

THE WEATHER. Toronto, Jan. 17.—The disturbance centered over New Brunswick this morning is moving in a northeast course over Newfoundland tonight attended by moderate gales with rain and snow over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces. The cold wave is centered tonight over Lake Superior and decidedly cold weather will prevail over Eastern Canada tomorrow.

AROUND THE CITY. ROTARY CLUB. A. M. Belding was the speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday. A good attendance of the members was present.

CITY COUNCIL POSTPONED. On account of the meeting of the Municipal Council today the regular session of the City Council has been postponed until tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

REVIVES HOTEL TALK. H. R. McLellan, secretary of the Commercial Club, left last evening for Boston. It is rumored that when he returns some interesting news regarding a new hotel will be available.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. C. H. Dexter, Hampstead, is in the city today. Mr. Dexter has the contract for supplying the blocks for the city's paving programme. He says good progress is being made in the cutting of the blocks, and he will have his contract completed well within the specified time.

HALIFAX UNEMPLOYED. There are at present on the list of applicants for work at the Halifax employment office the names of 198 married men, who have dependent on them 382 children. This means that out of the 580 men wanting work, 40 per cent. are married. There does not seem to be any openings of employment for these men, who include all trades, from laborers to bank managers.

DAYLIGHT SAVING. The subject of daylight saving was introduced at yesterday's meeting of the Common Council and the opinion expressed that before any action was taken this year, the people should be given an opportunity of saying whether they wanted it or not, and Commissioner Prink moved that a plebiscite be taken by the Mayor to report on the time and conditions of taking the same. This carried and His Worship will report later.

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PAINTERS' UNION ELECT OFFICERS. Annual Meeting Held in Charlotte Street Hall—J. Pascall Chosen President. The Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, local No. 794, held their annual meeting in their hall Charlotte street last night, heard reports and elected officers for the ensuing term. The officers chosen are as follows: J. Pascall, President. J. E. Beck, Vice-president. F. T. Kennedy, Financial Secretary. C. Richardson, Treasurer. P. Warren, Warden. E. Hayman, Conductor.

VISITATION NIGHT GREATLY ENJOYED. Baptist Young People of Main and Central Churches Visited Waterloo St. Society. A meeting of several groups of Baptist young people assembled at Waterloo street Baptist church last evening. It was a visitation night, and the Main street young people's society with that of Central Baptist visited the Waterloo society. There was a large attendance of the three societies and a very enjoyable entertainment was given by Main and Central members, which included varied selections instrumental and vocal, interspersed with recitations, and a brief address by Rev. S. S. Bone and Rev. David Hutchinson.

Heavy Damage To Ferry Approach

Filing Sustaining North Wing Collapsed—Strong Undertow Said to be Cause. The piling sustaining the north wing at the approach to the east side ferry floats gave way, shortly after the noon hour yesterday, and presently collapsed and toppled over into the water. The strong undertow is said to have so weakened the under part of the piling that it could no longer stand the strain upon it.

Tugs Engaged. Ferry traffic was tied up a short time following the collapse of the wing until the tugs Lord Beatty and Murray Stewart, of the Nagle and Wigmore fleet, could get a line on the wreckage, break it from its anchorage and tow the mass of timbers to Rodney wharf, West Side, where it is now moored. Monetary Damage Not Determined. Commissioner Bullock reports that the estimate for the year included an item of \$5,000 for necessary repairs on the East Side wing at the approach to the floats, along with wharf frontage to provide a substantial backing to this particular wing which collapsed. The extent of the damage has not yet been determined and the commissioner was unable to say last night how much more money will be required to replace the wing. Since the Navy Island bar went out, he says, the under tow and currents have been much stronger and have had an ill effect on the ferry dock structure. Will Lessen Undertow.

The commissioner is of the opinion that with the completion of the Negro Town Point breakwater the power of the undertow will be greatly lessened. He believes that work on the breakwater will be undertaken very soon, as the superintendent of ferries has been requested to "write at once" his views on the question. The work of making temporary repairs to the north wing will begin at once.

No Relief In Sight For Smokers

Tobaccoists Report There Can be No Lowering of Prices Before September. Prices on all necessities show an inclination to slide back to the levels of pre-war times with the exception of cigars and tobacco. With the newspapers full of reports of an over production in the tobacco plant crop there was reason to believe that "smokes" should take a drop. No Drop Before September. A tobaccoist of the city informed The Standard yesterday the public could not reasonably expect a drop in the smokers' delights much before September. The domestic crop of tobacco leaf, he said, would not be sufficiently matured to roll and press into favored brands for market purposes before that time. The factories for their present stock output, are using the materials which were secured on the high figure and, necessarily, the high price for the product must prevail. When last season's crop is ready for the manufacture, that is when it has become sufficiently matured for the market, then, and not until then, can the tobacco user expect to pay less than he is now paying for his tobacco. Exchange Rate Hurts. Another thing helping to keep up the price of cigars is the difficulty in the highest, it is said, is worth much without the Havana wrappers and they are expensive things to procure on account of the adverse exchange rate. How long this will keep up tobaccoists have no way of knowing. Put it down for a fact, however, there is no immediate relief in sight for the tobacco user paying the high price.

