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High Winds And Cold; Continent Is Swept By Storm

New York Had 72 Mile an Hour Gale—Several Deaths in Storm Area—C. N. R. Train Stalled In Drifts in Manitoba.

(Canadian Press)

Chicago, Feb. 15—Abatement of exceptionally high winds which ushered in winter's severest onslaught in some sections was the only relief promised today from the excessive cold which has for three days spread over the continent.

In the sections which had sub-zero temperatures yesterday the northwest and the lake regions, minimum temperatures at least were maintained, and in some places more severe weather obtained.

The Pacific coast today was free of the terrific gales which caused much damage yesterday although effects of them still were felt. A number of ships were reported in distress.

Five additional deaths were reported throughout the storm area, four at Seattle, and one at Starbuck, Manitoba.

The terrific winds which hit the northern Pacific coast had their counterparts all the way across the continent.

At St. Paul yesterday a wind of 48 miles an hour velocity piled the snow in great drifts. Chicago felt approximately forty miles an hour.

In the near northwest, Rocky Mountain district and in the Canadian central northwest snow and cold interfered seriously with transportation.

A Canadian National Railway passenger train, which left Regina for Winnipeg Tuesday, still was stalled in snow drifts near Cromer, Man., today, with fifty passengers aboard. A snow plow was snowed in ahead of the train. Railroad officials said the passengers had plenty of provisions and coal.

New York, Feb. 15—A northwest gale attaining a velocity of 72 miles an hour, swept over New York last night, but later abated to about fifty miles an hour. With it came a temperature drop to 20 degrees, and the weather bureau predicted ten degree temperatures before morning. Numerous persons were injured by falling signs and bricks, and considerable property damage was reported.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 15—Central and Northern New York last night were fighting the worst snow blockade of the winter. Blizzard conditions prevailed all day yesterday, and transportation services in rural sections were hardly moving. Hundreds of men are making an effort to keep open the railway line between Syracuse and Massena. The snowfall was accompanied by a high wind and a sharp drop in the temperature.

New York, Feb. 15—Early this morning the weather bureau reported the thermometer down to seventeen degrees above zero, with the mercury apparently destined to go yet lower. The north wind had dropped to less than fifty miles an hour before daylight, but the cold did not abate.

Detroit, Feb. 15—One of the worst blizzards in recent years is sweeping Michigan, lashing its fury particularly on the western part of the state, but riding eastward on the wings of a biting gale, beating down temperatures before it. All north-bound trains out of Grand Rapids on the Pere Marquette were at a standstill yesterday.

Montreal Hit.

Montreal, Feb. 15—Montreal yesterday shared in the western storm, the local effects of which during part of the afternoon reached the proportions of a blizzard. The temperature remained above zero all day with a maximum of 19 degrees in the afternoon and at midnight this had fallen to five degrees. The snowfall yesterday amounted to 2.7 inches which added to the fall of 11.4 inches of Tuesday, gave 14.1 inches within 48 hours. The wind gusts at five yesterday afternoon had a velocity of 48 miles an hour.

Tie-Up in Saskatchewan.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 15—Tied up all over the province, due to the effects of Tuesday's blizzard, trains on all lines Wednesday were converted into temporary hotels. Small villages near where the passenger trains came to a last standstill were ransacked for food by hungry travelers, and country hotels and boarding houses provided lodgings for those who could not find sleeping room on the trains.

Blocked by drifts, out of steam, and hopelessly stranded, seven trains on the main line were among the missing last night. Practically all branch line traffic was entirely out of commission. Many trains were cancelled altogether and many more plowed their way into divisional points hours or days late. Not for years has such a disruption of transportation occured in Saskatchewan.

Havoc In Ontario.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Ontario was swept yesterday by the worst blizzard known in five years, and late last night it showed no indication of abating. A mile a minute wind accompanied by snow raged during the early part of the day and if anything the intensity of the wind increased towards evening, while the temperature dropped below zero in most places.

The storm played havoc with the telephone system of the province. Practically every trainw as behind schedule while some branches in Western Ontario were tied up altogether.

