THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—The disturbance which was developing on the United States Atlantic coast last night has become a storm of unusual violence which now covers the Maritime Provinces, accompanied by very heavy gales. The Western Provinces the weather has turned colder, with some light snowfalls.

Dawson	*6	18
Prince Rupert	30	46
Victoria	36	44
Vancouver	34	44
Kamloops	32	42
Calgary	30	32
Battleford	16	16
Prince Albert	8	16
Medicine Hat	32	32
Moose Jaw	25	25
Winnipeg	4	16
Port Arthur	4	28
Parry Sound	*14	12
London	*18	21
Toronto	0	23
Kingston	*6	20
Montreal	6	22
Quebec	16	20
St. John	34	44

*—Below zero

Forecasts.

Maritime—Decreasing northwesterly to westerly winds, fair and colder.

Northern New England — Fair, colder Friday; Saturday fair; strong west to northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

BROKEN GLASS

From th direction of Water street about 9.15 last night came the sound of glass breaking, probably caused by the high wind which was prevailing at that time. It could not be learned where the damage was done.

YESTERDAY'S ARRESTS.

Two arrests were made for drunkenness last night and one protectionist was in for the night. Detectives Biddescombe and Donahue arrested two juveniles for theft.

WAS CALLED HOME.

T. C. Armour, the popular physical director of the Y. M. C. A. was called to his home in Toronto yesterday owing to the sudden death of his sister. His many friends throughout the city will be very sorry to learn of his sad loss.

A POSTPONEMENT.

The physical drill competition between the junior cadets of the city and that between the senior corps of the High School, Rothesay Consolidated, St. Andrews and St. Stephen has been postponed from February 24th and 26th to March the 9th and 11th, on account of weather conditions, so stated Colonel A. B. Snow, O. & I. C. C., yesterday.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

In the account of the Sons of England programme published yesterday there were omitted the names of E. C. Tremain and F. J. Punter, who rendered solos most acceptably; also speeches of appreciation given by C. Ledford, L. A. Belyea, E. J. Puddy, H. C. Green and E. A. Lawrenson.

ARITHMETIC CONTEST.

The public mental arithmetic contest between Michael Kelly's nine and nine from Beaconsfield school will be held in the school room of the Tabernacle Baptist church on the evening of March 5, and the contestants are devouring figures in preparation for the event.

FOR WEST INDIES.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet liner Chaudiere will probably sail today for Halifax en route to Bermuda and the British West Indies. Among the passengers who will embark on the steamer at Halifax will be Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Frith, Miss Clara B. Schofield and Chief Justice H. A. McKeown, of this city.

MILITARY ON BOARD.

The steamship Melita is expected to arrive in the city February 20, with thirty-nine officers, twelve women and three children, imperial details being repatriated to Canada. The Melita also has 1,041 Chinese coolies on board. The steamship Grampian will also arrive on February 21 with nineteen other ranks for this district.

HAD HEAD INJURED.

Wm. O'Connor, a section employe with the C. N. R., was struck on the head yesterday morning by a piece of glass which fell from the roof of the train shed at the Union depot owing to a slide of snow. He was given first aid in the depot and Dr. E. J. Broderick later dressed his injuries, which were not serious.

ADDRESS BUSINESS MEN.

President H. J. Logan, of the Maritime Board of Trade, passed through the city on Wednesday evening on his way to the United States. He was met at the station by a representative of the local Board of Trade and arrangements made for a stop-over on the return trip in order that Mr. Logan might have an opportunity of addressing the business men of the city on the subject of the British preference in its relation to Canadian ports. The same subject was presented to the Halifax Board of Trade on Tuesday and awakened an enthusiastic interest. Mr. Logan expects to return about the latter part of next week.

SUNDAY NIGHT ADDRESS.

E. A. Schofield has written Mayor Hayes advising him that the Imperial Theatre had been engaged for a Sunday in March to hear an address from Dr. J. W. Robertson. The Mayor has called a meeting of representatives of the various organizations in the city in his office on Saturday morning at 11.30 to discuss the attendance. This will include representatives of the Commercial Club, Rotary Club, Y. M. C. I., Navy League, N. B. Tourist Association, Boy Scouts, Boys' Club, Women's Canadian Club, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Board of Trade, Trades and Labor Council, Red Cross, Automobile Association and the I. O. D. E. chapters and other organizations which desire to send representatives.

