

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Generally fair and cold.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Forecast: Northern New England—Snow Monday with rising temperature. Tuesday, fair; brisk southeast shifting to northwest winds.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Pressure is highest tonight in the western states, while a moderate depression is centered over Michigan. The snow has fallen today in parts of Saskatchewan and furies have occurred very locally elsewhere in the Dominion. Cold weather prevails from Manitoba to the Atlantic, while it has been very mild in Alberta.

Temperatures.

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	48
Vancouver	40	46
Edmonton	40	50
Calgary	34	52
Battleford	6	20
Moosejaw	2	16
Winnipeg	6	12
Port Arthur	18	12
Perry Sound	18	6
London	6	18
Toronto	2	14
Ottawa	6	12
Montreal	6	12
Quebec	8	14
Halifax	20	24

*—Below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Linen Shower.

A large number of Miss Ava Fenwick's friends called on her at the home of her sister, Mrs. James R. Lezard, Metcalfe street, Saturday and tendered her a linen shower.

Relatives Wanted.

Chief of Police Clark has received a letter from Cambridge, Mass., announcing the death of Henry A. Smith, who is said to have relatives in St. John. The chief requests any relatives to call on him at police headquarters or telephone to him.

Importance of Character.

In Centenary church last evening Rev. W. H. Barracough preached on the subject "Better Than Gold, or Your Assay Value," giving an interesting exposition of the importance of character. In the morning his subject was "A Sam in Addition."

To Increase Capital.

Connor Bros. Ltd., of Black's Harbor, are applying for permission to increase their capital of \$48,000 to \$250,000. In addition to the steamer, trading and lumber business, Connor's Bros. carry on an extensive fish curing business, shipping their products to all parts of Canada and Europe and even to Australia and New Zealand.

Mayor Frink Invited.

Mayor Frink has received an invitation to attend the Victoria League of the Imperial Health Conference and Exhibition which will be held at London, England, from May 18 to 21. Housing, town planning and the care of children will be discussed. His worship does not expect to be able to attend.

William Robertson

The death of William Robertson took place at his residence, 48 Exmouth street, Saturday. He had been ill for some time but had only been confined to the house during the last two weeks. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. W. G. Stratton, one sister, Mrs. George Stratton and one brother, John Robertson. Mr. Robertson was a native of Ireland and came to St. John about fifty years ago. He conducted a grocery store in Exmouth street for the last thirty years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock from his late residence, 25 Exmouth street.

Centenary Brotherhood.

The meeting of Centenary Brotherhood, yesterday afternoon, was addressed by Rev. Lowell McPherson, who took for his subject "Self Respect." He took Saint Paul as an example and from his life pointed a path for the guidance of modern people. Rev. McPherson urged on his hearers a greater respect for themselves and for the church. He thought conditions in St. John were not as bad as in some other cities but he thought there was need for greater activities on the part of church members. The meeting was well attended and T. H. Bullock, the president, occupied the chair.

A New Locomotive.

There arrived from Montreal on Friday a large new locomotive, No. 832, to be used as a shunter for the I. C. R. The new engine is now in the round house being fitted up for duty, and it is expected will be at work in a few days. The engine is Canadian built and is the admiration of all the railroad men who have seen it. She is very powerful and has all the latest improvements attached. One new device is a patent reversing gear. Instead of using the big lever for reversing the engine, the driver performs this operation by the use of air. It is all done very quickly, by the moving of a small lever. The air does the work just as easily as the air works on the brakes.

PERSONAL.

Lady Davies was the hostess at a delightful luncheon yesterday in honor of her guest, Mrs. Fitzgerald of Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Montreal Star.

Mrs. J. M. Woodford is visiting relatives in St. John. R. Ferley Hartley, who is attending the St. John Law School, spent Sunday with his parents here.—Carlton Sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Muir of Calgary are spending a few days visiting Mrs. Captain Hayes, Hazen street.

Mrs. E. A. Smith, of St. John, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. McPhail while in town last week.—Victoria County News.

Gundry's for diamonds and precious stones.

DURING BIG SNOW STORM

Edward McDonald, of Moss Glen, Had Terrible Experience.

