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METEOROLOGICAL.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 26, 8 p.m.-The low area which was centered in Minnesota last night has moved to the Ottawa Valley, and the western high area, with a pronounced cold wave, is spreading could be compared to the ottawa. spreading quickly over the lake region. There is a strong possibility that as the high passes to the St. Lawrence Valley on Saturday a low area from the Gulf of Mexico will move towards the lake region. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 14-34; Prince Albert, 36 below-6; Qu'Appelle, 26 below—6 below; Winnipeg, 34 below—20 below; Parry Sound, 12—38; Toronto, 19—42; Ottawa, 2—34; Montreal, 2—20; Quebec, 6 below—16; Halifax, 10

Local temperatures-The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Thursday, Jan. 26, were 39 and 16 above. Today sun rises 7:40; sets 5:23. Moon

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-Mrs. James Crawford, of Waterloo street, is reported seriously ill. -At the recent Toronto Normal School examinations, Miss Emma Cooper, city, passed with honors.

-The scarlet fever card placed at 577 Central avenue was put there by mistake, and removed the same day. -Miss Nellie Smith, St. Thomas, returned home today after visiting her

-Mrs. Frank Gray, of Wardsville, on hearing of the serious illness of her brother, Mr. W. H. Davis, and his two children, has come to the city.

-Mr. Perry has resigned the post of manager of the Woodstock branch of the Dominion Trading Stamp Company. He was succeeded by Miss Gregg, of

-The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, takes place this evening. It will also partake of the nature of a social gathering.

-Mr. John Raspberry, A Company, Seventy-seventh Battalion, received a second class short course certificate from the school of infantry here. This qualifies him as sergeant.

-Exeter Times: Rev. W. J. Clark, London, lectured on "With Fire and Sword in the Soudan." The church was filled, and the lecture one of the most interesting ever delivered in Hen-

-Ingersoll Chronicle: T. A. Howard, the Winnipeg hockey player, who sojourned for a short time in London, has returned to the former city. He will take his old place on the forward line

of the Victoria team. -Mr. Gus Green, the aged colored

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seriously ill at his home on South street. The old man is none too well off in this world's goods, and no doubt some of his old-time patrons will see that he does not suffer. -Mrs. Mary A. Woolacott died on Wednesday at the home of her daugh-ter, Mrs. Coles, Hill street, at the ad-

vanced age of 90 years. The funeral took place yesterday to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Deceased was an old resident of London, and was highly re--The annual Sabbath school treat of the Askin Street Methodist Church was given to the scholars last night. The

attendance was large, nearly 500 persons enjoying the good things provided. A short programme was given during the evening. Superintendent Reynolds presided, and the teachers favored the audience with solos, choruses and recitations.

-Tenders for two wooden bridges were opened at the county buildings yesterday. The contract for the erection of the bridge over Mud Creek, between the townships of East Williams and McGillivray, was awarded to Wm.
L. Bice, at \$473. The second contract,
for the building of a bridge at Sebee
Flats, between West Williams and McGillivray, was awarded to J. F. Nickles, at \$178.

Comber Herald: Mr. Samuel Grigg, of London, the evangelist, addressed the Sabbath school in the Methodist Church Sunday morning. In the afternoon he speaker, and an earnest worker for the cause of right. He is assisting in the revival services now being held in the Methodist Church.

-A Toronto dispatch says: The visit of Bishop O'Connor, of London, to the city today gave rise to the rumor that he had come to arrange with the clergy of this city about his installation as Archbishop of Toronto. Like all other rumors concerning the successor of the late Archbishop Walsh, nothing is known by the clergy of any appointment having been made. Bishop O'Connor is on his way home from the

-Mrs. Thornley spoke at the Froebel Society mothers' meeting, Tuesday, on promotion of social purity. She said that greater care in teaching children personal cleanliness would help to prevent the formation of bad habits, and urged the mothers to strive above everything else to retain the confidence of their children, so that they might guide them at critical times. The address was full of practical illustrations and suggestions.

