

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Very cold followed by strong northeast winds and snow. Toronto, Feb. 6.—A pronounced disturbance which was west of the Mississippi last night, has moved directly eastward and caused gales, with a heavy snowfall in western and southern Ontario. The weather continues very cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, but has moderated in Manitoba and the west. Dawson—3 below, 26 below. Atlin—18 below, 6 below. Victoria—30, 42. Vancouver—32, 40. Kamloops—14, 28. Edmonton—20 below, 22. Calgary—8 below, 32. Battleford—16 below, 2 below. Prince Albert—14 below, 4 below. Moosejaw—9 below, 6 below. Swift Current—8 below, 20. Qu'Appelle—6 below, 10. Winnipeg—2, 12. Port Arthur—4 below, 16. PARRY SOUND—10 below, 3. London—9, 24. Toronto—5, 18. Ottawa—20 below, 2. Montreal—5 below, 2 below. Quebec—12 below, 2 below. St. John—4 below, 6. Halifax—4, 10. Lower Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime Provinces—Very cold followed by strong northeast winds and snow.

AROUND THE CITY

Concert Tonight. Special talent from the Empress of Ireland will assist at a concert in the Seaman's Mission tonight at 8 o'clock.

First Aid to Injured. At the regular meeting of No. 1 S. and P. held last night a class of members was formed in the ambulance corps, and they will receive instruction on the first aid to the injured.

Address on Success. Rev. C. E. Wiggins will give an address under the auspices of the Young Men's Association of Trinity church in the school room of the church, this evening. His subject will be Success. All men are invited.

Policeman Injured. While arresting the three men Sunday night charged with breaking into P. O'Neill's wholesale liquor store, North Wharf, Police Constable Gardner struck on the nose with a bottle of liquor and quite badly injured.

Acknowledgement. The manager of the Seaman's Mission begs to acknowledge the sum of \$5 from Captain David Taylor, per R. B. Willoughby, purser, being part of the proceeds of charitable collections taken on the last westbound voyage.

Queen Square Supper. Don't forget the supper to be served at the Queen's Square Methodist church this evening between 6 and 8 o'clock. A home-made candy table, a sample table, and a Japanese booth will be features in addition to the supper. A good time is assured.

G. S. Mayes Will Sing. The Campbell benefit committee wish to announce that G. S. Mayes will sing, Man the Lifeboat, by Russell in St. Peter's hall tonight. Russell is the only composer who sang his own compositions. Mr. Mayes gives a very excellent interpretation of this world famous piece.

Police Civil Cases. In the police court yesterday afternoon W. H. McQuade denied having sold J. McElhinney liquor after hours and Fred Walters, the clerk of the Grand Union, also gave evidence that the liquor was not sold. The case was adjourned for a week. Phillip Busby, was fined \$20 or two months jail for assaulting his wife.

Acknowledgement. The members of No. 3 Hose Company and No. 5 S. and P., at their regular monthly meetings last night extended their thanks for boxes of cigars received from Frank H. Elliott in recognition of their services at the recent fire in his establishment Nelson street.

Natural History Lecture. Miss Marcia Braine delivered a very interesting lecture on her personal experiences in Holland, in the Natural History Society Saturday afternoon. The lecture having made her home in Holland for two years and a half, described beautifully the habits, customs and life of the Dutch people. The illustrations were fine. Notwithstanding the very stormy weather, quite a large number gathered to hear this interesting and instructive lecture. At the close Mrs. J. F. Robertson moved a very hearty vote of thanks. Next Thursday afternoon Mrs. S. Greenland will lecture on Sketches of the Norse Country.

Evangelical Alliance. The monthly meeting of the Evangelical Alliance was held yesterday morning in the parlors of St. Andrew's church. There was a large attendance of members. Rev. David Hutchison referred to the publication of the Pastor Russell sermon in The Standard, and stated that they were calculated to undermine the faith of the people. He reported that he had interviewed the manager of the paper and had been informed that the sermons were published under a contract for a year. A committee consisting of Rev. H. R. Read, Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Raymond and Rev. W. Guetz was appointed to consider the matter, and report back at the next meeting. Addresses were then delivered by Rev. John Kitson, secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and Rev. W. B. Cooper, general secretary of the Canadian auxiliary. Both addresses dealt with the work of the societies. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturers at the close.

