THE WEATHER

Toronto, Feb. 19.—A megaseic depression which was over British Columbia on Saturday morning has moved quickly with increasing energy to the Great Lakes where it is now situated, causing showers and thunderstorms in the Southern portions of Ontario and light snowfalls in the Northern portions. Elsewhere in the Dominion, with the exception of some snow or rain in the Maritime Provinces, the weather has been fair.

Prince Rupert	20	36
Victoria	36	44
Vancouver	22	44
Kamloops	4	22
Calgary	*14	12
Edmonton	*18	18
Battleford	*10	14
Prince Albert	*2	10
Medicine Hat	*2	18
Moose Jaw	8	10
Regina	*12	12
Winnipeg	0	12
Port Arthur	16	24
White River	*18	38
Parry Sound	12	28
London	31	46
Toronto	30	38
Kingston	30	40
Ottawa	8	28
Montreal	18	28
Quebec	10	24
Halifax	22	36

*—Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, southerly to westerly, with rain.

Northern New England—Rain or snow in early morning followed by fair weather Monday; Tuesday fair and colder. Fresh and probably strong south and southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

MOCCASIN DANCE.

Everything is in readiness for the moccasin dance to be held on the Carleton open air rink tomorrow night. This is something new in St. John and will undoubtedly prove interesting.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In the past week there were 28 births, 14 female and 15 males. There were eight marriage licenses issued. Ten death certificates were issued in the same time for the following causes: Pneumonia, 5; Paralysis, 1; Myocarditis, 1; accidentally killed, 1; Carcinoma of Throat, 1; Bronchopneumonia, 1.

INTERESTING SERVICE

The Bible class of the Waterloo Street Baptist Church met at the church, at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and proceeded to the Home for Incurables, where an interesting service was carried out. A song service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Swetnam, who afterwards delivered a brief address. The services were greatly enjoyed and thoroughly appreciated by those in attendance.

SATURDAY'S MARKET.

Business was not good in the city market Saturday morning, although there were good supplies of all commodities except poultry, lamb, and large hogs on hand. There were very few fresh chickens, most of those in the market being frozen. The following prices were quoted:—Beef, 20 to 35c.; veal, 30 to 35c.; lamb, 25 to 35c.; mutton, 8 to 16c.; pork, 30 to 35c.; ham 40c.; bacon, 45c.; chickens, 55 to 60c.; fowl, 45c. a pound; potatoes, carrots, beets and parsnip 60c.; turnips 25c. a peck; parsley and mint, 5c.; lettuce 5 to 10c.; celery 30 to 35c.; cabbage, 20 to 50c. a head squash, 8c.; onions, 6 to 10c. a pound; apples, 25 to 45c. a peck; cranberries, 35c. a quart; eggs, 50 to 65c. a dozen; butter, 40 to 45c. a pound.

JUDGMENT SET ASIDE.

A judgment entered in the case of Crispette Company vs. Andrews was set aside Saturday by Chief Justice McKeown. This was an action on a Bill of exchange, the amount being within the jurisdiction of the City Court, but the instrument being made outside the Province, the action was taken in the Supreme Court. The defendant filed an appearance, but entered no defence, and judgment was signed by the plaintiff with Supreme Court costs. No notice of the signing of such was given to the defendant, and H. A. Porter, solicitor for the defendant, applied to have the judgment set aside. The Court found that notice should have been given, and as a result of such finding ordered that the judgment be set aside with costs in favor of the defendant. R. A. Wilson appeared for the plaintiffs.

Early Morning Fire On Main St.

Grocery Store Owned by John Ruthzuk Badly Gutted Shortly After Three O'clock

EARLY MORNING

The fire department was called out this morning shortly after three o'clock by an alarm from box 146 for a fire in the grocery store conducted by John Ruthzuk near the corner of Main street and the Long Wharf. The owner of the store is sick in the hospital, but his brother is said to have been in the store about seven o'clock last night and at that time everything was all right.

The fire is thought to have started from round a stove in the rear of the store and when the firemen arrived the entire place was in flames and they were somewhat handicapped by dense smoke. The fire was under control after a hard fight but the store was badly gutted. It is said that there is some insurance on the building and contents.

Rotarians Hold Church Parade

Anniversary of the Foundation of Rotary Being Celebrated the World Over This Week.

As part of the anniversary celebration of the foundation of Rotary, the St. John Club last night attended the service at Trinity Church. The attendance unfortunately was not as large as it might, or ought, to have been, some sixty per cent only of the members being present. The preacher was the Rector, the Rev Canon Armstrong, himself a prominent Rotarian, and his sermon—as his sermons always are—was full of practical lessons to those who desire to be good citizens and genuine Christians.

