

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—over today, then fresh to strong easterly to southerly winds with snow and rain by Wednesday morning; rising temperature.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Pressure is high tonight over Quebec, New England, and the Western Provinces, while a disturbance is centred south of Lake Superior. Snow has fallen today in Eastern Manitoba, and in the Lake Superior region, elsewhere the weather has been fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	32	38
Vancouver	28	36
Kamloops	24	34
Edmonton	24	34
Calgary	22	32
Medicine Hat	18	28
Battleford	12	22
Moos Jaw	10	20
Winnipeg	4	14
Port Arthur	4	14
London	8	18
Toronto	12	22
Kingston	18	28
Ottawa	18	28
Montreal	18	28
St. John	20	30
Halifax	20	30
—Below.		

AROUND THE CITY

Good Programme.

An interesting and successful social was held last evening in the Exmouth street Methodist church when a programme of exceptional merit was varied out.

A Narrow Escape.

Driving the speedy horse of N. C. Scott on the Manawagonish Road yesterday afternoon, C. A. Belyta was thrown from the sleigh and tossed to the ground, but fortunately he escaped without any serious injuries.

Two Burglaries.

The store of Mrs. Taylor, at the corner of Camden and Portland streets was broken into Sunday night and the burglar got away with the sum of \$22. It is also reported that the office of the Maritime Navigation Company was broken into Sunday evening, but the burglar, it is understood, did not manage to secure any money.

Call for Tenders.

A meeting of the commissioners of the St. John County (Tuberculosis) Hospital was held yesterday afternoon, and it was decided to call for tenders for the construction of a building on Merritt street. Architect Brodie's plans have been approved. The commission also decided to appoint the county treasurer as treasurer of the tuberculosis home, thereby, it is said, saving the county the salary of an official.

REFUTES STATEMENT CONCERNING OFFICER

Lady in Question Says Officer McNamee Answered Call for Aid with Great Promptness.

"Officer McNamee answered my call for aid with great promptness and was very kind and courteous while here," said the lady who asked for the assistance of the police at one o'clock Monday morning, when speaking with the Standard regarding the statement appearing in last evening's Globe that the officer on guard at Central station did not answer an urgent call for aid.

The lady in question was telephoned at an early hour Monday morning by an unknown man, who informed her that a drunken man was in the porch of her house and that she should telephone the police. This she did and Officer McNamee hurried to the scene finding the drunk gone when he arrived.

To the Standard last evening the lady said that she wished to correct the statement in the Globe which was altogether untrue.

Officer McNamee when interviewed told his side of the story which entirely agreed with that of the lady.

Chief Clark when seen pointed out that there should be two men on duty at Central station, but owing to present conditions only one could be stationed there.

WORK SATISFACTORY AT METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT HERE

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 2.—"Uninterrupted reports were made at St. John," says the director of the Meteorological Service in his annual report published today and continues as follows: "No important changes were effected, instruments in good order, reports of observations regularly telegraphed to Toronto—that the Point Lepreau wind station continues useful work—that the demand for weather bulletins continues to increase—that their distribution to newspapers and attention was carried on with dispatch, the storm warnings from Toronto telegraphed and telephoned to different places, and daily reports posted in prominent places."

TWO MORE VICTIMS.

Bourges, France, Feb. 2.—Captain Gaston Niquet, of the first artillery and Lieutenant Jean Louis Delvert of the Twenty-First Artillery both at the front were killed today by falling with their biplane while trying over the military aerodrome here.

LUCKY ESCAPE FROM FIRE; TWO MEN SERIOUSLY HURT

Old Lordly Building at Corner of Church and Germain Streets Gunned Last Night—Loss Partly Covered by Insurance—Recently Purchased by English Firm.

Nearly forty thousand dollars' loss, a big building gutted, and two men seriously hurt, marked the three hour and a half fight against the flames in the big building at the corner of Church and Germain streets last evening.

The fire broke out about twenty minutes to ten and an alarm was sent in from box 23. A portion of the city fire department responded and on arrival found that the blaze, which had evidently started in the cellar of W. O. Dunham's furniture store, had gained considerable headway. A second alarm was at once turned in, and a few minutes later a third, bringing to the scene all the apparatus in the city with the exception of one company left to guard the North End.