-J. K. McCullough, world's champion skater, appeared at the West-minster Rink last night and gave one of the finest exhibitions of fancy skating ever witnessed in this city. He appeared on stilts and performed the clever feat of jumping over five barrels placed on the ice. He skated backwards against Bert Thomas, London's champion, defeating Thomas, and then gave a two-mile exhibition race against Sims and Thomas, and had an easy thing of it. The attendance was very small.

-The Mount Pleasant Cemetery Company held their annual meeting on Wednesday, with the president, Mr. P. MoKenzie, in the chair. The year's reports were all satisfactory, and the financial statement exhibited a healthy condition in the company's affairs. The company is entirely out of debt, and, during 1898, over \$800 was applied to permanent improvements, including \$400 for a spaceus greenhouse. The old board of directors and auditors were re-elected, and the officers of 1898 were reappointed by the new board. The officers were tendered a vote of

LONDONER'S HARD LUCK

The Crowley, La., Daily Signal of the 20th inst. gave an extended account of the destruction by fire the night previous of the Eagel rice mill, which was one of the largest industries of the town, was the property of Mr. J. E. Platt an old London boy, son of the late Edward Platt, and nephew of Mr. William Platt, of this city. Mr. Platt bought out his partner's interest in the business and became sole owner just two years ago, and his total loss is estimated at \$80,000, with an insurance of but \$15,000. The Signal says: "Mr. Platt is a comparatively young man, and was putting the best of himself into his business, and had, during his connection with rice milling, won an exceptional amount of success. By pursuing a conscientious business policy this success was growing, and no one stands higher today or would have a greater amount of sympathy than does Mr. Platt in this great loss and sore affliction."

SKATING CARNIVAL.

The first annual carnival under the auspices of the Star Pleasure Club of London West was held last night on the Red Light Rink, and, considering the weather, was a grand success, about 150 being in costume. Miss Tobeny, as Flower Girl, received first prize as best dressed lady; James Petfield, as a Spanish Prince, received second prize as best dressed gentle-man; David Armstrong, as Irishman (comic), received third prize. Among others were: Wm. McCausland, Dutchman; C. Kenny, Clown; T. Tozer, Tramp; Leonard Barr, Colored Gent.; A. McCarkell, Sailor Boy; Arthur Brown, French Prince; T. Burgess, Dude; Thos. Saunby, Faust; Steve Ralph, Colored Gent.; Geo. Finnigan, Topsy; R. Rouks, Colored Tramp; Miss. Taff, Gipsy Queen; Miss Kenny, Snow Flake; Miss McKay, Maytlower; Miss Jennie Moore, Nurse; Mr. White, Page; Tim Howlett, Henry VIII.; Charles Crockett, Bum. The committee in charge for the occasion were Henry Payne, Jas. Petfield, W. McCausland and A. McCarkell. The judges, who gave every satisfaction, were J. H. Waud and Thos. Robinson.

DEATH OF MRS. THOS. DRURY, Mrs. Thomas Drury, one of London's oldest and most respected residents, passed away at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. W. H. Morgan, 716 drayman, one of our oldest residents, is Colborne street, yesterday. The de-

ceased lady was born in county Armagh, Ireland, in 1822; came to London with her parents in 1837 and resided here continuously ever since-a period of nearly 62 years. She was married in old St. Paul's Cathedral to the late Thomas Drury, who died sixteen years ago, and since his demise she has made home with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. For the past ten years or so she has been an invalid, and about a week ago was seized with la grippe, which was the immediate cause of her death. Mrs. Drury was an esteemed member of St. Paul's Cathedral, and at one time took an active part in church work. Four daughters survive herwork. Four daughters survive herMrs. (Dr.) O'Connor, Toronto; Miss
Mattie Drury, of the Toronto public
school teaching staff; Miss Minnie,
teacher at St. George's school, city,
and Mrs. W. H. Morgan. Mrs. Drury
had a wide circle of friends in London,
particularly arrows: the older peri particularly amongst the older residents, and the announcement of her death will cause general regret. The fureral will take place on Saturday

CHANGE OF

Board of Works Decide to Ring Out the New and Ring in the Old.

Adopted the System Which Was in Vogue in 1897.

The Stone-Breaking Problem-Some Drainage Troubles-Ward Grabbing Discussed-Minor Matters.

