

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The disturbance which was set Virginia last night is now centered near the Bay of Fundy as an important storm; pressure is also quite low in the West-ern Provinces. Light snow falls have occurred in South-ern and Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec, and snow is falling heavily in the Maritime Provinces accompanied by gales. The weather in the Western Provinces continues fine and exceptionally mild.

St. John	14	26
Halifax	10	22
Moncton	10	22
St. John's	10	22
Quebec	10	22
Montreal	10	22
Ottawa	10	22
London	10	22
Winnipeg	10	22
Edmonton	10	22
Calgary	10	22
Vancouver	10	22
Saskatoon	10	22
Regina	10	22
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Quebec	10	22
Halifax	10	22
St. John's	10	22

Below zero.

Forecast

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, northerly to north-west-ern, gradually clearing; not much change in temperature.

Northern New England—Snow Saturday, Sunday cloudy, not much change in tempera- ture; northwest and west gales.

AROUND THE CITY

GOT MONEY BACK.

Miss Della Publicover, who last her money in a pullman car about a week ago, had the amount returned to her yesterday as a result of the activities of Special Agent James Ryan.

FORD FACTORY SITE.

The Mayor and Commissioners yesterday visited the site of the proposed Ford factory on Albion street, asked for by the Ford Company, and will report at the committee meeting on Monday.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

John Casey, of 192 St. James street, W. E., was reported in a critical condition last evening. Mr. Casey had the misfortune to lose his balance in the dark and fall down a flight of stairs in his home about a week ago. He suffered a fractured skull and his condition has been serious ever since. He was formerly dock hand and served for a time as mate on the ferry, but has been retired for the last three years.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.

A private showing of a very beautiful picture was held last evening at the Vitagraph rooms when a number of persons saw the picturization of the famous horse story "Black Beauty," said to be the best life story of an animal ever written. The book is faithfully followed with an old-fashioned love story of human beings introduced. Members of the S.P.C. and other animal lovers were invited last evening by H. G. Homsey, local manager of Vitagraph.

VALENTINE TEA.

A successful Valentine Tea was held Thursday evening by the ladies of the St. Matthew's Sewing Circle in the church vestry. The tables were prettily decorated and the large number of guests thoroughly enjoyed the good things provided. Mrs. A. Galbraith, president of the circle, and Mrs. H. Smith, vice president, were in charge and they were ably assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. D. B. McLean, Mrs. L. A. Colwell, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Robert Elliott, Mrs. M. Burton, Mrs. T. Burr, Mrs. C. E. Stovner, Mrs. Brooks, Miss L. Shroeder, Mrs. A. Nickerson and Miss A. Taylor.

St. John Play-Grounds Assn.

Boys' Club on City Road Under Discussion — Mothers' Pensions Endorsed.

President W. K. Halsey presided at the monthly meeting of the St. John Playgrounds Association, which was held at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday afternoon. A general discussion of the Boys' Club on City road was taken up by the meeting, and A. M. Belding and Miss Heffer were appointed a committee to meet the executive of the East End Improvement League to consider matters concerning the Boys' Club. The East End League have already shown a great interest in the club and assisted in many ways, in addition to giving a treat every month.

Miss Heffer, the club director, reported the usual activity for the month. A resolution submitted to the board by the Federation of Labor favoring legislation enacting mothers' pensions and a minimum wage for female labor, voted the approval of the meeting.

Ladies to represent the playgrounds association on the Women's Council were appointed before the meeting adjourned.

FOR SATURDAY BUYERS.

There are plenty of good opportunities here. Ready-made coats, suits and hats you'll find at pleasing prices and be assured the values are fully better than they will be later on. Men's shirts, business and dress, are selling at 20 per cent. discount. Neckties are down: \$1 ties now 67c; \$1.50 ties now 95c. Buy three at a time and you save a little more. You'll find it worth while to help us turn over all the stock we can this month. Gil-mour's, 68 King St.