THREE VESSELS IN TROUBLE ON PACIFIC

British Freighter, the Tuscan Prince, Ashore on the California Coast

Santa Rita, Searching for the Nita, Rudderless and on Fire, Also Goes on Rocks—Forty-Mile Gale Blowing.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The British freight steamer Tuscan Prince has gone on the rocks at an unknown position between here and Seattle and is breaking up fast, according to a wireless message received here by the Radio Corporation of America at 6.15 a. m.

Seattle, Feb. 15.—Peril to the British steamship Tuscan Prince, somewhere in the North Pacific, was indicated at 4.10 this morning, when the navy radio station caught part of a message. It said:—

"S. O. S. Tuscan Prince. Ashore. Position ——"

At this point the vessel's wireless set apparently broke down.

It was believed here that the Tuscan Prince probably was somewhere between the Columbia River and Cape Flattery. That is along the Washington coast, where the coast guard cutter Snohomish, equipped with two powerful searchlights, has been searching since before midnight for the steamer Nika, which yesterday afternoon reported from forty miles south of the cape that she had lost her rudder.

At midnight at the cape a forty-mile gale was blowing.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The Tuscan Prince, a freighter of 5,275 tons, owned by the Prince Line, Ltd., sailed from San Francisco for Seattle last Sunday. Her home port is Newcastle, Eng.

Good Samaritan Ashore.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The steamship Santa Rita, which was searching for the steamer Nika, off the Washington coast, has gone on the rocks at the entrance to Puget Sound, according to a wireless message picked up by the Federal Telegraph Company's beach station here at 5.10 o'clock this morning.

At 5.25 there was another message saying the Santa Rita was sinking off Tatoosh.

It was later reported that the steamer Kewanee was close to the Santa Rita and hurrying to her rescue. The captain of the Santa Rita reported that she was being pounded by heavy seas, but he did not think she would sink.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The Santa Rita, a freighter of 1,600 tons, left San Pedro, Cal., for Seattle February 10. She is owned by Andrew F. Mahoney, and San Francisco is her home port.

The Nika Afire.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15. — The steamer Kewanee reported by wireless this morning that a ship supposed to be the steamer Nika was apparently on fire south of Cape Flattery. The glare of the flames could be seen plainly, according to the message received at a station at Everett.

Seattle, Feb. 15—A number of lives were believed to have been lost early today when the British steamer Tusca Prince went ashore near Natevan, Vancouver Island, according to a message received here from the tug Sea Monarch.

THE SPORTS QUEEN

(Montreal Star)

"The Girl from St. John" has carried off the national championship. Miss Blair returns to "Canada's Winter Port" bearing the proud laurel-wreath of Canada's Winter Queen, and like a sensible girl has refused to have her head turned by her success and goes back to her typewriter in the office of the customs broker. She and the city whose banner she carried so gracefully are to be congratulated upon her success.

While the competition, from which Miss Blair has emerged triumphant, has been popularly called a "beauty contest," it was more than that. It was also a test of proficiency in the sports of the season and of general deportment. The preliminary arrangements may not have been all that were to be desired, and some disappointment is inevitable, However, the visiting competitors were heartily welcomed here and it is hoped that they are returning home with kindly thoughts of the City of Mount Royal.

URGE CHURCH UNION

Brandon, Man., Feb. 15.—The Brandon Presbytery went on record urging that the Presbyterian General Assembly give effect to previous decisions in favor of organic union with the Methodist and Congregational churches.

C. N. R. MACHINE SHOP IN PRINCE RUPERT BURNED

Prince Rupert, B. C., Feb. 15.—The Canadian National machine shop and roundhouse were destroyed by fire yesterday. No estimate of the damage has been made. Two engines were damaged.

MISS CORKERY A BARRISTER

Miss Mary Muriel Corkery of St. John was admitted a barrister before the Supreme Court of New Brunswick this morning in Fredericton. Miss Corkery is practicing in the office of C H. Ferguson. She has the distinction of being the only woman practising as a barrister in New Brunswick.

