

THE WEATHER
Table with columns for location and weather conditions. Locations include Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, etc.

AROUND THE CITY

ACTING MANAGER.
The N. B. Power Company will look after the management of the company during the absence of P. W. Thomson.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.
The anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's (Valley) church will be observed on Wednesday of this week.

CHIMNEY FIRE.
In response to an alarm rung in from box 53, the fire department was called out last night at 8:30 o'clock.

INTERVIEW PREMIER.
Hon. R. E. Flem, who left for his home on Saturday, before leaving had an interview with Premier Foster.

VITAL STATISTICS.
Nine marriages, thirty-four births, twenty deaths and fourteen males reported by the Board of Health.

SATURDAY'S MARKET.
Butter and eggs showed a decline in the market Saturday morning.

DISTRIBUTION OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC.
Mayor Nicholson announced Saturday morning that he expected a detailed report on the cost of distribution of the hydro electric by the New Brunswick Power Co.

LIQUOR SEIZED ON BOARD SHIP.
Party case of liquor which arrived by the S.E. Leger, County have been taken to charge by the Customs officials.

GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE.
Good progress is made by the public works department on the filling in of the space above the Newmarket Bridge.

OVERCOAT STOLEN.
Joseph Boudreau was arrested on Saturday on suspicion of stealing an overcoat valued at \$25.

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Fine Dwelling Was Destroyed By Fire

Beautiful Home and Contents Owned by Leo J. Gallagher at Fair Vale Proved Victim of Flames.

On Saturday afternoon fire destroyed one of the finest residences in Fairvale, the property of Leo Gallagher, along with the contents. It is estimated that along with the loss of the property and contents the amount of loss will be nearly \$15,000.

It was about 4:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon when Mr. Gallagher was alone in the house with his five children, his wife being in the city. His son Fraser arrived home and the boy went upstairs. Immediately he returned to inform his father that there was fire upstairs.

Thinking first of his children, he removed them outside of the house, clad in whatever clothing he could procure at the time, and seeing them safe in the snow he rushed back and found the upper portion of the house was all aflame.

He tried a few buckets of water on the blaze and finding this of little avail he felt satisfied that the best thing he could do was to get his children to safety, which he did.

Leaving the youngest of the five in the snow covered with a fur coat, Mr. Gallagher and a couple of young neighbors tried to get in the house to save some silver. The fire, which started on the upper floor, apparently from a heater round a stove pipe, had gained such headway that the attempt to save the valuables in the dwelling was impossible.

A window was broken and the volume of smoke that issued was intense and drove away Mr. Gallagher and a couple of other young men who were close by at the first signs of fire.

At the time of the fire Mrs. Gallagher was in the city, and Mr. Gallagher was alone in the ground portion of the house.

When his eldest son, Fraser, arrived he had occasion to go upstairs, and on his return notified his father that the house was on fire. It was then that Mr. Gallagher rushed upstairs only to find that the report of the boy was only too true.

Mr. Gallagher took a pall of water and dashing it on the flames immediately found that it was useless, and saw that the house was doomed to destruction.

The elder son was instructed to remove the smaller children to the homes of neighbors and with a few friends an attempt was made to save some of the silver, cut glass, etc., on the ground floor, but with the smoke that had by this time filled this portion of the building it was impossible to stand by and see a very valuable residence, along with its contents burn to the ground.

Everything with the exception of a few articles of clothing were lost and if the fire had started in the night it is most possible that there would have been a loss of life, so rapidly did the fire consume the dwelling.

At the time of the fire Mrs. Gallagher was in the city making some purchases, and when she arrived at Fair Vale, shortly after six o'clock she found that her fine dwelling was then a mass of debris.

The fire is supposed to have started from a heating drum on the upper floor, and the heat from this set fire to the heater board surroundings, so that it had a real good start before Mr. Gallagher's son went up stairs and made the discovery.

It is a wonderful thing that the fire did not start at night while the family were asleep. The loss of wedding presents alone will never be replaced and the sympathy of their friends is extended.

