

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate winds; mostly westerly; fair and not much change in temperature.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Light local snowfalls have occurred today in the Georgian Bay region and Northern Ontario and there have been showers on the British Columbia coast. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair. It has been comparatively mild in the western provinces and temperatures in Ontario have been somewhat higher in most localities.

Temperatures.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Vancouver, Kamloops, Battleford, Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, Moosejaw, Regina, Qu'Appelle, Winnipeg, Prince Arthur, Southampton, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Key Found. A key found on Douglas avenue Saturday is at the North End police station.

Glove Found. A glove found on Prince William street can be secured by the owner at Central police station.

Refused to Pay. I.C.R. Police Officer Smith arrested John Smith on Saturday for refusing to pay his fare from Fredericton to St. John.

Sleigh Rug Found. William Thompson found a sleigh rug on Wentworth street Saturday. It is now at Central station where it can be secured by the owner.

Arrested for Assault. Officer James Power arrested John Lane on Saturday for assaulting Fred Lupe on Union street. A razor was discovered on the prisoner at Central station.

A Large Collection. It was announced from the pulpit in the Cathedral yesterday that \$754 was the amount collected for the orphans at the doors of the church on Christmas day.

A Fine Speaker. Rev. James Faulkner, professor of Bible literature at Pinehill, Halifax, was the speaker at this morning and evening services in St. Stephen's Presbyterian church yesterday. Big congregations attended both services and were well pleased with Professor Faulkner's subjects and the excellent manner in which they were handled.

Has New Position. E. Percy Howard, for the past ten years a member of the firm of Jarvis and Whiteaker, has tendered his resignation to take effect the end of the year, and has been appointed city agent of the Home Underwriters of New York. Mr. Howard, for the present, has taken desk room in the office of Messrs. White and Calkin, No. 107 Prince William street.

Church Hockey. The Y.M.A. in connection with the German street Baptist church have organized a hockey team and are desirous of clashing with some other church team. At present the different Y. M. A.'s in the city have hockey teams with some fast players enlisted, but a regular league has not been formed. It is proposed by the German street Baptist enthusiasts that the different young men's church associations get together and organize a league for the purpose of keeping hockey before the St. John public. The team from the German street Y.M.A. feel that they have a good strong aggregation, and are prepared to do business with any other church seven.

DELIVERS ADDRESS AT SEAMEN'S MISSION

More than two hundred sailors were present at the Christmas service in the Seamen's mission last evening when Rev. J. A. MacKellan, of St. David's Presbyterian Church, gave a very interesting address on Christmas. His words made a marked impression on those present. Hew Walker presided and there were several musical numbers. Tickets for the Christmas entertainment and dinner were distributed. This entertainment will take place tonight when it is expected that 500 men will be present. Comfort bags, which were supplied by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, will be distributed. Rev. W. H. Barracough will deliver an address. The rooms at the mission have been tastefully decorated for the holiday festivities, and present a handsome appearance.

POLICE COURT

In the police court Saturday morning George Oleso, a Johnny at Conroy Bay, was fined \$8 for swearing and \$30 or three months in jail for fighting on Water street.

One prisoner, charged with drunkenness in the depot was fined \$8 or two months in jail. Three other drunks were remanded.

Henry O'Leary, who was arrested for drunkenness on British street, and is charged with violent resistance, pleaded not guilty. He was remanded with the others.

The case against John Jackson (colored), who was arrested on December 23rd for assaulting a young girl on Brussels street, came up for hearing but was postponed for witnesses.

MAIL RECORD ESTABLISHED AT SAND POINT

S. S. Virginian's Mails Landed and Shipped in Hour and Half.

BIG ALLAN LINER HAD FINE VOYAGE

2249 Bags and 917 Packages Handled in Lightning Manner—Officials well Pleased.

The Allan Liner Virginian, Captain A. Rennie, arrived in port yesterday morning and docked at No. 7 berth, Sand Point. The ship brought out a heavy mail and 175 passengers, there being 44 first class, 39 second and 92 steerage.

The ship had a fairly good voyage from Liverpool, encountering the usual winter weather. On Christmas day the ship was far out on the ocean but the day was celebrated by those on board. There was the usual Christmas dinner, a concert, and all the children on board the big liner hung their stockings up on Christmas Eve, and were delighted to find them filled with candy and toys the next morning.

