

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 14.—The disturbance which was near the middle Atlantic coast on Saturday morning has since moved eastward to the Straits of Belle Isle, causing heavy gales, wind and snow in Quebec and rain in the Maritime Provinces. Another disturbance covers the Western States and snow has fallen throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Victoria 38 50
Vancouver 38 50
Calgary 18 36
Medicine Hat 10 42
Prince Albert 28 34
Winnipeg 30 40
Port Arthur 0 32
Perry Sound 12 22
London 32 32
Toronto 32 32
Kingston 10 36
Ottawa 6 28
Montreal 12 22
Quebec 14 18

FORECAST.

Maritime.—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair and moderately cold at first, followed by somewhat higher temperature.

Northern New England.—Fair, warmer Monday; Tuesday, fair in east, increasing cloudiness in West portion, warmer moderately variable winds, becoming south.

AROUND THE CITY

ONLY TWO ARRESTS
Only two arrests for drunkenness were made by the police during the week end.

THREE CASES LEFT.
Another car was removed Saturday morning from a house with former influenza patients. This leaves only three cases in the city and county.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.
Captain I. D. Farrer, of the Canadian army (auxiliary corps), is struck off the strength of this district, the order to take effect March 15, 1920.

AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.
At the Seamen's Institute last evening about 150 sailors from the various steamers in port listened attentively to a very interesting sermon by Rev. F. E. Boothroyd.

HAD LEG BROKEN.
Saturday night during the storm Joseph Murphy stepped into a hole on St. James street, and had one of his legs broken. He is being treated in the General Public Hospital.

NEW K. OF P. LODGE.
The new K. of P. Lodge recently organized in the West End will be instituted on Friday evening next when the Grand Chancellor and other grand officers will be present for the ceremonies.

APPOINTED TRAVELLER.
James W. E. Griffiths, a valued member of the Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., staff for eighteen years, has resigned and takes over a position as travelling representative of the Thomas Davidson Manufacturing Co., Ltd., of Montreal.

ANALYZED BEER.
Inspectors McMahon and Kerr stated Saturday morning that they had closed the beer shop of Walter Bell, on Union street, until they should get some of the beer analyzed. The analysis report showed the samples to contain 2.7, 1.5, 1.4 and 1.5 per cent. respectively. The inspectors have allowed the place to be reopened.

PANTRY SALE.
On Saturday a Pantry Sale was held in the lobby of the Imperial Theatre under the auspices of the Young Women's Patriotic Association at which good rum was realized for the funds of that organization.

WATCHED HER DIP.
When the Steamship Empress of France left port yesterday afternoon at four o'clock there was quite a large number of people, some with marine glasses, watching the big ship with considerable interest, for after rounding the eastward of the island and for some distance out, she was seen to rise and fall into the sea, and it is quite an unusual sight to see such a large ship being tossed about so close to this port.

VITAL STATISTICS.
The following deaths were reported to the Board of Health during the past week: Lobar pneumonia, two; pneumonia, senility, apoplexy, mania, malnutrition, myocarditis, cardiac disease, chronic nephritis, compression of brain, cerebral softening, laryngeal diphtheria, purpura septicemia, mitral insufficiency, myocarditis and endocarditis, chronic myocardial insufficiency and shock and perforation of lungs, one each, making a total of eighteen.

CANADIAN CLUB.
Frank H. Keefe, under secretary of state for external affairs, will address a special meeting at Bond's restaurant tomorrow at 1:10 p.m. His subject will be British India and Canadian trade relations. Tickets at Nelson's. Sale closes at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

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HEAVY RAIN AND WIND STORM CAUSED DAMAGE IN THE CITY

Five Inches of Rain Fell from Friday Until Saturday Night
—Wind Was 48 Miles An Hour—Cellars Flooded, Roofs of Buildings Torn off, Street Car Service Put Out of Commission.

