

THE WEATHER. Toronto, Feb. 9.—Pressure is comparatively high in the St. Lawrence Valley and the Middle Pacific States, and lowest in Alberta. The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion, and abnormally mild in the Western Provinces.

AROUND THE CITY. ONE DRUNK. One drunk and two protectionists were booked at the police station last night.

TRAIN HELD. Last night's train to Halifax was held half an hour for the accommodation of the Moncton Opera troupe, who gave a delightful performance at the Imperial yesterday afternoon and evening.

TOBACCOING PARTY. The Anglican Young People's Society of St. Luke's church spent last evening tobaccoing at Rockwood Park, returning to the school rooms where supper was served. All enjoyed the outdoor amusement and the social gathering.

C. P. O. S. SLEIGH DRIVE. The staff of the C. P. O. S. offices at West St. John had a delightful sleigh drive last evening, going out on the road for some time returning to the Mayor's house, where supper was served. Dancing was enjoyed until twelve. Miss Mildred Long was in charge of the affair, which was pronounced a very successful one.

G. W. V. A. BUILDING CO. At the annual meeting of the G. W. V. A. Building Co. held yesterday morning it was reported that the building was free of debt. In the absence of the Mayor, M. E. Agar occupied the chair. The old board of directors, namely, Mayor Schofield, St. E. Agar, F. C. Beaton, R. T. Hayes, M. P. P. and Geo. J. Warwick was re-elected and at their subsequent meeting they elected His Worship, president, Mr. Agar vice-president, and Mr. Warwick secretary-treasurer.

DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR. The Musical Committee of St. Luke's church entertained the choir at a sleigh drive last evening, followed by supper at Bend's restaurant. Between forty and fifty guests enjoyed a drive as far as Turberville, returning to Bend's, where a fine supper was served. Rev. R. M. Legate presided. A musical programme was given, in which W. H. Smith and F. A. Denison sang solos, and splendid choral singing was heard. The entertainment was voted a delightful one by all.

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HORSE LOOKED VERY HUNGRY. Animal Fell on Brussels Street.—Horseman Pronounced it as Past Its Usefulness. There is work to do for the Society with the long name. Yesterday a decrepit old horse, looking starved and with its framework sticking through the skin, while drawing a sled load of ashes, fell at the junction of Brussels street with Union.

Denies His Guilt But Offers To Pay. Prisoner Held for Theft from Purity Ice Cream Co., is Remanded. The preliminary hearing of George Brooks, arrested on a warrant charging theft from the Purity Ice Cream Co., was taken up in the police court yesterday afternoon. Herman Stern, a member of the firm, was the only witness. He stated that the accused was employed by his firm as a delivery truck driver at the beginning of last September, and as such delivered goods and made collections. On the 26th of that month he left the factory with goods amounting in value from \$150 to \$200, half of which were C.O.D. He did not return in the evening and was not seen by the witness again until brought to court. The bookkeeper's statement showed that the accused had collected \$68.78. Brooks pleaded not guilty, but offered to make restitution. He was remanded.

Metagama Social Club Concert. Seamen's Institute Crowded to Doors.—Selections Were Excellent. The Seamen's Institute was crowded to the doors last evening with an enthusiastic audience which welcomed the Metagama Social and Athletic Club Concert Party. The selections were excellent, special applause greeting the Burlesque Orchestra, which in spite of the ludicrous instruments and ridiculous actions of the musicians, yet made some very tuneful music. W. Brindle acted as chairman, C. O. Elder as musical director, R. Beata, honorary chairman and P. Rooney, honorary secretary.

Senator Domville's Residence Burned. The "Willows" at Rothessay, One of Oldest Residences, Totally Destroyed by Fire. The fine old residence of Senator James Domville, known as the "Willows" at Rothessay, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, and all that remains is a pile of smoldering ruins. It is stated that the residence was partially insured.

Another Conference On Bridge Matter. Col. Monsarett and E. D. Lafleur Here to Inspect Site.—Hear Shipping Men's Side. Another conference on the height of the new railway bridge over the reversing falls was held yesterday and the shipping men told once more their reasons for wanting this structure raised to the level of the highway bridge.

Charge Obstructing Traffic. A by-law case in which E. B. Buchanan was charged with obstructing the street railway at the corner of Sydney and Union streets, and also with driving without a proper number plate, was taken up. John Wood, motorman on a West St. John car said he was passing along Union street last Friday night. As Sydney street he saw a team driving down the middle of the track followed by an automobile driven by the defendant. He said he stopped the street car to allow the team to turn out but the automobile came within a few feet of the car and stopped. It stayed there a few minutes and then backed up a few feet. After about fifteen minutes the automobile turned out and proceeded. Buchanan was charged with obstructing traffic and with driving without a proper number plate. The case was postponed until this afternoon.

