

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Jan. 19.—The weather has been mild from the Great Lakes eastward with light snow in Northern and Eastern Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, and light rain in Nova Scotia. In the West it has been fair and rather cold in Manitoba and comparatively mild with light snow in Saskatchewan and Alberta. St. John... 30 32 Dawson... 14 16 Victoria... 30 34 Vancouver... 32 34 Calgary... 14 20 Regina... 0 26 Prince Albert... 0 8 Medicine Hat... 8 23 Moose Jaw... 2 23 Saskatoon... 13 13 Winnipeg... 12 4 Port Arthur... 2 6 White River... 10 13 Harry Sound... 14 32 London... 9 36 Toronto... 13 37 Kingston... 20 26 Ottawa... 20 22 Montreal... 30 36 Quebec... 16 24 Halifax... 22 34

Forecast: Maritime—Fresh to strong west to northwest winds; some light local snow but mostly fair.

Northern New England—Clearing and colder Friday; Saturday cloudy fresh and strong westerly winds.

AROUND THE CITY

BADMINTON CLUB. In St. Andrew's church school room last night, the St. John (Stone) Church Badminton Club defeated the St. Andrew's Badminton Club, seven sets to six. The match was very close and was not decided until the last game of the last set had been fought out. Refreshments were served after the match by the ladies of the club. The club will play a return match next week on the Stone Church courts.

NEW UNIT ORGANIZED.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. H. Powell has announced that a non-permanent branch of the Canadian Ordnance Corps would be formed in this district. The new unit will be commanded by a lieutenant and will consist of one Q. M. S., one sergeant, two lance corporals, and thirteen privates. Lieutenant Walter Gies Potter has been appointed to take command of the new unit which will offer a militia training to be formed in this district. The new unit will offer militia training in ordnance work, and will not interfere with the permanent branch of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps.

WANTS INFORMATION.

Premier Foster recently received a letter from Mrs. Alice R. Munger, of 1034 Washington street, Boston, asking for information about her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donaghue. Mrs. Munger said that her mother's name was Bridget Breslin, and that her mother and father were married in the Cathedral in 1882. She asks any one who can give any information regarding the nationality, the occupation family and property of her parents to communicate with her at Boston.

Carleton Royal Arch Chapter

Annual Meeting Held Last Night—Officers Installed by Grand High Priest Kyle of Moncton.

The annual meeting of the Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, was held last night in the Masonic Temple, Germain street, and was attended by a large number. The officers for the coming year were installed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Kyle, of Moncton, assisted by other Grand Lodge officers. After the installation ceremonies the members of the chapter and the visitors retired to the banquet hall and sat down to an excellent dinner, to which they did full justice. At the conclusion of the dinner, short addresses were delivered by the Most Excellent High Priest, Past Grand High Priest H. A. Porter, and the newly installed Excellent High Priest, W. E. White. The officers installed were as follows: W. E. White—Excellent High Priest.

G. C. Cooman—King. J. H. Kelley—Scribe. Rt. Ex. H. A. Porter—Treasurer. Ex. B. Steeves—Secretary. S. A. Sewell—Capt. of Host. H. Hooper—Principal Companion. R. J. McEwen—R. A. Captain. J. L. Hoan—Master 3rd Veil. W. J. Crawford—Master 2nd Veil. H. A. Lemon—Master 1st Veil. George G. Hay—Tyler.

DOMINION LODGE HOLD SLEIGH DRIVE

The annual sleigh drive of Dominion Lodge, No. 445, I.O.G.T., was held on Wednesday evening and proved a most enjoyable event. The merry party drove out as far as Torryburn and turning there returned to their hall on Murray street. Here they were served with delicious refreshments, the committee in charge of this part of the outing being, Mrs. T. B. Brown, convenor, assisted by Mrs. D. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Jones. After the supper had been disposed of a couple of hours were spent in games of various kinds, which were enjoyed by all. The sleigh committee was George Kelley and Ernest Chapman.

FREIGHT RATE GREIVANCES OF INDUSTRIAL ST. JOHN BEFORE RAILWAY BOARD

Leaders of Industry Appear Before Board at Hearing and With Facts and Figures Show Handicap Placed Upon Maritime Provinces by Arbitrary Rates Imposed—Sea Provinces Placed in Unfair Competition With Manufacturing Centres of Ontario.

The Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners at a sitting held here yesterday heard arguments in regard to the construction of an overhead crossing on Douglas avenue, application for reductions of freight rates on fertilizers, complaints of the St. John Board of Trade on behalf of Rockwell Coal Company and Harvey Welton in connection with the allowance for coal car discounts, and conducted a general investigation into the question of the equalization of eastern and western freight rates. A tremendous volume of business was transacted, and settlements were arrived at in regard to the complaint of the St. John Board of Trade and the request for a reduction of freight rates on fertilizers.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the board, presided, and there were also present S. J. McLean and Dr. F. B. Lutherford. An array of counsel represented the various interests. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter and W. H. Harrison appeared for the City of St. John; H. E. MacDonnell, F. H. Chrysler, K. C., and R. P. Flintoff for the C.P.R.; Hon. E. E. Finn for the Nova Scotia Government; Hon. Walter Lee, Minister of Agriculture for Prince Edward Island; Ivan C. Rand, for New Brunswick; G. F. Inches of Inches, Weyman and Hason, for Rockwell Coal Company and Harvey Welton.

