.

INTERESTING PAPER ON PHOTOGRAHY WAS READ LAST EVENING

The photographic evening given by the Natural History Society in their rooms last evening was enjoyed by a large audience, who derived much profit from an interesting paper prepared by Mr. F.J.H.Ruel and read by Mr. G. Ernest Fairweather. A series of handsome views showing many scenes in St. John and vicinity besides some foreign views taken by Mr. Fairweather were also displayed.

Mr. Ruel's paper described with minute detail the different parts of the camera and the various processes of photography, giving many useful hints to the amateur. Directions were also given for landscape and outdoor photography.

After the reading of the paper a vote of thanks to Mr. Ruel and Mr. Fairweather was moved by Dr. H. G. Addy seconded by Mr. R. B. Emerson and presented by the chairman, Dr. G. U. Hay.

The lantern slides were prepared from photographs taken by Mr. Fairweather, Mr. D. R. Jack, Mr. Geo. A. Henderson, Mr. D. L. Hutchinson, Mr. J. M. Barnes and Mr. A. E. Clark. One of the pictures taken by Mr. Hutchinson was that of a remarkable cloud formation which accompanied the squall in which the yacht Primrose was capsized and four men drowned some years ago.

Messrs. Henderson and Clark assisted Mr. Fairweather in giving information to the audience as the views were shown. The evening was one the most successful held by the society and many complimentary references on the excellence of Mr. Ruel's paper were heard.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF C. OF E. INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Church of England Institute was held in the Institute, Germain street yesterday afternoon. Mrs. John K. Schofield presided and there was a very large attendance.

After the usual exercises, the president addressed the meeting, thanking the ladies and committee of management for their co-operation in the work during her term of office. The reports, she said, were all full and encouraging and showed the great good which has been done by the association.

The following reports were then submitted: New members and Finance Committee, Mrs. George F. Smith; Hospital fund, Mrs. Joshua Knight; Flower Mission, Mrs. James Jack; Books, Mrs. James F. Robertson; Arts and Needlework, Mrs. deB. Carritte; Refection Committee, Mrs. W. S. Fisher, read by Miss Helen Jack; Charitable and Missionary Aid Committee, Mrs. Thomas Walker; Delegate to the Women's Council Mrs. Alfred Porter; Zenana Missions, Miss Alice Walker; Treasurer's Report, Miss Helen Sydney Smith.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of $119.38. Mrs. Geo. F. Smith for the committee on new members was able to report 343 paid up members of the association.

The president asked for suggestions for raising money for the coming year and after some discussion it was decided to organize a tea and sale to be held in Easter week.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. W. O. Raymond; secretary, Mrs. F. B. Cowgill; treasurer, Miss Helen S. Smith; committee of management, Mrs. Geo. F. Smith, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. Shadbolt, Mrs. John K. Schofield, Mrs. W. D. Forster and Mrs. J. M. Robinson.

Lecture On China.

A large number was present in Victoria street Baptist church last evening when Mr. R. M. Hobson of Toronto, a prominent worker in the cause of the Layemn's Missionary Movement, gave an address on China. Mr. Hobson spoke first of thes ize of the country, of its climate and government, and of the people. He referred to the national characteristics of the people, among which were their love of money, and their cruelty. Mr. Hobson also spoke of the opium habit and the bad effect it had on the nation. The speaker was well qualified to talk on China as he was born in the country and lived there up to about ten years ago. Mr. Hobson is a grandson of Rev. Robt. Morrison.

DEATH AND RUIN IN WAKE OF STORM

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continue, the question of food supplies will become serious.

The senate today unanimously adopted an appropriation of $400,000 for national relief and various societies are sending out calls for aid. The public fund for this purpose of swelling. President Fallieres heads the list with $4,000. The Rothschilds have given $20,000, the Bank of France $10,000 and the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, $10,000.

The entire population of Ivry-sur-Seine and adjacent places, which are completely covered with water, are in a desperate state. Only the tops of the houses at Alfortville is visible, the water averaging 12 feet in the streets. At this place, since 6 o'clock this morning, three thousand persons have been rescued by boats and 30,000 others from this section have found safety by their own efforts. In many towns along the rivers, the houses are collapsing and the wreckage is whirled off in the stream.

The rescue work at Alfortville was hampered tonight by lack of light. There were weird scenes, as the boats, aided now and then, by the glare of a searchlight, were rowed here and there, responding to calls for help. But the rescuers had more to contend with than the turbulent waters. Groups of apaches had gathered and soon were engaed in the work of piracy. They seized several of the boats and robbed rescued and rescuers alike. In some cases, they entered the houses and carried on their depredations. Finally a force of soldiers appeared on the scene and drove off the looters.

