

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 11.—A moderate disturbance which is centered tonight over Iowa is causing showers in Western Ontario and snow near Lake Superior. The weather has been mild over the Dominion except in Manitoba where it has been moderately cold.

Kamloops	28	48
Calgary	16	46
Edmonton	18	44
Medicine Hat	20	40
Battleford	6	24
Prince Albert	12	22
Regina	10	25
Winnipeg	15	31
Saskatoon	0	29
Port Arthur	28	40
London	35	45
Darry Sound	35	45
Toronto	38	44
Kinross	32	38
Ottawa	28	40
Montreal	32	40
Quebec	26	40
St. John	24	48
Halifax	26	46

FORECASTS.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh southwest and south winds, mostly cloudy and mild; a few scattered showers at night.

Minneapolis Arrived Here Yesterday

Has Been in Transport Service Between England and India—Brought 1,033 Passengers as Well as Mail and General Cargo.

The C. P. O. S. Minneapolis arrived here yesterday afternoon for the first time this season, and docked at No. 3 berth, Sand Point, after an uneventful voyage from Liverpool. She left Liverpool on March 2nd, making the passage in nine days. The usual stormy weather was experienced.

The Minneapolis was taken from the India-England route. Since the beginning of the season she had been transporting troops and military dependents to and from Bombay, India. In addition to a large general cargo the liner brought over 425 cabin and 611 steerage passengers, a total of 1,033; also mail. Of the above number of passengers there were none for the maritime province.

The vessel is of 14,000 tons, and is in the command of Captain C. C. Evans.

King George Cadets Overseas Musicians Awarded First Place Gave Fine Concert

Junior Cadet Corps Held Physical Drill Contest at Armory Yesterday Afternoon—Winter St. and West St. John Tied for Second Place.

Something in the way of a delectable novelty was enjoyed yesterday afternoon by those who attended the concert given by the orchestra and members of the Concert Party of the Empress of France, at Imperial Y. W. P. A.

The Junior Cadet Corps of this city, comprising the King Edward School, West St. John, King George, St. Peter's, Winter Street, and Alexandria School Corps competed in a physical drill contest at the Armories yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. These corps and the St. Malachi Cadet Corps were inspected by Col. Snow, the Officer commanding cadets in the Province.

The Colonel complimented the boys on their fine appearance, and explained the aims which they as cadets were expected to follow.

The boys went through their drill under the command of Staff-Sergeant Oliver, who instructed all the corps with the exception of the Alexandria and Winter Street corps, who have had Sergeant Strachan for an instructor.

The exhibition the boys gave was very good, considering the limited time in which they have drilled for the event. They were judged by Captain H. Murray, assisted by Dr. Bridges, Superintendent of the City Schools, with the following results:

1st, Corps of King George School; 2nd, Winter Street and West St. John; 3rd, St. Peter's and Alexandria; 4th, King Edward.

In addition to Captain Murray and Dr. Bridges, Mayor Hayes, Commissioner Thornton and the principals of King Edward and King George Schools, Rex Cormier and Miss Briggs, were on the platform.

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AROUND THE CITY

MRS. REBECCA B. HOLMES.

The death took place yesterday at her late residence 79 Hazen Street of Mrs. Rebecca B. Holmes, widow of Captain James B. Holmes who predeceased her by seven months.

WILL GIVE ADDRESS.

Lieut. Colonel Worden who has just returned to Canada from active service overseas will be the guest of and will speak before the Canadian Club the latter part of next week, on his experiences in Persia.

CIRCLES ENTERTAINED

The Minnie Robertson Mission Circle of Queen Square Methodist church entertained the Hriwawal Circle of Centenary Church in the school room of the Queen Square Church last evening. After a business session a musical programme was given and games enjoyed. Refreshments were served.

WILL RETURN HOME.

Word has been received by relatives in the city that Lieut. Harold O. Cruikshank, R. N. V. R. has returned to London and expects shortly to be demobilized. Lieut. Cruikshank has had most interesting experiences in the Mediterranean, and in the countries concerned in the war. He will be welcomed home by many friends.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The Council of the Board of Trade, in meeting yesterday morning, discussed harbor matters and heard a report of the committee which went to Ottawa in opposition to the business profits tax. The council decided to cooperate in the reception and entertainment of the members of Parliament who are due here this week-end. It was also decided to enter a protest against the proposed level crossing for the new bridge at the Falls.

LEAVING FOR ITALY.

