

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Fresh westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—In Ontario and Quebec the weather has been for the most part fair and comparatively mild. Snow or sleet has fallen in Nova Scotia, while in the western provinces the day has been fine and milder. Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson 18 below, 14; Atlin zero, 14; Vancouver 38, 44; Victoria 42, 48; Kamloops 28, 42; Edmonton zero, 38; Calgary 24, 34; Battleford 8 below, 8; Moosejaw 3, 13; Qu'Appelle 4, 22; Winnipeg 18 below, 16; Port Arthur 4 below, 12; Harry Sound 18, 24; London 22, 30; Toronto 21, 34; Ottawa 20, 33; Montreal 18, 22; Quebec 18, 28; St. John 24, 30; Halifax 26, 30.

Forecasts: Lower Lawrence and Gulf: Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

AROUND THE CITY

R. B. Addison to Speak. There will be a temperance meeting under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance at 8.30 o'clock tomorrow night in their rooms, Paradise Row, and R. B. Addison will be the speaker.

Tunisian at Halifax. The Allan line steamer Tunisian arrived at Halifax last evening. She had on board 1822 bags of mail and 478 packages of parcel post. Her passengers number 26 first, 119 second and 260 third class.

Prize Unclaimed. The mayor still has the money offered as a door prize at the recent carnival held under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council at the Victoria rink. The holder of the ticket No. 351 is entitled to the prize.

Loyalist Division. The weekly Gospel temperance meeting under the auspices of Granite Rock Division, Sons of Temperance, will be held in the Division Hall, West End, tomorrow evening. The speaker will be Charles F. McTavish.

Socialist Meeting. On Sunday J. Taylor will address the meeting in the Socialist Hall, 141 Mill street, the subject will be "Why I am a Socialist." Chair to be taken at 8.15 o'clock. Discussion will be allowed at the close of the address and all adults invited.

Pleasant Evening. The committee on the Borden Club sleigh drive met last night and completed the arrangements for a successful evening at Newcombes. A musical programme of high order will be given and a pleasant evening is guaranteed to those who attend.

Stone Released on Bail. Yesterday afternoon Police Magistrate Ritchie, acting under an order of Mr. Justice McKewen admitted Harry Stone, who with George Stanton was committed on a charge of burglary to bail. Stone entered into his own recognizance in the sum of \$500, and John S. Thomas, pilot, and Joseph C. Kane, barber, in the sum of \$250 each. G. Earle Logan made the application.

Musical Competition. The Earl Grey Musical and Dramatic competition will this year take place in Winnipeg during the week of April 24th. This annual event was inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor General, who takes a profound interest in the competition, and also donates the trophy for which dramatic clubs, choral societies and bands may compete. The contest is on broad lines, designed to be inter-provincial, and is of value as helping to stimulate the development of dramatic and musical work throughout the Dominion. Particulars may be had on application to D. Arnold Fox of this city.

Standing Grievance. Although a number of indignant residents of the West End have filed a protest with the Public Utilities Commission against the service accorded to patrons of the Blue Rock car line, conditions have not in the least improved. The car is still uncomfortable as to cold and the passengers who are forced to patronize it or walk are delivered at their homes in a condition almost approaching cold storage. The car is one of the oldest owned by the company. Residents of the section of West End served by the line are emphatic in the statement that the patronage given is sufficient large to warrant the employment of a more comfortable car.

The Time, The Place, and The Girl. Another large audience witnessed the production of The Time, The Place, and The Girl, in the Opera House last evening, and the applause was indicative of the satisfaction given by the performance. All the principals were heartily received and the girls of the chorus as usual came in for a large share of praise for their clever work in the line of singing and dancing. There will be a matinee today, and the engagement will close with tonight's performance. The Time, The Place, and The Girl is one of the best attractions in the line of musical extravaganza which has ever visited the city, and the theatre going public has testified by its patronage that it has struck popular favor.