THE DUKE'S BRIDE COMES FROM ROMANTIC HOME

If it is true that "All the World Loves a Lover." it is also true that a bride is an object of keen affection. especially when she is a charming and natural young girl whom fate has chosen to live in the shadow of a great throne. Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, who consented to become the bride of the Duke of York after he had proposed three times. comes of an ancient Scottish family. They have occupied Glamis Castle for more than 600 years, and are descended from the Stuart kings. Glamis castle has been the home of early Scottish kings. Lady Elizabeth, it is said, withheld her consent to marry Prince Albert because of her natural dislike of the formalities of court life and the high associations her marriage would bring her. She is a retiring young woman, who loves the outdoors and all outdoor activities. The Prince is an airman and previously was with the navy, having served on Beatty's ship at Jutland. His hobbies are associated with the social and industrial conditions of England and their betterment. The picture shows Glamis Castle, and the parents of the young couple, the King and Queen, and the Earl and Countess of Strathmore.

DISCUSS CITY'S DUTY NOW TO MISS CANADA

Mayor and Commissioners Take Up Matter at City Hall.

All Feel That There Should be Something Practical Done—Matter of Increased Bond for Payment of Lock Joint Pipe Co. Work.

That the city should show in some tangible form its appreciation of the success of Miss Winifred C. I. Blair in the All-Canada competition was the opinion expressed by the Mayor and all the commissioners at a committee meeting of the Common Council this morning. The Mayor said he would have some recommendation to make. In view of the success which had attended the efforts of Miss Blair she would have to give up a great deal of time and be put to considerable expense and he thought that some recompense was due her. She was of great value to the city.

Commissioner Thornton said he thought the city should make some public recognition.

Commissioner Frink said he thought the recognition should be fairly substantial. He thought a piece of silver plate would be a good start. It was not very nourishing and he thought there should be some sweetening. He suggested a city bond of the value of $500.

Commissioner Wigmore said there should be some official notice taken of Miss Canada by the city.

Commissioner Bullock said the least the city could do was to recognize Miss Canada in some substantial way.

General Business.

The city comptroller and the city chamberlain were present in connection with a motion made by Commissioner Wigmore to increase the bond for the payment of work done on the new main between Manchester's Corner and Spruce Lake. A motion to increase the bond was passed.

There was considerable discussion over the letting of the contract for the supply of switching equipment for the new sub-station. The report of the commission engineers strongly recommended the acceptance of the Canadian Westinghouse Company. No action was taken. The Mayor expressed the opinion, given as his own personal idea, that the Civic Hydro Commission would not call for new tenders.

Commissioner Frink, during the discussion, said that there had been some talk of having a plebiscite to decide whether or not the civic commission should be independent of the Common Council in the matter of expenditures. He said he would welcome such a step and several of the commissioners agreed with him.

Adam P. Macintyre, city comptroller. said bonds to the extent of $357,400 had been issued in connection with the Canada Lock Joint Pipe matter. This was in December 1921. There was a credit of $68 for extra labor on Venture meters. The Provincial Government had paid $379.28 on Feb. 8 and the Federal Government had been asked for $368.93, making a credit for the two of $948.21. This amount would be credited to the work. The bonds were sold at 97,876. The sum of $33,243,51 was due the contractors of which $305,-191.55 had been paid. When the federal money was received there would be a shortage of $7,178.78. Not a dollar

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HATS OFF TO ST. JOHN!

Well, Walter Golding, now that you have won,
In spite of Halifax, and Montreal,
Now that your Atalanta's race has spun
New reels to pack your house Imperial;
I wonder how it feels to spoft a bean,
Freighted so deeply, functioning so fine,
Revealing with a lightning thrust the Queen
Enthroned above her peers at Beauty's shrine.
Doggone it Walter, you have had your fill.

Between us twain, however, it shall be
Like fuel to the fury of our will,
Assuring us of future victory.
In any case we bow, and as we fare,
Resounding hurrahs to the Lady blare.

—Andrew Merkel.

NOTE—Mr. Merkel, author of this clever acrostic, is a former St. John newspaper man, now Maritime Provinces Superintendent of the Canadian Press.

Races Off Until Tomorrow; Friday To Be Half Holiday

Track Storm Swept and Conditions Unfit for Meet on Lily Lake Today—Programme and Tags of Today Stand for Tomorrow.

Last night's semi-blizzard and the disagreeable weather that continued this morning were responsible for the cancellation of today's programme at Lily Lake in the International skating championships. Accordingly the events which were scheduled for today will be raced tomorrow and Friday's programme will go over to Saturday.