Victoria's Ring Grand Carnival Tuesday next. Six prizes are offered and many new and fancy costumes are now being made ready. There will be a grand time for everybody.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSES HOSPITAL NEEDS

Municipality Representatives Attended Meeting to be Shown Wherein the Needs of An Additional Wing Was Closed in Peace and Harmony With Nothing Accomplished.

The finance committee of the Municipality of St. John City and County, and the staff and commissioners of the General Public Hospital met at the hospital last night to discuss the needs and requirements of the hospital at the present time, and for years to come.

Some time ago there was sent to the Municipality a set of resolutions setting forth what the staff and commissioners thought should be done to make the hospital meet the demands being made upon it by the public. These resolutions called for a new epidemic and an additional unit to provide a maternity wing, an outdoor department and a number of extra private rooms, Warden Bullock presided.

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President Agor said the resolutions were sent as a result of deliberations the commissioners had with the hospital staff. Being close to the people suffering with disease, he said, they probably were better acquainted with what was needed. Health of the community should be of first consideration. In order to supply needs of public we are lacking in accommodation, he said. People of all classes are being turned away as there is not the room to provide the different branches of service required. We are, therefore, he said, forced to appeal to the municipality to provide what the public health demands. In the way of public welfare he did not know of any way that money can be better expended than by supplying the hospital requirements. The situation must be faced sooner or later, and might as well be grappled with now.

When the new home is finished, he said, there would be some extra space in the main building that could be utilized for more hospital room. But this will not be sufficient. A new epidemic was badly needed, he said, and should be provided before any extra wings are built.

The Mayor thought it was understood we knew all that was wanted, but he would like to know what proposition the staff has to make, then let's get down to ways and means of providing same.

Dr. Curran said there is urgent need and great need of additional wing. Staff was unanimous that the thing needed was epidemic and an additional unit. All physicians were meeting many urgent cases with no place for them. Almost a tragedy existed on the outside today. Without beds available, he said, we cannot take care of patients. I am telling people to ring up Councilors and all and howl about lack of accommodations. Hospital is now caring for 1.3 more than it should. Admitting demand, we must admit we cannot do anything with general nurses home as it is thoroughly untidy for purposes that will be required. The ground floor is needed for laboratory work and that alone.

There must be accommodation for all classes of people and we do not favor taking private rooms and turning them into wards. It could be done and provide 30 more beds. If you do this the public will cry out and make you do differently. If you just alter the present hospital to make these thirty extra beds then there will be a swift public demand for the private ones.

The additional unit, which we ask he said, will pay for itself, he was sure. The epidemic is urgent and so is the other. Both should be provided together and at once.

The need of a maternity wing was discussed by Dr. Skimmer. He also said the epidemic was not a fit place cases going there, and one going there was going at his own risk.

The present epidemic should be stopped. Let's go at the requirements which the public is demanding in hospital facilities, he said.

Promises Made.

Commissioner Thornton said they were told that with the building of the Nurses' Home that would provide for fifty extra beds for hospital cases. Now, he said, the staff says new units must be built. He said he couldn't quite understand where they were at. He thought the private rooms were not necessary.

Dr. Rolley argued for the need of a maternity wing at the hospital. He thought the nurses' home building and heating plant were pushed along too soon. The hospital accommodation should have been cared for first. He didn't think proper consideration had been given the subject.

The need of increased accommodation is imperative and must be considered at once. He pointed out that the building of the new unit was not alone for today but was making provision for the future. He emphasized the need of the epidemic and the need of rooms for private patients.

Mayor Starts Something.

The Mayor said he expected to see here some plan or sketch for a building. He said other cities were just as hard pressed for hospitals as St. John. He suggested that the staff propose a plan of what they want, the revenue they expect from private rooms, etc. If the demand is here, he says, as has been pointed out, then show it so the municipality can know where it is at. He didn't think they should be pushed into the thing blindly.

