

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh northwest winds; few and decidedly cold. Toronto, Feb. 23.—The north-western cold wave is now moving southward and gradually moderating in intensity. Generally fine weather has prevailed today throughout Canada, decidedly cold from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and more moderate in the west.

Temperatures.

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	46
Vancouver	42	46
Calgary	32	44
Medicine Hat	10	28
Battleford	4	20
Moosjoe	8	25
Regina	12	22
Winnipeg	30	4
Port Arthur	18	12
Perry Sound	18	4
London	7	9
Toronto	8	7
Kingston	10	0
Ottawa	10	2
Montreal	10	2
Quebec	14	0
St. John	4	10
Halifax	16	22

—Below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Prospects Bright
The provincial superintendent of immigration has received a letter from Liverpool, Scotland, stating that the prospects look bright for getting a number of Scotch farmers in that district to come to New Brunswick in the spring.

Methodist Programme.
The Methodists of St. John soon will be called upon to contribute \$25,000 for the extension of the church work in and around the city. At a meeting of the Methodist ministers it was decided that the time was ripe for building operations in various sections to meet the needs of the growing city.

Returning to Province
A. W. Hay of Woodstock, who has been on a trip to Western Canada and California has written to James Gilchrist, secretary of the Farm Settlement Board, that he is returning home. "New Brunswick is good enough for me," writes Mr. Hay, who apparently found conditions in the West far from satisfactory. Mr. Hay represents the Dominion government in New Brunswick in connection with immigration and agriculture.

Presentation to Fireman.
John Cunningham, the genial engineer in charge of No. 5 fire station, North End, was most agreeably surprised last evening when a number of "the boys" invaded the station and presented him with a handsome pipe. During his many years of service Engineer Cunningham has been most courteous and obliging at all times and it was a mark of their recognition of his many courteous actions that "the boys" called last evening and made the presentation.

An Early Spring.
Was there some one who predicted an early spring? With but five more days to run before this month will close and March—the first month of the spring season—will be ushered upon the city the "tricky" mercury took another slide down the scale yesterday, and last evening around midnight the thermometer registered three degrees above zero. Perhaps the old dweller of the woods was right when he predicted an early spring, but to look at the city now one would think that there was little chance for the shamrock to sprout up in time for the seventeenth.

Missionary Institute.
Large audiences attended the sessions of the interdenominational Missionary Institute in Germaln street Baptist church yesterday. In the evening the church was filled with inspiring and interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. L. L. Young and Rev. W. E. Fletcher, a New York in Corea was the subject of Mr. Young's address, and he told of the conditions in that country and the need of modern teachings there. Rev. Mr. Fletcher gave an illustrated address on India. At the afternoon session Rev. Mr. P. McKim spoke on "The Bible and Missions."

ADMIRALTY'S FIRST LORD FLIES OVER THE SALEN IN AEROPLANE

Portsmouth, England, Feb. 23.—An interesting experiment for the purpose of testing whether it is possible to locate submerged boats with the aid of aeroplanes was carried out today by Winston Churchill, First Lord of the British Admiralty, who piloted a hydro-aeroplane over the Salen. He carried with him a naval aviator as a passenger. Several submarines and water planes participated in the tests. Mr. Churchill flew from here to Spithead and back twice.

MONTREAL PEOPLE MAY HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR MILK AFTER MAY 1ST

Montreal, Feb. 23.—The Montreal Milk Shippers Association, at its semi-annual meeting this week, will consider raising the price of milk two cents a gallon to consumers from May 1st, which will make the price per gallon 17 cents. On an average sixty thousand gallons of milk per day is consumed here, and the quality is low compared to that sold in the average city.

DIG-UP PROOF IT SHOWN IN THE YEAR'S WORK

St. John Street Railway in Prosperous Condition — Officers Re-elected — Big Sums Paid Out.