In spite of the fact that the weather began to clear about eleven o'clock, it was decided to call off the day's events, as reports from the lake indicated that a high wind was sweeping across the ice, which would result in making observation of the races most disagreeable and would cause difficulty in keeping the track clear of the fine snow which fell during the night. In addition, the roads leading to the lake were heavy with the fallen snow and traffic could be carried out only with difficulty.

The Half-Holiday.

As tomorrow, Friday, will be a half-holiday with favorable weather another record crowd should be in attendance. The cancellation of today's card will give the skaters twenty-four hours extra respite in which to rest up and with a good sheet of ice and fair weather, the fans can look forward to the prospect of some more records being endangered.

Mayor Fisher, questioned this morning, said that he saw no reason for changing the second half-holiday from Friday to Saturday. Had Wednesday been unfavorable for racing, the hlaf-holidays would have gone over to Thursday and Saturday, he said, but as Wednesday had passed over all right and today intervened, he thought that the half-holiday tomorrow would fulfil the wishes of those supporting the meet.

Tonight at 6.30 o'clock the skaters and officials will be tendered a banquet at the Y. M. C. I. in Cliff street.

The programme for tomorrow will include the 440 and one mile senior; ladies' 880 yards; 16-year-old, 220 and one mile; 14-year-old, 880 yards, and 12-year-old, 220 yards.

Medals Arrive.

The complete set of medals which will be awarded the various winners of the International races, now under way at Lily Lake, reached the city yesterday and preparations were being made this afternoon to have them on exhibition in the King street store of W. H. Thorne & Company, Ltd. The medals are of gold, silver and bronze. In all probability they will be on exhibition late this afternoon.

The Programme today.

Carnival Programme.

Sportsmen's Show, in St. Malachi's Hall, continued.

6.30 p. m.—Banquet to skaters and officials at Y. M. C. I., Cliff street.

8 p. m.—Amateur boxing programme at Armory.

8.30 p. m.—Fancy Dress Carnival at Arena.

Friday, February 16.

2 p. m.—International Championships at Lily Lake.

8 p. m.—Hockey at Arena, St. John vs. Wanderers.

Visitors in Court.

Several of the visiting officials and skaters appeared before Magistrate Ritchie in the Police Court. They were charged with nothing but enthusiasm over the events which have so far marked the programme of our winter carnival. After sitting through a portion of the proceedings of the City Court, they were introduced to the magistrate, and a half-hour of light-hearted, jolly conversation followed. during which the magistrate expressed his pleasure in welcoming them to the court. Amongst those present were

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As Hiram Sees It

"Look-a-here!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter. "If St. John don't adopt Winnie Blair we'll do it out to the Settlement. You take a gal that a few weeks ago was goin' along quiet an' teachin' a Sunday school on Sundays — an' pitchfork her into the very middle o' high life an' all that sort o' thing—she ortn't to be left to face it alone—no, sir. Hanner says she knows St. John'll do the right thing—but if it don't the Settlement aint agonto see Winnie want fer protection an' whatever she needs to be Miss Canady fer a year. We all orto be like that Miss Regina—that said she was tickled pink when our gal won. That's the spirit, Mister; an' if anybody says it aint I'd like to be around with a horsewhip. Wasn't that a great time yisterday an' las' night? Well—I'll see you at the Carnival tonight—so long."

Saxonia Off Halifax in A Snowstorm

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 15—The Cunard liner Saxonia, from Southampton and Cherbourg, for Halifax, reported herself off Halifax harbor this morning in a northeasterly gale and snowstorm.

EXPECT VOTE ON THE BRITISH DEBT BILL TOMORROW

Passage of Bill in U. S. Senate Generally Conceded.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The senate went forward with consideration of the British debt funding bill today with a general expectation of reaching a vote tomorrow.

Efforts to bring about an agreement to vote on the measure Friday, which developed in yesterday's debate, were regarded as having been aided by the acceptance of an amendment by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, limiting the present legislation to the agreement with Great Britain. The amendment also provided for approval of other funding arrangements by congress instead of the president. Passage of the bill was generally conceded.

MISS MACSWINEY ON HUNGER STRIKE

Dublin, Feb. 15—Miss Mary MacSwiney, who was released by the Free State authorities westerday following her arrest Monday, stated last night that her sister, Annie, was arrested yesterday at Cork and has gone on a hunger strike. Thirty other girls were made prisoners also.