By this time the fire had worked its way from the cellar of the Dunham establishment through the adjoining cellars of the Fishman and Austin establishments, and although the flames could not be seen great clouds of smoke rolled out making it difficult for the firemen to work, and causing the thousands of spectators to move back. It was not long before six powerful streams were playing into the cellars, and owing to the fact that during last summer the old four inch mains were replaced with eight inch ones, two of the engines were not needed, Nos. one and two returning to their stations. Engines three and four were located on King street and heavy streams were pumped from this direction both into the front and rear of the building. The new hydrants on Germain and Canterbury streets also played their parts, and Commissioner Wigmore who was on the ground was much pleased with the showing made.

Two lines of hose were taken down the alley of Church street and streams played into the second story from there. A quantity of burning mattresses and straw were promptly put out and afterward thrown out of the building to prevent their re-catching.

Strenuous Work.

By strenuous work the firemen managed to keep the fire to the cellar and first story and although greatly handicapped by the vast clouds of smoke did excellent work. During the thick of the fight several firemen were working on the stairway in the Bustin place, when several hosemen partially blinded by the smoke turned their stream up the stairway ducking the men at work there. A few minutes later another stream was directed downward from the second story window and swept the stairs clean. John Hamilton, who was one of the party on the stair at the time, sustained a serious cut in the back of his head. It was carried out to a nearby office where Dr. Warwick attended him. A deep gash considerably over two inches long was found running along the base of the skull. Shortly after this Captain Leary of the North End Hook and Ladder Company, was struck on the hand by a piece of falling timber sustaining a severe cut. Dr. Warwick also dressed his wound.

Several other firemen had blinded by the smoke stumbled out of the building at different times.

One of the pitiful incidents connected with the fire was the effect of the smoke on the sparrows and other birds nesting in the vicinity. Several of these birds were overcome by the smoke, and fell to the ground. In every case a kind hearted citizen picked them up holding them until they recovered.

It was nearly one o'clock when the blaze was finally mastered.

The Insurance.

The building, known as the old Lordly Building, belonged to the estate of Judge Peters and until recently was owned by a Mrs. Alexander of England. A few weeks ago it was purchased by Mark Fisher Sons and Co., a large manufacturing concern of Huddersfield, England, and was valued at a figure in the vicinity of \$25,000. The building was insured with E. L. Jarvis for \$17,500, divided between the Queen Insurance Company, \$10,000, and the Insurance Company of North America, \$7,500; but it is considered that the damage by fire will exceed the amount of insurance carried on the building.

Stock to the extent of \$12,000, stored in the basement of the building, was owned by the firm of Brock and Paterson Ltd., and this is a total loss. This stock was insured for about \$1,000. This \$2,000 was carried with the Norwich Union Insurance Co. and \$2,000 with the British Crown Insurance Co.

Total Loss.

Charles C. Bustin and Co., furniture dealers, occupied a portion of the ground floor and also space on the floor above. The total stock is valued at \$10,000, and to a Standard reporter Mr. Bustin said that his would be a total loss. He carried insurance in the vicinity of \$7,000 on the stock. This is divided between the North West Co., Tully and Conlon, \$1,000; Yorkshire and Baltimore Co., Armstrong and Bruce, and the Guardian Co., Wedon and McLean.

W. O. Dunham.

The stock of W. O. Dunham, also occupying premises on the ground floor and above, is valued at \$5,000 or \$6,000, and is insured to the extent of \$2,500 with Fairweather in the Sun Insurance Co. and George E. Fairweather. Damage to this stock by water and fire is estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

The Plocechman Co., occupying a portion of the ground floor of the building suffered loss through fire, water and smoke to the extent of about \$6,000. This, it is understood is not covered by insurance.

Pine did not gain way into the adjoining building owned and occupied by Scovil Bros., but stock on the ground floor of this building was damaged by smoke to the extent of about \$500. The Orlay and firm had exposed ready for shipment large quantities of clothing, all of which were damaged to a certain extent.

