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St. John, Jan. 6, 1909. MEN'S REGULAR \$2.50 to \$3.00 Pants for \$1.98. We have secured a big lot of men's trousers, which were made from ends of webs of very superior cloths, there are some in the lot which could not be sold in the regular way for less than \$5.00 a pair, by taking the whole lot we got them at a great bargain and will sell them, while they last, at \$1.98 a pair. HEWSON'S \$1.25 UNDERWEAR, 90c. TO CLEAR.

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WORST STORM OF THE WINTER CAUSES A GREAT DEAL OF DAMAGE IN THE CITY

C. P. R. Trains Held Up by Washout---Several Vessels in the Harbor Damaged---Lowlands Flooded and Many Fences and Flagpoles Blown Down.

St. John is having a "spell of weather." It started yesterday, shortly before one o'clock and the whole blame for the trouble must be attached to the man who put up the storm signal. If he had been satisfied to let things alone, this storm might not have come. Since it is here, and since everybody is inconvenienced, Mr. D. Hutchinson endeavors to explain away the undesirable conditions by a few meagre facts of scientific observation. "The rain," said Mr. Hutchinson, "started at 12:20 yesterday and until nine o'clock last evening the total precipitation was one-half inch. From that hour until nine this morning the fall amounted to 2.4 inches, making a total up to this morning of 2.9 inches. This is a heavy fall--phenomenal fall for the time of year. The temperature at nine o'clock last night was 46; at nine this morning it was 52 and the lowest during the night was 44. A severe lightning storm, unusual for the winter, occurred about one o'clock this morning. The wind has not been very strong. It blew from the south and southeast and attained a minimum velocity of 21 miles an hour. "This prospect is for continued bad weather, with a gradual change to very much lower temperatures. Now you know as much about it as I do." It was found necessary about 10:30 to seriously re-examine with Mr. Hutchinson. Up till twelve o'clock 0.7 inches of rain fell, making the total for twenty-four hours 3.6 inches, which is the record precipitation for January.

It was just before noon when a large and heavy sign on the front of C. and E. Everett's, on King street, was torn from its fastenings and in its descent to the sidewalk broke a large pane of glass and narrowly escaped injuring a number of people. GLASS FRONTS BLOWN IN. The gale blew in a large plate glass window in H. W. DeForest's building on the corner of Mill and Union streets. A pane of glass was broken in a British store on the corner of Duke and Prince Wm. streets was blown down and blocked the sidewalk. One large piece of metal was blown with great force across the street and narrowly missed striking a gentleman who was passing along the street. SCHOONER BREAKS ADRIFT. The large three masted schooner Harry Miller loaded with coal broke from her moorings at the end of Starr's wharf, and crashed head on into the trestle leading from Mill street to the Long Wharf. The trestle was badly damaged and all the wires on it were broken. With the assistance of a couple of tug boats the vessel was returned to her berth.

WESTERN UNION. The Western Union Telegraph office reports that everything west is gone. A vessel striking against Long Wharf ripped away the poles and everything attached, and breaks have also occurred in other places. The lines to the east are working alright, but the city telegraph system of call boxes is badly demoralized. Employees of the company are at work making repairs. C. P. R. TELEGRAPH. The C. P. R. Telegraph Company state that two lines eastward and one westward, but at two o'clock no further damage had been reported. Connections with Montreal, Fredericton and other points were satisfactory. TELEPHONE COMPANY. Mr. Robinson of the Telephone Company, told the Star this afternoon that every toll line out of the city is down. Moncton, Fredericton, St. Stephen and all provincial points are completely cut off. The wires are good as far as Sussex, but beyond that no connection can be made. In the city twenty telephones are out of order, but every man in the employ of the company is at work and it is hoped that the trouble will be overcome before very long. The damage has been greatly reduced because of the fact that many of the wires are now carried in underground cables. ITALIAN BARK DAMAGED. With no less than fifteen large hawsers out and every precaution to make the big Italian bark Merloni secure at the north side of the government pier, Lever Cove, the gale prevailed against the bark vessel. The hull was sheltered from the blast by the wharf and various masts and rigging caught it. The mooring lines did not part but so great was the strain that for mooring posts in the wharf, which were supposed to withstand almost any strain were pulled out of the wharf, and still attached to the mooring lines they were pulled over the side of the wharf into the water, and floated away with the bark. The vessel was at the mercy of the gale but had only about a hundred feet to go until she crashed into the pier's point railway trestle near the Gray bridge. So forcible was the col-