FLORAL TRIBUTES AT FUNERAL OF MISS EVA CLAYTON

The funeral of Miss Eva Alma Clayton, eldest daughter of Mr. Joshua P. Clayton, superintendent of Fernhill Cemetery, took place from her father's residence, Fernhill, yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, Venerable Archdeacon Raymond conducted the burial service. Interment was made in the cemetery.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received. Among them were the following: Hon. J. G. Forbes, bouquet, pink carnations and ferns; Andrew McIntosh, crown, white carnations, azaleas and genesta fern; Miss L. G. Horsman, bouquet, calla lily and ferns Mrs. T. Hilyard and Mrs. E. L. Jewett, bouquet, pink and white carnations, asparagus ferns; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chamberlain, cresent, pink and white carnations and tulips; Messrs. N. W. Brenan and Sons, spray bouquet, pink carnations and smilax; Mr. T. Fred Powers, spray bouquet, pink and white carnations and ferns; Messrs. McLean and Charlton spray bouquet, pink and white carnations and ferns; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Maccalt spray bouquet, pink and white carnations and smilax; Mr. James Hardy, star, hyacenths, roses and carnations Messrs. Emery, McLaughlin Co., cross, hyacinths, roses and carnations Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bastin, cross, calla lily, roses and daisies; Masonic Friends, crescent, lilies, roses and carnations; Mr. Adam Shand, spray bouquet, pink carnations and smilax; Father and Mother, wreath, pink and white carnations and asparagus fern; Brother and Sisters, pillow, primulas, white carnations and ferns; Mrs. B. Rogers, bouquet, pink and white carnations and smilax; Mr. and Mrs. John McKelvy, bouquet, pink and white carnations and ferns; Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, bouquet, white carnations, hyacinths and ferns; Mr. C. M. Bostwick, sr., bouquet, white carnations, hyacinths and ferns; Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, jr., bouquet, pink and white carnations and ferns. Others without names were received from friends.

WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN FOR MAYOR IN BOSTON

Boston, Jan. 25.—Mayor George A. Hibbard's election expenditures per vote, did not average quite as high as those of two of his opponents, but they did reach $1.80 each, according to a statement filed with the election commissioner today.

Mayor Hibbard paid out $3,250 and received in return 1,806 votes. James J. Storrow's average as well as that of Nathaniel H. Taylor was over $2 a vote. Mayor-elect John F. Fitzgerald has not yet filed his election statement.

Sons of Scotland Celebrate the Day.

The Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association, Cant. Kentore, No. 71, met last night in the Prentice Boys Hall, Guilford street, West Side, to celebrate the birthday of Robert Burns. There was a large attendance. The programme was as follows: Address by Worthy Chief Percy Cruickshank; solo, Mr. John Gordon; highland fling, Mr. Roy Willet; address, Ald. Fred Belyea; solo, Mr. Percy Cruickshank; selection, Pipers Cruickshank, Willet and Ross; solo, John Gordon; address, Ald. J. B. M. Baxter; solo, Mr. S. Wilson; piano solo, Mr. G. Clark; address, Mr. MacDonald; address, M. G. Campbell. Although the branch was only organized last December there is already a large membership. It is the intention to organize a similar lodge in the east side next week.

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CLAN MACKENZIE DO HONOR TO MEMORY OF ROBERT BURNS

The one hundred and fifty-first anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns was observed last night in true Scottish fashion by the members of Clan MacKenzie and their friends at the large assembly hall of the Seamen's Mission. A delightful programme of appropriate music was carried out and a number of speeches were delivered. The address of the evening, entitled "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns," was delivered by Rev. J. J. McCaskill. There was hardly, he said in the course of his remarks, an experience in man's life but a line of Burns' comes to him and gives him courage.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the programme, after which the floor was cleared and an hour or two was spent dancing the Scotch reels to the music of the pipes played by Homer S. Cruikshank.

The programme follows:—Opening address, The Chief, G. G. Gorbet, M. D.; song, "There was a lad was born in Kyle," Rev. L. A. MacLean; address "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns," Rev. J. J. McCaskill; solo, Mrs. L. M. Curran; reading, "Address to the Unco Guid," Mrs. Robert Jamieson; violin solo, Miss M. Myles; remarks, Our Guests, Pres. St. Andrew's Society and Mayor Bullock; solo, "Bonnie Doon," Mrs. J. S. MacKay; solo, "O' Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast," Miss Holder; solo, "Mary Morrison," Rev. J. H. A. Anderson; solo, "Afton Water" Miss Baskin; Hielan' Fling, Clansman MacDonald; O'Millie Callum, Clansman MacLeod; solo, Miss H. Irvine; solo, "My Ain Kind Dearie" Clansman Murdoch; solo, "Bonny Jean," Mrs. Murray Long; remarks, C. K. Cameron, Hon. G. N. Skinner.

