

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 2. — The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion and except in southwestern Ontario it has been decidedly cold.

Dawson	16
Victoria	54
Vancouver	50
Kamloops	46
Calgary	42
Edmonton	42
Battleford	38
Medicine Hat	38
Moose Jaw	34
Regina	37
Prince Albert	30
Winnipeg	26
Port Arthur	14
Parry Sound	12
London	24
Toronto	27
Kingston	26
Ottawa	18
Montreal	18
Quebec	18
St. John	14
Halifax	0

Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime — Moderate winds, fair with slightly higher temperature.

Northern New England — Fair and warmer Wednesday.

AROUND THE CITY

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health report on the influenza epidemic yesterday was: Total number of cases reported, 238; recoveries, 194; deaths, 15.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday morning further evidence was taken in the charge against three youths for robbing Hoffman Brothers store of cloth valued at \$1,100 on the morning of January 24. The case was adjourned until Friday morning.

FEAST OF PURIM.

Tomorrow evening is the Eve of the Feast of Purim. This is called by the Jews the Feast of Lots, and was instituted to commemorate the deliverance from the machinations of Haman. On Thursday afternoon the Hadassah Chapter, Daughters of Zion will entertain the children at the Y. M. H. A. to celebrate the Feast Day.

DAUGHTERS OF ISRAEL.

The Daughters of Israel held their regular meeting last evening at which, in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. Goldman, Mrs. L. Isaacs presided. This society does a large amount of charitable work and last evening made several grants to those needing assistance. Their meeting was held at the Y. M. H. A., Horsfield street.

AFTER LONG VOYAGE.

The C. P. O. S. tug Musquash arrived in port this morning after an absence of three years, during which time she was working in the interests of the British government. During the early winter months she tied up at the Azores and when weather conditions warranted she worked to Bermuda, thence to New York and St. John. She was in command of Captain Mitchell, and was consigned to Nagle & Wigmore.

AN INCREASE.

An increase of slightly more than \$300 in harbor revenues is reported for February, 1920, as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. On account of the up of traffic in the snow-free months, the wharfe this year was considerably less than the top wharfe for February, 1919, but the sideward was double that of February last year.

The figures are: February, 1920, \$20,810.38; February, 1919, \$20,509.02.

SENIOR MISSION BAND.

At the regular meeting of the Senior Mission Band of the Central Baptist Church, held at the home of Miss Edith Brown, Rockland Road, Miss Maude Northrup read a paper on the work of Miss Blackadar in India. The sum of \$25 was voted to mission work and several contributions came in for the quilt which is being made for a medical mission in India. Mrs. R. D. Christie, the president, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members.

VETERAN OF GREAT WAR DIED YESTERDAY

Otto Logan Passed Away Yesterday at General Public Hospital—Member of 55th Battalion—Ill Only One Week.

The death of Otto Logan took place yesterday at the Public General Hospital after about a week's illness. Scarlet fever followed by pneumonia was the cause. Mr. Logan was a returned soldier, having gone over seas with the 55th Battalion. His family was formerly of St. John, but he had been in the States some time before the war. He was taking a course of retraining under the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment when he fell ill. He leaves a wife and one child.

Mr. Logan was a prominent member of the Great War Veterans' Association and has a large circle of friends who will greatly regret the news of his death.

QUITE SATISFIED WITH INSPECTOR

A meeting very representative of the Ministers, business and professional men and of the Ladies' Temperance societies of the city, was held yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. building.

A careful consideration of the present temperance situation was given, much information was received and committees were appointed to carry out the wishes of the meeting.

A hearty resolution was unanimously passed expressing confidence in, and appreciation of the work of Chief Inspector Wilson, and pledging him continued support in that work.

NEW BRUNSWICK POWER CO. DISHEARTENED OVER FINDINGS

Director of the Company, in an Interview, Reviews Trials and Hardships of the Company, Admitting Discouragement—Unable to Determine at This Time What Their Next Move Will Be.

