

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh southerly and westerly winds; cloudy and mild, with some snow flurries.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Light local snowfalls and flurries have occurred today in Northern and Eastern Ontario, and in Quebec but elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair, and it has been comparatively mild in all districts.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	34	44
Victoria	28	43
Kamloops	28	34
Edmonton	14	34
Battleford	18	30
Prince Albert	6	26
Winnipeg	10	24
Regina	8	32
Q'Appelle	14	34
Wilmipeg	14	24
Port Arthur	10	24
Parry Sound	14	36
London	22	30
Kingston	14	24
Ottawa	12	28
Montreal	12	26
Quebec	2	18
St. John	8	26
Halifax	14	30

ANSWERS TO SEVENTEEN QUESTIONS

City Engineer Murdock Tells of the Water Service.

REQUESTS WEEK TO MAKE CALCULATIONS

Commissioner McLellan Satisfied with Report so far—Need of Emergency Water Service.

At the meeting of the city council yesterday Com. Wigmore submitted a report from Engineer Murdock, replying to seventeen of the questions about the water service asked by Com. McLellan, and asking for another week's time in which to prepare the replies to the other questions. Mr. Murdock wrote:

"As many changes have taken place in the distribution system, and conditions have altered largely since the question of water pressures was last under discussion, I have had to go into the matter anew, and have spent considerable time in making calculations, but the work is not yet completed. The first seventeen questions are mere matters of evidence and can be dealt with at once."

Mr. Murdock's report was as follows:

Commissioner of Water and Sewerage: Dear Sir,—As requested, I beg to report partially on the questions contained in your communication of the 23rd inst., as follows:

1, 2, 3, and 4.—There is no record in our department of any statement made by Engineer Barbour that the use of fire engines would be eliminated after the Loch Lomond extension was installed. Mr. Barbour recommended a single system, and the pressure he proposed at the Marsh Road was 95 lbs. per square inch, which pressure is generally obtained.

5.—Replying to the fifth question I would state, there were three mains leading from Little River to Marsh Bridge, one 12-inch and two 24-inch, and the draft from Lake Ladimer is generally between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 gallons per day. The measurements are taken daily at Lake Ladimer by the Little River reservoir caretaker and transmitted by telephone to the water and sewerage office each afternoon.

7, 8, and 9.—There are no measurements taken at the end of the concrete pipe, nor at the end of the wood stave pipe, nor is there any measuring apparatus there.

10.—Concerning the Venturi meters, they are observed daily by an observer who resides in St. Patrick's institution; but these instruments are not reliable under present conditions. They were installed when the pressure was from Little River reservoir, and much lighter than it is now, and they gave what we believed to be correct returns. Now that the head has increased, the portion known as the "throat" should also be increased from 8 inches, the present size, to 10 inches. This was recommended to the council about three years ago and the parts were purchased, but they have not yet been installed. Besides this, they were only in operation during last year on March 28 and 29; April 6 to June 22 inclusive, and September 23 to 26 inclusive. Their registration has been from 8,500,000 to 10,000,000 gallons per day, but this has been found to be largely in excess of the delivery ascertained by a pedometer. Thus it is that the readings of the Venturi meters with 8-inch throats are unreliable as circumstances.

11.—There are no measurements of flow taken at the Marsh Bridge for the reason that there is no meter there.

12, 13, 14 and 15.—There being no measuring apparatus at the end of the concrete pipe or at the end of the wood stave pipe, or at the Marsh Bridge, no answer can be given to these questions.

16.—I understand you have taken a copy of the readings at Lake Ladimer and the Venturi meters.

17.—The sixteen pipes delivering from the Marsh Bridge into the distribution system are one 20-inch, two 15-inch, three 12-inch and one 10-inch. The remainder of your communication is under consideration, and calculations are being made whereon to base a reply, but the notice having been so short, my work is not yet finished.

Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd.) WILLIAM MURDOCH,
City Engineer.

Com. McLellan Satisfied.

Com. McLellan said this was talk about the street that the questions could not be answered. He felt Mr. Murdock would have no difficulty in answering them, and that the request for another week to work out the pressures was only right. There were changes in the distribution and draft which would have to be taken into consideration.

Com. Schellard asked what percentage of the distribution mains needed to be renewed, or replaced by larger pipes.

Com. Wigmore said that he was preparing a report on the amount of work necessary to put the distribution system in proper condition.

The Mayor's Opinion.

His Worship said that some years ago, when Mr. Hunter was in charge, they had six streams at the foot of King street, and streams going on Leinster street. These streams threw water over the tallest buildings. They had never been able to get the same pressure.

His Worship suggested that Mr. Dolg be asked if he knew how Mr. Hunter assured such a pressure then.

Com. McLellan said he would also

FARM SETTLEMENT ACT PROVES GREAT BOON TO THIS PROVINCE

Wise Movement of Flemming Government Shown by Forecast of Annual Report of Board—Over 150 Men Settle in New Brunswick.

A meeting of the Farm Settlement Board was held here yesterday and will be continued today. The board is making up its report for the year, a report which will show in an unmistakable manner the value of the act adopted by the Flemming government. Owing to the visit of the secretary, James Gilchrist, to Great Britain, the reports of the board were not up-to-date, but when it adjourned yesterday the lists showed 161 farms taken over and 128 sold to new settlers or natives. It was estimated that when the lists were completed for the year it would be shown that about 180 vacant farms had been taken over and 150 sold.

Charlotte County.

Mr. Butler reported that he had sold 40 farms in Charlotte county alone.

