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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Feb. 18.—11 a. m.—Fine and cold. Sunday, fine, with more moderate temperature.

The following figures were registered to-day at 7 a. m. at Turner's weather bureau.

THERMOMETER.

Highest yesterday, 26.
Lowest during night, 6.
This morning, 10.
Barometer, 29.68.
Direction of wind, southwest.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

J. A. Elliott, of Ridgeway, spent yesterday in the city.

Geo. Mavely, of Highgate, spent yesterday in the city.

Wait for the opening of the Urban Store dissolution sale.

Alex. F. Gibson, of Defiance, Ohio, was in the city yesterday.

N. K. Cornwell, of Thamesville, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

Miss Z. Day, Adelaide street, is confined to her home with a gripe.

Mr. A. Hughes, of Windsor, called on his many Chatham friends yesterday.

Joe Anderson, of Wallaceburg, was registered at the Garner House yesterday.

Miss Mary Houston, of Harwich, is the guest of Mrs. M. Houston, Victoria avenue.

Wm. Prichard, of Toronto, is in the city, being called here by the death of his mother.

E. Wells, of the Canada Business College teaching staff, will address the gospel temperance meeting which will be held in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium to-morrow afternoon.

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16 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 3.75, " 3.00

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18 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 3.50 and 4.00, " 2.99

24 pairs Men's Patent Colt Lace Shoes, stamped \$4.50 and \$5.00, now \$3.25

30 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 5.00, " 4.00

12 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 3.00 and 3.50, " 1.99

16 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 3.00 and 3.50, " 2.50

Also a great many other lines. Call in and see them.

No goods allowed on appropriation during the sale.

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SPLENDID MUSICALS

A very successful musical was held, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Park St. Methodist Church, at the residence of Mrs. W. N. Morley, Dufferin avenue, last evening. There was a very large attendance and a most pleasant evening was spent by everyone who attended. The proceeds were large, much to the satisfaction of those ladies who had the management of the affair in hand.

At the Chas. Austin occupied the chair and presided over the following excellent program:

Inst. Solo—Miss Flossie Bogart;
Vocal—Mrs. Milton Bogart;
Vocal—Miss Gertrude Potter;
Vocal—Miss H. Edythe Hill;
Vocal Duet—Miss Hill and Mr. Hallman;
Vocal—Garfield Hallman.

Miss Flossie Bogart, the talented and popular organist of the church, acted as accompanist of the evening.

Both before and after the program the guests were treated to a number of phonograph selections by Percy Morley.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

Mr. H. J. Von Eberts, of this city, met with a painful accident on Thursday night, Feb. 9. On leaving the car, he alighted at the corner of St. John's and College avenues, and to reach his home on College avenue, he was obliged to cross the rink in front of the Western Hotel. On arriving at the western side he collided with a high snow bank and losing his footing, was thrown heavily. Here he remained, being stunned by the fall, until some passers-by fortunately hearing sounds, rescued him and carried him to the residence of Mr. Sparrow in St. John's, where everything possible was done to relieve the sufferer.

Both hands were severely frozen, and it is feared that a partial amputation will be necessary; but the physicians in charge cannot yet give a definite statement. Mr. Von Eberts, it is considered by the physicians, is fortunate to have escaped with his life, the cold being intense on the night in question.

Mr. Von Eberts is in the St. Boniface hospital, under the care of Dr. Mackay and Chown.—Winnipeg Free Press.

A TIE GAME

The Christ Church choir boys are making a reputation for themselves as hockey players. They downed all comers until a few days ago, when they met defeat from the hands of Edwin McDonald's team by a score of 4-0. The boys, however, were plucky and determined to defeat their opponents and come up at the top among all of the boys hockey teams of the city. They came very near it yesterday when they played a tie game with the only team from which they have suffered defeat. The game was a good one and the final score was 2-2. There will be another game soon, when it is fully expected that the choir boys will win. The following was the line-up last evening:

CHOIR BOYS.

Goal—Pope.
Point—Fisher.
Cover point—Haley.
Rover—Waddell.
Centre—Bennett.
Right wing—McLean.
Left wing—Holt.

MCDONALD'S TEAM.
Goal—McKellar.
Point—Knott.
Cover point—Gemmell.
Rover—H. Gilles.
Centre—McDonald.
Right wing—C. Gilles.
Left wing—McKellar.