"What do you think of the findings of the second commission appointed to determine the rate base of the New Brunswick Power Company?" was asked by The Standard of one of the directors of that company last evening.

"The findings of the second commission is naturally very disheartening and very discouraging to the company," was the reply. "We felt that when the Currier Commission made the finding of \$2,800,000 that confiscation had set in, but the present finding is so much more drastic that it has developed a most serious situation. The facts of the case are that, as uncovered by Messrs. Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery, certified public accountants who were engaged by the Currier Commission, the cash disbursements in the purchase of the St. John Railway Co. were \$2,576,498. In order to secure the cash for this, \$1,750,000 of 1st Mortgage Bonds, \$1,000,000 of 1st Preferred stock and \$350,000 of 2nd Preferred stock were sold for cash, producing \$2,871,250. It will be noticed that the par value of these securities sold for cash was \$3,100,000."

"As stated by the above firm of auditors, since the property of the Street Railway Co. cost \$2,576,498, there remains, approximately \$90,000 in cash and the common stock which could have been applied to the purchase of water powers. The rate base decided upon by the last commission is merely the amount of the cash paid for the property without allowing anything whatever for the money expended or the potential market value of the water powers."

"No 5 per cent Mortgage Bonds, no 7 per cent 1st Preferred, or no 7 per cent 2nd Preferred stock in a utility company such as ours could be sold today at par, yet the company is supposed to go on and finance this under taking with such a judgment as this."

Several Chapters Meetings Last Night

Brunswick, Windsor and Seven Seas Chapters I. O. D. E. Met Yesterday—Protestant Orphanages to be Assisted—Delegates Named for National Meeting.

Several Chapters of the I. O. D. E. held meetings last evening at which donations were made to various good causes and plans made for future activities.

Seven Seas

The Seven Seas Chapter I. O. D. E. held their March meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Myles, Wright street, the Regent, Mrs. Ray Haley, presiding. Nominations for councillors for the meeting of the National Chapter to be held at Calgary were made. Miss Zela Lamoureux and Miss Mildred Wilson were elected councillors to attend the Provincial meeting at Fredericton.

The Regent brought before the members the advisability of buying "Made in Canada Goods" and a ban on the "Hearsay" papers in Canada was strongly advocated.

The Echoes secretary stated that she hoped to secure two-thirds of the Chapter members as subscribers to Echoes.

It was decided to join with the other Chapters in paying the passage of a soldier's wife to England.

A committee was appointed to find out what would be the best way to help the Protestant Orphan's Home on the West Side. Plans were made for the holding of a pantry sale in the near future.

Brunswick Chapter

The Brunswick Chapter I. O. D. E. held their regular meeting last evening at the residence of Mrs. Samuel Elliott, De Monts street, the regent, Mrs. G. S. Mayes, presiding. It was decided to join with the other Chapters in paying the passage of a soldier's wife to England, the sum of \$12.50 being voted for this purpose.

Twenty-five dollars was voted to the Protestant Orphanage on the West side and two subscriptions to magazines authorized for the D.S.C.R. Hospital. Plans were made for an entertainment to be held Easter week.

The Windsor Chapter, I. O. D. E., held their regular meeting at the residence of Miss Maud Cunningham, De Monts street. The regent, Miss Gertrude Lawson, presided and various matters of routine business were carried out.

Mrs. Heber Vroom was nominated as the representative to attend the meeting of the National Chapter to be held in Calgary.

Final arrangements were made for a dance to be held shortly.

A LEAP YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNeil, when a number of friends gathered Monday evening to wish her many happy returns of the day. Mrs. McNeil is not as fortunate as a good many persons, as her birthday only comes once in every four years. She was made the recipient of a very handsome parlor table.

