THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds with light snow falls.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Light snow is falling tonight in the lower lake regions and in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been generally fair and cold.

Winnipeg—28 below, 12 below.
Port Arthur—6 below, 6.
Parry Sound—2 below, 14.
Toronto—12, 22.
Ottawa—6, 18.
Montreal—8, 14.
Quebec— 4, 14.
St. John—20, 30.
Halifax—24, 42.

AROUND THE CITY

Seamen's Mission Concert.

The crews on the ships in port have arranged a good programme for this evening's concert in the Seamen's Institute.

Appraising South Wharf Fire.

Mr. J. Willard Smith and Mr. W. A. MacLauchlan yesterday finished appraising the damage to the stock of J. Johnson and Co., in the recent fire on South wharf. They fixed the amount at $925.

Ladies' Aid Society Entertained.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church was entertained last evening by Mrs. C. H. Dearborn at her residence, 169 King street. About thirty took tea and a very enjoyable time was spent.

Winter Port Notes.

The C. P. R. steamer Montcalm, Captan Hodder from Bristol was reported by wireless fifteen miles down the bay at 10 o'clock last evening. The steamer will dock this morning at No. 1 berth. She has about 700 tons of cargo, chiefly tin. The work of unloading and loading the Montcalm will be rushed on account of the steamer being late. The C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba is due to arrive here on Sunday. The steamer has been in dry dock in Liverpool and has received a thorough overhauling.

Incidents in Many Lands.

An interesting lecture was delivered by Rev. W. B. Sisam rector of Moncton before the Young Men's Association of Trinity church last evening. Rev. Mr. Sisam has been thirty-one years in the ministry in many different climes and he told of many incidents in his career. The first seven years of his ministry he spent in England, three years in Burmah, ten years in Australia, three in New Zealand and the last eight years in Canada. Rev. R. A. Armstrong, rector of Trinity, presided.

R. K. Y. C. Smoker.

About 200 members enjoyed a smoker in the R. K. Y. C. rooms, Germain street, last evening. Vice-Commodore Merrill presided. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered during the evening and refreshments were served by the White Catering Company. Those who assisted in the programme were: R. K. Y. C. orchestra under the direction of Mr. H. Holder; cornet solo, Mr. F. Punter; comic solo, Mr. H. C. Creighton; vocal solo, Mr. Fred McKean; reading, Mr. John Power. Mr. D. Arnold Fox acted as accompanist.

The Great Conservative Convention

The executive committee in charge of the arrangements for holding the great Conservative convention at Ottawa next June is issuing notices to the different county associations in order that at an early date they may select delegates to attend the convention. Probably arrangements will be made by which special trains on the C.P.R. will take the delegates from P. E. Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Each constituency will be entitled to select twenty delegates. No doubt this convention will be the greatest political demonstration that has ever been held in Canada.

Children's Merry Sleigh Drive.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Teed entertained about thirty of their little friends to an enjoyable sleigh drive last evening. Accompanied by one or two grown-ups, the merry party left the city about 8 o'clock and drove as far as Torryburn. Those in the party included Mrs. Teed, Mrs. Chapman, Misses Connie McGivern, Kit Schofield, Dorothy Jack, Kathleen Sturdee, Emily Sturdee, Carolyn Stockton, Jessie Church, Doris DeVeber, Helen McGivern and Dorothy Teed, Mr. E. S. Bridges, Jim Hazen, Ian MacLaren, Roy Campbell, Fred Manning, Stanley McDonald, Jack Teed, Frank Withers, Campbell MacKay, Ronald Leavitt, Stewart McLeod, Herbert DeVeber, Hugh Teed and Ronald Teed.

Benefit Concert in Orange Hall.

A benefit concert given in the Orange Hall, Germain street, last evening by Johnston Lodge, No. 19, L. O. B. A., for the purpose of sending the husband of one of the members to the Home for Incurables, was largely attended and a success in every way. Mr. R. F. Gooderich presided. The programme included solos by Miss Helen Akerley, Mr. Fred Alchorn, Miss Dalzell, Miss Daisy Morrell, Mr. B. Cummings, and Miss Daisy Oram; readings by Miss Currie, Miss Middleton, Miss Coburn, Miss Gibbon and Miss Ross, instrumental selections by Miss Cox; Mrs. Woods and Miss May Alchorn; duets by Mr. and Miss Alchorn and the Messrs. Simpson; club swinging by Miss Cox and selections by the Every Day Club orchestra.

Sleigh Drive To Newcombe's.

