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UNSETTLED AND MILD; LOCAL RAINS.

Toronto, Jan. 12—8 p.m.—The high pressure over the Ottawa Valley yesterday is decreasing in energy, and is moving slowly towards the New England coast. Fine, cold weather continues throughout Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The low pressure area from the Northwest is slowly approaching the lakes, and is accompanied by milder weather. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 22-34; Calgary, 14-32; Parry Sound, zero-24; Toronto, 12-30; Ottawa, 12 below-12; Montreal, 6 below-8; Quebec, 4 below-6; Halifax, 8-22.
Toronto, Jan. 13—1 a.m.—Probabilities—Lower lakes: East and south winds; unsettled and quite mild; local rains.
Local temperatures.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here on Thursday, Jan. 12, were: Highest, 30.5; lowest, 8.5 above. Sun rises today at 7:49; sets, 5:05. Moon rises at 8:47 a.m.; sets, 7:40.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—The Manhattan Club, of this city, have decided to hold a fancy dress carnival on Jan. 23.

—Mrs. W. G. Smith, of St. Thomas, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. A. O. Jeffery and other friends.

—Mr. Almon Monteith, formerly of Brigid, has secured a fine position in a wholesale house here.

—Miss Jennie Fram, of East London, is spending her holidays with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Barbour at St. Marys.

—Adjutant Combs, of the Salvation Army, farewells from here on the 22nd of this month. He goes to Chatham.

—Miss Hattie Nash, of 93 Cartwright Street, is visiting her cousins, Mrs. D. A. Martin and Mrs. Geo. Chapman, at St. Marys.

—John Thompson, a man who has been wanted by the London police for theft, was arrested by Detective Harrison at Toronto on Thursday afternoon.

—Mr. Charles E. Shaw, a member of the British Parliament, is a guest at the Tecumseh. Mr. Shaw comes from London, and is on a pleasure trip through Canada.

—Mr. John Galloway, of St. George, has resigned his position as book-keeper for the firm of Messrs. Bell & Son. Mr. Smeaton, of London, has been engaged in his place.

—Rev. W. G. Jordan, of Strathroy, is announced to lecture on the "Life and Character of Gladstone" before the Musical and Literary Society of the First Presbyterian Church here on Monday evening.

—The regular meeting of the Froebel Society on Tuesday afternoon was devoted to programme work. The programme committee reported the subjects to be taken up at the meetings until June. Plans for the kindergarten were discussed and some of the directors told of their own programmes of work for the month. At the next meeting Mr. Carson will speak on "Fatigue."

—Guelp Mercury: The meeting of the London Presbytery at St. Thomas yesterday was attended by Lieut. Col. McCrae, on behalf of the session of St. Andrew's Church, Guelp. The delay in citing the congregation of St. James' Church, London, regarding the call to Rev. A. J. McGillivray, arose through the mistake of the clerk of the London Presbytery. The call and relative documents were mailed in Guelp and registered on Dec. 27, and should have reached the clerk of the London Presbytery the following day. The latter argued that the words "more than two Sabbaths" in the blue book, meant that they should be in his hands at least three clear Sabbaths. The London Presbytery could not, in view of the mistake, take up the call, but promptly acceded to the request to arrange an early date for its consideration, and adjourned till the 26th of January, to meet at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, London, when the call will be taken up and considered.

—The election of officers resulted as follows: President, E. T. Essery; first vice-president, H. J. Carter; second vice-president, Joseph Perry; secretary, R. Cadwallader (re-elected); treasurer, George Pritchard (re-elected); assistant secretary, J. B. Cox (re-elected); marshal, Edmund Weld; relief committee, H. T. Smith, ex-Ald. Skinner, John Pannell, John Sussex, John Barons, S. Roberts and I. Lewis; finance committee, R. A. Jones, Edmund Weld and S. Scraton; record keeper, R. Cadwallader (re-elected); chaplains, Very Rev. Dean Innes, Rev. Canon Richardson, Rev. George Fowler, Rev. G. B. Sage, Ven. Archdeacon Marsh (all re-elected); physician, Dr. Williams (re-elected); auditors, George F. Jewell and W. J. Imbach.

