

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Mostly fair and cold.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.— Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Thursday; snow by night or on Friday; moderate variable winds.

Toronto, Feb. 18.— Fair weather prevail generally throughout Canada, except that some local snow has occurred in the southern portion of Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	35	48
Vancouver	36	42
Kamloops	26	32
Edmonton	2	19
Calgary	16	30
Medicine Hat	18	29
Battleford	16	29
Moosejaw	10	20
Winnipeg	4	18
Port Arthur	4	18
Parry Sound	14	18
London	7	25
Toronto	12	14
Ottawa	0	12
Montreal	0	12
Quebec	14	8
St. John	12	18
Halifax	2	20

(*) below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

A Serious Charge.
Maak Richards was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Detective Killen on a warrant issued by the Police Magistrate of Sussex. Richards will face a serious charge.

A Stray Horse.
A stray horse with sled attached found wandering on Sheriff Street last evening was placed in the barn of John McCarthy, where it may be obtained by the owner.

A Novelty Show.
A number of young people gathered at the residence of T. Henderson, 62 Adelaide street, last evening, and attended a novelty show to Miss Evelyn Marshall, who will shortly be a principal in an interesting event.

Will Commence Work.
Commissioner Rees and Major Moore of the Salvation Army headquarters in Toronto are expected to reach the city on the Montreal express today at noon. Their visit here is in connection with the reconstruction of the Salvation Army headquarters. Major Moore heads the subscription department of the Salvation Army and he will inaugurate a campaign for the re-establishment of the work here.

A North End Fire.
An alarm was rung in early last evening from box 125 for a fire in the house owned and occupied by Mrs. Donnelly, 311 Main street. The blaze which was of mysterious origin, was extinguished before the flames had eaten into the living apartments of the house. The fire, however, destroyed a wood shed and did damage to the extent of about \$150. The stock of Alexander McBeath, who occupies the shop in the building, was slightly damaged.

Carleton Carnival.
The carnival conducted last evening in the Carleton Open Air Rink proved very successful, and the many pretty costumes of the skaters made a nice appearance. The affair was attended by over two hundred, and all those present were well gotten up. In some cases, so well were the characters represented that it was found difficult to award the prizes, but the following were given the honors: Gentlemen's, Charles Campbell, first; John McManus, second. In the ladies, Victoria Wilson was given first prize.

I. L. and B. Dance.
One of the most enjoyable functions of the season was held last evening when in the rooms of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society a very successful assembly was conducted. Invitations were extended to the members and their lady friends, and a large number enjoyed a nicely arranged programme of dances. Music was furnished by an orchestra in attendance. The committee in charge was composed of John Daley, F. J. Casey, James McManus, M. O'Leary, Frank A. Cronin, M. T. Morris, Eban Kelly, Walter Harris, George Stafford and Fred Hazel.

OBITUARY.
Ernest C. March.
The news of the death of Ernest C. March, which occurred at his residence West Medford, Mass., on the 18th inst., will be received with sincere regret by a wide circle of friends in this city. The deceased was in the 51st year of his age, was the son of John and the late Elizabeth March. Besides his father and wife the late Mr. March is survived by one daughter, Elma, and three sons, John, Arthur and Charlie, all of West Medford. Two brothers, Cecil and Ralph, both of Hampton, Kings county, also survive.

The late Mr. March was born and educated in this city, and early held the position of secretary of the Board of School Trustees. He later became a member of the firm of deForest and March, tailors, occupying the premises then known as Foster's Corner. At the commencement of the bicycling demand Mr. March became interested in the Burnham concern which led to the opening of the Singer Bicycle Rink, under the management of the firm of Burnham & March.

Later in life the deceased removed with his family to Boston, and later to West Medford where he died. Of a kindly disposition and possessing a strong personality he won the friendship of all with whom he came in contact. His death will be sincerely regretted by a wide circle of friends, all of whom extend their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

The funeral announcement will be made later.