CIVIC CANDIDATES ATTEND BIG RALLY OF ROYAL ARCANUM

A successful public installation and smoker was held by St. John Council No. 133, Royal Arcanum last evening. More than 100 members and visiting friends filled the Odd Fellow's Hall, Union street and thoroughly enjoyed the full programme of speeches, songs and other entertainment. The officers were installed by Mr. Geo. D. Martin, D. D. G. R., assisted by Mr. C. D. Strong, G. G.

The new officers are as follows: H. H. James, R.; W. A. Coleman, V. R.; J. B. Case, O.; G. G. Wetmore, P. R.; D. McNally, secretary; W. S. Clawson, collector; H. B. White, treasurer; R. E. Coupe, chaplain; F. E. Wetmore, G.; J. L. B. Lynch, W.; G. A. Kimball, S.; A. D. Barbour, A. C. Currie, trustees.

Speeches were given by Ald. J. H. Frink, D. McArthur, Judge Ritchie, H. C. Martin, Geo. D. Martin, Geo. A. Kimball; songs by John T. Kelly and R. Holder; step dancing by Messrs. Nye, Harley and Leaman and selections by a quartette, consiting of R. and S. J. Holder, L. Belyea and Wm. Charleton. Mr. E. McCourt acted as accompanist.

Good Men Wanted.

In the course of his speech Ald. Frink made reference to the hesitation felt by business men in entering public life and said that if any citizen was so thin skinned as to mind a little criticism from the newspapers, deterioration must have set in. He felt that St. John was passing through a crisis and the best men available were needed in the council chamber.

He was also glad to see that much of the jealousy felt against St. John by Provincial towns was passing away and it was being realized that St. John's progress and prosperity meant the advancement of the whole province.

At the conclusion of the programme, refreshments were served by an efficient committee and the gathering dispersed at a late hour with the singing of God Save the King.

OPENING LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE RALLY IN FORESTER'S HALL

The formal opening of the rooms in the Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street, that have been secured by the executive of the local Liberal-Conservative Association as a place of meeting for the friends of the party will take place this evening at 8 p. m

Mr. W. Frank Hatheway, M. P. P., will give an interesting address on his recent trip to Australia, in the course of which he will discuss the labor conditions he found existing there. There will be other addresses by prominent party men. All friends of the party are invited to be present.

The rooms will be open on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from now on. The R. L. Borden Club will have charge of the rooms on the second Wednesdays and the older members will have the rooms to themselves on the fourth Wednesdays in the month.

Steamer Well Patronized.

The Elder Dempster steamer Sokoto will arrive here on the 28th inst., to load for Havana, Nassua and Mexican ports, leaving again on Feb. 3rd, via Halifax. Forty saloon passengers have already booked passage on the steamer. Among the St. John people taking the round trip are Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hayes, H. L. Rising and Geo. S. Weldon. Mr. John S. Knight, representing L. C. Prime and Company will go as far as Havana. The Sokoto has on board 2,000 boxes of fruit as inward freight. Elder-Dempster steamer Bornu, now on her way to Havana and Merixan ports took away the following products of Canada among her outward cargo: 7,700 bags of oats, 2574 bags of potatoes, 1444 bales of hay, 10,110 bushels of barley, 2750 cases of cream and 625 cans of milk; total value of cargo, $52,877.

BRITISH TEAM FOR AMERICA

England Anxious to Teach United States How to Play Football --- Interest in International Golf Keen.

London, Jan. 25.—In British Rugby football circles the American game continues to be commented upon, and several writers are doing their best to get the Rugby Union to lend its help toward sending an English team to the United States. One enthusiast says:—

"America wants to see real Rugby football, and after it has done so maybe it will join the Rugby playing nations. There is little doubt," he adds, "that if the college sportsmen could see Rugby football as it is played in this country, as it is played by the Harlequins, for instance, there would be a revolution of feeling in its favor.

"Look what has been accomplished already. After leaving England in 1906 the New Zealanders, in the missionary spirit, gave an exhibition in New York that was highly praised. The physique, the swiftness, the tackling all made instant appeals to the onlookers. Well, those famous tourists went further afield; they planted the game in California. Today it is firmly established; it is growing steadily and its recruits are the best schools and colleges."

Frenchmen Play Well.