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BOUGHNER.

"A SECRET WARRANT" TONIGHT.
Robert Mantell will be at the Grand Theatre, matinee tomorrow, and tomorrow night, presenting his successful romantic dramas, "A Secret Warrant" and "The Face in the Moonlight." Probably no player of our country stands in greater favor than Robert Mantell. Since his advent as a star he has been a continuous producer of those scholarly works which make the theatre a temple of art and education. Not only is he himself an able stage manager and sincere student, but he surrounds himself with actors of acknowledged ability; his mountings are finished and sensational perfect. He carries a large equipment, and costumes his plays with marked taste and fidelity. Shakespeare, of course, is his great master; but, acknowledging the ability of the modern writers, he selects from the best. Dumas, d'Ennery and Sardou are his favorite authors; their works have received conscientious care, and have never been better presented in this country. The events with which "A Secret Warrant" is concerned are romantic in the highest degree, and they are given the setting of France in the year 1720. The company which Manager Hanley has engaged to support his star is said to be the strongest with which he has ever been surrounded.
LODGE PRINCESS BEATRICE.
At the regular meeting of Lodge Princess Beatrice, No. 6, Daughters of England Benevolent Society, held Wednesday night in Cullis Hall, there was a good attendance of members. After routine business the ceremonies of installation took place, when the following officers were duly installed by Sister Hooper, worthy district deputy grand president, assisted by Sister Cripps, the worthy grand vice-president: W. P. Sister E. Powell; W. P. P. Sister J. Alway; W. P. P. Sister Chealey; W. P. P. Sister Burton; W. P. P. Sister Isaac; chaplain, Sister Sherman; first guide, Sister H. Hill; second guide, Sister Bug; third guide, Sister Partridge; fourth guide, Sister Pearce; inside guard, Sister Howe; outside guard, Bro. Corbin. A vote of thanks was then tendered to the following officers for the very able manner in which they performed the ceremony, to which they briefly responded, after which Sister J. Alway, the retiring president, was called to the platform, when Sister Howe read an appropriate address and Sister Burton presented a beautiful paper, president jewel. Then Sister Burton, worthy treasurer, was called to the dais, when Sister Powell read an address of esteem and respect and Sister Anderson presented her with a beautiful lamp. She was taken entirely by surprise. The recipients thanked the members in a few well chosen words for their splendid gifts, and said they would ever remember their comrades with kindly feelings. A programme of recitations, songs and musicals was then entered upon till the call for refreshments was heard. After partaking of the good things provided a pleasant half hour was spent in social chat, when the meeting broke up at 11 o'clock in perfect harmony.

ST GEORGE IS THEIR PATRON

Annual Meeting of the Well-Known Benevolent Society—Annual Reports—Election of Officers.

St. George's Benevolent Society held its 32nd annual meeting in Abbot Hall last evening. There was a fair attendance. President R. A. Jones was in the chair.

The relief committee's report was read by Mr. H. T. Smith. The amount paid out for relief during the year was \$20.10, in addition to Christmas cheer to the value of \$221.50, by means of which 310 families, representing 1,560 persons were made glad. The committee desired to extend thanks of the McCormick Company, D. S. Perrin & Co., and C. Cowan for their contributions.

The financial statement, submitted by Treasurer Pritchard was as follows:

Receipts—
Savings Bank\$164.52
Balance Christmas cheer, 1897... 70.60
Annual members' fees 32.00
Dividend and interest 201.53
Total\$468.65

Expenditures—
Expenses\$ 70.20
Deposit, Savings Bank 120.08
Relief 128.10
Balance Christmas cheer, 1897... 70.60
Building fund 24.52
Contingent fund 2.12
Ontario Loan and Debenture Company 42.81
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A \$100,000 CITY HALL
Is What the Board of Works Has in View.
Some City Property To Be Offered for Sale.

