

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Strong winds or gales from north and north-west, clearing and cold.

Toronto, Mar. 16.—The eastern disturbance is now centred near the coast of Nova Scotia, with increased intensity, and northeast gales, with sleet and snow, are general in the Maritime Provinces. Cold weather has prevailed from Saskatchewan to Quebec, while in Southern Alberta and British Columbia, it has been quite mild.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	8	4
Victoria	42	62
Vancouver	42	60
Kamloops	36	60
Calgary	10	56
Edmonton	4	18
Battleford	0	10
Prince Albert	4	12
Moose Jaw	8	14
Regina	1	9
Winnipeg	18	12
Port Arthur	16	12
Parry Sound	14	24
London	0	28
Toronto	5	28
Ottawa	0	20
Montreal	8	18
Quebec	8	16
St. John	14	18
Halifax	22	26

*—Below zero.

ST. JOHN AND VICINITY HELD 30 HOURS IN BLIZZARD'S GRIP

Yesterday's Storm Most Severe for Years When Date is Considered—Trains Delayed and Traffic Held Up—Harbor Work Affected.

St. John and outlying districts have experienced nearly thirty hours of a severe snow and wind storm, and it is stated that for this late date in March, it has proven the worst in many years. Commencing on Wednesday evening there has since been no let up. The weather has been cold, and up to nine o'clock last night five and a half inches of snow fell.

During yesterday the wind was blowing almost a gale from the north and northeast, and the snow was banked up along the sides of the streets. At nine o'clock last night it was still snowing hard, and at that time the gale was blowing at a velocity of forty miles an hour and the wind had shifted to the northwest, with the thermometer falling. At midnight it was colder, the snow had stopped falling, it was still blowing hard and the moon was breaking through the clouds. There is every indication that it will be clear and cold today, in fact regular winter weather with plenty of sleighing, something that is most unusual for this time of the year.

What the Records Show.

The following information as to the kind of weather on St. Patrick's Day since 1905, was obtained last night through the kindness of D. L. Hutchinson of the Meteorological Office, and is interesting:

1905—Clear. Sleighting. Highest Temp., 40; lowest, 18.

1906—Clear. Sleighting. Four inches snow covering ground. Highest Temp., 34; lowest, 22.

1907—Cloudy. S. W. gale. One inch snow on ground. Fair sleighting. Highest Temp., 43; lowest, 30.

1908—Clear. Snow flurries. Bare ground. Highest Temp., 37; lowest, 15.

1909—Clear. Heavy snow storm all night. Four inches snow. Highest Temp., 29; lowest, 22.

1910—Clear. Bare ground. Highest Temp., 33; lowest, 24.

1911—Clear. Bare ground. Highest Temp., 25; lowest, 7.

1912—Clear. Bare ground. Highest Temp., 35; lowest, 25.

1913—Clear. Bare ground. Highest Temp., 29; lowest, 22.

1914—Foggy, drizzly and cloudy. Bare ground. Highest Temp., 41; lowest, 38.

1915—Clear morning, snow flurries in afternoon. Highest Temp., 30; lowest, 19.

Storm Affects Harbor Work.

During the storm yesterday the work along the harbor front was greatly delayed and only one ship, of the many at Sand Point wharves was being worked. It was with pleasure that the shipping men saw the weather clear.

WORK ON THE MATATUA IS GOING WELL

Pumps Installed Yesterday Worked Well—Is There Danger of Another Fire?

Before it was low tide at 3:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the workmen on the sunken steamship Matatua had installed five powerful pumps. Two were in No. 1 hatch, one in No. 2, another in No. 4, and the fifth in No. 5. In addition to these steam pumps members of the crew had installed hand pumps in different sections of the ship. Another powerful steam pump was placed through the skylights of the engine room.

At low water in the afternoon the pumps were given a good test, and all were found to work well. They threw a great volume of water out of the hull. A number of tugboats were moored alongside the steamship and supplied the steam for running the pumps. While the pumps are working hot kept running for any great length of time those forward were kept working for two or three hours and the water fell in the forward holds several feet, so much in fact that workmen were enabled to get down to the stowage deck. Shortly after the tide started to flood it was thought the steamer had floated forward, as she took up on her lines.

