

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—From northwest to westerly winds; fair, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, March 11.—The pressure area of high pressure which was over Manitoba last night has moved southward and the weather has turned mild in the west. From the lake eastward it has been fair and cold.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	54
Vancouver	34	56
Calgary	26	48
Edmonton	18	43
Regina	13	35
Winnipeg	4	13
Toronto	9	31
Ottawa	12	30
Montreal	14	29
Quebec	12	23
Halifax	20	34

—Below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Will Attend Funeral
The county councillors will attend in a body the funeral of the High Sheriff which takes place this afternoon.

Ferry Traffic
The traffic on the ferry for the month of February showed a falling off as compared with the same month last year. The number of single teams carried in February was 837 less than last year, and the number of double teams was 370 less than for the same period last year.

Harbor Revenue
The city's revenues from the harbor for February showed a decrease of \$4,000 compared with the same month last year. It is anticipated that there will also be a loss of revenue from this source for March as compared with the corresponding month last year, when the accommodation of the harbor was taxed to its utmost.

Damage at Sand Point
The city engineer has submitted a report to the acting commissioner of harbors, showing that during the past month or so the amount of damage done at Sand Point through the breaking of ladders and fenders was \$650. Most of this damage was done by tugs and scoops. The city some time ago decided to collect compensation from all concerns causing damage at Sand Point.

Presentation of Prizes for Best Essays
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The watch and the books were presented to the three lucky ones yesterday at the meeting of the directors of the Humane Society.

In presenting the watch to Charles Garton, Mr. Bell said: "I know of few happenings that have given me greater pleasure than to be here this afternoon to meet you. We are anxious to form a band of mercy in this city, and you as a member would be of great assistance. A boy of your years having this knowledge cannot but make a good citizen. It is one of the noblest acts to take care of the dumb animals. I present you to with this watch. May it assist you to be successful in all your endeavours and that you will not lose a minute's interest in this noble work, even if the watch should."

It was stated that the prize essay had at first been thrown out by the examining committee as it was thought to be much too good for a boy of eleven to have written. Later, receiving assurance from several quarters that it was Charles' own work, the essay was replaced at the top of the list.

The directors were partly amused partly gratified, and partly regretful over an incident from one class room of a public school. The teacher had been impressing on the children the virtue of humanness to horses. She had them understanding very clearly that during the coldest days of a Saskatoon winter horses should not be left long standing unblanketed. Through her telling them that the inspector had official powers to take impressing horses to a stable and then "shape the matter to the police, the little children got the notion that it was their duty to do so too. One or two of them had carried it into action in good faith. The owners of the horses had not been tickled to death to have children leading their steers out to livery barns.

The inspector gave a detailed report upon the month's work. Several cases of unblanketed and lame horses had received attention.

REPLICATIONS FOR ONE FLAT

Demand for Dwellings Greater than Ever before — Predict Increase in Building Operations.

The demand for dwellings in St. John has during the present year been greater than ever before. Flats and houses for rent have been snapped up in all directions.

Early in January the house hunting campaign was in full swing, although it was generally the custom for house hunting to be at its height in February.

This year landlords were interviewed in regard to their premises before they knew whether or not they were to be vacant.

In many cases those having flats to let had many calls for them and in one case it was said that seventy applications had been received for a single flat.

Many landlords did not even take the trouble to advertise but still they were besieged with requests for their premises.

With the increased demand it was natural that rents should advance. In some extreme cases the rent asked for 1914 was double that paid in 1913. Still there is no chance of any remaining vacant.

There is so far only one case on record where the rent was reduced on a flat. The premises in question had been giving trouble during the winter on account of water pipes freezing and bursting. For this reason the rent was reduced until a furnace is installed.

The demand for houses and flats in the south end showed an increase over last year on account of street car men trying to locate near the new car barns in Westworth street. For this reason it was said that houses in the north end were earlier secured than for several years past.

The demand for houses has kept well in advance of the supply and it is believed, that the coming summer will be the best in the history of St. John in respect to the number of dwellings erected.

Damage to Extent of \$300 to Establishment Owned by W. H. Smith—Covered by Insurance.

A fire in the grocery store of W. H. Smith at the corner of St. John and Union streets, West Side, last evening, caused damage to the extent of several hundred dollars, mostly from water. About a quarter to nine o'clock an alarm was rung in from box 117 and both companies on the West Side responded. When the fire men arrived on the scene there was a considerable blaze in one corner of the store and volumes of smoke were coming out of the doors and penetrating into the flat above. Two streams were quickly turned on and the blaze was soon extinguished.

