

A GREAT STORM.

Railway Trains Delayed and High Roads Badly Drifted Up.

Experience of Passengers Who Came in From Montreal on the C. P. R.

The heavy snow storm and north-east gales of Monday and Tuesday night were followed on Tuesday by clearing weather, to the joy of the residents of St. John, who awoke to find the streets deep with snow, the street car tracks a foot or so below the surface, and stores and residences banked with large drifts. At times the wind had during the night reached a velocity of 40 miles an hour, the average temperature during the storm was 16 degrees above, the lowest 6 degrees, and the highest 12.65. The street railway company made spasmodic efforts to clear up a portion of its tracks yesterday, and had by midnight got the road open from the north end to Prince William street, but it has some way yet to go before the whole round-town circuit is in open order.

The city street department went to work with a will yesterday morning, and being, unlike the street railway company, fully prepared for overcoming such storms, made more commendable progress in putting the principal streets in a condition for travel. The railways suffered most of all, and reports from all parts of the province were to the effect that the storm had been one of the severest experienced for years. All trains on the I. C. P. R. were delayed and schedule time was an impossibility. No attempt was made by the C. P. R. to send out trains during the day, but a special was despatched to Montreal last night. The road between St. John and Halifax was not as badly affected as other parts of the I. C. P. R.

The C. P. R. train from Montreal which was due here at noon yesterday did not arrive till about 10 o'clock last night. The passengers who came all the way through report having undergone rather an unusual experience. They never saw as much snow before, or rather as much of it piled up along a line of railway. The train left Montreal at 7.50 p. m., and was expected to get along all right till it reached Megantic, which is some ten miles to the westward of Sherbrooke. Then a heavy snow storm was encountered, which increased as the train moved along. It was about two hours late in reaching Megantic. At this place a blizzard prevailed, and the snow was drifting about in such a way that it was next to impossible to distinguish a person a couple of feet distant. A snow plow had been sent out from Megantic shortly before the train reached that place, and the train moved along after it, hauled by two large compound locomotives. The snow removed by the snow plow had filled in again by the time No. 3 came along, and the run was one fraught with difficulties all through. When Haleb, which is some thirty miles this side of Megantic, was reached, the locomotives stopped to take in water. Here the push bar which connected the two engines was broken, and a delay necessarily occurred. In the meantime the opening made by the snow plow above mentioned had been filled up again. Another plow despatched from McAdams came along, and No. 3 resumed its way to St. John. The train which left St. John Monday afternoon for Montreal was passed at Long Pond. This train had had quite a time of it getting through the drifts. No. 9 was detained two hours at Long Pond. The passengers were given a good breakfast at Greenville Junction. All went well till the train arrived at Wolford, where a train from Halifax, with the people who came out on the steamer Labrador, was met. This special got stuck in the snow, and the result was a further detention of an hour and a half for No. 9. The passengers from whom a Sun reporter obtained the above story say the fall of snow between St. John and Montreal must have been in the vicinity of two feet. Drifts which reached well up in the car windows were frequently seen.

A depth from Colais last night reported snow drifts 25 feet high on country roads just outside that city. No mails had reached the place for 48 hours. The Washington County railway suffered a washout near Machias on Monday night that caused a suspension of traffic to the eastward. Reports from all parts of this province say the country roads are badly drifted, and that most of the scheduled meetings called for the balance of the week cannot materialize. It is felt that the storm will materially cut down Saturday's vote in remote country districts, and will prevent many persons in the lumber camps from getting out to the polls.

NO. 10 DOWNING STREET.

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The Girls' Friendly Society has held its meetings as usual, with varying success. Charms had been made for 'The Little Girls' Home,' and were much appreciated. Bazaar work had other work had been done for the Day Break Workers' Union of Trinity church. The annual festival was held on the Feast of the Epiphany, and consisted of a service in Trinity church at 7.30 p. m., after which all adjourned to the Church of England Institute for social intercourse and refreshments. At the request of the Central Council in England this branch had joined in united prayer on June 23rd in a service in Trinity church. Miss Murray had represented the society at a conference in Toronto. A request had come from the Central Council that this branch be represented by some one resident in England at the half yearly meetings held in June and November. As yet no action has been taken on it. The treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$390. In conclusion, the Council expresses its thanks to all who by their continued interest and hearty co-operation have enabled them to report thus favorably for the past year. And, above all, it would acknowledge with reverent gratitude the blessing of the Great How of the Church upon the Institute, and pray that the work may redound more and more. His glory, the Ideal has not been reached, but believing that the work of the Institute is of much benefit to the members of the church in the city, and to the clergy in both city and country, the council trusts that those to whom its care shall be entrusted for the ensuing year will meet with still larger success.