Stubborn Fire On Mount Pleasant

Dwelling Owned by Lorne Hazen Badly Gutted—Estimated Loss is \$1,800. Fire which broke out about 9.15 last night in the residence on Mount Pleasant Court, owned by Lorne Hazen and occupied by his brother, Fred B. Hazen, caused damage amounting in the neighborhood of \$1,800. Vacating the House. The house, which is of a frame structure, had been occupied by Fred B. Hazen and his family until early yesterday afternoon; and as they were vacating the premises, a small part of the furniture had been moved. R. H. Bruce, who occupies the adjoining residence, was the first to observe the conflagration, and he promptly sent in an alarm from box 222. At that time Mr. Bruce states the fire was entirely in the basement. Stubborn Fire. In response to the alarm, No. 4 hose wagon, No. 1 motor pumper, No. 3 hose cart, ladder truck and salvage corps shortly afterwards were on the scene, and immediately started to fight the fire. This was gotten into the walls on the ground floor, and proved very stubborn and awkward to conquer. It is thought that the fire originated in or was caused by the hot air furnace, and the blaze closely followed the hot air vents, which tended to advance the flames to the top floor of the building. Through the action of the fire department, however, the fire made little headway upstairs. Estimated Loss. The estimated loss to the house itself amounts to about \$1,500, while the furniture suffered damage to the extent of about \$300. Fortunately a good part of the furniture remaining in the residence had been moved to two of the front rooms, where the salvage corps performed good work or the damage to it might have been more serious. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

HORSE KILLED IN WEST ST. JOHN

A horse with delivery team and owned by Brown Grocery Co., Ladlow street, was struck by a street car on Union street, West St. John shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon. At the time of the accident the teamster was driving from the Colwell Fuel Company building and could not see the approaching car owing to a coal car obstructing the view. The horse had only stepped on the track when it was struck. The wagon was thrown to the street unharmed, while the horse had one of its legs broken. Policeman Gill was summoned and killed the suffering animal with a shot from his revolver.

Four Maltese Were Stowaways

Came from France on S. S. Baymano—Kept at Expense of Ship. It happened in the police court yesterday afternoon. The balance of the business before the court had been disposed of and the magistrate turned to the court sergeant and said: "Bring in those four Maltese." The atmosphere grew tense with suppressed indignation, and everyone looked around with surprise to find that the source of the magnetic influence emanated from "Torta," the police court cat. The lordly angora was decidedly ruffled at the suggested intrusion and refused to be pacified until the arrival of the four Maltese who she discovered were stowaways and not felines, as she had imagined. Will Be Returned. The four, ranging in age from 16 to 26, frankly admitted to stealing on board the S. S. Baymano just before she left Antwerp, France, for St. John. They were remanded to jail, and the master of the ship, Captain Weatherill, was informed that he would have to take the lads back with him when he sailed and also settle up with the authorities for their board and lodging during their sojourn in the city. The fact that they were to be fed and lodged free at the ship's expense, and then be given another free passage half way round the world, seemed to tickle two of the younger boys immensely, and it was only with difficulty that they throttled down their merriment from guffaws to the widest of smiles. Plenty of Stowaways. Captain Weatherill said that he discovered four stowaways several days out from France. They were all hiding in the bunker coal. A few hours after he was at sea he received a wireless from the S. S. Bay of Rameno, which left Antwerp after his ship, on her way to Galveston, Texas, stating that they had found five stowaways, one of them a dead one, and were putting back to land them. Later they wired that after landing the five and putting to sea again, two more were discovered.

Investigating A Case in Albert

Minister of Health Receives Report of Suspected Small-pox Case. Minister of Health Roberts is investigating a case at Albert which bears the ear marks of small pox. The physician in attendance was in doubt as to whether he had a well defined case of the dreaded disease and promptly reported the case to the Minister. Proceed With Treatment. The physician was instructed to proceed with treatment of the patient as if he were suffering with the disease, to take all precaution to prevent any spread and an expert was sent to make a thorough examination and report immediately to the Health Department. On North Shore. The Minister of Health reports a few cases of smallpox on the North Shore. There is no epidemic of the disease at any spot in the province. The few outbreaks that have occurred are sporadic and there has been no occasion for any alarm over it. Wherever appeared very prompt measures have been taken to have a rigid quarantine, and every precaution known to medical science has been employed to prevent any spread. Chicken Pox. In other sections of the province, as well as in St. John city, there is an epidemic of chicken pox. These cases come under the direction of the district board of health and all are grappling with the outbreak to make it of short duration.

Cemetery Company Shows Good Balance

Cedar Hill Owners Show Balance of \$3,710.44—Total Assets Are \$9,593.52. The annual meeting of Cedar Hill Cemetery Company was held last night at the office of the company. There was a good attendance. Reports were received and the meeting was presided over by the president E. O. Jones. The financial report which was most gratifying was as follows: Receipts \$958.50 Expenditures \$6248.06 Balance on hand \$3710.44 The total assets of the company are \$9593.52 and it is one of the best years in the history of the company. After the general business of the meeting was over, on motion the directors were re-elected on block viz: G. W. Gray, F. E. Marvin, Thomas Rippey, W. J. Linton, George Vincent, E. O. Jones, W. H. Allingham. One of the features of the directors' activities during the past year was the erection of a costly receiving vault. Another meeting will be held next Monday evening for the purpose of electing officers.

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