

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Fair at first followed by moderate southeast gales with sleet or rain. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15.—The disturbance which was in the western states last night is moving quickly eastward across the Great Lakes. The weather today has been moderately cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and decidedly cold from Lake Superior westward. Light snow has fallen over the larger part of Ontario.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Forecast for New England: Snow in north, rain or snow in south portion Wednesday; Thursday, snow and colder, brisk and possibly high south and southeast winds, shifting to northwest Wednesday night.

AROUND THE CITY

Seamen's Mission Concert. For the concert at the Seamen's Institute this evening the concert party from the R. M. S. Tunisian have arranged a good programme of vocal and instrumental selections.

The Co-Operative Movement. In the McLean building, Union St., this evening at 8 o'clock, there will be a public meeting to be addressed by Rev. J. J. McCaskill, and Mr. W. Frank Hatheway, M. P. P., on the co-operative movement.

Leg Broken and Bruised. Mrs. Wesley Baker, of Winslow St., Carleton, had her right leg broken and her side badly bruised last evening. When on her way to the city hall to attend one of the meetings, when near the hall she slipped on the ice. She was driven home and Dr. F. L. Kenney attended her.

Carleton Ice Carnival. The carnival in the Carleton rink last evening proved very successful. About 500 knights of the steel were present. The ice was in perfect condition. The judges were Mr. Wm. Emerson and Mr. Joseph Murphy. The following were prize winners: 1st, Miss E. Allan, for the most original costume; 2nd prize, Miss Irene Brennan; 3rd prize, Harry Rowley.

Marine Engineers Hear Addresses. St. John Council No. 2 of the National Association of Marine Engineers held a meeting in the Temple of Honor hall last evening. Messrs. N. J. Morrison and Barton, delegates to the grand council were present and gave an interesting account of the progress of the order in Canada. Messrs. Geo. Waring, T. Whelpley, George Blewitt and F. Estabrook, also gave addresses.

Roads and Bridges Much Improved. Mr. G. D. Prescott, M. P. P., of Albert was in the city yesterday and in conversation with a Standard representative said the Hazen Government's efforts to improve the roads and bridges in his constituency were giving great satisfaction to the people. The party had gained in strength recently, not only in his county, but in other parts of the province.

Mr. A. E. Hamilton's New Company. The company organized to carry on the business of Mr. A. E. Hamilton which was referred to in 'The Standard' yesterday has a capital of \$75,000, divided into 450,000 common stock, which is taken by Mr. Hamilton and \$25,000 preferred stock, of which \$20,000 has been issued to those taking an interest in the business, leaving \$5,000 in reserve. Forty men are now engaged on the erection of the factory.

Wintersport Notes. The Lake Michigan will sail for London via Antwerp this afternoon and will take away a large general cargo consisting of 120,000 bushels of grain, large consignments of flour and oil cakes and 300 head of cattle. The cattle consigned to the steamer were late in arriving. The Manchester Mariner sailed for Manchester via Halifax yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and took away a large cargo. The Donaldson liner Salscia moved over to unload local cargo.

E. D. C. Give Fine Concert. The Every Day Club hall was filled at last night's concert, which was one of the best ever given for the club. The orchestra played several selections and members gave instrumental solos. There were also vocal solos, readings, club singing, a sailor's hornpipe, and other numbers. Messrs. Morris, McInerney, Leo, Dobson, Barnes, Robinson, L. MacLaren, Misses Martin, Cox and Daisy O'Neil and Masters Colwell Smith and others took part.

Parade on St. Patrick's Day. It is now almost practically settled that the different Catholic societies will parade on St. Patrick's day. At a meeting in the A. O. H. rooms, Union street, last evening, delegates from the Father Matthew Association, the I. L. and B. St. Josephs and St. Peter's were present and although nothing definitely was decided upon, the meeting was unanimous in favor of the project. Another meeting will be held on Sunday when the matter will be finally settled.

Busy Days at Board of Trade. Committees are busy at the Board of Trade just now. Yesterday afternoon the committee on the Creditors Relief Act met and after much discussion approved the bill as it is being sent to the legislature. The bill is on the lines of the attachment Act and provides for the protection of creditors by placing the estate in the hands of two trustees on an application being granted by a judge. The advertising committee also met and discussed plans at length last evening. This morning the committee on the St. John Valley Railway will consider the project and prepare a report. In the afternoon a meeting of the new industries committee will be held. The council will meet tomorrow for general business.

Delayed At Hydrant While Fire Rages

Outbreak From Gas Explosion In R. N. Dean's House, St. James' St. Yesterday Afternoon Caused \$2,500 Damage—Minutes Lost Removing Cap Of Hydrant—F. H. Watson a Tenant Loses All His Belongings—The Insurance.

Fire broke out in the basement of Mr. R. N. Dean's house, 73 St. James street, yesterday afternoon and owing to a mistake in sending in the alarm, and delay caused by one of the hydrants not being in working order, the flames gained considerable headway. Before the fire could be subdued the interior of the building was practically gutted. Spectators say that a delay of some minutes was experienced in removing the hydrant cap and that in the meantime the blaze spread rapidly. The estimated loss is about \$2,500, only partially covered by insurance.

The fire, it is said, was caused by a defective gas pipe. Mr. Dean was having the pipes repaired during the day and thought he detected a leak. In ascertaining where the break was situated he touched a lighted match to the pipe, with the result that an explosion followed with much force, and it appeared as if the entire floor had suddenly burst into flame.

The force of the shock was so great that Mr. Dean was almost rendered unconscious. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity and shot up through the top of the building. The fire had gained considerable headway before the firemen were upon the scene, and when further delay was experienced with the hydrant it appeared as if the conflagration was going to spread to the adjoining buildings.

