

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Increasing easterly winds; partly fair, with about the same temperature and local snowfalls.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—A pronounced area of high pressure covers the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, while a shallow disturbance is approaching the Great Lakes from the westward and another is centered near Bermuda. The weather has turned quite mild in western Ontario, but is moderately cold from the Ottawa Valley eastward.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	42
Vancouver	36	42
Kamloops	20	42
Edmonton	12	42
Battleford	20	zero
Mooselaw	15	1
Regina	18	zero
Winnipeg	16	9
Fort Arthur	17	33
London	17	35
Toronto	9	18
Kingston	12	8
Ottawa	12	8
Montreal	6	4
Quebec	14	24
St. John	8	28
Halifax	8	28

(*) Indicating below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Had Leg Broken.
Yesterday afternoon a double runner upset on Miller's hill, West End. A number of boys were coasting on it at the time and a small boy named Clark had one of his legs broken.

Temperance Meeting.
In the Y. M. C. A. building last evening the executive of the temperance workers of the city met and discussed plans for the suppression of the liquor traffic. Committees were appointed to take the work in charge.

Mad Bull.
There was considerable excitement at Hans Bally's farm at Passages on Saturday afternoon. A wild and knocked one of the farm hands down and injured him. It was necessary for Mr. Bally to procure a rifle and kill the animal.

Pleasant Sleigh Drive.
Members of the Young People's Association of the Presbyterian church enjoyed a pleasant sleigh drive last evening. A large number took in the drive and an exceedingly good time was had by all present.

A Surprise Party.
About 100 friends of Miss Annie Gallop called at her home, 135 Victoria street, last evening and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson on behalf of these present presented Miss Gallop with a handsome set of silver. Miss Gallop will soon be one of the parties in an interesting event.

Wonders of Science.
A very successful entertainment dealing with the wonders of science was given in St. David's church last evening under the auspices of the Young People's Society. Arthur Willet read a paper on primitive science. Walter Nelson told of the wonders of science and O. J. Fryer spoke of scientific inventions. There was a violin solo by C. Gilmore and E. Climo and A. C. Smith were heard in duet numbers. The entertainment was arranged by a committee under the direction of Allan Cruikshank.

Eclipse Fair.
The Eclipse Fair was continued in Temple Hall last evening. The attendance was large, and the games and booths were well patronized. The fair was officially opened last evening by Commissioner Wigmore, and the Temple Band was in attendance. Following were the prize winners for the evening: Bowling, M. Flowers; gent's bean board, S. J. Holder; ladies' bean board, Mrs. Roberts; plate game, J. Thompson; ping pong, B. W. Wilson; hoop la, A. L. Fowler; door prize, 10 lb. box of fig bars, ticket No. 5,677.

Many Confessed.
Rev. Dr. Burrows addressed another large gathering in Victoria St. United Baptist church, last evening, and at the close of the service many came forward and confessed. Rev. Dr. Burrows took for his text: "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ will give thee life." He pointed out that God's promises always accompany his commands and in this text there were two commands and one promise. The words were addressed to the members of the church at Ephesus and Rev. Dr. Burrows applied them to the conditions of the present time. Some people were awakened but would not arouse themselves and listen to the commands of God and then carry them out.

PLEASANT EVENING IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Annual Conversation and Social Held Last Evening—Presentation of Plays by Boy Scouts.

The school room of St. Paul's church was the scene of a very enjoyable function last evening when the congregation held its annual conversation and social. There was even a larger number present than was anticipated, and all gathered in the church building enjoyed every minute of the evening.

The pastor of the church, Rev. E. B. Hooper, presided, and an entertaining musical programme was carried out. An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation to the Sunday school of a Union Jack and Canadian ensign, both gifts of Boy Scouts of the church. The flag and ensign were won by the St. Paul's Scouts in the year 1911-12, in competition with the other boy scouts of the city, and were presented the Sunday school by the scout masters of the St. Paul's corp.

The evening was opened with an address by the pastor and the presentation then followed. Among the musical numbers was a male quartet by Chester Bourne, Warren McPherson, Fred Thompson and Percy Till; a violin selection was very nicely rendered by Miss Barker; a vocal solo by "Father O'Flynn," was contributed by A. C. Shelton, and another male quartet also figured in the musical programme.

An efficient committee of ladies served refreshments. The affair was pronounced the most successful function of its kind here.

SALE OF PRINTED CAMBRICS AGAIN TODAY AT M. R. A.'S

This sale of printed cambrics at 11 cents a yard has been a great success, and as there may yet be a great many anxious to take advantage of this great value offering, the sale will be continued again today in the wash goods department. These are all perfectly fresh goods, high class in quality representing a wide range of neat designs in fast colorings.