It is not known definitely how the fire originated, but in the corner where the fire occurred several large bundles of matches had been stored.

Mr. Smith carried \$1,500 insurance on his stock, and it was said about \$300 will cover his loss.

The building was owned by C. E. Lockhart, M.L.A., and the damage to it was slight.

R. A. Clark occupied the flat above the store. His premises were not burned, but a good deal of inconvenience was caused by the entrance of smoke.

A WEST SIDE STORE SWEEP BY FLAMES

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH OF W. A. ANNUAL MEETING

Reports Show Much Progress During Past Year—Interesting Papers on Social Work.

The eleventh annual meeting of St. Luke's branch of the Woman's Association of the Church of England was held yesterday afternoon in the school room of the church. The attendance was large and much interest was taken in the proceedings. The reports submitted for the year showed that the work in the various branches had been carried on very successfully and that much had been accomplished during the past year.

During the meeting an eloquent address was delivered by Rev. J. L. Cotton on the work of the Woman's Association. Mrs. C. F. Woodman read an interesting paper on social problems and missionary ideals, in which she gave a fine description of the social conditions of the day.

The following were chosen to fill the offices for the new term: Honorary president, Mrs. W. H. Smith; president, Mrs. E. E. McKim; vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Woodman; Mrs. E. E. Murray and Mrs. William Taylor; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. McConnell; recording secretary, Mrs. Oscar Price; treasurer, Mrs. J. McConnell.

Associated Charities to Lay Matter before Commissioners and Local Council of Women — To Work Hard for Prison Farm—Many Requests for Help

The problem of children and young girls on the streets in the night time, was one of the subjects discussed at the monthly meeting of the Associated Charities, held in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, when a resolution urging the city commissioners to appoint one or more police women was passed without a dissenting voice. The Associated Charities will also bring the importance of appointing police women before the local council of women at their annual meeting this week.

Another resolution passed by the meeting referred to the fact that the Associated Charities had last year, and again this year, urged the necessity of a prison farm. The association intends bringing this matter to the attention of the societies and brotherhoods of the city, and will endeavor to have a bill presented to the provincial legislature at its next session.

Mrs. Grace Robertson, the secretary, reported that during the month of February 225 applications were received, 78 for employment. Recommendations were given to 65 persons and work found for 6 men, 20 women, 4 girls and 3 boys. Records were given in 35 cases; 59 visits were made and relief supplied in 31 cases. The secretary also investigated 39 cases besides doing considerable other work.

Mrs. Robertson, in her report, said that more applications were received for work and relief during the month than during the same period last year.

BLAME NEWS AND TABS FOR THE ECLIPSE

Happening was Watched by Hundreds of People—Advance Various Reasons for the Occurrence.

There was an eclipse of the moon last night. The event was variously attributed to a sensational affair in the Milky Way, where Venus in a hobbie skirt was observed earlier in the evening twinkling at Mars, but the most prevalent superstition was that the Young Liberal Club which died and went to the Celestial abodes some time ago had arranged the affair in honor of the arrival of their great leader at his old home on the terrestrial peninsula of St. John. There was another report that the suburbanites were much alarmed over the affair, as they were not afraid of the darkness, or something of a similar nature, forecasting or foreshadowing another spasm of economy on the part of Mr. Gulliver. It is authoritatively announced that two young lovers in Rothesay, who went out in the moon to spoon, were much troubled by the interruption of the glamour of the moonlight; and as in the bright and shining atmosphere of the suburbs the affair was observed to great advantage it was held up as another argument for buying lots.

In St. John, from doorstep and sidewalk and roof tree, the eclipse was witnessed by a large number of representative citizens, and a considerable portion of the fashion and beauty of this burg, together with their relatives from Jemseg and other near by metropolises. In this enterprising and progressive part of the country the affair was pulled off some time ahead of the time scheduled for Washington, and needless to say all of the spectators were not afraid of the darkness, were well pleased with the performance.

When he appeared on the stage in the second act of the wonderful drama, the man in the moon was given a great reception, but did not respond to an encore. It is announced, however, that the performance will be repeated several times with variations during the year.

Our correspondent in Indianapolis reported that the cats and other superstitious creatures were much disturbed by the event, and set up a great caterwauling when the moon began to disappear down the throat of the dark. It being swallowed by a box constructor, without a conscience. To those not familiar with the mechanism of eclipses of the moon it is sufficient to state that they occur every time the moon gets behind the earth, even more regularly than there follows an eclipse of a shining light in the community of every time a candidate for the city commission gets behind at the polls.

