

THE WEATHER. MARITIME—Strong northerly to westerly winds, clearing and cold. Toronto, Feb. 2.—The disturbance from the west has passed rapidly to the Atlantic coast, having caused heavy snowfalls in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In the western provinces temperatures have continued very low today but are likely now to rise. Minimum and maximum temperatures—Dawson 30 below, 24 below; Atlin 14 below, 2 below; Prince Rupert 12, 22; Vancouver 20, 24; Kamloops 14 below, zero; Edmonton 42 below, 8 below; Battleford 20 below, 12 below; Qu'Appelle 18 below, 10 below; Moosejaw 12 below, 2 below; Winnipeg 20 below, 6 below; Port Arthur 12 below, 6; London 13, 27; Toronto 11, 31; Ottawa 2 below, 8; Montreal 4 below, 4; Quebec 10 below, 12; St. John 4 below, 2; Halifax 2 below, zero. Forecasts—Lower Lawrence and Gulf, strong northerly winds, fair and cold.

AROUND THE CITY

Temperance Legislation. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson delivered his third lecture in the educational course in the Alexandra hall, Main street, last night. His subject was Temperance Legislation. Liquor Case Today. The charge of illegal liquor selling preferred against J. Everett Walters, which was to have been heard in the police court yesterday afternoon was postponed until today at 12:30 o'clock. River Legends. Archdeacon Raymond will lecture in the Fairville Methodist church, this evening on the legends of the St. John river. He will relate several interesting legends connected with the early history of Fairville and vicinity. 62nd Officers. The officers of the 62nd Regiment are requested to meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon at 11 E. C. Sturdee's office, 94 Prince William street. Business of importance is to be transacted. St. Andrew's Society. The regular quarterly meeting of St. Andrew's Society was held last evening with the president, R. B. Paterson, in the chair. The president and vice-president were authorized to name a committee to gather in new members. Routine business was disposed of. Peer Gynt in Snowstorm. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the evening there was a good attendance at the entertainment given by the reading club of the St. John High school alumni, at the residence of Mrs. J. V. Ellis, last evening. Miss Desjardis read an interesting paper on Peer Gynt with musical accompaniment by Mr. Fox and Mrs. Barnes. Mr. Ritchie Will Speak. P. H. T. Ritchie, Canadian boys' work secretary, is spending a few days with the local Y. M. C. A. On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Mr. Ritchie will address the gathering of boys at this hour. At 7:30 tonight Mr. Ritchie will be a guest at a luncheon given by the chairman of the boys' committee, Saturday evening at 6 o'clock he will meet the Bible study leaders. District Division Officers. St. John county district division Sons of Temperance held its annual meeting last evening and elected officers as follows: Robert Cousan, D. W. P.; Mrs. R. D. Christie, D. W. A.; Kenneth D. Spear, D. S.; John Lister, D. Treas.; Rev. Wm. Lawson, D. Chap.; Walter Daley, D. C.; John Baird, D. S.; James G. Sullivan, P. D. W. P. The officers were installed by E. S. Hennigar, G. W. P. Tonight's Concert. This evening's concert in Centenary schoolroom promises to be one of the most enjoyable musical events of the season. The programme which has already appeared in The Standard, contains the names of many St. John favorites and the list of selections all high class, should certainly be accepted as a guarantee of a pleasant evening. Centenary choir will be assisted by Mrs. Scovill, Miss Bullock, Mrs. Horton and others. Heavy Snowstorm. With the thermometer at zero and a cold wind blowing, snow started to fall about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and continued until after midnight, there being a fall of about 4 inches. The street car sweepers were kept running continually to keep the tracks clean and at times the cars could not run on schedule time. Trains were delayed by the heavy fall and the Boston express was five hours late arriving last night. Likely Investigation. A meeting of the committee appointed by the board of works to look into the matter of the purchase of hard pine to repair the McLeod warehouse will probably be held today. Aid Scully stated yesterday that there were good grounds for Aid. Likely's explanation that it was impossible at the time to secure spruce scantling of 8x8 inches. He added that the firm of Scully and Andrews had great difficulty getting that class of material at that time. Labor Delegates. At the meeting of the trades and labor council last evening Walter Atkinson was delegated to represent the council on the citizens' committee appointed to consider the question of adopting the committee form of government. It was announced that the mayor and Mrs. Frink, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. West Jones would be the judges at the fancy dress carnival to be held under the auspices of the labor council in Victoria rink next Monday evening. PERSONAL. Canon Powell, president of Kings college, Windsor, who was in the city attending the meeting of the governors of the college left last evening for Halifax en route to his home in Windsor. Mrs. W. McK. Blewett is visiting her sister, Mrs. George H. Dickson, 39 Padlock street. In a few days she will go to join her husband who has been appointed assistant manager of the Father Morrisey Medicine Co., Ltd., at Montreal. Detective Killen stated that he did