We have pleasure in reporting that Miss Chandler's services and those of her assistant have given us complete satisfaction. The financial statement of the treasurer, duly audited, is submitted herewith. FREDERICK H. J. BRIGSTOCKE, President. FRANK A. KINNEAR, Secretary. St. John, Feb. 9, 1899. After the above report had been

C. OF E. INSTITUTE.

Twenty-third Annual Report Read at the Meeting.

Record of the Work for the Past Year Very Satisfactory—The Ladies' Association Rendered Magnificent Aid—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Church of England Institute was held last Thursday, the president, Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke, in the chair. The 23rd annual report was submitted, as follows: The record of the work of the institute for the past year, the council has pleasure in reporting as being very satisfactory. Nothing startling has taken place, no new venture has been entered upon, but the annual routine of work has been well maintained with interest and energy. The Ladies' Association has heartily co-operated in their own sphere of work, and the reports of their various committees, of which we give a resume further on, show that each department has been carried on with unabated zeal. An important change took place in the officers by the resignation of Alfred Porter as treasurer. For the period of five years and more that he held that office he rendered much valuable aid to the institute by the very faithful and efficient manner in which he always discharged the duties of his office. On receiving his resignation, which was tendered to the council last October, a resolution was passed by the council recording their high appreciation of Mr. Porter's services and thanking him for the same. We were glad to get Rowland Frith to fill the vacant office.

The Board of Church Literature, which only rented last year the shop to May 1st, 1899, has again been negotiating with the council for continuing its occupancy of the shop, provided the rent was lowered. The council gave careful consideration to the subject, because it felt that the income of the institute did not allow of its doing this. Then again, full account had to be also taken of the unsuitableness of the shop for any kind of business independent of the institute, and therefore determined to lower the rent one hundred dollars, provided that the board would take the shop for the two remaining years that the institute leases the premises. This step made it necessary to raise a sustentation fund for that period, to cover the reduction of the rent. The president undertook to do this, and finding much willingness in those solicited to contribute, he carried on the work so as to raise the fund to the amount hitherto received from the rent, on the understanding that the council would be disposed to allow the Board of Church Literature to occupy the shop for two years on the same terms. To this the council has acceded, and it is therefore earnestly hoped that this arrangement, while relieving the institute of anxiety, will prove very helpful to the board in carrying on its work.

The Kindergarten School, still occupies the Lecture Hall each morning except Saturdays from 9 to 12 o'clock, at an annual rent of \$65, payable quarterly. The council has been able to let the hall for various meetings in afternoons and evenings, by which small payments have been received, and will be found accounted for in the financial statement, herewith submitted. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew had the free use of the lecture hall for mid-day services in Lent, and the Local Assembly held its meetings there, paying a small fee. The Oratorio Society has also had its meetings in the hall.

The membership is as follows: Executive 10, honorary 3, ordinary 38, associate 24, making a total of 430. This shows an increase over the preceding year. The new members committee lately issued a statement of particulars respecting the Institute to those not yet members, with a view of making known its existence and its advantages, and we have reason to hope that this effort will bear fruit in increasing our membership. The anniversary services were held on Thursday, Oct. 27th, and consisted of two celebrations of the Holy Communion, one of which was held in Trinity church at 7.30 a. m., and the other in St. Paul's church at 11 a. m., with a full choral service in Trinity church at 9 p. m., when the presence was the venerable Archdeacon Weston-Jones, rector of Windsor, Nova Scotia. The offertory at each service was devoted to the Institute and will be found accounted for in the treasurer's report.

The Library and Reading Room continue to be a source of much interest and pleasure, and are much frequented. By the list of newspapers and magazines appended to this report, it will be seen that there are on the tables of the reading room 28 newspapers and 23 magazines, furnishing reading matter of great variety, such as may suit different views and tastes. We are indebted to the kindness of Miss Chandler of the New Brunswick Magazine; to Frank Fairweather for the Rudder, and to Mrs. Barryman for Ten Years in Portsmouth. Last year the report stated the number of volumes in the library to be 2,260; since then, by the kind and generous aid of the Ladies' Association, 53 volumes have been added, making the total number at this date 2,313.

The Annual Conversation, by arrangements made by the Lectures and Recreation Committee, was held on Thursday, June 22nd, and notwithstanding wet weather, was largely attended, and passed off most successfully. A short musical programme was carried out in the second reading of the newspapers, together with some of the magazines,

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