STORM WARNING

Washington, Feb. 15—The weather bureau predicts cold weather will continue through Sunday in the eastern and southeastern sections of the continent.

Storm warnings remain displayed on the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras northward.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherdinand

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure has changed but little to the westward of the Great Lakes but the area of low pressure which was in the Ottawa Valley yesterday is now south of Nova Scotia with increased intensity. The temperature continues very low throughout the west.

A heavy snowfall has occurred in western Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Forecasts:

Continued Cold.

Maritime—North and northeast gales, continued cold, snow in eastern districts, clearing west.

Ottawa Valley—Strong northwest winds, mostly fair today and on Friday.

New England—Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Friday. Strong northwest winds, diminishing Friday.

Toronto, Feb. 15—Temperatures:

	8 a.m.	Higehest during yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	20	14	16
Victoria	40	38	38
Kamloops	12	4	2
Calgary	*14	*16	*18
Edmonton	*8	*14	..
Winnipeg	*20	*10	*20
Sault Ste. Marie	4	18	4
Toronto	9	14	6
Kingston	8	20	4
Ottawa	8	18	4
Montreal	8	18	4
Quebec	2	14	0
St. John, N.B.	10	14	4
Halifax	12	18	10
St. John's, Nfld.	*4	6	*6
Detroit	6	12	4
New York	14	40	12

*Below zero

Country-Wide Prohibition Organization Forming.

Preliminary Steps Completed at Ottawa Conference Yesterday

Aims Include Fusing of All the Temperance Forces of Dominion — Rev. H. A. Goodwin, of St. John, One of Maritime Correspondents.

(By Canadian Press)

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Preliminary steps were completed yesterday by the prohibition delegates assembled here for the formation of the Canadian Prohibition Federation, which will comprise all the prohibition forces of Canada.

A provisional executive was named which will consider a constitution and make a report at a meeting to be called during May or June.

Four basic principles for the new organization were adopted as follows:

Prohibition in the federal sphere for the whole of Canada so far as beverage use is concerned or the manufacture, importation, exportation and transportation of intoxicating liquors, and prohibition in the provincial sphere of the sale of liquor, that the organization be comprehensive enough to embrace all the temperance forces of the Dominion, maintenance of educational temperance propaganda and constant endeavor towards the crystalization of public opinion in appropriate legislation provincially and federally.

Miss Carrie Carmichael, of New Glasgow, N. S., is a member of the provisional executive.

The maritime correspondents are:

Rev. John Sterling, president of the Temperance Alliance of P. E. I.

Rev. H. R. Grant and Rev. H. A. Goodwin, secretaries respectively of the Social Service Councils of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

A CITIZENS' COMMITTEE AT WORK IN SYDNEY

At Effort for Mediation Between Corporation and the Strikers— Close Picketing Continues.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 15—Preparations by a citizens' committee appointed by the City Council to attempt mediation between the British Empire Steel Corporation and its striking steel plant employes are being rapidly completed.

Aggressive picketing continues with stopping and searching of trucks and vehicles, even when convoyeed by city and company police.

Up to noon no actual violence had been committed and no official call for troops had been made.

Pending the outcome of the citizens' committee efforts, both sides are strengthening their defences and preparing for a long struggle.

WOMAN AND TWO CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Fatal Fire in Saskatchewan Home — Four Other Occupants Escape.

Redvers, Sask., Feb. 15.—Mrs. William Ellis, widow; her son, D'Arcy, aged seven, and daughter, Stella, aged five, were burned to death at their home near Tilson last Thursday morning, it became known here last night, in a fire which destroyed their home and caused a total loss of over $8,000. A brother of Mrs. Ellis, James Lake, and three other children, Willie, aged fourteen; Luella, ten, and Ferne, three, managed to escape from the fire in their night clothes. Owing to the severe storm at the time of the fire and since, news of the tragedy reached here after three relays by telephone.

Heroic Mother.

Mrs. Ellis died in attempting to rescue the children, D'Arcy and Stella. She had entered the burning building for the second time through an upstairs window and fell through the floor into the fire below. Her body and those of the two children were burned beyond recognition. The cause of the fire is said to have been an overheated stovepipe, which set fire to the second floor near the stairway. Tilston is the extreme southwest section of Manitoba.

