# SNOW AND ICE WEIGHING ON WIRES CAUSE 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 fails of the past ten 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 sleet, rain and sunshine have at last anchored the snow, and now it is packing down. There may not be any more drifts. It is in consequence harder than ever to move. There is a crust on top. Farmers who had to drive across fields on Sunday to get wood out of their bush had their horses mired in three to five feet of snow, and had to dig them out! A lot of roads that looked 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.

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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. Teaming 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 get the gutters and water gratings in them opened, even if citizens have to turn out and do it. Neighbors ought to co-operate in this work, and business men, if they wish to have any kind of approaches 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 away.

Freight Moving Freely

The ice has heavily coated the wires along the milways and this has considerably hindered service. Conditions

along the nailways and this has con-siderably hindered service. Conditions on the C.P.R. were such that practically all the wires between Islington and Dixie on Saturday were down, and the Detroit trains were forced to take the Detroit trains were f

"We had some trouble from the wires breaking with the weight of the whee breaking with the weight of the ice." said W. J. Duckworth, of the G.N.W. Telegraph Company. "Our worst trouble was near Scarboro Junction. However, we got along first class yesterday, and today everything is fixed up. We lost no poles."

"Our lines north and east were not affected," said Wm G. Barber of the affected," said Wm. G. Barber, of the C.P.R. Telegraph Company. "But we lost a lot of wires, on account of the sleet, on the west lines between Islingtion and Guelph Junction. We have 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 Pell Telephone Co. "A few wires were down in the city, but they 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 Humber were down, but we expect them to be o.k. by noon today." Accidents on Streets.

In spite of the icy condition of the sidewalks only two accidents caused by them were reported to the police over the week end. Mrs. J. Smith, 3 rgyle street, fell while walking on Ossington avenue Saturday and fracfured her left leg. She was removed to the Western Hospital in the police ambulance attached to Claremont street station.

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 in-

#### 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 resent indications it is altogether robable that coal from the United States for Canadian use will be far thort of previous years. In order to onserve fuel and have some on hand to handle the fall crop, further reduction on passenger trains becomes 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 industries and railways in that country had to curtail fears had to comtry had to curtail for lack of fuel, and in consequence the railways of Can-ada feel that unless every disposition on the part of the people of Canada is shown to be willing to make some sacrifices, it will be most difficult for eastern Canadian railways to secure an adequate supply for the future, and without American coal it would be difficult and almost impossible roads in the east to operate.

FORTY YEARS ON I.C.R. wallfax, N.S., Feb. 10.-L. B. Archi-bald, superintendent of the dining car service on the eastern division of the Canadian Government Railways, died today at his home in Truro. He had

## 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.

# OUT OF TORONTO OVER WEEK-END

Some People Did Not Know Returned British Captives of Order Until Shops Closed.

BANKS REMAINED OPEN DYING OF STARVATION

Last Open Monday for Six Weeks.

"Are you closed today?" "Why do you close on a Saturday?" "Can't I has received copies of carefully veriget in by the side door?" Such were the questions asked of many grocers and other keepers of

looked as it does on a holiday. Carpenters and others whose work kept them in unheated places were at work, but the majority of the people stayed at home. There was no rush hour on the street cars. The streets were quiet placed in a separate part of the camp event here and these whose the streets were quiet placed in a separate part of the camp except here and there where a that behind barbed wire. According to the tr or picture house was taking in or reports they were unnecessarily knock.

disgorging its patrons.

Banks Were Open.

Some of the banks kept their whole staffs at work, altho they were not taking any description.

The Italian however, the majority of the banks intend to keep closed with the excepsaid on Friday night that if the ba ks said on Friday night that if the basks kept open they were laying themselves liable to a penalty. Law offices were closed with the exception of the time required to open and look over the mail, and in one building where there are many offices the manager himself went around and told the occupants who seemed to work the required to work the required to the time.

Italian testified that he had been 15 days on the journey to the camp and had had only three meals during all that time.

Italians Die Rapidly.

There is a strong feeling among the English prisoners that something should be done for the Italians, who was a strong the required to the camp and had had only three meals during all that time. 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 meetings being held therein having been advertised be-

fore 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 onen for many of the people, thru open, for many of the people, thru oversight or ignorance of the closing order, had not laid in a supply sufficient for the whole period.

This is the last Monday until April that the theatens will be open and

This is the last Monday funtil April 1 that the theatres will be open, and large audiences are expected at each performance. The Princess and the Grand theatres are having a special matinee at the usual hour, 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

f 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 control-

day by permission of the fuel control-ler, as it is engaged on seeders and tractors for Great Britain and west-ern 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 Bain Wagon Co. at Woodstock also will be closed, as only wagons are made there.

### APPROACHING A SETTLEMENT.

Stratford, Feb. 9 .- The Grand Trunk lians. These men have one ration of oard of conciliation adjourned at soup and bread daily. 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 produced back by the Germans with gress in being made in going over the drawn swords as they were going to men's side, and that probably one or get their soup allowance. Another two days will see the conclusion of witness testified that at the Hemeln 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 conat his home in Truro. He had troller on Saturday, and all establishments affected by the "heatless" day order closed their doors

# ITALIAN PRISONERS SUFFER BRUTALLY

Record Maltreatment by Prison Guards.

