

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—North and northeast winds, moderately cold with light local snowfalls.
Toronto, Feb. 12.—Fair weather has prevailed in Canada except in eastern Ontario, where there has been a moderate snowfall. Today was cold in Quebec, but mild elsewhere.

AROUND THE CITY

Equipped With Wireless. The D. A. R. steamship Boston has been equipped with the Marconi wireless. The steamer is running between Yarmouth and Boston.
Ladies' Auxiliary. The Ladies' auxiliary of the Seamen's Mission will meet on Monday afternoon at 3.30 in the institute rooms, Prince William street.

Y. M. C. A. Song Service. There was a good attendance at the song service held in the Y. M. C. A., last night. S. H. Davis led the singing and the service was greatly enjoyed.
S. S. Tunisian Arrives. The Allan Line steamer Tunisian, Capt. Fairlie arrived yesterday from Liverpool via Halifax. The steamer had a fine passage across the Atlantic. She landed four saloon, 74 second and 31 steerage passengers. A number also disembarked at Halifax.

Citizens' Committee. A general meeting of the citizens' committee will be held in the board of trade rooms on Prince William street, this evening, at 8 o'clock, to consider further action in connection with the movement to secure the adoption of the commission form of government here.
Temperance Meeting. A pleasant temperance meeting was held in the Seamen's Mission on Saturday evening under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Seymour. Rev. W. Camp gave an interesting address to the men. Miss Buchanan and Miss Lane sang a duet in a particularly pleasing manner, and Miss Lane sang a solo, both numbers being greatly enjoyed by the sailors.

Drug Store Entered. Friday night a thief with the use of a key entered R. E. Coupe's drug store on Main street, and after ransacking the store made his way to the street by a side door, having cleared away some stuff to get out this way. A number of small articles such as hair brushes, perfumes and cigars were stolen. The police have been notified, but no arrests has been made.

A Broken Leg. J. Royden Tomson met with a painful accident on Saturday afternoon as a result of which he will be confined to his home for several weeks. He slipped on the icy sidewalk and broke his leg. He was taken to his home and medical aid summoned. Last evening he was suffering considerable pain but was resting as easily as could be expected.

Recaptured After Race. Frank Hopper, although addicted to the drink habit, is some sprinter. Yesterday afternoon about 4.30 o'clock he was arrested on St. James street on that charge. He was taken to Policeman Writton, and while he was being assisted towards the lock-up, he broke clear of the policeman and after running a short distance entered a house. The officer caught him again and locked him up.

King Street Change. Scovill Bros. and Co. have acquired by lease and purchase the properties adjoining their establishment in King street. The stores which will pass to them by the deal are the jewelry store now occupied by Walter H. Irving and the stores of Louis Green tobaccoist and Hall's book store. When the leases of the tenants expire Scovill Bros., will raze the buildings and erect in their place a modern five story block.

Will Be Married. J. Frank McGuire, formerly D. A. R. passenger agent at Caville, but now ticket agent for the Caville, North-western at Winnipeg, passed through the city Saturday on his way to Liverpool, N. S. where he will be one of the principals in a wedding event which takes place in that town early this week. The bride to be is Miss Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. McGuire will reside in Winnipeg after the honeymoon tour. Both are well known in St. John and their friends here wish them bon voyage through life.

Brigadier Potter On Visit. Brigadier W. S. Potter, financial secretary of the Salvation Army for Canada, who arrived from Toronto on Saturday, was the principal speaker at the meeting held in the Citadel yesterday afternoon and also at the meeting held in the S. A. hall on Mill street, last evening. Tonight the brigadier will speak at the meeting in the Army hall on Brindley street. He will give an account of the missionary operations of the Army in Japan. He was one of the pioneers of the Salvation Army in the Flower Kingdom, and it is expected his address will be of unusual interest. Brigadier Potter will leave the city tomorrow evening.

