

SNOW AND ICE WEIGHING ON WIRE BREAKS

Telephone and Telegraph Wires Broken in Places--Wheel Traffic Much Hindered By Snow and Ice.

The snow record of the winter has been greatly increased by the intermittent falls of the past few days. The ground is raised in some places by from 12 to 20 inches since Wednesday last. The roads are higher, deeper, harder to get thru. But street rain and sunshine have, at last, cleared the snow, and now it is packing down. There may not be any more drifts. It is in consequence of the crust on top, however, that it is harder than ever to move. There is a drive across fields on Sunday to get wood out of their barns and horses mired in three to five feet of snow, and had to dig them out. A lot of roads that look like being opened at an early date are now further than ever away from being used.

The sleet and rain of Saturday froze on the trees, especially pines; then snow followed upon the ice, and the enormous weight broke or bore down the limbs so that all kinds of electric wires were disturbed or thrown down.

There is an immense amount of water gathering under the snow, and a soft spell may produce floods all over. The creeks and rivers begin to show indications in this direction.

Traffic is hampered. The city streets never were so filled with snow. Tearing is greatly hampered. Motor trucks have to keep away from hundreds of miles of streets that they cannot get thru. Horses are all overworked. The streets present two most pressing problems; to let the accumulating water away and to get some of the snow removed. The danger is it may all go to ice. First set the gutters and make gratings in them open, even if citizens have to turn out and do it. Neighbors ought to co-operate in this work, and business men, if they have any kind of approach to their fronts, ought to join in the work. The city cannot begin to deal with the situation, and those who are not opening up business today ought to take advantage of that fact and tackle the water and help it.

Freight Moving Freely

The ice has heavily coated the wires along the railroads and this has considerably hindered service. Conditions on the G.P.R. were such that practically all the wires between Ilderton and Dixie on Saturday were down, and the Detroit and Water Street lines take a different route from that ordinarily used. Superintendent Arundel said on Sunday that freight traffic was moving fairly well. Asked as to the reason for the Boston train being so long overdue on Sunday, Mr. Arundel said that his jurisdiction reached no further than Hamilton.

The telephone and telegraph companies and the Hydro-Electric are comparatively well.

"We had some trouble from the wires breaking with the weight of the ice," said W. J. Duclow, of the G.N.W. Telegraph Company. "Our worst trouble was near Carleton Place on Saturday. We got along fine yesterday, and today everything is fixed up. We lost no poles."

"Our lines north and east were not affected," said G. Barber, of the C.P.R. Telegraph Company. "But we lost a lot of wires, on account of the sleet, on the west line between Ilderton and Guelph Junction. We had a big gang of men working there, now and they worked all night Saturday, so we hope to have them fixed in a day or two."

"We did not suffer much by the storm," said Frank C. Maw of the Bell Telephone Co. "A few wires were down in the city, excepting the number one, but these were soon repaired and as the traffic was not heavy we had no serious trouble. About ten long distance wires on the St. Catharines line just beyond the lumber were down, but we expect them to be ok by noon today."

Accidents on Streets.

In spite of the icy condition of the sidewalks, two accidents were reported by them were reported to the police over the week end. Mrs. J. Smith, 3 Argyle street, fell while walking on Kingston street Saturday and fractured her left leg. She was taken to the Western Hospital in the police ambulance attached to Clarence street station.

Janet Macklebreth, who is employed as a maid in the General Hospital, was removed to that institution Sunday night after she fell on the sidewalk at the corner of Yonge and Richmond streets. She was not badly injured.

Passenger Service in West Will Be Further Restricted

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—It is now assured that there will be a further reduction in passenger train service in the west, the Canadian Press is officially advised. The matter is under consideration by the administrative sub-committee of the Canadian Railway Association for national defense. The question of train mileage has resolved itself into one of fuel. From present indications it is altogether probable that coal from the United States for Canada will be very short for some time. In order to conserve fuel and have some on hand to handle the fuel crop, further reduction on passenger trains become imperative, especially on the Canadian Pacific, it is learned.

There is a feeling on the American side that Canadian railways last year were given their full supply of coal from the Pennsylvania mines, while the industries and railways in that country had to curtail for lack of fuel, and in consequence the railways of Canada feel that unless every disposition is made on the part of the people of Canada to show a willingness to make some sacrifices, it will be most difficult for eastern Canadian railways to secure an adequate supply for the future without American coal it would be difficult and almost impossible for roads in the east to operate.

