

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fair stationary or a little higher temperature. Toronto, Jan. 16.—The depression which was off the New England coast on Saturday morning has since moved out to the Atlantic after causing strong winds and a heavy snow fall over the greater part of Nova Scotia. The weather is now fair throughout the Dominion with a tendency in most places towards higher temperature. Winnipeg, zero; 6. Port Arthur, 20; 30. Parry Sound, 22; 28. Toronto, 10; 27. London, 17; 26. Ottawa, 8 below; 22. Montreal, 5; 22. Quebec, 3 below; 14. Halifax, 14; 24.

New England Forecast.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Forecast for New England: Fair Monday, warmer in interior; Tuesday, unsettled, probably rain or snow by night, light to moderate west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

The Late Mr. James H. McAvity. The funeral of the late Mr. James H. McAvity will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock, from Trinity church. Interment will take place in Fernhill.

Ladies to Meet.

A meeting of the members of the St. Andrews Ladies Curling Club who have entered for the all-comers match will be held at noon today, at the rink. Skips will be selected and other arrangements made for the match.

Prices Are Higher.

All Ontario brands of flour went up 10 cents a barrel on Saturday, and local dealers expect that Manitoba's will soon follow suit. Rolled oats also increased slightly in value, while sugar advanced 10 cents a bag.

Sailed for South Africa.

The S. S. Melville of the Elder Dempster line which sailed yesterday for South Africa carried the following passengers: Mr. John Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Clemenset, Mr. J. B. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Oliver and three children.

Fell into Market Slip.

John Simmonds a sailor from the schooner Aldine fell into the market slip Saturday afternoon. The tide was out at the time, and falling onto the soft mud he sustained but little injury. He was assisted back to the wharf by some men who happened to be near and taken on board his schooner.

In Favor of Prohibition.

The third debate of the winter course, Prohibition versus Moral Suasion in St. Peter's Y. M. A. rooms yesterday afternoon, was decided in favor of Prohibition. Strong speeches were heard on both sides. The winning team was led by Mr. J. G. Burke and the Moral Suasion side was captained by Mr. J. Casey. Mr. J. Frank Owens acted as judge.

Lecture on Western Canada.

This evening in St. Andrew's church Rev. David Lang will lecture on Western Canada and its Missions, under the auspices of the church guild. The lecture will be illustrated by one hundred stereoscopic views. No admission fee will be charged, but a collection will be taken up in order to defray expenses. The public is cordially invited.

I. O. F. Installation at Grand Bay.

The officers of Court Grand Bay, I. O. F. will be installed this evening in the Foresters' Hall, at Grand Bay. After the installation ceremony an entertainment and social hour has been arranged for. A large representation will go up from the city. Royal Foresters' companions and subsons are invited. Members will assemble at the depot at 6:20 p. m. and will leave on the Boston express.

The Magee Wharf Dispute.

It is understood that the application for an injunction to be made by the Magee estate against the city in regard to the use of property in the vicinity of the East Side, forty boats will come before the Equity Court on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. W. Watson Allan is acting for the Magee estate and Hon. C. N. Stinson, the recorder and Hon. J. D. Hazen, attorney general, for the city.

S. S. Lakonia in Port.

The Donaldson liner Lakonia, Captain Fraser, arrived yesterday from Glasgow sixteen days out. Heavy weather was experienced soon after leaving Glasgow, and continued until Saturday, when the wind increased to a gale, and the steamer ran into a blinding snowstorm. The heavy seas prevented the boat from making progress and she was considerably delayed in reaching port.

Hake Fishing.

Several parties from the city went hake fishing on Saturday afternoon on the Kennebecasis and all had fair success. A strong wind that blew down the river did not tend to make the weather ideal for fishermen, but all reported a good time in spite of the cold. A party of Y. M. C. A. boys under the leadership of Mr. H. Lordy, went out to Riverside on the suburban train and returned to the city in the evening the proud possessors of a good catch.

He Wanted a Drink.

He was only a dog but he wanted a drink and the running water in the fountain at the head of King street was intended for thirsty humans. It is supposed to be out of reach of four-footed creatures. But putting his forepaws on the edge of the basin which catches the waste, however, the intelligent animal was noticed yesterday afternoon to reach up and catch the liquid drops as they fell. He could not use a cup and he did the next best thing.

Weird Sounds in Church.

Weird sounds issuing from all parts of the church edifice caused Rev. David Lang, pastor of St. Andrew's church, to pause in the midst of an eloquent sermon on Jeremiah last evening and explain that something had gone wrong with the steam pipes and that a hymn might be sung until the unwelcome music had ceased. While the noise lasted the voice of the preacher could not be heard and the congregation were reminded of a juvenile brass band very much out of tune.

Thirty-five Homeless In Destructive Fire

Three Houses Burned in Brussels Street Saturday Evening And Nine Families Driven Into Street—Total Loss Estimated At \$4,000, Partially Covered By Insurance—Mrs. Dykeman's Premium Lapsed Day Before.