Items that ought to bring customers with a rush to F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. Black silks, one yard wide, fine lustrous soft quality, regular 95 cents; sale price 65 cents. Field silks the newest thing for trimmings on waists and etc., regular 75 cent quality; sale price 45 cents. Two special lots of tweed dress material, one at 39 cents, and the other at 49 cents. The latter is 68 inches wide, and is a good quality of Scotch serge tweed.

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Miss Marjory Lacey at Zion Methodist church tonight. Admission 15c.

A FINE CONCERT IN SEAMAN'S INSTITUTE

The Seaman's Institute Hall was crowded to the doors last night when the Social and Athletic Club from the R. M. S. Royal Edward gave a delightful entertainment. The chairman was T. W. Cooper, chief steward, and the programme was as follows:

A. Ainsbury, pianoforte overture; C. Marchant, song, "Walking Home with Angelina"; Miss E. Lacey, recitation, "Ann Tibbitt"; C. Squires, song, "The Girl I Left Behind"; J. Clarke, humorous monologue; W. Saywell, cornet solo; G. Perry, comic song, "Robin Redbreast"; A. Ainsbury, humorous song; C. Dunater, pianoforte selection; S. Wheeler and O. Rossiter, skit, "The Workhouse Gate"; A. Skimmings, comic song, "Pill the Fifer's Ball"; S. J. Gill, recitation, "Laska"; E. Skirne, comic song, "Work"; A. Dons, selection on string fiddle; J. Weale, song, "The Streets of London"; J. Wade, comic song, "I Remembered"; A. Ainsbury, humorous song; "The Maple Leaf; God Save the King."

PORTLAND ROLLING MILLS AWARDED BIG I. C. R. CONTRACT

Telegram from Hon. J. D. Hazen to this Effect Received by Prominent North End Conservative, Last Evening—News Hailed with Much Satisfaction.

A prominent Conservative in the North End received a telegram yesterday from Hon. J. D. Hazen stating that the Dominion Railways Department had awarded the Portland Rolling Mills the contract for supplying the I. C. R. with refined iron for this year.

In view of the fact that there is not a great amount of work going on in the North End, this announcement was hailed with great satisfaction. It is said that the I. C. R. contract will assure the continuous operation of the rolling mills throughout the year. The management of the mill and their employees were much pleased at the news, as it will mean steady employment. Owing to the slack time elsewhere the bidding for the contract this year was particularly keen, and it is a source of gratification that the contract has been awarded to a St. John concern.

RIVER ICE SOON SOLID

Recent Heavy Rain Washed Snow Away Giving First Opportunity this Winter.

Although the drop in the mercury of Sunday, followed by a noticeable change in the temperature yesterday was of no material interest to the greater number of city residents, the cold spell, although of short duration, was keenly welcomed by residents along the Baywater side of the river, and with the thermometer hovering around fifteen degrees above zero for a few days more they are looking forward to crossing the ice with sleighs by the end of this week.

The heavy rain of Saturday cleared the snow, leaving the ice bare, and the cold weather which set in immediately afterwards has made the ice of fairly good thickness. Travel by sleigh on the river, however, is still dangerous, but the clearing of the snow has given it opportunity to freeze, and residents believe that within a few days they will be able to cross. Several from across the river came to the city yesterday by the South Bay route. They reported that the ice was thin, but was gradually freezing and that with fairly cold weather the residents on the other side could travel with perfect safety.

EXPLOSION ON THE MAURETANIA; FOUR KILLED, SEVERAL HURT

Liverpool, Jan. 26.—An explosion occurred today on the Cunard liner Mauretania, which is in dock undergoing repairs. Four men were killed and many injured. A hot of condensed steam which was being used in a brazing process in the engine room blew up from some unknown reason, causing tremendous havoc among the engine fitters. Several of the injured are in a serious condition.

ESCAPED PRISONER SAILS FOR NEW YORK

Havana, Jan. 26.—Jorge Ystra Evans, an efficient public trustee in the Mexican cabinet of the late President Madero, who, after being released from the penitentiary on the night of January 21, was smuggled out of Mexico City by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge d'affaires of the United States embassy there, arrived at Havana today on board the steamer Esperanza on his way to New York.

Senator Elyonot declined to make any statement regarding the Mexican situation or to talk about the elab with Provisional President Huerta which resulted in Evans and nineteen other deputies being thrown into jail last October when General Huerta summarily dissolved congress.

LLOYD GEORGE NOT COMING TO AMERICA

London, Jan. 26.—An authoritative denial was given today of the report published in America that David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, was shortly going there on a visit. It was explained that the chancellor had long desired to go to the United States and Canada, but that there was no chance of his making the trip as long as he remained a member of the British cabinet.

PACIFIC COAST IS SWEEPED BY STORM

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26.—A severe storm swept over the Pacific northwest today, snow and rain accompanied by a high wind, which at some places attained a velocity of sixty miles an hour. The storm on Puget Sound was the most severe recorded since the establishment of the weather bureau here. The wind blew sixty miles an hour at Cape Flattery, and fifty-four miles an hour here.

