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Toronto, Dec. 7-11 p.m.—The low area which was central near Port Arthur yesterday was entirely dispersed, while the low then over Alberta has extended, and now spreads from the Pacific to Lake Superior. High pressure continues over Eastern Canada. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Battleford, 16-26; Qu'Appelle, 14-26; Winnipeg, 10-26-28; Port Arthur, 15-20; Parry Sound, 22-30; Toronto, 23-33; Ottawa, 10-24; Montreal, 10-30; Quebec, 8-20; Halifax, 24-34.

Probabilities: Toronto, Dec. 8-1 a.m.—Lower Lakes: Fair for the most part; stationary or higher temperature, with moderate winds. Local temperature: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 24.5 and 21 above.

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News About Town

—Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles, of London, is visiting her father, Mr. Amasa Wood, St. Thomas.

—Miss May Wilson and Master Neil McDonald, son of H. R. McDonald, of London, are the guests of Mrs. H. Messett, Lancaster avenue, Berlin.

—Among the guests at Winnipeg hotels on Friday last were Mrs. M. McCarthy and child and Miss M. Luskard, London; Mr. R. B. McElheran, London, and Mr. J. Kennedy, London.

—Mr. Donald Hand, of Toronto, paid a short visit to his uncle, Mr. James Hand, Matland street, city. He has been attending the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Hood, a sister of Mr. Jas. Hand, who died in Goderich last week.

—Robert Jarvis, 53 years of age, better known as "John," died at the city hospital on Monday, after an illness of about seven months. He was well known, and was employed at Horner's grocery store for some time.

—Mr. Walter J. Smith, druggist, one of Leamington's most popular and progressive citizens, was in the city yesterday, looking up old acquaintances. He says he finds London the most advantageous point for the bulk of his purchases.

—The Organized Charities' Society met in the city hall yesterday afternoon and discussed the tramp question. A committee was appointed to ask the Salvation Army to restrict their labor bureau, so that "labor" tickets may be given to tramps in place of "meal" tickets as hitherto.

An Ingersoll telegram says: "Dr. Hutchinson and Augustus Frenzel, accused of performing a criminal operation, appeared at the police court, before P. M. Morrison, again today, and Chief of Police Skirving asked for further remand of one week, as the girl in question is still unable to leave her room. The remand was granted. Frenzel was removed to Woodstock and Hutchinson's bail of \$9,000 was renewed."

—There was much rejoicing at the Salvation Army barracks last night to hear of the successful completion of the collection of \$400 by the local corps—the largest sum they have ever raised by self-denial. The army band was expected to raise \$5, and secured \$90. Color-Sergeant Armstrong collected \$30, Capt. Hancock \$30, and Sergeant Andrews \$25. Other amounts ranged from \$1 to \$5. The juniors have raised \$50. The money will be applied to home missions.

—Star Lodge, A. O. U. W., elected officers for the year last evening. The meeting was largely attended, and after the election a social time was spent. The officers chosen were: P. M., J. M. McWhinney; M. W., J. Costello; foreman, D. Tripp; overseer, F. Marshall; guide, W. J. Lashbrook; financial, J. J. Clarke; recorder, Thomas Woolley; receiver, Stephen Grant; medical examiners, Drs. C. S. Moore and James D. Wilson; representative to grand lodge, J. M. McWhinney; alternate, Stephen Grant.

—A joint meeting of the Charities Organization, the Humane and Children's Aid Societies was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, to consider the holding of a kindness in aid of the funds of the societies. About 25 ladies and gentlemen were present. It was decided to hold the kindness in aid of the Princess Rink will be available, as the Opera House is altogether too small. About 500 school

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children will take part. Prof. Speedie, who has had long experience at conducting kermesses, was present, and explained the nature of the production.

A pleasant time was spent last night in Court Brighton's lodge room, where a jolly crowd of young people gathered to enjoy a social time on the invitation of a committee from No. 637. Music was furnished by Messrs. McIntyre and Clark. The party separated about midnight. The committee that managed the affair successfully composed of Bros. E. Baker, A. Orme, W. Bruce and H. Gardener. These social functions are always thoroughly enjoyed by Court Brighton's large membership, as well as other court members, who always turn out largely.

—A large number assembled last night at the Askin Street Methodist church, to bid farewell to an esteemed member of the church, Mrs. Cosford, who is removing to Goderich to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Acheson. Mrs. John Leung and Mrs. A. Westman read addresses to Mrs. Cosford on behalf of the Ladies' Aid, and the recipient of the church class, respectively. The former address was accompanied by a handsome traveling case, and the latter by a copy of Ian MacLaren's book, "The Mind and the Master." Mrs. Cosford read a paper on "The Future of the Church." Refreshments were served, and a happy social hour spent.

—Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Church, South London, moderator of the London Presbytery, will conduct the Presbyterian Church at Dorchester Station next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. A tea meeting will be held on Monday evening following. Rev. Messrs. Thomas Wilson, of King Street Church, and George Gilmore, of Potteryburg, being announced to speak, together with the resident ministers. Miss Sheldon, teacher of education at the Conservatory of Music, will sing, and Capt. T. E. Robson, of Ligon, and Miss A. Templeton, of this city, will sing solos. Rev. W. M. Kay, pastor.

—The annual meeting of the Girls' Haverall Mission Band, in connection with the Memorial Church, was held last evening, with a large attendance of members. Rev. Canon Richardson, the rector, presided, and gave a short exposition of scripture. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were very satisfactory. The treasurer's report showed receipts for the year amounting to \$80. Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. W. D. Brock; first vice-president, Mrs. (Col.) Smith; second vice-president, Miss Annie Evans; secretary, Miss Adah Henderson; treasurer, Miss Edith Trevelan.