Through H. H. Leary, the damaged building was recently purchased by Mark Fisher Sons & Co., and insurance placed on the same by two weeks ago. The intention of the company, a wealthy concern, was to occupy this whole building, commencing on the first day of May. The head office for Canada of Mark Fisher Sons & Co. is in Montreal.

ALLEGED MONOPOLY

Board of Trade to Investigate Conditions Relative to Donaldson Line Control of Situation.

"That the committee of Trade and Commerce be instructed to enquire into the prices of Cape Breton, American and Scotch coal with a view to recommending that the duty on soft coal be abolished, and that the subsidy to the Donaldson S.S. line be discontinued; and also to enquire into the price of flour with a view to recommending that the duty on flour be abolished—such committee to report as a special meeting to be called about February 13."

The above resolution was moved by W. F. Hatheway, seconded by M. E. Agar and passed at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade last evening.

In explanation of the resolution Mr. Hatheway pointed out that while in Scotland he had endeavored to buy Scotch coal, but had been unable to secure it excepting through the steamship company. He believed that the city commissioners had met the same conditions when they attempted to secure several cargoes of coal for sale in the city a year ago. He believed that the Board of Trade should investigate the conditions, and if it were found that this steamship company really had a monopoly of the coal trade that some means should be taken for discontinuing their subsidy from the Dominion government.

M. E. Agar in seconding the resolution, said that the statement of Mr. Hatheway had come to him quite suddenly, and that the city commissioners had found that the steamship company was in control and therefore he thought an investigation would be a benefit.

MANY SIGN PETITION

Movement to Recall Commissioner McLellan—In Circulation in the North End Yesterday.

Petitions for the recall of Com. McLellan were placed in circulation in the North End yesterday. Those in charge of the movement to recall Com. McLellan say the petition was freely signed yesterday and that it could be possible to get enough signatures in the North End alone to recall the commissioner. While it has been said that Mr. Scott, formerly connected with the fire department in the North End, initiated the movement, it is asserted by those circulating the petition that there is an extensive organization behind them, and that no effort will be spared to put the recall in operation. The petition for the recall of Mr. McLellan was drawn up by one of the most prominent lawyers in the city.

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This afternoon instead of Thursday in Natural History Society lecture course the paper on "Social and Ethical Efficiency in Its Effects on the Individual" by Mrs. Jean E. Peacock of Sussex.

W. C. T. U. meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in N. E. Library.

St. John Art Club, Peel street, Wednesday, 4th instant, at four, Mrs. E. A. Pike lectures, "Lizzie and Pitt Galleries, Florence, profusely illustrated.

ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIETY

Social and Smoker Marks 42nd Year of St. Joseph's Society—Happy Address—

The Young Men's Society of St. Joseph's celebrated its forty-second anniversary last evening by holding an entertainment in St. Malachi's Hall which took the form of a social and smoker. The function was one of the most successful in the history of the society, there being a large attendance of members of the society and representatives of sister organizations.

Proceedings were opened with an address by the president, John Stanton, who spoke of the past of the society, its future hopes, and aims and objects. Following a selection by the orchestra there was a piano solo by Joseph Ward, a song by John E. O'Brien and a trombone solo by William Connolly.

The principal speaker of the evening was Hon. R. J. Ritchie, a charter member of the society, who spoke of the benefits of the society to young men, and referred appreciatively to the splendid musical and literary talent it had developed.

Rev. Miles Howland, spiritual director of the society, who also spoke at some length, dealt interestingly with the advantages of the society from a spiritual standpoint.

Other speakers were John McDonnell of the Y. M. A. of St. Peter's, Jean Legere of L'Assomption Society, Mr. Henneberry, representing The Father Matthew's Association, R. E. Fitzgerald, of the I. L. and B. Society, J. J. Tole of branch No. 124 C. M. B. A., Joseph P. Lewis and George F. Cunningham, Warren Nugent, Wilfred McMan, George Quigley, Harold E. Kane, William Magee, John E. El-Wentick, Fred. P. Fuller, Bernard Stafford and John Richards. Vocal solos were contributed by Robert Garnett, George McDermott and J. Legere.

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