The present board of works recognize the merits of the system pursued in 1897, controlling orders for work issued (by the department, and at the regular meeting last evening decided to reestablish it. By it every order, unless for absolutely necessary repairs, must be signed by the chairman. A departure addressed a mass meeting of all the distribution be signed by the chairman. A departure addressed a mass meeting of all the congregations in the Methodist last year increased the engineer's powers. Church. Mr. Grigg is an entertaining ers and work was done without the order of the chairman, Ald. Douglass, who says that as a result he was blamed for work that he knew nothing of. Another move along the line of business methods was to provide that bi-weekly statements of the expenditure of the board be furnished the members. Both suggestions came from Ald. Parnell, who was chairman in 1897, and they were acted upon without demur, except that with regard to the latter some of the members wanted the expenditure in the different wards shown. But when opposition to the ward system was expressed, the contention was dropped.

A report from City Engineer Graydon upon the stone-breaking problem stated that the cost of breaking stone by hand is about \$4 20 per cord, made up as follows: Men are paid \$3 per cord for breaking, and to this is added the cost of a foreman, a man breaking large hardheads, a team at times moving stone to convenient points for ed. Let the work breaking, the cost of hammers and the cil alone, he said. cost of handles.

The cost of machinery is from \$2 upwards, depending on the economy used in the number and class of men employed, the quality of the engine, and the competency of the man running the machine, etc. Chairman Douglass said the stone

cost \$2 50, and to deliver it when broken about \$1. "So the total cost of stone broken by hand is nearly \$8 per cord," said Ald. Parnell.

The matter was laid over until tenders for broken stone be considered. Two pairs of jaws for the crusher will be obtained.

Mr. A. Keenleyside wanted a drain opened on the east side of Maitland street, from the Grand Trunk tracks south, to prevent the flooding of the old Massey-Harris building near Bathurst The building is now used as a lard factory. The engineer reported that there were many difficulties in the way of granting the request, Mr. Keenleyside's property being lower than the street. The matter was referred to the chairman, engineer and

Ald. Reed. Mr. H. A. Vincent's claim for damages through alleged defective drainage of his property on Wreay street was discussed. The engineer reported that he had visited the place, and found the cellar damp. Not more than \$5 or \$6 worth of property had been damaged, he thought. The trouble was caused, he said, by the Stevens drain, which caused the Wreay street drain to back

Mr. Vincent urged that something be done to relieve him. His property had suffered in this way for four years. Ald. Parnell said others than Mr. Vincent were affected in the same way, and suggested that the engineer devise some means to remedy the trouble and report as to the cost. This will be

Ald. Garratt opposed doing anything, on the ground that the property was



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bought it. A report from the city engineer upon the men who have snowplow beats caused some discussion.

Ald. McPhillips objected to a man who is a resident of No. 5 ward having a beat in No. 1 ward. The snowplowing should be done by a resident of the ward, he said, and moved that the matter, so far as No. 1 ward was concerned, be referred to himself and the chairman.

Ald. Wilkey spoke against doing anything, as the season was so far advanced. Let the work of last year's coun-Ald. Garratt agreed.

Ald. McPhillips reiterated his principle about residents of the ward doing the work.

The engineer explained that at the time the contracts were let there was not a teamster in ward 1 to engage. Ald. Garratt's motion to make no change carried. Ald. McPhillips announced his intention of looking out for No. 1. year No. 1 ward did not get half what

it should have got," he said.
Ald. Wilkey—Cooper got it. (Laugh-Ald. Garratt-And Garratt will get

it this year. (More laughter.)
Ald. Wilkey raised the question of appointing an assistant to Caretaker Burdick of Queen's Park. Last year the cost, he said, of looking after the park was double what it should have been. There were two men there nearly all the time, which was unnecessary. It was only at odd times that extra help should be engaged. The matter was laid over.

