

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—A depression which was situated in Manitoba last night is now centered near Lake Superior, giving light snowfalls over the greater portion of Ontario. Elsewhere in Canada the weather is fair and moderately cold, except in Alberta where it is mild.

AROUND THE CITY

AN APPOINTMENT. Stanley Hawkhurst of Adelaide street, a returned soldier, has been appointed assistant driver for the police patrol. He will alternate on night and day work by week with the present driver.

ENGINE DERAILED.

The Sussex suburban was thirty-five minutes late reaching the city yesterday morning on account of being delayed by a slight derailment of the engine while coming out of the roundhouse at Sussex. It was caused by the ice on the rails.

THOUGHTLESS PERSONS.

A number of thoughtless persons, especially boys, have increased the damage to trees about the city by breaking ice from the branches. H. E. Gould, florist, says this does no good and has the effect of making conditions worse.

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE.

The next meeting of the St. John Ambulance Association, which is tomorrow evening, will be held in the Red Cross Depot, Hazen avenue, instead of the Board of Trade rooms, as previously announced. During the evening there will be demonstrations of bed-making.

SUBJECT TO QUARANTINE.

The following letter was received today by the Collector of Customs: Ottawa, 6th February, 1920. To Collector of Customs: The Department of Customs is advised that all vessels at Jamaica from Canada will be subject to quarantine if there are any cases of influenza on board.

ESCAPED PRISONER.

Chief of Police received a telegram yesterday stating that the case of Edgar Baetham, who escaped from jail here and went to Boston and was apprehended there by the police, has been fighting extradition, but has been deferred three months from January 27, 1920.

CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Social and Entertainment Committee of the Clerks' Association was held last evening, with J. Higgins in the chair. After some discussion it was decided to hold a minstrel show in the Opera House some time in the near future under the auspices of the Association. The following committees were formed: Business Committee, Mrs. Courville, B. Campbell and Thomas Stack; Advertising Committee, Fred Bustin, Fred McGovern and J. Higgins. Members of the Association, under the direction of Misses Howard and Kirkpatrick, will have charge of the ushering.

IMPERIAL PRESS DELEGATES.

The delegates to the Imperial Conference meetings in Ottawa will land at Halifax on July 25, and after a visit to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, will reach St. John at 9 o'clock on the morning of July 30, remaining until the following morning at 8 o'clock, when they leave by the Valley Railway for Quebec. Present indications are that the party will comprise upwards of one hundred overseas press men, some forty of them accompanied by their wives, and twenty-five Canadian press and railway representatives. Mrs. Northcote, and other outstanding members of the profession will be among the party of overseas press men.

ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL OF NEW SILKS.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. receive a shipment of wanted weaves and colors. Notwithstanding the great difficulty of obtaining many of the most popular silks, under present market conditions, F. A. Dykeman & Co. are able to announce that they can now show a splendid collection of all the most fashionable silks in both plain and fancy weaves, such as: Paillettes, 35 inches wide, at \$2.85 per yard in the following shades, Dark Green, Brown, Navy, Copenhagen, Paddy, Red, Taupe, Smoke, Purple, Garnet, Pale Blue, Pink and Black. Colored Shantung, 34 inches wide at \$2.85 per yard, in Pink, Green, Navy, Brown, Grey and White. Black Silks—Paillette, 36 inches, \$2.60, \$2.75 and \$2.95 per yard. Duchesse Satin, \$3.00, \$3.35 and 3.45 per yard. Black Silk Poplin, 36 inches wide, \$2.60 and \$2.75 per yard, and many others that it is well worth while coming to see.

GRAND CONCERT.

Don't forget the finest musical event of the season by the City Cornet Band and assisting talent at St. Vincent's Auditorium tomorrow, Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock sharp; admission 25c, reserved seats 50c. Proceeds for St. Vincent School fund.

Police Discover Dock Street Fire

Early Discovery of Blaze on Second Floor of N. Jacobson's Furniture Store Prevented Serious Conflagration Last Night.

