

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds, fair, stationary or a little higher temperature. Toronto, April 20.—Since Saturday a pronounced area of high pressure has moved into the lake region accompanied by strong northwesterly winds and decidedly cool conditions are reported from Ontario eastward to the Maritime Provinces. In the western provinces the weather has been fine and warm.

Min. Max. Vancouver . . . . . 48 72

Edmonton . . . . . 40 68

Battleford . . . . . 40 68

Prince Albert . . . . . 46 70

Moose Jaw . . . . . 39 59

Regina . . . . . 36 64

Winnipeg . . . . . 36 64

Port Arthur . . . . . 20 40

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Ottawa . . . . . 22 44

Montreal . . . . . 23 44

Quebec . . . . . 18 44

Halifax . . . . . 32 44

Washington Forecast.

New England—Fair Monday and probably Tuesday, rising temperature, moderate north winds.

Drunk and Profane.

Albert Diggle, aged 29, was arrested on Douglas avenue on Saturday on the charge of drunkenness and profanity.

Bartenders May Organize.

A move is being made to organize the bartenders of the city under a charter from the barbers' international union.

Serious For Travis.

John Travis, who was arrested Friday night for interfering with the firemen on the West side, has now been charged with having sent in a second alarm from box 21 and also with attempting to commit suicide.

Runaway on Charlotte St.

There was considerable excitement on Charlotte street, Saturday, when George Smith's bread and cake wagon was hauled along the street by his horse which ran away. The animal was captured near the Dufferin Hotel before any damage was done.

Had Carriers Meet.

A meeting of the Hat Carriers and General Laborer's Union was held in the Opera House building Saturday evening and it was decided to reorganize with an international charter. Addresses were made by Business Agent Tighe of the Longshoremen, J. L. Surges and others.

Buried Yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. Thos. A. Graham took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from 25 Portland street. The remains were conveyed to St. Luke's church where Rev. R. P. McKim conducted the funeral services and interment was in Fernhill cemetery.

Police Activities.

Robert Anderson, a Swede, was arrested on Water street Saturday night and is charged with discharging fire crackers and acting disorderly. Thos. Kelley was arrested early yesterday morning by Policemen Crawford and charged with wandering about Brussels street and not giving a satisfactory account of himself.

Inquest Tonight.

On Saturday Corner F. L. Kenney empaneled a jury to enquire into the death of Charles Johnson, who was washed from a mud scow in the harbor and drowned Saturday morning. The jury viewed the remains at Beatty's undertaking warerooms on Prince street and adjourned until this evening.

Weather Affects Fishing.

The run of gamesters which struck in last Monday did not continue, and the fishermen did little during the latter part of the week. The cold weather is supposed to have affected the movement of the fish. With the return of warm weather the fishermen hope to make some more big catches of the kind they did during the first three days of last week.

A Big Contract.

The Hassan Paving Co. of Worcester, Mass., who contemplate opening a branch in the Maritime Provinces with headquarters in St. John, have just closed a large contract in Maryland for concrete pavements of \$146,800.75. C. M. Edwards, who is looking after the interests of the Hassan Co. here, leaves for Nova Scotia tonight to look over the paving situation there.

Labor Day Parade.

The labor organizations are talking of holding a parade on Labor Day with a big demonstration on the exhibition grounds in the afternoon. It is several years since the labor unions held a parade on Labor Day, the occasion having been celebrated by holding a picnic up the river. It is decided to hold the parade the Trades and Labor Council will probably conduct a picnic on Dominion Day.

Endorse Carleton Glee Club.

In the course of the service at Carleton Presbyterian church last evening the Rev. Dr. Morrison whilst citing the names of various agencies which made for the education and mental uplift of the community, named as one of these the LaTour Male Voice Glee Club, which for two years has been exercising an influence for good in the cultivation of part music and sight singing. He warmly commended their work and urged the support of his hearers to the activities of the club.

Needless Alarms.

Yesterday afternoon while the funeral of the late Chief Kerr was passing along the streets, smoke was seen issuing from Hopkins Brothers building on Union street. A still alarm was sent in to No. 3 station and the hose was sent to the building. The firemen found that the cause of the alarm was some smoke issuing from a smoke house in the rear of the building. About fifteen minutes later a still was sent in to No. 1 chemical which responded and found the same result and their services were not needed.

CHIEF KERR'S FUNERAL WAS IMPRESSIVE

Streets Lined as Thousands Paid Last Tribute of Respect.