lision that the top of the trestle and railway track were displaced a couple of feet, and the side of the trestle was damaged. Some of the port bow plates of the bark were bent by the pressure of the anchor against the woodwork. While the crew were endeavoring to get out fenders to save their ship the lower main topmast blew clear of the clew lines, and with a report like a gun was soon blown into ribbons. With the big bark in such a bad position and the tattered sail snapping in the wind the situation was a serious one. The tug Neptune was sent to the assistance of the bark but was unable to aid her and left. At two o'clock the bark was still against the trestle and it is feared that should she ground on the mud bank there is a chance of her rolling off into the deep water channel. GOVERNMENT SIGNAL DESTROYED. During the height of the gale the flag pole and yard arm on the top of the custom house and used in connection with the signal station, failed to withstand the blast and with a crash broke off about ten feet from the tower and fell on the roof. The pole carried with it the large signals indicating a heavy easterly gale and all the gear. The two night signal lamps on the lower mast were left secure. Two large windows in the signal tower were also blown in. C. and E. EVERETT'S.

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LOW LANDS FLOODED. The heavy rains caused such a strain against the low cotters at Marble Cove that it was carried away this morning and considerable damage was done to the buildings. The cotters near the Shamrock grounds, was flooded to such a depth that a person could easily row a boat over it. Gilbert Lane and several streets were flooded with water to the depth of several feet, and residents found considerable difficulty in going to and from their houses. The banks of the Marsh Creek overflowed in places and the water did considerable damage to the property. PILOT BOAT ARRIVES. There was some anxiety about the pilot boat Howard D. Troop, which went out in the bay last night but during the height of the gale about noon today, the staunch craft was seen racing into the harbor under a jib and was soon securely moored at Sand Point. STEAMERS DELAYED. The steamers Montezuma Bengoro Head and the Manchester Trader are cleared and are awaiting the storm to abate to enable them to proceed to sea. The ferry steamer Ludlow was not much delayed by the storm and only lost a couple of trips. SUSPENSION BRIDGE. The suspension bridge got the full force of the gale this morning and the old structure swayed and heaved like a ship at sea. Various joints showed the storm, but no actual damage to the bridge was noted. In some cases when teams attempted to cross the river the horses absolutely refused to venture on the swinging bridge. In other cases they were urged across with difficulty. But for the new wire fencing placed along the sides last summer there might have been a fatality at the bridge this morning, for more than one foot passenger was hurled against the side of the bridge by the force of the wind. One of the railway gates at the end of Douglas Avenue was overturned

HOPE TO HAVE HEAT AGAIN IN THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW

Machinists at Work This Morning--Storm Too Much for Other Workmen--Kitchen Now in Operation--Fire Broke Out Again This Morning.

The continuance of the mild weather makes the task of effecting the repairs to the Provincial Hospital which are immediately necessary, easier than it would have been if the temperature had fallen. The downpour of rain was so great, however, that it was impossible to proceed with any rapidity. At an early hour this morning it was found that it was still possible to use the kitchen ranges and trees were put on again and were burning well today in spite of the water that was pouring down into the kitchen from the upper part of the building. REPAIRS STARTED. A gang of men under direction of Geo. Waring Jr., started work this morning in preparation for making repairs to heating apparatus. Three different gangs of men who were put to work to clear away the ruins laid only until they got wet through and then knocked off. The machinists continued to work and Mr. Waring was hopeful that they would be able to get steam on tomorrow. The boilers are not damaged as seriously as might be expected and the connections with the main building are in fair condition. The two dynamos, which supplied electricity for the building are destroyed, and new ones will have to be secured. This will cause delay in getting their own lighting plant in operation. This morning connections were made with the wires of the St. John Street Railway Co., and this will not be a great inconvenience. The fire seemed to be entirely extinguished by three o'clock this morning and the fire apparatus was sent away, the last leaving about four o'clock. The patients were all put to bed by three o'clock and the night passed off without any trouble with them whatever. FIRE STILL BURNING. About noon today it was discovered that the fire was still smouldering in the walls and burning quite steadily in the cellar, and it was necessary to call the Fairville fire department again to control the fire. The burned wing presents a dismal spectacle this morning. The power house on the end is burned to its foundations. The laundry which came next is also burned to the ground. The servants' quarters which adjoin the laundry, are gutted and the two top flats of the remainder of the wing which include the chapel, ward eight, are practically destroyed. Underneath is the kitchen, which suffered chiefly from the downpour of water. Premier Hazen got word this morning from several places, to which his telegram had been forwarded, that the fire had not caught up with Hon. John Morrissey, the chief commissioner, who is away from home on a tour of inspection through Gloucester county. As soon as possible a consultation will be held and a decision reached regarding the line along which repairs will be commenced. CITY OFFERS HELP. The special committee appointed by the aldermen last night to arrange for giving assistance to the hospital authorities, met this morning in the mayor's office. As all necessary preparations seemed to have been made already, the committee did not find much to do. After their deliberations Mayor Bullock sent a letter to Premier Hazen offering the use of the immigrant sheds or any other city building in case of necessity.