Storm Yesterday Caused Damage

Heavy Rain and Frozen-up Catch Basins Flooded the Streets — Eighteen Street Cars Disabled and Only Nine Cars Left on Service.

The wind veered from the East to the South yesterday afternoon, and again shifted to the West during the evening. It gradually increased in force and by nine o'clock was blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The afternoon's rain changed to snow during the early part of the evening but the high wind soon drove the storm clouds over the city and also induced a decided drop in the temperature.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the thermometer at the Observatory registered 44 above, by nine o'clock in the evening it had fallen to 30 and was still falling. An inch and two-tenths of rainfall was registered during the day.

About the Streets

With the streets and walks piled high with snow and ice the heavy rain during the day caused no little damage. The streets in many sections of the city were almost impassable for wherever the catchbasins were frozen up it meant that the section of the street was flooded. Numerous basements and cellars were filled with water as it flowed over the sidewalks. On Mill street near the C. P. R. freight offices the water was about two or three feet deep and street car passengers were obliged to transfer and walk over a bridge of planks to reach the car going to the North End.

The Water and Sewerage Department had their men and every steam boiler out attempting to thaw out the frozen catch basins. In many places they were successful but there is still a large number to be looked after before the water will get a chance to enter the sewers. In West St. John the conditions were equally bad owing to frozen up basins.

The Street Railway

After several days in clearing the street car lines of ice and getting a fairly good service the Street Railway was up against another bad proposition and considerable loss yesterday. As the water covered the rails in a number of sections of the city to the depth of two or more feet as the cars were run through the water got around the motors and the armatures were burned out. In a very short space of time no less than eighteen street cars were put out of commission and had to be towed to the car barns where they will be for a few days while repairs are being made. It is estimated that the damage done the cars yesterday will amount to several thousands of dollars. In the late afternoon and last night only a few cars were working and then in certain sections. Last night there was only four cars working on the Main Line, two on the Haymarket Square loop and three on the West St. John route. Nine cars only will be in operation today.

The Harbor Front

Owing to the severe rain and wind storm yesterday there was very little work along the harbor front and not a pound of perishable freight was handled.

The Railways

The soft weather worked in well for the C. N. R. and the C. P. R. in getting the miles of sidings and tracks in the yards opened, and a great number of freight cars that had been frozen in were moved. There is yet a great amount of work to be done before all the cars are released.

JOINT SOCIAL WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

Y. M. A. and Philatheas of Germain Street Baptist Church Held Debate and Musical Programme Last Evening.

The Young Men's Association of the Germain street Baptist church and the Philatheas, the young women's class, had a joint social in the church Institute last evening.

The feature of the evening was a debate, "Resolved that the City Girl is more desirable for a wife than the Country Girl." Those for the affirmative were David Thomson and J. Stuart Smith; for the negative E. C. Field and H. Everett Hunt. The judges were W. C. Cross and W. F. Nobles, the critic was Rev. S. S. Poole.

Some very plausible arguments were advanced by both sides, as well as some very amusing ones, but the decision was finally given to the negative.

Refreshments were provided by the young ladies, and a musical programme enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

REGARDING NURSES' HOME CONTRACT

Hospital Commission Said They Recommended Acceptance of Lowest Tenders and That Was All There Was to it.

A member of the Hospital Commission said yesterday that they had recommended the acceptance of the lowest tenders for building the Nurses' Home, and that was all there was to it. They never contemplated letting piece-meal contracts. They wanted one contractor to be responsible for the completion of the whole job. With two or a half a dozen contractors there might be friction, and tearing up and tearing down, and either the work might not be done properly or the Hospital Commissioners would have been held responsible for delays when one contractor wanted to go ahead and the other did not.

West End House Badly Damaged

New Sem-iDetached Building on City Line and Owned by the City Was Damaged by Fire Last Night to the Extent of Four Thousand Dollars.