The city was struck by a very severe storm on Saturday, there was a real deluge of rain driven by a gale of wind, and owing to the sides of the streets being piled high with snow and ice, and the gutters filled, there was no place for the great quantity of water to reach the catch basins and the result was that all low places along the streets were flooded, and a great amount of damage was caused. Cellars in many buildings were flooded in a number of residences the inhabitants were obliged to move out of their ground floor apartments which were filled with water. In a couple of places stables where horses are kept below the surface of the street, the animals were obliged to almost swim from the barn to the street and in some cases were injured.

The Official Report

The official report from the Meteorological Observatory last night was to the effect that the total rain fell from Friday at noon till shortly before midnight Saturday was five inches, which is a record for the month of March. From eight o'clock Saturday evening until 11:30 o'clock two and a half inches fell, making a total of four inches for Saturday. There was a thick fog Saturday morning and the highest temperature for the day was 40, while the lowest was 32. The wind was the strongest between two o'clock and ten yesterday morning. It was blowing southwest and at times reached a velocity of 48 miles an hour. The temperature yesterday when highest was 30 and at nine o'clock last night had dropped to 18, the weather was fair then and the wind was blowing from the west at the rate of 28 miles an hour.

At times late Saturday night and early Sunday morning the heavy gales of wind led one to believe that it was blowing even stronger than the official report gives.

Damage by Seas

The gale of wind churned up a very high sea in the Bay of Fundy and those who were privileged to be along the water front yesterday morning and could see the Negro Point breakers were presented with a sight that will linger long on their memory. The heavy sea broke clear over the light house and all over the long break water and it is thought that some little damage will result.

There was a heavy sea running in the harbor during the early morning yesterday and it is claimed that a large section of the new breakwater at Corner Brook has sustained severe damage as a result the loose boulders having been shifted from position.

Along the slips lighters loaded with lumber or being unloaded were tossed about considerably but as far as can be learned no serious damage was caused.

In the North End section a roof was blown off a large warehouse owned by J. S. Gray and was carried over the railway tracks and landed on Murray street.

Cellars Flooded

Along a low side of Main street and other sections where there were basements and no place for the water to reach the street or the catch basins the deluge of water flowed through the low windows and from short time there was a number of feet of water in the basements causing in many instances some damage.

On Celebration street it is stated that the ground floor of a warehouse was flooded and a large quantity of goods were destroyed, while in another section of the city a stable was flooded and a number of horses had a hard time in reaching the streets from the stalls which were filled with water.

The Street Railway

The Street Railway tracks throughout the city proved excellent, getting to carry off the deluge of water and in nearly every place, especially on the hills there was a roaring brook of about one foot of water sweeping everything movable with it to the bottom of the hills. Sand, gravel and small stones were carried along and it was not long that despite the efforts of a gang of men with shovels the rails would be covered. A number of street cars went off the track while others had to wait long enough for the tracks to be cleared before they could proceed.

The cars leaving the head of King street at nine o'clock for the south end were stalled in Pitt street and were bound for the North End were met. There was a long delay of nearly an hour. It was too stormy for the passengers to walk and they were quite content to remain in the cars out of the wet. After some time passengers were transferred and while two cars started on a return journey to the North End two others attempted to carry the north end passengers to their homes. At ten o'clock the cars reached the corner of Wentworth and Britain streets. The passengers were obliged to get out as it was found necessary to place the car in the barns.

To run cars out of the Marsh is said to be out of the question as here, like on the City Road sections of Main and Mill streets, the water was exceptionally deep and pedestrians found great difficulty in making their way home.

The Street Lights

Owing to the high wind the street lights and the lights in a number of residences about the city were out late Saturday night and early yesterday morning, but repairs were made during the morning and everything was all right last evening.

The telephone wires suffered considerable damage in some sections, and the fire alarm wires caused the bells to sound on a number of occasions during the night.

Centenary Church Flooded
Services in Centenary Church yesterday morning and evening were conducted in one of the rooms in the church. In one of the rooms in the church on Saturday night. During the

storm on Saturday night water flowed into the basement of the main building to such an extent that the sewer became clogged and the level of the water rose above the fire boxes of the boilers. The naval result was that the church yesterday morning was rather too cold for comfort. To-day pumps will be put to work and the cellar drained of the water.