The annual sleigh drive of the employes of Waterbury and Rising was held last evening to Newcombe's. About 50 were in the party. Mr. W. Tennant, R. G. Haley and Mr. Geo. H. Waterbury were present as guests. Mr. E. L. Rising presided at the table and was supported by the oldest employes, Mr. A. W. Sulis and Mr. R. J. Walsh. After the toast to the King had been duly honored, "The Firm" was responded to by Mr. Rising. "Our Guests" was replied to by Messrs. Tennant, Haley and Waterbury, and the ladies were gallantly looked after by Mr. A. Stillwell and Mr. P. M. Rising. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was then carried out. A tug of war between wholesale and retail resulted in a victory for the former after much excitement. Dancing was not indulged in this year owing to it being Lent, and in deference to the Evangelistic Campaign. The party returned to the city at an early hour.

Miramichi Lumber Cut 25 Per Cent. Less

Wet Weather and Want of Snow, Says W. B. Snowball, Have Interfered With Operations---50,000,000 Feet His Estimate--Pulpwood Concerns Increase Output.

Mr. W. B. Snowball, an ex-president of the Canadian Forestry Association, arrived in the city yesterday en route to Fredericton where he will attend the fourth annual convention of that body. Mr. Snowball said last evening that the prospects were bright for a most successful convention and judging from the programme, the sessions should prove very profitable.

Asked with regard to the lumber cut on the Miramichi, Mr. Snowball said that the total cut would be about 25 per cent. less than last year. As last year's total was about 70,000,000 feet. this would mean that the 1910 cut would be very little over 50,000,000.

The reduction in the cut was due to the unfavorable weather in the early part of the season. There was very little frost in the ground and so much wet weather made it impossible to operate on large tracts. The lumbermen had to move their camps and get logs wherever they could. The lack of snow had also hampered the yarding operations although the conditions could not have been better for hauling off. Seldom had the season's work been finished at so early a date. His own firm for instance, had finished operations some days ago.

The reduction in the cut will not apply to the pulpwood industry, as the Miramichi Lumber Company have increased their cut considerably. All through the saw mill operators will have less lumber and the pulpwood firms will show an increase.

"I take it," said Mr. Snowball, "that they are making a special effort to get all they can before the export of rossed wood cut on Crown lands is prohibited."

While in the city Mr. Snowball engaged passage with the C. P. R. for a trip to England and will leave St. John on March 11th. He will be absent three or four weeks.

Other lumbermen who passed through the city on their way to the convention included Wm. Power and Son, of Quebec; Jas. Robinson, of Millerton; F. W. Sumner, of Moncton; F. S. Blackall, W. S. Mott, J. F. Andrews, and D. S. Stewart, of Campbellton.

MISPEC MILL SHUTS DOWN

No Market for Pulp Given as Reason---200 Employes Affected---Lease May Not Be Renewed.

It is understood that owing to there being no market for pulp the Mispec mill will shut down next week. This will be a rather serious matter for the 210 employes, who are depending on the mill as a means of livelihood.

Altogether the wages, supplies, wood and coal used at the mill cost in the vicinity of $25,000 a month. The lease of the property runs out in June and it is understood that the company may not apply to the city for renewal.

It is reported that Mr. Geo. McAvity has disposed of his interest in the concern to Mr. Geo. C. Cutler, of Stetson, Cutler and Co., and the Inglewood Pulp Co., of Musquash, which supplies the wood for the mill.

POULTRY SHOW TODAY

Hundreds of Birds Arrived at Sutherland Building Yesterday, Geo. Robertson, Judge Favorably Impressed.

The large room on the second floor of the Sutherland building, Union street, was being rapidly filled last evening with the hundreds of birds to be exhibited at the annual poultry show of the St. John Poultry Association which opens at 10 o'clock this morning and continues for three days.

All outside entries, including large exhibits from J. V. Jackson of Moncton, and A. E. S. Hatfield of St. Martins, arrived in good condition and were being cared for at the building last night. Several local entries were also sent in and everything will be in readiness in time for the opening.

Mr. Geo. Robertson of Ottawa, a well-known private breeder, arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of acting as judge. He said last evening, after looking over the show that there was every indication that the fair would be most up-to-date in every respect.

If the light is good, he will probably finish judging this evening and the public will then have an opportunity of distinguishing the prize birds.

Appointed Valuators.

Lieut.-Colonel E. T. Sturdee, Mr. R. G. Haley and Mr. M. F. Mooney have been appointed by the Dominion government as valuators and arbitrators of the properties required by the militia department for the new Armory.

Telephone Offices Removed.

The N. B. Telephone Company have recently moved their exchange at Grand Falls into more commodious quarters. A similar change at Hartland, N. B., is contemplated. The regular quarterly meeting of the directors was held in the general superintendent's office yesterday afternoon. Routine business was transacted.

Found In Moncton.

Locating her daughter Rosaline at Moncton, Mrs. John Murphy, 73 Erin street, St. John, went to Moncton on Tuesday night and returned home yesterday morning. Rosaline is sixteen years of age and has been missing for four weeks. She has been in Moncton working in the cotton factory.