A heater was hauled alongside at No. 5 hatch, and about four o'clock started to hoist out some of the damaged cargo. If a good quantity of this cargo can be removed at low tide, it will greatly assist in the floating of the ship.

Those in charge of the operations believe that with the number of pumps now installed they will raise sufficient water during one low tide to cause the ship to float clear of the mud bottom. Nothing will be done, however, until all the pumps are thoroughly tested and working well.

There was considerable discussion yesterday as to the danger of fire from the carbide when the ship is raised and Mayor Frink said that he was having the views of an expert chemist on the matter, so as to guide him on the raising of the ship and the exposing of the carbide to the action of air and water. It is said there is a large quantity of carbide on board.

While some are of the opinion that there will be no danger from the carbide when the ship is floated and cleared of water, others think there will be a fire. Being so near the Sand Point warehouses the firemen on the great steamer of the harbor are ready in case the fire should break out again.

When the tide came in last evening the ship was again submerged and there was still a strong smell of carbide coming from the holds. It is said that nothing will be done in the way of raising the ship until the opinion is expressed by the chemist.

There is now a question where the ship will be taken if raised, and the Mayor is quoted as saying that with the draught the ship had it would be impossible to take her to Navy Island, and the flats at Sand Point had been dredged away. The only place seemed to be the dredged channel of Courtenay Bay. The cargo could then be got away on the flats, and there was the railway. Kennedy slip would certainly be a dangerous place to put the Matatua with such a combustible cargo.

Storm Widespread.

The oncoming Nor'Nor'easter, which became decidedly emphatic over eastern Canada, had its birth in the Spanish Main and Gulf of Mexico. Sweeping north on Monday it deluged the far southern and southwestern states with water, the gale attaining a velocity of 65 miles an hour. The centre of the disturbance was at Richmond, Va., at eight o'clock Wednesday morning, with a barometric reading of 29.58 inches. The storm covered a wide area, extending as far west as the valley of the Missouri and north to the Great Lakes.

On its northern course it hit Cape Cod Wednesday night and lashed the bleak sand dunes of that old time island, graveyards to the tune of 55 miles an hour and tore away the canvas of several distressed vessels which were dilatory in heading for shelter. The storm was severe in Boston and throughout the eastern states.

In the Adirondack region of New York state there were drifts forty feet deep and the summer cottages at Mendocada Lake were buried. Transportation lines throughout New York, Ohio and other northern states were seriously handicapped and all through trains were hours late.

The storm's force was felt yesterday and last evening throughout the Maritime Provinces. Trains were away behind schedule and in some sections they were blocked for a time. The conditions along the International in the Puleigh Mountain district of Nova Scotia were especially bad. The temperatures last night in the Maritime Provinces varied from 10 to 17 degrees.

Around the City

Liquor Dealer Assails.

William H. O'Keefe, a liquor dealer of 238 Union street, has made assentment to Stanley H. Taylor. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of Taylor & Sweeney one week from today.

Evangelist Coming.

Evangelist Fred W. Foster, who has been holding a series of meetings in Maine will come to New Brunswick shortly and hold a number of services. The first of these services will be held in Bloomfield.

Addresses Men at Work.

Capt. Rev. G. M. Campbell addressed the men in the west side sheds at noon yesterday. He spoke for about five minutes in sheds Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6. The men gave him a very respectful hearing and it is expected that good results will follow.

Full of Water.

The small steamer Palva, which has been used for some time in conveying soldiers to and from Partridge Island, sunk in the slip at the foot of Duke street yesterday. The craft grounded by the stern in the slip while the bow went into deep water and she filled. Considerable damage was done.

Post Office Force May Soon Move.

It was said yesterday at the new post office building that the distributing, mailing, stamp, registry, carrier's and other branches of the department which are still in the old building would probably be moved about Mar. 25. The railway mail and inspectors' departments have been in the new building since January.

Named for Father McGoldrick.

A court of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters in Dorchester, Boston, has named in honor of the late Father McGoldrick. The members of the court are largely members of St. Leo's church, of which he was pastor at the time of his death upwards of ten years ago. Father McGoldrick was a St. John man, and a brother of the late Alderman John McGoldrick.

St. John May Get Big Sugar Order.

A dispatch from Montreal to The Standard last night stated that the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd. of this city had received an immense order. The headquarters of the company are in that city. When questioned last night the St. John manager, Lewis J. Seldensticker, stated that he had received no advice regarding such an order. He said that of late the company had been reaching out for a big foreign business.