The Imperial Theatre

One of the bigger buildings to suffer considerably by the storm was the Imperial Theatre, King Square. Just as the gale of Sunday morning had about reached its height, a large cupola ventilator weighing in the vicinity of eight hundred pounds was loosened from its fastenings on the stage section of the high roof—the southern end of the building—and buried with crushing force six feet to the yard below. It was crumpled like a toy. The gap made in the roof by the uprooting of the ventilator caused the patent roofing to show ragged edges which afforded great sport for the rampart wind. Long strips of the roofing were torn off and sent swirling around the neighborhood like runaway aeroplanes. One huge piece narrowly escaped dashing through a casement in the Lansdowne House next door at which people were standing.

It was but a few moments before the stage roof was entirely shorn of its covering—the timbered structure but the patent roofing material, which is used like leather side fragments flew all over the eastern section of the locality. It was fortunate that the deluge of rain had ceased some hours before else the Imperial would have been cut several inches of dollars in scenic equipment, but freezing temperature had set in and the air was dry, in fact light snow flurries seemed for an hour or so to have been put out of the way.

The watch service staff and house crew soon removed all the standing scenery and rolled the "drops" so that they could be put out of the way. The orchestra equipment was also moved into the body of the theatre. Several large "drops" were hung in the procession opening the stage space—and thus formed a wall against draft and coldness from the opened roof. It was under these conditions Prof. Robertson's lecture was given at four o'clock in the afternoon. With a full head of steam the house was comfortable.

Contractor J. H. Wilkes will have men enough on the job this afternoon to ensure a satisfactory temporary roof before knocking off time today. The Imperial will not be deterred from its regular schedule in the least but will be open as usual at two o'clock this afternoon.

Along with hundreds of other places the Keith theatre had a little flood of its own Saturday night, during the heavy downpour. The engine room and boiler room were flooded and exit door-walls also. Steady all-night work by a large crew and an electric auto pump relieved the situation but while the main sewers were overflowed it was a serious matter for a while how the rising tide could be disposed of.

TONIGHT'S RECITAL.
The St. John Society of Music will present this evening at St. Vincent's Auditorium, two eminent artists. Mrs. Sturkow-Ryder, pianist, and Mr. Finley Campbell, baritone, are known from coast to coast as pre-eminent performers, and have received glowing press notices wherever they have appeared.

The following is from the Pittsburgh Post: "Mrs. Sturkow-Ryder contributed a very charming element to the evening through her playing, which revealed her as a pianist of graceful technique, a splendid brain and musical taste."

Of Mr. Campbell the Beacon-Journal of Akron, Ohio, says: "The aria 'She Alone Charming My Sadness' from 'The Queen of Sheba' was Finley Campbell's offering. It was remarkably pure of tone and blended with perfect evenness of tone and extended range."

But few seats remain unsold, and those desiring them should make prompt application at Nelson's book store this morning, where they may be had at \$1.00 each while they last.

THIS MORNING

Reservations for Dr. Vincent's lecture will begin this morning at Imperial box office at 10 o'clock. The Women's Canadian Club members will present their membership cards and the Men's Canadian Club their postal notices entitling them to reservations for twenty-five cents. Non-members fifty cents.

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Dr. J. W. Robertson Delivers Lecture

Large Audience at Imperial
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"No man, in a civilization redeemed by blood, can afford hereafter to go through the world paying his taxes only. He must contribute his personal services. Remembering the acres of crosses in France and Flanders, he must do the share of voluntary work for those men also." It was with words of arresting seriousness like these that Dr. J. W. Robertson held the attention of a large audience yesterday afternoon at the Imperial Theatre. Many patriotic societies were represented.

Dr. Robertson's address was marked by a total absence of self-advertising, and yet the way in which he touched the several important positions held during the war will long be remembered by Canadians and by those among whom he labored overseas. He is to be demobilized today, and as an official made his last address yesterday. Introduced by Mayor Hayes, Dr. Robertson began by paying a very high tribute to the Canadian soldiers, their team work, initiative, and the confidence placed in them by the Allied leaders.