The ship's daily runs were 254, 375, 292, 383, 387, 399, 187. The following is the list of the first class passengers: Hugh Allan, S. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Mary Armstrong, M. Breslin, Wm. A. Burton, Mrs. Burton, Master J. Burton, F. W. Cherry, Capt. R. G. Corbett, R.N., Mrs. Corbett, Mr. Despard, Mrs. Duncan, W. T. Fleming, C. T. Fullerton, J. W. Gibson, Mrs. Gibson and child, Commander E. Henslowe, M. D. Herdridge, J. C. Hope, M. Joseph, Mrs. Joseph, Senator Ph. Landry, Mrs. Landry, M. Mayers, Percy R. Merry, A. G. Morrison, K.C., Henri de Ponthiere, Lieut. E. J. Renaud, S. Rubin, W. G. Scott, G. H. Smith, Mrs. May Tandy, Mrs. Marguerite Taschereau, Mrs. C. Taylor, H. Wineburg, Miss Emily Yates, Master Montagu Yates.

The Virginian brought out a very heavy mail, there being 2249 bags of mail and 917 packages. These were made up as follows: 1747 Canadian bags of mail and 854 packages; 502 bags of overseas mail and 63 packages.

The ship docked at eleven o'clock and one of the fastest records ever made in Canada was hung up in handling the mails. In just one hour and 30 minutes after the ship docked the mails were all landed and placed in the cars and ready to be shipped. The mail, the maritime Province, being hauled to the east side of the harbor on teams. It was a record for quick handling that greatly pleased the Allan Line and the C. P. R. officials.

REUNION AT ST. PETER'S

North End Society Held Pleasant Meeting Yesterday Afternoon—Presentation to Spiritual Advisor.

A very enjoyable time was had yesterday afternoon in the rooms of St. Peter's Y. M. A., Douglas avenue, when the members of the association met in their annual Christmas reunion. The function, which was attended by practically every active member of the association, was marked by presentations to the director, or as well as individual members of the orchestra, and to the spiritual advisor of the society. Inspiring addresses reviewing the work of the society were also delivered during the afternoon.

The meeting was presided over by John McDonald, president of the association; and in a neat address in which he dwelt on the advancement and aims of St. Peter's Y. M. A. Mr. McDonald opened the afternoon's programme.

Rev. Joseph H. Borgman, C. S. S. R., spiritual advisor of the society addressed the boys. He touched on the work which had been carried on throughout the year, and spoke encouragingly of the plans outlined for the winter. Not the least important to the boys, included in the winter's activities will be the holding of a sleigh drive at some future date. During the meeting Rev. Father Borgman was presented with a purse of gold by the society members, and a purse of gold was also received from the society by Eugene McBride, director of the orchestra. A photograph was also received by each member of the orchestra.

The remaining portion of the programme consisted of selections by St. Peter's orchestra; violin solo, M. O'Neill; solo, Harry McQuade; solo, Frank McCarroll; and a quartet, M. O'Neill. The society is now in a flourishing condition with a big membership.

Handsome Calendar. Scenes showing the different stages lumber goes through from the forest to the consumer are shown on the calendars just issued by the J. B. Snowball Co., Ltd., of Chatham, N. B. The whole scheme of the calendars is in good taste and shows to advantage the different lines handled by this energetic North Shore firm.

PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL

HON. MR. HAZEN WILL SPEAK

Minister of Marine and Fisheries will Address North End Conservatives this Evening.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, will address a public meeting to be held under the auspices of the North End Conservative Club, in the Temple of Honor Hall, Main street, this evening. It is some time since Mr. Hazen has addressed a meeting in the North End, and it is expected there will be a large number of electors in attendance. Mr. Hazen will be the principal speaker, but a number of other Conservative leaders will be present and deliver brief addresses. Hon. J. K. Fleming was invited to speak at the meeting, and it is expected he will present if his other engagements permit him to come to St. John today.

SMALL FIRES YESTERDAY

James McIntyre Loses Fine Horse—Blaze in Carleton—C.P.R. Box Car Suffers.

Early yesterday morning fire was discovered in McArthur's wood shed off Sydney street, near the corner of British. When discovered the flames had broken through the sides and roof and had also penetrated into the barn where James McIntyre keeps his horse. It took the firemen some time to quench the flames and the two buildings were badly damaged. When the barn door was broken in it was found that Mr. McIntyre's horse had been suffocated. It was not known just how the fire started but it was thought that hot ashes were responsible.

The West End firemen were called out early yesterday morning for a small fire caused by one of the oil heaters in a car near No. 6 warehouse, Sand Point. The damage was trifling. Yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock a fire was discovered in a C. P. R. box car loaded with hay and lying in the ward off Mill street. An alarm was sent in. The car and contents were badly damaged.

SURVEY OF HOUSING CONDITIONS SOON

Board of Health will Take the Matter up Early in Year—Selected Section.

It is expected that the proposed survey of housing conditions in a selected section of St. John will be started early in the year. The survey will be made by officers of the Board of Health, and the idea is to have the city council or the Board of Trade bear the expense. When the survey is made, it is hoped that it will provide data upon which to formulate plans for improving housing conditions in the city.

