

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Strong and westerly winds, fair and colder.
 Toronto, Ont., Feb. 7.—The cold wave is diminishing in intensity and moves eastward. The temperature is still zero over most of Quebec, but there has been a decided rise in Ontario. Local snow has fallen today in the eastern portions of Ontario and Nova Scotia, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fine.

	Min.	Max.
Winnipeg	4	22
Port Arthur	2	34
London	10	24
Toronto	10	24
Ottawa	18	26
Montreal	16	22
Quebec	12	14
Halifax	18	20

New England Forecast.
 Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—Forecast for New England; fair, warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, partly cloudy; moderate southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

R. L. Borden Club Tomorrow Night.
 A meeting of the R. L. Borden Club is called for tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Foresters Hall, Charlotte street. All the members of the club are requested to be present. Important matters will be discussed.

Bridge Party.
 Mrs. Chas. Postwick was hostess at a bridge party of fourteen tables yesterday afternoon at her residence, Wentworth street. Prizes were won by Mrs. Robt. Cruikshank, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, and Mrs. Percy Robinson of Toronto.

Monday Evening Skating Club.
 The members of the Monday Evening Skating Club were out in force last night at the Queen's rink. Between the sixth and seventh bands, tea was served by Mrs. Thos. Pugsley, Mrs. Buckley, Miss Knight, Mrs. McLellan, Mrs. D. Ridgson, Mrs. J. Pierce Crockett and Mrs. Jaffray.

In The Police Court.
 Police Magistrate Ritchie yesterday afternoon sentenced Harry McDonald, who was found guilty of obtaining a watch by false pretences on January 28th, to six months in jail. James Osborne, the Englishman who was found guilty of assaulting John W. Flewelling in his shop on January 15th, was allowed to go on suspended sentence on condition that he leave the country.

K. of C. Social Evening.
 Members of St. John Council No. 937, K. of C., opened their rooms to their friends last night for a pleasant social evening which was much enjoyed. The visitors were received by Mrs. E. F. Greaney and Mrs. W. E. Scully, Mr. W. J. Mahony and Mr. R. J. Murphy. Cards and dancing were enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served by an efficient committee. The musical programme was in charge of a committee headed by Mr. C. Morgan.

Inspected New Site For Sanitarium.
 A committee of the tuberculosis commissioners consisting of Dr. P. R. Inches, Dr. J. R. McIntosh and Dr. A. E. McAvanney, went to Bloomfield Kings county, yesterday morning, for the purpose of inspecting a site in the direction of the Mill Stream for a sanitarium. It is understood the committee found many good points in favor of the site. On their return to the city last night they stated they would make other tours of inspection before arriving at a decision.

An Excellent Report.
 On page six of today's issue will be found a synopsis of the annual report of the Confederation Life Association. This company has become known as a leader in its field, and this year's report, a complete copy of which was presented to The Standard last night, undoubtedly presents many encouraging features to the large number of policy holders in St. John. Their interests, for a number of years have been well looked after by Mr. Geo. W. Parker.

F. M. A. Smoker.
 An enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the F. M. A. in their rooms last evening. The president, Mr. J. Lunney was in the chair and the following programme was carried out: T. Conlon, solo; J. McHugh, reading; Mr. F. T. Hazel, solo; A. Bardsey, reading; Chas. Conlon, solo; L. Holland, step dance; L. Conlon, reading; Geo. McLade, reading. During the evening eight new members were elected. Cigars and refreshments were served. A lecture will be given in the hall Sunday night by Mr. J. Harrington, and a large attendance is expected.

Three Mile Race Tonight.
 Considerable interest is being manifested in the three mile championship race in the Victoria rink tonight. All the fast ones are entered and judging from the classy form which the boys have shown of late, the race should prove exciting. Following is a list of the entries:—L. Coleman, E. Wright, W. Riley, E. Ingraham, F. Logan, W. Bell, M. Bell, H. Belyea, R. Belyea and W. Whitebone. The officials are:—Referee, Al. Stephens; starter, Jas. Fullen; judges, H. Breen, Percy Howard and W. Coates; timers, Jas. Barnes, E. G. McCollough, and R. D. Coler; clerk, Geo. M. McDade; Assistant, J. Willott and A. Gillard; Announcer, Wm. Case.