Robert Riddell is recovering from his recent serious illness. Mrs. Riddell is now seriously ill with a gripe and pneumonia.

Horses Wanted
Thos. Jacques, of Toronto, will be at McGARVIN BROS. Stables on SATURDAY, FEB. 18th, to buy a carload of Heavy and Carriage Horses. Must be in good condition.

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BOOK STORE

TELEPHONE DISCUSSED

W. F. Maclean, M.P. Makes Vigorous Plea For Restrictions.

Declares That the Attitude of the Municipality Justifies It—Mr. Wilfrid Laurier sympathizes with Views But Adheres to the Necessity of Recognizing Vested Rights—Member For South York Would Have General Law Regulating Traffic.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The feature of yesterday's session of the House was a discussion on the rights of the Bell Telephone Co.

Since Parliament opened there has been a steady stream of petitions asking for legislation to restrict the rights of the Bell Telephone Company on the streets of municipalities.

Yesterday W. F. Maclean voiced the public sentiment behind these petitions when he urged the Government to bring in a general act to remove the many grievances which oppress the public.

Maclean declared that the Bell Telephone Company should not be allowed to erect poles on streets and highways without first obtaining the consent of the municipalities. He contended also that telephone companies should be obliged to interchange traffic and to give up the right of the law which enables railway companies to refuse independent telephone companies access to their stations.

He received considerable support, notably from Henri Bourassa.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not deny the seriousness of the situation, but he emphasized the sanctity of "vested interests." In so far as Parliament could proceed without infringing rights "vested rights," the Prime Minister stated his willingness to promote legislation.

"For my part," he said, "I think there is great force in the demand that has been presented to us in numerous petitions. I confess that to a large extent I sympathize with the member for South York when he says that the time has come when we should have a general law regulating telephone traffic and the interchange of traffic between telephone lines."

Mr. Maclean, in calling attention to the telephone situation, said that as the law stands it would appear that a telephone company could enter upon the streets of any municipality without asking the consent of the corporation. This had been found a very vital grievance of representatives of leading municipalities waited upon the Government the Minister of Justice asked them to draft a general law put in the general law. The municipalities all over the country, feeling that their rights were being encroached upon by the wide powers taken by the telephone company, had prepared another petition demanding the purchase of lines, the amendment of all existing charters, so as to provide that no companies should erect poles or construct lines without the consent of the council of such municipality, and upon such terms as such council may approve.

Mr. Maclean continued at length, and said that the railway company had made contracts with the Bell Telephone Co. which were inimical to the interests of the country.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply, referred to the City of Toronto's demand that Parliament should pass a law to abridge the power given by Parliament to the Bell Telephone Company in regard to the company's right on public streets, pointed out to the House and to the solicitor, that in his judgment, such abridgment would be interfering with rights which had been given by Parliament. They thought it would not be an interference but that a clause could be framed whereby the act should be so amended, so as it would not infringe upon the vested rights they had in the city.

Thereupon the Government asked the solicitor and the mayor to frame an amendment for consideration. If such draft legislation were received it would be the Government's duty to consider it. If such an amendment could be framed without interfering with any vested rights of the Bell Telephone Company there would be no objection to such a law being introduced.

"But if," said Sir Wilfrid, "such a law cannot be introduced without infringing upon rights which have been granted to a company by this Parliament there would be a serious objection to such legislation. I pass no judgment at this moment upon the question which has been raised. I have been waiting and am still waiting for news from the City of Toronto upon this subject."

Mr. Bourassa strongly supported the idea of regulating the telephone company.

Dr. Sproule said it should not be left to private members to draft a bill to remedy the grievance before the House members. It was absolutely the duty of the railway company to deal with all people who use the railway upon the same principle and to give equal facilities.

Mr. Boyce of Algoma strongly upheld the demand for telephone legislation and gave instances of hardships borne by the public under existing laws.

Dominion Coal Prospects.
Montreal, Feb. 18.—From advance sheets of the Dominion Coal Company's annual report, it is seen that the floating debt has been reduced by 469,119, while first mortgage bonds to the amount of \$110,000 were retired and the total amount expended by the company on capital account, including the colliery, was \$500,000. The output was 3,023,522, compared with 3,147,769 for 1903. The net earnings were \$1,620,475, against \$1,766,028 for 1903.

