

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales westerly and northwesterly winds gradually decreasing in force clearing and cool, Tuesday fine.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—Since Saturday morning a depression has passed eastward from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces accompanied by strong winds and moderate gales with rain which have been heavy from the Ottawa Valley eastward. Fine warm weather has prevailed today throughout the prairie provinces.

Window Blinds Found.

Sergt. Baxter reports finding six window blinds in Water street. The owner can procure his property at the Water street lock-up.

To Prevent a Breach of the Peace.

Policeman Marshall was called in to May Spellman's house in Harrisburg's alley of Brussels street on Saturday evening to prevent a breach of the peace while Wm. Nixon was removing his clothes from the house.

Two Windows Open.

Policemen McCollum and Journey found two windows open in the rear of Barnes & Co.'s establishment on Saturday evening and secured them with rinses and lock.

Will Hold a Tournament.

At a meeting of the St. Stephen's Scots Cadets held on Friday evening, it was decided to hold a tournament in Queens Rink, about the end of the month, in order to raise funds for new uniforms. Included in the programme will be drill and gymnastics, marching, physical and manual exercises and Scottish dances. The pipe band will be in attendance.

A Tale of the Sea.

Lee Stoppel and Theodore Bates, of The Standard composing room, did some tall stunts in deep sea fishing on Saturday. The encounter with the finny denizens occurred off Mahogany Island. Bates hooked up a 95 pound cod and a section of an old wreck; Stoppel reeled up a 50 pound dogfish, a 10 pound hake and part of the fish land. The yell he gave was heard on Fort Howe. The rest of the party caught a cold.

Too Free With His Fists.

Fred Coleman, aged 24, a citizen of the United States got himself in trouble Saturday afternoon by being too handy with his fists. Shortly before 5 o'clock he stopped at the window of the parcel room in the depot door and asked for his hand baggage. He did not present his check, however, and Mr. Frank Curran, the manager, turned to wait on another customer. It is alleged that Coleman then became abusive and when Mr. Curran remonstrated with him, he struck out quickly with his right and landed a blow, which blacked Mr. Curran's eye. I. C. R. officials hearing of the incident gave instructions to have the man arrested and he was gathered in by I. C. R. Officer Collins and Policeman Clark. He is charged with assaulting and beating Mr. Curran.

Seeing Life.

Gessler Chase, a young man of 18 years of age, hailing from Sackville, started out a few weeks ago to see life with Norris & Rowe's circus. He visited a number of provincial towns but before he entered Uncle Sam's dominions he thought it advisable to sever his connection with the sawdust ring and left the circus at McAdam Junction. He returned to St. John and Patrolman Scott found him wandering about Haymarket Square between 2 and 3 o'clock Saturday morning. When questioned as to what he was doing at such an unseasonable hour, his answers were not very clear and the officer thought the best place for him was the lock-up. He is charged with wandering about and not giving a satisfactory account of himself.

Boston Boats Carry 1400 Passengers.

The Calvin Austin and Governor Cobb both left with about 1400 passengers for Boston Saturday evening. The Austin started at 8.25 o'clock with about 775 passengers and the Cobb at 8.45 with the remainder. There was a crowd on the wharves to see their friends off or just for curiosity and at the time the boats started, numbered several thousand people. The tide of tourist travel is not very clear and the wharves were full of incoming American tourists, starting to see the provinces on Saturday carried only 15 passengers on her inward trip, but returned with almost 800. The number which arrived via Maine ports has not diminished very much, the Governor Cobb bringing in 106 passengers Saturday afternoon. Both the boats that sailed on Saturday night were filled almost to their capacity, a large number of passengers being obliged to find sleeping quarters in the grand saloons of their respective vessels.

FIVE CARS LEAVE TRACK, BLOCKING MILL ST. CROSSING

An unaccountable accident, added to unusually heavy traffic was responsible for all trains leaving the city being delayed on Saturday evening.

Just as a way freight was pulling into the I. C. R. yard five cars next the engine left the track at the Mill street crossing about 6 o'clock and the street car traffic was held up for 40 minutes.

The cars were heavily loaded, principally with flour and the auxiliary crew worked until midnight before the track was clear. In order to clear the main line twenty cars had to be pushed back and hauled through the station. This work took some time and the outgoing suburban was 45 minutes late as a result.