Dr. Robertson stated that 40 per cent. of all the shells used by the Allies came from Canada. Canadian Red Cross sent plenty of supplies not only for our own army and hospitals, but the women, devoted and diligent, worked so hard that there was enough to spare for others, two thousand hospitals in France being supplied, and Poland, Roumania and Serbia assisted. New Brunswick did its share nobly. In days of peace the Red Cross will take up the task of promoting the health of the peoples.

Great things are expected from Canada by the nations who saw her war work.

Speaking of food supplies, Dr. Robertson showed what an important part the supplying of food played in the war and how the Government took control of its transportation and distribution. It has been found necessary to keep the British Ministry of Food in control, and this will probably last five years. It is necessary, a Government has to keep prices up to insure production. Farmers must be induced to produce to the maximum. Bread, an essential food, is sold in the United Kingdom for 4 1/2 cents per pound. The British baker is sold cheap flour; the Government fixes the price for the miller, and gives the people cheap bread. British buys wheat at a high price, and loses about \$250,000,000, so must tax the people to get it back. The same is true of milk. Milk will be dear for many years, because if a high price is not gained, farmers will kill their cows, and the children then will suffer for lack of their best food. The primary cause of high prices is that there is not enough staple foods to supply the world.

Touching on the depreciation of money, Dr. Robertson said that skilled labor was being paid higher wages and people were buying more and wasting more. We should not abuse Uncle Sam for not giving us as much for our dollar as he used to. We do not give the British people as many dollars as we used to.

There will be 15,000,000 destitute in Poland, and millions in Austria. Their Government cannot give them food unless the British Government, United States and the Argentine let them have more food on credit. Starving millions need food! Truly there is much to do in time of peace. Canada has six million more acres ready for production. National service, self-interest and the claims of humanity all urge an extra effort for production at this time.

The magnificent work of Herbert Hoover in starting welfare stations for starving children in fourteen countries was described, and it was stated that the United States are paying half the bills. Dr. Robertson said that far from taking undue advantage, the United States ever leaned over in doing good turns to Canada overseas.

A dramatic description of the Peace Conference meeting at which the League of Nations Covenant were presented to the representatives of thirty-two nations was given. The outstanding figures represented true democracy, that democracy which has more in it than the recognition of equality. In Canada we fear the recognition of the superiority of capacity, recognition of superiority of leadership. Politics is our way of governing ourselves, and while all politicians are not perfect, it is as well they are not, said the speaker, for then they would not be representative.

Many detailed items of the Peace Conference were told, one being that nearly a year before the Conference was held, and while the Germans were steadily advancing, stenographers and office help were being trained for this occasion. It was pointed out that the Convention of Labor is working and the Covenant of the League of Nations is also active.

The forceful spiritual message delivered by Dr. Robertson closed with an appeal for reverence and self-sacrifice to be paid to the land which is the "Mother of our Sun," and needs our service in peace as well as in war.

E. A. Schofield, in moving a vote of thanks to Dr. Robertson, spoke highly of his voluntary services on behalf of Canada. A vote of thanks to W. H. Golding and the staff of the Imperial for the use of the theatre was included. This was ably seconded by R. E. Armstrong and tendered to the speaker and to Mr. Golding by the Mayor.

The singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting.

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RECITAL

Recital by Mrs. Sturkow-Ryder, pianist, and Finley Campbell, baritone, under the auspices of the St. John Society of Music, St. Vincent's Auditorium, Monday, March 15, 8 p.m. A limited number of tickets for non-members may be had at Nelson's book store, King street, at \$1 each.

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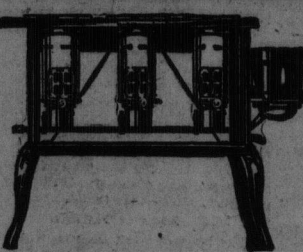
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