

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The weather has been fair and cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and moderately cold in the Western Provinces, with some light local snow in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Prince Rupert	30	50
Vancouver	32	52
Kamloops	33	53
Edmonton	34	54
Medicine Hat	35	55
Calgary	36	56
Winnipeg	37	57
Port Arthur	38	58
Pasadena	39	59
St. Paul	40	60
Chicago	41	61
St. Louis	42	62
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Albany	79	99
Schenectady	80	100

Below zero.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Fresh to strong westerly to northwesterly winds; fair and cold.

Northern New England—Fair Saturday and probably Sunday rising temperature; moderate west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

LEAVES ON MELITA.
T. N. Vincent, who is connected with Vase & Co. Ltd., will sail today on the C. P. O. S. Melita on an extensive buying tour through the British Isles for his firm.

BUSINESS TAKEN OVER.
The Purity Ice Cream Co. has taken over the business of the Lancaster Dairy Farm and will continue business under the new name. It is understood that the new company will spend more than \$200,000 in modern, sanitary equipment.

MUCH IMPROVED.
The condition of little Miss Denise Ryan, daughter of the manager of the Union Bank of Canada who has been very seriously ill at the General Public Hospital since last Monday, is much improved. Mrs. Ryan is staying at the La Tour Apartments.

CLERKS' REQUEST.
The Clerks' Association will send a delegation to the Council at an early date to request the Council to enact a by-law providing for early closing of certain stores, in accordance with a resolution. Acting Mayor Daulton, who was approached by representatives of the Association with a view to having a hearing arranged, advised that the clerks get the signatures of employers who are in favor of legislation to provide for early closing and afterwards bring their petition to the Council.

FAIRVILLE LIQUOR CASE.
In the Fairville police court, yesterday morning, Magistrate Allingham delivered judgment in the case against Charles Gillis, charged by Inspector Merryfield with permitting liquor to be in his pool room at Fairville. The magistrate said that he weighed the evidence and had come to the conclusion that the defendant had no knowledge of the liquor being on his premises. He therefore dismissed the case. William M. Ryan appeared for the prosecution, and J. A. Barry for the defendant.

POPULAR PRESENTATION.
Robert T. Rhind, retiring assistant marine superintendent C. P. O. S., was waited upon by the staff of the C. P. O. S. at Sand Point yesterday and made the recipient of a splendid gold watch and traveling bag. Commander Elliot made the formal presentation in a brief address, which conveyed in appropriate terms the esteem of the staff for Mr. Rhind. The commander paid a tribute to the official's abilities and judgment and to his qualities of heart, which had made him popular among them. The presentation took place in the assistant superintendent's office and he was given a rousing reception at the conclusion of the commander's address.

NEW BEADS FOR TRIMMING.
Have Arrived at F. A. Dykeman's, Glass Beads are now all the go for trimming Dresses and Blouses, worked into pretty patterns, or used as an edging. They give a wonderfully bright and attractive effect. Among the new ones just in are Gold, Silver and Steel, also Alice Blue, Paddy Green, Canary Yellow and variegated shades. Many of the new Suits this year have Military Braid as a trimming which promises to become a very popular fashion feature—those who are having their Spring Suits made to order will find at F. A. Dykeman's Military Braid in various widths in Black, Navy Russian Green, and other shades. Separate tassels of Silk and Chenille in various lengths and many colors are among the many little wanted things usually hard to get, but always obtainable at F. A. Dykeman's.

Slating and band this afternoon, hand and skating tonight.

The meeting of the Provincial Executive of the Kings' Daughters which was to have been held on Saturday afternoon at the Guild, is postponed until further notice.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB.

Owing to the storm throughout New England, Miss Margaret Pennick's lecture for the Women's Canadian Club will take place on Monday afternoon instead of Saturday afternoon, at the same place and hour.

CASES DEALT WITH YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON IN POLICE COURT

Clarence B. Whipple, Charged With Stealing Baseball Mitt—Additional Charge Preferred Against Warren Perry for Keeping Money—Charge of Non-Support Was Settled Out of Court—Other Cases Dealt With.

In the police court yesterday afternoon, a charge of stealing a baseball mitt valued at \$5 the property of Truman Copp, was preferred against Clarence B. Whipple, against whom a charge of stealing raincoats, the property of the C. P. R., was recently dismissed in the County Court through the disagreement of the jury.

Harry Gilbert, the first witness called, said he was a clerk in his father's second hand store, and had given the defendant \$150 for the mitt on the 10th of February. The defendant then gave his name as Albert Hipwell of Harding street, Fairville. He did not ask the accused where he got the mitt, as he did not wish to mention him.