Before commencing his sermon, Canon Armstrong addressing the congregation said that on the 23rd inst., Rotarians throughout the world would be celebrating the 17th anniversary of the foundation of their organization, the aim and object of which was "Service." He spoke of the wonderful work that Rotary was doing, all voluntary, and with the only object of helping the other fellow along. From a small gathering of four men who met in an office in Chicago seventeen years ago, Rotary has become a world force, and a force to be reckoned with. It goes to work on the principle of doing to others as you would be done by, and in order to accomplish this one needed hope, courage, optimism and hard work. With these as a basis to work upon, results could assuredly be achieved.

Taking as his text, Matthew X v 39 "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it," the preacher said it embodied the whole principle of Rotary, which is "Service Above Self." It demands of its members that they shall subordinate self to the good of others who may need help. The principle laid down in the text is a paradox by which Christ had caught the attention of his hearers, but had left for others to puzzle out. But to those who would study it, its meaning would become clear. "He that loseth his life, shall find it." "He that is chief among you, let him be your servant," these things seemed to be contradictory; but if a man throws out his life in serving and helping others, he finds it. Such is Rotary. The principle that life must be lost if it is to be found, is to be met with throughout the entire creation. It is found in nature, where the cells from which plants grow, die, in order that the plants may live. Seed thrown into the ground dies in order that grain may grow. Nobody becomes richer unless someone else becomes poorer. All through Nature the lower dies in order that the higher may live. Only man, the highest of Nature's creatures is selfish. Service to others is a law, set by the Almighty.

History is the story of freedom of the race. Slavery and serfdom were destroyed only after patriotic men had given their lives to bring this result about. Every advance in Christendom had been accomplished through sacrifice made by some for the benefit of others. The life of Christ throughout was a story of service, ending in the supreme sacrifice. Sentiment and sympathy left unexpressed would quickly die. They were no use unless put into practical effect and talked about. All men should be propagandists for good, and do kindnesses which others leave undone. As Wordsworth has truly said, it is the little unremembered acts of kindness and love that count, sometimes even of the smallest thing. If we are not willing to suffer for others then the appeal of Rotary, which is also the appeal of Christ, will fall on deaf ears.

Rev. Dr. Rochester In City Pulpits

General Sec'y of Lord's Day Alliance of Canada Preached in St. Davids and First Presbyterian.

Rev. Dr. Rochester, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, spent yesterday in the city and spoke in St. Andrew's church in the morning, addressed the St. David's and St. Andrew's Sunday Schools in the afternoon and occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church in the afternoon. His message was the Sabbath Day and its observance. He stressed the importance of keeping the day well as using it aright was one of the best safeguards against losing it entirely and neglect of it was sure to lead to the loss of it altogether in the long run.

The reason for keeping business out on Sunday was not, as some claimed, because business was bad, but because it was business and this day set aside for another purpose. If business was bad or immoral it should not be allowed on any day. The business that was most clamorous for possession of the Sabbath Day was the amusement business and it behooved every friend of the Day to do their utmost to watch carefully that it did not succeed in capturing it.

The Lord's Day Alliance, the speaker said, was receiving from all parts of the world commendation of what had been done in this country in the war time. The Alliance was still pursuing its work along educational and persuasive lines and only applied to the law as a last resort. Just now was a critical time and wisdom, sanence and steadfastness were necessary to maintain our heritage in the institution.

Skating Carnival under auspices of Y. M. C. A., Tuesday February 21st, 8 p.m., Victoria Rink. Prizes best costumes, Ladies and Gents.

Annual Pythian Divine Service

Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters Attend Trinity Church—Sermon by Rev. Canon Armstrong.

Despite the stormy weather the members of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters, turned out in force to attend the anniversary service held in Trinity church at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, over six hundred being present. The church was filled to overflowing by members of the order and their friends, and many were unable to gain admittance. The offering, which was a generous one, will be given to the Protestant Orphans Home and it is expected the amount raised yesterday will be swelled by contributions from a number who were unable to attend the service.

The Board of Governors of the Protestant Orphans Home occupied seats at the head of the church and the members of the order occupied the main body of the building. The sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Armstrong, rector of the church, the scripture lesson being read by Knight Rev. Dr. Hutchinson. During the taking of the offering the choir rendered the anthem "The Lord is Loving Unto Every Man," in a most acceptable manner.

