

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—Pressure is abnormally high on the continent except in British Columbia, and highest to the northward of the St. Lawrence Valley. A few light falls of snow have occurred in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather has been fair, and for the most part quite cold.

St. John 8 14
 Dawson 23 30
 Prince Rupert 34 34
 Vancouver 38 42
 Edmonton 32 40
 Medicine Hat 22 30
 Moose Jaw 10 22
 Winnipeg 10 16
 White River 24 32
 London 15 23
 Toronto 22 28
 Ottawa 22 28
 Montreal 0 10
 Quebec 4 10
 Halifax 16 18
 Below zero.

Forecast

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northerly to north easterly winds, fair and cold.

Northern—Fresh to strong northerly winds, fair and cold.

Ontario and Quebec—Fair and continued cold Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; fresh and strong north winds.

AROUND THE CITY

A RECORD STRING
 George Garnett of the Railway Mail Clerk's team has made a record for this year on the Victoria Alloys with a string of 149.

RENFORTH PRIZES
 The drawing for the prizes in the Renforth Athletic Association lottery took place yesterday morning. The winners were as follows: 1st prize, \$100, Mr. J. H. Smith; 2nd prize, \$50, Mr. J. H. Smith; 3rd prize, \$25, Mr. J. H. Smith; 4th prize, \$10, Mr. J. H. Smith; 5th prize, \$5, Mr. J. H. Smith; 6th prize, \$2.50, Mr. J. H. Smith; 7th prize, \$1.25, Mr. J. H. Smith; 8th prize, \$0.62, Mr. J. H. Smith; 9th prize, \$0.31, Mr. J. H. Smith; 10th prize, \$0.15, Mr. J. H. Smith.

SAND POINT ACCIDENT
 A longshoreman named Cagler sustained a painful accident yesterday morning. He was engaged in unloading cargo from the S. S. Holbrook, at No. 4 wharf, when a heavy case fell on his foot, which was quite badly strained. After receiving treatment at the C. P. O. S. Emergency Hospital, he was able to go to his home.

ODDFELLOWS AT SMOKER.
 Pioneer Lodge, No. 9 and Siloam Lodge No. 23, of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, held a smoker and entertainment in their lodge room on Germain street last evening. The entertainment consisted of songs and speeches by D. D. G. M. Roberts and others. Freebies Lodge No. 19 and Golden Rule No. 46 with their friends were invited guests.

CURLERS' BOY WEEK.
 Many interesting curling competitions are scheduled to take place this week. The Thistles are going to Fredericton on Wednesday with six rinks; while Yarmouth is coming to St. John tomorrow to play St. Andrew's in the evening. Yarmouth will also play Carleton on Thursday afternoon and Thistles on Thursday night.

MISSED RICHARDSON GUEST
 A largely attended meeting of the Girls' Branch of the Anglican Women's Auxiliary was held last evening at Trinity school-room. Mrs. George F. Smith presided, and the chief speaker was Miss Helen Richardson. Fredericton Girls' Work secretary, Mrs. Kubring gave a report of the W. A. annual meeting held in Winnipeg. All the city churches were represented.

OFF TO SACKVILLE
 Mrs. Robert Fitz-Randolph, president of the Provincial Chapter, I. O. D. E. and Mrs. Heber Vroom, Regent of the Loyalist Chapter, I. O. D. E., left this morning for Sackville, where they will address a meeting of the Sackville, Dorchester and Fort Elgin Chapters, I. O. D. E. Mrs. Fitz-Randolph and Mrs. Vroom are both members of the I. O. D. E. War Memorial Committee. On Wednesday they will go to Moncton, where they will meet with the chapter there.

PRISONER FROM CARLETON.
 One drunk, six protectionless and a prisoner brought in by Sheriff Foster at Carleton county, were booked at the Central Police Station last evening. The man from the upper part of province, Harry Smith, was sentenced to a five year term in the Dorchester penitentiary for poisoning cattle. Sheriff Foster leaves with his prisoner this morning for the prison.