FIREMEN AND THE SOCIETIES WALKED

Late Chief's Fire Wagon, with Coat, Helmet and Boots, a Touching Feature. Many Beautiful Floral Tributes.

A mantle of sympathy settled over the thousands of citizens who lined the streets yesterday as the remains of John Kerr, the late Chief of the Fire Department, were being conveyed to their last resting place in Fernhill cemetery. In fact the whole city seemed wrapped in sadness as the deceased was known by nearly every man, woman and child, so often had they seen him dashing through the streets in response to an alarm of fire or at work directing his fire-fighters at a conflagration.

Both sides of the streets from Charlotte, King Square, Sydney and Waterloo to the Marsh Bridge were lined with thousands of people as the funeral procession passed and many a tear was shed by those in the assembly. From the time the funeral cortege left Trinity church, at three o'clock, the fire alarm bells in the city tolled and the procession, to the strains of the funeral march passed between long lines of citizens.

A touching feature was the late chief's fire apparatus draped in black. On the seat was his white helmet, while rubber coat and rubber boots, which showed signs of service at many fires, the chief's driver horse shoes, led by the chief's driver, Frank Purton, assisted by Alex. Long, the driver of the aerial truck, flanked on each side of the apparatus were the permanent men of the department.

Sympathetic comment was made as the chief's team passed slowly along the streets, and he could almost be pictured sitting there as he had done on so many occasions at all hours of the day and night.

The funeral was in charge of the Free Masons and the order of procession was as follows:

Knights of Pythias, St. Mary's Band, Loyal Orange Order, Salvage Corps and Fire Police, Companies No. 1 and No. 2, Fairville Fire Department, Mayor Frink, Commissioners McLellan, Schofield and Wigmore, and Common Clerk Wardrop, City Engineer Murdoch, Members of the St. John Fire Department with Senior District Chief George Blake, leading, Chief's wagon with permanent members of department, Harry Rutter, chief of Fredericton, Thos. Fitzpatrick, chief of Chatham, Geo. Ackman, chief of Moncton, Band of 62nd Fusiliers, New Brunswick Lodge No. 22, F. and A. M., Union Lodge of Portland No. 10, F. and A. M., Carleton Union Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M., Hibernia No. 3, F. and A. M., St. John's Lodge No. 2, F. and A. M., Albion Lodge No. 1, F. and A. M., Four bouches containing floral tributes, Clergy, Mourners, Barristers Society, Citizens.

The pall bearers were Judge Armstrong, F. J. G. Knowlton, J. B. M. Baxter, F. F. Burpee, R. W. W. Frink and C. F. Sanford.

After a funeral service at the residence of the late chief, on Queen street, the remains were conveyed to Trinity church, about 2:30 o'clock. The church was filled with members of the Masonic fraternity and the Barristers' Society and the service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Armstrong. At three o'clock the procession was formed and proceeded along Charlotte street to the north side of the King Square, thence to Sydney, to Waterloo street, along Waterloo to the Marsh Bridge where the Pythians, Orangemen and firemen stood on either side of the street with heads uncovered, while the Masons, the remains and mourners passed through the lines. The Masons proceeded to the cemetery while the others marched back to their quarters.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong conducted the service at the grave and the Masonic service was conducted by Dr. W. S. Morrison.

After the interment the Free Masons, headed by the 62nd band, marched back to the city and disbanded at the Masonic Hall on Germain street.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, many of them having been sent from different sections of the country. The following is a list of the flowers:

Permanent men No. 3 Hose Co.—Wreath of pink and white roses, lilies of the valleys and maiden hair fern, tied with satin ribbons, with the city crest of arms on the ends.

No. 1 S. C. and F. P.—Shield.

No. 2 S. C. and F. P.—Shield.

Wellington No. 1, F. P.—Pillow and bell, "The Last Alarm".

No. 1 H. and L. Co. No. 2 Hose Co. No. 3 Hose Co. No. 4 Hose Co.—Ladder and fire alarm box with "His Last Call".

Permanent men No. 1 Hook and Ladder—Sheaf of roses.

Permanent men No. 3 Hose Co.—Wreath.

West End F. D.—Matted cross, roses and carnations.

Firemen's Mutual Relief Association—White helmet with "Chief" across the front.

City of Moncton F. D.—Anchor, Fredericton F. D.—Shield.

City of Halifax F. D.—Wreath.

District Engineers—Trumpet, Sussex F. D.—Wreath.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S FIRE DID \$50,000 TO \$60,000 DAMAGE

Upper Part of F. W. Daniel & Co's Building, at Head of King Street, Gutted and Thousands of Dollars Worth of Stock Destroyed—Adjoining Establishments Suffered Much Damage from Smoke and Water.

