

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Fresh to strong westerly winds, fair with higher temperatures. Toronto, Feb. 23.—Fine weather has prevailed today in Canada, with a general rise in temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

St. Patrick's Committee. The dinner committee of St. Patrick's Society will meet at the home of the president this evening.

Quietly Married. Miss Florence Perkins and Ross L. McPherson, both of this city, were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Dr. Flanders.

For the South. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blackadar, Mr. and Mrs. Partington and C. W. Stairs will leave Halifax for St. John to take the steamer Sokoto for a trip to Mexico.

False Alarm. The West End Fire Department was called out last night about 11 o'clock from an alarm from Box 22, Prince Street, and on responding, found that some foolish person had sent in a false alarm.

Council Meeting. The city council will meet on Wednesday, Mar. 7th, instead of on the first Monday, in order that it may deal with Ald. Hayes' motion to issue new debentures which has to be advertised for 30 days.

Portland Y. M. A. Lecture. On Sunday next at 3:45 o'clock, Rev. G. M. Campbell will deliver a lecture in Portland street Methodist church under the auspices of the Y. M. A. of that church. The subject of the lecture will be "Some Problems of Canadian Citizenship," and all men will be made welcome.

Death of An Infant. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hennessy, of West End in the death of their fourth child, a son, Gerald, which occurred yesterday. Mr. Hennessy who is a contracting mason, had gone to Hillsboro on business on Tuesday morning and was forced to return yesterday by a telegram conveying the sad news.

Men's Meeting. A meeting for men will be held in the school room of the Centenary church this evening. Rev. W. T. G. Brown, B.A., B.D., of Sherbrooke, Que., and Capt. F. A. Brown, of Berwick, N.S., will deliver addresses. Rev. Mr. Brown is a very eloquent preacher. Capt. Brown has been in years in Hong Kong, will speak on missionary work.

Francis H. Hall. The sad news reached the city yesterday afternoon from Winnipeg, Man., that Francis Hall, the eldest daughter of Herbert B. and Laura Hall, died on Monday last. The deceased was only 29 years of age, and great sorrow is expressed by many friends in this city. The deceased is a granddaughter of S. S. Hall, of Wellington Row.

Honor for Dr. White. Dr. W. W. White has been placed in nomination for the position of non-resident Fellow for the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland on the corporation of McGill University. There are some 400 or 600 graduates of McGill in the Provinces and Newfoundland, and they in turn elect a representative on the Board of Governors, so the position for which Dr. White has been nominated is one of great honor.

Did in Montreal. Much sympathy is felt for Joseph Jacobs, formerly head foreman for the C. P. R. steamship service who has been engaged at Sand Point for several seasons, in the death of his son, Leslie, which occurred in his home in Montreal. The lad was nine years of age and gave promise of a bright career. He contracted a severe cold and pneumonia developed which caused his death. Mr. Jacobs was in Montreal on a visit at the time.

Market Reform. The market committee has been getting information in regard to the management of markets in other cities. It is said that in Montreal the market stands bring the city a large revenue. No tolls are taken on produce handled, the standholder merely paying a rental. It is probable the market committee may recommend the city council here to adopt the same plan and lease the market stands on the same principle which would govern the policy of a private landlord.

Y. M. C. A. Growth. The Y. M. C. A. given by the Directors of the Y. M. C. A. last evening was well attended. Mr. Calhoun, Canadian Field Secretary gave an illustrated lecture on the growth of the Association movement during the past decade. He said the Association had made greater progress during the last ten years than during the previous fifty years. He presented statistics showing the growth, and made special reference to the work along the C. E. R., and in the railway construction camps of the West.

Japanese Tea. A Japanese tea and social was held in the school room of St. John's Presbyterian church last evening under the auspices of the Avera Senior Mission Band. Tea was served from 5 to 8 at small tables by members of the band dressed in Japanese costumes. The fancy sale was well patronized. After tea, the members of the band gave a musical entertainment for the benefit of the gathering. Members of both the senior and junior bands sang choruses, and Miss M. H. Anderson contributed a Japanese love song. The school was prettily decorated, and both the tea and entertainment were much enjoyed.

William K. McLeod left yesterday for Boston where he intends to reside. His many friends will wish him success.