TUXEDO COATS.
 The 20th Century Brand Tuxedo is in every way a distinctive garment. Few makers, custom or other, succeed in imparting the same style, fit and tailoring. We have several left and have included them in our February sale of ready clothing. They sold at \$50. If your size is here you may now have it for \$40. New Evening Dress Suits were opened yesterday for which some have been waiting. They're \$65, and compare favorably with those that sold at a much higher price. Gilman's, 68 King St.

CARNIVAL A SUCCESS
 Dominion Lodge No. 445, I. O. G. T., held a very successful carnival last night on the Carleton open air rink. There was a large crowd in attendance, and prizes were awarded as follows:—Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Amber Sheffield, "Morning"; 2nd, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night"; 3rd, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night"; 4th, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night"; 5th, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night"; 6th, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night"; 7th, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night"; 8th, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night"; 9th, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night"; 10th, Mrs. C. Charle, "Night".

ENJOYED BEAN SUPPER
 A bean supper at the Plaza, East St. John, ended a pleasant sleigh drive for 75 members of the St. Paul's Young People's Association last evening. The party in two sleighs met at the Sunday school hall and drove to Brookville, returning later to East St. John. The chaperons were Mrs. F. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Percy Woodley and Mrs. Hunter.

Landlord Objects To Big Increases

Fifteen and Twenty Per Cent. Jumps Today Unreasonable at Present Time.

Are increased rents justifiable this spring? Ask the man on the street and in some cases one will convert an apparently complacent individual into a real Bolshevik. After he has given vent to his wrath in the most emphatic adjectives, his vocabulary commands he will calm down sufficiently to declare that of the 15 to 20 per cent. raise that he has been facing every spring for the last three or four years, this year's is the last straw. Sooner than submit to being robbed in the city he proposes a truck to some suburban point along the line.

Some Are Fair

Others will answer the question in milder tones. They question whether the rents in the city are called for, but are willing to admit that their landlords have always used them square; that in many cases their increase did not come until the close of the year; in some cases even later, and so they have not much to complain of.

The viewpoint of the flat-man depends largely on the rate of the increase. One of the city's largest landlords, who has a reputation for doing the square thing by his tenants, stated last evening that his company were increasing the rents on their buildings on the basis of the revenue they should return for the money invested in them. He thought such an increase justifiable and warranted, but a fifteen and twenty per cent. increase he considered unreasonable.

Repairs Are Dearer

As to the more moderate increases, he said that the cost of repair was higher than in the past. In other words the revenue the buildings brought in was 10 per cent. was always allowed for repairs. At the present time twenty per cent. was required. Money that could be borrowed on mortgages at the rate of five per cent. now commanded seven.

To the tenant's plea that the assessment rate was lower this year, he took exception. He claimed that fifty per cent. of the properties are assessed at higher rates than their value justifies, while others would justify still higher rates than those now obtained.

How to Assess

In his opinion the Board of Assessors should be composed of practical men who have a knowledge of the real value of buildings, such as builders and contractors. As an example of the present ills of the system, he referred to the fact that in many cases a wooden building is assessed at a rate as high as a brick one. The repairs a landlord is required to put on a wooden tenement, housing a number of tenants, are much greater than that called for on a self-contained brick house. He said that the more affluent citizens, and the depreciation of the wooden buildings is not receiving the consideration it should from the assessors.

Some Lumber Cheaper

A number of lumber manufacturers when asked their opinion as to the cost of repairs, stated that the cost of some building materials, such as spruce or B. C. fir, were lower by from 10 to 15 per cent. than they were last year. But as for clap-board and such materials as are needed in outside finish and which largely consisted of pine, the costs are as great as last year, in some cases higher. Labor also, he said, was just as high if not higher. However, taking the cost of general repairs, they figure it lower by 10 per cent. They all agree that a man can build this spring for less money than he could last.

Direct Canadian Representation

Some little time ago the Board of Trade called attention to the complaint made by a number of merchants that English concerns were doing their business through American agents rather than direct through Canadian firms. Yesterday a communication was received from the department of overseas trade stating that they found the great majority of English exporting houses were doing business through Canadian agents and in the few cases in which American agents were used the connection was a long-standing one. They had pointed out to them, however, the advantages of having direct Canadian representation.