EXPOSED FOR TWELVE HOURS TO BLIZZARD

Weary and Famished, Suffering Terribly from Cold, Traveller Reached Destination in Awful Condition

With the wind travelling at a high rate, carrying the light snow in blinding clouds, travel on the river Saturday was the worst that has been experienced in years as many stories are told of the trying hours spent in attempting to cross the river against frightful odds.

Leaving the city a little after twelve o'clock Saturday afternoon, Edward McDonald, who was obliged to journey up the river about two miles beyond Moss Glen, was lost in the blinding snow and for nearly twelve hours drove through the heavy storm with nothing to guide him save the careful step of the hardy animal, and when at last he found his way to his destination he was completely exhausted with cold and hunger.

Travel was heavy, and like the sand storm of the desert, the fine snow that beat against the horses' face, so that it was almost impossible to follow any definite course. To make matters worse, those living across the river had neglected to freeze in the ice spruce trees, which in years past have marked the route, and those crossing the river on Saturday had not a single thing to guide them.

Anticipating the trying and difficult journey and foreseeing that there was little chance of the storm lessening, McDonald set out with his horse early in the afternoon, but he had not been on the road for more than an hour when he found that it was an almost impossible task to find his way to his destination, and he only hoped that he would be able to pull into some shelter before his horse would fall exhausted on the ice and he himself left helplessly exposed to the bitter cold and storm.

Benumbed with the snow and gnawing cold he remained behind the horse and the animal ploughed through the storm aimlessly as it was useless to attempt any particular course. The only hope was to find some land or shelter.

It was not till the storm ceased near midnight that the weary traveller was able to draw a sigh of relief, and had he not taken the precaution to carry a lantern he would probably not have then found his way home. When he could see in just what position he was McDonald discovered that he had been travelling for the greater part almost straight up the river and was fully nine miles out of his course. Having undergone the trying experience the man is glad to relate the story of the anxious hours spent on the ice, but he considers himself fortunate in that he is safe and well today.

Other stories are told of difficult journeys across the river on Saturday. It is said that he considers undoubtedly the worst weather that has been experienced on the river for years.

DRUNK FIGHTS, NOW IN CELL

Benjamin Fish Successful in his Search for Trouble—Has a Very Interesting Cell Mate.

Benjamin Fish, well known in police circles, looked on the wine when it ran red on Saturday last and as one result is now occupying a suite at central station in company with a member of the Digs family. The demon rum was the cause of the double downfall, although neither had any intention of boarding at the expense of the city, or, scorn the thought, sleeping in the same cell.

Fish, always a troublesome character, appeared on Waterloo street Saturday evening in a very joyous condition, there he fell foul of Police Officer James McNamee and a battle royal took place. From a spectator's point of view the fight was fine although the language used by the prisoner was not of the kind usually heard in a parlor. Officer McNamee was laboring under the disadvantage of an injured hand but in spite of this landed his man in the police station in first class style and after a stiff fight. Fish faces the double charge of drunkenness and resisting the police. He will probably appear in the police court this morning.

It was later in the night when Digs came on the scene, being arrested for drunkenness. Owing to the fact that numerous protectionists had claimed sleeping room in the cell it became necessary to place Digs in the same cell with Fish. It is understood that the pair became quite friendly.

THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL.

St. Andrews Curling Club. There will be a special meeting of the St. Andrew's Curling Club this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Gundry's for special watch 0 to 12

ST. JOHN'S POLICE ENTERED, MONEY TAKEN

Collection from Morning Service Stolen by Daring Thief—Broke Doors Down with Poker—Gang of Sneak Thieves Operating in St. John—Man in Women's Attire.

It is apparent that sneak thieves are operating and with much success in different sections of the city, and it seems a difficult task to get at the bottom of the matter. The police have now another case to clear up in the matter of a daring robbery committed yesterday afternoon in broad day light, when the St. Matthew's church was broken into and a substantial sum of money stolen, while several people coming from church were passing along the street. Another mysterious case which has set the officers thinking is that of a disguised man, who in the attire of a woman on Saturday evening entered a Main street house, obviously for the purpose of raising up the police. Report also has it that another house on Rockland road was some time during the latter part of last week subjected to a thorough ransacking and several articles stolen.