The officers of the St. John Railway were re-elected at the annual meeting of the company yesterday afternoon. The report of the activities of the company was submitted by the president, H. H. McLean. It showed the extensions made to the line during the year, the new buildings completed and the additional equipment purchased. It pointed out that the price of gas had been reduced during the year and a balance of more than \$15,000 carried over to the profit and lost account after paying a six per cent. dividend. Officers of the company said that no offer had been submitted for the purchase of the company.

The report of the president showed that the tracks had been extended from the foot of Bransford street to Kane's Corner, thence through Douglas street to the One Mile House and then along Rothersey Avenue to Cooper's.

The new car barn and repair shops in Wentworth street had been completed. Eight new cars were bought and added to the rolling stock. A new boiler house and stack have been erected in Nelson street and a new turbine generator and engine installed in the power house. Four hundred and two gas valves and appliances have been installed during the year and the price of gas for fuel reduced to \$1.00 per thousand cubic feet. Six new pay as you enter cars have been purchased for delivery in May. During the year more than \$208,186.82 was paid out in wages and there are 269 people employed by the company.

Arrangements have been completed with the councilors of the Parish of Simonds for extension of the car tracks towards Loch Lomond and out Rothersey Avenue to Coldbrook.

Financial Statement.

The financial statement was as follows:

Assets.	
Cost of property	\$2,137,161.40
Accounts receivable	75,916.06
Stores	21,651.53
Cash on hand	2,000.00
Cash in bank	7,487.98
Treasury bonds	219,600.00
Subscription account, due Jan. 1st, 1914, and Mar. 1st, 1914	49,287.50
	\$2,523,814.47
Liabilities.	
Capital stock	\$1,000,000.00
Bonds	1,250,000.00
Accounts payable	42,671.59
Accrued interest on bonds	8,586.67
Div. payable Jan. 21, 1914	14,137.48
Outstanding tickets	2,494.36
Contingent and depreciation	53,113.94
Profit and loss	147,810.43
	\$2,523,814.47

Income Account.
For the year after providing for interest on bonds and all other charges .. \$66,328.85
Dividends:—
Paid 15th April .. 12,000.00
Paid 15th July .. 12,000.00
Paid 15th October .. 12,472.90
Payable Jan. 21, 1914 .. 14,137.48
Transferred to profit and loss .. 15,719.37
\$66,328.85

Verified.
P. F. BLANCHET, C.A., Auditor.
Correct.
H. M. Hopper, Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS CONVENES AT TORONTO TOMORROW

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada will convene here on Wednesday. The total number of members is 13,353, a net gain for the year of 1,950. The cash balance this year is about \$6,000, making the surplus about \$46,000. Eight new chapters have been founded during the year.

QUEENS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MISSING

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 23.—Two Queen's University students, C. B. Holdcroft, of Havelock, and G. M. MacAulay, of Toronto, have mysteriously disappeared since Wednesday. One report states that they are on their way to South America, where they have secured positions. MacAulay is first year science student, and Holdcroft a second year medicine man.

Now is the time to buy your new spring dress goods. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing a full range of colors in broadest wool dress material at 60 cents a yard. The very newest things that are being shown. Also a lot of plaids 58 inches wide, pure wool material at \$1.10 and \$1.35 a yard.

D. and J. Patterson.
After twenty-three years spent in the same establishment, Messrs. D. & J. Patterson put in last evening moving from their shop in the C. P. R. building on Germaln street to their new premises on Charlotte street. They will hereafter be found at number fifty-seven, over J. L. Thorne's store.

DESTITUTION IN ST. JOHN THIS WINTER

Many Poor Families in Dire Straits Owing to Lack of Work — The Financial Depression.

In no far as the laboring classes are concerned, the present winter is the coldest St. John has experienced in a good many years. According to reports presented to the Associated Charities, there is more poverty and actual destitution now than has been observed for a considerable time.

In conversation yesterday with Miss Grace O. Robertson, The Standard was informed that the word of the association this winter has revealed far more than the usual number of cases wherein relief has been absolutely necessary. Miss Robertson states that the prevailing depression is to some extent responsible "inasmuch as it has very seriously affected the amount of work available on the West Side. There are members of the Longshoremen's Union who, since the first of December, have not had opportunity to earn as much as their annual dues require. Men have reported themselves in want who have paid six dollars in membership fees and who have actually not earned that amount in wages since the season opened.