REV. DR. BORDEN TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT

A reunion of all former Mount Allison students at present living in St. John or the immediate vicinity will take place at Bond's restaurant at 8.30 tonight. An excellent musical programme has been prepared. Many have already signified their intention to be present for the occasion to pay honor to their Alma Mater. The Rev. Dr. B. C. Borden, president of Mount Allison University, will be the guest of the evening. In addition to a number of other prominent speakers. Several well known entertainers are included in the programme, and the choir will be occupied by Chieftain H. A. McKinnon. Tickets may be procured at the entrance to the dining room at the price of 75 cents.

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Teachers Decide To Keep School

Watchful Waiting Will be Their Policy Until Fate of Salary Application Decided.

Over one hundred teachers representing all the schools in this city held a mass meeting yesterday afternoon at four o'clock in the assembly room of the High School. President H. C. Recker occupied the chair, and after considerable discussion it was decided by the teachers that they would continue their labors for the present and await developments. This action was decided upon, it was stated, in order to see what stand will be taken by the Trustees of the School Board.

Joy Riders Paid For Their Fun

Horse Seriously Injured in Collision and Auto Badly Smashed.

A valuable horse owned by J. W. Kierstead, of Rotherham, was seriously injured, and a light Sedan car badly damaged, in what might have been a fatal accident on the March Road near Brookville. Mr. Kierstead was driving towards Rotherham when the car, going at a rapid rate of speed, swerved past another which was coming towards him and was but a short distance away, and crashed into him. The car hit the horse in the breast, the force of the impact being such as to drive it right across the road to the opposite side. The sled it was hauling was loaded with coal and so escaped being badly broken up. The horse, however, was shattered. The horse was badly injured.

Escape With Minor Injuries.

The four occupants of the Sedan, all young men from the city, escaped with minor injuries. One of them received a number of cuts about the face and head from flying glass. The car itself had its radiator stove in; all the glass in the auto was broken. The joy riders made good all the damage in a very handsome manner and the matter was hushed up.

Japanese Wedding Was A Delight

Big Crowd at Centenary Hall When Oriental Play Was Cleverly Presented.

Under the auspices of the Centenary Japanese League, the playlet, "A Japanese Wedding," was presented yesterday evening in Centenary Hall. The audience packed the hall to the doors and the talent exhibited by the cast of characters was of an exceptionally fine nature. The subject of the playlet surrounded scenes in Japan, which were admirably produced. The costumes were well chosen, and the present enjoyed the offering immensely.

In the Cast

The following comprised those who appeared in the playlet:—Miss Margaret Seely, Miss Alice Henery, Miss Annie Tait, Miss Rheta Brittain, Miss Louise Seely, Miss Alicia McCavour, Miss Marion Winchester, Miss Beatrice Winchester, Miss Estelle McAlpine, Lawrence Sparling, Harry Boyer, Stanley Goodwin, Gordon Adams, Edwin Gunn.

Permission For Boxing Bouts

Contests Planned for Y.M.C.A. A. on Feb. 5—Many in the "Y" Classes.

The Y.M.C.A. have received permission from the M.F.A.A.U.C. to hold the City Boxing Championships. The bouts are scheduled to take place Saturday evening, February 5th. The exhibition held at the "Y" last Wednesday evening brought a lot of promising material to light, and a good programme is promised for the championships. Between twenty-eight and thirty have attended the boxing classes this winter, so that candidates will be entered into every weight. All the equipment of the ring has been secured and the bouts will be conducted in the most approved fashion.

Later in the season the Maritime Wrestling Championships are to be held at the Y.M.C.A.