About 11.30 o'clock last night the West Side fire department was called out by an alarm from box 118 for a fire which greatly damaged one of the eight new houses being erected by the city on the City Line.

When the firemen arrived on the scene they found that the building was burning briskly, and the fire had started in the cellar. It was not long before a couple of good streams of water was being played on the flames the firemen worked hard and were successful in getting control and keeping the damage to one-half of the building.

It is a new type C, semi-detached building, and was nearly completed. Rourke & Griffiths are the builders and Mr. Rourke stated to The Standard last night that he and his partner would be out considerable on account of the damage caused, and he wished further to say that the West End firemen are to be highly praised by the manner in which the fire was handled, as it was only their good work that saved the entire house and others adjoining from being totally destroyed.

Mr. Rourke said that he was at a loss to know what started the fire, as there was no fire used in the building. The only reason he could give for the start was from lime in the cellar or else some person has set the place on fire. The damage is estimated at four thousand dollars and it is believed that the city has the place fully insured.

Drug Store Fire Late Last Night

Severe Blaze in Basement of George A. Cameron's Store on Corner of Charlotte and Princess Streets Caused Considerable Damage.

Considerable damage was done by fire last night about 11.45 o'clock to the Modern Pharmacy at the corner of Charlotte and Princess streets, owned by George A. Cameron. The fire was discovered by Robert Stellman, who noticed smoke issuing from the basement window. He notified Police Constable Walter Coughlan, who telephoned to the engine houses from the Dufferin Hotel. In the meantime an alarm from box 24 was sent in by hand on the Police Station bell, followed shortly afterwards by a second alarm. The fire alarm system was out of order, and the firemen had mostly to be notified by 'phone. When the firemen arrived the fire had gained considerable headway, and the men experienced some difficulty getting into the building.

The blaze was confined to the cellar where it first started, around the furnace, and, although the fire-fighters were hampered by the smoke, they soon had the blaze under control.

Mr. Cameron was not able to estimate his loss last night, but it is thought that it will be heavy. The building is covered by insurance. George E. Logan, Hygienic Shaving Parlors, next door to the drug store, suffered considerably from smoke. The entire top floor is occupied by the Lyric Theatre, but this did not suffer any damage.

The building is owned by the Berryman estate.

Residents Were Left In Darkness

Many Street Lights Throughout the City as Well as Lights in Residences Were Out Last Night on Account of Wire Trouble.

The past two weeks has seen much trouble with the street lights in the city, and last evening both street and house lights in some parts of the city were out of order. This, it is said, was due to the fire alarm and telephone wires, which had been broken by the wind, hanging over the street light wires, cutting off the circuit. A crew of men were working last night under great difficulties in an attempt to discover where the trouble was, and although they succeeded in locating one short circuit they could not trace the others.

The entire Lower Cove, with the exception of Britain street, was without street lights, and the residents using electric lights were also deprived of their use and had to use oil lamps or candles.

It was not known definitely when complete repairs would be effected, but it is thought that by this evening many of the street lights and house lights would be in service again. House lights in a section of the North End were out last night.

BRASS PLATE RETURNED.

The brass plate with the record of their good deed inscribed, which has rested over the bed furnished by the employes in No. 1 Canadian General Hospital during the war, has been received at the offices of the N. B. Telephone Co., Ltd. It has been returned through Dr. Murray MacLaren, and will now find a place as a cherished souvenir in the offices of the company. It was at Etaples in the hospital there until the place was bombed by the Germans, and was then removed to Trouville, where it remained until a short time ago. The inscription reads: "No. 1 C. G. H., Etaples.—Employes of N. B. Tel. Co., Ltd., St. John, N. B."

Anglican Forward Movement Returns

Word Reached the City Last Night That the Provincial Total is Now $111,000 — The Objective Was $90,000 —Additional Returns.