Will Meet Wishes Of Common Council. New Brunswick Power Co. Will Lay U or Grooved Rail on Douglas Avenue. The New Brunswick Power Co. notified the city council yesterday that they would meet the wishes of the council and lay the U or grooved rail on Douglas Avenue, thus saving the city the cost of laying the special nose blocks necessary with the T rail. Commissioner Frink presented a letter from the New Brunswick Power Company, signed by the president, L. R. Ross, stating that in view of the fact, brought to their attention by Commissioner Frink, that it would cost the city an additional \$50,000 to get the special nose blocks which had to be used if the T rail were replaced and the additional cost of the U rail over the T would only be about \$5,000 the company did not feel the citizens should have to bear this additional cost and they would without prejudice to themselves replace the present rail with the U rail.

No Falling Off In Auto Business. Local Dealers Say Everything Points to Ready Sales in "Buzz" Wagons. Automobile dealers, who have returned from the Montreal Auto Show, say there is every reason to believe there will be no particular falling off in automobile sales this year in comparison with former years. Dealers in the Maritime Provinces, they declare, are ordering their usual supply of cars for this year's season's trade and are already receiving orders for immediate delivery.

Excelsior Paper On Robert Burns. Rev. R. M. Legate Delighted Members of Knox Church Men's Guild. The Men's Guild of Knox church at their fortnightly meeting held last evening enjoyed a Scottish programme which included an excellent paper on Robert Burns by Rev. R. M. Legate, minister of Knox church.

W. C. T. U. TO OBSERVE FRANCES WILLARD DAY. Arrangements Made to Care for Needy Family Through City Church. At the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. held yesterday afternoon, Mrs. David Hipwell presided and led the devotions. Mrs. Hoar led in prayer, and a collection was taken for flowers. Two new members were welcomed, Mrs. Berglund and Mrs. A. E. McCoy. Mrs. Berglund was appointed pianist for W. C. T. U. meetings.

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Marriage Between Persons Afflicted. Shown at Meeting That Persons Tubercular Should be Prevented from Marrying. In her report as visitor for the month for the society for the prevention of tuberculosis, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith pointed out more care should be exercised to prevent marriage between persons afflicted with tuberculosis. She gave instances of four cases where parties were tubercular. E. L. Rising, vice-president, presided at yesterday afternoon's meeting. On motion of Mrs. George F. Smith, seconded by Rev. Canon Kurling, it was decided to ask Mrs. Edwards to reconsider her resignation from the publicity committee.

Care for Family. Mrs. Hanspacher reported upon a needy family whom the Union have been assisting, and stated that she had made connection with their church and that they are being well cared for.

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Curtain Sale Wednesday. Travellers' Samples and Odd Lines that have become slightly soiled from handling have been assorted into five groupings for quick disposal. Every group has bargains of an exceptional nature. Four pairs alike in many patterns. You will find among them Curtains of Scrim, Marquisette, Arab Lace and Irish Point. Be here early Wednesday morning for the choice of selection. The lists below will give you some idea of the really big values offered in this sale. GROUP NO. 1.—Plain hemstitched Curtains with lace and insertion or just lace edge. Regular value, \$2.40 to \$6.75 pair. Wednesday \$1.25 to \$3.50 pair. GROUP NO. 2.—Plain light Arab, lace Curtains, some are hemstitched, others have narrow edge. Very Special \$2.50 and \$2.75 pair. GROUP NO. 3.—Plain white net Curtains with lace and insertion, 2 1/2 yards. Regular value, \$6.50 to \$9.75 pair. Wednesday \$4.00 to \$6.50 pair. GROUP NO. 4.—Odd Marquisette, lace and net Curtains, various popular styles. Regular value, \$6.00 to \$16.00. Wednesday \$4.50 to \$12.00. GROUP NO. 5.—White Irish Point Curtains, double border style, 4 yards, 6 pairs only. Regular value, \$30.00 pair. Wednesday \$20.00 pair. Sale in Curtain Dept., Germain St Entrance.

Spring Time is Sweater Time. We have lately received some real beauties, fashioned of finest wool in Tuxedo Coat style. These are in very smart heather mixtures and rare plain colors such as the fashionable sapphire, amethyst and turquoise shades. You will find these new "Jersey Coats" out of the ordinary in every respect—just what is needed for early spring wear. The prices are very moderate. \$7.75, \$9.25 and \$11.50 (Costume Section, Second Floor). Manchester Robertson Allison & Co. KING STREET • GERMAIN STREET • MARKET SQUARE.

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