Sergeant Detective Powers said he came into the store while Whipple was talking to the clerk and he heard him give a false name. He saw the mitt and told the clerk to keep it until he heard from him. He returned to the shop a few days later with Copp who identified the mitt as his property, in consequence of which a charge of theft was laid against the accused. The case was allowed to stand over until this morning.

An additional charge to that of Thursday was laid against Warren Perry. It transpired in the evidence given by the witnesses that Perry worked the same game on T. Rankine and Sons as he did on C. H. Peters. He was hired as a teamster on the morning of the 10th of February and went to work in the afternoon delivering. He should have returned in a few hours but did not show up, as it was a stormy day and the witness, Allen Rankine being worried about the horse called up several customers who all replied that their orders had been delivered. He then informed the police. The defendant never returned to the store nor did he turn in the money he collected, amounting to over \$15.

Dr. Alfred Boyce, veterinary surgeon, said he found the horse standing alone and unprotected in Bond's Alley, off Paradise Row at 7 in the evening. He knew who it belonged to so took it in charge and kept it in his stable over night. He informed the owners of its whereabouts and they came for it next morning.

STORMS HAD SERIOUS EFFECT ON
THE PROVINCIAL MAIL SERVICE

Post Office Officials Have Improvised Some Sort of Mail Service—Difficulty in Southern Districts—Rural Mail Services Demoralized—Couriers Engaged to Transfer Mails While Trains Were Held Up—People up in Arms.

The recent storms have had a serious effect upon the mail service of the province, and more especially in the southern districts. The Shore Line Railway has been out of action for some time, but the Post Office officials have improvised some sort of mail service. All winter the South Shore Line have been using a small snow plow, but in the last big storm it got off the track. A train was then started from St. John with a big snow plow, but it did not get far as it hesitated in trying to climb over the crust, which was hard and heavy.

Mails by Courier.
The Post Office officials have been sending mails to Chatham, where the Chamcook and St. George, a distance of 27 miles, under the worst conditions of snow and crust.

The Lorneville mail, instead of going by train to Spruce Lake, has had to be sent by courier from Fairville. Oak Bay and Elmsville have had no mail for a week.

Terrible Conditions.
Harry Woods, the Post Office Inspector, started for Edmundston at the beginning of the week, but was only able to get a short distance above Woodstock, when he was forced to turn back. The trip back the train made slow progress. The C. P. R. have had to make a tremendous fight with every locomotive and snow plow in the division. Every siding is jammed with cars half smothered in snow, and a great deal of work will yet be necessary before trains are running normally.

Assistant Post Office Inspector Thompson has returned from Albert County, where he has used his best endeavors to relieve the situation there.

The Central Railway from Norton to Chipman has been held for two days.

The mail courier for the district between Westfield and Gagetown has not been able to get through, but has been carrying mails by the Valley Railway three days a week.

Mails are arriving from Carleton and the North Shore.

Up in Arms.

Residents along the river between Westfield and Gagetown are given arms against the Local Government, particularly Mr. Vent's department. Since February 12th no attention whatever has been paid to the roads which are impassable after the big storm. The mail driver has never since that time been able to go over his route and no mail has been delivered or called for in that extensive district with the exception of such service as has been furnished by the Valley Railway trains. Even this has been shut off now, so that no mail what has been going to that section of the Province during the present week. The road superintendent of that entire section have done absolutely nothing.

Sickness prevails, and doctors are unable to attend, as there is no means whereby they may be conveyed from place to place. The country is practically shut off from the outside world, and no attempt whatever has been made by Mr. Veniot or his department to open up the trunk roads.

Mails by Steamer.

During the present week mails have reached St. George by way of St. Stephen, Chamcook and Lepreau, and on one occasion mail was sent out on a snow plow. The S. S. Connors Bros. took another mail down, delivering it at post points, and since the Shore Line Road has been opened from St. Stephen to St. George a train has been going to the latter place. The road superintendent of that entire section have done absolutely nothing.

CONSECRATION OF BISHOP.
His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc has returned from Rimouski, Que., where he attended the consecration of Cardinal Begin of Montreal as the Bishop of that diocese.

The ceremony coincided with the twentieth anniversary of the entry of Mr. Leonard in orders. Cardinal Begin was assisted by Bishops Forbes and Larocque. His Grace Mgr. Roy, of Quebec, delivered the sermon. Among the prominent members of the clergy present were Canon Arbour, representing Archbishop Bruchet, Montreal; His Grace Bishop Mathieu, Rimouski; Bishop Halls, Temiskaming; Rev. Canon Payan, representing the Bishop of Three Rivers; Mgr. Lavoie, representing Mgr. Brunelle of Nicolet; and Mgr. Pelletier, representing the Bishop of Saguenay.

A banquet was tendered on Wednesday afternoon to the official guests, who numbered over 50.

