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Major-General Von der Launitz, Chief of the St. Petersburg Police, Murdered by Revolutionary—Bullet Entered Base of Brain—Brilliant Assembly Witnessed Tragedy.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—Major-General Von Der Launitz, prefect of police of St. Petersburg, was shot and killed by a young man at the Institute of Experimental Medicine this afternoon.

Von Der Launitz, at the invitation of Prince Peter Alexandrovitch, Duke of Oldenburg, husband of the Grand Duchess Olga, youngest sister of Emperor Nicholas, was attending the consecration of the institute chapel. During the services there and while standing near several high officials the prefect was approached from the rear by a young man who drew a revolver and shot him in the base of the brain.

As the assassin turned to flee, one of the officers present drew his sabre and cut the man down and killed him. The identity of the assassin has not been established.

Had an Invitation.

The authorship of the crime has been traced to the fighting organization of the Social Revolutionists, who recently resolved to resume full terroristic activity. The organization to-night issued the customary proclamation, avowing and justifying the assassination which was accomplished with an ease that has struck terror into the hearts of all other officials on the revolutionary death list.

The assassin was about 22 years old, and apparently belonged to the intelligent working class. The police affirm he was a Jew. He was provided with a card of admission to the dedication of the church, but it bore no name. The authorities have not been able to learn how he obtained this invitation to the ceremony, which was extremely secret.

Prince Peter Alexandrovitch, Duke of Oldenburg, is a patron of the institute. Among the guests present were his wife, Grand Duchess Olga, youngest sister of Emperor Nicholas; Princess Eugenia Emilanova and a number of other persons prominent at court.

That General Von Der Launitz was to attend the consecration of the church of the institute, the terrorists must have learned from sources within the police department. The prefect was accompanied to the church by his usual body guard of secret service men, but not one of them had the slightest suspicion of the murder.

Assassin Slain.

The fall of General Von Der Launitz was followed by indescribable confusion. The Duke of Oldenburg seized the assassin's hand after he had fired twice, and the succeeding shots were discharged into the ceiling. But before the duke could disarm him one of the officers, who accompanied the prefect, struck the assassin a blow with his sabre which completely cut out a portion of his skull. As the man was falling he shot himself in the stomach with the last bullet in his revolver. His death was instantaneous, but several officers continued to hack frienzledly at his body until the Duke of Oldenburg forced them to desist.

The Shadows Before.

After dissolution of the Russian parliament, powers little short of those of a petty dictator were conferred upon Von Der Launitz. He issued a long proclamation, explaining the government's reasons for dispersing the legislators. Last September Von Der Launitz refused to legalize the Constitutional Democratic party on the ground that its program did not clearly show its political views and refused to legalize the Octoberist party because of the omission in its petition of the address of its headquarters.

Some idea of his activity may be gathered from figures which he caused to be published Dec. 28 last. It was then announced that the "flying section of the secret police" had made 588 arrests in St. Petersburg during the three days preceding Dec. 29. The prisoners, who included thirty-seven women, were charged with "revolutionary activity and illegal election agitation." It was added that further arrests and searches were proceeding vigorously.

On Nov. 23 last, Von Der Launitz, acting, it was said, under a hint from a higher authority, dispersed a meeting of Constitutional Democrats in St. Petersburg, which he himself had previously sanctioned. The police authorities complained that the speakers would not confine their remarks to answers to their political opponents.

Suppressed "The Russ."

On Nov. 14 last Von Der Launitz suppressed The Russ of St. Petersburg because of the publication of an article by M. Karavaeff, a well-known jurist, who deplored what he termed "the debasement of all moral consciousness in Russia."

Vladimir Von Der Launitz came of an old family of the German nobility, in the Baltic provinces. He served with distinction during the Turkish War of 1887-88, was decorated for bravery, and, in addition to holding the rank of major-general, he was one of the equerries of the court. Von Der Launitz was governor of Tambov for three years. He stood high in the favor of the emperor.

Dr. Dubrovin, president of the reactionary League of the Russian Police, was attacked by a revolutionist on the street last night, several shots being fired at him without effect.