NEGRESS IN INSANE FIT RUNS AWUCK

Armed with Iron, Colored Woman Threatens Life of House Maid.

IN WILD DASH DOWN LEINSTER STREET

Six O'clock Crowds Take Flight at Sight — Ladies Homeward Bound get Nervous Shock.

Tearing madly through the streets bare headed and thinly clad, Clara Stewart, a domestic employe of a Leinster street house, caused considerable excitement in the vicinity of Princess and Carmarthen street about six o'clock last evening, when in a fit of insanity she raced from the house, and running frantically along the street threatened the lives of many pedestrians who happened in her way. Mrs. Stewart, who is a colored lady, and who formerly was Miss Diggs, had been employed in the house in question during the afternoon, and while at work there was no noticeable indication that the woman was not in her right mind. About six o'clock in the evening, however, when she was engaged in ironing some clothes the colored lady suddenly broke out in a fit of rage, and the persuasive efforts of those in the house could not prevent her from carrying out her will. Seizing the iron with which she was working, she raced madly at the servant shrieks she chased her from the house and followed her along Leinster street until the fugitive was at a safe distance from the clutches of the temporary lunatic.

The colored lady caused no little excitement when, with her hair streaming down her back and brandishing an iron in her hand, she ran towards Leinster Hall, uttering threats at all those who came within her reach. She drove her feet through a window in the boarding house, and then continued down Carmarthen street. Several ladies walking along the street became frightened when, like a maniac, the colored lady tore along uttering piercing shrieks. The husband of the woman was informed of the case and she was caught in the vicinity of Duke street and later in the evening she was confined in a room where no danger could result from her wild actions.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT BLOOMFIELD

Son of James Gilchrist Met an Awful Death — Dragged Half a Mile by Train.

A shocking railway fatality occurred yesterday morning on the I. C. R. when John Gilchrist, the sixteen-year-old son of James Gilchrist, provincial superintendent of immigration, met death by being dragged from the step of a sleeping car for about half a mile along the tracks, near Bloomfield station. The accident has caused deep sympathy for the parents of the lad, who are prostrated with grief. The youth had come to the station with his father, and was waiting in Titus' store nearby when the train came along. It was not the regular Sussex train, which they usually took to the city, but the Halifax which was late, running almost on the Sussex train's time. Mr. Gilchrist got aboard a second-class car and shouted a warning to his son not to get on the train, as it was then beginning to move, but apparently the lad did not hear his father's words, or did not understand. Several other people got on at the same station, but none of those on board noticed the boy clamber to the steps and then fall backwards, his foot being caught fast. Naturally it was a fearful blow to Mr. Gilchrist, who thought his son had heard his warning shout at Bloomfield and had not boarded the car, and the sad news was a shocking heart-thrust for the lad's mother.

The body was taken back home on the mail train a little later. Besides young John, Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist had but one other child, Louise, younger than he. It is probable that an inquest will be held. The news quickly spread about the city and caused deep regret amongst the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist as well as amongst those of their son, who was a bright, popular lad. He will be much missed by a large number of associates.

Gundry's for special watch 9 to 12 size
Art Club monthly meeting nineteenth, Mr. Padock's illustrated lecture, business, music, refreshments.
Gundry's for high grade watch repairs.

Postponed
The entertainment which the Collegians were to give in Zion Methodist church tonight has been postponed until further notice.

SIX EYE GIRL UNDER ARREST

Emma Oakley Charged with Stealing Coat From Mrs. Mary Martin.

RAN AWAY FROM THE EVANGELINE HOME

Understood She was Sent away from her Home at Springhill — A very Sad Case.