Mr. Gallagher has not yet made his decision on a future residence but will do so in a few days. Mr. Gallagher wishes to thank all his neighbors for their kindness including Mr. McAllister, William Long, who looked after his children; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tapley, Roy Mallett and William McElwaine; in fact all the neighbors were friendly and did all possible to help under the unfortunate circumstances.

The dwelling destroyed by fire was that formerly owned by John E. Wilson, and was one of the finest in the suburbs.

Two Inspiring Addresses Given

"A New Birth" and "The Seven Wonders of Heaven" Were Subjects of Rev. J. A. Swetnam's Sermons.

The congregation of the Waterloo Street Baptist Church enjoyed two inspiring addresses, which were delivered yesterday by the pastor, Rev. John A. Swetnam. The attendance at the morning service was the largest for some time. The subject of the address at this service was "A New Birth" in his remarks, the pastor said that people must not make the mistake of substituting reformation and conversion for regeneration.

At the evening service the subject of the address was "The Seven Wonders of Heaven." The speaker dealt with his subject in a very able manner and the congregation were greatly profited by the illuminating sermons, which he delivered. He outlined the seven wonders of Heaven as, first, the fact that such a place could ever exist; second, the glorious equality of its inhabitants; third, its interest in the sin-stained world; fourth, the fact that it was open to foreign immigration; fifth, its conditions of citizenship such as they are; sixth, the fact that its splendor will ever remain; and seventh, the wonder that more do not become citizens of this abiding Home, whose glories are described in the Book of Revelation.

On next Sunday evening, the pastor will deliver an address on "The Seven Wonders of Hell."

Waterloo St. Church Mixed Bible Class

The formal opening of the newly formed Mixed Bible Class in the Waterloo Street Baptist Church took place in the church vestry room yesterday afternoon at 3:30.

The service commenced with a lively song service in which all took part, after which the pastor, the Rev. John A. Swetnam, installed the newly elected officers, by giving them the hand of fellowship and a few words of advice.

Mrs. Anne Patterson, then rendered a solo entitled "The Heart Which was Broken for You" which was greatly appreciated by the class. The speaker for the occasion, Rev. Charles Wasson, was then introduced. Mr. Wasson took as the subject of his address "Enthusiasm" and gave a helpful talk on Bible class work.

Rev. Mr. Hawkins also spoke and wished the class all success and hoped it would become a source of great power for good. The newly elected president, H. E. Owen, also spoke and promised to do all in his power to make the class a success. The enrollment of the class numbers thirty-six. Seven committees were appointed after the service.

City Swept By Worst Blizzard of Year

A blizzard, which raged as high as 64 miles an hour at times, struck the city last evening at 5:45 o'clock, and continued with undiminished vigor all night. As far as could be ascertained, no damage to property was done, but the street car service was tied up for the first time this winter.

The few pedestrians who braved the raging tempest were swept along the city streets as if they were so much chaff. Although no snow fell during the night, the wind, sweeping the snow from the streets and from the roof-tops, caused it to swirl about in such a manner that it was almost as if times to see the next street lamp.

Mercury Drops. The gale blew with a steady velocity of 44 to 48 miles an hour, and at times, as high as 64 miles an hour. The total snowfall on Saturday was 3-10ths of an inch fell. Yesterday the mercury dropped from 20 degrees above zero to 6 above.

As the result of yesterday's storm it was found necessary to call in all the street cars about 7:30 o'clock, owing to the fact that the snow drifted on to the tracks so rapidly that progress was impeded to such an extent as to necessitate discontinuing the service for the night. Two cars followed the sweeper and sail car for a time, but they were called in eventually. This was the first occasion this year that the street car service has been tied up.

Replacement Value of Sand Point Sheds

It is expected that a readjustment will be made of the West Side Terminal values in accordance with a survey made by the City Engineer recently, so Commissioner Bullock said Saturday morning. He said that the engineer had made a reclassification of the property from the standpoint of replacement value and as a result the increasing of the insurance by some \$50,000 will be recommended.

The engineer figured the total replacement value of all the Sand Point sheds at \$275,000. It is proposed to insure them about eighty per cent. of their value—\$220,000. As the amount carried now is about \$170,000, the new arrangement will mean an additional \$50,000 to the insured values. The premium now paid is \$7,400, and the additional cost of the extra insurance will amount to \$2,166. The matter will likely come before council this week.