The Present City Hall, the East End Hall and the Registry Office—May Ask the County to Join in a New Building—Other Matters.

Steps were taken at the meeting of the board of works last night towards the disposal of the City Hall, the East End Hall and the registry office. The matter was brought up by a memo. from the mayor's inaugural address, calling attention to the unsanitary condition of the City Hall, and advising the sale of the building.

Chairman Douglass said that a year ago bids for the property had been called for and an offer of \$40,000 received. The city engineer estimated that the hall was worth \$90,000. Ald. McPhillips moved to again advertise for tenders for the property.

Ald. Wilkey said the East End Hall was only used once a year—at election time—and should be disposed of as well. The chairman said the registry office was too small and unsanitary. It should be sold and the whole thing centralized.

Ald. Farnell was opposed to such expenditure. He would not support in any shape or form the building of a city hall this year. The present time for a new hall is the present time for a new issue of debentures and, further, the hall was quite adequate for present needs.

Ald. McPhillips did not think an issue of debentures would be necessary. But even if they were, the increased assessment on the property when sold would give a revenue that would more than pay for the debentures.

The mayor estimated the sale of the present building at \$40,000; that the taxes thereon would pay the interest and sinking fund for \$30,000, and that the sale of the East End Hall and the registry office would bring \$15,000, making a total of \$85,000 at the city's command. If the county and city joined hands and erected a building suitable for both, a total of \$100,000 could easily be raised. The county buildings were in a worse condition than the city's. In this way a building suitable for 50 years could be built without costing the city a cent. There was no question about the city hall being unsanitary. Ten thousand dollars would give a better building for municipal purposes than the present hall.

Ald. Wilkey urged that if no action were taken along this line, a vault should be built in the engineer's office.

Ald. Farnell's suggestion the motion to call for tenders was amended to recommend the council to empower the committee to advertise for bids for the present hall, the East End Hall and the registry office; also power to negotiate with the county council with regard to a new building. Carried.

The engineer was asked to prepare an approximate of the cost of a suitable building.

The controversy between Engineer Graydon, Sewer Contractor Gould and Inspector Ironside, about the payment for lumber left in the Richmond street sewer, will be reopened.

The acceptance of the tender of Moses Cox for the construction of a sewer on Reddick street east was recommended for confirmation at an advance of \$90, thus allowing Mr. Cox to rectify his mistake.

The claim of M. Foley, of Grey street, for damages sustained through slipping on the sidewalk, was filed.

A letter was read from Manager Carr, of the London Street Railway Company, notifying the aldermen of the change of routes, as requested by the council.

Ald. Farnell disliked wrangling with the council if it could be avoided. Ald. Reed agreed.

The chairman said the company were obeying the council's orders in part, at least, and advised leaving them alone for the time being.

Ald. Garbutt said there should be no "monkey business." The committee should be sure of their ground.

Ald. Wilkey moved for a consultation with Mr. Carr. The Rectory street line was no good, and the delays caused by it were unsatisfactory.

No action was taken, but Mr. Carr will probably be asked to meet the committee before long. The engineer will report as to how the road is being operated.

The pay sheet, amounting to \$213.08, was passed for payment.

Specifications for the year's supplies were ordered.

The advisability of getting the stone crusher to work again was advanced by Ald. Farnell, but no action was taken.

All the members—Ald. Douglass (chairman), Parnell, Wilkey, Garratt, Reed and McPhillips, Mayor Wilson, Assistant Engineer Ironside and Secretary Bell—were present.

The sewer committee will meet for organization next Thursday night.

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WESTERN ONTARIO

Old Resident of Southampton Found Dead.

Big Fire at St. Marys—Prominent Galt Man Passes Away—A Chatham Minister Severely Bitten by a Dog.

Brantford is to have a large new woolen mill.

The steamer Flora is being rebuilt at Sandwich.