Emma Oakley, aged sixteen, of Springhill, Queens county, was arrested in the Union Depot, early last evening by Officer James McNamee, charged with stealing a winter coat, owned by Mrs. Mary Martin of 256 German street. The coat was found in the prisoner's possession. The case is a particularly sad one, as it is understood that the Oakley girl was sent away from home by her parents to the Evangeline Home here. Sometime during Tuesday she ran away from the home, clothed only in the lightest of suits. Unable to withstand the winter weather, she called at Mrs. Martin's residence, in German street, and asked to be permitted to remain for the night. As the girl was in danger of freezing to death, Mrs. Martin took her in and allowed her to remain all day yesterday. In the vicinity of seven o'clock last evening, the Oakley girl ran away from Mrs. Martin and it is understood took the coat with her. Mrs. Martin on discovering the coat to be missing, at once telephoned the police station, setting into communication with Officer McNamee. Mrs. Martin described the coat as being green and that the missing girl wore a white hat. Armed with this meagre information Officer McNamee instituted a search and finally arrested the girl in the Union Depot. The officer on entering the station observed a girl wearing a coat very like the one lost, and a few questions quickly convinced him of her identity. As the Oakley girl is only sixteen much sympathy is expressed for her. The officer at Central Station last evening contributed from their lunch boxes sufficient to provide her with supper. The case will probably be heard in the police court this morning.

THE RUMOR IS DENIED

Col. McLean Says Street Railway will not be Sold if He can Prevent it.

A report was in circulation yesterday to the effect that American capitalists were negotiating for the control of the St. John Street Railway, and that the visit of Fred R. Taylor to Boston had something to do with the matter. When Col. H. H. McLean's attention was called to the rumor last evening, he said: "The street railway has not been sold, and it will not be sold if I can prevent it. There may have been some talk, but no proposition has been laid before the directors. Mr. Taylor went to Boston on legal business."

CARPENTERS' UNION PLANNING CAMPAIGN FOR MORE MEMBERS

Received Several Applications at Meeting Last Evening—Mr. Tighe in an Eloquent Address.

The Carpenters and Joiners Union held an open meeting last evening in the interests of the campaign for an increase in membership, and received several new applications. Benjamin Young presided and there was a large attendance. Among the speakers were J. L. Segrus, George Hennessey, John Scott and J. E. Tighe. Mr. Tighe spoke of the importance of labor being represented in political bodies, and said that from what he knew of the state of the feeling among the workers the labor candidate would be returned at the civic elections. He urged the organization of a movement to secure the exemption of incomes up to \$1,000 from all taxes other than a poll tax of \$2.00. Messrs. Segrus and Scott spoke of the value of trade unions and said from now on organized labor in St. John would work constantly for labor representation on all public bodies.

CHARITY CONCERT
Courtney Bay Pierrot Troupe.
Have you got tickets for Friday night at the York Theatre. If not, get them now from Landry's, King street, or Norton Griffiths & Co. Prices, 50c., 25c., 10c.

Tonight's Concert
The Loyalist Club of Centenary church are holding a concert in Centenary hall tonight; all leading talent; admission 25c.

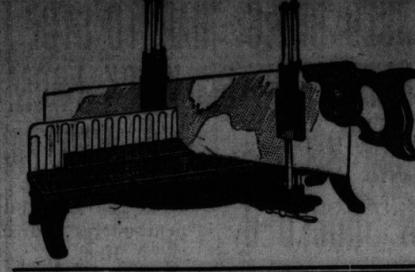
NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE COMPLETED

Yarmouth Light and Power Co. Taken Over by American Concern.

