

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Southwesterly winds, fair and mild.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The storm which moved across Ontario on Saturday has passed away to the northward and the weather is now fair and mild from the great lakes to the Maritime Provinces.

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Jan. 23. Forecast: Fair Monday and Tuesday; light to moderate west and southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

St. John Art Club. The second reading of the afternoon course of the St. John Art Club will be given in the studio by Mrs. Silas Alward at four o'clock today.

Government Meets Tonight. Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Robt. Maxwell will leave today for Fredericton to attend a meeting of the government that will be held this evening.

St. Peter's Annual Statement. In St. Peter's church yesterday morning, Rev. A. J. Duke, C. S. R., rector of the parish, read the yearly report of the church in regard to finances, Sunday school and societies.

Shed Burnt on Broad St. Dump. Between nine and ten o'clock last evening the chemical engine responded to a still alarm for a fire on the Broad street dump.

United Prayer Meetings. United prayer meetings were held last evening in Centenary church and in the Main street Baptist church.

A Harbinger of Spring. The mild weather and bare sidewalks have induced the small boy to hunt up his marbles and commence again to play the game.

Fire on Loch Lomond Road. On Saturday morning the dwelling and barns of Mr. E. I. Simonds on the Loch Lomond road, were destroyed by fire.

Lecture on the British Isles. Rev. David Hutchinson will deliver a lecture, illustrated by the reflector scope, on his trip through the British Isles, in the Temple building, on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Conservative National Convention. Mr. W. H. Thorne left for Ottawa on Saturday for the purpose of attending a meeting of the committee that is making preliminary arrangements for the Conservative national convention.

Lecture on Church History. In St. Peter's Y. M. A. rooms yesterday afternoon, Rev. Joseph Borgmann, C. S. R., delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on church history.

Plate Glass Window Broken. The large plate glass window in Davis Bros' jewelry store, on Charlotte street, was broken by some unknown person or persons, between eight and nine o'clock last night.

Entertained the Newspaper Men. On Saturday evening Mr. Paul W. Hillis, the general manager of the Colonials, entertained a number of newspaper men at a theatre party and supper after the play.

Looking For a Criminal. A communication was received at police headquarters on Saturday, from Mr. John F. Downie, superintendent of police, Detroit, asking that a sharp lookout be kept for a man named Leonard Gerace, who is wanted on a charge of murder in that city.

Band Conductor Arrives Today. Mr. Frank Waddington, the new conductor of the City Cornet Band, will arrive today on the noon train from Sherbrooke, P. Q.

Dock Street Fire Does \$16,000 Damage

Laurence Building Gutted Yesterday Afternoon—Linton and Sinclair Co. Ltd., J. W. Godard, and St. John Mercantile Co. Ltd., The Heaviest Sufferers—Insurance Losses Are Placed At \$11,500—Large Crowds Watch Outbreak.

Thousands of people witnessed a spectacular fire which broke out in the Laurence building, in Dock street shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and before it was subdued did damage estimated at \$16,000.

Seven streams of water were played on the flames almost from the time of their discovery until the all out signal rang at 6:30 o'clock. The inflammable straw stored in the building and used for packing, was the cause of the blaze and filled the building with dense smoke, making the task of the firemen a hard one.

The Losses. The losses are estimated as follows: Miss Mary Lawrence, owner of damaged building, loss, \$4000; insured in Norwich Union for \$4000.

Linton and Sinclair Co., Ltd., practically destroyed, loss \$5000, insured in New York Underwriters Co., for \$2000; in Commercial Union for \$1000 and in the Phoenix of Hartford for \$500.

J. W. Godard, stock practically destroyed, loss \$2000; insured with Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Co., for \$1,000.

St. John Mercantile Co., Ltd., stock in warehouse damaged by water, only \$1000; insured in Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co., for \$3,000.

Mr. R. E. Fitzgerald, plumber in adjoining building also damaged by water and smoke, fully covered by \$500 in Commercial Union and \$500 in the Sun.

The fire is thought to have started from an overheated stove on the ground floor of Linton and Sinclair's crockery store, 37 Dock street and spread down to the basement through a stairway before it was discovered.

Alarm Rang In. John Travis, 2 North street, was standing on the street in front of the building at the time and noticed the smoke coming from the basement windows.

It proved, however, that the flames were deep seated and had burned well into the centre of the building before discovery. The various companies arrived quickly and four streams were soon playing on the fire.

When the windows were broken in so thick was the volume of smoke and flame that burst out that the serious nature of the fire was at once realized. Engine No. 1 was stationed almost directly opposite the building and sent two streams playing on the fire.

Mr. Sinclair, of the firm of Linton & Sinclair Co., Ltd., said the heaviest loss would be in the delay in carrying on their business owing to the destruction of samples. The value of the damaged goods would not represent their greatest loss.

Owing to the difficulty in ringing No. 5 alarm, the box was tested at 7:30 last evening and worked perfectly.

WASSON'S STOMACH TONIC For Indigestion 45 and 75c. a Bottle Money back if you receive no benefit. Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

Books IN SETS At Bargain Prices Ruskin, 13 vols., cloth, \$5.67 Dickens, 15 vols., cloth, 10.00 Dickens, 12 vols., leather, 13.50 Scott, 12 vols., cloth, 8.00 Thackeray, 10 vols., cloth, 8.67 Hugo, 10 vols., cloth, 8.67 Robt. Browning, 12 vols., cloth, 7.50

E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

A CLEAN CUT BARGAIN --FOR WOMEN-- \$1.98 A PAIR Women's fine Dongola Kid Blucher Cut Laced Boots, Kid Tips, extra heavy soles, Military heels, bought to sell at \$2.50 and well worth it.

\$1.98 A PAIR DONT MISS THEM Waterbury & Rising King Street, Mill Street, Union Street.

PERSONAL. Mrs. Thomas Haskins, wife of the superintendent of C. P. R. dining cars left on Saturday evening for Montreal.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM. Some excitement was caused in St. Mary's church last evening during the service by some person in the rear of the church shouting "fire" when the alarm was rung in from box 5 about half past seven.

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Wooden ware Oval Wood Dishes, Wash Tubs, Water Palls, Butter Tubs, Candy Palls, Brooms, Pickle Palls, Lard Palls. W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Unusual Clothing Values at Gilmour's Among the Overcoats on which prices have been materially reduced are the justly popular black and grey Cheviots and Meltons, 45 and 60 inches long, and the long, heavy, comfortable Ulsters.

UNEEDA Biscuit 5c National Biscuit Co. Ask Your Grocer

BUY SPRING SHIRTS NOW At Wholesale Prices At the J. N. HARVEY Stores. This big sale of sample shirts started on Saturday and men were quick to take advantage of the best shirt offer that has yet been made in St. John.

Fine Imported Underwear Wolsey and Wolf Brands Perfect Fitting, Absolutely Unshrinkable, Unrivalled in Wear, Affording Unbelievable Comfort UNSHRINKABLE. These garments are pure wool throughout, designed, shaped, made and finished with conscientious care from first stitch to last.

SUDDEN DEATH OF WELL KNOWN I.C.R. FREIGHT CHECKER John J. Lindsay Passed Away Yesterday From Heart Disease—Had Been With Department 25 Years.

FIRE EARLY SUNDAY MORNING DAMAGES W. D. BASKIN'S STORE Department Called Out To Blaze On Ludlow St.—Cinders From Stove Set Light To Floor.