The mayor spoke of the old men who have been engaged to assist Mr. Grant, ranger of Victoria Park, and suggested that younger men be employed. Ald. Wilkey agreed. No action was taken. Ald. Garratt moved to recommend the council to advertise that ratepayers re-

quiring improvements such as sidewalks, roads, etc., under the frontage tax system be requested to send in their petitions to the city clerk not later than April 15, so that the work can be proceeded with as early as possible, and that the city will pay the total cost of construction of such permanent sidewalks and roads. Carried.
Waspe & Pearson secured the contract for 100 street signs at \$18, which includes the cost of placing in position, There were several tenders.

The mayor spoke of the request of the Socialists for a public meeting. He had been asked to secure the opera house for the meeting if the city hall would not do. To rent the opera house would cost \$60 or \$75. Ald. Wilkey-In view of what has

been said about the hall, it would be well to look it over and see if it is dan-gerous. I think it is not. He named the engineer, Ald. Garratt and himself as a committee to inspect

the building. Carried.

The mayor will take no action in the matter until the council considers the It was decided on motion of Ald. Wilkey to advertise that \$2 50 per cord

will be paid for any quantity of stone for breaking.

Ald. Douglass presided, and the other members present were: Ald. Garratt, Wilkey, Parnell, McPhillips and Reed, the mayor, Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell.

THE SEWER COMMITTEE. Ald. Carrothers joined the board when the work of the sewer committee was taken up, and Ald. McPhillips acted as

chairman.

It was decided to retain \$15 from Contractor Gould on the Bruce street sewer contract until the street is put into shape to meet the approval of the engineer.
Ald. Carrothers asked who had charge of the sewer system, now that Mr. Ashbridge had resigned. The engineer replied that, under his

supervision, Mr. Kirkpatrick had. number of accounts were passed. INTRICACIES OF ENGLISH. Monsieur de France-You wind up ze

clock to make him go? English Tutor-Exactly. Monsieur de France-Zen, what for you wind up ze beesiness to make him etop?—Jewelers' Weekly.

FOR FATHERS

A Prize of 8,000 Francs for the Best French Papa.

According to the terms of a gift of a M. de Reverdy, a prize of 3,000 francs is every second year given to a man belonging to the laboring class of France who shall be designated as the best father (le meilleur pere de famillie). The report of M. Lucipia, who this year has charge of the matter, was recently published in Le Figaro. There were 68 candidates for the prize, whose he work.

Ald. Parnell said it would be better families included a total of 466 children, which is nearly an average of 7 to drop the idea of wards altogether. to a household. Of the 466 children. The men were giving good satisfaction. 163 had died. M. Lucipia comments the large proportion of survivors, for 30 years ago the rate of mortality was 80 per cent. The present state of health of French children is said to be due to the new hygienic conditions instituted by Haussamann and Alphand. M. and Mme. Vandenbrouck, who received the 3,000 francs this year, have had 16 children, of whom 14 are living, 5 being grown up, 6 at school and 3 infants in arms. M. Vandenbrouck is a shoemaker, who, with his family, occupies a little house between the avenues of Ivry and Choisy, at 6 Passage Charles-Berthault. He is 45 years of age. His wife is described in the report as "being 39 years old, a fine-looking motherly woman, with a very sweet air, and always smiling. The surviving children, in their order of birth, are named as follows: Justine, the eldest girl, 22 years; Louis, tine, the eldest girl, 22 years; abous, the eldest boy, 20 years; Nathalie, 18; Constant, 16½; Francois, 15; Jean, 13; Louise, 10; Irma, 9; Arsene, 7½; Marthe, 6; Maxime, 4½; Pierre, 3, and Marie, 14 months. M. Vandenbrouck owns the house in which his family lives; it occupies 92 square meters of ground, and is one story and a half high. The ground floor includes three rooms; a small workshop, a bedchamber, occupied by the worthy couple and their three youngest children, and a large room which serves as kitchen, dining-room, and also as workshop. The second story is divided by board partitions, which do not reach the ceiling, into dormitorles, where the eleven older children sleep. And there

is not a toy in the house. GRAND OPERA AND SANDWICHES.

New York, Jan. 26.-At the Metropolitan Opera House last night there was a sudden development of a fadthe mixture of supper and grand opera, Wagner, and cheese and sandwiches. Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting was the woman who dared to make the innovation openly. During the intermission Mrs. Cutting's box party was served with a substantial luncheon.

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