The amount subscribed for the Anglican Forward Movement in the Diocese of Fredericton reached a total of $111,000 yesterday, when following additional amounts were reported:

St. Paul, St. John	$6,698.00
Woodstock and Jacksonville	1,851.00
Chatham	1,800.00
Campbellton	1,591.85
Andover	1,457.12
Aberdeen and Brighton	929.00
Campbello	781.00
Hillsboro	722.00
Newcastle and Nelson	542.00
Cambridge	523.50
Kingsclear	355.00
Kingston	342.85
Westmorland	300.00
Gordon and Lorne	175.00
Oak Bay, Charlotte Co.	75.00

As an instance of the strenuous efforts being made in this campaign it is reported that one country clergyman spent eleven hours on his snow shoes one day while out soliciting subscriptions.

CITY HALL ROPED OFF AND UNLIGHTED

Some Person Responsible Failed to Place Lanterns on Ropes That Obstructed the Sidewalks Last Night.

The sidewalks on Prince William and Princess streets arround the City Hall was roped off yesterday to prevent persons from being struck by ice falling off the building. This was a wise precaution as during daylight the new ropes and a ladder could be plainly seen, but whoever is responsible failed to place lanterns on the ropes last night with the result that a large number of people walked against the rope in the dark and in a couple of occasions persons were knocked down. One man was seen to jump over the water in the gutter and as his feet landed on the sidewalk his breast struck the rope and he was thrown back on the street. Words not fit for publication were said by some and the question was asked, "Will the city be reported by the police for having an obstruction on the sidewalk without being properly lighted, and if th city is found guilty by the Police Magistrate, who will pay the fine?"

Later on in the evening lanterns were tied to the ropes, but not before many persons received a bump.

Dollar Day Prices At Thorne's Today

Owing to yesterday's storm, the Special Dollar Day Bargain Offers, arranged for yesterday's selling, hold good today at the stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.

That the many thrifty shoppers who were detained at home by the inclement weather of yesterday may not be disappointed, Messrs. W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., announce that their Dollar Day Bargain Prices hold good today (Friday), in their various departments as advertised in the papers of Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. All are therefore welcome to take advantage of DOLLAR DAY PRICES AT THORNE'S TODAY.

BARGAINS OFFERED FOR THURSDAY WILL CONTINUE ALL DAY TODAY AT THE MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LIMITED STORES.

On account of the bad weather many customers were unable to share in the bargains offered for Thursday selling. Consequently the M. R. A. stores are continuing their bargains as advertised in every department—all day Friday. The values offered are well worthy of your attention.

A meeting of the Hostel Committee will be held in the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon at 3.30. Full attendance is requested.

DOLLAR DAY AGAIN TODAY.

On account of the heavy rain yesterday all the retail stores have agreed to continue Dollar Day Sales today, Friday.

Carbide, Acetylene Burners, P. Campbell & Co.

ANOTHER DOLLAR DAY

Dollar Day offerings will be continued today in view of the weather conditions of yesterday. Overcoats, suits, trousers, slickers, neckties, gloves at great reductions.—Gilmour's, 68 King street.

DOLLAR DAY CONTINUED AT F. A. DYKEMAN'S TODAY

Owing to the severe rainstorm and dislocation of the street car service a great many people were forced to forego the pleasure of participating in Dollar Day.

Under these exceptional circumstances, therefore, F. A. Dykeman & Co. have decided to continue their great Dollar Day sale over today — Friday.

The whole store is ablaze with sale signs on every flour, featuring the most seasonable merchandise at extremely low prices. Those who were unable to shop yesterday will be wise to take advantage of this very unusual offer and shop today.

BROKE AN AXLE.

While driving down Princess street yesterday afternoon Dr. M. Case felt his car give a sudden lurch and lower to one side. He quickly applied the brakes, and upon investigating the trouble found a broken forward axle, and the doctor was obliged to resort to the old reliable horse and sleigh in completing his calls.

Our Dollar Day Bargain Prices Hold Good Today.

Ice Creepers

Prevent Many An Ugly Fall

Don't risk a severe fall, which may result in a bad shaking up, or perhaps a broken limb.

Prevention is better than cure; come in today for a pair of good, sharp ICE CREEPERS which we offer you in three styles:

The Folding Heel Creeper.. .. .. per pair 50c.
The Instep Creeper, with straps .. .. per pair 50c.
The New Strap Creeper for use with either boots, rubbers or overshoes .. ..