THE BOYS WERE THERE.

Last evening's torchlight parade offered an excellent opportunity for a demonstration of the excellent work that is being done for boys by different organizations in the city. Besides the strong representations from the Boy Scouts, the South End Boys' Club and the East End Boys' Club, the Rotary Club float featured the boys' work end of their activities. Both the South End Club and the East End Club had interesting entries in the parade, and while the scouts had no float a large number of them turned out and carried torches. The South End Boys' Club had a miniature club house that was very attractive and a fine illustration of what is being done for the lads who marched behind. The East End Improvement League, with its playground slide in operation, illustrated another phase of work for the young.

MILLIONS LOSS IN NEBRASKA FIRE

Packing Plant of Armour & Co. in Grip of Flames

Thousands Out of Employment—Molten Lard Runs Over the Buildings Like Liquid Fire — The Swift Plant Threatened — Firemen Suffer.

(By Canadian Press)

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15—A fire that was still burning fiercely early today and that was called by veteran packing men the most destructive in the history of the U. S. packing industry, had destroyed three nine story buildings of Armous and Company's plant in South Omaha with an estimated loss of $2,-000,000. Two other large buildings used as lard refineries were threatened. More than one thousand men already were temporarily without employment as a result of the fire.

Twenty-one fire companies were concentrating their efforts on preventing a further spread of the flames. The fire started from a defective elevator motor.

A Difficult Fight.

The fire was discovered at 5.45 a. m. yesterday. Firemen experienced great difficulty in making water connections because of the sub-zero weather and low pressure further hindered them, the streams barely reaching the sixth story at times. Huge stocks of lard melted and ran over the buildings like liquid fire, and made the fire the most spectacular as well as the worst in Omaha's history.

Firemen became encrusted with ice and some of them literally froze to their hose lines.

M. J. Dineen, assistant fire chief, was blown eight feet into the air by the explosion of an ammonia tank and was taken to a hospital. Six other firemen were overcome or injured.

Swift and Company's plant was threatened when the roof of the feed elevator ignited from burning embers but four fire companies quickly extinguished the blaze.

SPARK IN DUST CAUSED FATAL MINE EXPLOSION

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in the New Mexico Disaster Which Cost 120 Lives — Eleven Bodies Missing.

Dawson, N. H., Feb. 15—Derailment of an outgoing motor trip car, knocking down timbers to which the trolley feed line was attached, raising a quantity of dust which was ignited by an electric arc, caused the explosion in Mine No. 1 here last Thursday, which cost the lives of 120 men, according to the verdict returned by the coroner's jury here yesterday.

The arc which set off the coal dust was caused when the feed wire came in contact with one of the iron pit cars, the jury declared.

Three more bodies were recovered from the demolished interior of the mine yesterday, still leaving eleven not yet found amid the debris.

MISS CANADA AND QUEENS GUESTS AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. Frank L. Peters, Germain street, entertained Miss Canada and her chaperone and the visiting queens and their chaperones at a delightful informal luncheon at her home at noon today in honor of her sister, Mrs. Ernest Girvan, who is chaperon for Miss Halifax. In the party were Miss Canada and Mrs. W. H. Golding, Miss Halifax and Mrs. Girvan, Miss Moncton and Mrs. J. G. Thompson. Other guests were Mrs. Leslie Peters, Mrs. Ralph Fowler and Miss Marjorie Sancton.

A significant indication that Miss Caneda will receive national appreciation was indicated this morning when a special lady writer of the Toronto Star called upon her at her suite in the Royal this morning and interviewed her upon various topics of feminine interest. In the article which she will send to her newspaper the writer will present the personality of our queen to the people of Canada, who will learn through that medium of those attributes which go to make up the ideal of Canadian girlhood.

ICE FIELDS OFF COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 15—Advices to C. H. Harvey of the marine and fisheries here are that the Furness Withy liner Digby, from Liverpool for St. Johns, Nfld., was passing through large fields of ice in approaching the Newfoundland coast. She gave her position as latitude 44.34 north, longitude 48.56 west.

The Norwegian steamer Noresjord reported herself stopped in the ice at five o'clock this morning in latitude 48.45 north, longitude 49.29 west.