970 CASES OF TYPHOID.

Fever Epidemic at Scranton Due to Bad Water.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 3.—Scranton's typhoid fever epidemic to-day shows a total of 970 cases since the outbreak six weeks ago.

Thirty-one cases were reported for the twenty-four hours ending at noon. There have been seventy-two deaths. Bad water was the cause of the epidemic.

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M'GILL DREW ABOUT $6000 PERSONAL, BROKERS THINK

Commission Completes the Taking of Evidence in New York City.

New York, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Special Commissioner George Angus and Crown-Attorney Corley to-day completed their investigations of the dealings between former Manager McGill of the Ontario Bank and various New York brokerage houses. They will return to Toronto to-morrow. Commissioner Angus complimented the brokers on their uniform courtesy.

The chief purpose of the commission being to trace any actual funds of the insolvent bank to the hands of McGill from the brokers, in the form of cash on sight, drafts and the like, Commissioner Angus elicited from Cuyler, Morgan and Company the information that McGill had drawn from that from about $6000 in drafts ranging from $25 to $2500.

"If our firm here had known we were dealing with bank funds we would have sent his money back. I always understood McGill was a wealthy banker living in Toronto, and was using his own funds here on the market. If we had had an inkling of the truth we would have stopped the account," said Mr. Vaughan.

From Laidlaw and Company and Chas. Head and Company full statements were secured, which were of a character highly satisfactory to the Canadian officials.

Marshall, Spader and Company objected to making a statement for publication, but supplied the commissioner with a statement and copy of the McGill account, which filled sixty pages in their books and covered more than two years of his dealings thru them in stocks and grain.

COLLISION IN SNOWSTORM.

Overland and Los Angeles Limited Trains in Crash—One Fatality.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—Union Pacific Overland Limited and Los Angeles Limited trains Nos. 2 and 8, both bound for this city, had a collision last night at Brule Station, 20 miles west of North Platte. There was a blinding snowstorm and a high wind at the time.

The Los Angeles train crashed into the observation car on the rear of the Overland Limited.

Twenty-five to 30 passengers were in the observation car, and one—E. W. Hastings, an actor, of New York—was instantly killed. Mail Clerk Gilbert Worley of this city sustained a fractured skull, and a passenger named Jennings was scalded.

There is a possibility that the dead man may be Ernest W. Hastings, formerly of Toronto, who has won high laurels on the American and Australian stage.

WON'T PAY FOR VALPARAISO.

British Insurance Companies Repudiate Liabilities.

London, Jan. 3.—All the British insurance companies have repudiated their liabilities arising from the earthquake at Valparaiso last year.

Speaking on the subject at a meeting of the Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool to-day the chairman said that the terms of the Valparaiso policies differed from those of San Francisco. The companies, he added, had all agreed to resist the Valparaiso claims, and law suits had been commenced.

REID AND COLLINS NAMED.

In the Sifton Affidavit—Case in Assizes Next Week.

Owing to press of work E. E. A. DuVernet, K.C., will be unable to continue the case for the prosecution in the London bribery charges at the assizes beginning next week. The duties of crown counsel will likely devolve upon Mr. Lynch Staunton, K.C., of Hamilton.

The Sifton "confession" will be made public at the resumption of the trial. It is said that the affidavit implicates principally Reid and Collins.

A RUMOR DENIED.

The rumor that the Sterling Bank has purchased the property at the corner of King and Jordan streets is incorrect. An official of the bank said to The World yesterday: "There is no truth in the rumor. We are not negotiating for the purchase of any site whatever. We are conducting a banking institution and are not dabbling in real estate."

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Jan. 4.
Lecture by A. O. Wheeler, F.R.G.S., on "Canada's Mountain Wonderland," University Chemical Building, 8.
East Toronto Conservatives' annual meeting, East Toronto, 8.