Steamer Melita
Sails This Morning

Liner Takes to Liverpool 350 Cabin and 370 Steerage Passengers—Among Latter Under Guard Are 112 Alien Prisoners Being Returned to Native Countries.

The C. P. O. S. liner Melita sails this morning for Liverpool with 350 cabin and 370 steerage passengers; also a good general cargo. Of the steerage passengers 112 are alien prisoners who were kept in confinement during the war in Canada, who are being returned to their native countries.

Among the cabin passengers the following are from the Maritime Provinces: J. Branton, Halifax, N. S.; F. Kraze, Kentville, N. S.; John W. Drabble, Halifax, N. S.; J. E. Edgett, St. John; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. J. and family, Sussex, N. B.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leggie, Chatham, N. B.; Capt. H. Munroe, Halifax, N. S.; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Robb and family, St. John; Col. and Mrs. Simson, Halifax, N. S.; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shafford, Halifax, N. S.; R. S. Thompson, Halifax, N. S.; N. T. Vincent, St. John; F. C. Workman, Halifax, N. S.

This being the first trip to this port of the Melita this season a large number of spectators viewed the steamer while she was in port. The aliens being sent out of Canada consist mostly of Germans, among whom are a number of women and children. Of this number twenty-four are from Vernon, B. C., and the remaining eighty-six from Kapuskasing, Ont., where they had been interned since the outbreak of the war in 1914.

It was stated last night that this completes the repatriation of all alien prisoners in Canada, and upon reaching England these will be sent right through to Germany.

The military escort is in command of Major G. A. Dillon, of Montreal, transport officer from Military Headquarters.

The Methodist
National Campaign

In Forward Movement St. John District Has Exceeded Their Allotment of \$40,000—Considerable Amounts Yet to Come in.

THE METHODIST.
In relation to the Forward Movement it is the satisfaction to report that the St. John District have exceeded their allotment of \$40,000. The amounts reported to date are as follows:

Queen Square	5,065
Centenary	14,921
Edmonton	3,355
Portland	4,500
Carlton	3,300
Carmanthen	614
Fairville	2,766
Zion	790
Hampton	384
Sussex	2,000
Apohaqui	800
Windsor	850
Westfield	720
Silver Falls	1,000
Long Reach	135
St. Mary	160

Owing to the storms there is still a very considerable amount that will be reported from the outlying districts.

It will be noted that Silver Falls is added to the number who have reached their allotment.

Export Shipments
Greatly Delayed

Storms Holding Back Many Cars of Freight—Steamships Are Held up and Many Are Obligated to Load Part Cargoes of Lumber.

On account of the recent heavy storms of rain, sleet and snow, the freight trains in sidings and yards of both the C. P. R. and the C. N. R. have been frozen in and while a large number of cars have been moved lately, there are still a great quantity of freight for overseas shipment held up. The delay has been the cause of a general holdup along the water front and many steamships have been obliged to wait long over their scheduled time for sailing waiting for their freight. In many cases ships have been obliged to fill up as much as possible with lumber. The steamship Fenad Head after being delayed for nearly three weeks for a general cargo will sail today with her cargo made up largely of deals as the whole of her consignment of package freight has not arrived at West St. John. The C. P. O. S. liner Melita, it is reported, will sail today with a fairly large general cargo, but this can not be said of all the other ships which are mostly freight carrying and the delay is causing a great loss.

The railway officials have every man that can be employed working on the lines clearing the tracks of ice and snow and just as soon as all the sidings and yards are cleared the rush of freight to St. John will be very heavy. St. John is not alone in the tie-up as the railways have felt the effect of the storms all through the province of New Brunswick and farther west.

The delay in bringing freight here for shipment also has caused considerable loss to the longshoremen as full gangs are not employed when there is not sufficient freight to keep all busy in working the ships.

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If personal inspection is not possible, let us mail you circulars and price.

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Spring Announcements :-

New Spring Styles in Men's Suits and Top Coats

All that goes to make good clothes can be readily seen in our new stocks of Suits and Top Coats. Men of all tastes will find here—style-pattern and wearing qualities far removed from the commonplace and customers who buy here take quality for granted.

TOP COATS for Spring are showing in many cleverly designed models. For the younger men—Slip-Ons seem to be the most favored, as they are correct for all occasions and offer the wearer complete comfort and snappy style. For the more conservative taste—"Chesterfields" are here in plain greys and blacks.

IN SUITS—Semi-form-fitting models are proving very popular. These are in two and three button styles with soft roll peak lapels. Other styles equally attractive are also being displayed. Plain colors, pencil stripes and happily selected tweeds in good shades of brown and greys as well as fancy mixtures are predominant fabric features.

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