Owing to the darkness at the time it was impossible for the reporter who was busy chiming the bells of the office boy to throw any more light on the matter.

DRIBDRENE HAD STORMY VOYAGE UP

Has Largest Cargo brought North from West Indies—Officers Report Fierce Fight with Waves.

After frustrating the heavy seas of the Atlantic driving against, strong head winds and in stormy weather, riding the combers at full speed, the Royal Line steamer Dribdene, replacing the ill-fated Cobeguid, having into port yesterday and at 8:30 o'clock docked at Pettitling's wharf. On her maiden voyage under charter of the Royal Line, after almost two months of continuous sailing, reaching as far south as Demerara, the Dribdene arrived in port yesterday experiencing no difficulty in keeping up with the royal mail schedule time. True, in port yesterday, she was a day behind the time scheduled for her arrival in Saint John, but this is accounted for by a special call not included in the regular schedule at the port of St. Kitts, where the steamer secured heavy cargo for Halifax.

According to the genial officers of the chartered Royal steamer, the Dribdene arrived in the Port of Saint John yesterday with one of the biggest cargoes she ever brought north. It was due to the ability of the officers in command that she was able to battle her way through the turbulent waters of the Atlantic, sticking fast to her schedule time, save that accounted for by the extra stop at St. Kitts. On her voyage here the Dribdene carried a total cargo of 3,200 tons which was composed largely of sugar, molasses, cocoa and spices. Nineteen thousand bags of sugar consigned to the Port of Halifax were shipped at Demerara. Captain George Faulkner is in command and with Purser Darnell, 1st Officer McCormick and Chief Engineer Buchan, who by the way stars at the cribbage board, the ship has a crew which will always be extended a warm welcome in Saint John, and indeed the officers are always glad to pull into this port.

The Dribdene left Saint John on the 19th of January, sailing in the place of the now destroyed Cobeguid. She travelled to the West Indies touch-stops at Antigua and Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Trinidad. Special interest was attached to the journey from Antigua to Barbados, in that the officers had on board as a passenger Sir Hesketh-Beil, K. C., Governor of Leeward Islands, with his suite. To those on board the ship the Governor proved a jovial companion. Another interesting passenger was an Upper Canadian millionaire-travelling south with his bride on a honeymoon.

Among those met by the officers at Trinidad was James Wood, formerly connected in this city with the Saint John Hide Company. "Jimmie" wished to be remembered to all his Saint John chums. In Trinidad both the Rev. Fred Clark of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, are associated with the firm of T. G. Grant & Co., one of the biggest commission companies in the West Indies. Tourist travel to the south is heavy at the present time, according to the officers, and Harkins' Company is entertaining the American and European visitors.

With heavy seas experienced since she left Bermuda the ship proved a credit to the Royal Mail service.

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Art Club monthly meeting, Thursday night, Mrs. Lawlor's lecture, business, music, refreshments.

FASHION'S FINEST FANCIES. In Millinery accessories for early spring have just arrived from the gay French capital and are shown today by the Marr Millinery Company.

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Sale of House Furnishing Materials Continued This Morning

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All the new styles for spring are now ready for mothers' inspection and whether the first suit is to be in Norfolk or regular double breasted effect, there will be found a great array of the most novel things the season affords in boys' garments.

The suits are well up to the regular M. R. A. requirements of extra stout materials, careful tailoring and abundant good style, constructed as near "boy proof" as suits can be and calculated to give the most satisfactory kind of service.

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NORFOLK SUITS with one pair of bloomers, from . . . \$6.00 to \$10.00
NORFOLK SUITS with two pairs of bloomers, from . . . \$8.00 to \$11.00
DOUBLE BREASTED SUITS, one pair of bloomers, from \$4.50 to \$12.00
DOUBLE BREASTED SUITS, two pairs of bloomers from . . . \$6.75 to \$13.50

BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Bedroom Furniture For 1914

The Dresser and Chiffonier designs for this season are more simple in effect, tending almost entirely to the old style plainness and showing very little ornamentation.

The finishes featured are brown mahogany, tuna mahogany, circulation walnut, grey maple and white enamel. A few of the styles will have wooden beds to harmonize.

Metal beds in both white finish and all brass will be correspondingly plain in design, and what is of decided interest, the prices will be very moderate, quality considered.

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