Among those to sail from New York on Tuesday aboard the steamer Canopic will be Miss Catherine McAvilly, 58 Orange street, and Miss Ethelwyn Fritchard, of Robesay, who left here yesterday to start upon a trip that will last for some months. They will go first to England, where they will be joined by Lieut.-Col. Malcolm McAvilly, D. S. O., and his wife, and will then go to Mediterranean ports, along the Riviera to Italy. After visiting different European centres they will return home via England about next July.

RETAIL MERCHANTS.

At a meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association, held yesterday morning, a resolution was brought in by a special committee appointed last week to draft a reply to the request of the city clerks for an early closing. The resolution was unanimously adopted. It recommended that stores close at 6 o'clock on five nights a week and at 10 o'clock on Saturdays, excepting in the months of June, July, August and September, when stores would close at 1 o'clock on Saturday and on Friday at 6 o'clock. Grocers were in favor of a 6 o'clock closing the year round.

Illustrated Talk On Art And Life

Another Evening of Rare Pleasure Enjoyed by Art Club Members—Miss Miriam Hatheway Described Pictures Shown Last Night.

An appreciative audience attended the regular meeting of the St. John Art Club held at the Studio, Peel street, last evening, W. Frank Hatheway, vice-president, in the chair. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. deV. Chipman, tendered the regrets of Major Bartlett for his inability to get over from Charlottetown. She announced the open meeting of the Camera Club on Tuesday, the 18th, and the unique and special lecture by Dr. Michel Hanington on "Chinese Customs" on the 25th inst. Mrs. William Woods, 15 Orange street, was nominated for membership by the Curator.

Mrs. David Thomson then played very brilliantly "The Callip of Bagdad," winning much applause.

Mr. H. B. Miles' paper on "Art and Life" followed and was given close attention. To assist in understanding the address a series of pictures were shown by Miss Miriam Hatheway, covering the chief schools of art. Miss Hatheway's explanatory remarks were given in her usual graceful and effective manner, and were thoroughly enjoyed and heartily applauded.

Another delightful piano solo was given by Mrs. David Thomson.

Making Location Surveys In The Wilderness

Chief Engineer Burpee of the Bangor and Aroostook Ry. Read Interesting Paper Before the St. John Engineering Institute.

The St. John Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, at the regular monthly meeting last night, heard a very interesting paper on "The methods adopted in our location surveys in wooded country," read by Mr. Moses Burpee, Chief Engineer of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad, of Houlton, Maine.

The paper was profusely illustrated by lantern slides, showing the types of country in the wilds of Maine through which surveys had been made, the various apparatus used, the encumbrances, and the several means of transportation of outfit and supplies, etc.

Mr. Burpee described how the reconnaissance surveys were made and how on one rush job three or four parties were working one after the other along the line, making the "preliminary" or "topographical" and "location" surveys. So close was the survey timed that the crews finished work and got their boats and canoes out to civilization the day before the rivers and lakes froze up for the season.

One survey paralleled rivers for most of its eighty odd miles of line, and the crews were housed in two bateaus of the type used in that country of lakes and shallow rapid rivers. These were about seventy feet long, ten feet wide, flat bottomed, saw-like boats, with fifteen or more feet of their bottom at bow and stern sloping gently upward. This allows them to lift up over obstacles and to turn readily. The bottom was strongly built and sheathed with birch boards to take the wear of the dragging over the rocks and gravel bars in the shallow places. Twelve to fifteen feet from the bow was a mast, securely guyed to the bateau, and the tow rope was led through a block in the top of this to a small winch on deck. This allowed the lifting of the tow line over any rocks or other obstructions. As there were no tow paths, the team of horses, the driver riding on the back of one of them, travelled on the most convenient bank of the stream or even in the stream itself. Where deep water occurred, when it was necessary to change from towing on one side to the other, or where quickdraws were encountered, the horses were taken on board the bateau ahead of the mast and were safely carried across. A stern on the mast was the house, with the last few feet of the roof sloping downward to allow of the use of a long sweep rudder, the tiller of which came up over the stern and this sailing roof and was operated by the steersman from that vantage point. Another man was necessary to keep the bateau from being pulled on to any rocks by the tow rope, and to see that the rope did not get foul of obstructions.

As these boats only draw from one to one and a half feet of water, they can be taken almost anywhere along the larger streams.

Mr. Burpee described the Northern Maine district as rivaling New Brunswick as the sportsman's Paradise, and described a splendid catfish trip taken along the Alleghah River, he being one of over one thousand persons who had taken the trip during that year.

