

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate northwesterly and westerly winds; fine and very cold.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—The weather has been generally fine and very cold today over the greater part of Ontario and in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Higher temperatures are reported from southern portions of the western provinces, but in more northern localities it has continued quite cold.

AROUND THE CITY

Large Customs Collections. Yesterday was a heavy day at the custom house, the sum of over \$7,000 being collected in duties.

Office Moved. George McKean, lumber merchant, has moved his office from Walker's wharf to the Royal Bank building, King street.

St. Stephen's Choir. At the annual meeting of St. Stephen's church which is to be held this evening, the question of a surplice choir for the church will be considered.

Rev. Mr. Ross to Stay. Rev. Geo. A. Ross, of the Fairville Methodist church, who has received a call to the Methodist church in Sackville, has decided to remain in his present charge.

Scarlet Chapter. The annual meeting of the St. John County Royal Scarlet Chapter will be held on Friday evening in the Orange hall, Germain street. Officers will be elected for the year and several candidates exalted to the degree.

Married at Hotel. Victor Vacheresse of St. Laurent, N. S., arrived at the Hotel Edward Monday morning and during the afternoon was married to Miss Katherine Ellen Dunbar, who had come on from Boston to meet him here. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. Porter. The happy couple will reside in St. Laurent.

Fire in Clothing Store. Shortly after eight o'clock last night the fire department were called out by an alarm for a fire in Beatey and Johnson's clothing store on Main street. The fire was between the floors, having caught from the furnace chimney. The blaze was extinguished by the chemical and the damage was very slight.

R. L. Borden Club Meeting. A meeting under the auspices of the R. L. Borden Club will be held on Thursday the 26th inst., at 8 o'clock, in the Nickel Assembly rooms. Hon. J. D. Hazen, K. C., M. P., Hon. J. K. Fleming, M. P., and Hon. J. H. Harrison, M. P., will speak. The committee in charge are G. Earle Logan, convener; Lewis Lingley, W. H. Harrison, Charles Robinson and President Fairweather.

Successful Concert. A successful concert was held in the Seaman's Mission last evening. Thos Moor of the Grampan presided, and there was a good attendance considering the weather. Owen Edwards and Fred Gilbert contributed songs, and Miss Edith Nelson gave a number of piano-forte selections. J. E. Henn was the promoter of the concert and reserves much credit for its excellence.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Empire Chemical Co. was held at 14 Bentley street, last evening. Reports of the business of last year were passed and directors elected. W. L. Seeley was appointed managing director. The company will continue its manufacture and sale of insecticide and also a new Poultry Food. The outlook for this year is better than before.

Royal Arch Masons. Union Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons, held their annual meeting in the chapter rooms, West End, last evening. Dr. W. L. Ellis, H. P., assisted by P. W. Wetmore, P. G. S., installed the following officers: H. P., J. Pith Brittain; K. D. C., Campbell; Scribe, S. Irons; Treasurer, N. P. McLeod; secretary, E. R. W. Ingraham; C. of H., W. C. McGiffin; R. C., Geo. M. Baillie; P. S., T. G. Allan; M. 1st V., E. P. Shea; M. 2nd V., G. H. Allan; M. 3rd V., J. A. Waring; Tyler, J. W. Carleton. After the installation speeches were made by the officers and refreshments were served.

Mr. Stevens in New Place. J. H. Stevens, formerly in the employ of Waterbury and Rising, has been appointed manager of A. W. Redden and Company's shoe business in Glouce Bay. Speaking of the appointment, the Glouce Bay Gazette says: A. W. Redden and Company, shoe dealers of this town, have recently made a change in the management of their business here. Mr. Wright, the late manager, having retired from the service, the management has been taken over by J. H. Stevens, who is a salesman of long and varied experience, having had years of experience in the handling of a fine shoe business under Waterbury and Rising of St. John. Mr. Stevens has been in charge of the shoe department of J. W. Ingraham, North Sydney, for the past few years and comes to Glouce Bay to take charge of Redden's business.

It is reported that one of the retail dry goods stores of St. John has secured a large portion of the three hundred thousand dollar stock of the W. H. Brock & Co., Limited, of Montreal, manufacturers and jobbers. A fire occurred in the building adjoining Brock's large warehouse and it became necessary to burn on the sprinkler system with which their premises are equipped. Nearly the entire three hundred thousand dollar stock was water soaked, but no damage was done by fire. The buyer for the St. John firm is still in Montreal. A definite announcement will no doubt be made on his return.

