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WEATHER UNPARALLELED IN EASTERN CANADA

The Present State of Affairs in Prince Edward Island and the Mainland—Serious Condition is Threatened in N. S. Railways Tied up.

The oldest residents of the province now admit that the present winter is the most severe in their recollection. As it is with us so it is with the other Provinces and many parts of Nova Scotia, especially have reached a condition which must be viewed with alarm by the residents.

Prince Edward Island is now entering upon the twentieth day of the snow blockade on the railway line and during that time only two trains have been able to make a through trip from Summerside to Charlottetown.

On Thursday last a foreign mail was taken to the Island by the Cape and it was not till Saturday afternoon that it reached Charlottetown, having been three days in transit over thirty miles.

Now the ice boats are tied up and it will be impossible to make a crossing at the Capes till a heavy wind relieves the lolly that is now filling the Straits.

The winter steamers are now on the thirty fourth day of the blockade.

There are sections of the province that have only received two or three mails within the past month and they are by no means the most remote sections.

The country roads are reported in a state, never before experienced, at least in recent years, and communication by teams in many sections is almost an impossibility.

The stories of the trips of many on the Island during the past few weeks would make many an interesting tale. These have been in some cases narrated in the newspapers and the ones thus brought to public notice give some idea of the condition of the province.

Commercial men have been kept here against their will while their competitors on the mainland are, unmolested, gathering up the business which they should be seeking.

At Georgetown some have waited for weeks and when at last they grew desperate and started for the Capes another storm tied them up in the city where they still remain.

At Pictou many Island people have waited for weeks for a movement in the steamers. Others after impatient delay have gone to the Capes and reached Charlottetown by team or on foot.

The frequent postponement of the opening of the Legislature and other public meetings is familiar to all and is another evidence of the unprecedented condition of affairs in the "Garden of the Gulf."

In Nova Scotia and Cape Breton the situation is still more serious for the unusual isolation has left many towns in dire straits. Storms and lack of provision and of fuel are told of, and in one town in Cape Breton the electric lights had to be shut off because no coal could be procured.

The railways there have suffered even more severely than in P. E. I. The thaws have made the snow plough useless and nothing but the shovel and pick—or the spring sun—can avail.

Railways have been closed for the time and even the directors of the N. B. & P. E. I. Line have decided to abandon all work till more favorable weather comes.

Thus our mail service by team and the present only passenger route will be postponed for an indefinite time.

In Nova Scotia the prevailing state of affairs is to some extent indicated by the following despatch:

HALIFAX, Feb. 25.—The tightening snow blockade of the railway systems of the province has brought the people of some sections of Nova Scotia face to face with a shortage of food and fuel supply.

Towns which entirely depend on the railway for supplies are all ready beginning to feel the pinch.

There are places, and fortunately they are many, which have communication by water, and are not so badly off, as supplies can be brought in by vessels, and no matter how long the blockade continues no privation need result.

In towns along the D. A. R., between Windsor and Annapolis, the situation is more serious; not a pound of supplies has been landed there for weeks, and the merchants' stock of foodstuffs are being rapidly depleted.

No place has yet been put on short rations, but a week longer is said to be the limit. Some towns are left with only a week's supply of food, and if the railway is not freed from the storm-king's bonds by that time, Kentville, Wolfville and other towns, will realize what Port Arthur was like before Stoessel hauled down his flag.

While no privation has resulted on account of the blockade up to the present, the people have felt its effects in the increased cost of all necessities of life, and the scarcity becomes more pronounced, prices will continue to advance.

Halifax is now beginning to feel the effects of the blockade on the railways as well as the towns throughout the province, which have been isolated for days. The problem now faces the trades people, and is fast becoming a serious one, and unless conditions change within a few days the people of this city will have to pay exorbitant prices for provisions.

The supply of beef on the market at the present time is very limited; flour is advancing and butter is soaring high.

The storm yesterday practically put the railways out of business altogether and it will be some time before they are straightened out again. The railways just about got the train service fairly well straightened out, when the snow, rain and sleet storm of yesterday set in, and made conditions bad, if not worse than ever.

