

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Southwest winds local showers, but partly fair and warmer. Toronto, Ont., May 24.—The weather in the Dominion today has been for the most part fine, but a few local showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, and rain is falling this evening in the western portion of the Maritime Provinces. The temperature has been highest in Alberta and Quebec. Minimum and maximum temperatures: New England Forecast. Washington, May 24.—Forecast—Showers Wednesday, cooler except in extreme northeast, and extreme southeast portions. Thursday partly cloudy; moderate southwest to west winds.

HALLEY'S COMET.

Time Table. The following table corrected for New Brunswick, Atlantic Standard Time, gives the hour of setting until May 30: Comet Sets Sun Sets May 25 11.32 p.m. 7.51 p.m. May 26 11.43 p.m. 7.52 p.m. May 27 11.53 p.m. 7.53 p.m. May 28 12.03 p.m. 7.54 p.m. May 29 12.14 p.m. 7.55 p.m. May 30 12.24 p.m. 7.56 p.m.

AROUND THE CITY

Eyeball Will Be Saved. Emmanuel Connors, the young man whose eye was injured while at work in the Gordon nail works, West End, is progressing well, after some time spent in the hospital. It is believed that the sight of his eye can be saved.

Holiday Travellers to the Park. Holiday travellers to the park yesterday report that the wooden plank between the railway tracks on Gilbert's lane is in a very poor state of repair. In some places there are holes large enough, it is said, for a horse to break its leg.

Cave In On Union Street, West. There was evidence yesterday of a slight slide in Union street, West End which may prove serious if it is not attended to promptly. Quite a fissure was noticed in the street between the trestle and the Sand Point wharves, at about the spot where the previous slide occurred. The sidewalk has sunk at least a foot for a distance of several feet.

Floating Out to Sea. Otty Wilson, of North End, while cruising in a motor boat yesterday between the Beacon and Reed's Point, found a trunk and a suitcase floating out to sea. The suitcase had suffered from the action of the waves and was battered almost into a condition of pulp. Some valuable articles as well as a notebook with several names written were among the contents. The owner has not yet been found.

Mr. Isaacs Not Yet Located. A. Warrell, a member of the committee which recently assumed control of the D'Israeli Asbestos Company arrived in the city from Sherbrooke, P. Q., yesterday. To a reporter Mr. Warrell said he was here in connection with the legal proceedings against H. Leslie Coombs, which will be resumed today and that there was no development of public interest in connection with the affairs of the company. "The Sherbrooke authorities," he added, "have not succeeded in discovering the whereabouts of Mr. Isaacs."

23 CATTLE PERISH IN BURNING BARN

James Hannah Lost Valuable Herd on Magazine Road—Rumor Tramps Were in Building Not Confirmed.

A disastrous fire which broke out in James Hannah's stable, Magazine road, Monday night, about 11 o'clock, totally destroyed the building and 23 milk cows, which were in the stable, were burnt alive in the flames. It was also ascertained that rumors throughout the city yesterday that two tramps who were sleeping in the building, had perished, but the report could not be confirmed.

That the fire was started by tramps Mr. Hannah says there can be no doubt, as they were in the habit of hanging about the place, and he was forced on several occasions to threaten them with arrest in order to keep them away from the premises.

The fire was first noticed about 11 o'clock by Mrs. Thos. Hurley, a neighbor of Mr. Hannah, and although she immediately gave the alarm, it was then plainly evident that any effort to save the building would be useless. The whole interior of the place seemed to be a solid mass of flames, and the roars of the maddened animals within was pitiable to hear.

An alarm was rung in, and the department responded. The distance of the barn from the street, however, made it impossible for the hose to reach within working distance, and not a drop of water could be put upon the fire. This, however, made but little difference, as the building and cattle were practically consumed before the department could arrive on the scene. Scarcely half an hour had elapsed after the first alarm, before the building was reduced to a heap of ashes.

Mr. Hannah estimates his loss at from \$1,000 to \$1,400. He had \$400 insurance on the cattle with an additional \$100 on some feed which was stored in the building. The barn was owned by David Corkery, who was not in the city yesterday. It was understood that his loss will be fully covered by insurance.

New silver services have been ordered from England for White's restaurant.

CHILD UNMERCIFULLY BEATEN BY MYSTERIOUS ASSAILANT

Six-Year-Old Hance Dryden Lured to Mount Pleasant by Boy Fiend, Is Stripped and Lashed into Unconsciousness—Second Outrage Within Week—Police Searching for Miscreant.

Lured away from his home by a promise of candy and a good time, six-year-old Hance Dryden, of 2 City Road, was cruelly and unmercifully beaten by a boy unknown on Monday afternoon, and is now lying in a serious condition at his home.

The case is a remarkable one, from the fact that the assault upon the Dryden child was committed in exactly the same manner as that upon a lad named Donovan on May 17th. Not only were the attacks and beating administered in a similar way, but in both cases the child was lured away under a promise of candy.