No cause is assigned for the derailment of the cars. The freight on the rolling stock was practically undamaged as the cars did not turn over. The Montreal train was one hour and thirty minutes late Saturday evening owing to connections from the east being behind time. The Boston train was two hours late leaving the city and carried more than 400 passengers. On the P. du Chene train which came over an hour late were 200 passengers for the Eastern Steamship Company's boats which left in the evening.

TWO FIRES NEAR COAL POCKETS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SET

Dangerous Outbreaks Discovered At Intervals Saturday Night Give Firemen Double Run—J. S. Gibbons And Dominion Coal Co.'s Sheds Damaged. Loss Mostly Covered By Insurance.

What is believed by property owners affected to have been an incendiary fire broke out at 11.30 o'clock Saturday night, in the coal sheds owned by the Dominion Coal Company and occupied by J. S. Gibbons and Co., and after being subdued by effective work of the firemen, was discovered burning furiously in a different location giving the department another run and half an hour's hard work. The total loss from both fires will probably not exceed \$1,000, but had it not been for timely discovery and prompt preventive measures a serious conflagration would have resulted.

The wharf south of Smythe street, where the sheds are situated, is a resort for drinking men and rough characters generally and it is believed the fire was set either maliciously, by a lighted cigarette or by careless use of matches. Ten minutes before the alarm sounded, Edward Roddy, night watchman for the Dominion Coal Company, had passed by the sheds and came up to the face of North Market Wharf. He stood there talking when he heard his little dog Queenie, barking furiously from the direction of the sheds. He paid no attention at first, thinking some men were loitering about, but as the barking continued, he went around the corner and saw the whole of the shed in a blaze. Queenie had been frightened by the flames and was calling attention in the best way that she knew.

Alarm Sent In.

Mr. Roddy at once ran to the alarm box and rang in No. 7. There seems to have been some mistake at the station as to the number of the box, as the salvage corps wagon and the hose cart both galloped down Union street towards Brunsell street. Policeman Jones caught the alarm correctly and he held up the drivers so quickly at the corner of Union and Waterloo that a collision was narrowly averted. The lost time was soon made up the four companies turning out very promptly. Some of the firemen were dressing on their carts on the way to the fire. No. 4 turned out on the first alarm, though this is not the usual procedure.

The firemen found the lower end of the shed ablaze and burning fiercely. Some kindling wood had been stored here, and the fire had evidently started in it. The water was turned on from the four hydrants within reach and a great volume was soon pouring on the flames.

No. 4 attached their hose to the plug at the corner of Union and Dock; No. 3 worked from the hydrant at the corner of Smythe and Union, and the others from the plug at Hevenor's and on the corner of Robertson's place. The firemen showed great interest in venturing on the roof of the shed which is rather shaky, but no accidents occurred.

TWO LOST CHILDREN GIVE THEIR PARENTS AN ANXIOUS TIME

Willie McMullen, Aged Three, An Old Offender—James Keator Minus Shoes And Stockings.

During Saturday and Sunday the police were asked by two anxious mothers to assist them in the search for lost children. Fortunately both the boys have been returned to their homes unharmed, though matters looked serious for a time.

Little Willie McMullen, son of Mr. John McMullen, 371 German street, who is only three years of age, was one of the wanderers. He left home Saturday afternoon and his absence was discovered at supper time. Not far from the police stations, and it was 9 o'clock before the little tot was discovered wandering about Mill street across the I. C. R. tracks by Policeman Belyea.

The child was rather bewildered, but went along cheerfully to the North End police station where his frantic mother called for him a little later.

Little Willie's adventures are somewhat remarkable. This is the third time he has been picked up by the police wandering about the streets and he seems to delight in getting away. His favorite device is to jump on passing teams and after driving several blocks jump off only to find himself lost.

Feared He Was Drowned. The disappearance of James Keator from his aunt's home on the Westmorland Road looked more serious, and it was feared for several hours that he had met death by drowning in the Marsh creek. His mother is employed at Mr. W. M. MacKay's, at Rothsay, and was visiting her sister, Mrs. Palmer.