After a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Burpee, the meeting adjourned.

Conditions Found To Be Deplorable

Many Homes in City in Serious State Reported Rev. George Scott at Last Evening's Meeting of Children's Aid Society.

The monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held in the Children's Home, 68 Garden street, last night, the President, A. M. Beak, being in the chair. The report of the agent, Rev. George Scott, showed some deplorable conditions in the families dealt with. It contained in addition the following figures showing the extent of the work for the month: Number of visits made, 41; letters and postcards written, 59; number of children admitted, 1; number of children taken out of the Home, 2; number of children in the Home now, 31.

Delicious home-cooking, candy, pickles, preserves, Y. W. P. A. Party Sale, Imperial, Saturday 11 o'clock.

Salvage Corps' Dinner Enjoyed

Members of No. 1 Company With a Few Guests Spent Delightful Time at Bond's Last Night.

Since its organization in 1888, No. 1 Company, Salvage Corps and its Police, has been noted for the excellent social functions given by them, but perhaps that in Bond's last night is the best ever.

There was a large attendance of members and the guests of the evening were few and those who had the privilege of being present spent a few of the most enjoyable hours in their history.

On former occasions the Salvage Corps company have held their social evenings in their rooms on Union street which were indeed too limited in space for such an affair as last night.

Bond's banquet hall was prettily decorated for the occasion and an excellent orchestra rendered music during the evening. Captain K. J. McRae of Company No. 1, presided, having as guests of honor, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Commissioner of the Fire Department, H. R. McLellan, Captain R. Cunningham, and Lieut. Brown of No. 2 Company, and Fred James, a charter member of No. 1 Company.

The evening's entertainment commenced with the singing of God Save the King. After a course dinner had been served and well looked after by the assistants, the address of welcome was delivered by Captain MacRae. Then followed a reel of motion pictures given by James E. Bredon of the Vitagraph Company, which was most amusing.

Steve Matthews was next on the programme and after some very funny stories, sang one of his latest compositions.

A selection by the orchestra, was followed by a solo beautifully rendered by H. E. Odline.

Mr. G. H. Tapley of No. 1 Company, who was in the vice chair, proposed a toast to the Fire Department which was responded to by Commissioner Thornton in a brief address.

Frank Gardner was called on and delighted those present with readings and a solo.

G. H. Green proposed the toast to the Salvage Corps, No. 2 Company, which was responded to by Captain Cunningham and Lieut. Brown. Thomas Guy delighted all with a couple of solos, and was followed by a few reels of pictures by Mr. Bredon.

Charles Clarke, one of the oldest members of the corps proposed the health of the City of St. John which was ably responded to by Judge Ritchie.

H. Wilnot Young, of the Young Adams theatrical company, who was an invited guest was called on and gave a couple of readings which were well worthy the hearty applause received.

The toast to Our Gues's, was proposed by Sterling Lorley and this brought interesting addresses from H. R. McLellan and Fred James A. Gordon. Rains was then called on, and kept the audience in roars of laughter with some very witty stories.

The toast to the press was proposed by E. Percy Howard, and was responded to by representatives of the Standard and Telegraph. The toast to the ladies was then proposed and was responded to in an excellent manner by Mr. Norman of the Young Adams Company. H. R. McLellan in an address telling of the great work to be done by the Salvage Corps proposed the health of Company No. 1, which was well responded to on behalf of the members by Captain MacRae.

A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

Fifteen recoveries from influenza were reported yesterday, but thirteen cases remain in the city and county.

The News That Hundreds Are Waiting For Who Are Planning Easter Frocks and Suits

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TWO STAR ARTISTS

Much interest is manifested in the recital to be given next Monday evening at St. Vincent's Auditorium under the auspices of the St. John Society of Music. A celebrated pianist such as Miss Staruk-Ryder and so fine a baritone as Mr. Finlay Campbell are rarely heard in these parts, and a full house is assured them. The few remaining seats available may be procured at Nelson's book store at \$1.00 each or from members of the committee who may have any unsold.

Special meeting St. John County West L. O. U. at Oran's Hall, Fairville, Saturday, 13th, at 8 p.m.

NOTICE.

A meeting of team number four of the Commercial Club will be held in the club rooms, Prince William street this evening at eight o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

City Cornet Band concert at St. Vincent's Auditorium this evening 8.15. Remarkably fine programme with leading talent. Reserve, 8.30; unreserved 8.45. Plan at Colgan's drug store, Waterloo street.

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