Mr. Agar Aroused.

Mr. Agar thought the new unit should not be treated as a commercial enterprise. He was not prepared to say that the new unit as proposed would be self-sustaining. He said the staff wanted the hospital fixed up for all classes of people. That could only be brought about by the erection of the new unit. The rooms in the present building must be utilized for other pressing work.

Responsibility on Municipality

Dr. Curran said he was telling everybody the responsibility for the situation today as with the municipality and he intended to tell it for all time until something was done to relieve the tension.

The Mayor said he assumed no responsibility until a definite plan was laid down by the staff as to what was wanted.

Dr. Agor cleared the smoke by saying the new unit should be self-supporting. There was an outdoor department in connection, and a maternity wing, many of whose patients would not be pay patients. The private rooms, of course, would be self-supporting, but it could not be expected that the private patients would support the entire wing.

He referred to a proposition put up to Dominion Government to capitalize a certain number of beds here for sailors. They agreed to do it, he says, but have never come across. Should they do it, it would be a big help to the institution. Today they are getting their work done for \$8,000.

He said the local government is not doing what it should be doing. They are giving \$3,000. If they can't do better than that, he thought it should be sent back to them and the hospital cut loose from the Government.

Dr. Allingham asked whether the council admitted the need of extension, and was answered in the negative. He pointed out there should be at least 250 beds for the hospital, figuring on a minimum basis. Today there are 250 beds in the hospital. The facilities for catering to these 250 beds are inadequate. He said the staff had agreed that the extra unit or wing was an absolute necessity. He said the present Nurses' Home was impossible for hospital purposes and not to be considered.

It is absolutely necessary, he said, that the new wing be built. The question to settle are needs of the community such as to require the new unit. If they are required then it is up to the council to act and act at once to fulfill the requirements.

Thought Council Slow

Dr. Roberts could not understand why the council had not been convinced of the needs of further accommodations. The Mayor's idea of places and a prospect of business he regarded as far-fetched. He said the nurses had been cared for by the providing of a beautiful home. We have the power and now, he thought, there should be provision made for the actual need, increased accommodation for 125 more patients. He said it was his opinion that provision should be made for all classes of people, and, therefore, private rooms ample to the requirements, be provided in the new wing. He said he believed a committee representing the municipality, hospital commission and staff should be appointed to get down to business and have a crystallized proposition for the council to act upon.

Not Convinced

Commissioner Thornton admitted he hadn't been convinced as yet. He said when funds were asked for in the building of a Nurses Home, the funds were granted on the statement that with the building of the home it would permit an additional 50 beds in the present home for hospital cases. With that promise ringing in his ears, he said, he couldn't understand why now the demand for the building of a new wing. There was nothing then said about the untidiness of the present Nurses' Home for hospital purposes.

Dr. Bentley's Record

Dr. Bentley read a list showing how he had been hampered in his work by not being able to get patients into the hospital, because of the crowded condition existing. As a result some of those patients had suffered. With the presentation of that list of patients who could not get accommodation, Dr. Bentley thought it sufficient proof of the need of a new wing.

Councillor Anderson felt things had been misrepresented to the municipality when the Nurses' Home was asked for. He certainly understood that with the building of the home it would make way for 50 more beds for the hospital. Now they tell us, he said, that a new wing must be built. He couldn't understand that way of doing business.

Same Old Story

Councillor O'Brien said the same old story of hospital needs had been told for seven years to his knowledge, and nothing had ever been done. He looked for some plan tonight to work up, coming from the staff, but he hasn't seen it. Let the staff present something feasible and then the council could get down to business. He asked for something authoritative so the council could go ahead and do some thing.

The meeting adjourned in peace and harmony with nothing accomplished.

NOTICE

Tickets for the complimentary banquet to Charles Gorman on Feb. 15, under the auspices of the Commercial Club and Knights of Pythias, are procurable by members of the Commercial Club at the office of the club, 64 Prince William street, until Saturday noon, the 12th inst.

