

**THE WEATHER.**

**MARITIME**—Northerly and north-easterly winds, fine and cold.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—A disturbance now centred in the Missouri Valley is likely to move slowly toward the Great Lakes. The weather today has been mild in Alberta and Ontario, cold in Quebec and New Brunswick, and comparatively mild elsewhere, while sleet and snow have fallen in Southern Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Ashcroft 12, 32; Prince Rupert 32, 34; Victoria 40, 44; Vancouver 38, 46; Kamloops 22, 38; Edmonton 4, 26; Calgary 14, 38; Battleford 6, 24; Moose Jaw zero, 13; Winnipeg 18, 28; Fort Arthur 16, 28; Parry Sound 20, 26; London 33, 35; Toronto zero, 29; Ottawa 2, 14; Montreal zero, 12; Quebec 12 below, 10; St. John 6 below, 14; Halifax zero, 16.

Lower Lawrence and Gulf—Fair and cold.

**AROUND THE CITY**

**Plumbers' Charter.**  
The plumbers' union which organized here some months ago has taken out a charter from the international union.

**St. Joseph's Smoker.**  
Last night the members of St. Joseph's Society enjoyed a smoking concert in their rooms on Leinster street. There was a most enjoyable programme both musical and literary.

**Prepare For Anniversary.**  
The members of York L. O. L. No. 2 appointed on the committee to look after the affairs of the anniversary of the lodge will meet in their hall, Germain street tonight at 8 o'clock, to finish the business of the anniversary.

**Mid-Winter Excursion.**  
It is expected that about 200 will go on the Westfield Outing mid-winter excursion today. Trains leave here at 1:30 and 5:05 p. m., stopping at way stations, and running in Lingley. The train returning will leave Lingley at 9:30.

**Ring Lost.**  
Yesterday afternoon a fireman lost an initialled gold ring on the way from St. Patrick street via Richmond, Brunel and Union streets to No. 3 fire station. The finder will confer a favor on notifying this office or the fire station.

**Maine Potatoes.**  
The U. S. schooner Harold J. McCarty in command of Capt. Belyea, cleared at the customs house yesterday for Santiago, Cuba with 3,240 barrels and 75 sacks of potatoes shipped by F. L. Clements and Co. The potatoes going forward were all grown in the state of Maine.

**A. O. H. Fraternal Visit.**  
Division No. 1, A. O. H., paid a fraternal visit to No. 5 Division, Fairville, last night and a most delightful time was spent. Nichol Ryan, the president of the Fairville division, presided and an excellent musical and literary programme was carried out.

**Provincial Board of Health.**  
A meeting of the provincial board of health will be held in the city today at which a number of important matters will be dealt with. The board has had under consideration a scheme by which it is hoped to secure more effective regulations for dealing with smallpox and to reduce the cost of combating the disease.

**Wood Pulp Industry.**  
A lecture on the wood pulp industry of Canada will be delivered in the assembly rooms of the Natural History Society this evening. The lecture which is one of the "Lectures in series" prepared by McGill university, will be read by Theophilus Cushing, and will be illustrated by a striking series of views. The public are invited.

**Typo. Union Drawing.**  
A special meeting of the St. John Typographical Union was held yesterday afternoon with President Maxwell in the chair, for the purpose of considering means of raising money to finance measures to improve the position of the organization, and its members. It was decided to purchase an up-to-date motor boat, and sell tickets for drawing.

**Coasters Injured.**  
While a merry party of coasters were enjoying the sport on Watson street, West End, last evening, a large double runner holding 16 coasters upset and as a result Mrs. Bray of the West End, sprained her knee. A young man named Black who was following fast behind the capsize also injured his shoulder in the collision. Dr. W. L. Ellis rendered the necessary medical aid.

**Ballad Concert.**  
At the ballad concert given in the school room of Centenary church last evening, Miss Louise Knight materially enhanced her reputation as a singer and entertainer. The programme prepared under her direction was of exceptional interest and was much enjoyed by the large audience which crowded the school room. Miss Knight sang a number of ballads with great effect and the other singers carried out their part of the programme in excellent style. Miss Knight was assisted by Miss Ethel Creighton, John A. Kelly, and Robert Seely. D. Arnold Fox was the accompanist.

**Horses on Steamer.**  
The Donaldson Line steamship Cassandra, arrived off Partridge Island last night about 6 o'clock from Glasgow. The steamer will come up to her berth this morning to land 186 passengers of whom 32 are cabin and 154 steerage. The big steamer made the passage in nine days, which is a remarkably quick trip for this time of year. The Cassandra has a very large freight to land here including eight Clyde stallions for J. A. Coop, and E. Baker, six Clyde mares for Humphrey Bayner, 20 horses and one pony for A. H. Thomas, 22 ponies, 17 horses and 1 mare for W. S. Curry and 19 horses for Faber and Plummer. All the horses will be landed and sent in cars to the west.