No. 1 Salvage Corps Entertained.
 The cold did not penetrate into the cosy rooms of No. 1 Salvage Corps club at the monthly meeting last evening at which the members and friends were entertained by Capt. Frink and Lieut. Ervin. A large number were present and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Capt. Frink was in the chair at the business meeting. Wm. Donahue, formerly driver of the Salvage Corps wagon was elected a member of the corps. It was decided to entertain No. 2 Corps on the evening of Feb. 24th. Mr. John H. Leah who has recently returned from a trip to New York and other United States cities told in an interesting way of his visits to the fire stations and his observations on the different systems. Mr. S. P. Gerow also gave a short address and there were songs by several members. Coffee and refreshments were served.

Divided Service Now Admitted To Exist

Committee Reports To Council There Is Division Of Distribution System Within City—Danger Of Breaks On Extension Given As Reason—Underwriters Kept In The Dark—Agreement Under Which Rates Were Reduced Violated.

The report of the special committee appointed to investigate the shortage of water at the Erin street fire which was submitted to the council yesterday, also deals with the system of distribution and for the first time a definite announcement is made that since the extensive breaks on No. 2 in the city limits.

The fact, it is generally understood has long been suspected by the board of fire underwriters. A member of the board referring to the matter last evening said the situation called for serious consideration as it was a departure from the agreement with the city under which the insurance rates were reduced. The board, he added, had reduced the rate on the distinct understanding that there should be a single undivided service of water from Loch Lomond. Not only had this agreement been violated, but the underwriters had been kept in ignorance of what was being done.

The committee's report. The report of the committee on the division of the service is as follows: "Your committee report that the system of distribution laid down by Mr. Barbour has been departed from—since the extensive breaks on No. 2 concrete conduit made necessary the temporary introduction of the Little River service, in August of 1909, the entire absence of water on the high levels at that time making it necessary to employ the Silver Falls pump, and your committee have to report that the division of the services within the city limits is practically intact for any emergency which may arise, and while no water is taken from the Little River reservoir, nor any connection made therewith, your committee having heard the statements of the city engineer in regard to the same are of the opinion that his action in restoring the service as he found it

on assuming charge of the entire water service, is not imprudent. But your committee thinks that the board of fire underwriters should be acquainted of the fact and would so recommend."

Loch Lomond System Unsafe. From the report of the committee it would appear that the Loch Lomond system on which the city spent \$500,000 cannot be relied on, and that in the opinion of the city engineer precautions have to be taken to bring the Silver Falls pump into operation at a moment's notice.

The division of the service can have but one object, a safeguard against the possibility of a break on the extension. Should a break occur for example on No. 2 section of the concrete conduit the Silver Falls pump would be utilized to supply the high levels and the gravity supply from Little River would supply the low levels.

From the standpoint of fire protection, the return to the divided service, although with Loch Lomond as the single source of supply, will naturally be regarded as serious by the board of fire underwriters. Main street for example is traversed by two mains, a 12 inch main on the low service and a 15 inch main supplying Douglas avenue on the high service. By closing the stop cocks connecting these two mains, which from the report of the committee has apparently been done, the volume of water available in the event of a fire is reduced. They are now part of separate and distinct services and have no connection within the city limits.

Cuban Trade Exceeds All Expectations

Outgoing Steamer Haakon VII Obligated To Refuse Shipments Of Hay Offered—New Brunswick Potatoes Outsell European Product At Havana—Only One Half Of Provincial Output Marketed.

"I am proud of the growth of New Brunswick trade with Cuba. Last year one steamer sailing monthly could not get enough cargo while this year from five to eight steamers a month cannot handle the freight that is offered. The Haakon VII, which is now in port has had to refuse 350 tons of hay in order to carry the potatoes which are on hand."

This was the encouraging statement of Mr. J. C. Manzer, of Andover, one of the largest of the provincial potato shippers to Cuba, made to a Standard reporter last evening.

Mr. Manzer with Mr. Coles Daggan, of Woodstock, are in the city for the purpose of looking after the loading of their consignments on the Haakon VII, and both made good progress yesterday.

Should the temperature drop to zero however, the loading will be interrupted and the steamer may not get away for a day or two.

10,000 Barrels of Potatoes.

Mr. Manzer said the Haakon VII would take about 10,000 barrels of potatoes besides a quantity of other cargo. As much as 500 tons of hay had been offered but only 150 tons had been accepted on account of the large shipment of potatoes.