The evening was joyously spent in music, songs and games. A sumptuous supper was served at 12 p.m., after which the happy party broke up wishing Mrs. McNeil the joys and happiness of the coming years. "Auld Lang Syne" and God Save the King were sung.

overhanging it. The Province of New Brunswick itself has sold its own bonds at a discount, yet who would suggest putting either principle or interest on any base other than the par of the securities sold."

"The right of the Street Railway Co. to sell its property, and the right of the New Brunswick Power Co. to buy was confirmed by the charter of the two companies, and the whole transaction was subsequently approved by special act of the Legislature, yet, after the money had been invested, legislation is attempted which makes parts of the transaction null and void."

"What will the New Brunswick Power Co. do now?" asked the Standard man.

"That is too large a question to be answered off-hand," was the reply. "The situation is a serious one to those who invested their money in this property, and who now find that the earnings and equity behind all of the 2nd Preferred, and \$173,000 of the 1st Preferred, or a total of \$323,000 has been wiped out. If this confiscatory finding is confirmed by the Legislature, I cannot see where we can find any investors who will buy securities that must be on par with those which would be so seriously injured by the adoption of a rate base of \$2,577,655.56."

"It has been the endeavor of the New Brunswick Power Company to get in a position to give this city good and efficient lighting and street car service," said the director. "If we can get fair play and an opportunity through expert management to demonstrate what can be done, we feel satisfied that a great deal of the misapprehension and misunderstanding which has prevailed in regard to this whole matter will be very shortly wiped out. To start in to do this, however, while facing another kind of wiping, namely, the wiping out of bond securities sold for cash, seems to be an almost impossible task."

Musical Society Plan For Concert

Meeting Held Last Evening—Reports of Chorus and Programme Committees Heard—Pianist and Baritone Coming.

Final arrangements for the bringing to St. John of Madame Stankow-Tyler, pianist, and Finlay Campbell, baritone, were made at a meeting of the St. John Society of Music held last evening in the Retail Merchants' Association Rooms, German street. The president, Neil McLean, was in the chair.

It was announced that the concert would be held in St. Vincent's Auditorium.

Miss Louise Knight reported that a chorus has been formed and there is every reason to believe that this will be in a flourishing condition by the last of April.

Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson was highly complimented on her excellent report of the programme committee.

There was some discussion regarding the bringing to St. John in the summer months of Michael Scarpino who charmed an audience in the city recently to teach a "master violin class." It was felt that there were many who would like to take advantage of such instruction.

BRANCHES CLEARED.

The Albert Railway and the Elgin and Havelock branches have both been cleared of snow and traffic is again running over them. Service on the Valley Railway has been resumed and men are working on the St. Martins branch to clear the tracks.

VICTORIA RINK.

Skating this afternoon. Band and good ice tonight.

Final Showing of "Evangeline" Today

Again yesterday Imperial Theatre was crowded afternoon and evening to witness the truly beautiful production of Henry W. Longfellow's Acadian poem-drama "Evangeline." The people are delighted with it, it is so sweet and pure, pictorially pretty and what strikes Maritime Provincialists forcibly, the historical value of the story is truthfully depicted. It is a theory in the picture business that "costume" plays are not acceptable to the people as a whole, but such a production as "Evangeline" explodes this belief. Today at 2, 3.45, 7 and 8.45 the final showings of the story will be made, preceded in each instance by topical and magazine reels. The Tomorrow Pauline Frederick appears in a second-wife domestic story "Bonds of Love."

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Death Said To Be Purely Accidental

Jury Attaches No Blame to Anyone at Inquiry Held Last Night Into Death of George Demeau—Number of Witnesses Gave Evidence.

Monday afternoon George Demeau, a young man about twenty-four years of age, was crushed to death by a falling pillar of bricks in the store of Jacob Jacobson, Main street.