The quick discovery by Police Officers Coughlan and Dykeman of a blaze which started on the second story of N. Jacobson's furniture establishment at 40 Dock street last night prevented a most serious conflagration. As the officers were patrolling their beat they noticed smoke issuing from the top windows of the building and while Officer Coughlan ran to sound an alarm from Box 5, his brother officer telephoned No. 3 Fire Station in case the fire alarm system was still out of commission owing to the recent storm. The firemen were quickly on the scene and as soon as they reached the second story of the Jacobson premises they discovered the smoldering and burning coals dropping on the furniture. All that was needed was a line of hose from the chemical to stop the fire but considerable damage was caused from smoke.

The fire started from a defective fuse, the chimney being entered from either Jacobson's or the adjoining store conducted by J. Perchacko who conducts a drygoods store on the lower floor, while the second and third floors over the latter store is occupied by Jacobson for storing furniture. The firemen found the smoke very dense in the upper floors when they entered the building, and also found it more difficult to reach the windows owing to the floors being packed full of furniture, with very small passageways and the stock piled up against the windows. There was also a large quantity of papers about the floors which with the furniture would have made ready fuel for a bad fire. The proprietor of the establishment was instructed to have the place cleared.

The fire not only burned a section of the second floor ceiling but burned through the beams and it took considerable cutting before the last sign of fire was removed.

Mr. Jacobson stated last night that he had some insurance but not very much, but there is no doubt quite enough to cover the loss.

Havoc Caused By The Storm

Telegraph and Telephone Service Getting Back to Normal—Trains Are Running on Time—Sidings Are Blocked—Clearing the Streets.

Despite the havoc caused by the recent storm the C. N. R. and the Western Union Telegraph Companies have their services back to almost normal and a large crew of line men are kept at work repairing the damage caused by the gales. The C. N. R. and C. P. R. train service is working well and yesterday almost every train was on time. Considerable trouble is had in the sidings and the section men are working hard in clearing the rails so that freight cars can be moved.

While the New Brunswick Telephone Company has its service pretty well under control the work in clearing up the damage in the out of town districts is a big proposition.

An official stated yesterday that the company had reports of poles down at Dorchester, between Moncton and Bucoche and between Richibucto and Chatham. It is taking every available man in the company's employ, and they are all doing their work on foot. Men left the city Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings on foot with hand-saws carrying wire and material to put lines in working order again. Where poles are broken off rubber covered wire will be run along the snow and held up by small stakes, or fence or trees, in this way giving service until springtime permits new poles to be erected. At noon yesterday the telephone service had been restored from St. John to Sussex, with a circuit working through as far as Moncton. Several large crews are working on the lines to Fredericton.

The gangs of men working in clearing the Street Railway tracks have gained results and yesterday cars were running on the main line from Westwood street, through Britain, St. James, Prince William and out to Inglewood, Mrs. E. Plummer presided, and Mrs. W. H. Nice conducted the devotional service, giving a helpful talk on the text: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Some discussion on community work was held and it was decided that the Circle will assist the Brussels Street Mission in their work of teaching sewing. Members who volunteer for this were Mrs. S. K. Smith, Mrs. Geo. Dixon and Mrs. A. B. Fowler. The following committees were appointed: Spirituality—Mrs. W. H. Nice, Mrs. H. A. Goodwin, Hospital—Mrs. S. K. Smith, Mrs. Roy Gregory, House—Mrs. R. McLaughlin, Mrs. John LeLachour, Emergency—Mrs. A. B. Fowler, Missa Pennel Clark. After some discussion as to ways and means, it was decided to adopt the plan for raising money known as "The Pudding's Pack" which has been successfully employed in circles in other cities.

It was reported that two loads of coal had been supplied to families in need. Ten dollars was voted to the funds of the order.

ENTERTAINMENT WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

The concert given under the auspices of the Navy League at the Seaman's Institute last night was much enjoyed. Colonel E. T. Sturdee was the chairman of the evening, and opened the programme in a few well chosen words.

The Juvenile City Cornet band scored a great success with the sailors who voted their appreciation in these laudatory cheers. If the tars were pleased with the boys, the boys were no less pleased with the tars, and it was with great vim that they joined Mr. Punter in the chorus of Ship Ahoy. Miss Kelly delivered an instructive lecture on the work of the British Navy and the Mercantile Marine during the war.

Mrs. Hetherley and Mr. Punter were both warmly applauded and received a second time.