Canon Armstrong welcomed the members of the order on behalf of the corporation and congregation of Trinity church, and congratulated them on the work they had done in a quiet way, among those in need of help. He also congratulated the order on the fine hall they had on Union street, in passing he paid a tribute to James Moulson, the "Grand Old Man" of the order in St. John, whom he had met at funerals, and suggested that the order ought to make Mr. Moulson chaplain emeritus.

His text was taken from John 15-14: "Ye are my friends." Friendship, he said, was the casual word of the order, in fact it was its foundation stone and what a royal word it was, a veritable gold mine, without which how bereft life would be of all that was worth while in the world. History recorded several stories of great friendship, among which was the one on which the order was founded, that of Damon and Pythias.

It was hard to tell how friendship was formed. Often one would admire a man, but no matter how closely they were brought in touch, could never become his friend. In order to have friends a person must themselves be friendly. The friendship to be of real benefit must be a true one.

He then outlined several kinds of friendship which existed in the world. The first and lowest plane was that of the friend who only coveted personal gain and by rights could only be called an association. Then there was a friend who gave but always liked to display the gift and kept a record of them all. This kind hardly reached the stage of love. The next highest plane was the friend unmindful of self gave willingly to his friend, and this was a lofty and radiant plane of achievement, and the highest of plane of all was reached by the man who hungered for a deeper share in the suffering of his friend, and this was a type of Jesus, the best friend any man could have.

In closing the speaker made an eloquent plea to the men to keep their friendship with the Lord in good repair.

Rev. J. A. Swetnam In Strong Sermon

Explains the "Three Traps of the Devil in St. John"—Theatre, Cards and Dancing

At the Waterloo street Baptist church yesterday, the pastor Rev. John A. Swetnam, at the evening service delivered a powerful sermon on the "Three Traps of the Devil in St. John." These traps he said were, first, the theatres; second, card playing, and third, dancing.

The theatre, while it was not all bad, had yet so little good, and this sandwiched in between the bad, that it was practically lost and it was well named one of the Devil's traps. It had been claimed the theatre was an educator but with the class of plays shown on the screen today, if it was an educator it was the Devil's university.

Cards were the credentials of crookedness and when parents allowed their children to learn to play they were allowing them to use the Devil's tools. They were linked up with gambling, drunkenness and murder and were a trap in which thousands were caught.

The social dance was one of the oldest of the Devil's traps and no young lady who had any respect for herself should ever be found on the dance floor.

Weather Was Very Changeable

Saturday Morning Thermometer Registered 14 Below—Climbed to 35 Above Last Night.

The weather has been right there with surprises during the past few days. Friday a cold wave that would do credit to the north pole made prompt down on the city, and by Saturday morning the mercury was hovering fourteen degrees below the zero mark, when the sunshine now had drifted round. During the day it began to revive, and as it chat shows, registering a change of forty-four degrees in twelve hours. During the day the snow fell thick and fast, the total fall amounting to two inches and seven tenths. Sunday the snow continued, two inches and four tenths falling from the heavens. The weather was much milder, the maximum temperature being thirty degrees and the minimum thirty-six. There was considerable humidity in the air, and water in buckets the snow shrank visibly. The first snow of the week came on Tuesday, 2.8 inches falling during the rest of the week.

Able Address On Temperance Topic

Rev. Neil MacLaughlan in Queen Square Methodist Church Gives Plain Facts on the Matter.

The large congregation, which attended the morning service at the Queen Square Methodist church yesterday, listened with evident interest to a strong and forcible address, delivered by the pastor, Rev. Neil MacLaughlan, who took as his subject, "Some Plain Statements and Some Unpleasant Facts in Regard to the Temperence Situation." The sermon dealt very largely with the lack of enforcement of the prohibition act; the duties of the civic police authorities regarding its enforcement; the strides made towards sobriety and good order since the inception of the act; and the duty of the electors, should the question arise regarding the amending of the present act with a view to licensing the sale of beer and light wines.

Rev. Mr. MacLaughlan, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the interesting time to which the people of this province had come in regard to the temperance question, and of the great amount of interest and suspense with which they were waiting for the time to come, when the act declaring for the prohibition of importation would become law. In the meantime, they looked with a good deal of concern on the fact that the cellars of those who could afford it were being filled, and the rings of bootleggers were pooling their interests to secure all the liquor they could, to have on hand for the dry times that were coming.