VIOLENT DEATHS IN THE TRAIL OF A VIOLINIST Friends of the Notorious Hungarian Gipsy Riggo Have Come to Some Very Untimely Ends. NEW YORK, Jan. 5.--When Nessib A. Shibley, the Syrian lawyer, killed his wife with chloroform, and then opened a vein in his left arm, and slowly bled to death in their home on the second floor of an apartment house at No. 508 West One Hundred and Twenty-second street, a few weeks ago the tragedy recalled to the minds of at least two persons very well known in New York city another of striking similarity. One is the ex-Princess de Caraman-Chimay, who was Clara Ward of Detroit, and who now is the wife of an humble railroad porter employed at the Vesuvius station at Naples. The other is Janco Riggo, the gipsy violinist, whose epoch-making with the beautiful Princess de Chimay in December, 1886, brought him more notoriety than his own sensational violin playing. To Riggo himself the Shibley murder and suicide came as one more addition to an already long list of episodes, romances and tragedies closely associated with his own career. The romances are his own. The tragedies are those of his friends.

NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO HOLD HENRY PALMER Murder Suspect Released in Charlottetown--Action May be Taken Later. CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 5.--Henry Palmer, who was expected to be charged with the murder of Elizabeth Warren in Charlottetown, in 1904, appeared before the police court today but was dismissed, the evidence against him of vagrancy not being sufficient to hold him. Richard Elliott, who had been a fellow prisoner at the Charlottetown penitentiary where he had been confined for jail breaking two years ago, claims that Palmer confessed to him that he killed Miss Warren in mistake for his mother against whom he had a grudge for giving evidence against him at a previous trial. The authorities do not consider the story of the confession sufficient at present without other testimony to send him up on the murder charge. Whether action may be taken later is not yet known.

MRS. FLORENCE MAYBRICK IS TO MARRY AGAIN Convicted Murderess to Become the Wife of a Chicago Man. ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 6.--Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American, who was convicted in England of poisoning her husband, and sentenced to life imprisonment and whose release on ticket of leave was secured by the women of the United States, is soon to be married to Charles L. Wagner, of Chicago. The engagement is the result of an unusual courtship as Mr. McCracken explains. Mrs. Maybrick has been lecturing the auspices of the Lyceum Bureau. Wagner fell in love with Mrs. Maybrick and asked her to become his wife. She is said to have refused several times, saying she was afraid her past might prove an injury to Wagner. Recently by a Virginia court decision, Mrs. Maybrick and her mother, the Baroness De Hougues, were awarded the title to a large tract of land in Kentucky valued at \$2,500,000.

HON. WM. PUGSLEY IS NOW IN WASHINGTON In Connection With Agreement Regarding the St. John River Lumber Troubles. OTTAWA, Jan. 6.--Hon. Wm. Pugsley and Mrs. Pugsley are in Washington for a few days and last night were entertained by Ambassador Bryce at the British Embassy. Hon. Mr. Pugsley has gone to Washington in connection with negotiations of a treaty now pending between Canada and the United States respecting international waterways involving questions which have been at issue for some years with regard to the St. John River and other boundary waters in New Brunswick.

BOY HAD HIS LEG BROKEN WHILE COASTING AMHERST, N. S., Jan. 6.--While coasting on Dickie's hill, Charles, the 2 year old son of W. C. Warren, superintendent of the knitting department of the Haveson Woollen Mills, had his leg broken in two places. He underwent to steer his sled clear of an approaching team and ran into a small post in front of the residence of Rev. Mr. Ramsay. Trueman Ripley, one of the best known and most highly respected farmers at Truemanville, about eight miles from Amherst, died last night aged 45 years, from diabetes. He was a son of Coles Ripley.

HALF A MILLION FIRE IN SPRINGFIELD SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 6.--The Baldwin theatre, which was empty, was destroyed shortly after midnight today together with a number of smaller structures. With a high wind blowing, the Colonial Hotel caught fire and for a while it was feared that the flames would spread to other buildings. An explosion of gas in the basement of the theatre caused the fire. The structure was valued at \$400,000. JOHN MAULIFFE. The funeral of John Mauliffe took place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from his residence, Balfour street. The remains were taken to Holy Trinity church, where Rev. Fr. Walsh conducted the services, and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

LATEST WEATHER REPORT WIND and RAIN