MORE HOTELS AND BETTER RIVER SERVICE REQUIRED

Essentials Required to Make New Brunswick More Attractive Discussed at Annual Meeting of Tourist Association—Summer Hotels Should Prove Remunerative Business

That the people residing along the banks of the St. John river, and in fact in many other sections of this beautiful province do not realize how easily they can make a good profit from an expenditure of money or effort in the way of catering to and assisting to develop the tourist business of the province was the consensus of opinion as expressed at the annual meeting of the Tourist Association yesterday afternoon. The meeting which was called chiefly for the election of ten members of the executive was not largely attended, but the discussion was rather of an interesting nature inasmuch as it brought out the views of men who have been paying some attention to the tourist business for several years past as to what is required to make the province more attractive to tourists so that the visitors from the United States might spend more time and money here during the heated term. During the discussion one of the members asked the secretary, Miss A. E. Tingey, who is well informed as to the tourist business, what was needed to make the province, or particularly that part of it served by St. John, more attractive. Miss Tingey's reply was concise and illuminating. She said "More hotels and a better river service." This furnished the keynote for the expression of several opinions and the belief was that the secretary had hit it on the first guess. A. C. Currie and others told of trips to coast resorts in Massachusetts where the people made a great deal more intelligent use of their opportunities in the tourist line than do the people of this province. The province is well advertised and tourists are coming here in spite of the indifferent hotel accommodation to be found at many points outside of the city of St. John. It was also pointed out that the few good hotels to be found in the parts of the province which tourists frequent were all being successfully conducted.

COLD SNAP WILL CONTINUE TODAY

Coldest Yesterday Was 14 Below With Prospect of Lower Temperature During Night—Just as Bad Today.

Those who found yesterday's temperature record too low for them have little consolation from the prediction for today. A Standard man saw D. L. Hutchison, the expert weather artist, in his own sanctum where he was turning out worse than zero weather, and seemed to be proud of the job. There has been a report that Mr. Hutchison was in league with the plumbers and coal men, but this did not seem to bother him at all. The few good hotels to be found in the parts of the province which tourists frequent were all being successfully conducted.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. JOHN W. C. T. U.

Successful Year Despite Falling Off in Coffee Room Receipts—Relief Work Reported—Officers Elected

The annual meeting of the St. John City W. C. T. U. was held yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the St. John Hotel. When interesting reports were received of the year's work and officers elected for the ensuing year. The reports of the secretary and the superintendents of the different branches showed that the society had had a successful year in all departments of its activities. The coffee rooms were not as profitable as in the past, but the society has managed to close the year without being in debt and still has a cash balance in the bank. The treasurer of the relief funds reported that during the year a number of cases had been relieved. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. C. H. Dearborn; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. H. Morton Smith; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. W. G. Smith; rec. sec., Mrs. J. Hoar; cor. sec., Mrs. C. F. Woodman; treas., Mrs. C. H. Hutchings; treasurer of relief funds, Mrs. J. Porter; treasurer of coffee rooms, Mrs. C. H. Dearborn; evangelistic superintendent, Mrs. J. Seymour; S. S. work superintendent, Mrs. T. H. Bullock.

It was the general opinion of the meeting that the future would see a considerable improvement in the tourist business and the members of the association felt that hotels in the summer resorts of the province and especially along the river or sea shore, with attractions for guests such as are to be found in American summer hotels would prove a remunerative investment.

F. B. Ellis presided and in opening the meeting referred in a general way to the work of the year. The tourist business had been good, but he believed that the near future would see a great improvement in it. The present was a time of transition and change and the various changes in transportation facilities such as the purchase of the D. A. R. and the taking over of the N. B. Southern by the C. P. R. would tend for better conditions of travel and lead to more business. As to summer hotels Mr. Ellis quoted a St. John hotel man as saying that if there was a good summer hotel on the river in the vicinity of Westfield he could keep it full with the guests from his hotel who were looking for such a place.