The flames were chiefly fought from the roof as it was found impossible to reach it effectively from the lower floor. The chemical was brought into action and did effective work. About 6.30 o'clock the blaze was under control and an hour later the all-out was sounded. The most regrettable feature of the occurrence perhaps, was the loss sustained by Mr. F. H. Watson, who occupies the basement of the house. His furniture and other belongings were completely destroyed by fire and water and he had no insurance. Mr. Watson himself had to be removed from a sick bed when the fire started.

The list of sufferers from the fire is as follows: Mr. R. N. Dean, owner of damaged house, estimated loss, \$1700. Insured with Western Assurance Co. for \$1,500. Mr. Jas. Dalley, tenant of upper flat in the house, estimated loss to furniture, \$700. Insured with Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., of England. Mr. R. N. Watson, estimated loss of furniture, \$300. No insurance.

ALD. M'GOLDRICK OFF TO MEETING OF UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES. Sole Representative From St. John To Annual Convention At Campbellton—Telephone Rates Theme For Discussion.

Ald. John McGoldrick will leave this evening for Campbellton where he will represent the common council at the fourth annual convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, which opens this morning. Ald. Potts and Ald. Scully were also members of the delegation named by the council but they have found it impossible to get away from business.

The programme of the convention is unusually full this year and a number of interesting subjects are listed for discussion. Probably the consideration of telephone rates will be of interest to the St. John delegate and Ald. McGoldrick as the mover of the resolution, protesting against the increase in the rates which was passed by the common council will be well fitted for taking part in the discussion.

This morning's session will be devoted entirely to the opening addresses and reception of the reports. Highway matters will occupy the attention of the delegates this afternoon and the discussion on telephone rates will be commenced tonight. Items on the programme include addresses by Hon. John Morrissey on Good Roads; Mr. W. D. Lighthall, honorable secretary Union of Canadian Municipalities; Mayor Murray of Campbellton, on Municipal Assessment; A. R. Westmore, chief engineer for New Brunswick on Road Making; and Mr. D. T. Black, town engineer of Campbellton on Municipal Sanitation.

St. Stephen town council has suggested as a subject for consideration the extension of water pipes from any incorporated town into the county and the question of assessment thereon. It is understood that the St. John delegate will support St. Stephen's stand in this matter.

PROMISING OIL STRIKE IN LAKE ANSLIE DISTRICT. Company Formed And Machinery To Be Installed To Further Investigate—Expert Makes Favorable Report.

Mr. A. G. Ballie, the gentleman who led the 'Capitalist' Grands against the Norwegian invasion of the Nova Scotia coasting trade, appears to have realized at last his long cherished hope of finding oil in the Lake Anslie district of Cape Breton. The Port Hood Greeters, published by Mayor McLean of Fort Hood, announces that oil has been discovered and that machinery will shortly be installed to find out whether it exists in paying quantities.

A company has been formed under the title of the Maritime Oil and Gas Company, and Mr. F. H. Stover, an expert from Pennsylvania has submitted a report which states the Port Hood Greeters that there are some prospects of a big new industry being started in Cape Breton. 'In my opinion,' says Mr. Stover, 'Lake Anslie district shows almost exactly the same indications of oil as appeared in Oil Creek, Pennsylvania, which has been the greatest oil bearing district in America. Oil sand rock in the Lake Anslie district is thicker and hence more liable to be a better producer. I think there is no question of the existence of a very large quantity of oil and gas. Samples taken from the rock show a high lubricating quality.'

Proceeds of Tag Day. The total amount received at 10 o'clock last evening as the result of the tag day for the free kindergarten was \$1194.

BOOKS

IN SETS At Bargain Prices. Ruskin, 12 vols., cloth, \$8.87. Dickens, 15 vols., cloth, \$10.00. Dickens, 17 vols., leather, \$15.50. Scott, 12 vols., cloth, \$8.00. Thackeray, 10 vols., cloth, \$8.87. Hugo, 10 vols., cloth, \$8.87. Robt. Browning, 12 vols., cloth, \$7.50.

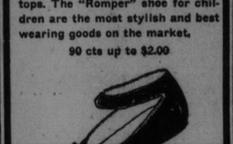
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Anti-Tuberculosis Association Arrange To Have Patients Treated Free Of Charge At Board Of Health Rooms.

Final arrangements have been made for the opening of the dispensary in the Board of Health rooms, Princess street, at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Dr. Stewart Skinner will attend and can be consulted by any tuberculosis patient who has not secured the services of a regular physician, or any persons who suspect they have a trace of tuberculosis in their system and wish to have a diagnosis made. Advice will be given free and literature telling how cases should be treated to prevent contagion will be handed out by the Board of Health.

The patented sputum cups which are to be supplied by the Board of Health have arrived and are an ingenious contrivance. A single piece of waterproof paper is folded up into a square box with a flap for a cover. These may be used during the day and night and burned the next morning, destroying every germ of the disease.

Although Dr. Skinner will have charge on the first day, he will be relieved in turn by Dr. F. L. Kenney, Dr. A. F. Emery and possibly a fourth medical man.

PERSONAL. 10th. Her subject will probably be 'Woman and Science'. Eight new members were elected as follows: Mrs. Peter Miller, Mrs. James Eaty, Mrs. F. S. White, Mrs. John M. Robertson, Mrs. Adam McIntyre, Mrs. J. E. Dean, Mrs. J. E. Holman and Mrs. W. H. Shaw.

Friends of Hon. Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., will be pleased to learn that he is improving rapidly in health and hopes to be out by the end of this week.

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