New Machine for City Hall.

The new plan printing machine, ordered by the city, has arrived at the City Hall and was taken up to the fourth floor yesterday. It will be set up in the engineering department. The machine, which cost about \$500, was ordered primarily for the preparation of the plans showing the results of the north end surveys, but will be available for all city work, and will be welcomed by the engineering staff as a valuable addition to their equipment.

After Lawyer's Scalp.

Because he was born in Madawaska and was never naturalized in the United States, LeVite V. Thibideau of Van Buren, on the St. John river, may be obliged to give up his law practice in Maine. Proceedings for disbarment have been instituted at Augusta and a hearing will be held before Chief Justice Albin R. Savage in April. The Attorney General of Maine is back of the proceedings. Mr. Thibideau was elected on the face of the returns as a representative to the last legislature as a Republican, but Fortunat O. Michaud, Democrat, of Van Buren, a native of New Brunswick, but naturalized, contested the election and Thibideau was unseated.

Mrs. Charles Carroll.

Mrs. Charles Carroll, wife of Judge Carroll, is dead at her home in Houston. She was a daughter of the late James MacDonnell of St. Stephen.

KING WINTER VS. KING ELECTRICITY

How the Street Cars Kept on Schedule in Big Storm.

During the gale and blizzard of yesterday the street cars kept on their regular schedule in the most unusual conditions of the day before the people of St. John sought refuge and quick transportation home by street railway. Throughout the very worst of the bitter blast and blinding downfall of snow the cars on the main and branch lines ran right on time. The populace surely appreciated the splendid accommodation.

Had the St. John railway superintendents allowed the blizzard to get the upper hand the whole service would have undoubtedly been tied up. Never in years had the city suffered a more obstinate winter storm. The snowfall was constant, the wind a veritable gale, covering the tracks with drifts as quickly as the sweepers cleared them. The outlying districts where the gale got a good take at the service were a battleground on which King Winter and King Electricity fought desperately. Even in West St. John the ten-minute service was kept up finely.

Sweepers and ploughs worked day and night. All the shifts of men were on the job. All the reserve cars were requisitioned. It was very much like one of those "big drives" one reads of in the war news. The gratifying outcome of the whole thing was the excellent service the cars kept up. Thousands got to and from work on time, shoppers kept on shopping and the theatres, too, report unusual business for such stormy weather. It was a good thing to contemplate from the standpoint of the public and a satisfying, though rather costly achievement on the part of the street railway people.

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MORE COMPLAINTS OF FAULTY MAIL SERVICE

How One Lady Lost a Photograph—Professional Man's Experience—Where Registration Failed.

Just in the way of a variation, a gentleman dropped into The Standard office yesterday and stated that an old photograph which could not be replaced was mailed by Mrs. J. A. Clarke of Queen St. to Mrs. W. H. Hazen St. It never arrived and as the photograph was valued very highly its loss was a matter of great regret to Mrs. White, who had desired to preserve it. A professional man who mailed a letter in one of the city boxes on a Saturday evening—a letter which he desired to get in a hurry—had it handed in at his door by a boy on Sunday evening who had found it in a rather demoralized condition on the street.

Yesterday The Standard received a letter from Mr. A. N. McKay, town engineer of Chatham, inquiring why he had not received a copy of "Heart Songs" which he had ordered. Mr. McKay evidently knew more than to trust the mail service without all proper precautions and on March 7th mailed to The Standard a remittance covering the cost of the song book together with an additional charge necessary for registration. On March 9th the book was mailed by The Standard to Mr. McKay and was registered in the St. John Post Office, yet on March 14th it had not arrived. It may be there by now—there has been no later report—but five days is almost long enough to get to Chatham.

A recent letter from C. D. Goodill, postmaster at Rolling Dam Station, N. B., states that he enclosed to The Standard two dollars in cash for a subscription in favor of Jos. Wisely. This was mailed last summer. Mr. Wisely has not yet received a copy of the paper nor any acknowledgment of the remittance. This is most surprising. The letter has so far failed to arrive.

Band and excellent ice at the Victoria Rink tonight.

Skating is the craze—Carleton also, get ready for the big Leap Year Carnival March 29th, at Victoria rink.

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