INTERESTING CASE UP IN POLICE COURT

Magistrate Allows Striking Stewards to go with Warning—Freedom for Moses White.

In the police court yesterday afternoon the case against the thirteen stewards of the steamer Tyrolia was continued before Magistrate Ritchie. After hearing all the evidence the Magistrate allowed the men to return to their ship, with the understanding that they would obey orders in the future. The case against Simon Ladd, charged with obtaining \$2 from a girl whom it is alleged he held up on Canterbury street, was laid over until this afternoon at half past two. The case against Moses White, charged with stealing a pair of pants, a pair of braces and a whistle from the steamer Aberdeen, was tried after hearing the prisoner's statement, the Magistrate allowed him to go on a suspended sentence of six months. White promised to be good and signed the pledge for two years.

In the case against the stewards of the steamer Tyrolia, it was brought out that a Saturday half holiday was granted all stewards on British ships at the time of the strike some years ago. It was also brought out that the men were not satisfied with the treatment accorded them by the chief steward.

The Magistrate talked to the English stewards, pointing out the serious side of their act. These men agreed to go back to work. In the matter of the Austrian stewards, the services of an interpreter were called and the situation explained to them. There happened to be two interpreters in court and each bore little love for the other, considerable amusement being occasioned by their actions. One finally called the other a scab before peace was restored by the Magistrate. The Austrians were also allowed to go after being warned that the penalty for their action was eight weeks in jail.

In the case against Robert McKay, who refused to make plum duff for the firemen and sailors on the Tyrolia, much amusement was occasioned when that worthy attempted to explain his position. McKay stated that he would have made the pudding if he had known it was for Christmas. This was accepted and he was allowed to go with the understanding that he be made and make plum duff as often as ordered in future.

All left the court room apparently well pleased with the course taken by the Magistrate.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY 42ND ANNIVERSARY

Will Celebrate Occasion in Appropriate Manner Early in New Year—Progressing Rapidly.

At a largely attended meeting of the Y. M. S. of St. Joseph, last evening, with the president, John Stanton, in the chair, it was decided to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the society early in the New Year.

The celebration will take the form of an old-fashioned smoker and concert. The presidents of the other Catholic societies will be invited and it is likely that several of the former chaplains will attend the celebration.

The society is progressing rapidly under the capable direction of its chaplain, Rev. Miles Howland, and President Stanton.

like information on that point. There were stories that when a second fire alarm was turned in men were seen running with wrenches to open stop cocks. Who was chairman of the water committee then?

The Mayor.—I think it was Ald. Sears. My conclusion is that we have neglected the foundation, while spending much money on the superstructure.

Com. McLellan.—What do you mean?

The Mayor said that in 1871 a low pressure main was run in from Little River. Four years ago the pipe blew up and destroyed No. 3 main, and the city was without water for eight hours. There should be satisfactory arrangements for a service from Little River in emergency.



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COSTUME SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

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COASTING ACCIDENT

Twelve Year Old Robert Lasker Hit Fence—Concussion of Brain, Says Doctor.

The first coasting accident of the season took place yesterday afternoon and as a result twelve-year-old Robert Lasker lies at his home, 319 Germain street, suffering from concussion of the brain. It is thought, however, that he will recover.

Just how the accident occurred is not known as the stories of his companions are very much confused. It is understood, however, that the injured boy together with a number of companions was coasting down Germain street hill in the direction of Brain street, and that Lasker struck the fence on the other side, hitting with such force as to cause concussion of the brain. The unfortunate boy was rendered unconscious and for a few minutes it was thought he was killed. The attention of pedestrians was attracted and the injured boy removed to his home.

Dr. Bentley was called in to dress the wounds and on examination found the boy suffering from concussion of the brain. In conversation with The Standard last evening Dr. Bentley stated that it would be some days before the extent of the injuries could be determined, but that he was confident the unfortunate boy would recover.

The boy's parents are naturally greatly grieved over the affair and the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to them.

A BIG TREAT FOR SAILORS

Annual Christmas Tree and Treat in Seamens Institute, Last Evening—Enjoy the Programme.

Under the spreading Christmas tree where Morton Smith did stand, with in excess of the treasury board smiling on his left hand, piled high a reef of color lay, glowing like coral in a tropic bay, a reef of comfort bags well filled with gifts for men of the sea, prepared by gentle hands well skilled in acts of generosity.

It was the Seamen's Institute, and the patrons were giving their annual Christmas treat to the sailors of the ships, and the large assembly hall was packed to the doors. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting, and evergreen. Mr. Smith, the president of the Seamen's Mission, was in the chair, supported by Es. Ald. Hayes. The musical programme was of unusual excellence, and Rev. Mr. Barraclough gave an interesting address, exhorting the men to be true to the tradition of British seamen. Miss Quigley and Miss Harding favored the gathering with interesting and humorous readings, and Hew Walker and Mr. Griffiths sang appropriate solos to the evident enjoyment of the sailors. Miss Ada Thompson presided at the piano.

After the entertainment refreshments were served, and the large pile of comfort bags were distributed among the men. These bags contained many articles of use to seamen, as well as the usual Christmas gifts, and in many were letters and tracks containing good advice and religious exhortation.

Mr. Barraclough warned the sailors against land sharks, harpies and city devils, and led them in singing "Pull for the Shore," a chorus at which they pulled with a will.

PERSONAL

Miss Mary E. Hipwell, of the Receiver General's Office, who spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hipwell, Waterloo street, returned to Fredericton yesterday.

Rubber Found.

A boy's rubber found on Carmarthen street can be secured at central police station.