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FAIR WEATHER.

Toronto, April 5—11 p.m.—The storm center which was over the Southern States last night has moved rapidly northeastward, and is now off the Middle Atlantic coast. The barometer continues abnormally high over Manitoba, and from this eastward the weather remains fair and cold. An important low area, attended by high temperature, has appeared over British Columbia, and is likely to extend eastward during the next few days. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 38-54; Kamloops, 40-70; Edmonton, 14-38; Calgary, 20-32; Qu'Appelle, 8 below-26; Winnipeg, 6-30; Port Arthur, 4-34; Parry Sound, 6-34; Toronto, 16-35; Ottawa, 12-30; Montreal, 18-30; Quebec, 16-34; Halifax, 24-46.

Probabilities: Toronto, April 6—1 a.m.—Lower lakes: Fresh north and northwest winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

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News About Town

—Miss G. Stanley, Colborne street, is visiting friends in St. Marys.

—Mr. D. McDiarmid, city, was registered in Ottawa yesterday.

—Mr. Small, of Chatham, paid a visit to friends in the city this week.

—Mr. Karl Wildren, of the Bell Telephone Company, is recovering from an illness.

—Miss Maud Weld, Delaware, is visiting her aunt, Miss Weld, Ridout street, city.

—It was Mr. T. D. Orme, not Mr. J. D. Orme, who graduated at the recent medical examination.

—Mrs. John Dynes, the Beach, Hamilton, who has friends in this city, is dead from pneumonia.

—The members of Hanlon's Superba Company, now in the city, have subscribed $44 for Mrs. Emerson.

—Mr. W. A. Wilson, of King street east, has returned home after a two months' business trip to British Columbia.

—Mrs. Marshall, of Petrolia, is on an extended visit to her friends, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mathewson, 494 Dufferin avenue.

—Master Carl Herring, formerly of this city, is now engaged on the United States warship Alliance, and has gone on a six months' cruise.

—The evergreen trees ordered to be placed in front of the registry office by the county council are now being set out, and will be a great improvement to the place.

—The local street railway earnings for March, 1898, were $7,787 32, as against $8,825 44 for the same month last year, an increase of $961 88, or about 14 per cent.

—Mme. Hausch, assisted by Mr. W. C. Barron, principal of the London Conservatory of Music, and Miss Moore, vocal teacher, also of the London Conservatory, will give a grand concert in the Woodstock Opera House in the near future, says the Sentinel-Review.

—Mrs. Harry Lindley and daughter have arrived from Vancouver, B. C., where the well-known comedian and company have been playing all winter. Mrs. Lindley reports business as first-class on the coast. Mr. Lindley will remain at Vancouver for some time to come.

—Hamilton Herald: The verdict of the London coroner's jury in the Emerson-Tuttle shooting case is likely to do harm. It is not well that the idea should get abroad in this country that when a man strikes another with his bare fist, the person assaulted is justified in shooting his assailant dead. That is not justifiable homicide.

—The Misses Hall have been engaged by the First Methodist Church to hold special evangelistic services in this city. They held their first meeting on Monday night at Kensington, and will continue them in that church during the next few days. They are very earnest evangelists, and have labored in the largest cities of Canada. They have recently closed a series of successful meetings at Toronto. Much good will doubtless result from their first visit to London.

—A large and interesting meeting of the Protestant Orphans' Home Board was held Monday afternoon. Three applications for children were received—one boy and two girls. One boy was sent to a situation; seven children were admitted to the home during the month. The following donations were gratefully received for March: Mrs. Joseph Smith, four jars fruit; Mrs. J. W. Scandrett, clothing and toys; Mrs. J. E. Boomer, basket buns; Mr. R. S. Rockett, 18 pounds beef.

—At the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Centennial Methodist Church last evening, the following officers and conveners of committees were elected: Honorary president, Rev. W. J. Ford; president, Mrs. (Rev.) W. J. Ford; vice-president, Mr. C. Wickett; secretary, Miss B. Rogers; treasurer, Miss R. Allen; corresponding secretary, Miss M. Prescott; organist, Miss L. Wickett; conveners of committees—Prayer meeting, Miss J Leathorne; lookout, Miss A. Leathorne; social, Miss L. Hardey; missions, Mr. F. Pyke; flower, Miss J. Bell.