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SIGNS OF TIMES IN LEGISLATION

Suggestions Made in the Inaugural Addresses of Various State Governors—Control of Corporations.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 3.—In his inaugural address Governor Hughes thus referred to public service corporations:

"Proper means for the regulation of the operations of railroad corporations should be supplied. For want of it, pernicious favoritism has been practised. Secret rebates have been allowed, and there have been unjust discriminations in rates and in furnishing facilities for transportation. Those who have sought to monopolize trade have thus been enabled to crush competition and to grow in wealth and power by crowding out their rivals who have been deprived of access to markets upon equal terms. These abuses are not to be tolerated. Congress has legislated upon the subject with reference to interstate commerce, where naturally the evil has been most prominent. But domestic commerce must be regulated by the state, and the state should exercise its power to secure impartial treatment to shippers and the maintenance of reasonable rates. There is also need of regulation and strict supervision to insure adequate service and due regard for the convenience and safety of the public. The most practicable way of attaining these ends is for the legislature to confer proper power upon a subordinate administrative body.

"Not only are the new facilities needed, which should be planned with reference both to immediate and future needs, but there is urgent necessity for more strict supervision to secure better service on existing lines. In some portions of the city antiquated horsecars may still be seen, giving picturesque emphasis to the disregard of the public convenience. Overcapitalization and the improvident creation of guarantees and fixed charges to suit the exigencies of successive combinations entered into for the purpose of monopolizing the traffic have produced their natural results. There are such unjust burdens upon earnings and the tendency constantly to effect economies at the expense of proper service is so strong that it is imperative that the people shall have vigilant representatives clothed with ample authority to compel the corporations to perform their public duty."

TO KILL CORRUPT PRACTICES.

Boston, Jan. 3.—The inaugural address of Governor Curtis Guild, jr., reviewed the condition of the state during the last year.

The governor's recommendation of last year for an extension of the corrupt practices act was renewed. He advocated a tax on collateral inheritances and cheap industrial insurance.

He believed in fair play for corporations, but said that poor services should be remedied.

MAKE LOBBYING A CRIME.

Jefferson, Mo., Jan. 3.—A number of insurance reforms are suggested by Governor Folk in his message to the legislature to-day.

Legislative lobbying should be made a crime, he asserts.

Governor Folk recommends a law making it a felony to bet on a horse race, legislation to suppress bucket shops, rigid child labor laws, and prison punishment for violation of the anti-trust laws.

PROHIBITION TO PROHIBIT.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 3.—William T. Cobb in his inaugural address observed that the Sturgis enforcement law apparently had met the need of the occasion, and that "the day of open and easy nullification of the prohibitory law has passed in Maine."

BABE WAS MURDERED.

Medical Evidence Shows Suffocation or Drowning.

The inquest upon the body of the male child found dead on Pape-avenue on Monday was opened by Coroner J. M. Cotton at the morgue yesterday afternoon. The evidence of Dr. Johnston showed that the child had been born alive and that death was due either to suffocation or to drowning.

The evidence of Geo. Bolderstone and Freddy McDonald, boys who found the body, was taken, after which the enquiry was adjourned until Jan. 17. County Constable Brown has charge of the case.

A LESSON FOR TORONTO.

Winnipeg Board of Control on Trail of Street Railway.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The first meeting of the new board of control was held to-day. The first action of the new body was a peremptory order to the street railway company to improve its service.

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WM. GORDON DEAD.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—William Gordon, secretary of the lighthouse board marine and fisheries depratment, died to-night of Bright's disease, aged thirty-five years. He was formerly private secretary to Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Hibbert Tupper and Sir Louis Davies.