Theatres Will Make Most of Men Travel Twelve Days on Three Issues of Soup.

> has received copies of carefully verified sworn statements from British St.; H. Burrell, 413 Ontario St.; J. Cowan, 45 Gloucester St.; John Donosoldiers who have returned from Ger-

ed about by under officers and guards, who struck them with rifle butts and

The Italians seemed famished and taking any deposits, but were merely used to rush for their soup. The Germeeting maturing obligations. Today, mans, however, stabbed them with however, the majority of the banks swords and bayoncts, killing or wounding many of them. Seven or tion of having one or two of the staff eight Italians were dying from star-on hand. Fuel Commissioner Harris vation in the camp every day. One vation in the camp every day. One Italian testified that he had been 15

are dying at the rate of six or seven a day thru starvation or dysentery. From the Dulmen, Westphalia, camp there are reports from many indepen-dent witnesses concerning the way the Italian prisoners are treated. It is stated that the prisoners were marched all the way from Italy with no other food than bread. They also were knocked about and starved and otherwise treated with inhumanity. English prisoners gave them their German ra-

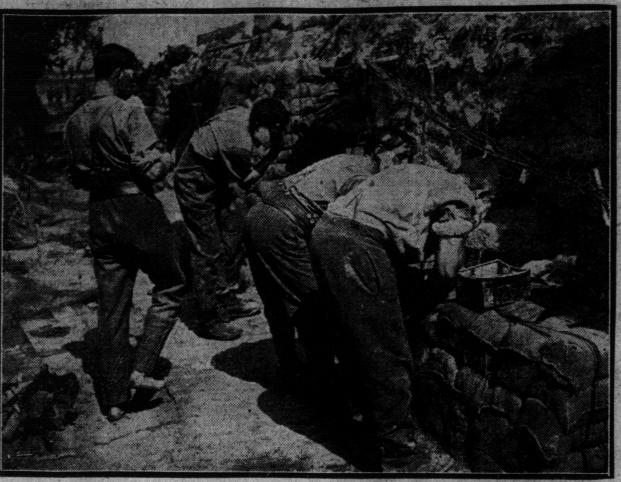
One witness said that three or four weeks before he left Dulmen 200 or 300 Italian prisoners arrived there. All of them were virtually starved. "I saw a German sentry drew his bayonet against these men and beat them," said this witness.

In Cassel, it is reported the Italians are treated worse than the British, being pushed about or struck by German comporals. At Mannheim the same brutality is regularly practiced. One witness said the Italians traveled 12 days on three issues of soup. The Italians rushed madly for the food and some of them were layoneted. The Germans, this report said, were giving them only half rations.
Other Instances.

At Muenster it was testified the behavior of the Germans to the Italians had become much worse since the re-cent large capture of Italians. The prisoners suffered very much from the cold and were wrapping themselves in blanke's whenever they could. This bad conduct and bllying on the part of the Germans set in only recently. One witness said he saw the Italians knocked down frequently and also hit with the butt end of rirles. This treatment was not due particularly to bad conduct and bullying on the part ers, but simply because they were Ita-

Similar evidence comes from Zerhst, camp the Italians were nearly starved and fought among themselves for a piece of bread thrown to them by British prisoners.

At Friedrichsfelde, Province Brandenburg, the treatment of the Ita-lians was equally barbarious. Here sentries shot Italians for trying to get food from British prisoners. Equally revolting stories come from Hemmelburg, Stendal, Soltau, Limburg and Hamburg.



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

# IN GERMAN HANDS WOUNDED SOLDIERS REACH HOME TODA

Detachment Left Quebec at Noon Yesterday on Last Part of Journey.

The Military Hospitals Commission expects another detachment of returned soldiers today. It is expected that these men will arrive at North Toronto at 7.30 this morning. They left Quebec yesterday at noon-Following is a list of the state of the st is a list of those in the detachment: Toronto-T. Blakley, 148 Dundas hoe, 197 Clinton St.; W. Farrant, 305 the Detroit trains were forced to take a different route from that ordinarily used. Superintendent Arundel stated on Sunday that freight traffic was moving fairly freely. 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.

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Welland; E. Carpenter, Winona; Ebert, Cache Bay: H. Edwards, Maxville; A. Greenwood, R. R. No. 2, Sunderland; F. Hampton, Oshawa; Johnston, R. R. No. 1, Weston; Leggate, Burk's Falls; W. Murch, 296 Lundy Park, Niagara Falls; D. Mc-Kinnon, R. R. No. 1, Ceylon; C. Neg, Kemble; C. Nicol, Holstein; W. Osborne, Dunnville; H. Thompson, 101 Front St., Orillia; L. Vaguer, Trout

## 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 18 degrees acove and the highest was 32 degrees above. Very high temperatures were also recorded in Battleford and Winnipeg, while at Port Arthur the highest reported was 16 degrees above. The forecast for today and tonight is for mild weather in Ontario, as indeed

mild weather in Ontario, as, indeed, for all Canada.