—A Montreal dispatch says: The Grand Trunk makes the important announcement that, going into effect at once, a new fast freight line will be inaugurated to operate over the Grand Trunk Railway system in conjunction with the West Shore Railway. Mr. Summer Hopkins, the present commercial agent of the Grand Trunk system at Detroit, has been appointed manager of this new line, with headquarters in Detroit. Mr. W. K. Evans, who has been rate clerk in the general freight department of the road in this city, has been appointed accountant of the new line. This new fast dispatch line will be known as the "Grand Trunk dispatch." Mr. Evans is a popular London boy. Congratulations!

—A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. Wesley Mayell, Prospect avenue, on Friday last. Mr. Mayell is the president of the Sextet Debating Club, which lately defeated the St. Andrew's Literary Society in the debating field, and on Friday night defeated the Gordon Phelps Club, in the oft-debated subject "That machinery is more detrimental to the working classes than advantageous." The representatives of the Sextet and upholders of the negative were Fred McCulloch and Chester Belton; the affirmatives George Phelps and Abraham Gordon. The judge was Mr. Downing.

—The Woman's Art Club attribute much of the success of the annual exhibition last week to the kindly offices of Mlle. Vanden Broeck, of Brussels, who interested herself in obtaining the much-talked-of paintings by Mme. Ronner and other celebrated European artists, with which all visitors were charged. Mlle. Vanden Broeck was one of the originators of the club, and has always shown a deep interest in its welfare. Among the pictures obtained by Mlle. Vanden Broeck for the club's exhibition were three by Mme. Ronner, two by Alice Ronner, three by Emile Hoeterick and three by herself. All these are gems, and cannot be seen too often or too long. One never grows weary of them. On the contrary, interest increases with better acquaintance. They will be exhibited in the public library all this week, Good Friday included, and no one who has not yet seen these beautiful works of art should miss this opportunity.

—The concert last night under the auspices of the Sunday school orchestra of the First Methodist Church drew an audience that filled Wesley Hall. The programme was well diversified with orchestral and vocal music, as follows: March, "American Cadet," orchestra; solo, "Across the Far Blue Hills, Marie," Mrs. Harvey; solo, "The Holy City," W. H. Jessop; overture, "Eldorado," orchestra; solo, "Soldiers of the Queen," H. R. McDonald; clarionet solo, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," with variations, George Blinkhorn; solo, "The Swallows," Miss Inez Smith; overture, "On the Old Plantation" (descriptive), orchestra; solo, Mrs. Harvey; violin solo, "Shamus O'Brien," with variations, James Cresswell; recitation, "Me and Jim," H. R. McDonald; solo, "The Crusaders," W. H. Jessop; overture, "Guy Mannering," orchestra; solo, "Honor and Arms" (from "Samson"), H. R. McDonald; solo, "Golden Summer," Miss Inez Smith; duet, "When Ye Gang Awa' Jamie," Mrs. Harvey and H. R. McDonald.

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Board of Education Denounce the Cramming Evil.

An Effort to Curb the Inordinate Desire to Have Pupils Pass—An Improper Standard of to a Teacher's Ability.

The board of education at the regular meeting last night stated with no uncertain sound that it was strongly opposed to the cramming system, and resolved to avail itself of its power to check the evil. In its opinion a teacher's ability is not to be judged by the number of pupils he passes. It was alleged that the competitive spirit among the school principals has given rise to "an inordinate desire to have pupils pass," and a motion recognizing the strong hold the evil has in the city was introduced by Trustees McRobert and Macpherson. It read as follows:

"Whereas, there prevails at present in our public schools a system of competition and rivalry entirely at variance with the principles of sound education, and injurious not only to the interests of pupils but degrading to the influence and character of our teachers, and

"Whereas, the headmasters feel that they cannot of themselves remedy the evil without the sanction of the public will; and

"Whereas, it is entirely wrong, unfair and unjust to judge of the ability and character of our teachers by the results of examinations instead of by the power of their individuality and manhood; and