Forty Years on I.C.R.

Warrfax, N.S., Feb. 10.—L. E. Archibald, superintendent of the dining car service on the eastern division of the Canadian Government Railway, died today at his home in Truro. He had been 40 years in the employ of the railway.

SOLDIERS' RELATIVES MAY CALL CHAPLAIN

Col. G. H. Williams, senior chaplain in military district No. 2, has made arrangements for giving information to relatives and friends of soldiers returning wounded from the front. He has had installed in his office at military headquarters a telephone, so that the information can be readily given out. The number of this telephone is College 57. Hitherto there have been many complaints of the lack of information regarding returning men and the lateness of the trains on which they have arrived. The railway stations have been crowded, many times for hours when trains would be very late, with people awaiting the men, but this new plan will do away with waiting at the stations. Military headquarters will be in touch with the train all along its route, and it will be possible to tell if it is on time, or if late, how much. This telephone will be open at 6 a.m. today, and on this occasion will be in charge of Capt. W. G. White, one of the chaplains of this military district.

MANY TAKE TRIP OUT OF TORONTO OVER WEEK-END

Some People Did Not Know of Order Until Shops Closed.

BANKS REMAINED OPEN

Theatres Will Make Most of Last Open Monday for Six Weeks.

"Are you closed today?" "Why do you close on a Saturday?" "Can't I get in by the side door?"

Such were the questions asked of many grocers and other keepers of shops throughout Toronto on Saturday. And questions were not the only evidence that many people never read newspapers nor talk much with people who do, for at many of the stores might be seen would-be customers trying to get in and being unable to understand the reason for closing.

It was noticed, too, that many farmers came into Toronto to do the shopping altogether unaware of the fact that after noon it was impossible to buy anything except drugs.

Regarding the closing of the whole city as it does on a holiday. Carpenters and others whose work kept them in unheated places went to work. The majority of the people stayed at home. There was no rush hour on the street cars. The streets were quiet except here and there where a theatrical picture house was taking in or discharging its patrons.

Banks Were Open.

Some of the banks kept their whole staffs at work, also they were not taking any deposits, but were merely meeting maturing obligations. Today, however, the majority of the banks intend to keep closed with the exception of having one or two of the staff kept open at night. Law offices were closed with the exception of hour on the required to open and look over the mail, and in one building where there were many offices the manager himself went around and told the occupants who seemed to want to stay that it was against the law.

Halls of friendly societies were open on Saturday, this being allowable on account of the fact that they had therein having been advertised before February 1.

Early Closing Today.

Grocers, bakers and butchers' stores will be open until noon today, and most of them expect to do a big business in the few hours they are open. For many of the people, the oversight or ignorance of the closing hour had not led in a supply sufficient for the whole period.

This is the last Monday until April 1 that the theatres will be open, and the Royal Alexandra will have one at three o'clock. All the picture houses will have their usual matinees.

Many people took the opportunity of the closing order to take a trip out of the city, and large crowds left by train on Friday night. On Saturday and Sunday the traffic by the steam roads was very light in comparison with other Saturdays and Sundays.

The Massey-Harris Company's Toronto plant will be in operation today by permission of the fuel controller, as it is engaged on seeders and tractors for Great Britain and western Canada. The Verity Plow Co. of Brantford, an affiliated company, also will be in operation, making tractors. The Massey-Harris Brantford plant will be closed, being engaged only in the manufacture of binders and mowers, and the Balm Wagon Co. at Woodstock also will be closed, as only wagons are made there.

APPROACHING A SETTLEMENT.

St. Catharines, Feb. 10.—The Grand Trunk board of conciliation adjourned at noon today until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, when the representative of the G.T.R. will be back from Montreal. It was learned that good progress is being made in going over the road side, and that probably one or two days will see the conclusion of the work of the conference. The matter of an eight-hour day was one of the questions to be settled in a way agreeable to both parties.

OBEYED IN QUEBEC.

Quebec, Feb. 10.—Quebec cheerfully carried out the order of the fuel controller on Saturday, and all establishments affected by the "heatless" day order closed their doors.