The speaker said that the law we have, such as it is, was being enforced to some extent, but not in an efficient manner. We have our inspectors, and the inspectors have partially enforced the law, but no one suspected them of having done their duty with even a fair degree of efficiency. Even the chief liquor inspector has been reported in the newspapers as having said that all was going well throughout the province. The speaker said that this was not the case from the standpoint of the public, who knew that the law was not being satisfactorily enforced in St. John, Fredericton, or any other place with which they were familiar.

He went on to say that the law was being violated by some of the hotels, grocery stores, beer-shops, and bootleggers. These so-called beer-shops, the speaker said, ought to be wiped out, for many of them were only incipient saloons.

The pastor stated that we have an able body of police—fine, stalwart, and no doubt honorable men—and they were costing the city considerable money, but had little to do. Conditions were not the same as in former days, when street fights and other breaches of the peace were frequent. The temperance law was as much a law as those governing theft, robbery, assault, etc., and the police were expected to enforce this law as well as the others. The force were responsible to the chief of police and it was his duty to see that they enforced the temperance law; if he did not do so, it was the duty of the commissioner of public safety to see that it was done; if he did not do so, the city fathers were bound to see that it was done; and, failing that, the electors should insist on this law's being enforced, and govern themselves accordingly when they went to the polls. The speaker cited the reason for the lack of activity on the part of the police as being due to the fact that the civic authorities were not receiving anything from the fines imposed for infractions of the prohibition act, and therefore getting no direct return for their work. This, he said, would be offset by the fact that city would become more sober and industrious, if the police saw to it that the temperance laws were enforced. People would become more prosperous, there would be very little debt, and conditions generally would brighten, and the community consequently would benefit directly.

The pastor stated that the temptation was facing this province to enact legislation allowing the sale of beer and light wines. Such legislation, it is thought would offset the falling off in the lumber revenues, and enable the government to meet any deficit that might accrue at the end of the fiscal year. He said that it is generally understood that strong pressure had been brought to bear on the government with a view to securing such legislation. The speaker stated that the people should rejoice in the fact that, when the government met recently, the proposition to pass the amendment to the act was vetoed. If this was so, the people should support the government in their decision, in the event of a further effort being made to have the licenses granted. He stated that a petition should be sent to Fredericton, signed by the electors, praying that such an amendment to the act should not be passed.

At the conclusion of the services, such a petition having been laid on the table, over 100 members of the congregation went forward, and showed their sanction of the pastor's remarks by signing their names to it.

DRUNKENNESS AND ASSAULT.

Lindsay Sabean was arrested on Saturday for drunkenness and also on a warrant charging assault. Three drunks were also taken in custody, and five protectionists spent the night in the cells.

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Minister of Rys. Met Delegation

Said That Requests for Additional Equipment Were Just and Would Receive Earnest Consideration.

Once more the citizens of St John have been told what a wonderful port they have, and their enterprise in supplying at their own expense a winter port for the Dominion, lauded to the skies, by a Federal Minister of the Crown and assured by him that their requests for additional equipment, admittedly just, would receive earnest consideration.

Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways and Canals, arrived in the city Saturday morning at nine o'clock, made a trip around the harbor front, looked over Courtenay Bay, met a civic delegation at half past eleven o'clock and left again for Ottawa at one-forty o'clock.

When Mr. Kennedy arrived at the depot he was met by H. R. McLellan and Dr. W. P. Broderick, the Liberal standard bearers at the last election, and L. R. Ross, terminal agent of the C. N. R., here. The minister had with him his deputy, Major Bell, and his acting secretary, J. A. Nevin.

The minister, Major Bell, and Messrs McLellan, Broderick and Ross made an automobile tour of the city and harbor front. They viewed the harbor from Fort Howe, made a visit to the Reversing Falls, inspected Long Wharf, Reed's Point, McLeod and Pettengill terminals; looked over the site of the proposed new C. N. R. terminals in the south end and visited Courtenay Bay.

At 11.30, the party arrived at the Royal Hotel where Hon. Mr. Kennedy met a civic and Board of Trade delegation in a large private room. There were present the Mayor, Hon. Dr. Baxter, M. P., Col. Murray MacLaren, M. P., Commissioner Bullock, L. R. Ross and the following members of the Board of Trade; President W. F. Burditt, H. C. Schofield, A. C. Skelton, H. W. Rising, M. B. Agar, D. W. Ledingham, G. E. Barbour, W. S. Allison, John Sayre, C. P. Humphrey, and J. Fraser Gregory.

An official welcome to the city was extended by Mayor Schofield, after which his Worship called the attention of the minister to some of the things the city had done in providing terminals here, and mentioned a few which the citizens felt should be undertaken by the federal government, as they were for the benefit of the whole Dominion.