"Whereas, the education of many children is being ruined by the present system, their health impaired and physical powers permanently weakened;

"Therefore, this board desires to place on record its complete confidence in its present staff of headmasters as regards their attainments, characters and desire to do their duty efficiently, and would recommend that they at the next midsummer examinations send up as candidates only those who by reason of age, physical power and mental capacity would in their judgment be capable of going forward with higher work to their own advantage, but use their influence to restrain all those whom they think would ultimately profit, and whose real education would be promoted by doing their work more thoroughly, and by being taught to rely more on their own powers to pass an examination than on the ability of the teacher to carry them through it.

"Furthermore, the board would respectfully urge upon all parents to assist the board and headmasters to curb the present inordinate desire to have pupils pass examinations instead of acquiring a sound physical, mental and moral education that would fit them more adequately for the duties of after life."

Mr. McRobert said the idea prevailed that the board takes the standing of the teachers by the pupils they pass.

Dr. Teasdall—We should not have our pupils growing strong in mind and weak in body.

Trustee Macpherson said there were principals in the city who strove for nothing else than to beat their fellow-principals.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. McRobert found fault with teachers keeping pupils in during recess and at noon hour.

Inspector Carson said the rules of the board were contrary to such action. They will be strictly enforced.

Messrs. Logan, Macpherson and McRobert were appointed to attend the Provincial Association of Public and High School Trustees' meeting, beginning at Toronto on April 12. A motion by Trustees Gillean and Ziegler to file the matter was defeated.

Mrs. Fessenden, of Hamilton, asked that the board set apart one day in each year as a flag day in the schools. The request was indorsed by Hon. George W. Ross, the Canadian Club at Hamilton, and Mr. Barlow Cumberland. Referred to committee.

The establishment of a cadet corps at the Collegiate Institute was advised in a circular from the education department, assistance to the extent of a grant of $50, together with arms and accoutrements being offered. Mr. Merchant said there would be no difficulty in reorganizing the corps here. It had existed for twenty years, and if properly conducted was a good thing.

The matter was laid over for three months.

Miss Jessie Hobbs was given permission to form club-swinging classes in two or three city schools.

A number of applications from teachers and others were referred to committee.

Dr. Hodson's intention to resign his position on the Collegiate Institute staff, and his request for a month's leave of absence to go to New York was reported by Principal Merchant. Miss Hanson was also reported ill.

On motion of Dr. Teasdall, Dr. Hodson was granted leave of absence, and Principal Merchant was instructed to look up a substitute.

The case of Miss Hanson was referred to committee.

Inspector Carson's report contained a recommendation that a transition teacher be appointed at Colborne street south school, and an assistant at Quebec street school. Referred to committee.

When the report of No. 2 committee was read by Dr. English, Trustee Gillean objected to Jones' hall being secured for a kindergarten, owing to it being unsuitable because of steep stairs and other disadvantages. Dr. English said it was not the most desirable, but was the best that could be done, and was only temporary. The report was adopted.

No. 1 committee's report was presented by Dr. Teasdall. Miss Cripps was appointed to Lorn avenue and Miss Coxe to Rectory street school. The other recommendations of the report were adopted.

No. 2 committee was empowered to purchase a piano for the West London kindergarten.

On motion of Trustee Evans it was agreed to sell the cottage on Colborne street school grounds.

The City Teachers' Association were given permission to hold their next meeting on Monday, May 23.

Last year's purchase of patent door-checks was confirmed.

A motion instructing No. 1 commitee to call for tenders for the annual supplies was passed.

Mr. Lang, of Essex, inventor of an instrument for illustrating geometrical geography, explained his machine to the board, and offered them at a rate of $18 each.

On motion of Trustees Macpherson and McRobert, it was decided to buy fourteen of the instruments, three being supplied at $12 50 each.

The following members were present: Trustees Logan (in the chair), McRobert, Evans, McCormick, English, Martyn, Boyle, Wilkins, Weldon, Teasdall, Bridle, Ziegler, Hamilton, Gillean, Strong and Macpherson, Inspector Carson, Principal Merchant and Secretary McElheran.

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