With the exception of the G.T.R. train due to arrive in Toronto at 5.45 p.m., and the C.P.R. due to arrive from Boston at 12.03 p.m., which were about six hours behind sphedule the about six hours behind schedule, the railway services on Sunday showed some improvement over those of the days previous. The Chicago trains of both railways were about three hours late, and most of the others, except those from Montreal, were anywhere from an hour to two hours behind

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SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS REMARKABLE RECORD MEMORIAL TABLET

All Members of One Class in Bloom Street Baptist Enlisted.

Bloor Street Baptist Sunday school has made a remarkable showing as 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 Base Hospital draft to Salonika, later securing a commission in the Seaforth Highlanders. The next teacher, Cecil H. Foxlee. ers. 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 maining 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

#### Breach of Armistice Proved From Captures of Germans

London, Feb. 10.—A British official Doldge and Capt Herbert Baker un-24th St., Mount Hamilton; J. Merlin, 50 Tiffany St.; E. Tobin, 338 McNab St. north.

St. north.

Brantford—J. Doy, 34 Bridge St.; J. Harwood, 30 Palmerston Ave.; A. Hogan, 121 Charlette St.; John Windle, 18 Drummond St.

St. Catharines—P. Costello, general delivery; E. Indenden, 57 Division St. J. Beaudry, Cochrane; H. Blake, Port Dover; E. Bradley, 28 Locust St., Welland; E. Carpenter, Winoma: W. St. Catharines—P. Costello of the west front between Dec. 16 and 31 and arrived on the west front between Dec. man-Russian armistice stipulations veiled the tablet. The names on the tablet are: James H. Oldham, James E. Moore, Arthur Edwards, Henry N. Kane, Roy Sears, Alfred Linington, George R. S. Fleming, Stuart D. Bremner and Joseph T. Rynehart. 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 needed a man to be worthy of a memorial. Third, the memorial represented conditions. rived on the west front between Dec-

Ultimatum Sent to Rumania Demanding Peace Pourparlers

Third, the memorial represented 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. Wifth the Basel, Switzerland, Feb. 10.-Gerworld 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. man newspapers arriving here say that Field Marshal von Mackensen sent an ultimatum to the Rumanian Government on Feb. 6 demanding that peace negotiations be begun within four days. The Rumanian cabinet thereupon resigned.

# RAILWAYS NEEDED TO DEVELOP COAL IN GANADIAN WES

Province of Alberta Sixty-five Per Cent. of De posits in Dominion.

### WITHIN EASY REACH

Peat Cannot Be Used as Su stitute for Coal in All Circumstances.

Coal from Alberta could be mined aid down in Ontario at a price n less than that now paid for Pennsyl thracite. This was one of the s rter for The World on Saturday ni

memorial tables.

Broadway Tabernacle.

Broadway Tabernacle was the scene of an impressive military memorial service yesterday morning. A bronze tablet was unweiled bearing the names of nine former members of the congregation who had failen in action while serving with the Canadian expeditionary force. Rev. Thos. W. Neal, paston, conducted the service; Nev. Dr. W. R. Young, former pastor, delivered the memorial service is the names on the ablet are: James H. Oldham, James M. Moore, Airthur Edwards, Hanny N. Opening up the labor to open up your voluding the past deposits of the names on the ablet are: James H. Oldham, James M. Moore, Airthur Edwards, Hanny N. Neal, Table names on the ablet are: James H. Oldham, James M. Moore, Airthur Edwards, Hanny N. Neal, Table not to open up your voluding the names of the past deposits of the names on the ablet are: James H. Oldham, James M. Moore, Airthur Edwards, Hanny N. Neal, Table not to open up your voluding the name of the labor to open up your voluding the name of the labor to open up your voluding the name of the labor to open up your voluding the name of the labor to open up your voluding the name of the labor to open up your voluding the name of the labor to open up your voluding the nam

Opening Peat Bogs.

Mr. Allan discussed the peat deposits near Toronto. "You should have no trouble to find the labor to open up your bogs," he said, "as women can cut peat as well as men. In Ireland it is a common sight to see pretty colleens at work in the peat bogs." Peat, he pointed out, could not replace coal entirely. It is a good fuel for open fires, for cookstoves etc. but is not suitable for making steam or for use in furnaces. If mixed with coal it could be used in residential furnaces, and the combination would provide more heat than coal alone.

## AUSTRIAN UKRAINES PLEASED.

Amsterdam, Feb. 10.—The leaders of the Ukrainian (Ruthenian) repr sen-tatives in the Austrian Parliament have sent congratulations to Er Charles on the signing of peace with the Ukraine, says a Vienna despatch and expressed confidence that the approaching peace "would also bring the krain ans of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy full national, political freedom."

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