16 DEPARTS AND ONE MADE ESCAPE. Young Englishman Convicted in Toronto Regains Liberty on West Side—Gipsies with Baboon.

There were sixteen departures on the steamer Empress of Ireland when she sailed for Liverpool yesterday. A young Englishman named Monks, who had served a term in the Toronto jail for robbing a jewellery store, was to have been deported. He arrived at the station on Thursday in charge of a guard, but made his escape and has not been captured.

He was 17 years of age, roughly dressed and wore a cap. A young fellow answering his description was seen in the West End last night. Eleven gypsies who had been conducting a show in the west were gathered in by the immigration office.

ANOTHER PLAN OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT

Stated That Small Board of Control, Such as Exists in Toronto, Will be Proposed Monday.

It is stated that some of the advocates of the commission form of government, feeling that there is not much probability of carrying the scheme through, have been sounding some of the aldermen who are known to be opposed to the commission idea with a view to effecting a compromise, and that the chances are the movement for a reform of the city government may eventually take the shape of a proposition to establish a small board of control, or to increase the powers of the mayor and chairman of committees.

Some of the aldermen who are opposed to the commission scheme are said to be willing to support a movement for a small board of control to be charged with the executive direction of civic affairs. This system, which, as the New York Independent has pointed out, has given Toronto the best civic government enjoyed by any city on this continent, practically combines the commission system with that of the present form of government. The Board of Control is a sort of civic cabinet, and its decisions and recommendations can only be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the ordinary aldermen.

It is said that when the matter of changing the form of government is discussed at the Council meeting on Monday there is likely to be several resolutions brought in, as alternatives to the commission and Ald. Jones proposed to reduce the number of aldermen to nine without changing their powers or duties.

THREE NEAR DEATH BY ASPHYXIATION

Two Chinese and Negro Board Steamer Lauristan Overcome by Fumes from Burning Coals.

Three members of the crew on the steamer Lauristan, lying at the Pottingill wharf, very nearly lost their lives by asphyxiation on board the steamer during Thursday night.

Two Chinese and a negro who are employed in the stewards' department, went to their berths about 10:30 o'clock Thursday night, and despite the mild weather they thought their quarters rather cold, and as a means of heating they took in their room an iron pall full of hot coals. At 11:45 o'clock another member of the crew, who occupies the same section of the ship for sleeping, entered the room and found the quarters full of gas. The two Chinese and the negro were lying in their bunks unconscious, and frothing at the mouth. The alarm was given and the three men were carried out into the fresh air.

Dr. Wm. Warwick and Dr. Pratt were summoned and it took about two hours' hard work by the physicians before the three men were pronounced out of danger. The gas from the hot coals in the closed room was the cause of the men becoming unconscious, and if they had not been discovered when they were, it would have only meant a very short time longer when they would have died. The ship sailed yesterday morning for Halifax and the West Indies.

ANOTHER FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN INCENDIARY

Sailor Who Discovered Gibbon's Weighing Shed in Flames Saw Two Men Running From Scene—Loss \$300.

What is supposed to be another instance of incendiarism occurred last night when fire destroyed J. S. Gibbon and Co's weighing shed at the foot of Union street. It was 10:30 o'clock when a sailor on a schooner lying in Hare's slip, near the shed, discovered fire and sent in an alarm from Box 5. The shed was in flames when the firemen arrived and it proved nearly an hour's work before they were able to leave the scene.

The shed was totally destroyed and the weighing scales badly damaged. J. S. Gibbon said last night that the damage which will be about \$300, was covered by insurance. The sailor who discovered the fire stated that just before he noticed that the place was on fire, that he saw two men running from the spot over a coal shed roof and disappearing on the side near R. P. and W. F. Starr's sheds.

There was a stove in the sheds, and Mr. Gibbon stated that the man in charge left there about six o'clock and he did not think that there would be very much fire left in the stove at that time.

The Ascepto Soap Co. Preparing for Expansion. The Ascepto Soap Company has secured the services of H. H. Reid, secretary-treasurer of the T. S. Simms Company, to take charge of their St. John office. The managing director, F. A. Secord, will devote his time to establishing the company's business in other parts of Canada. There is a rapidly growing demand in the West for the goods of the company.