May Have Building. Apparently the school board still has a chance to purchase the Bell property on the corner of Hazen Avenue and Union street. It will be remembered that it was suggested that the board should purchase the property as an overflow for the high school and also to increase the available accommodation for offices. The board declined to act until after the expiration of the property which had acquired expired. A few days ago the property was purchased by J. A. Sinclair and it is understood now that the school board can have it if they decide quickly. The matter will be discussed at the monthly meeting of the board this evening.

IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Ald. Jones' Alternative Proposition, Land Tax Reform and West Side Transfer on Bill of Fare Today.

A special meeting of the Common Council will be held this afternoon to consider the proposition of Ald. Jones and others for a plebiscite on making reforms in civic government, and also to consider sections of the draft of the agreement regarding the West Side transfer not previously disposed of. The recommendation of the committee on the question of raising taxes from land, business licenses and a poll tax will also be dealt with.

This latter question is said to be more important to the citizens than that of changing the form of government. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the question, and it is expected that strong opposition will be developed. It is claimed that the proposition is of a very revolutionary character and might not work out as satisfactorily here as it is said to have done in the newer cities of the west. Ald. Potts has announced his intention of retiring from civic politics as soon as the land tax is adopted. It was with the object of effecting a reform in the system of taxation that I entered the council," he said, "and I will quit just as soon as that purpose is achieved."

DEAD MAN UNCLAIMED BY HIS SECOND WIFE

William Dixon, Who Died Suddenly in Charles St. Boarding House, Had Contracted Bigamous Marriage.

Saturday morning William Dixon was found dead in his bed in a boarding house in Charles street. On Friday he had complained that he was not feeling well but it was thought that there was nothing serious the matter with him.

Dixon only arrived at the boarding house a week ago yesterday and nothing was known about him by those in charge of the house. When he did not put in an appearance Saturday morning an investigation was made and he was found dead. The matter was reported to Coroner Berryman who made inquiries in the case and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The body was sent to Chamberlain's undertaking rooms and if not claimed by today or tomorrow will be buried in the Municipal Home burying ground.

Yesterday a woman gave out the information that the deceased was her husband and that she is left a widow with two children. She stated that she had not been living with her husband for some time and that she would not even go and look at his remains and cared little what became of the body.

The woman who gave out this statement yesterday is wife No. 2 and when she married Dixon she did not know that his former wife was alive and had left him some years ago to run away to the United States with another man. It is claimed that the deceased's mother and two brothers reside in Alma, Albert County, and it is expected that they will take charge of the remains.

TO REMOVE DEBT ON SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Effort Will be Made to Take Advantage of Lord Strathcona's Offer to Pay \$10000 if \$3000 is Raised.

Lord Strathcona has offered to give \$10,000 toward the payment of the debt of \$4,000 upon the Seamen's Institute of this city, if the other \$3,000 is raised.

A conference was held on Saturday evening, at which directors of the Institute and a few other citizens were present and it was decided to make an effort at once to meet the conditions of Lord Strathcona's gift. President R. Morton Smith pointed out that this debt was a great handicap, and stands in the way of the complete equipment of all the rooms in the Institute. The feeling was unanimous among those present that action should be taken without delay and that an appeal would meet with a generous response. Within the next week or two, therefore, plans will be perfected. It is understood that the aid of the ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. E. A. Smith, will be enlisted in the work. W. E. Earle is one of the gentlemen taking a very active personal interest in the work and has already enlisted the sympathy of many citizens.

Smirched With Coal Dust. Complaints are still being voiced as to the coal pocket which has been in operation on the wharf adjoining the West Side ferry boats. On Saturday there was a high wind and the direction from which it came was such as to blow the soot and dust from the pocket down upon the dresses of the ladies using the ferry. Several instances where more or less damage was done were noted and in one case a lady with a light dress on had her dress so badly smirched with the dust that she called at city hall and entered a protest. It is stated that she will make a demand on the city for the value of her gown. Others who have suffered, talk of an appeal to the public utilities commission, but it is doubtful if that useful body has any jurisdiction in such a case.

