

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—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.

St. John 40
 Prince Rupert 40
 Victoria 40
 Edmonton 36
 Battleford 36
 Medicine Hat 36
 Winnipeg 36
 White River 36
 London 36
 Toronto 36
 Ottawa 36
 Montreal 36
 Quebec 36
 Halifax 36

Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and a little higher temperature.

Northern New England—Snow and warmer Wednesday.

Thursday fair; fresh south and southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

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

ON INSPECTION TRIP.
 A. C. Barker, superintendent of the St. John-Springfield district of the N. B. was in the city yesterday on an inspection trip.

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

LENT BEGINS TODAY.
 Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent will be conducted in the usual services appropriate to the beginning of Lent will be conducted in all the Catholic churches of the city.

TOBACCO-GROWING PARTY.
 The Anglican Young People's Society of St. Luke's church spent last evening tobacconizing at Rockwood Park, returning to the school room 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 for some way to the restaurant at the Manor House, where supper was served. Dancing was enjoyed until twelve. Miss Mildred Long was in charge at 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, M. E. Agar, F. C. Beattie, R. T. Hayes, M. P. P., and Geo. L. Warwick was re-elected and at their subsequent meeting they elected M. E. Agar 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 Bond's restaurant. Between forty and fifty guests enjoyed a drive as far as Turbun, returning to Bond's, where a fine supper was served. Rev. R. T. McKinnon presided. A musical programme was given, to which William Smith and F. A. Denison sang solos, and splendid choral singing was heard. The entertainment was voted a delightful one by all.

Mount Allison Off To Splendid Start

Monday's report from the Mount Allison campaign for zero No. 2 shows the sum of \$37,284 for the Sackville institution.

Group No. 11, with centre in Sussex, W. D. Turner leader, reported \$500.
 Group No. 12, Hampton, J. B. Anglin, leader, reported \$250.
 The report from Group No. 13, St. John, R. T. Hayes, leader, showed: Queen Square, \$2,572; Centenary, \$19,257; Zion, \$57; St. Patrick, \$150.
 Group No. 14, Fredericton, R. B. Hanson, \$1,000.
 Group No. 15, Woodstock, L. E. Young, \$2,242.
 Group No. 16, Hartland, C. S. Baker, \$1,271.

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.

The horse lay where it fell and made no effort to regain its feet. Several men rushed to the assistance of the played-out old nag, un hitched him from the sled and, after much effort, succeeded in getting him to his feet. On regaining his "all fours" he made a dash for the load of ashes and nosed into them for a feed.

Horsemen present pronounced the animal as past its usefulness, but thought a good feed might cheer him up. The harness of the front legs were barked and bleeding, and were fresh showing the horse had been down before that day.

Denies His Guilt But Offers To Pay

Prisoner Held for Theft from Purty Ice Cream Co., is Remanded.

The preliminary hearing of George Brooks, arrested on a warrant charging theft from the Purty 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 \$68.73. Brooks pleaded not guilty, but offered to make restitution. He was remanded.

A case against Ronald Taylor, James Walsh and John McPherson, seamen of the S.S. Hochelaga charged with hitting language Captain and Police men Corner and Orr with lamps of coal, was resumed yesterday and the accused were allowed to go on payment of a fine of \$20 each.

Three drunks were before the court. One also was charged with using abusive language to C. N. R. Police man Hardin, who gave evidence. He pleaded guilty to the first charge but said he did not know anything about the other. He was remanded.

Charge Obstructing Traffic.

A by-law case in which R. S. 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 travelling along Union street last Friday night. At 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 and stopped in the centre of the track. 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 the additional cost and they would without prejudice to themselves replace the present rail with the U rail.

Commissioner Frink moved the communication be acknowledged and the thanks of the council tendered to the Power Co. for their action in the matter. This was seconded by Commissioner Thornton and carried.

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 Kuhnring, it was decided to ask Mrs. Edwards to reconsider her resignation from the publicity committee.

The monthly report was as follows: Number of patients examined by Dr. Farris, 12; treated at County Hospital 3; examined by Dr. Logie, 18; clinics held, 15; patients at clinics, 20; prescriptions filled, 20; old patients, 204; new patients, 13; discharged, 7; cases reported to the Board of Health, 1; receiving milk, 2; visits made by nurses, 19.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith read an excellent report of work done as visitor during the month, giving details of many cases where assistance had been given, or educational work done. Miss Agnes Warner was appointed visitor for the coming month.

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 useful music.

W. Brindle acted as chairman, C. O. Elder as musical director, R. Beattie, honorary chairman and P. Rooney, honorary secretary.

Those taking part in the really fine programme were—Mr. McCartney, J. Harvey, R. Beattie, C. O. Elder, J. Owens, O. Pritchard, F. Brooks, J. Swift, E. Thomas, Mr. Tibbott, Mr. Nicholson, Mrs. Smith and Miss Brown were accompanists. The singing of O Canada and God Save the King ended the programme.

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.

Col. C. N. Monsarett, chief engineer of the Board of Railway Commissioners and E. D. LaFleur, chief engineer of the public works department, reached the city yesterday to look over the situation and report to their respective heads in regard to it. In the morning a conference was held at City Hall with the commissioners, city solicitor, city engineer, Messrs. Fairbairn, Motley, Draper and Kirby of the C. P. R.; A. Gray, resident government engineer and representatives of the shipping interests.