Between two and three o'clock Monday afternoon the Dryden child was accosted on the street by a boy, who, owing to his present weakened condition he is unable to clearly describe, and he was asked to come for a walk on Mount Pleasant, the "strange boy" also telling him that he would buy some candy.

Little Hance readily assented, and followed the older lad up the road behind Mount Pleasant. When some distance from the nearest residence the strange boy turned upon the little fellow savagely, and after removing his clothing, tied his feet together tightly with a piece of cord, and beat him unmercifully until from the pain he lost consciousness.

Owing to his weakened condition yesterday the child was unable to explain details, but it appears that the unknown boy was taking him back to his home when the pair were noticed by persons who were searching for him. The mysterious assailant of the child then quickly disappeared.

Little Hance was removed to his home, and Dr. G. O. Baxter was called. The doctor said yesterday that the child would recover.

Until the mystery is cleared up, a vigilant watch will be kept upon the vicinity where the assault was committed, as the police believe that the lives of children are exposed to great danger. The assailant in both cases is described as being about 15 years of age, dark haired, and wearing a cap and dark knee pants.

The police hope that in the public interest and for the safety and protection of children, citizens will render all possible help in bringing the culprit to justice.

DEFOREST CREDITORS ACCEPT 28 CENTS ON \$

C. H. Homer Amalgamates Business With Sunbeam Tea as Union Blend Tea Co.—All Employees Retained.

At a meeting of the creditors of H. W. DeForest, Ltd., on Monday afternoon an offer by Charles H. Homer, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the company, to pay the creditors 28 cents on the dollar in satisfaction of all claims, was accepted unanimously. All the principal creditors were represented at the meeting and the offer was agreed to without much discussion.

It is stated that the business of the DeForest Company, which Mr. Homer has taken over, will be amalgamated with that of J. Harvey Brown, proprietor of the Sunbeam Tea Co., who is regarded as one of the most expert tea blenders and tasters in Canada.

The amalgamated business will be conducted under the name of the Union Blend Tea Company. Mr. Homer will act as general manager, and Mr. Brown will have charge of the tea blending department. It is expected that arrangements will be made to retain the services of H. W. DeForest as sales manager.

The DeForest Company has been doing an extensive business in the United States, but it is understood that under the new management this business will be curtailed and more attention devoted to developing the markets in Canada. The new management will retain the offices at the corner of Mill and Union streets, and all the employees of the company, including the travelling staff, will continue in its service.

DREDGE "BEACON BAR" DOES TO THE BOTTOM

Crew Has Narrow Escape and Lose Their Effects—Floated Last Night—Extensive Repairs Necessary.

The men engaged on the dredge "Beacon Bar," owned and operated by the Maritime Dredging Co., had a narrow escape yesterday morning when the mud digger sunk near Beatty's beach and they were forced to take to small boats for safety. As it was they lost their clothes and the dredge remained on the bottom for several hours and will considerably damaged.

The accident occurred about 11 o'clock while the dredge was digging at what is known as the high water cut near the line of the bar. A load of scow was alongside and bumped the side of the dredge with sufficient force to cause three planks to spring from their places and a great rush of water followed. In five minutes the dredge had settled until only the top of her funnel was visible and the water washed around the top of her deck house.

Repairs were made during the afternoon, the planks replaced and the machine floated and tied up to her wharf.

The accident will cause some delay to the harbor work as the Cynthia, the big dredge, is now undergoing repairs and the tug is reported to be in the best shape. Consequently the accident to the "Beacon Bar" will mean the removal of the dredge from commission for a time.

It was at first feared that the dredge had sunk in such a position that when the tide went down she would be in danger of sliding off into the deeper cut and sustaining more damage. Fortunately when the tide went down she was found to be resting sufficiently far inside to remove all danger from this source. In fact sufficient time elapsed before she completely filled to allow her to be pushed some distance toward shore and her position was much improved in consequence. It is feared, however, that she will be badly strained as a result of the accident.

The crew on the mud digger at the time was composed of Capt. Thomas McDonald, Thomas Lahey who was in charge, Dexter Moran, crane-man; Alex. Iveney fireman and several deck men.

There was much excitement in the West End at the first report of the accident as it was said that several of the men had been caught in her and were drowned. Such, happily was not the case although all the men lost their clothes and personal effects.

As to test the quality of a concert prima donna. In both departments of her work she showed her fitness for the character. Perhaps her best work in a dramatic line was in the climax of the second act when she gave as fine an exhibition of suppressed emotion as has been seen on the local stage.

Arthur Cogilger as the music teacher presented an especially adept character study. He has thoroughly mastered the technique of his art and carried his part with the artistry and finish which stamps the actor of the highest class.

Walter Liebmann as John Raymond gave the best possible rendering of a rather colorless role. If any criticism could be made of the dramatic part must bear the burden rather than the actor, for Mr. Liebmann made the best use of the material given him and no artist can do more. Mr. Barnett as Pietro proved a very clever musician in accompaniments and incidental music and also provided much of the comedy.

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