There was every evidence, he said, that the New Brunswick potatoes had made a good impression on the Cuban market. Prices had been increased somewhat by the advent of European potatoes, but the remarkable feature was that the New Brunswick potatoes commanded a price from 10 to 15 cents higher than the potatoes from Germany and other European countries.

A Continuous Trade. According to Mr. Manzer the export of New Brunswick potatoes will continue almost throughout the year. Not more than one-half of the output has yet been purchased from the farmers and the year is nearly half gone. The export has been increased of late, and the Munson Line has now three sailings a month while the other lines are also increasing their business.

Housebreaking In Britain Street

Bernard McDevitt's House Entered Through Bathroom Window And \$11 Stolen—House Thoroughly Ransacked And Left In Disturbed Condition—Looks Like Work Of Professionals.

Robbery of a cool and daring character was brought to light on Sunday morning when it was discovered that the home of Mr. Bernard McDevitt, 182 Britain street had been broken into while the family were away and the sum of over \$11 stolen during Saturday night.

The daring manner in which the house was broken into and the condition in which the burglars left the different rooms, has led to the belief that the robbery was perpetrated by either professional crooks, or else some persons who were familiar with the premises.

Before going out Saturday evening Mr. McDevitt secured the doors of the house and everything was left in good order. He returned about 11 o'clock, and upon going to his bedroom, noticed that certain articles had been more or less disturbed. Becoming suspicious, he at once looked into his bureau drawer, to find that over \$11 which was had been removed.

Upon further search Mr. McDevitt found that although articles had been generally tossed about, the thieves evidently did not desire to encumber themselves with anything but cash. The rear door of the house was found to be in the same condition as when Mr. McDevitt had left, and it was some time before it was discovered that entrance had been effected through the bathroom window, which the robbers in departing did not take the trouble to close.

The police have been notified of the affair and are at work on the case.

MRS. JOSEPH ALLISON DIED YESTERDAY

General Regret At Loss Of One Who Did Much To Brighten Lives Of Others—Dr. Flander's Tribute.

News of the death of Mrs. Joseph Allison last evening came as a shock to a large circle of friends. Mrs. Allison had been ill for twelve weeks with valvular disease of the heart but a sudden termination of this illness was hardly expected. Mrs. Allison before her marriage was Miss Helen Matilda Scammell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scammell, and had

lived all her life in St. John. She was a prominent member of Centenary church and interested herself largely in charitable work. She leaves her husband and two sons, Walter C. and William S., of M. R. A. Ltd. The latter is now in Boston and is expected home today. One daughter, Gertrude, Mr. Charles E. Scammell of this city, and Mr. Fred E. Scammell of New York, and one sister, Mrs. G. Byron Cushing of this city survive.

Books

At Bargain Prices
 Ruskin, 13 vols., cloth, \$ 8.57
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LOAN COLLECTION OF PICTURES FOR DOMINION FAIR
 Exhibition of Paintings Being Arranged—Railways To Cooperate—John A. Cooper Of Toronto To Assist.

The offer of a collection of fifteen original sketches by well known artists to form the nucleus of a collection of art treasures to be exhibited in the city next autumn at the Dominion fair, was received yesterday by the management from Mr. John A. Cooper of Toronto, the director and editor of the Canadian Courier. Mr. Cooper is one of the best known lovers of art in Upper Canada and his generous offer was gladly accepted by the directors.

Besides offering a collection of pictures Mr. Cooper, who is a director of the Toronto exhibition, has written that he would be pleased to render any assistance in his power towards making the big fair a success. It might be stated that Mr. H. B. Good, the manager of the fair, is a personal friend of Mr. Cooper.

A good loan art exhibition in connection with the fair will undoubtedly be a splendid feature. Not only will it attract many people who do not usually attend but it will also be of great educational advantage. The management would be grateful to local collectors or any art admirers in Eastern Canada for the loan of portraits, oil paintings, water colors, old prints or pieces of sculpture or bronzes. They will be amply insured, transported as the exhibitor's expense and thoroughly protected during the fair.

Mr. Good, the local manager, will go to Montreal in the course of a week or ten days and while there will interview a number of prominent Canadians who own art treasures with a view of having them send loan collections to the fair.

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