Telephone and telegraph lines between Portland and Salem were badly crippled.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Seelye arrived yesterday from New York and will remain here a few days before proceeding to their home at Fort William, Ontario.

DOODIE BURNS' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Clan McKenzie Held Banquet in Park Hotel Last Evening—Lady Members Present.

Burns' anniversary was celebrated last evening by Clan McKenzie by holding a banquet in the Park Hotel. A picturesque innovation was the presence of the lady members of the auxiliary, whose beauty and gay trappings introduced a note of festivity and color even more pleasing than the kind and witty of the worthy chieftain. The feature of the evening was the address of Rev. J. H. A. Anderson on the "Immortal Memory of Bobbie Burns." Rev. Mr. Anderson spoke with great eloquence of the splendid if erratic character of the poet of the common people, his work in interpreting the Scottish spirit, the marvelous hold upon the descendants of Scottish people spread over the face of the earth. He spoke of his fine democracy, and declared that Burns was a general summing up, the name of the Scottish bard would hold a high place in the roll call of men whose genius and teachings had contributed to the promotion of the brotherhood of man.

Chief E. B. McDonald presided, and after the toast to the "King," G. G. Corbett proposed the ladies' auxiliary, which was honored by singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." Mrs. E. Jamieson, the lady chief, responded in a speech that was a model of its kind, and possessed of the soul of wit, which is brevity.

R. A. C. Brown proposed the St. Andrew's Society, and Andrew Malcolm responded, giving a brief account of the work and progress of the local society.

Thomas G. G. then sang a Scottish song and responded to an encore, and Miss B. W. sang "Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon," and as an encore "Coming Thro' the Rye."

After the address by Rev. Mr. Anderson H. L. McGowan proposed "Our City," saying he had been informed by a Halifax man that St. John was destined to become a second New York within a few days that which he responded, saying that while St. John had been growing too fast in some directions recently, and was now slightly afflicted by the contraction of a cold spell, his financial position was better than ever before and that with the spring he expected to see the city go forward again towards the realization of that destiny to which its geographical position, its natural advantages, and the optimistic spirit of its people, justified it in looking forward to.

The Order of Scottish Clans was proposed by William Cameron and responded to by Andrew Malcolm.

The remainder of the programme was made up by songs by Hew Walker and S. J. McGowan, and an exhibition of the highland fling by Chief E. B. McDonald.

The reception committee was composed of Messrs. G. G. Corbett, F. Z. Fowler, H. L. McGowan, Wm. Cameron and Andrew Malcolm.

MAGNIFICENT PRINTINGS ON EXHIBITION

St. John Art Club at Home Yesterday Decided Success—Excellent Musical Programme.

The St. John Art Club, at-home in the Studio, Peel street, yesterday afternoon and the concert last evening proved one of the most thoroughly enjoyable affairs in the history of the club. Owing to the activity of the executive of the club during the past few months successful negotiations were carried on with the National Art Gallery, Ottawa, with the gratifying result that thirty magnificent paintings that loaned from the National Gallery are now on exhibition at the local studio. Needless to state these paintings were much appreciated by all who attended yesterday and the club is to be congratulated on its success. Much difficulty was experienced in securing the paintings, and it was only after a representative of the National Gallery inspected the local studio that the paintings were loaned.

The painting which most impressed those in attendance yesterday was one entitled, "Marguerite," by Henry Britton, A. R. C. A. of Toronto, while "Dreaming," by George Agnew Reid, R. C. A. of Toronto, was found a warm place in the hearts of all. Other pictures of note were "Young Canada" by Robert Harris, C. M. G., R. C. A.; "Landing of the Marquis" by Corn wall and York at Quebec by John Hammond, R. C. A. of Sackville, New Brunswick; "Hunters Returning With Spoil," by Henry Sargent, R. C. A.; "Evening on the Conestoga," by Charles M. Manley, A. R. C. A. of Toronto.

Owing to the energetic committee the studio was nicely decorated for the occasion and the day was a success in every way. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. R. G. Murray, Mrs. W. E. Raymond, Mrs. W. B. Rutherford, Mrs. Wetmore, Mrs. J. W. V. Lawlor, Mrs. W. H. Shaw, and Mrs. Sheffield. In the afternoon the tea table was presided over by Mrs. W. R. Murray and Mrs. Manning Doherty and Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Merrill in the evening. The table was prettily decorated with yellow daffodils and yellow candles.

The musical programme of the evening was one of merit as the keen appreciation and highly favorable comment showed. Miss Erminie Climo was heard in a vocal solo and had to respond to an encore as did Miss Biderman, who rendered a piano solo in her most approved manner. Mrs. Bert Gerow captured her audience in a nicely rendered vocal solo and was called on for an encore. Miss Biderman acted as accompanist and in all the afternoon and evening was pronounced a most decided success.

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