The programme follows: Overture—Juvenile City Cornet Band Vocal Solo—"A Sea Song" Mr. Punter Pictures—"A British Battleship in Rough Weather in the North Sea." Vocal Solo—"In an Old Fashioned Garden." Miss Frances McInerney Pictures—"The Formidable" sunk in the Channel. Sailor's Hornpipe... Chas. Cortello Pictures—"The Navy Keeps Us Safe and Free." (Words and music composed by this lecture by Miss Mary E. Kelly).

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

TALKED ON MOVIES.

G. A. Marrett was the speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday. Dr. L. V. Chipman was in the chair. Rotarians Guy Smith and Barton led the music. Several guests were introduced and there was a large attendance. Rotarian Marrett gave a most illuminating talk on the moving picture business and presented a strong argument for one federal board of censors.

KING STREET OPEN.

The Street Railway sweepers managed to open the tracks on King street last night, and the workmen are making pretty good progress on other sections of the line that is frozen in.

Courtenay Bay Strike Conference

Representatives of Bedford Construction Company and Committee of Employees With Legal Representatives Met Yesterday—Another Session This Morning.

A conference was held at City Hall, yesterday, between the representatives of the Bedford Construction Company and their employees with a view to settling the difficulty there. Representatives of the men complained that the Company, which has the contract for the dredging at Courtenay Bay, was discriminating against union labor, and employing foreigners in preference to Canadians. The company's representatives had a conference with the Mayor and Commissioners in the morning, and in the afternoon the Mayor and Commissioners had both parties to the dispute at City Hall. Mr. A. Campbell, president of the Trades Council, was present with a committee of five representing the strikers. As legal advisers J. A. Barry represented the men, and J. D. P. Lewis the company. After discussion various phases of the dispute, it was decided that the company's representatives should meet with the committee of the men again this morning.

The Mayor stated last evening that at the conference both sides had shown a conciliatory spirit, and he thought the prospect was that the misunderstanding would be cleared up in a short time.

SIXTEEN NEW "FLU" CASES REPORTED

Since Saturday sixteen new cases of influenza have been reported to the Board of Health, and while all are of a moderate type, still every precaution should be taken.

In order to cope effectively with the present outbreak of influenza, a diet kitchen will be opened at the former Red Triangle rooms, Charlotte street. Citizens are asked to cooperate by furnishing empty bottles, which are essential in delivering soup. The committee in charge ask that all such contributions be addressed to the diet kitchen and left in charge of the janitor. One or more bottles will be acceptable.

Unless something is done soon throughout the country towards breaking the roads, the influenza situation may become a more serious problem. It is now almost impossible for the doctors on country practices to drive over the roads and make calls on their patients.

In order to do all in their power to prevent the spread of influenza among their employees the C. P. R. are issuing to every member on the staff a package containing six antiseptic tablets. Yesterday the local head office sent 3,000 packages, or a total of 18,000 tablets. With this package is a circular giving detailed instructions as to the symptoms and all necessary precautions which should be observed.

The total number of flu cases reported to the local Board up till yesterday afternoon was seventy-seven.

MISSIONARY EVENING.

The Epworth League of Queen Square Methodist church had last night a missionary evening at which Mrs. G. P. Sanford gave an interesting address upon the Chinese race, telling of their ways of life, their habits and customs. Miss Lawson gave two delightful readings, and the programme was greatly appreciated by those present. Miss Dorothy Lowe, first vice-president presided.

THE STANDARD'S PRIZE OFFER

Walter H. Golding and Rev. D. H. Lowth have consented to Act as Judges of Pictures Entered in Competition for Prizes Offered by The Standard.

Following the announcement of The Standard's Prize Offer of \$25.00 for the best photographs of ice scenes made during the past few days, a number of inquiries have been received. Sunday, of course, was the big day for amateurs, for on Saturday there was little sunshine and on Monday the cloudy atmosphere killed all sharp contrasts, giving the pictures and buildings of the city a rather drab appearance.

Walter H. Golding, Manager of the Imperial Theatre, and Rev. D. H. Lowth, President of the St. John Camera Club, have consented to act as judges of the pictures submitted in this competition, and Mr. Golding will reproduce the winning films on the screen of the Imperial.