Nine families, comprising in all 35 persons, were turned out of their homes into the snow street on Saturday night by a disastrous fire which broke out at 9:20 o'clock in a house at 260 Brussels street, owned by Mr. Philip Graham and occupied by Mr. Gilbert P. Dykeman and Mr. John W. McKean.

Before the flames were subdued this house was practically destroyed, and the two houses adjoining on either side were badly gutted. It was 2 o'clock before the all-out signal was sounded and the firemen had a hard, cold fight to confine the blaze to these three houses. The total damage will probably reach \$4,000.

The saddest feature seems to be that many of the victims had no insurance on their property which was destroyed. In one case, that of Mr. Dykeman's, the insurance only expired a day or two before and Mrs. Dykeman intended to call at the office today to renew the premium. She was two days too late.

The Losses. The list of sufferers from the fire is as follows:— Mr. Philip Graham, owner of destroyed house, estimated loss \$1,000; insured with Wm. Thomson & Co. for \$1,000.

Mr. Andrew Myles, 5 Waterloo St., owner of damaged house, estimated loss \$800; insured with Traders' Fire Insurance Co. for \$800.

Mr. Hugh Ryan, 258 Brussels St., owner of damaged house, all furniture damaged, estimated loss \$500; insured with Dominion Fire Insurance Co. for \$600.

Mr. A. L. Megarity, 256 Brussels St., stock of grocery store damaged, estimated loss \$600; insured in Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Co. for \$600.

Mr. Charles O'Keefe, tenant in Mr. Ryan's house, furniture damaged slightly, insured for \$500 with Wm. Thomson & Co.

Mr. John W. McKean, tenant in Mr. Graham's house, furniture destroyed, insured for \$200.

Mr. Gilbert P. Dykeman, tenant in Mr. Graham's house, furniture destroyed, no insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Falbot, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien, Mrs. Mary MacRae and daughter, and Mr. James Brickley and sisters, all tenants of Mr. Myles' house, lost practically all their furniture and had no insurance.

Mr. Graham's house is comparatively new and was built a year ago in between the Myles' house and Mr. Ryan's house.

Started in Basement. The fire was caused, it is thought, by an attempt to thaw out the water pipes which had been frozen and first started in the basement. Mrs. Dykeman, who came out for the evening, leaving two little girls to keep house.

Shortly after 9 o'clock, one of the children came into Mr. Megarity's shop next door, crying, "Our house is on fire!" Mr. Megarity ran up followed by the little girl and by this time the smoke was getting quite thick. He wrapped the children in quilts and

carried them both to the street and then rang in an alarm from box 16 at the corner of Hanover and Brussels street.

Mrs. McKean has a young baby and she sought refuge in Mr. Megarity's shop, where Miss Peterson, the keeper cared for her infant while the mother endeavored to save some of her household effects.

By the time the firemen arrived the house was flames and they at once realized that they had hard work ahead of them. The water pressure was excellent and the engines were not used, but in spite of all efforts the fire crept through into the Myles' house and then into Mr. Ryan's on the upper side.

Mr. Ryan has been ailing for some months with heart trouble, and he feared the excitement would have an adverse effect upon his health. His sister-in-law is bed ridden and she was hardly shrieking from the house, except knowing what the matter was.

Whole House Flooded. The fire broke through in Mr. Ryan's in two or three places and the whole house had to be flooded with water to prevent ignition. The Salvage Corps did great work here in covering Mr. Ryan's and Mr. O'Keefe's furniture and much loss was saved in this way.

Downstairs in Mr. Megarity's shop and a catastrophe was narrowly averted in this direction. The flames were checked only three feet away from an oil tank holding three hogheads and if this had exploded, the results would have been very serious.

On the other side in Mr. Myles' house, the tenants were obliged to leave with very short notice, saving little from the flames. Mr. Cooper has four small children and these had to be carried wrapped in bedclothing from the building. Mr. O'Brien also has small children.

The fire broke through the partition and kept firm hold of the ceilings and walls of the Myles building, leaving it almost a total loss.

Tons of water were poured into the three houses and later on when the flames were subdued and the smoke cleared holes were cut in the floors in order to let the water escape.

The Wreck. None of the rooms could be used yesterday. Mr. Ryan was cleaning up but could not remain for the night on the premises. The Graham house is only a shell and may be called a total loss.

Mrs. Dykeman returned to find her home in flames and very little was saved. The family were packed into a coach and taken to the home of a friend in Lower town. Yesterday night, Mrs. Dykeman sent her team to the friend's home with what personal effects had been saved from the destroyed building.

The fire was one of the worst in years in this section of the city and was witnessed by a large crowd of people. Yesterday the front of the buildings looked desolate. The interior of the buildings looked desolate. The fire element had done its work very thoroughly.