MRS. R. E. PLUMPTON HEADS COMFORT CIRCLE

At the annual meeting of the Comfort Circle of The King's Daughters held at the Guild yesterday afternoon, the report of the secretary showed that the circle has lived up to its name and that many cases of suffering have been relieved. Donations have been made to many local charities. The treasurer, Mrs. S. K. Smith, reported that \$102.53 was raised during the year. The circle will have charge of apron table at the sale to be held in February for the benefit of the Paralytic Home, and Mrs. R. E. Plumpton, Mrs. G. A. Dickson, and Mrs. E. W. Paul were appointed conveners. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Mrs. R. E. Plumpton—President. Mrs. G. A. Dickson—Vice-president. Mrs. E. W. Paul—Second Vice-president. Mrs. John Lelaicheur—Secretary. Mrs. S. K. Smith—Treasurer.

ROTARIANS ATTENTION!

South End Boys' Club opening Thursday evening instead of Tuesday evening.

Coal Prices Not Likely To Drop

High Freight Rates and Wages Paid Miners Prevent Decline in Claim of Dealers.

There is little likelihood of a reduction in the price of either hard or soft coal, as far as the St. John market is concerned until spring, according to the opinion of several of the local dealers. Montreal expects a drop of \$4 any day now. Hard coal at the present time is quoted at from \$21 to \$25 a ton, and is scarce. The high freight rates are blamed by the dealers for the heavy cost of anthracite. Coal could be had in the city at something less than \$20 a ton, they say, if two suppositions would hold good, namely, if schooners could be chartered in New York at lower freight rates than those quoted by the railroad, and if the coal could be secured in the American metropolis. This, they say, is practically impossible. New York itself is short of coal. The slackness in shipping warrants the assumption of low water rates, however.

Soft Coal Rates.

As to soft coal, the present price is from \$13 to \$15.50, and the opinion is that it will remain at the same price till spring. At the beginning of the winter the supply was limited and the price went as high as \$17.

Just at present there is plenty of soft coal and in addition it can be had already screened, whereas hitherto the dealers were lucky if they could secure a supply of run of mine, and do the screening themselves. The dealers claim that they have reached rock bottom prices on soft coal until freight and miner's wages come down. The large coal operators themselves find that they have large supplies of coal already mined that are a drag on the market.

Mines Close Down.

The closing down of industrial plants prevents them disposing of this material and the high cost of labor does not warrant the continuation of operations. A number of the Cape Breton collieries have been closed down in the hopes that when the miners have disposed of some of their high earnings, they will consent to go back at a lower wage schedule. The dealers even then do not look for a scale of prices as low as those of the pre-war days, as their own operating costs have doubled. But they say coal is to be \$5 or \$6 lower than it is at the present time.

Box Car Fire At Midnight

An alarm was rung in about 11.35 last evening from box 23 for a fire discovered in a C. P. R. refrigerator car on siding at the foot of Dorchester street. The blaze quickly subsided to a stream from the chemical, but not until considerable damage had been done. The car was loaded with imported freight from a ship at Long wharf. The over-heating of one of the stoves in the car was believed to have been responsible for the blaze.

St. Stephen Will Enter N. B. Circuit

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 31.—When the next meeting of the Maine and New Brunswick Harness racing circuit will be held at Houlton, Maine, last week, is formed at Presque Isle, Maine, on February 16th, the St. Stephen track will be represented, making three tracks from New Brunswick in the tour membership.

The racing committee of the St. Stephen Fair recently named R. E. Hyslop as their new secretary and it is expected that Mr. Hyslop as well as Frank C. Murchie, the chairman of the committee will attend the Presque Isle meeting.

So far there has been no decision by the Fair Association as to whether they will stage a mid-summer meeting at St. Stephen this year but if they are not willing to do so it is said a syndicate is being formed at the border, which will take over the track for the purpose.

At the meeting at Houlton last week representatives of the Fredericton Park Association suggested that as the circuit would close under present arrangements at the Fredericton Exhibition, it might be mutually advantageous if the Chatham dates were listed with the new circuit as a favorable shipment from Fredericton, with free return privileges. A good track to race over, generous purses and good treatment could be assured all campaigning stables wishing to continue their Fall racing. The suggestion has not yet been formally placed before the Agricultural and Exhibition Association at Chatham, but an arrangement such as suggested would practically assure the Chatham track of good fields for the Fair races without having to go any further or do any more wading.

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