Mrs. J. V. Ellis Died Saturday

One of the Foremost Women in St. John — For Many Years Was Actively Engaged in Community Work.

In the death of Mary Caroline, widow of Hon. J. V. Ellis, which occurred Saturday at her home, 219 Princess street, the city lost one of its foremost women and one who will be sorely missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, as well as by the immediate relatives.

Mrs. Ellis had reached the advanced age of 81 years, and up to a very short time before her death was actively engaged in community work, any object which had for its aim the betterment of the city or citizens receiving her warmest support.

She was a past president of the Local Council of Women and of the Women's Auxiliary of the Natural History Society, was one of the organizers of the Free Public Library, and held many other positions of trust until it was taken over by the city; president of the Band of Mercy of St. John's church, which erected the memorial fountain in Carleton; for many years served on the board of directors of the Home for incurables, and at the time of her death was an active member of the boards of the Associated Charities and the Victorian Order of Nurses.

She was a daughter of the late S. W. Babbitt, of Fredericton, and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Lawrence and Mrs. E. R. Taylor, of St. John; five sons, Frank B., who succeeded his father as editor of the Globe; Dr. William L. and George D. of St. John; J. V. Jr., editor of the Herald, Yarmouth, Wash., and Joseph N., barrister of Vancouver; two sisters, Mrs. George Lee, who made her home with Mrs. Ellis, and Miss Isabelle Babbitt, of Fredericton; and one brother, Dr. Les Babbitt, of Fredericton.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

Four Young Men Before The Court

Charged With Acting Together With Intent to Commit a Felony While on C. N. R. Property.

The preliminary hearing of the four young men, charged with acting together with intent to commit a felony while on property of the C.N.R., was concluded in the police court Saturday morning. After the evidence of John Kelly was taken, the prisoners were committed for trial, but being refused, K. J. MacRae and L. A. Oulton appeared in the interests of the defendants.

Henry Melanson, charged with assaulting his wife, was remanded to jail. Mrs. Melanson said that on Friday morning her husband caught hold of her and struck her in the face. The witness' daughter and son corroborated their mother's testimony. The magistrate told the accused that he was liable to two months in jail without a fine, L. L. Oulton conducted the prosecution.

Pedro Moyeato, charged with vagrancy, was ordered to get out and seek his own means of support. The central police station his headquarters as a protection for some time. Two men pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and were remanded.

City Solicitor Goes To Ottawa

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter Will Represent City in Matter of Alleged Embargo Placed on C. N. R. Freight by C. P. R.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, city solicitor, will leave this evening for Ottawa, where he will on Wednesday represent the city in the hearing before the Board of Railway Commissioners in the matter of the alleged embargo placed on C. N. R. freight by the C. P. R.

For some time complaints have been made by the merchants and shippers that the latter had refused to accept freight from the former and in order to ship their goods they had to be trucked across the harbor at a considerable expense and in some cases the ships had to be moved over to the east side of the harbor when the goods were too bulky to move on trucks.

Special Message To Young Ladies

Rev. Dr. D. Hutchinson in Main Street Baptist Church Took for Subject, The Model King's Daughter.

The model King's Daughter was the subject of the sermon preached last evening by Rev. Dr. Hutchinson at the Main Street Baptist Church, the message being a special one to young ladies. His text was found in Psalm 45-13 "The King's Daughter."

In his opening remarks he referred to the organization of the order of King's Daughters in New York in 1896, the outcome of a conference of the Christian women of that city, and her life would be dedicated to the service of her King.

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MOVIES OF THE SKATING CHAMPS. We Have a Complete Pictorial of the Big Meet. Each of the Chief Skaters Pose. The Flyers in Practice Spins. Some New Local Aspirants. The Visiting Officials Also. Men Behind the Whole Affair. Grand Panorama of the Crowds.

PERSONALS. Samuel Scott, who came from St. Stephen to attend the skating championships, returned home on Saturday, greatly pleased with the races and the large crowd of spectators. While in St. John Mr. Scott stopped with his brother-in-law, Fred W. Brownell, Fairville.