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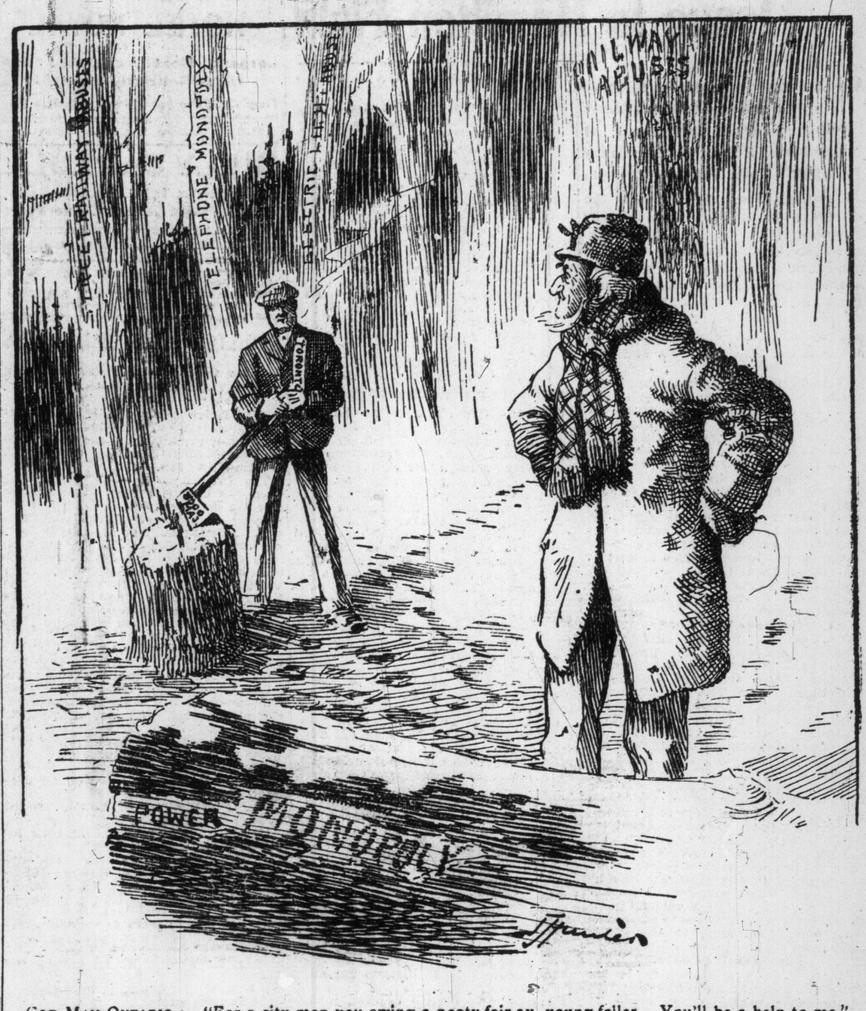

OLD MAN ONTARIO: "For a city man you swing a pooty fair ax, young feller. You'll be a help to me."

THREE GIRLS, FROM 8 TO 12 ARRESTED AS PICKPOCKETS

One of Them, Ethel Titus, a Companion of Josie Carr, Said to Have Taught Two Younger Girls to Thieve—Has Pilfered 50 Purses.

Three girl pickpockets, the eldest of them being just over 12 years of age, were arrested by Detectives Mackie and Twigg in a store early last night. The three youngsters have been operating successfully for some time in all the leading stores, and are alleged to have made big hauls.

Ethel Titus, the ringleader, is just over twelve years of age, and has been twice convicted on charges of theft. She was a companion of Josie Carr, convicted of child murder and sentenced seven years' imprisonment.

The other two, Bertha Wilson, 8 years of age, and Harriet Buckingham, claim that the Titus girl taught them to steal. When searched Bertha Wilson was found with a purse containing $1.50, the property of Mrs. Bowman of Doncaster, the girl having stolen it shortly before she was arrested. Bertha admitted stealing the purse found on her, as well as three others very recently. She said that the Titus girl had stolen over fifty since she knew her.

Miss Titus is also wanted in connection with the theft of various articles and sums of money. The girls were just commencing to partake of ice cream soda when the detectives came up. They were paying for the drinks with the stolen money.

The Titus girl lives at 655 West Queen-street; Bertha Wilson at 179 Jarvis-street, and Harriet Buckingham at the rear of 31 Duchess-street.

STRATHCONA DIDN'T SAY.

Marconigrammed as to Resignation, Replied "Thanks."

(Canadian Associated Press Cable).

London, Jan. 3.—The Mirror says it is practically certain that Strathcona has gone to Canada to resign, and publishes the following Marconigram sent to Strathcona in mid-ocean:

"Strathcona, Empress of Britain.—Your resignation rumored; kindly reply whether true; if so, why?"

The commissioner replied: "Daily Mirror—Thanks. Progressing nicely. Happy New Year. Strathcona."