PERSONAL. Mrs. Anna M. Allen, of Dexter, N. Y., is visiting her niece, Miss Ella Jones, Charlotte street. Aid. Black, of Ottawa, was in the city yesterday. He intends to make a trip to Cuba and Mexico, and will leave on the Elder Dempster liner Hornum. Mrs. Emie Blackadar, of Vancouver, B. C., who has been visiting relatives in Manchester, N. H., has returned to the city and will leave on the 15th for her home. Miss Mamie Donahue, who has been visiting at the home of Aid. W. E. Scully, returned to her home in Halifax last evening. She was accompanied by Miss Agnes Scully, who will spend some weeks with her.

ADVOCATE OF COMMISSION TELLS OF CEDAR RAPIDS PLAN

Edward A. Sherman, Himself a Commissioner, Believes Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Greatly Benefitted by Adoption of New System of Government—City Affected by Boss Rule.

Edward A. Sherman, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, "the man who knows" the commission plan of civic government, and who will address a gathering in the Opera House this evening arrived in the city yesterday on the Atlantic express and is registered at the Royal.

Mr. Sherman is the editor and proprietor of a weekly paper in Cedar Rapids, conducts a printing business, and also a large stationery store. He was a member of the City Council of Cedar Rapids, and the only member who was elected a member of the commission when that form of administration was adopted. He has had experience with both forms of government and expresses it as his opinion that the commission plan has given much better results in Cedar Rapids. Cedar Rapids is a city of about 35,000 population, and adopted the commission plan of government on the same day as the City of Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Sherman received a Standard man yesterday and explained the commission plan, and the way in which it has worked out in Cedar Rapids. "It has been most satisfactory," said he. "You can go to Cedar Rapids and interview the first 100 men you meet, irrespective of class, creed or occupation. You will find 90 per cent of them are enthusiastic in their commendation of the commission plan, and the other ten who oppose it have local reasons for doing so."

General Incompetency. Asked as to conditions before the commission plan was adopted, Mr. Sherman said the city had suffered from incompetency. Under the council plan the council would one year be composed of good competent men, and the following year an incompetent council would be elected. The city was not burdened with graft, and was as clean as cities go, but the chief trouble, according to Mr. Sherman, arose from the changing complexion of the council and the general incompetency.

Conditions became so bad through the practice of not making the civic expenditures fit the civic revenues that there was not a dollar in the civic treasury, and in order to save the city's credit it was necessary to issue bonds to meet the accrued obligations. The city workmen were paid by warrants or checks, and there was no money to pay the checks if presented. It was always possible, however, for the workmen to sell their warrants for 85 or 90 cents on the dollar, as there were a number of men in the City of Cedar Rapids who were willing to profit by the city's financial straits by cashing the warrants at the discount. These warrants were carried by the city at an interest rate of 10 per cent, so the purchase of them at a discount of 10 or 15 per cent was a good investment for the purchasers. The conditions of the city were such that the business men got together and accepted a movement for a change, and the adoption of the commission plan was the result. "Under three years of city government by commission," said Mr. Sherman, "the city of Cedar Rapids has put in three or four times as much

Painless Dentistry. Teeth filled or extracted free of pain by the celebrated 'HALE METHOD.' All branches of dental work done in the most skillful manner. Boston Dental Parlors. 627 Main St. Tel 684 Dr. J. D. WAGER, Proprietor.

A Great Feast For Bargain Hunters. The Once-a-Year CLEARANCE SALE. Footwear has already proved a phenomenal success. Hundreds of people have provided themselves with neat dressy boots for spring wear at prices that are less than they cost to make.

WOMEN'S DONGOLA KID JULIETS with Rubber Heels, 3, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 7, 7 1/2 and 8. Regular price \$2.00. Sale Price \$1.58. MEN'S \$3.50 and \$4.00 BOOTS, Neat Shapes, many of them sample pairs, and all genuine bargains. Sale Price \$2.48. WOMEN'S BOX CALF and DONGOLA KID LACED BOOTS, Regular and Low School Heels; all splendid wearing shoes and worth \$2.50 a pair. Sale Price \$1.68.