The Standard offers a first prize of \$15.00 and a second prize of \$10.00 for the best amateur snap made of ice scenes in the city or vicinity of the effects of the recent storm. Professional photographers are barred. Undoubtedly there are hundreds of amateurs who have films in their possession which they expect to have developed this week. Any competitor may submit two prints either of the same or of different subjects. All entries must be received at The Standard Office by noon on Saturday of this week. The names of the winners will be announced on the following Monday and the winning pictures reproduced in The Standard of that day, if possible.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

W. B. Snowball, of Chatham, will address the men of Centenary Church on subjects connected with the Forward Movement on Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at half-past six, to be followed by a programme, which includes Mr. Snowball's address.

Kindergarten Tag Day, February 10th

Carbide, Acetylene Burners, P. Campbell & Co.

Don't Risk An Ugly Fall. A fall on an icy pavement, especially in the cases of elderly people, often results in a "shaking up" from which it takes weeks to recover, while the strain produced from the effort to prevent falling is sometimes even more serious. Don't risk either, but let us supply you with a pair of dependable ICE CREEPERS which we offer in three styles, as follows:—"Rival" Creepers, which clamp securely to the shoe heel, and fold in beneath the instep while indoors. Per Pair 50c. Instep Creepers, with straps. Per Pair 50c. Strap Creepers, for use with either shoes or rubbers. Per Pair \$1.25. GROUND FLOOR—MARKET SQUARE STORE. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Stores Open at 8.30 a. m.; Close at 6 p. m.; Close at 1 p. m. Saturdays during February and March.

"STYLE HATS". Hats with "Style" radiating from every line and made of Satin and Straw combinations. These are for immediate wear. Wanted Shapes. Newest Colors. Marr Millinery Co., Limited.

A STOVE MESSAGE. To the Purchasing Agent of the Home. When you buy the MONARCH RANGE remember that excellence of materials and conscientious workmanship ensure many years of service, and satisfaction. Thrift is apt to induce some housewives to sacrifice quality in an attempt to save—This is false economy. STOVES FOR ANY PLACE AND EVERY PLACE. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Our Early February Sale of MEN'S and BOYS' CLOTHING. Still offers you many excellent bargains. Glance over these lists for news of particular interest. MEN'S FASHIONABLE TOP COATS. All the latest and best styles of the winter season including popular Belters, Waist-line effects and Ulstrettes, are reduced to clear. Regular Values \$20.00 to \$42.50. On Sale 12.50 to 35.15. MEN'S SHEEP LINED COATS. Shells are of duck, whilpoord or corduroy. Full lined with extra quality lamb's skin. Regular Values \$12.00 to \$17.00. On Sale 10.20 to 14.85. MEN'S ALL-WOOL MACKINAWs. Made of heavy plaid Mackinaw cloth, in plain, belted or Norfolk styles. Some are double lined. Regular Values \$12.00 to \$17.50. On Sale 10.20 to 14.85. WAIST SEAM SUITS FOR YOUNG MEN. Plain colored cloths as well as neat striped or checked tweeds or worsteds. Sizes range from 35 to 40 inches. Regular Values \$25.00 to \$50.00. On Sale 26.00 to 40.00. MEN'S FORM FITTING OR THREE BUTTON SUITS. Good conservative styles in tweeds and worsteds. Checks, stripes, overplaid and plain colors are all included. Regular Values \$22.50 to \$42.50. On Sale 19.95 to 35.15. (Men's Clothing Section, 2nd Floor.) Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. KING STREET, GERMAIN STREET, MARKET SQUARE.

These February Specials AT MAGEE'S. Reveals the fact that bargains—Real Bargains—prevail at the season end—if you shop HERE. For illustration for Monday and Tuesday this week. 5 Silk Plush Hats Each \$2.50. Much less than cost. 5 Women's French Velour Hats \$3.25 each. 14 Grey and Navy Woolen Ties Each 60c. Instead of \$1.50. 3 MUSKRAT COATS Made from extra dark pelts. Each Garment \$295.00. Instead of \$375.00. 5 BETTY WALES SERGE DRESSES 1—For \$22.50 instead of \$31.00. 1—For \$27.50 instead of \$36.00. 1—For \$30.00 instead of \$40.00. 1—For \$32.50 instead of \$43.00. 1—For \$37.50 instead of \$48.00. D. Magee's Sons, Limited, Saint John, N. B.