Lord and Lady Aberdeen had a private audience with the Pope, and afterwards visited Cardinal Merry Del Val, the apostolic delegate to Canada, during Aberdeen's governorship.

THESPIAN THORNTON TRUE TO THEATRICAL TRADITION

Windsor, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—James Thornton, an actor living in Toronto, is walking the railroad ties, headed for Toronto.

Thornton was in a theatrical company that became stranded in Michigan the first of the week, and Wednesday night he slept in Windsor jail.

This morning when he was released he said he would walk to Toronto, and started down the railroad tracks towards home.

Crown Hotel, 75 Bay St.—Commutation meal tickets, twenty-one for $5.

BERLIN YOUTH ARRESTED FOR ROBBING A TRAIN

Charles Powley is in Hands of the Richmond, Va., Police.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 3.—The man arrested here last night charged with holding up and robbing a Seaboard train at La Cross is named Charles Powley.

"My home is in Berlin, Ontario," he said. "My sister, Mrs. William Hilborn, lives there. I have three brothers, Norman, William and Benjamin Powley, who have been traveling with a circus. My father, William Powley, sr., lives in Ottawa."

Powley told three or four different stories.

SKIPPED OUT OF BERLIN.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Wm. Powley, jr., formerly of this town, is a son of William Powley, a well-known circus man. Young Powley was once in a shooting scrape here, but skipped out, evading arrest.

YOUR INVENTORY needs attention this time of year—Loose Leaf it. Call Main 5874, Universal Systems, Limited, for particulars.

DEATHS.

BLAKELEY—Joseph Blakeley, at his residence, 191 Bloor-street West, on Jan. 3rd, 1907.
Funeral on Saturday. Friends will please accept this intimation.

BROADFIELD—At Dresden, Germany, on Dec. 8th, 1906, George E. Broadfield.
Funeral will take place in Hamilton, Ont., at 3 o'clock p.m. on Saturday next, Jan. 5th, 1907, from St. Thomas' Church, Main-street East, to Hamilton Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

FLINT—On Jan. 3rd, 1907, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Forbes, 1446 Queen-street West, Helen Flint, widow of the late R. H. Flint, in her 78th year.
Funeral notice later. Montreal and Quebec papers please copy.

MULLINS—Suddenly, at Toronto, on Saturday, Dec. 29th, 1906, Gerald Mullins, of Bracebridge, Ont.
Funeral from 359 Yonge-street, Toronto, on Friday, 4th January, at 3 o'clock. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

SMITH—Suddenly, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2nd, 1907, at his late residence, 135 Avenue-road, William Binkly Smith, aged 64 years, late of Davidson & Hay, Limited.
Funeral from above address on Friday, Jan. 4th, at 2.30 p.m. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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THE JAMES STREET HOLD UP

Judge Winchester yesterday heard all the protests against the opening of James-street from Queen to Richmond-street. No one wanted it—if they could make someone else pay for it.

If there was anything the T. Eaton Co. didn't want it was the extension. It would not do them a particle of good.

"It's an abortion," cried Barrister Du Vernet, on behalf of the R. Simpson Co. For two years this enterprising departmental store have been buying property, and signing requisitions for the street. And they'll pay a part of it if they get it at the abnormal width of 105 feet—BUT MADE THIS ABNORMAL WIDTH AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TORONTO WORLD, AND THE FRANKLIN FAMILY, WHO OWN THE WEST SIDE OF THE NEW STREET. They don't want the 40 feet extra to come off them. Simpson's don't want any street—if they can't get that 105 feet street—and The World and the Franklin family must get out and let them have it.

And then there was Brother Flavelle of the Wm. Davies Co., who own the northeast corner of Queen and James—Brother Flavelle thought it was preposterous to tax him.

Last but not least there was all the time visible the fine Italian hand of Mr. Abe Orpen, who doesn't want the street opened—for an Orpen reason, not a public one.

And some dozen lawyers were protesting in the same way.