It is not definitely known how much money was stolen from St. Matthew's church, when the bold thief or thieves made the break, but the amount included all that had been collected in the morning's service, and as the collections are usually large, it is presumed that a goodly sum was taken. The break was made sometime between twelve and one o'clock, shortly after the morning's service had been concluded, and while a number of people must have been passing by.

The side door leading into the church, which had been bolted, but not very securely, was forced open by the daring thief, once inside of the building he immediately worked his way into the room in which the cash is kept. With an iron poker taken from the stove, the door leading to this compartment was forced open and the collection money, including envelopes and loose silver, stolen.

The burglar then made a clean getaway, leaving no clue to his identity. The police are now on the trail in an effort to round up the guilty party.

From the nature of the robbery, it is believed that boys were implicated in the affair, for it is not thought probable that any grown-up would attempt to enter a room of the kind. The belief also is that a gang of young desperadoes, who are responsible for many recent breaks, are operating in the city.

It was on Saturday evening that a person, to all appearance a man, entered a Main street house and asked access to a room of the kind. When the person in question remained quite long in the room an investigation was made, and it was found that the person was a man in woman's attire. The only imaginary purpose for anyone undertaking such a scheme was to get the plan of the house with the intention of making a haul. It is understood that the police were made acquainted with the acts of the case.

PARCELS POST WILL STRIKE MAIL HOUSES

Introduction of System Opens Opportunity for St. John Merchants—In United States.

That the introduction of the parcels post system has given many St. John business houses an opportunity to enlarge the scope of their operations was the opinion expressed by a local merchant on Saturday.

"There have been many complaints about the competition of mail order concerns in Montreal and Toronto," he, "now, with the adoption of the parcels post system, it will be possible for St. John merchants to reach out and secure a large share of trade in the province. But the people of the province must be made acquainted with the fact that they can get the goods they require in St. John, and if merchants want to capture the classes of trade made possible by the parcels post they will have to use more printers' ink."

The big order houses of the United States and Canada owe their success to newspaper publicity, supplemented by the catalogue.

"In Halifax some business houses are already advertising in Nova Scotia papers that they are establishing facilities for handling orders by the parcels post, and will prepay all postage charges.

When the parcels post system was inaugurated in the States, the post office was at first swamped by circulars sent out by merchants advertising at what prices they would deliver goods in particular zones.

DEFENDS SOCIALISM AGAINST CRITICISM

J. Eastwood in Interesting Address. Replies to Statement in Catholic Paper—Answers Questions.

At the Socialist meeting last evening J. Eastwood delivered a discourse, criticizing a criticism of Socialism which appeared in a Catholic paper. He expressed the view that Socialism was a menace to the rule of the capitalists and that if the Catholic church chose to defend the capitalist system against the militant working class it would have trouble as it did in England when it sought to defend the feudal system against the rising middle class who were responsible for the reformation.

"Will there be any graft under Socialism?" demanded a man in the audience.

To this the answer was to the effect that the only graft worth having was that in the power of the big landlord and capitalists.

"Do you blame the capitalist because the world is such a rotten place to live in?" was the next question.

"No," was the answer, "the capitalists are sensible people. I blame the workers, because they haven't sense enough to set things right."

ASKS OFFICER TO SUP HIS FALSE TEETH

Places Peculiar Charge on Policeman John Collins, at Union Depot—A Young Traveller.

Now for the past thirty years the veteran police officer, John Collins, has been stationed about the Union Depot, and during that time he has had many and various charges entrusted to him, but never during his life as an I.C.R. policeman has he been asked to carry out any such charge as was placed upon him Saturday by an excited traveller, hastening to catch the Montreal train. What was the favor asked of him? To find a man, teeth and express them to his boarding house.