There were also heard J. D. McKenna of the New Brunswick Agricultural Societies United; L. W. Simms, of T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd.; A. B. Edwards of Ganong Bros., Ltd. St. Stephen; J. B. Hamon, of T. McNulty & Sons Ltd.; D. S. Fisher of The Enterprise Foundry Co., Ltd., and Chas. Fawcett Ltd., Sackville; H. D. Adamson of Atlantic Underwear Co., Ltd., Moncton; S. L. Holder of J. I. Marven Ltd.; J. L. Sargeant, of Canadian Lumbermen's Association; R. E. Armstrong secretary of Saint John Board of Trade; R. H. Gibbs, of Atlantic Sugar Refinery; G. A. Hayes, C.N.R.; I. E. Ross, New Brunswick Power Co.

Among others present were Premier Foster Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, Mayor Schofield and G. G. Hare, city engineer; J. B. Ruck by Canadian Manufacturers' Association; P. B. Motley, C. G. Kirby and C. P. Draper, C.P.R. contingents; Colin Mackay, J. L. Trowe and Angus McLean, representing lumber interests of the province; Thomas Britz, General Post Agent Montreal.

Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, for the City of St. John declared that all the parties were practically agreed on the principle of the grade separation of the bridge over the Douglas avenue crossing. In his opinion a conference of the engineers of the city, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Railway Commission, would speedily straighten away the master of the style of the bridge which would not encroach in any respect on the rights of the railway. The only work of the Board, declared Hon. Dr. Baxter, would be the apportionment of the cost. The C.P.R. had extended the gap at the bridge by another set of tracks, and if the railway was not going to use the tracks to the old bridge one end of the overhead structure might rest on the site of the old track.

"What are your suggestions in regard to the apportionment of the cost?" asked the chairman. Hon. Dr. Baxter replied that he did not think the city's apportionment of the contribution should exceed one-quarter. The C.P.R. should pay about one-half and the N. B. Power Co. one-quarter.

In regard to this suggestion, I. E. Ross, of the N. B. Power Co. was agreeable to paying a proportion of the cost, but the financial condition of the company, due to strikes, made it impossible. The company was now about \$300,000 in debt, and was paying about \$2,200 per annum for protection.

Estimated Cost. Mr. Ross estimated that the cost of the proposed structure at \$110,000, and intimated that the Power Company would bear the cost as suggested by Hon. Dr. Baxter if it was made a capital account, as the \$2,200 now paid would about pay the interest on the company's share. Mr. Flintoff stated that the C. P. R. and street railway now share the cost of the two crossings.

In reply to a remark of Hon. Dr. Baxter, Mr. Flintoff stated that the railway planned for two tracks. Hon. Dr. Baxter said that the city understood that the old bridge was to be removed, and he thought that the C. P. R. should say if they required one or two crossings. Mr. Flintoff stated the railway could not say now if the old bridge would remain or not; but the C. P. R. requested that the overhead crossing be made to leave an opening for two tracks. He said in accepting a fifty-six foot open, as they had a 165 foot right of way, the C. P. R. was really contributing generously to the scheme, and considered that the city's estimate of \$110,000 was low.

Record of Traffic. A record of traffic for forty-eight hours ending at midnight on January 14 showed the following movements: Street cars, 597, railway, sixty-nine, pedestrians 654 and vehicles 745. This was not a very heavy movement, he said, and on its merits he thought the board would hesitate to order the grade separation. Hon. Dr. Baxter stated that, if agreed upon, the city intended to go ahead with the work now and aid unemployment. Mr. Flintoff said that the C. P. R. favored a steel bridge, and as the provincial traffic would be affected he

Two North End Alarms Yesterday

Slight Fire in Durick House, Main Street, and Considerable Damage to Tailor Shop

The North End firemen were called out twice yesterday afternoon. The first alarm, shortly after dinner for an alarm from box 125, for a small fire in an ash barrel in the Durick House at the corner of Main and 8 1/2 streets. The second alarm came in from box 145 about six o'clock. This blaze was in the tailoring and pressing shop conducted by S. Ruby, 608 Main street, and before it was extinguished the interior of the shop had been badly scorched. The walls will have to be replastered. The stock in the shop was practically all destroyed as well as the shop furniture. The loss on the stock and building will be in the vicinity of \$1,500. Mr. Ruby lived in the rear of the store and his household furniture was damaged somewhat by smoke and water. Mrs. Parks, who lived in the flat under the shop had her furniture damaged by water.