3 FAMILIES SUFFER IN BRUSSELS STREET FIRE

House Owned by Mrs. Binn Badly Gutted—Robert Beck with Losses \$200 in Money, Besides Furniture.

About 9:15 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the three story frame building on Brussels street owned by Mrs. Binn.

The fire started about a chimney in the lower flat occupied by Robt. Beck with and had gained a good start before it was discovered.

The building was full of smoke when the firemen arrived and the lower floor was in flames the fire having started from a defective chimney. The blaze worked through the second floor and so rapidly did it gain its way that children had to be carried from the building.

The firemen had to use streams from the hydrants as well as the chemical from No. 1 engine to put out the fire and a great deal of destruction had to be wrought to get the fire under control. The necessary tearing, cutting and the use of water caused damage that almost gutted the ground floor.

So thick was the smoke in this section of the house when the firemen arrived that their work was greatly hindered.

The second flat was occupied by Frank McLaughlin and family, while Mrs. Farmer resided on the third floor.

The children in the McLaughlin flat were carried to safety. An elderly lady on the upper floor fainted.

After about 45 minutes work the fire was extinguished and the department were enabled to leave the building.

The building is damaged to the extent of about \$500 and is said to be insured. Mr. Beckwith has \$200 insurance on his furniture with Wm. Thomson and Co., and his loss is almost total. In addition to his household loss, it is stated that he lost a box containing \$200. The money was in the room next where the fire started.

The greatest damage was done on the ground floor, although a great amount was done on the second story by fire, water and smoke and the furniture on the third story was badly damaged by the smoke.

MR. DOHERTY MAKES EFFECTIVE ANSWER

Firm Which He Represents Doing Business in Maritime Provinces 25 Years Under Policy of Protection.

The Standard yesterday morning published a report of the speech delivered by Manning W. Doherty at the Borden club sleigh drive on Wednesday night, and last evening the evening paper in an editorial in an editorial took exception to some of the statements made by Mr. Doherty, and inferentially attempted to convey the idea that Mr. Doherty was speaking in a line which would be inimical to the interests of the A. R. Williams Machine Company, of which he is the local manager, and that in opposing the proposed reciprocity agreement he was opposing a policy which had made it possible for his firm to do business here.

Seen by a Standard man yesterday Doherty said that A. R. Williams Machinery Company had been in business in the Maritime Provinces for 25 years, and the opening of an office in this city was decided upon in order to bring them closer to their head office.

Inter-Provincial Trade "It was not the prospect of reciprocity that brought us here," said he. "In fact if it had not been for a policy of protection we would not have been here, and the same may be said of other firms. Our business is entirely upon the inter-provincial trade. We make it a point to buy as much as possible from the firms in the province where we do business, and in this connection we have bought much from T. McAvity & Sons, The Fleming foundry and the Union foundry."

"Anything that injures the general prosperity," he said, "is injurious to our business, for there is no line which furnishes a better index to the prosperity of the country than that of machinery. When times are good there is a tendency on the part of manufacturers to increase their plant and the opposite in the case, and I can tell you that in the first week of the discussion of the question we could feel the difference in business which has not worn off yet, and is not likely to until the reciprocity matter is buried."

"It is quite true that no change is anticipated in the duties on machinery, but it is quite within possibility that in a few years when Canada has become almost entirely dependent on the United States market as she will in the reciprocity question goes through, that the United States might say, 'reduce your tariff upon manufacturer goods, or we will abrogate the whole arrangement.' Canada would, by that time, have lost the British market and would be forced to comply with the American demand. This is where the reciprocity question would strike us just where we live."

Knives Meeting. Knife meeting, and touching can be done at A. J. Ballou's, 62, 71, Germain street, Telephone, Main, 1095-21.

NOT SO SURE THAT PROPERTY TEST

Chairman of Charter Committee Says Question of Re-moving Qualification Has Not Even Been Considered.

A report has been circulated that the citizens committee had undertaken to secure the abolition of the property qualification for commissioners in event of the commission plan being adopted in fact the impression seems to have been created that this point had been as definitely settled as the committee possessed all the powers of the legislature.

Asked last evening whether the report was correct, J. A. Belyea, chairman of the charter committee, and a member of the executive of the general citizens' committee, said he was not aware that any action had been taken on the matter, and he had attended all the meetings of the executive.