**Sale in M. R. A.'s Housefurnishing Department.**  
Nearly every housekeeper in the city will be interested in the great sale of furniture coverings and drapery materials at M. R. A.'s commencing this morning. A wonderful opportunity to save as prices have been much reduced. Sale starts at 8:30 in housefurnishing department.

**VISITS COAL BIN AND MAKES ESCAPE**

**W. Y. Beatty Discovers a Little Man Making Free With His Fuel—Eluded Policeman and Victim.**

To enter the cellar of his store and surprise an attenuated individual in the act of walking off with the contents of his coal bin, was the experience of W. Y. Beatty, of the firm of Beatty & Johnson, yesterday, shortly after noon. And the gentleman of the plying predictions did not seem in the least perturbed by the fact that he was caught "black handed."

"Don't cut up rough now, but wait a minute, I want to talk to you," was the way he greeted Mr. Beatty when the latter gentleman entered the cellar and surprised him with a bag of coal in his hands.

"Not on your life," was the rejoinder. "You stay right there." And with these words Mr. Beatty moved up the cellar stairs and ran for a policeman, locking the cellar door after him.

When he found the officer he saw the man coming out of the cellar window. Both gave chase, but the thief was some sprinter and eluded them.

When seen yesterday afternoon, Mr. Beatty disclaimed any idea that he was a hero, but expressed regret that he had not been a little quicker. He says it was not the first visit the thief had made to his coal bin.

**HEALTH MATTERS TAKEN UP YESTERDAY**

**Local Board Considers Means of Co-operating With Provincial Government in Inspection of Dairy Herds.**

A special meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday, at which the question of revising some of the health regulations and other matters was dealt with. Some time ago the Board decided to accept certificates of inspection of dairy cows from the officials of the local government, as equivalent to a satisfactory inspection by a veterinary surgeon employed by the Board.

It is said that the government regulations are slightly more drastic than those of the local board, and it is the intention of the board to revise their requirements and try to work out a satisfactory system of co-operation whereby it will be possible to assure tuberculosis tests of dairy cows at a minimum of expense. The government inspection takes in cleanliness in connection with the production of milk, and insists on better conditions than the board with the means at its disposal could assure.

Another matter which engaged attention was the question of reducing the quantity of refuse allowed to accumulate in stables within the city limits. It is proposed to reduce this to two loads instead of four as at present.

A report was received from the doctors in reference to the men from Westville, Nova Scotia, who were sent to the Isolation Hospital. The older man was said to be in a condition that rendered it unsafe for him to be at large, and it was decided to hold him for a few days. The younger man was said to be entirely free from the smallpox, but he will be allowed to remain at the hospital until his father is released.

**ENJOYABLE MEETING OF ST. ANDREW'S GUILD**

**Pleasing Programme Rendered at Monthly Gathering Last Evening—Sunday Evening Meetings Grow in Favor**

The regular meeting of the Guild of St. Andrew's church was held last evening, the programme, under the management of the musical committee, Miss Maggie Lindsay, convener, being a most enjoyable one. The musical numbers were much appreciated.

Husheer, sung by Hew Walker was so favorably received that he was obliged to give a double encore, singing Annie Laurie and Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon. Miss Lindsay sang Just for Today, and in encore gave Jesus Lover of My Soul. These were followed by a piano solo by Miss Nelson, Auld Lang Syne.

Interspersed among the musical numbers were readings by E. H. Reed and D. B. Jack.

The last number upon the programme, and one which was received with very strenuous applause was a song from the president of the guild, Joseph Murdoch, who sang, Will Ye No Come Back Again. Following the programme refreshments were served by a committee of ladies.

The Guild is not entirely for the promotion of social intercourse among the members of St. Andrew's congregation, but short meetings of a religious character are held at the close of the Sunday evening service, the attendance at which gives evidence of a growing interest in this portion of the work among the members and adherents of the church. The meeting on Sunday evening last was the most largely attended of any yet held.

**Sixty Will Sing.**  
Rehearsals of the male choir which is to provide music at the anniversary service of the Knights of Pythias, in Centenary church, on Sunday afternoon next, are now being held. There will be 60 voices in the choir under the leadership of A. Chip, Ritchie, with D. Arnold Fox as organist.

Miss Alice Doherty, of Sussex, is visiting her uncle, N. Doherty, of the Prince-George hotel—Halifax Herald.