Two Years Married.

With reference to a Boston despatch telling of the application by Mr. Frank R. Osborne for a divorce from his wife whom he married here, Mr. John B. Jones, the registrar, said yesterday that according to his records, Frank Russell Osborne married Annie Osborne on the 11th of February, 1908, the marriage being performed by Rev. E. C. Jenkins, then pastor of the Charlotte street, West End, Baptist church.

In The Police Court.

In the police court yesterday John Nickerson, the small boy arrested recently with two others for stealing ten dollars from A. Sydney Spragg's grocery on Mill street, was sentenced by Magistrate Ritchie to a term of eighteen months in the Boys' Industrial Home. Young Nickerson had been before the court on a couple of other occasions and allowed to go without any good results.

MEETING OF BANKERS' CLUB

Decide to Give Trophy in Hockey League --- Proposal to Take Rooms Postponed--New Members on Executive.

At a largely attended meeting of the Bankers' Club in Keith's Assembly Rooms yesterday afternoon, the question of renting rooms over the Unique Theatre was discussed. It was decided to let the matter remain in abeyance for the present. The club will continue as a sporting organization.

It was announced that a silver cup donated by the different banks would be given as a trophy to the winner of the bankers' hockey league.

Three new members were elected to the executive. Mr. E. A. Burnham of the British Bank was appointed secretary succeeding Mr. J. M. Howley, who has been transferred. Mr. F. G. Kenney succeeds Mr. M. McKendrick who has been transferred to Montreal and Mr. A. Gilmour of the British Bank, succeeds Mr. T. P. Doody, who has resigned from the banking business to take up a position with J. M. McIntosh Co.

LECTURE ON EVOLUTION

Dr. G. G. Melvin Contends Darwinian Theory Has Not Upward Tendency Claimed for it---Interesting Discussion.

Dr. Geo. G. Melvin lectured last evening in the popular course of the Natural History Society on "Evolution in the Light of Human History." After paying a tribute to the genius and amazing industry of Darwin, the lecturer proceeded to analyze his theory alleging that it tended to the increase of physical attributes but to decrease spirituality.

Mere accumulated knowledge, he said, is no more a proof of evolution than is the top piece of a column of half dollars more valuable than those beneath. The stone age is merely relative, in fact there are corners of the earth in which the conditions of the stone age still exist. There has been no gradual growth in civilization.

Referring to the civilizations that existed on the shores of the Mediterranean and in the vallies of the Nile, the Euphrates and Tigris, he contrasted them with the lawlessness and degenerate state of many of the nations there at this day. After many other historical allusions the lecturer reached the conclusion that evolution has not the upward tendency that is claimed for it.

The lecture was well delivered, full of beauty of language and classic allusions and made an excellent impression on the audience.

An interesting and lively discussion took place at the close several speakers disputing the arguments advanced by the lecturer. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Jas. A. Estey, seconded by Mr. H. A. Powell and unanimously carried. Dr. G. U. Hay presided.

Had Been Storm Stayed.

Any anxiety concerning the whereabout of Mr. Milford Ferris was relieved yesterday afternoon when he drove into Short Bros. stable in Union street, after just one week's absence. On his way to Bellisle, he said, he had been storm-stayed at Wickham.

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Victoria.

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TWO TINY TOTS IN TEARS

Motherless Children Left in Depot While Father Went on the Spree---Turned Up at Last Minute.

Two tiny tots, crying and sobbing in the waiting room at the Union Depot where their father had left them, was the pathetic sight witnessed before the arrival of the Boston train last evening.

The man whose name is McBeath arrived on the noon train from Boston, with his two children, a little boy and girl aged three and five respectively. The mother of the children had died two weeks ago, and the father decided to return to his home in Alberton, P. E. Island.

On arriving here yesterday McBeath decided to wait over for the 11.25 train, and leaving the children at the station in care of a friend proceeded to imbibe rather freely. He returned to the depot about 5 o'clock but soon left again in company with a woman.

When McBeath failed to show up about 10.30 the children both sobbed bitterly and his friend decided to take them to some hotel. About 11.20, however, the man put in an appearance, just in time to hustle the children on board the train.

Stanley-Urquhart.

At the Ludlow street Baptist parsonage, at 5 o'clock last evening, Rev. W. R. Robinson united in marriage Mr. Earl Stanley and Miss May Urquhart both of Bellisle, Kings Co. The groom is employed at Sand Point and the happy couple will make their home on the West Side.

DEATHS.

Hamlin—At the General Public Hospital on the 21st inst., Ross Alexander Hamlin, aged 56 years, eldest son of the late John and Annie Hamlin, leaving one brother and one sister to mourn their loss.

Funeral from the residence of Mrs. McGinley, 40 St. Patrick street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

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