\$700 DAMAGE IN NELSON STREET FIRE

Building Occupied by James Elliott and Mianus Motor Works Suffers From Blaze Originating From Stove. About 8:45 o'clock last night fire was discovered in James Elliott's building, 29 to 35 Nelson street, and an alarm was sent in from box 7. The fire started on the first floor near a stove and had a good start before it was discovered. The firemen had considerable difficulty fighting it on account of the dense smoke. A couple of streams, however, did good work, but not before about \$700 damage was done to the building and stock. The building is owned by James Elliott, and is occupied by him as a ship's blacksmith plant, also by the Canadian branch of the Mianus Motor Works, Charles T. Merritt, manager, manufacturers of gasoline engines. The greater portion of the damage was in the section of the building where the gasoline engines and supplies were stored. The engines and stock are insured for \$1,000 in the Rimouski Fire Insurance Co., E. L. Jarvis agent. The building is insured for \$1,500, G. E. Fairweather & Son, agents, Prince William street.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TEMPERANCE FEDERATION

J. Willard Smith Elected President—Committee Appointed to Submit Plan of Campaign Encouraging Reports. There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Temperance Federation held in the W. C. T. U. rooms, Germain street yesterday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—J. Willard Smith, St. John. Vice-Presidents—E. S. Hennigar, Mrs. J. Seymour, St. John; J. V. Jackson, Moncton; G. T. W. Blewett, St. John. Secretary—E. N. Stockford. Executive—Rev. W. R. Robinson, St. John; Rev. C. Flemington, Peticodiac; Rev. Wm. Lawson, St. John; Rev. T. D. Bell, Ruisonguis; Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Salisbury; Rev. R. H. Staver, Harcourt; Rev. L. B. Gibson, St. Stephen; J. R. Woodman, W. F. Washburn, C. P. McTavish, St. John; H. A. Trueman, Campbellton; M. G. Haner, Norton; Geo. M. Clarke, Rexton. Geo. N. Clarke, of Rexton, spoke of conditions in Kent county and told of the encouraging success of the temperance movement there. J. Vernon Jackson spoke of the comparative result of good enforcement of the Scott act in Moncton. A committee consisting of E. N. Stockford, J. Vernon Jackson, W. F. Washburn, Rev. W. R. Robinson and E. S. Hennigar was appointed to devise special plans for the year's work and report to a subsequent meeting.

ACRIMONIOUS TALK IN POLICE COURT

Counsel in Stealing Case Not on Best of Terms With Police—Evidence of Defendants Having Knives. The case against Harry Stone and George Stanton on the charge of breaking into Emerson & Fisher's and stealing a quantity of goods, was resumed in the police court yesterday afternoon. E. S. Ritchie appeared for Stanton and G. Earle Logan for Stone. Sarah Morris, colored, who resides on Sheffield street, testified that she purchased a knife from Jimmy Ferrish for thirty-five cents on Wednesday morning, a week ago. She identified the knife in court and said that she had given it to Detective Killen. Joseph London of St. Patrick St., was the next witness and gave evidence that on Tuesday night of last week he met Stanton about 8:30 o'clock in the evening and walked down Brunswick street with him and Stanton gave witness a razor. They went to the Marsh Bridge where they parted. Witness gave the razor to Michael Lavers a Syrian, and got some money and another razor for it. Not So Fast. Michael Lavers testified that London gave him a razor and received another razor and 30 cents in return. E. S. Ritchie had been looking at some of the articles alleged to have been stolen and asked Mr. Logan to pass the articles to him again. Mr. Logan took the articles from the clerk's desk and as he passed them to Mr. Ritchie Detective Killen reached for them. Mr. Ritchie then inquired of the magistrate if the counsel representing the defendants did not have a right to look at articles put in evidence. Mr. Logan interjected, saying that a person would believe that the police were afraid that the articles were being stolen from them. Deputy Chief Jenkins said that such was not the case but that it was impudence for counsel to take the articles without asking for them. Mr. Logan—You have no right to say such things. My learned friend, Mr. Ritchie, asked for them, I'm not stealing and if you think I stole them you had better search me. His Honor stated that the counsel had the privilege of examining articles in evidence. All a Mistake. Detective Killen stated that he did