Again, owing to the general retrenchment, many persons who have been in the habit of employing men about their homes has discontinued the practice and are doing the old jobs, such as attending the furnace, etc. themselves. And in addition rainy business houses have reduced the numbers of employes formerly carried as unskilled laborers and are getting along on the least possible expense.

BRICKLAYERS ENDORSE THE LABOR CANDIDATE

Pledge Financial and Moral Support to James L. Sugrue — Protest Against Proposed Paving Act.

At the meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons' Union last evening a resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote approving the action of the Trades and Labor Council in putting a candidate in the field for a city commission. Another resolution was also passed endorsing the selection of James L. Sugrue as a labor candidate, and pledging the moral and financial support of the union in the coming campaign.

Effect on Women

In the case of women, different reasons are responsible. Many householders, in view of the introduction of the wet wash laundry system, have now no further use for the women who were formerly called in to do the week's washing. Again, the more general use of the clothes cleaner and other devices has lessened the demand for day labor on which a very large number of women formerly depended for their income. For these and other reasons women supporting families or assisting their husbands have found their incomes very materially reduced, and in some cases almost to the vanishing point.

Many Families Destitute

Instances have arisen wherein families in which both husband and wife, ready for work, have been so reduced that they have come to the point of absolute destitution. One case has been reported in which all that remained in the house was a little tea. This, with a spoonful of molasses, have all that the couple had to keep life in them for several days until their condition was discovered and relief provided. There are many such distressing cases. It frequently happens that there is no fuel of any sort and in a winter, such as the present one, this is a feature to which attention must be given. The demand for fuel has been very pressing and still continues; and despite all that charitable organizations are able to do, there is no doubt that many children go to bed cold and suffer through the night for lack of fire in their homes.

CEGAR HILL CEMETERY CO. ANNUAL MEETING

In the Orange Hall, Fairville, last evening, the annual meeting of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Company was held, when the business of the year was gone over and future plans discussed. The meeting was presided over by A. G. Gregory. The company experienced a very successful year. It was last year that a large portion of land, then not in the property of the lot holders, was purchased from local men and the holders incorporated the company known as The Cedar Hill Cemetery Company.

DIED.

HILYARD—On Saturday, Feb. 21st inst., at her late residence, 222 Douglas avenue, Mary Hammond, wife of George A. Hilyard. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Service at St. Luke's church at 2:45.
NOAKES—Suddenly in this city on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1914, beloved wife of Henry Noakes, in the 40th year of her age, leaving besides her husband, two sons and father to mourn their loss.
Funeral from her late residence, Wall street, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.
MEIGHAN—In this city on February 22, David J. Meighan, leaving his wife and three children to mourn.
Funeral from his late residence 284 Carmarthen street, Tuesday morning at 8:45 o'clock to St. John the Baptist church for high mass of requiem at nine o'clock. Friends invited to attend.
LAMBERT—In this city, on February 22, Anne, wife of William H. Lambert, aged 85 years, leaving besides her husband, one son, one daughter and one sister to mourn.
Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 132 King Street, West St. John.
HAMILTON—Suddenly on Saturday, February 21, 1914, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur M. Howe, 51 Hawthorne street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of Dr. George A. Hamilton, in the city of New York. St. John's (Stone) church. Date to be announced later.

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MEN'S COLORED SHIRTS in soft fronts, pleated fronts and starched bosoms, also all soft shirts with double cuffs and separate soft collars. Light stripes, new effects in neat colored checked grounds and very dressy blue stripes. These shirts are positively new and in patterns and colorings quite different from previous showings. Buy your spring shirts now and take advantage of the liberal savings which hold for a short time only. Sizes 14 to 18. Sale Prices, each 65c, 85c, \$1.15

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NIGHT SHIRTS in Twilled Cotton or Colored Shaker, our reliable make. Sale Price, each 75c.

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