The Salvation Army has withdrawn from Amherstburg.

Windsor Conservatives held a banquet last (Thursday) night.

President Hogedorn, of the Berlin board of trade, has been re-elected.

The Amherstburg council has appointed John Burk and J. H. Alexander auditors.

An 8-months-old child of J. D. Gail, Windsor, died in convulsions Thursday morning.

The Sandwich council have appointed Ernest Ouellette and P. T. Smylie auditors.

Constable Ebenezer Merrill, of Brantford, is dead. He suffered a paralytic stroke.

Hog cholera has been found on the farm of Patrick Paquette, Anderton. Twenty-one hogs were slaughtered and the carcasses burned.

James H. Breeden, of Windsor, got three months for stealing from the barge James C. King, where he was employed as watchman.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Ascension Chapel, Windsor, has elected Mrs. Pushell president, Mrs. McLeod secretary, Mrs. Parsons treasurer.

Wm. Leach, of Chloago, whose wife was buried in Sandwich Thursday, lies at the point of death at his father-in-law's residence in Walkerville.

Mr. W. W. Phillips, proprietor of The Alvin at Ridgeway, has made an agreement for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. A. L. Long is the assignee.

A meeting of the creditors of Ferguson & Thibadeau, drygoods men, Chatham, was held in Toronto. Assets are placed at \$14,000, with liabilities about the same.

Rev. R. Sims, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Chatham, was severely bitten and scratched on the wrist Wednesday while attempting to rescue a dog from the clutches of a much larger dog.

The Ellice township council has chosen Mr. Stewart Campbell as clerk and treasurer in place of Mr. Pierson, who had held the position for 30 years, and who was incapacitated for duty.

Benjamin Vallack Elliot, senior member of the firm of Elliot & Gladman, and one of the oldest and most respected business men of Exeter, is dead, after a somewhat prolonged illness.

The annual meeting of the Brantford Horticultural Society was held Wednesday night, when the following officers were elected: President, D. Dempster; vice-president, G. R. Hext; J. H. Adams, secretary-treasurer.

The residence of Chas. Pew, a farmer, who resides a few miles from Watford, was burned to the ground with all the contents Sunday night. The family barely escaped in their night clothing. The house was in a very isolated position, and consequently no help arrived until it was too late.

The Alvinston municipal council have passed the following resolution: "Moved by A. McKellar, seconded by Cummings, that A. J. Trolley be appointed chief constable, truant officer, caretaker of cemetery, sanitary inspector, overseer of highways, janitor cleaning streets and crossings, cutting weeds, collector of poll tax and dog tax, ringing curfew bell and cleaning snow opposite fire hall, at a salary of \$10."

Fire broke out in the large barns of James McKay, St. Marys, Wednesday morning. Several rigs stored in the building were burned. Mrs. Ingram's house also caught fire and was badly damaged. There is a suspicion that

Combined Poultry and Animal Show.

The exhibit of the Ontario Poultry Association now being held at the Pavilion, in the Horticultural Gardens, Toronto, has attracted widespread interest and attention. Both the American Poultry Association and the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association are exhibiting at the same time, making the most complete poultry and pet animal show ever held in Canada. The management have taken immense care in their arrangements for the live stock, and have officially appointed the celebrated firm, Fickhardt & Renfrew Company, Limited, of Stratford, to disinfect the huge building with their Perseic Hen House Spray and Poultry Powder. It acts both as a disinfectant and insecticide, destroying vermin and purifying the atmosphere of disease germs and gases consequent upon the close confinement of fowls or animals. The official recognition of the high quality of this sterling preparation is an endorsement not to be lightly overlooked by farmers and fanciers.

Mountain Oysters
Are considered quite a delicacy by those who are fond of good things. They are sold by the Knights of the Knife at five cents a pair—the price of a "Spot" cigar. The Spot is not a delicacy, but it is a pleasure and a necessity to those who smoke. For sale everywhere.