The firemen experienced about four hours of very hard fire fighting Saturday night and the damage to property amounted to between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

It was about 10:20 o'clock when a fire was discovered in a bedroom of the upper flat of the residence occupied by George Hamilton on Charlotte street and owned by F. C. Gregory, who resides on the ground floor. An alarm was sent in from box 24 and when the department arrived on the scene the room where the fire started was a furnace. It did not take very long, however, to get the fire under control and quick hard work saved the building from being destroyed. The fire was confined to the bedroom to property and the contents, and the roof was also damaged. The loss is covered by insurance.

It was while the firemen were working at this fire that the fire was discovered breaking out of the top story of the F. W. Daniel building on the corner of King and Charlotte streets. Dense clouds of smoke were issuing from the section of the building which was owned by Mrs. Hea as a dressmaking establishment. An alarm was sent in from box 27. When the alarm was heard by the firemen working at the Gregory residence there was quick work for the hose and ladder men. The chemical was left to finish putting out the fire in the Gregory building and the men started gathering up their hose and ladders to get to the Daniel building. As the alarm was sent in from box 27, it was only a short time until there were plenty of hose and firemen on the scene.

A Hard Fire to Fight.

Lines of hose were run through the Charlotte street entrance and up the upper floors, but the firemen were unable to make their way to the top floor where the fire was, owing to the dense choking smoke which poured down the stairs. A stream was played into the fire, however, and the men worked gallantly. On Charlotte street, ladders were raised to the top story and lines of hose were taken there. More hose was sent up on the roof from both sides of the street.

The aerial truck was hauled into position in front of the burning building and a powerful stream was soon pouring through the top windows through which were belching smoke and flames. Chirstone firemen criticized and said that the department was slow in getting to work, but this was not so, when it is taken into consideration that they had to respond to the alarm while working at another fire. The fire was a hard one to fight and the men under George Blake who is acting chief at the present time, did good work.

It was not long after the firemen got to work that the flames burst through the roof and windows and it was a spectacular blaze for the thousands of people who gathered on the King Square and the street to watch the firemen at work. Tons of water were thrown into the building and poured down through the building in torrents. But the fire was burning so briskly that it took a great deal of water and hard work to get it under control.

Breaks into Victoria Hotel.

After some time the fire broke through a wall into an upper section of an ell to the Victoria Hotel on King street. Firemen and members of the salvage corps were soon at work at this part of the building and while the salvage corps moved the furniture from some of the hotel rooms the firemen beat the flames back. As it was two or three rooms were damaged and the section of the hotel was filled with smoke. The damage was about \$300.

In the basement of the Daniel building is Robert McAfee's barber shop and he did not continue doing business long after the fire was discovered. The water soon came pouring into his shop and in a short time the floors were covered. The plaster was falling from the ceiling and the store was filled with water.

St. John Power Boat Club—Anchor.

Happy Home Club—Shield.

N. B. Lodge Knights of Pythias—Shield with their colors, purple, yellow and red, and letters "F. C. B."

Vernor Lodge L. O. L. No. 1—Wreath.

Temple—Sword, crescent and star.

Commissioner McLellan—Crescent and cut flowers.

J. B. M. Baxter—Sheaf of carnations.

H. K. Barnes, Boston—Sheaf of roses.

Rev. Mr. McPherson, Scotland—Crescent.

Mr. Leo, Gallagher—Sheaf of roses.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brown—Crescent.

Norman N. Gregory—Wreath.

Jeanne and Dolly Paterson—Sheaf of carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murdoch—Wreath.

Mrs. Edgar Archibald—Crescent.

Wm. A. Cruikshank—Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Stevens—Sheaf of roses.

Stephen P. Gerow—Sheaf of roses, carnations and hyacinths.

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Hamm, Moncton—Sheaf of carnations.

Ms. and Mrs. Stanley Wetmore—Sheaf of carnations.

Mrs. G. C. Coster—Sheaf of carnations.

Hon. Samuel Adams, New York—Wreath.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ellis—Carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ellis—Carnations.

Harry Ervin—Sheaf of calla lilies.

Marcion Macaulay—Sheaf of tulips.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stirling—Wreath.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jackson—Wreath.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Macaulay—Sheaf of tulips.

R. W. W. Frink—Sheaf of carnations.

Mrs. J. H. Davidson—Crescent.

W. P. and F. A. Lilley—Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wisely—Sheaf of carnations.

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