WASSON'S STOMACH TONIC For Indigestion 45 and 75c. a Bottle Money back if you receive no benefit. Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

Books IN SETS At Bargain Prices Ruskin, 13 vols., cloth, \$8.57 Dickens, 15 vols., cloth, 10.00 Scott, 12 vols., cloth, 8.00 Thackeray, 10 vols., cloth, 6.67 Hugo, 10 vols., cloth, 6.67 Robt. Browning, 12 vols., cloth, 7.50

E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

PRETTY SLIPPERS FOR CHILDREN There are so many little parties being arranged for the young folks, that we deem it expedient to call attention to our stock of Slippers for children's wear. So often the effect of a pretty frock is spoiled by not having a neat pair of slippers and they cost so little.

Waterbury & Rising King Street, Mill Street, Union Street. All Smoke and No Fire. Policeman G. H. Clark saw thick smoke curling lazily from the roof of the building in King street occupied by Walter H. Irvine about 9:15 o'clock last evening, and after trying the doors and finding nobody in the store, concluded that the place was on fire and promptly rang in an alarm from Box 23, at the corner of King and Germain streets. The fire department responded and a large crowd rapidly collected, but on investigation it was found that a fresh fire had been kindled in the building and that the smoke was coming from a legitimate source.

RAID IN CARLETON RESULTS IN FIND OF EMPTY BEER BOTTLES Police Searched St. John St. Restaurant Saturday night, Hiding Place Discovered—Horsefield St. House Visited. The police made two raids on Saturday night. A restaurant on St. John street, Carleton was visited, and some empty beer bottles were discovered in a secret hiding place. The second raid was on a house in Horsefield street, where two girls, believed to be inmates, were taken to central station. In consequence of several complaints which have been made to the West Side police by St. John street residents, that liquor was being sold in a restaurant on that street, Police men Lee and Hughes, about 9 o'clock Saturday evening, raided the restaurant in St. John street, kept by James Kennedy. They found three empty ale bottles in a secret hiding place under the counter.

Wishes to Return Home. Mr. Charles Bassett, one of the surviving British seamen who took part in the battle of Alexandria and who came to this country in search of employment, and with slim resources, as related in The Standard, has failed to find a suitable position, and desires to return home at the expense of the government. He has been examined by Dr. James Christie and pronounced physically fit, and will meet Mr. S. M. Wetmore today for the purpose of filling in papers asking for deportation.

Attend the Linen and Cotton Sale Free Hemming Desirable Ends of Serges, Broadcloths, Panama Cloths, Venetian Cloths, Homespuns, Cashmeres, Mohairs, Wool Taffetas, Homspuns, to be Offered at Saving Prices Positively Unparalleled

SALE OF DRESS GOODS REMNANTS AT M. R. A.'S. Desirable ends of Serges, Broadcloths, Panama Cloths, Venetian Cloths, Tweeds, Worsteds, Cashmeres, Mohairs, Wool Taffetas, Homespuns to be offered at saving prices positively unparalleled. The remnants are in lengths from one to seven yards long, suitable for Ladies' Coats, Skirts and Costumes—many ends suitable for small Boys' Suits. Don't on any account miss this sale commencing this morning at 8:30 in Dress Goods Department—Ground Floor.

Asbestos Sad Irons Always insure a hot iron and cold handle. Ask anyone who has tried this wonderful iron, and find out how enthusiastic they are in their praise of this modern household help. Price in Sets of three, \$2.25 and 2.75 Shirt Sleeve Irons, Price 40c., 60c., 75c. each W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Gilmour's Overcoat Prices Reduced 20% We have made a straight, sweeping twenty per cent. reduction in the prices of all our Winter Overcoats. And while the lines are not as complete as they were at the beginning of the season, there is EXCEPTIONALLY good opportunity for the exercise of personal fancy in the selection of style, fabric, shade and pattern. Nearly every well-dressed man in St. John knows that Gilmour Overcoats are genuinely good—that none better can be bought. So it is sufficient for us to say that THESE Overcoats are fully up to the Gilmour standard in EVERY way, and that we guarantee them to be perfect in every detail.

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Another Big Cut in Overcoat Prices Every Overcoat in our big stock has been placed on sale beginning today at a greatly reduced price. This sale includes every Overcoat and Ulster and Reffer, Men's Youths' and Boys' sizes, Brand New Stock, this season's make, the new coloring, the new styles. See a few of them in our clothing department windows. Men's Regular \$5.50 Overcoats for \$4.49 Men's \$10.00 to \$12.00 Overcoats for 7.50 Men's \$12.00 Black Melton Overcoats for 9.85 Men's \$13.50 Black Melton Overcoats for \$11.45 Men's \$15.00 to \$16.50 Overcoats for 12.75 Men's \$18.00 Black Melton Overcoats for 15.00 D. B. Reefer Prices Almost Cut in Two J. N. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING, 199 to 207 UNION STREET.

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