SINGLE TAX PLAN GAINING IN FAVOR

Proposition Advocated by Ald. Potts May Go to People in April—Bridge Erection Also on Ballot. If the recommendations of the Bills and By-laws Committee passed at a meeting yesterday are carried out, a plebiscite will be taken at the next civic elections for the citizens to decide whether or not the single tax system shall be adopted in St. John, and also to test the public sentiment on the question of the city agreeing to contribute its share in the cost of a bridge across the harbor. The single tax on land values is reported to be gaining ground in many parts of the Dominion. Saskatchewan is considering the advisability of giving its municipalities local option in the matter. The principle has been adopted with success, it is said, in Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Edmonton. Prince Albert and Saskatoon and Regina have applied to the legislature for a change of charter to the same end. The recommendation will be considered by the council on Monday. With reference to the harbor bridge it is understood the estimate of the city's share of the cost is now placed at \$350,000. This suggestion is made that it is advisable as the whole city is interested, and there has been much discussion on the subject, the citizens should give an opinion by their votes on the question of making this large expenditure.

INCOMING STEAMERS SUFFER FROM COLD

Bornu Arrives With Bursted Steam Pipes and Broken Windlass—Kastalia 19 Days Out From Glasgow. The Elder-Dempster Mexican line steamer Bornu arrived in port yesterday from Mexican ports via Newport News. Capt. Dutton reports a very rough trip up from Newport News, meeting with strong northwest wind, heavy sea and very cold weather which led to the break of the steam pipe about the deck of the steamer, but the worst of all was the breaking of the windlass cylinder making it impossible to bring the vessel into the harbor until after she remained off Partridge Island some hours. The captain further stated that when at 45 degrees latitude it was 4 degrees below zero. The first part of the voyage to this port was fine until the vessel got north of Hatteras, the weather was clear after that but from Newport News it began to get cold. The Bornu has some cargo to load here before she begins to load for a return trip to Nassau, Mexican ports, etc. The following is a list of goods of her inward freight: From Vera Cruz—27 cases of straw hats and 1 case wraps. From Tampico—490 tons sulphur. From Nassau—1 case 5,000 cigars. From Progresso—500 bales hemp for Montreal; 250 bales do., and 129 tons scrap iron for Halifax, 400 bales sesal hemp for Brantford, 200 bales do. for Walkalana. Kastalia Iced Up. Donaldson Line steamer Kastalia, Capt. Mitchell, arrived in port yesterday from Glasgow direct. The steamer had a very rough trip across the Atlantic. She left Glasgow on Jan. 14 and was 19 days on the voyage. Head winds and heavy seas being met with almost the entire trip. When the ship approached the Nova Scotia coast she ran into heavy northwest winds and cold weather, which made tons of ice about the vessel's side and deck, and prevented her making schedule time. As she came up the harbor she presented an unusual sight with the ice about her hull and rigging. The Kastalia brought out a very large cargo for this city and the west. She has 11,945 bags and 755 tons in bulk of Scotch hard coal, 100 packages of linoleum and dry goods for Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd. The vessel is now at the custom house wharf discharging her St. John freight after which she will move over to the West Side to discharge her freight for the west. All vessels coming to this port within the past few days have felt the effects of the cold snap and have been tied up about the deck and hull. It is no trouble for us to duplicate your glasses even without a prescription, if you will only show us the broken lens. Should the broken parts prove too small for us to correctly duplicate the original lenses, we'll make a thorough examination of the eyes. Keep this in mind when your glasses break, and also that your repair will be made promptly because we grind the lenses in our own workroom.

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