

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fair 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.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	32	38
Vancouver	28	36
Kamloops	16	24
Edmonton	14	22
Calgary	12	20
Medicine Hat	10	18
Regina	8	16
Saskatoon	6	14
Winnipeg	4	12
Port Arthur	2	10
London	0	8
Toronto	-2	6
Kingston	-4	4
Ottawa	-6	2
Montreal	-8	0
St. John	-10	-2
Halifax	-12	0
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## AROUND THE CITY

**Good Programme.**  
An interesting and successful social was held last evening in 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. Belyea was thrown from the sleigh and 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 Mail 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 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 contradict the statement in the Globe which was altogether untrue.

Officer McNamee when interviewed told his side of the story, and entirely agreed with that of the lady. Chief Clark when seen pointed out that there should be two men on duty at Central station, and that to prevent 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 weather station continues useful work—that the demand for weather bulletins continues to increase—that their distribution to newspapers and other agencies 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 were killed today by falling with their biplane while flying over the military aerodrome here.

## FIRE; TWO MEN DEADLY HURT

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

Nearly forty thousand dollars' loss, a big building guttered, 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 Bustin 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 off 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 covered by the smoke turned their stream up the stairway drenching 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. He 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 half 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 resting 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 \$10,000, and to a Standard reporter it was owned by a Mrs. Alexander of England. 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 \$7,000, of 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., Tilley 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 \$2,000 with Frank 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 Fishman 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 about 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 Oak Hall firm had exposed ready for shipment large quantities of clothing, all of which were damaged to a certain extent.

Through H. H. Harvey the damaged building was recently purchased by Mark Fisher Sons & Co., and insurance placed on the same only 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.

**Will Investigate.**  
Legislative Committee of Board of Trade Instructed to this Effect Last Evening.

"The governor in council has taken much authority in regard to the incorporation of steam companies, said Mr. Frank Hatheway at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade, last evening. "The matter of granting privileges to companies should be matters of the legislature to deal with. In this way the people of the province would be more conversant with the powers given these companies and would have a chance of pointing out where it is clearly a case for the legislature to deal with. A more rigid inspection of prospectuses should be made so that people would not run so great a risk of losing their money."

Mr. Hatheway moved the following resolution:

"That the Legislative Committee be instructed to investigate the Joint Stock Companies' Act of this province in order to ascertain if it be in the public interest that the governor in council should have the arbitrary powers granted by such act, and such committee to report at a special meeting to be called about February 18."

**Channel Between Montreal and Quebec Nearly Completed.**  
Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The thirty foot ship channel between Quebec and Montreal is practically completed. The total length of dredging in the project is 70 miles, and the length yet to be dredged, says the annual report of the department of marine and fisheries which was published today, is 4.25 miles. This, of course, was at the beginning of the present fiscal year. A good deal of work was accomplished last summer, but it is stated by the department that the work will take more than one season to finish. The total cost of the ship channel from 1881 to the present time is nearly sixteen millions.

## CELEBRATE 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 Stan-ley, 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 step dance by John 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. Elford and John Richards. Vocal solos were contributed by Robert Garnett, George McDermott and J. Legere.

Both the speeches and the musical programme were much enjoyed and the society enters upon another year with assurance of increased usefulness.

This society is one of the pioneer organizations for the development of the literary, musical and dramatic abilities in the young men of the city and its influence has extended far beyond its membership of Catholic young men, who have carried it on and to whom the society is indebted for its success.

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St. John Art Club, Peel street, Wednesday, 4th instant, at four, Mrs. E. A. Pike lectures, 1711 and Pitt Galleries, Florence, profusely illustrated.

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Ready-Made Pillow Cases in two sizes, 40 and 42 inch. Special per pair ..... 27c.  
Roller Towels, made of plain all linen towelling without border, 2 1-2 yards in each. Special, each ..... 35c.  
Hemmed Checked Glass Towels, red or blue. Special, each ..... 11c.  
Bath Towels in heavy white Turkish, also ecru with pink or blue stripes. Special per pair, ..... 45c.  
Hemmed Damask Tray Cloths. Special, each ..... 18c.  
Hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths. Special, each ..... 30c.  
Hemmed Damask Napkins, tea size, assorted patterns. Special, per dozen \$1.80

LEAVE YOUR ORDERS FOR FREE HEMMING TODAY—LINEN ROOM.

## Sale of Stamped and Tinted Pillow Tops and Table Centres

Commencing This Morning

This is an accumulated assortment of samples, odd pieces, etc., in assorted designs many of them in nursery subjects suitable for children to work. These stamped and Tinted Pillow Tops and Table Centres will be offered at two sale prices. Each..... 15c and 25c.

NEEDLEWORK DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

**Sale of Ladies' Kid and Cape Gloves This Morning**  
These are odd makes and sizes representing values up to \$1.50. A fine opportunity to secure good gloves at a saving as the sale prices to clear quickly range from ..... 75c. to \$1.00  
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