BLINDED BY A BLIZZARD

Six Engines Crash Into Each Other Near Shelburne.

One Man Killed and Several Others Injured—The Engines Derailed and the Storm So Fierce That They Cannot Be Dragged Out—Traffic Completely Blocked and May Not Be Resumed For Days How It Happened.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—An accident unique in railroad history occurred at 9.30 yesterday morning, as a few miles below Shelburne. As a result, Frank Hartley of Shelburne is dead. He had his leg and arm hurt, and a report states that death followed almost immediately of the leg.

The injured are: Norman Morley, fireman, Toronto Junction, leg bruised out about head and face, slightly scalped; Robert Thompson, conductor, Toronto Junction, lacerations of stomach slightly strained; E. Carson, brakeman, Toronto Junction, sprained ankle, body slightly burned.

The injured men were taken to Shelburne, where they must remain until the line can be re-opened. An auxiliary was dispatched from Toronto Junction, which reached at the scene of the wreck about 2 p. m. Work was begun at once on clearing the line, but so terrific was the blizzard that what it had to be given up without anything having been really accomplished. The line is thus still completely blocked. It may be cleared to-day.

How It Occurred.

The affair was the tragic outcome of the determined battle waged by the railroad to keep its Owen Sound line open against the arrayed strength of the elements, cold, wind and snow. There is a water tank a few miles below Shelburne, and thither three locomotives, the propelling force for a large snow plow, had gone to take in a supply. The engines were long in returning to join forces with three other locomotives with which they had been acting in concert, and those in charge of the latter, thinking that their co-workers had become blocked and were unable to move, set out to lend aid.

Might Have Been Worse.

A driving wind was scouring the banks of snow alongside the tracks blinding clouds that obscured the vision. It was not until the violent impact that the engines of the divided forces knew of one another's proximity.

As it was, three of the massive engines were hurled from the tracks, while the others "slewed." The tender of one engine rolled over upon its side, while two others were thrown into a position crosswise of the track.

One Killed, Six Injured.

Hamilton, Feb. 18.—One man was killed outright and five or six others seriously injured last night on the E. C. and N. at Smithville. A snow plow had been sent out to clean the snow of the track. Another engine followed, and crashed into the plow, killing one man and injuring six others, who had been taken out to help clean the tracks. Both engines are stalled at Smithville and the track completely blocked. The local officials could not learn further particulars of the accident.

Killed on the Track.

Novar, Feb. 18.—Last evening about half-past five o'clock, a freight train coming from the north struck Donald Ross, an old man, who was walking on the track, and instantly killed him. Mr. Ross was about 80 years of age and a little deaf. He heard the train coming, but was too late, as the snow was banked high on either side of the track and he could not find an opening to escape.

Killed at Aurora.

Aurora, Feb. 18.—James McCluskey, an employee of the Davis Tanning Co. of Aurora, met with a terrible death yesterday afternoon. He was working at a machine used for splitting leather, when his hand got caught between the rollers. His hand and arm were crushed to the shoulder, and amputated, but the shock proved fatal.

A BRIDEGROOM'S SUICIDE.

After Three Days of Married Life He Gave Up Because of Sickness.

London, Feb. 18.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Major Harry Pakenham on his honeymoon at Folkestone, Kent, last week, has been partially cleared up by the discovery of his body on the beach. Major Pakenham was a son of Gen. Ralph Pakenham. He married, Feb. 7, in London, Miss Madeline, sister of the late Lady Annesley, and was staying at Folkestone. Three days after the marriage he went out for a stroll, telling his wife that he would not be long. The next day his overcoat was found in the harbor, and a note in a pocket said he was sick and had no prospect of getting better.

Major Pakenham contracted enteric fever during the South African war.

ROADS BLOCKED

Roderick McKenzie came through from Dover to the city to-day. He said that he had great difficulty in getting along. The farmers, however, all along the route turned out and cleared the snow. A man and a boy going to Big Point with a pair of bob-sleighs and a team of horses got mired yesterday near Mr. McKenzie's farm. He helped dig them out and they turned back and came to Chatham again.

Mr. Lapp, who carries the mail between Chatham, Big Point and Pain Court, got as far as Pain Court and then had to turn and come back. Big Point got no mail yesterday.

Mr. Collins, of the second concession, Chatham Twp., walked in this morning. He said the snow has drifted in his lane to a depth of six feet.

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