"We have been too busy," he said, "considering methods of organization and developing interest in the movement to take up details of that character. For the present," he added, "the main question to our minds is to get the citizens to vote in favor of the adoption of the commission plan. It will be time enough to consider the details of the charter when the citizens have voted in favor of changing the form of government."

"How do you account for the report that the committee had agreed to abolish the property qualification for commissioners?" Mr. Belyea was asked.

"I can't explain that," was the answer. "So far as I know the point has not been discussed. I'm sure that no action was taken committing the committee one way or the other on this point. It does not appear to be one of much importance, and can be very well decided after the plebiscite has been taken."

S. S. SPEAKER HITS MOVING PICTURES

Rev. W. A. Ross Urges to Give Young People Proper Heroes—Wrong Kind in Novels and Shams.

Another successful session of the S. S. Institute was held last evening, when addresses were given by Rev. F. S. Porter and Rev. W. A. Ross, field secretary.

Rev. Mr. Porter spoke on The Prophet As A Preacher and showed in a clear and interesting manner, the nature of prophecy and the dramatic manner in which the prophet presented his message.

The prophet was not merely a fore-teller of future events, but a man with a message from Jehovah for the men of his time who bubbled up from within to declare the coming of God. He was God's mouthpiece. His spokesman. His dramatic methods were splendidly illustrated by incidents from the preaching of Elijah, Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah.

Mr. Ross spoke on the Boy Problem again in the Sunday school, and pointed out where there is a problem and some lines along which a solution might be found. He first analyzed the inner life of the adolescent boy and girl and then pointed out some things the Sunday schools must do in order to meet these growing needs. Every instinct is an appetite and needs proper food therefore the "gang spirit," and the "hero worship" of youth are but demands of the growing nature for the leadership and help that personally gives. Let the classes be organized and give young people something to do. In their reading give them the proper heroes. The dime novels and the average moving picture shows are degrading youth because of their suggestion of ignoble heroes and false ideals.

L.T. GOV. TWEEDIE SEES MAN FROM ALBANY

Fashionable Audience See Snappy Performance of Popular Play—Repeated Tonight and Saturday Matinee.

Governor's Night at the Opera House last evening was an unequalled success. His Honor Lieutenant Governor Tweedie, attended by B. E. Barker, his secretary, and Lt. Col. Humphrey, Lt. Col. Webberburn, Lt. Col. McKenzie and Lt. Col. McAvity viewed the performance of The Man From Albany from a box and enjoyed it immensely. There was a very large and especially brilliant audience present and whether the players gathered the inspiration from this fact is not known but at any rate the performance was the snappiest yet given.

All the members of the cast acquitted themselves admirably and the choruses, orchestral music and effects were better than any of the preceding evenings. During the evening Miss Baird, Miss Baillie and Miss Perley were the recipients of handsome bouquets. The gifts of the officers of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers, under whose auspices the production was given. There were also two large bouquets for the members of the chorus from the officers of the regiment.

The Man From Albany will be presented again this evening and at a special matinee on Saturday afternoon. For the matinee the usual matinee prices will prevail. The performance will start at 2:30 sharp and attendance, patrons should be on hand early to insure seats.

Successful Sale and Tea. The high tea and sale of St. John the Baptist church was brought to a close last evening with another large crowd in attendance. It has proven to be exceptionally successful and it is expected that a good sum has been realized.

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Clearance Sale of Stylish Waists Hundreds of Surprising Bargains in Manufacturers' Samples and Odd Lines Here is a clearance of fresh, stylish blouses, comprising such a tremendous variety that practically every waist need may be satisfied. These are desirable new models, practically all in perfect condition; occasionally here and there will be found a waist slightly mused—such wonderful values however that early calling will be necessary to secure them. Commencing This Morning SILK AND NET WAISTS, handsome trimming effects, including self insertions and medallions. Silk Waists, Jap and Taffeta, in black and white. Net waists in white and ecru. Sale prices \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. WHITE LAWN WAISTS with fancy embroidered fronts; also tailored waists, plain and fancy cloths, extra quality pearl buttons, some collars embroidered. Sale prices 50c; 60c; 65c; 75c; 85c; \$1.10; \$1.25; \$1.50; \$1.75; \$2. Blouse Section, Second Floor. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.