FIREMEN IN DANGER AT \$1,000 BLAZE

Fire Which Started Early Yesterday Morning in W. J. Savage's House Difficult to Handle—Chimney Fell.

Yesterday morning fire and water caused about \$1,000 damage to Wm. J. Savage's residence, 187 Main street. Mr. Savage was out in the barn attending to his horse about seven o'clock when the occupants of the house discovered that the fire had started about the pipes in the bath room floor.

An alarm was sent from box 123 and the fire having gotten a good start before it was discovered, the firemen had a great deal of difficulty in beating it out. The Salvage Corps members saved a large portion of the furniture with rubber covers, and while the firemen were at work in the building the chimney fell down and a number of the men had narrow escapes from injury. The fire burned through the upper floors and through the roof and the firemen had over an hour's work before they were able to leave the building. The building is insured for \$500 and the furniture for \$400, with Messrs. Lockhart & Ritchie.

SOCIALISM CRITICIZED AND THEN DEFENDED

Wm. Shea Reviews Status of Movement in Address to St. Peter's Y. M. A.—J. W. Eastwood Takes Issue.

On Sunday afternoon William Shea delivered an interesting lecture on Socialism, before a largely attended meeting held in St. Peter's Y. M. A., on Douglas Avenue. He said there was an idea prevailing in some quarters that the church was opposed to Socialism. This, however, was not the case, the opposition of the church being not to Socialism as an economic doctrine, but to certain outcroppings of the socialistic movement which were not always approved by the advanced Socialist thinkers of the present time.

Karl Marx, the founder of the Socialistic movement, had taught that Socialism could not make any advances till religion had been destroyed, but Marx was a Jew with a natural antipathy to Christianity and his teaching in this respect was not accepted as gospel by many Socialists today. The speaker pointed out that in Canada Socialism was somewhat different from the Socialism of continental Europe.

Continuing, the speaker said that while Socialists might be well meaning, their system if adopted would destroy individually and abolish private enterprise and competition, factors which had produced the remarkable development of modern industry. Socialists' Own Meeting. There was a large attendance at the Socialist meeting on Mill street, last evening, and the debate which followed the lecture of J. Taylor on Why I Became a Socialist, was of a strenuous character. J. W. Eastwood presided and in introducing the speaker of the evening, took occasion to criticize the statements made by Mr. Shea at the meeting in the afternoon, that Socialism would destroy individuality and private initiative. He said it was the object of Socialism to develop individuality and promote initiative which were now being abolished by trusts and combines.

Mr. Taylor spoke on social conditions in rural England and traced the development of the Socialistic movement in the Old Country. He said he had become a Socialist because he was convinced that Socialism offered the only hope of salvation for the masses of the people.

RELIGIOUS, AND NOT CHURCH MEMBERS

Rev. A. A. Graham Tells Audience at Every Day Club That All Men Have More or Less Religion.

Rev. A. A. Graham delivered an interesting lecture on Religion as an inspiration in the Life of a People, before a meeting of the Every Day Club last evening. Many people, he said, who did not consider themselves religious, had the religious temperament and were really Christians in heart and mind, though they might not have known the experience called conversion or felt called upon to join a church. Religion was as much a part of the mind of man as imagination, reason or any other human faculty.

Speaking of young people, he said boys at the ages of 12, 16 and 18, and girls at 13, 16 and 18, were especially susceptible to religious emotions. At these ages what the psychologists called a religious wave seemed to sweep over them. Parents should give special attention to the religious training of their children at these ages. Arrests May Follow. It is said that there was a rather lively row in one of the resorts on the Marsh Road Friday night, and as a result arrests will be made and a number of young fellows about the city will be gathered in. It is said that a young man was out for a sleigh drive and on his way to the city called at one of the houses for a short time, and while there got mixed up with a few would-be fighters. The young man was given a bad beating, the horse and sleigh taken away, the animal cruelly treated by over driving and the sleigh was damaged. It is rumored that the beating arrested a few of those who were instrumental in the assault have left the city for a short time hoping that the matter will blow over.

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