While it is not definitely known how the blaze started, the shop being closed for the afternoon, it is supposed it originated from an overheated stove pipe which passed through the partition. The firemen made a quick response and by good work prevented the flames from getting outside the store.

Pythian Castle Hall Company

Reports Submitted at Annual Meeting Show Affairs to be in Highly Satisfactory Condition.

The first annual meeting of the Pythian Castle Hall Co. was held last evening in the Castle, Union street, and was largely attended by the preferred and common stock holders. The reports submitted by the officers showed the affairs of the young corporation to be in a highly satisfactory condition. New Brunswick and Union Lodges, which own the common stock of the company, have been greatly stimulated in membership and fraternal activities by the acquisition of the property and the past year has shown the greatest strides ever made in the history of the order in St. John, the first city under the British flag to embrace Pythianism.

Received Damages From Power Co.

In the circuit court before Mr. Justice Crockett, yesterday afternoon, the jury, in the case of Ganong vs. The N. B. Power Company, returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$225 damages. The case arose as the result of a collision between the plaintiff's motor car and the defendant's company's street car.

At the opening of the morning session, Daniel Mullin, K. C., appearing for the plaintiff, asked to have James K. McLean recalled for further cross-examination, his request being granted. He then made application to the court to allow him to re-open the case as a new witness had been discovered whose evidence was very material. His Honor thought that this would involve considerable procedure and would only tend to prolong the case and refused the application.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The next meeting of the Men's Bible Class of St. Luke's church will be held last evening and despite the unfavorable weather was attended by a large number. The reports submitted showed the past year had been a prosperous one. Plans were discussed for the year. The election of officers resulted as follows: H. A. Finch, President; F. B. Wheeler, Vice-President; R. B. Betts, Secretary-Treasurer; Walter Codner, convenor of the membership committee; Messrs. Codner, Miller, Dennison, Betts, Walters, Sprague, Milton, Stevens, social committee.

GIVE A TOBOGGAN PARTY THE FAMOUS PAQUET TOBOGGANS. made in Canada, are without a peer being well and strongly made of seven perfectly clear birch slats, 3/4" thick. The slats are screwed to cross-bars underneath the toboggan, giving an absolutely smooth surface. The head has the two outside slats turned in underneath the other slats, giving the toboggan a graceful appearance and protecting the head. The body of the toboggan is thoroughly oiled and the head is varnished. This describes the favorite "Duchess" model, priced as follows: 6 foot length... \$3.00 8 foot length... \$3.15 TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE SPORTING DEPARTMENT W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. HARDWARE MERCHANTS Store Hours:—8.30 to 6. Close at 1 p.m., Saturdays of January, February and March.

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Jewish Synagogue Damaged by Fire Blaze Started in Vicinity of Furnace—Fire Was Discovered Before Any Great Damage Was Done.

The fire department was called out at six o'clock, last evening, to answer an alarm rung in from box 68. The fire was discovered in the basement of the Jewish synagogue on the corner of Carleton street and Wellington Row and was found to have started in the vicinity of the furnace. No great damage was done however as the fire did not get a chance to make much headway before the department arrived on the scene. In order to get at the fire, it was found necessary to smash two windows and force an entrance through the front door. The chemical was the only part of the apparatus used in extinguishing the blaze and some slight

damage was done to the ceiling and wall as well as the furnace. The loss was estimated, last evening, to be approximately \$500, covered by insurance. About the time the firemen arrived on the scene, and within a few minutes of the first alarm, someone pulled the hook for the second alarm. This action caused a large crowd of people to congregate in the expectation of seeing a big blaze but the fire proved to be of a minor character, the second alarm not being necessary. The all out was sounded at 6.20.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. W. Carvell and her sister, Mrs. J. V. Ames, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., have both been spending a few weeks in Philadelphia, Pa., as the guests of their sister, Mrs. Thomas Martin. They were accompanied home by their father, Mr. Alexander Worrell. J. D. Hickman of Dorchester was at the Royal yesterday. Senator F. B. Black of Sackville was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Royal. J. McParland and sisters have left

New York by the Clyde Line for Florida and other points south. J. D. McKenna of Sussex registered at the Dufferin yesterday. W. F. Humphrey of Moncton was in the city yesterday and registered at the Victoria. J. R. Hall of Halifax is registered at the Victoria. Irving R. Todd of Milltown is at the Royal. George T. Frawley of St. George was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Victoria. R. B. Smith of Ormoco is at the Victoria. D. W. Kyle was at the Victoria yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Brien will be passengers on the R.M.S.P. Chignecto, sailing from Halifax today, on a two months' trip to the West Indies and South America. Mrs. John H. Thomson, Rothesay, has gone to Toronto to visit until May.

Clifton House, all meals 60c.