After the batt'e of Flanders. British Tommies wash and brush up behind the lines at Zillebeke.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS REACH HOME TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS REMARKABLE RECORD

All Members of One Class in Bloor Street Baptist Enlisted.

Bloor Street Baptist Sunday school has made a remarkable showing, as three successive teachers enlisted voluntarily. Rev. Dr. W. J. McKay has received a cable "All well" from his son, Flight-Commander Evans A. McKay, who won his military cross and promotion for flight fighting over the German lines. James K. Shore, the teacher when war broke out, went with the University Bas Hospital draft to Salonika, later securing a commission in the Seaforth Highlanders. The next teacher, Cecil H. Foxlee, was killed at the front by a German shell. The third teacher, Milne A. Smith, a graduate of McMaster University, enlisted as a private with the remaining members of the class. He has been wounded, but has recovered and is back with his unit. One member, Frank Bedlow, has been killed in action. Seventeen former members have given their lives for the empire in France.

Breach of Armistice Proved From Captures of Germans

London, Feb. 10.—A British official communication calls attention to the German-Russian armistice stipulations signed on Dec. 15, that no German troops should be transferred to the west front, save movements already begun. It has been definitely ascertained from prisoners captured on the west front, says the statement, that seven named divisions from Vilna, Lemberg, Ternopol, Pinsk, Warsaw, Riga and Novogorod, left the east front between Dec. 26 and 31 and arrived on the west front between Dec. 21 and Jan. 7.

MEMORIAL TABLET FOR NINE HEROES

Unveiling Takes Place for the Members of Broadway Tabernacle.

SOLEMN FEATURES

Rev. Dr. Young, a Former Pastor, Delivered the Address.

Broadway Tabernacle was the scene of an impressive military memorial service yesterday morning. A bronze tablet was unveiled bearing the names of nine former members of the congregation who had fallen in action while serving with the Canadian expeditionary force. Rev. Thos. W. Neal, pastor, conducted the service; Rev. Dr. W. R. Young, former pastor, delivered the memorial sermon; W. A. Doig and Capt. Herbert Baker unveiled the tablet. The names on the tablet are: James H. Oldham, James E. Moore, Arthur Edwards, Henry N. Kane, Roy Sears, Alfred Livingston, George B. S. Fleming, Stuart D. Brammer and Joseph T. Rymerhart.

For his memorial sermon Rev. Dr. Young took as his text, "What mean ye by this service?" from Joshua. The memorial, he said, represented five ideas: First, a memorial pointed to God; a God of a nation was God's good men. Second, manhood; it need ed a man to be worthy of a memorial. Third, the memorial representing conflict. In this case, the heroes whose names appeared on the tablet had faced the most hellish combination the world had ever known. Fourth, they had fought the good fight. Fifth, the memorial represented victory; these men had fought for victory, a victory over tyranny, selfishness and cruelty.

Specially solemn features of the service were the playing of the "Dead March in Saul" and the sounding of "The Last Post" by a bugler.

SOME IMPROVEMENT IN TRAIN SERVICES

Higher Temperature Makes Possible Better Progress.

MILD SPELL COMING

Short Route Trains Mostly Arrived on Time.

For the first time in several weeks the temperatures in Toronto have averaged above normal, Saturday's lowest record was 13 degrees above and the highest was 22 degrees above. Very high temperatures were also recorded in Battleford and Winnipeg, the most health combination the world had ever known. Fourth, they had fought the good fight. Fifth, the memorial represented victory; these men had fought for victory, a victory over tyranny, selfishness and cruelty.

ULTIMATUM SENT TO RUMANIA

Demanding Peace Fourparlers

Basel, Switzerland, Feb. 10.—German newspapers arriving here say that Field Marshal von Mackensen sent an ultimatum to the Rumanian Government on Feb. 4 demanding that peace negotiations be begun within four days. The Rumanian cabinet thereupon resigned.

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Montreal	7:30 am	11:00 am
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AUSTRIAN UKRAINES PLEASED.

Amsterdam, Feb. 10.—The leaders of the Ukrainian (Ruthenian) rep. sectatives in the Austrian Parliament have sent congratulations to Emperor Charles on the signing of peace with the Ukraine, saying a Vienna despatch expressed confidence that the approaching peace "would also bring the Ukrainians of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy full national political freedom."

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