TWO SMALLPOX CASES IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Father and Son From Nova Scotia, Discharged Before They Were Cured, Taken in Charge by Health Board.

Two men from Westville, Nova Scotia, were committed to the Isolation Hospital yesterday by the officials of the Board of Health on the ground that they had not completely recovered from an attack of smallpox, and were liable to infect the public with the disease. The two men—they are father and son—had been discharged from the hospital at Westville, and yesterday they arrived in St. John on one of the trains and sought lodgings here.

The proprietor of the boarding house notified that the older man was badly pitted, and still desiccating, and notified the health officials. They sent an officer to the boarding house who had a look at the men, and called in a medical expert to examine them. The physician declared that the older man had not completely recovered from the smallpox, and on his advice both the father and son were taken in charge by the health officials and placed in the Isolation Hospital. Both men admitted that they had been confined in the hospital at Westville, and had suffered from smallpox, but claimed that they had been discharged from the hospital.

Not Completely Cured. The health officials here hold that the older man had been discharged from the hospital before he was completely cured, and that the Nova Scotia authorities should not have allowed him to come here, as he is still in a condition dangerous to the public health.

It is recalled that a few years ago the Nova Scotia authorities at Digby refused to allow the boat from St. John to land her passengers because she had a man aboard who had been discharged from the Isolation Hospital here after suffering from smallpox. The boat was compelled to return here, and though the local medical men certified that there was absolutely no danger of infection from the man who had suffered from smallpox, the boat was disinfected at the expense of the steamship company before she returned to Nova Scotia.

The health authorities here decline to make known the name of the boarding house from which the two men were taken yesterday, as they say that the public spirit shown by the proprietor in calling attention to the condition of the older man requires that they should protect him from any undesirable publicity. They have disinfected his house, and as the men were only there a short time they believe there is no danger of contagion from that source.

CALLED HOME AFTER YEARS OF WANDERING

Well Preserved Englishman Who Has Seen Service in India Responds to Feeling That He Should Return.

"Something has been calling me home to Old England, calling me with such insistence that for days before I packed my grip I couldn't sleep or rest," said Mr. Oxford, of Tacoma when interviewed at the Royal west end. "It has been about ten years since I heard from my people in Birmingham, and about 40 years since I was home, but there is something calling me back. I don't know what it is, but I have a feeling that somebody is calling me, and I can't rest unless I'm moving towards the old country."

Mr. Oxford is a big healthy looking man of 74, and he has lived 14 years in Tacoma where he owns two hotels and a wife and family. "I went to India as a soldier shortly after the Mutiny," he said. "After six years' service I was invalided home, and later came to Canada, and thence to the States. I've been in every state in the Union, except two, and have always been successful. But I kept moving about till I struck Tacoma 14 years ago. Then the other day this call came to me and I made my will, and here I am on the road home after the longest wandering I came over the C. P. R., the greatest railway on the continent. I've travelled on all of them."

Mr. Oxford sailed on the Empress of Ireland.

COBALT SILVER BAR ON BOARD EMPRESS

C. P. R. Steamer Takes Valuable Cargo, Including 130 Car Loads of Meat—W. B. Snowball, of Chatham, Passenger

The steamer Empress of Ireland left at 7 o'clock last evening for Liverpool via Halifax. She had about 200 passengers of which 78 were first class. She also had a very large and valuable cargo, including 136 cars of meat and two tons of bar silver from the mines in the Cobalt region. Among her passengers from this city were John McAvity and Mrs. McAvity and S. A. Jones, W. B. Snowball and Mrs. Snowball, of Chatham, were also passengers on the steamer. A. M. Nanton and Mrs. Nanton, of Winnipeg, arrived in the city yesterday on the private car Lethbridge. Mr. Nanton is interested in the C. P. R. irrigation schemes in the west. Quite a delegation of passengers from Newfoundland will join the steamer in Halifax. Among them are Hon. George Knowling and Mrs. Knowling, Mrs. Mackay, Hon. J. S. Pitt and Mrs. Pitt, George Somerville, George Steer and P. Burnham.

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