Since Frenchmen first took up the Rugby game, of which they are now great enthusiasts, they have improved considerably. Their one difficulty is to find a clever pair of half backs with a profound knowledge of back play. In defence and going down for the ball their pluck is indisputable.

On Saturday last a French team came over to play Wales. The visitors were almost as good as the home players forward, both in the scrums and outside which is a great thing to say. They frequently went through in a body, and had they kept the ball at their feet instead of picking up and "mixing up" their play with interpassing, the Welsh defenders would not have had such an easy passage. There was, however, much to admire in their desire to do what is right and their pluck and determination. With further opportunities given them by Wales and England they will ere long be proficient.

Interest in Golfing.

The visit to England of the British professional golfers who are attached to American clubs is certain to stimulate interest at a dull period of the golfing year. Gilbert Nicholls (Wilmington) has reached this country and is resting with relatives in Kent; Isaac Mackie (Fox Hills) will visit his brother at Barnehurst and then proceed to Elie, Fifeshire; Alex. Smith (Wykagyl), the American champion of 1906, who last visited this country in 1907 and played in the open championship at Hoylake, is due here, and after a brief stay in England will proceed to Carnoustle, Forfarshire, while H. H. Barber (Garden City), Irish open champion of 1906 and Yorkshire champion of 1904-1906, who is acting as organizing secretary; David Hunter (Essex County) and James Maiden (Nassau) are all expected to reach England within the next few weeks.

Hunter will visit his old haunts at Prestwick and make specifications of the holes, with a view to reproducing them at Essex County, while Smith is on a similar mission. A match has been arranged with the leading English professionals, and it will take place on February 16 on one of the London suburban courses.

INDIANS ARE IN UNUSUALLY GOOD HEALTH

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 24.—"Everything is running along smoothly on the reservations and all the Indians are in unusually good health," said Captain John McA. Webster, Indian agent of the Spokane-Colville reservations, stationed at Fort Spokane, a few days ago.

"We are just at the tail end of a mild epidemic of measles among the Indians at the Nespelem sub-agency, but outside of that there has been no sickness out of the ordinary among the three thousand Indians under my supervision.

"The sanitarium at Fort Spokane tuberculosis is proving a success. We have patients sent there from agencies all over the country, and every one is improving in health. The last one to arrive was a little girl from Minnesota.

"We employ the most modern methods in battling with the disease and give the little patients plenty of fresh air and the very best of nourishing food—not pork and beans and that sort of stuff, but milk, eggs, butter and other flesh building foods. It is remarkable how the little sufferers take on flesh just as soon as they have been under treatment for a few weeks.

"The nine Indian schools which I have established in dinerent parts of the reservation in the last two years are all doing excellent work, and the Indians are extremely proud of these schools. Next spring I expect to establish another school for the Calispels on the Pend Oreille River.

"Since the scheme for the allotment of lands went into effect the birth rate among the several tribes has increased markedly. Every Indian baby at birth is alloted either eighty acres of plough land or 160 acres of grazing land, and this fact seems to have spurred the Indians to take up the Roosevelt idea of anti-race suicide.

"The ten tribes stationed on the two reservations are the Wenatchees, Moses Columbias, Okanogans Nespelems, San Poils, Barnaby's Colvilles Calispels, Lakes, Spokanes and Joseph's band of Nez Perces.

"I have often been asked the meaning of the name 'Nez Perces.' It is a French expression and means 'pierced noses.' The members of the tribe used to wear rings in their noses. Another name that seems to bother many people is Pend Oreille (pronounced Pon-de-ray), which means 'hanging from the ears.' In the early days the Pend Oreille Indians wore all sotrs of gaudy ornaments hanging from their ears."

KINGS CO COUNCIL

Report of Audi at Yesterday Session --- Th of the council

Special to The Stan

Hampton, N. B., Ja county council resu clock, Hon. C. Hu auditor of the munic mitted his report fo opsis of which follo

1909 receipts: Jan to credit of munic Dec. 31 for receipt $7,959.29; contingen 46; pauper lunatic fu icipal home funds pal home sinking fu surplus fund $93; C. $914.87; highway da $421. Total $30,354.

Credit—Paid acco $6,503.40; contingen municipal home fun ing fund $935.12; pa $491.38; C. T. Act f highway damages ac ter roads act $3. Balance to credit of 163.74; dividend as

School fund $5,7 fund $342.74; pau $473.44; municipal 631.89; municipal h $401.37; parish surpl poor indebtedness way damages asses Parish assessment ter roads deficit fu fines fund $626.92.

Report Ad

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Finance

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SEEKING A W BY EN

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