THE WORLD BELIEVES THAT THE VERY REASON WHY THIS STREET SHOULD BE OPENED IS BECAUSE ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE AGAINST IT. They want to keep this congested district congested. The business centre at Queen and Yonge is not made by these various interests so much as it is made by the people who come there, and coming there they are a source of profit to those at or near the corner there. But those there wish to have the advantage of the position without assuming any of the charge of making it more convenient for the public who come there. And they seem to think that every other property owner in the locality must give in or give up to them. The World has given up some of its land and has accepted the heaviest apportionment of the assessment, but it will fight for its rights and it is going to build on its corner.

For ever a year now these recalcitrants have delayed a lot of improvements in this locality by their dog-in-the-manger policy.

While the judge has given them a short respite in which they declare that they will try to burst the proposition, it is more than certain that they will not succeed.

The strength of the proposition is the opposition of all these elements.

Something good, La Vola Cigar.

MADE SOLDIERS TO END STRIKE

Railway Employes in Bulgaria Will All Be Called to the Colors and Detailed as Engineers to Do Their Ordinary Work.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 3.—The train service in Bulgaria is greatly disorganized, owing to a strike of the employes of the railroads.

The authorities, however, are hopeful that the usual state of things will be restored to-morrow, as they intend to summon all the striking railroad men to join the colors, all of them belonging to the army reserve, and they will then be drafted into the engineer corps and detailed for duty on the railroads.

TOO MUCH EVEN FOR PARIS WOMEN ON STAGE PELTED

Moulin Rouge Scene of Sensational Performance by Divorced Marquise.

Paris, Jan. 3.—There was a remarkable scene to-night at the notorious Moulin Rouge when the Marquise de Morny, a daughter of the famous Duke de Morny, and a niece of Napoleon III., made her debut in an act called, "A Dream of Egypt," written by herself in collaboration with Mme. Gauthier-Villars, the author of "Claudine," and other decadent novels.

The marquise, who is the divorced wife of Marquise de Belbeuf, has already achieved an unenviable reputation, and her heralded appearance on the stage brought out a storm of criticism. To this the marquise replied in a letter published this afternoon denying that her performance was intended to be suggestive, and insisting that she meant to give an artistic reproduction of the manners of ancient Egypt.

In defending her appearance on the stage the marquise says: "This does not constitute a disgrace to the French aristocracy, and a distinguished scion of this aristocracy, the Prince de Brogli, has been earning his living for some time past by conducting an orchestra in New York."

In spite of this statement a number of club men and Bonapartists got together and went to the Moulin Rouge, where they conducted a demonstration the like of which seldom has been witnessed in this city.

For ten full minutes the curtain could not be raised on the new act owing to the pandemonium from the galleries and boxes. When it finally went up disclosing the marquise working out a cryptogram of the charm of life, after the fashion of Galatea, and a beautiful Egyptian mummy in the person of Mme. Willy, the din was redoubled.

This was followed by a rain of missiles of every description, the audience throwing hassocks and boxes at the women on the stage. In spite of this vociferous demonstration the two women persisted in completing their act, which is as disgustingly indecent as any thing ever seen on the Parisian stage.

When the curtain was rung down the crowd rushed toward the box occupied by Mme. Gauthier-Villars and Mlle. Pollace, who is starring in a stage adaptation of "Claudine" and literally drove them from the theatre.

INCREASED SALARIES.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The public school board, at its first meeting for the term, to-night increased the salary of Dr. Glashin, inspector, from $2400 to $2700, and of William Rae, secretary, from $1800 to $2000. A schedule of increases for the teaching staff was referred back.

COLDER WITH SNOW.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 3.—(8 p.m.)—Rain has fallen heavily all day in the lake region and it now extends as far eastward as Western Quebec. The weather has cleared in Manitoba, after a heavy fall of snow and the excessive cold still prevails in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 24 below—12 below; New Westminster, 24—38; Edmonton, 42 below—22 below; Calgary, 26 below—16 below; Battleford, 30 below—26 below; Qu'Appelle, 28 below—6 below; Winnipeg, 0—6; Port Arthur, 28—36; Parry Sound, 20—34; Toronto, 36—40; Ottawa, 16—24; Montreal, 10—34; Quebec, 8—16; St. John, 10—24; Halifax, 20—33.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong westerly to northwesterly winds; fair and colder; a few local snow flurries.

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