—Mr. James Mason, of the firm of Mason & Mason, hardware merchants, Strathroy and Sarnia, died yesterday at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. Perkins, No. 340 Central avenue, in the 32nd year of his age.

Mr. Mason, who was a native of this county, was at one time traveler for the wholesale firm of Bowman, Kennedy & Co., London. He moved to Strathroy in 1892, and thence three years later went to Sarnia to manage his firm's business there. Deceased, who was much esteemed by a wide circle of acquaintances, was a member of the Masonic brotherhood, being connected while in this city with lodge No. 2094, subsequently joining Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He leaves a widow and one child.

Mr. Mason was ill with typhoid pneumonia for four months and was treated in the general hospital here. After his recovery he went on a visit to his wife's parents. Lung trouble resulted from his illness, and he passed his closing days at the home of his mother-in-law. His mother is a resident of Paisley, where he died on Thursday at 3 p.m. from No. 340 Central avenue to Woodland cemetery.

AT PORT STANLEY.

A dance was held in the Port Stanley town hall Monday night. About 100 couples were in attendance, of whom ten were from St. Thomas. Ketchum's orchestra furnished the music. Lunch was served at midnight. The L. E. and D. R. R. have received upwards of 20,000 tons of coal here during the past season. It is many years since such a large tonnage has arrived at the port.

The most efficacious stimulants to excite the appetite are ANGSTURIA BITTERS, prepared by Dr. J. B. E. Siebert & Sons. Beware of counterfeits. Ask your grocer or druggist for the genuine article.

The Trustees.

Busy Session of the Board of Education.

Motion to Establish Religious Instruction in the Schools Laid Over.

Changes in the Teaching Staff—Night Schools a Failure—Vacancy in No. 3 Ward Created by Dr. Wilson's Resignation—Collegiate Institute Holidays Begin Dec. 17.

The Board of Education met last night and disposed of much business. The motion to establish religious instruction in the schools was laid over for another month at the request of the mover, Trustee Bayly, who believed it would then receive fairer consideration. In making the request, he did not wish to be understood as abandoning the motion nor that he was not thoroughly in earnest in moving it. But so many considered it so important that there should be nothing to hinder it getting a fair discussion, and he intimated that this, being near the end of the year, was not a favorable time for a fair consideration of the subject.

The resignation of Trustee Dr. John D. Wilson as trustee in No. 2 ward, was read and accepted. Dr. Wilson has held the position for three years.

Miss Annie Sale requested leave of absence to attend the normal school next term. Granted.

Mr. S. S. Jones, of the Collegiate Institute staff, was permitted to conduct the model school exams.

Mr. James Little asked for a refund of fees paid by his son William when he intended to write for a third class certificate last June, but was prevented from writing through illness. The money will be refunded.

Miss S. C. Thacker, teacher at Victoria school, tendered her resignation, which was accepted.

A number of applications for positions as teachers were sent to No. 1 committee.

Applications for positions of janitor, received from Thos. W. Scott, W. L. Taylor and W. Galpin were referred to No. 2.

By action of the board the Collegiate Institute will be closed on Friday, Dec. 17, for the Christmas holidays, instead of Wednesday, Dec. 22, on which date the term ends. This step was taken in accordance with a petition from the students. The names attached filed about twenty folios of foolscap, so there could be no doubt that the prayers of the petition were generally joined in. The pupils may now look forward to two whole weeks of holidays.

Principal Merchant reported the number of students on roll at the Collegiate Institute 743; average, 679; increase over November, 1896, 22.

Inspector Carson, in his report, recommended the purchase of the British Empire map of the world for the number of the schools; that Miss Macpherson be transferred from part 2, Colquhoun be transferred from part 2, Aberdeen school, to part 2, Victoria school; that the following positions in the staff be filled: Part 1, St. George's, permanent part 2, Aberdeen; permanent part 1, Rectory; substitute from January until June, while Miss Sale attends the normal school, part 2, transition. He also recommended that the appointments be made from the following list: Misses Phillips, Phoenix, Evans, Less, Robertson, permanent part 2, Aberdeen; permanent part 2, Gahan. The report was sent to No. 2 committee.

No. 2 committee reported progress re carpets and rugs for the Collegiate Institute. "That's sarcasm, I guess," said the chairman, laughing.

Trustee Teasdale held that if these carpets and rugs should be obtained it would be well to progress and get them. This was the second year that Inspector Smith had called attention to the need.

Trustee Macpherson spoke of the need of lights in the corridors at the school. They were unquestionably a necessity, he said, and he moved that the clause be referred back, with instructions that the lights be obtained at once, and that the committee also be empowered to obtain the carpets and rugs.

A clause in the report submitted by No. 1 committee recommending that the application of Miss McArthur for increased salary as principal of the Worley road school, be referred to the British Empire map of the world, was given a hearing. The board appeared favorably impressed with the map, but it remains to be seen what the committee will do.

The members present were Trustees Greenlee (chairman), Dr. Campbell, Logan, Bayly, Burdick, Dr. English, Martyn, Wilkins, McCormick, Stephenson, Gilean, Macpherson, Dr. Teasdale, Evans and Strong, Principal Merchant, Inspector Carson and Secretary McElheran.

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Polling Booths and the D. R. O. S. Expenditure to Date—Taxes Paid and Unpaid.

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