Last night an inquest was held, and the jury empaneled by Coroner A. Porter viewed the body and adjourned to the Court Rooms, German street, where evidence was taken, after which the jury brought in the following verdict:

We, the undersigned jurors, find that George Demeau came to his death on March 1st, 1920, by being crushed by a falling pier, while at work for Hyman Davis, at the store of Jacob Jacobson, 637 Main street. We attach no blame to anyone, said death being purely accidental. Signed: Harry Wetmore (foreman), James Little, John Magee, Herbert J. Keys, C. Fred McCluskey, Allison V. DeWolfe, E. A. Garnett.

The first witness to be called was Hyman Davis, who testified that he visited the store in which the accident occurred on Monday at 1:20 o'clock. Everything was in perfect condition, and there was no danger whatever from the pier falling. He said that Demeau commenced work last Friday. The work began then was the tearing down of two partitions.

Dr. F. W. Stevens, the next witness called, said he received a telephone call Monday afternoon about three o'clock, and upon arriving at the scene of the accident found the body of the deceased lying on the floor in the front shop. The body had been taken from the rear of the building, where the pier was being conducted. He testified that he did not examine the body, but noticed that blood was gushing profusely from the mouth and one ear.

Hyman Davis was again called, and when asked if he had given any orders as to how the work was to be done, he said he told them what there was to be done, but did not tell them what means to use in doing it. Demeau had been with him since last November, and was not a first-class carpenter, but belonged to the Carpenter's Union and he did not examine the pier, but thought it looked as if it was in a safe condition.

Charles McCafferty, the third witness, stated he was working at the time of the accident, said that the pier previous to its falling was solid, but when it struck the beam which was resting near it smashed into several pieces.

Dr. Leonard West, a physician at the General Public Hospital, was the fourth witness. He testified that the body of George Demeau was brought to the ambulance about 4:15 o'clock, and was taken immediately to one of the wards, where a bed had already been arranged. He said that deceased was lying on his back, the nose, ears and mouth, and that he was unconscious, but his pulse appeared to be fairly good. The left side of his skull was caved in. Just one hour later the man died, at 4:15 o'clock. He said that death was caused from a fracture of the skull.

Henry Clegg, the fifth witness, said he was standing on a ladder on the opposite side of Demeau, and had just stepped down to get a plank when he heard a crash behind him, and upon looking around saw the body of the deceased lying on the floor. He had scattered over the ground when the pier fell. He stated that he tested the foundation of the pier on Saturday, and found it to be perfectly solid, and he could not give any reason for the pier falling, as there had been no jar near it which would cause it to fall. He also stated that the foundation of the pier was intact after the pier had fallen.

Jacob Jacobson, proprietor of the store, the next witness called, said at the time of the accident he was waiting on a customer, when he heard a crash and ran into the back shop. He saw the body of the deceased lying on the floor, and upon seeing the blood flowing freely from the man's mouth and ear he immediately went into a nearby drug store and telephoned for a doctor, and later telephoned for the ambulance. He stated that the part of the building in which the men were working was clean.

F. L. Ferguson, another witness, stated he was in the store at the time of the accident. He heard a crash from the back shop and heard someone shout "Look out," followed shortly afterwards by "Come pick this man up quick." He helped another man who was working there carry the body to the front shop and lay it on the floor. He did not go back into the store again, but stood outside for some minutes.

Nathan Leonof was the next witness. He stated that he and another man tested the foundation of the pier and found it to be perfectly safe. He could see no danger whatever of the pier falling when he examined it on Friday.

Selick Jacobson testified that he was sitting in the front shop when he heard a crash. He did not go into the back shop to discover the cause, but saw the men bringing the body in the front shop and lay it on the floor.

This was all the evidence given, and the jury brought in a verdict as stated above.

Morris Dickinson of Presque Isle arrived in St. John on Monday having been called to the city by the serious illness of his father, C. W. Dickinson.


Mrs. Max Ross is spending a few days in Sackville, N. B.

Mrs. Daniel Mullin returned from Montreal yesterday.

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