After this date, tickets must be procured from committee.

H. R. McLELLAN, Secretary.

Engineer Seeds 25th Anniversary

Oyster Supper and Presentation to S. T. Seeds at No. 1 Fire Station.

Samuel T. Seeds, engineer in No. 1 fire station, on Charlotte street, has completed twenty-five years of a faithful service in this capacity, and after looking after a steamer for that lengthy term of service, he is now in charge of the new electrical motor pumping and chemical engine No. 2, which is housed in "Ones." Engineer Seeds is a very popular fireman and the members of No. 1 company along with some friends took occasion to give him a genuine surprise at the station last evening.

There was a large number present and after all had done ample justice to a real oyster supper, J. S. Seaton, the chairman for the evening, called on Mr. Seeds and read the following address:

St. John, N. B., Feb. 11, 1921.

Samuel T. Seeds, Engineer No. 1 Fire Station:

Sir—We, the members and friends of No. 1 Fire Company, take this opportunity of expressing to you on your 25th anniversary as engineer in this station, our sincere appreciation of your efforts as a fireman and of your genial manner during that long period.

As a small token of our esteem, we ask you to accept this case of pipes, and trust that you will be spared to enjoy the pleasure of smoking them for many years to come, and that every ring of smoke may remind you of one of your friends among the members and friends of No. 1 Company.

We have chosen pipes as a most suitable token, for the reason that we recognize that since you have recently lost your old smoke wagon you had taken over an electrical apparatus, but must still smoke, you had better smoke here than in the here- after.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. SEATON,

For members and friends of No. 1 Company.

Mr. Seeds was taken by surprise, and in a brief address of thanks, he expressed his appreciation for the kind thoughts and present from the givers.

Addresses of a complimentary nature and congratulatory were delivered by the chairman, Mr. Seaton, Joseph McAuley, an ex-member of the Bangor Fire Department; J. Corbett, Thos. McCullough, H. Atkinson, Chas. Perry, George Hays and others, after which the party enjoyed music and games, and incidentally talked over old times in the fire department. The evening proved most enjoyable and the occasion was a most popular one.

Winter Picnic In Queen Sq. Church

Delightful Evening of Games Followed a Supper for the Sunday School.

Members of Queen Square Sunday school held a winter picnic last evening, meeting at 6.30 for supper which was served in the vestry rooms, about one hundred and fifty were present, all departments being represented with the exception of the primary department, which had a Christmas entertainment under the school, presided at supper and the pastor, Rev. Nell McLaughlin asked the blessing. Mrs. Horace Emery and L. M. Lingley were general convener for supper, the lady teachers assisting. After supper adjournment was made to the large school room where games were played for a short period.

The Evening Programme.

L. V. Linsley then took the chair and the following programme was carried out: Playlet, C. G. I. T. girls classes, directed by Mrs. Horace Emery; vocal solo, Mrs. Cecil Mersereau; reading, Miss Bessie Thompson; vocal solo, Leslie Bewick; recitation, Norman Magnusson; Miss Hilda Rayworth was accompanist. The second half of the programme included acrobatic stunts by Charles Cromwell, races, boys and girls, tug-of-war, with suitable prizes awarded for each event.

Chambrays, Gingham, Voiles and Indianheads have arrived at F. A. Dykeman's.

These much wanted goods are awaiting your inspection. The prices, as will be seen by the following quotation, are much lower than last season. Now is the time to buy and make that pretty frock or blouse you will be needing for early Spring wear. Chambrays in Pink, Blue, Buff etc. 32c.

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Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Page, of Vancouver, B. C., are guests of the Royal Hotel. Dr. Page sails on Empress of Britain for England, where he will spend the next year doing post-graduate work.

J. F. Whitney Bentley left yesterday for Andover to spend a few days.

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