NEW OWNERS PLAN BIG IMPROVEMENT

New England Light and Security Co. Looking for Operating Field in Maritime Provinces.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Yarmouth Light and Power Company which have been pending for some time, were completed this week, when the company was taken over by the New England Light and Security Company R. L. Pond, acting in the interests of the purchasers, who was in the city yesterday, will leave this morning for Yarmouth to make final arrangements for the operation of the light and power company under the direction of the new owners. Speaking with a representative of the former holders so that they might bring about development and expansion of the different concerns. In each concern which is taken over a director will be named from one of the former holders. When asked if the company had its eyes on any plant in St. John or any of the Maritime Province cities, Mr. Pond said that they were open to negotiations in this city, but that at present they had no plans under consideration. The company which represents, largely, American capital has a strong financial backing and several prominent Boston men are among the directors. The concern holds \$500,000 bonds, \$500,000 p. c. preferred stock, and \$1,000,000 common stock, and is already operating extensively throughout New England. Besides the plant recently acquired Yarmouth this company is now operating in Derry, New Hampshire, Jeffrey, New Hampshire, and at Troy and Fitzwilliam also in New Hampshire. Among the prominent directors are Clifford A. Plumber, Newton P. Hutchinson, Thomas L. Wiles, and Dr. Lewis Beal. Those interested in the concern are very favorably impressed with the Maritime Provinces as a field for operations, and it is possible that they may acquire properties in other of the provincial cities.



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The Carpenter's Friend
These Mitre Boxes have the widest range of adjustment of any mitre box made. For strength, accuracy and durability, they are unsurpassed. No. 240 has a capacity of 8 1/4 inches at right angles; 5 1/2 inches at 45 degrees mitre, and 3 1/2 inches at 30 degrees. Price complete with 28 inch Bosch Saw, \$15.00
THE VICTOR MITRE BOX Without Saw
No. 50 1-3 has a single piece frame, both the Base and Back are accurately machined. Any Panel Saw can be used with these machines. Price, \$9.00
We Will be Pleased to Show Them.

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To Clean Up Before Spring Goods Arrive

Mens' Tan Laced Boots, - - - \$2.98 and \$3.48
Regular \$5.00 Values

Ladies' Tan and Black, Button and Laced Boots, - \$2.89

See Shoes in Our Windows

Slater Shoe Shop - 81 King St.

SPECIAL SALE Sleds and Toboggans

To make room for our Spring Stock we have decided to offer you the balance of our stock of

Sleds and Toboggans at 20 p. c. Discount

Our toboggans are made of selected stock, properly seasoned, strongly built and well seasoned.

DON'T MISS THESE BARGAINS

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Sale of Silver, Cut Glass and Silver Deposit Ware
CONTINUED IN ART DEPARTMENT TODAY.

Sale of Stylish Blouses
At Attractive Reductions
Commencing This Morning

Here is a sale opportunity which will permit the acquiring of fashionable, well-made blouses at considerably less than regular prices. Representing the most recent styles, the assortment is wide enough to prove attractive and values are exceptional at the reduced figures. Come and select before the best of them have been taken.

WHITE SILK BLOUSES, semi-tailored effect, high collar, net yoke and full length sleeves. Special Sale Price, each \$2.50

Also a few odd **SILK BLOUSES** which have been marked at very low prices for speedy clearance.

SILK BLOUSES in navy, brown and purple with flat collars of bronze, cherry and tan. Three-quarter sleeves. Special Sale Price each \$2.00

SILK BLOUSES of Black Surah Silk, tailored effect with tucks and pleats, full length sleeves. Special Sale Price, each \$3.25

CHIFFON BLOUSES in navy, Copenhagen, Ivory, emerald, black and cerise, low flat collar trimmed with white, lace insertion, three-quarter sleeves. Special Sale Price, each \$2.00

CHIFFON BLOUSES, navy, brown, grey, plain tucks, vest of plain silk and collar of plain net piped with silk. Special Sale Price, each \$3.90

CHIFFON BLOUSES, embroidered in silk with fancy trimming, yoke of shadow lace, collar of plain net piped with colored silk; brown, navy, Copenhagen and grey, full length sleeves. Special Sale each \$4.50

BLOUSE SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

New Plaid Cloths for Mackinaw Coats

Plaid Mackinaw Coatings, popular now for Outing and Sporting Coats. We offer a fine assortment of these cloths, 56 inches wide, in brown and black, navy and black, green and black and red and black plaids.

Per yard - - - \$1.75
Costume Section—Second Floor.

Grand Clearing-up Sale in the Linen Room Will Be Continued Today

Still Wonderful Values Being Offered at the February Sale of Clothing for Men and Boys

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