WATERBURY & RISING, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street. Three Stores.

A Good Watch. There is distinction about a good watch. It stands for character, merit, good taste, fine judgment, culture, indicates prosperity, success, stamps the wearer as one who appreciates real worth, values fine quality appreciates things worth while.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians. 21 KING STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B. NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER Calendars for 1912. We have a fine set of samples and will be pleased to have you call at our office, or phone us and our canvasser will see you promptly.

C. H. Flewelling, ENGRAVER AND PRINTER. 85 1-2 Prince William Street.

The Twinplex Strop. For Sharpening Safety Razor Blades. Does Two Edges at Once. Strops Your Blades Stops Your Expense. Just What Every User of a Ribbon Blade Safety Razor Has Been Looking For. Price - \$4.00. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited. Market Square and King Street, St. John, N. B.

A Customer's Reasonable Wish is This Store's Pleasure. DYKEMAN'S A Remarkable Sale of 1911 Lawn Waists. Just a short time ago we received a large shipment of these dainty waists. We decided to place them on sale at 98 cents. They are going so fast that we will have to repeat our order of these spring goods at once. The reason of them selling so quickly is that they are equal to many on the market at \$1.50. Different styles at this popular price. The accompanying illustration is one of the 98 cents waists. We are showing some very HANDSOME TAILORED WAISTS with starched ploughshare front at \$1.89. DAINY WHITE TAILORED WAIST with blue piping at \$1.50. PLAIN WHITE TAILORED WAISTS at 75 cents, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$2.00. F. A. Dykeman & Co., 59 Charlotte St.

Galvanized Ash Barrels Strongly Made of Good Iron. We will stencil the name of anyone buying six barrels, on them FREE OF CHARGE. EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain St.

Important Corset Sale. Manufacturers' Samples and Odd Lines at Money Saving Figures. Here are good Corsets at very low prices. The display consists of all up-to-date models in great enough variety to meet every requirement. Commencing This Morning. White Corsets, Grey Corsets, Medium and Long Lengths, Two or Four Pairs Supporters. Sale Prices ARE: 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50. BETTER COME EARLY.

Slightly Soiled Whitewear Greatly Reduced. Night Dressee, Princess Slips, Combinations, Drawers, Skirts, Corset Covers. Our specials for this week at 39c. Drawers, embroidery trimmed. Corset Cover, lace insertion, ribbon neck and sleeves edged with lace. WHITEWEAR DEPARTMENT.

Great Sale of Veilings. Now that the season for veilings is approaching this sale is timely. The colors are black, browns, tans, navy, greens, etc., in spots, herigon meshes, Russian net, crinkle and other popular meshes. These are all good strong veilings and marked at prices to effect a speedy clearance. Per yard 8c, 10c, 15c, 20c. (ANNEX). At the Annual Spring Sale. There are great saving opportunities in furnishings for Men and Boys. All new goods at special prices. MEN'S and BOYS' FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT.

Worth While Savings at the February Clothing Sale. Very unusual bargains in Men's and Boys' Overcoats and Reefers—See them. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL DO MUCH BUSINESS. Slaughter of Birds for Obtaining Feathers Discussed—Will Support Petition for Juvenile Court—Suggestions Received.

LABOR CARNIVAL GREAT SUCCESS. Brilliant Scene as Gaily Dressed Skaters Throng Crowded Ice—Barber Representative Won Special Prize.

DRIVE AND SUPPER FOR BORDEN CLUB. Preliminary Arrangements Made for Outing on Wednesday, Feb. 22—Speeches by Prominent Conservatives.

The E. L. Borden Club will hold a sleigh drive and supper at Newcombe's, Torreyburn, on Wednesday evening, the 22nd of this month. The committee in charge have the preliminary arrangements well in hand and the success of the evening lies entirely with the members of the club. An excellent musical program has been arranged and short speeches will be delivered by Premier Hazen, Hon. Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., Dr. John W. Daniel, M. P., Recorder Baxter, E. C., Daniel Mullin, K. C., John E. Wilson, M. P. P., and W. Frank Hatheway, M. P. P. Tickets may be procured from any business standpoint.