Before the old council went out of existence it had taken up the matter of making a complete revision of the building by-laws adopted shortly after the big fire of 1877, and bringing them up to date. The council committee held conferences with the Board of Underwriters, the Builders' Exchange and architects, and Architect Mort was engaged to draft the new by-laws. The Board of Trade has been planning to hold a meeting to discuss the general question of housing, and find out what it costs so much to put up buildings here, but no date has been fixed for the meeting.

YOUNG LADY VICTIM OF DARING HOLD-UP

A daring hold-up took place on Canterbury street about seven o'clock on Saturday evening. A young lady while walking along the street from her place of business was held up by a man who demanded two dollars. The young lady was greatly frightened and unfortunately no person was near to render assistance. She gave the man the two dollars after which he allowed her to pass alone. Although she can give a fairly good description of the man it is not known if it is sufficient for the police to work on.

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Queen's Rink. There is beautiful ice on Queen's Rink, which is now open daily—morning 10 to 12; afternoon 2 to 5; evening 7 to 10. Single admission, ladies and children, 15c.; gentlemen, 25c.

ADVOCATES SOCIAL REFORMS TO FIGHT EVIL

A. M. Belding in Eloquent Appeal before Centenary Brotherhood.

MUST GET AT BOTTOM TO SECURE RESULTS

Urges Organization of Men of all Churches into Moral and Social Reform League.

The organization of the men of the different churches into a moral and social reform league, charged with the purpose of formulating a programme upon which all the churches could be united without regard to denominational differences, and the utilization of the schools as social centres, were largely advocated by A. M. Belding in an address delivered before the Men's Brotherhood of Centenary church yesterday afternoon. Mr. Belding suggested that the men's brotherhood take the initiative in the formation of such a league. R. G. Murray, who presided at the meeting, said the principal object of the brotherhood was to lend its support to such a movement as was outlined by the speaker, and J. William Smith endorsed the suggestions made. No action, however, was taken. In opening his address Mr. Belding said that the work directed to the problem of reforming individuals was largely a waste of effort, and social reform movements should give their main attention to the conditions under which men lived, and try to abolish the inequalities and evils which afflicted them. The liquor peddlars and those who profited by the perpetuation of evils were aggressive and exercised an active influence upon the moral and immoral atmosphere of a community. The respectable citizen was too often a mere passive influence. In order to do their duty good citizens should see that the laws were enforced, and better laws enacted where required. Organization was necessary to develop a community spirit, but an organization's activities should not be limited to holding meetings. There was inspiration in discussion, value in example, but outside a great problem awaited aggressive and determined effort. A small group of men could get together and formulate a community programme which would open channels for purposeful opposition to the forces of evil.

Social Centres. The speaker said he knew of no movement more full of promise of betterment than the social centres movement, a movement by the people for the people which has grown rapidly since the strike in the schools. School boards were now compelled by law to open the school buildings for the uses of the public. In St. John the movement would have to begin on a small scale, because of financial difficulties and lack of equipment, but a start should be made. Saloons were open; there were plenty of places where young people could learn bad habits; the community should open its school buildings for the social entertainment and instruction of the people generally. The churches would remain a source of inspiration, but church activities seldom extended beyond the denominational boundary. The development of social centres work, the growth of the community spirit would result in an elevation of the moral and social standards, and the reaction would be beneficial to the churches; obviously they should support this movement.

Big Problems. The awakening of China and Japan were bringing big problems to the forefront. If the Christian nations were to meet the economic competition of the orient, and continue to maintain their intellectual domination they must tackle the social evils at the root, abolish poverty, give every man, woman and child an opportunity to come out in the sunshine, and to train their bodies and minds to fit them for the great work awaiting them. Those who wish to preserve the best that is in Christendom must lay aside selfish ambitions and emulate the example of the great work awaiting them. Those who stood for the maintenance of the social order of his day, and the evils he wished to eradicate, were preparing the stage for the last sad scene in his tragic career.

H. H. Stuart, alderman of Newcastle, when asked to speak, he agreed with Mr. Belding that in order to achieve permanent results it was necessary to tackle conditions. While many people were in the depths through natural depravity, many were also in desperate plight through no fault of their own. Drink might cause poverty, but poverty was often the cause of drink. The conditions under which men lived often set up a demand for stimulants. Society should abolish the slums, and do that it would have to abolish poverty.

E. L. Sheppard said he had heard of one peddler who sold 126 long-necks on a Sunday.

J. Willard Smith said he had his own view of the argument that poverty was a cause of drink, but he agreed that there was a great waste of effort trying to reform individuals. He believed they should tackle the immediate cause of the drink evil, the liquor traffic, and suppress the business.

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