The butchers had difficulty in getting beef in the early part of the week, and when a carload did arrive they swarmed about it like bees. Each of them managed to get a small supply, sufficient to tide them over a couple of days.

Two more carloads for this city were at Truro on Wednesday and the railway men managed to get them through to Halifax on Thursday, otherwise there would probably have been a meat famine at the week's end. Halifaxians are great beef eaters and the consumption, according to population, is very heavy. So far the butchers have not made any advance in the price. Flour yesterday advanced 25c per barrel. The butter market is in a flutter, and only a limited quantity is coming to the city. First class stock jumped five cents per pound within a week, and the prospects are, there will still be a further advance. Eggs are selling at 40 to 45 cents a dozen.

THE LAW MUST TAKES ITS COURSE

So the Dominion Cabinet Decide in the Case of Murderer Martin of Toronto.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—(Special).—The Cabinet after considering the case of Martin of Toronto who murdered his own baby under most brutal circumstances has decided that justice must take its course. Martin will be hanged next week.

SNOW FIGHTING 28 YEARS AGO

Twenty-eight years ago the trains on the P. E. I. Railway were tied up similarly to the present time. On Feb. 27th, 1877, a fearful accident occurred on the railway near Emerald when Conductor W. A. Archibald was instant'y killed. The door of the flange car came to on the train striking a snow drift, crushing his head and bursting his jugular vein. The remains were taken to the Mainland on March 2nd.

AN ISLAND TRAMP BURNED TO DEATH

MONCTON, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Mitchell, a tramp said to have come from Prince Edward Island, was burned to death at Shediac on Saturday. He had been locked up in Moncton on the previous Tuesday for drunkenness. He appeared to be paralyzed in one side.

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GENERAL KUROPATKIN AT THE HEAD OF HIS ARMY.

CANADIAN BANKS ARE ARRANGING

For an Interchange of Canadian and American Silver—Scheme will be Submitted to the Minister of Finance and soon to be Effective.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—(Special).—B. E. Walker, General Manager of the Bank of Commerce in a letter to an evening paper says that Canadian bankers had urged the Finance Department to aid in establishing the machinery for sending American silver out of Canada without affecting in any way the acceptance of such silver by the Canadian business public from American public.

Mr. Walker says the Finance Department is willing to deal with the matter as soon as complete argument is laid before the Minister and it is understood this is to be done at an early date.

It is therefore possible that an arrangement will shortly be made under which Canada will derive all the profit accruing from minting the silver coin needed in the business of the country while American silver will be taken at its face value at every banking office in Canada.

THE SITUATION IN CAUCASUS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.—(Special).—The situation in the Caucasus is extremely bad, practically amounting to a civil war. Reports from all over the Empire are of a discouraging aspect.

WEATHER FORECAST.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—(Special).—Strong westerly wind mostly cloudy and a little lower temperature, light snow falls.

THE TEMPERATURE
Both Saturday and yesterday the weather continued quite mild. Last night the thermometer registered 24 above.

OLD SHIP BUILDER DEAD IN ONTARIO

He Was One of Twenty-One Children—Built the Boat King Edward Crossed the Detroit in.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 26.—(Special).—Capt. Joseph Jenking, a retired ship-builder died here at the age of 86. He was one of the twenty-one children, twenty boys and one girl. He built his first boat in 1833 and King Edward crossed the river on it to Detroit when he visited Canada as Prince of Wales.

METROPOLITAN'S WIFE IS DEAD

FREDERICTON, Feb. 26.—(Special).—Mrs. Medley, relict of the late Metropolitan of Canada died this afternoon. She had been in excellent health up till last Tuesday when she took gripe and pneumonia set in.

Deceased was before her marriage Miss Margaret Hudson, an English lady and trained nurse. She came to New Brunswick in 1863 to wed the Bishop at Campbell. She was exceedingly popular and had reached her 83rd year.

DELEGATION FOR THE CAPITAL

WINNIPEG, Feb. 26.—(Special).—One of the most important delegations that ever represented the West left here Saturday evening to interview the Dominion Government urging that action be taken to prevent flooding of the Assiniboine River.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, February 25.—(Special).—			
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