The reports of the year which have already been published, showed that the association had been active. The new booklet is already in the hands of the printers and is to be distributed in March. The members of the executive were elected as follows: E. B. Ellis, T. Q. Dowling, A. C. Currie, F. A. Dytman, T. H. Bullock, D. R. Jack, W. F. Hatheway, M. P. F., J. M. Roche, W. E. Raymond and W. E. Foster. The executive will meet and elect five additional members as well as the officers of the association for the year. Several of the members spoke in an eulogistic way of the services of the secretary and an increase in salary of \$100 was voted to her. The meeting then adjourned.

STOVE HEATED CAR ON CARLETON LOOP

Passengers Complain of Fridge as Result of Anti-Quated Heating Apparatus—May Complain to Commission

Carleton wayfarers who have had occasion to use the loop car during the cold snap have been the objects of much commiseration on the part of their compatriots, as a journey in that much abused vehicle has come to be regarded as equivalent to a voyage with Dr. Cook to the Arctic regions. It is reported that the dissatisfaction of the company's failure to keep the car properly heated has taken the form of the circulation of a petition to be presented at the next meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, asking that the company be required to put an electrically heated car on the route. Every other car in the service is said to be heated by electricity, and in view of the fact that the loop car is one of the best revenue producers in the city, the Carleton people feel that they are entitled to more consideration than has been shown to their repeated complaints about the cold storage facilities on this route. It is complained that the stove in the car, even when there is a fire in it, is too small for more than one person to sit on it at a time—which is said to be the only way the passengers can keep warm when looping the loop.

CARGOES HEAVIER DURING LAST WEEK

Winter Port Shipments Brightening Up a Little—Empress Takes Record Freight of Season—More U. S. Produce

C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain which left this port last Friday for Liverpool took away 48,454 bushels of wheat, 2,307 boxes of cheese, 7,271 sacks and 252 barrels of flour, and 21,928 feet of spruce deals. Her outward cargo was valued at \$457,873. C. P. R. steamship Mountrail, now on her way to Bristol from this port, took away a cargo valued at \$318,090. Among her freight was 95,813 bushels of wheat, 6,100 bags of flour, 3,968 boxes of cheese, and 799,528 feet of spruce deal. Allan line steamship Pomeranian, now on the voyage from this port to Havre and London, took away 63,998 bushels of wheat, 619 boxes of cheese, 113,210 feet of spruce deals and other general cargo valued at \$159,501. The total value of exports to date for 31 sailings is as follows: Canadian goods.....\$4,346,942 Foreign goods.....1,863,298 Total.....\$6,210,240 Manifest for 83 cars of United States flour, meats, vice, lumber, provisions, etc., were received at the custom house yesterday. The export through this port this season of United States products will be larger than ever before.

Geo. A. Clark, of West End, left last evening for Boston on a business trip.

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WATERBURY & RISING, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street. Three Stores. Astigmatism. Many people have a wrong idea of astigmatism. It is not a disease, but an irregularity in the curve of the eye and can be corrected by specially ground lenses. Its usual symptoms are headaches, often accompanied by a turning of the head a little to one side in viewing objects and by squinting of the eyes, which causes premature wrinkles on the brow and about the eyes. We are perfectly equipped for examining the eyes for glasses and for prescribing and grinding the right lenses. Our work is reliable and fully guaranteed.

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Galvanized Ash Barrels. Strongly Made of Good Iron. We will stencil the name of anyone buying six barrels, on them FREE OF CHARGE. EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain St.

Two Great Whitewear Specials for This Week. Here are two money saving offerings for shoppers this week. CORSET COVERS of fine cambric, three rows of pretty German Val. insertion, edged neck and sleeves with lace, beading and ribbon, well finished. Special each 39c. DRAWERS, cambric with frill of five narrow tucks, edged with frill of fine embroidery, well made, all sizes. Special 39c. CHILDREN'S COATS in fine quality velvet plush, colors are cardinal, brown, green and sky blue, each \$3.75. White Cashmere Coats for Infants, plain and worked with silk, \$1.75 to \$7.25. Children's Sleeping Garments in flannelette, with feet, colors pink and white, ages 2 to 6 years. Per garment 80c. A Full New Line of Ladies' and Children's Whitewear—Great Variety. WHITEWEAR DEPT.—SECOND FLOOR.

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