Everything was in a bustle at the Union Depot; the heavy steam clouded the train shed and excited passengers hurried to and fro. About five minutes before the Montreal pulled out a man post they left his teeth in the room of his boarding house and that he would not have time to return and get them before the train would pull out. The thought of a man forgetting his teeth in his boarding house when travelling, could not help bringing a smile to the genial face, but when the case was explained the matter was placed in Collins' hands and no doubt satisfactory arrangements will be made for the shipment of the teeth.

It appears that the passenger on the outgoing train had packed quite hurriedly, and in his haste he had neglected to fill the gap between the jaws with the mighty molars, and unfortunately did not discover his mistake until his arrival at the depot. It was then recalled to him rather painfully that he was not all there—his teeth were gone—and he sought assistance from the officer. The traveller's address was given and it was promised that the teeth would be secured and despatched. But not infrequently amusing question. Another passenger approached him and asked what time the Boston Pullman was due to leave. Officer Collins informed him that the Boston would leave at 4:45, "see," said the questioner, "but I don't want the whole train, I just want the Pullman." "Some traveller, that."

The sale of jewelry at 77 Charlotte street at big discounts, to close out estate of W. T. Gard, commences today. See advertisement.

Gundry's for high grade watch repairs.

Wanamakers' Cabaret.

The Southern Sisters, a clever musical troupe from New York, will appear in Wanamakers' Restaurant regularly at the following hours: Dinner, twelve to one-thirty; supper, five forty-five to seven; evening, ten to twelve.

Thousands of walrus on sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store this week. Their equal may not be met with in years, so share while you may. Every garment is new and fresh, the styles are the very choicest and daintiest, and the materials are those in greatest demand. They will be priced at \$75, \$50, \$25, \$30, \$100, \$110 and from that up to \$4.50. They are worth fully a third more in every instance.

Grand Sailors' Concert.

Tonight in the Seaman's Institute the Victorian concert party in splendid programme, J. Charlton, Esq., in the chair. Admission, 10 cents.

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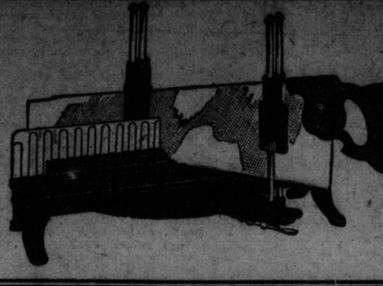
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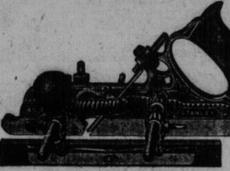
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The greatest accumulation of Remnants and Odds and Ends ever offered will be placed on sale beginning This Morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Remnants of White Sheetings, Remnants of Pillow Cotton, Remnants of Bleached Table Damask, Remnants of Cream Table Damask, Remnants of Huck Towelling, Remnants of Roller Towelling, Remnants of Tea Towelling, Remnants of Glass Towelling, Remnants of Yard Wide Cotton, Remnants of Long Cloth, Remnants of Embroidery Linens.

Soiled and Sample Lots Consisting of
Bleached Damask Cloths, Cream Damask Cloths, Tea and Dinner Napkins, d'Oyles, 5 O'clock Tea Cloths, Tray Cloths, Side Board Covers, Bureau Covers, Commode Covers, White Crochet Quilts, White Satin Quilts, Colored Quilts, Embroidered Cotton Quilts. All Kinds of Towels, Bath Mats. Great Bargains for all. Come Early. Sale Begins this Morning at 8.30 O'clock.

An Interesting Showing Now of New Spring Blouses

We are now showing a full range of new Tailored Blouses for Spring in a great enough variety of style to make a careful study of them decidedly interesting. The new features include the Raglan sleeve and the extended shoulder, also the low sunshine collar.

PIQUE BLOUSES —With low collar, in both raglan and extended shoulder effect, three-quarter sleeves with cuffs. Size 34 to 42. Each . . . \$1.00	TAILORED BLOUSES —Of white cotton, cluster tucks All-over collar and cuffs. Sizes 34 to 42. Each . . . \$1.10	TAILORED BLOUSES —In striped white and black, and white and blue crepe, white crepe sunshine collar, extended shoulder, three-quarter sleeves. Size 34 to 42. Each . . . \$1.50
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