**FERRY PASSENGERS IN TUG NEPTUNE**

**Western Extension Broke Connecting Rod After Several Days Struggling—Traffic Well Handled in Emergency.**

An incident which occurred yesterday afternoon in the ferry service showed that the management of the ferry department is well able to cope with an emergency but also, sad to state, proved conclusively that Wan Lang is in bad shape so that the wisdom of the decision to expend \$25,000 on her is open to question.

The Ludlow was taken off the route several days ago for a general overhauling and the venerable Wan Lang was dragged out from her resting place in the Rodney hospital and put to work wheezing her way across the harbor. From the time the ferry service could not but note the advancing signs of her decrepitude. With a plugged condenser, a severe cough with complications in her innards and suffering from an attack of curvature of the spine, she nevertheless took up her duty as if she had never skipped a trip or blown out a tube.

She was really not fit to be out, and although she managed to survive the strain for a few days, it was only at the expense of four tubes. Yesterday the end came. She left the West Side slip on the 3:10 trip, and managed to stagger to the East Side. Then she coughed once and gave up the ghost.

**Bent Connecting Rod.**  
Investigation showed that she had bent her connecting rod. Supt. Waring pressed the tug Neptune into service, and prepared to take the Ludlow from her sick bed and put her on the route. The Neptune made the 3:40 trip from the city side so that only one trip was lost by the accident.

At 10 o'clock last evening the Ludlow was put on the route, and the services of the Neptune were dispensed with. Although the repairs to the Ludlow have not been completed, she is well enough to continue work until Wan Lang is convalescent which is expected to be in three or four days.

Some difficulty was experienced in accommodating the crowds on the Neptune and during the rush hours from 5:30 to 6:30 the travel was very heavy. Complaint was heard regarding the conduct of a number of laborers travelling to Sand Point who practically took charge of the tug.

**CITIZENS COMMITTEE MET LAST EVENING**

**Perfecting Plans for Presenting Commission Idea to People—Start Made at Raising Campaign Fund.**

The citizens committee met last evening in the Board of Trade rooms and heard reports from the various officers and sub-committees engaged in furthering the campaign in favor of the commission form of government.

W. H. Barnaby presided, and the secretary was J. C. Belyea. There were over 100 members present. The original committee of fifty, which was named by the committee of ten, selected at the meeting recently held in the Assembly rooms was given power to add to its numbers, and this liberty has been taken advantage of until now the committee numbers 150 members.

At last evening's meeting the advisability of sending delegates to the cities in the United States where the commission form of government is in effect was discussed, and it was decided to defer action until reports had been received from various sources of information which are now being looked up.

J. A. Belyea reported for the bills committee that considerable preliminary work had been done in the way of drafting a new charter to be submitted, and that good progress was being made.

Ward organization was discussed at some length, and when the arrangements are completed the committee will have a force of workers in every ward to support the commission idea.

T. Collins, chairman of the finance committee, reported that he had called upon a number of people and solicited funds for the campaign, and had met with encouraging success.

The committee adjourned to meet at the call of the executive.

**Tickets On Sale.**  
Subscription tickets for the performance of The Man From Albany to be produced by Theobald H. Bird and local players in the Opera House next week under the auspices of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers were placed on sale yesterday and may be obtained from the members of the company, the officers, non-coms, and men of the 62nd Regiment and at Grey and Ritchie's book store. These tickets may be exchanged at the Opera House box office for reserved seats commencing on Friday morning. The general seat sale opens on Monday next. The play chosen for this appearance of the local players is a farce comedy—one of the funniest in existence with a record of 8 months in New York, 8 months in Chicago and 6 months in London.


**Fish, Forest and Game.**  
The annual meeting of the Fish, Forest and Game Protective Association will be held in the board of trade rooms on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. For months the executive has been preparing a programme for the meeting, and many important subjects will be discussed, among others the question of securing legislation incorporating the association and putting it on the same footing as similar associations in other provinces. Representatives of the lumbering industry, fishing and hunting clubs have been invited to attend and it is hoped that Premier Hazen and Hon. Mr. Grimmer, who recently attended the dinner of the Quebec Fish and Game Association at Montreal, will be present. Officers will be elected and the executive increased. All interested are invited to attend.



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The blacks range in price from 20 cents to 50 cents. Some in this lot are worth \$1.10. The colors are priced from from 15 cents to 60 cents, some in the lot worth \$1.25.  
A large lot of Remnants collected during the sale and these are marked less than half their usual price, lengths from one yard up.

**Dress Making Department**  
We would advise placing your order with our dressmakers at once so as to avoid the Easter rush. We can give your work better attention. The workroom is under the combined charge of Miss Daniels and Mrs. Panjoy. Place your order for all spring work at once.

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