About 2 o'clock the boy, who is nine years of age, left the house with nothing on his feet and poorly protected against the rain. When he did not return in an hour or two his mother became uneasy, and by 6 o'clock she was almost desperate. Bareheaded and unprotected from the storm, she set out on a search about the city and notified the police stations and other centers of the absence of her boy.

She was at length persuaded to return home and found that the missing lad had also come back drenched to the skin and giving no explanation of his movements other than that he had been out on the Westmorland Road.

There was a brisk wind blowing at the time and the big coal pocket of the Dominion Coal Company was in danger. Mr. Roddy led a crew of men in protecting the pocket and they found the heat from the fire across the slip almost unbearable. Two large barges in the slip were also in great danger, but the water was kept playing in them throughout the battle with the flames. The fire crept down right to the edge of the wharf and the beam which lines the edge was charred away.

In half an hour's time, the fire was under control, and an inventory of the damage showed that several bins of the sheds with the roofing had been totally destroyed, together with their contents. An electric dynamo and sawing machine used for preparing kindling wood were a total loss. A considerable quantity of kindling will also have no value as it is all partially burned. The coal did not suffer except the damage from water.

A second alarm. Just as the firemen were snugly in their beds again the second alarm rang out from No. 7 and they turned out to find the fire had broken out in even a more dangerous situation than the first blaze.

While watching about the burned building, Mr. Roddy noticed the second blaze in the shed owned by John Morrison in the rear of his bonded warehouse in Smythe street, and formerly used for keeping the coal for the electric light station, but now in use by Mr. Gibbon.

This building is several hundred feet from the scene of the first fire and it was difficult to account for its appearance an hour later. Mr. Roddy, however, believes that the sparks flew from the first blaze, and were smoldering until discovered by him.

The great danger from this second blaze lay in its proximity to the coal pocket of R. P. and W. F. Starr, just across the slip, which the watchman had to work hard to save from ignition. This fire had very little headway when discovered and was soon under control. Little damage was done here.

Attributed to incendiarianism. Mr. J. S. Gibbon, when asked last evening as to the total damage done by the fire, said he could not closely estimate the amount. The motor would be the heaviest loss, but he believed \$500 would cover the whole thing. He could not see any way for the fire to start, except from incendiarianism.

Mr. W. J. Starr, speaking for the Dominion Coal Company, said the sheds were fully insured by the head office of the company. The loss would not be heavy, and also believed the fire to have been incendiary. Mr. Morrison's loss will be very slight, and is covered by insurance.

BREAK IN NO. 2 WATER MAIN LEAVES MANY WITHOUT A SUPPLY

Pipe Discovered Burst Close To Little River Reservoir—Repairs Started—Hope For Normal Conditions Today.

A serious break in No. 2 water main near the Little River reservoir, occurred at five a. m. yesterday and unless repairs are completed this morning the water supply may be affected today in certain sections of the city. Many houses on the higher levels were without water for several hours yesterday while the services were being united.

Residents in Germain, Charlotte, Duke and other streets in the central part of the city found their water taps dry yesterday morning and it was nearly noon before the water was turned on again.

The break was discovered by the sudden falling of the pressure at the water office at 5.15 yesterday morning. A fall of fifty pounds was noticed and on communicating with the reservoir the officials learned from Caretaker Phillips that he had also noticed the sudden depression. Mr. William Murdoch is in Fredericton for the holiday. Superintendent Doig who returned on Saturday evening from a Western trip was notified of the break.

Discovered Close to Reservoir. He at once gave directions for the location of the leak and drove out to meet Mr. Phillips, and together they located the break about fifty yards from the reservoir. The services in No. 2 and No. 3 main were distinct at the time of the break and while the citizens still slept the crews were at work diverting the water from the No. 2 service at the stop-cocks in the city.

The men worked through the rain in the afternoon and it was hoped first to effect repairs without the use of an engine and pump. As darkness came on, however, it was evident that the break was a serious one, and a team was dispatched for more apparatus.

An engine and pump were sent out at 8 o'clock last night and the work of repairing was continued. On the success of the efforts of the crew depends the water supply in many homes in the city today. The officials of the department had nothing to say as to the cause of the break. The strain caused by drawing off a large body of water at the midnight fire four hours before the break was discovered is not considered to have had any connection with it.

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