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FAIR WEATHER.

Toronto, March 2—11 p.m.—The pressure has increased in the Maritime Provinces, and is above the normal everywhere else. Snow has fallen in Alberta and on the north side of Lake Erie. Everywhere else the weather is fine. Minimum and maximum temperatures, as follows: Messrs. Dave Walsh, 6-24; Winnipeg, 18 below-26; Port Arthur, zero-18; Parry Sound, 4-36; Toronto, 14-35; Ottawa, 10-30; Montreal, 14-28; Quebec, 4-28; Halifax, 23-36.

Probabilities—Lower lakes—Moderate winds; fair; little change in temperature.

Local temperature—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 35 and 12 above.

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News About Town

—Miss Maude Hathaway, of Petrolia, is the guest of Miss Tillie Farnell, 75 Bruce street.

—Mrs. Wm. Dalton, of Chatham, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Hand, 765 Mainland street.

—Miss Nellie Smith and Mrs. D. Nicol, of South London, are the guests of Mrs. Hunter, Hamilton.

—Mr. Fred Lister, of Sarnia, arrived here yesterday to take a three months' course at the military school.

—Mrs. M. C. Booth, 629 Dundas street, has returned, after spending a few days visiting friends in Bracondale and Toronto.

—Mr. W. G. Smith, formerly roadmaster, G. T. R., at London, left Tuesday for St. Thomas, to take his new position on the Wabash.

—Messrs. Alex. McArthur and George Lewis, of South London, left yesterday for the west. Mr. McArthur intends locating at Dawson City, and Mr. Lewis at Calgary, N. W. T.

—Mr. W. J. Strain, a well-known merchant of Grand Falls, Mont., formerly of London, left yesterday for a visit to his old home.

—The Christian Workers' Mission, Carling street, have arranged to hold a series of Bible readings on "The Saviour and Coming of Christ," during March. See advertisement for dates.

—Miss Minnie Davis returned to her home on William street, yesterday, in company with her brother, Dr. Davis, of Kent Bridge, with whom she has been visiting for the past few weeks.

—J. J. Davis, M.D., of Kent Bridge, arrived in the city yesterday. He is a recent graduate from the London Medical School, and has now a very large practice in Kent Bridge and vicinity.

—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Porter, of the Wharncliffe highway, was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Monday evening last, being the twentieth anniversary of their wedding.

—Major Wadmore has returned to Wolseley Barracks from St. John, Que., where he was in charge of the military school during a three weeks' absence of the commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Vidal, formerly of this city.

—Mr. Joseph Taylor and bride, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are visiting at the residence of the former's father, Mr. A. Taylor, manager of Oak Hall, here. Mr. Taylor, jun., is manager of the circulation department of the Evening Press, Grand Rapids.

—The funeral of the late George W. Birmingham took place this morning from the family residence, 448 Oxford street, to St. Peter's Cathedral, thence to the Roman Catholic cemetery. It was a very large gathering.

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A Very Pleasant Affair—Italy's Sons Away From Their Sunny Home Have Not Lost the Warmth of Their Hearts.

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It was the first social gathering of the society since the recent organization in the city, and denoted the whole-hearted hospitality of the Italian citizens or better indicated what a big factor the society will prove in promoting mutual friendship and pleasure.

The affair was excellently arranged, and reflected great credit on the committee who had the matter in charge. About 40 guests sat down to the sumptuously-spread tables. The dining-room was elaborately decorated with national colors, the red, white and green, were intermingled with the red, white and blue, to form a canopy. Flowers in profusion adorned the tables, and the walls were graced with tasteful designs. At one end of the room was the motto of "Benvenuto alla S. C. C.," and, indeed, a most cordial welcome was extended. Large portraits of King Humbert and Queen Victoria hung side by side, the former draped with the flag of Italy and the latter with the Union Jack. When ample justice had been done to the feast of good things, President Danbora, who was chairman, made a neat speech, in which he commented on the equal prominence given in the decorations to the British flag and the Italian colors, and said that although they were living under the free flag of Great Britain and were proud of Canada and London, yet they retained a fond regard for the cradle that had rocked them in infancy.