He pointed out that the city had spent over $1,000,000 of its own money, on which the taxpayers were paying interest, to provide docks and sheds for overseas traffic, and they felt the time had arrived where the Dominion Parliament should take hold, relieve them of the burden already assumed, and build additional facilities for the handling of freight and passengers in the winter season.

The Mayor called special attention to the need of development on the eastern side of the harbor and referred to plans already prepared by C. N. R. engineers for the construction of a new terminal in the Southern portion of the city. Such a development would provide better access for both the C. N. R. and the C. G. M. M. The Mayor also called attention to the fact that St. John is not properly equipped with a railway station.

He concluded by stating that the people here are reasonable and would not expect the government to do more than necessary work, in view of the financial situation.

W. F. Burditt, president of the Board of Trade, urged the immediate extension of the Negrotown Breakwater to Partridge Island. He also referred to the need of a new station and called the attention of the minister to the fact that the shortest haul to tide water from the west was via McGivney Junction to Fredericton and over the Valley Railway to St. John and suggested that the portion from McGivney to Moncton ought to be put in good condition to handle heavy freight.

Hon. Dr. Baxter said the opportunities and necessities of the city and port had been well presented by the city and the Board of Trade. The necessities are apparent to the minister who has seen for himself what is required, Dr. Baxter, then said that the Maritime Provinces had reached a stage where, on some big questions, political differences must and do cease. Where possible, every pound of Canadian freight should be carried on Canadian roads to Canadian ports. We would all stand back of that policy and for every possible utilization of Canadian rails and ports. The Maritime Provinces would stand back of the policy and there would be no carping criticism if that course was pursued.

In reply Hon. Mr. Kennedy said he realized the need for a new station, as the importance of the city and port deserved that visitors should get a better impression on arriving than they did at present. He also promised to look into the plans for the extension of the breakwater. The remarks of Hon. Mr. Baxter had, he said, made a deep impression on him and while his visit to the Maritime Provinces on this occasion had been a hurried one he had seen enough to impress him with the importance of both St. John and Halifax as Dominion ports.

Rev. W. B. Williston At St. Luke's Church

Rev. W. B. Williston, who leaves today on the homeward trip to his work in China, spoke yesterday morning in St. Luke's church, on the call to service, and the reason why he was returning to China.

He based his remarks on St. Paul's statement "I was not disobedient to the Heavenly vision." The speaker said the person who got the vision could not possibly help going forward and doing the work of the Lord.

Mr. Williston has spent twelve years in the mission fields of China and is, after spending a furlough home now on his way back to that country to take up the work once more. He leaves this afternoon for Toronto and will spend some time there and at other cities enroute to the coast. He is booked to sail from Vancouver March 23rd.

Clifton House, all meals 60c.

Cloth Stealing Case Commenced

Hugh Briggs Made Voluntary Statement That He Purchased Goods from a Stranger.

Hearing was commenced in the police court Saturday morning in the case of Hugh Briggs, charged with receiving cloth valued at $86, the property of the C.P.R., knowing it to be stolen. The evidence of one witness for the prosecution was taken after which the case was postponed until Wednesday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. H. H. McLean, Jr., appeared in the interests of the C. P. R.

C. P. R. Constable Costello, in his evidence, said that he procured a search warrant on Friday afternoon and, in company with Constables Ritzen and Detectives Biddescombe and Donahue, went to the residence of the accused on Winslow street, W. E. The defendant was not at home but the officers found a piece of grey cloth underneath the mattress on the accused's bed. The cloth was identified in court. Officers Ritzen and Donahue then left the building, but the witness and Detective Biddescombe remained until Briggs returned home at 5.15 o'clock, when the latter was placed under arrest and taken to the C.P.R. investigation office.

Arrived there the defendant made a voluntary statement, in the presence of the witness and Inspector Stevens, to the effect that he had received two pieces of cloth, the one in court and a piece of blue, from a stranger on Union street, West End, paying him $20 for them. On another occasion the accused said, he had obtained five pieces of grey cloth from a man named Wills, who was now in jail on the charge of stealing cloth from the C.P.R. Two pieces of the grey and the piece of blue cloth had been sent to a woman in Montreal, one piece of grey to the accused's brother in England, and the other two pieces of grey had been sold to two men whose names were not known. The goods sent to Montreal have been recovered at 65 Inspector street, that city.

This concluded the evidence for the day, and the hearing was postponed for further testimony. Willis Foster pleaded guilty Saturday morning, to a charge of having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling, and was fined $200.

One man, charged with being drunk pleaded guilty, and was remanded.