The case for the shipping men was placed before the visiting engineers by Messrs. Beattie, McIntyre and Smith, who told of the need for a head room on account of the larger vessels being built.

Mr. Fairbairn said he wanted to correct the impression that the C. P. R. had tried to put one across. He had built the bridge as high as possible without disturbing the grades at either end and felt when they provided for two and a half feet more clearance they were doing something which would please all hands, and there had not been any objection until plans were nearly completed.

Yesterday afternoon the engineers, accompanied by the mayor, visited the bridge and made a thorough inspection of the conditions there. They left the afternoon train for Montreal and Ottawa and will later lay their report before the proper authorities.

Excellent 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.

The president of the Guild, George McKinnon, presided, and a large number of members were in attendance. The programme opened with piano selections by D. Arnold Fox, which were greatly appreciated. Finely rendered songs were given by Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Currie. At the close of the programme, Hon. J. R. Ritchie made a complimentary speech in his usual happy vein. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to all who had taken part, and the meeting closed with the singing of God Save the King.

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.

A letter of sympathy is to be sent Mrs. W. H. Humphrey in her sad bereavement. The matter of free soup kitchens was brought before members and Mrs. R. P. Christie asked to make further enquiries regarding the matter of assistance.

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.

A communication was received from the provincial treasurer, Mrs. Lawson, Fredericton, and also a copy of the new directory. Mrs. Hope Thompson told of her hospitable visit to the parish for meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hoar, Hazen street, on Friday next Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Seymour.

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.

Fire Discovered.
 It was about four-thirty o'clock that Mrs. W. Z. Earle, a daughter of Senator and Mrs. Domville, heard a crackling and said that she thought there was a fire. After making an investigation in the basement, she went to the attic, and as soon as she opened a door found that this section of the building was all ablaze, the fire having apparently got a start from a defective fuse.

College Students Called.
 Mrs. Earle immediately gave the alarm to the others in the house and a telephone call was rushed to the Rothessay College for help. The college boys, with the chemical, rushed to the scene, but could do nothing to check the flames, as the fire had a big start before being first discovered, and it was instantly seen that the building was doomed to destruction. The college students, along with some neighbors, were, however, enabled to remove most of the furniture from the house, and beyond some rough handling it was saved, and taken to the premises of J. H. A. L. Fairweather, which is situated across the street from the Domville home. Senator and Mrs. Domville, also Mrs. Earle, removed to Mr. Fairweather's home.

City Engine Summoned

A telephone call was sent to the city and the motor pumping engine from No. 3 fire station on Union street was rushed to the scene, but the nine mile run was useless, as the building was a mass of ruins before the engine arrived; and as there was no other building very near the burning building, there was little or no work for the fire apparatus to perform.

An Old Residence.
 "The Willows" is a very old building, having been erected years before Rothessay received its name. In 1880, in fact, it was one of the first residences to be erected in Rothessay. It was a fine old, staunch structure and surrounded by beautiful grounds.

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 the early season's trade and are already receiving orders for immediate delivery.

There has been no great drop in price; in fact, it is said some cars have advanced in price. Of course, as one dealer says, the luxury tax has been removed, and that makes a considerable reduction over the automobile last year.

The enquiries from prospective buyers tends to show there is plenty of money in sight for "buzz wagons" and times are not so hard as calamity howlers would have one believe.

Want the Best

"Are the prospective buyers looking for cheap cars?" was asked of one dealer. "Nothing doing on the cheap stuff. They want nothing but the best, and if you suggest a second hand car guaranteed in good working order and fit as a fiddle, they look at you in disgust."

In the North Shore, where there is now five feet of snow, it is expected more cars will be sold this season than were sold last year, and believe me, that will be going some.

CADETS INSPECTION.
 The public schools will have only one session today as the Cadet Corps are to be inspected by Lieut-General Sir H. E. Barrall, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C. The inspection will take place at the Armories at three o'clock.

Sale of New Spring Blouses At F. A. Dykeman's.

A brand new assortment just unpacked and offered at special sale prices. Jap Silks, Georgette Crepes and Crepe-de-Chine in white, flesh and peach. These are the most beautiful styles shown for this season's wear. Long, short or kimono sleeves, high and low necks. Some trimmed with dainty fillet lace, others with pretty floral silk embroidery. A splendid selection to choose from at the following sale prices. Regular \$10.50 values for \$6.50. Regular \$8.50 values for \$4.98. On sale at F. A. Dykeman's.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 50c.

CARNIVAL AT VICTORIA RINK.
 Tuesday, February 16. Many new and splendid costumes will be seen, and there is keen competition for the six prizes offered.

VICTORIA RINK CARNIVAL.
 Tuesday, February 16. Now is the time to get your costumes ready. Everybody will have a good time.

KINDERGARTEN TAG DAY.
 Saturday, February 12th.

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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 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
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AT PRICES LOWER THAN FOR YEARS. We have just purchased a number of Pony Coats at prices that enable us to sell them for \$125.00, \$150.00, \$175.00, \$200.00. They are loose fitting garments in different lengths. All with shawl collar, cuffs and belt.

PLAIN COATS,	HUDSON SEAL TRIMMED COATS,	RACCOON OR OPOSSUM TRIMMED COATS
36 to 40 ins. long.	35 to 40 ins. long.	34 to 36 ins. long.
\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00

RACCOON OR OPOSSUM TRIMMED COATS, 40 to 45 ins. long \$200.00
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