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A FORTUNE AT STAKE
Peculiar Suit in Which a London Lawyer Is Interested—\$100,000 Cleveland Estate.

The Cleveland (Ohio) Press of Tuesday says:

"A sensational story was told in an application filed in probate court Monday for leave to settle a claim against the estate of Mrs. Mary Hutchings. The application was made by 'Cleveland K. Cowan, a London, Canada, attorney.

"The executor set up that a complaint had been made against the widow, Mrs. Mary Hutchings, asking that she not be given her dower interest in the estate, worth more than \$100,000, on the ground that she had another husband living when she married Hutchings.

"Robert Cowan has employed to look up the first husband. He claims to have found him in the person of John Astle, of London. Astle made affidavit that Mrs. Hutchings was his wife when she married Hutchings.

"Hutchings by the old heila to dispossess her. She produced proof, however, and satisfied the court that when she married him he had another wife living. She won the case, and an order was made giving her her dower interest.

"Cowan now asks that the executor be made to pay the amount promised Cowan for working up the case. The sum is \$500. The executor had already paid Mr. Cowan \$200. He wanted Judge White to advise him as to what he should do regarding the balance of the claim.

"Hutchings was a well-known contractor in Cleveland before his death."

COILED WHEAT FOR DINNER.

A Dutchman's Hospitality—How He Stood Off His Creditors.

A few years ago a Dutchman took up a homestead in Manitoba, and built the customary little house and set up a bachelor's hall. After two or three years of loneliness he married a neighbor's daughter and established her as mistress of his home without making any improvements in the place.

Appearance of his home, and he appeared fairly well, though somewhat in debt. One day about noon a man came to the Dutchman for \$200, which was a day or two overdue. The good woman of the house had gone to spend the day with her mother, and the Dutchman put on a very poor face and told him he had found times so very hard that he had sent his young wife home to her parents, and then with a remark that it must be about noon, he put two plates and two spoons on the table and asked the creditor to sit up and have some dinner. The caller looked at the two plates of smoking wheat on the table, took his hat and left the Dutchman in peace to put the wheat back into the pot, and in its place put the toothsome dinner prepared by his wife in the morning and to eat it in solitude, meanwhile joyfully congratulating himself on his successful ruse by which he had gained the respite.

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The Railway War of Rates.

C.P.R. Line to be Double-Track Between Toronto and Montreal.

Land Sales for the Year—Cutting and Conspiring—Increase in Business.

Montreal, March 3.—The annual report of the Canadian Pacific Railway shows that the rapid increase of traffic on the line between Montreal and Toronto makes it necessary to take steps to double track that section of the line, the traffic here now practically reaching the limit of the capacity of a single line. Referring to the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, the report says that in order to reap the full advantages from the Kootenay mining district it will be necessary to move on west from the Columbia River at Robson, so as to reach the Boundary Creek district, about 100 miles, during the present year, and authority will be asked for that.

Results of purchasing the Columbia and Kootenay steamers last year were most gratifying. The directors purchased two ocean steamboats for the Klondike trade, costing \$300,000, for the lakes and rivers in Southern British Columbia and for river service in the Yukon trade. The company's telegraph, express, grain elevators, sleeping cars and lake steamers all afford increased net earnings, and these, with the profits from the Pacific steamships, exceed the interest on the whole of the consolidated debt of the company. The land sales for the year

were 199,482 acres, for \$965,740, an increase of 111,504 acres, or 127 per cent, and \$365,912, or 112 per cent, over 1896.

THE RATE WAR.

Montreal, March 3.—The rate war, so far as the Intercolonial division of the government system of railways is concerned, is likely to be of short duration. The general traffic manager of the government road is willing to reduce his Quebec rate if the C. P. R. will arrange the Sherbrooke fare so that it will not conflict with the rate to Halifax and St. John. It is thought likely in railroad circles that some such arrangement as that will be come to.

The C. P. R. has met the last out of the Intercolonial to Quebec, and now quote \$1.60 single and \$2.70 return.

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