

THE WEATHER. Forecast. Maritime moderate to fresh northwest winds; fair and quite cold; a few local snow flurries at first.

AROUND THE CITY

EAST ST. JOHN WATER SERVICE. The citizens of East St. John will meet in 15th Avenue Hall on Friday evening to discuss a report being prepared by Councilor John Dalzell on the cost of a water and sewerage system for that thriving suburb.

COUNTY HOUSING BOARD. The special committee of the municipal council, which was appointed to investigate the charges made by Councilor Campbell against the Housing Board, met yesterday morning to prepare a report for submission to the quarterly session of the council, which will be held on Tuesday next.

COASTING PLACES. It was announced by the chief of police yesterday morning that coasting on certain streets in the city as follows: Central division, Carmarthen from Duke to St. Andrew's; CHV, from Coburn to Waterloo; Brunswick, from Brussels to Erin; Richmond, from Brussels to St. Patrick street; also St. David street.

Discuss Estimates Of Public Hospital

Finance Committee Wrestles With Various Items—Supt. Heddon Before the Council

The Finance Committee of the Municipality of St. John City and County met at the secretary's office last night to consider estimates for 1921. The financial requests of the General Public Hospital were up for consideration and they occupied the greater part of the evening.

The estimates called for the most sum of \$5,000 for dry goods. This was limited to \$1,000 by the committee and is liable to be shaved a little more before finally passed.

Carleton Union Lodge As Hosts

Members of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, P. and A. M., spent a pleasant evening at their rooms last night. The First Degree was exemplified upon several candidates. After the ceremony, on the invitation of Worshipful Master Glendon R. Allan, members adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid programme was carried out.

Wholesale Grocers To Discuss Problems

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Grocers Gather at Manor House Today.

The New Brunswick Wholesale Grocers' Association, a branch of the Canadian Wholesale Grocers' Association, of which A. P. Patterson, of Bland and Peters, is president, and J. Hunter White, secretary, will meet at the Manor House today in conference with representatives of the Wholesale Grocers' Guild of Nova Scotia.

The purpose of this meeting of the wholesalers of the two provinces is to have a free and open discussion of the trade problems with which they have to contend during this trying period of business re-adjustment.

Those Who Will Attend. Besides the local wholesalers, it is expected Mr. Melanson, of Burns & Melanson, Bathurst; Robert T. Handolph, of A. F. Randolph & Sons, Fredericton; Mr. Kitchen, of Kitchen Bros., Fredericton; Mr. Charles Robertson, of Reed & Co., Moncton, will be present.

Michael Dwyer, president of the Nova Scotia Wholesale Grocers' Guild; H. G. Bauld, M.P.P., vice-president; R. M. Symons, J. L. Wilson, L. K. Paysant and M. J. Ritchie, accompanied by E. A. Saunders, secretary, left Halifax last night for St. John to attend the annual conference with the New Brunswick Association.

Hibernia Lodge Installs Officers

Large Number Present at Ceremony—Col. J.D.B.F. McKenzie, C. M., Officiated

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Col. J. D. B. F. McKenzie, with the grand officers of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, P. and A. M., had an official visit to Hibernia Lodge No. 3, P. and A. M. Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, and installed the Worshipful Master-elect for the ensuing year, assisted by Past Grand Master Dr. H. S. Bridges, as follows:—

Worshipful Brother, Stanley W. Wetmore—Worshipful Master. Worshipful Brother, J. H. Kelly—P. Master. Worshipful Brother, J. C. Edwards—Senior Warden. Worshipful Brother, A. W. McInnis—Junior Warden. Worshipful Brother, Thos. Walker—Chaplain. Worshipful Brother, J. V. McLellan—Treasurer. Worshipful Brother, Robert Clarke—Secretary. Bayard Stillwell—Senior Deacon. Albert C. Lemmon—Junior Deacon. Ronald K. Miller—Senior Steward. Henry D. Hopkins—Junior Steward. Wallace E. Brooks—Director of Ceremonies. D. Arnold Fox—Organist. Chas. A. Cromwell—Inner Guard. George T. Hay, Tyler.

McDonald's Finger Prints Identified

Man Arrested for Holding up Chinese and Robbery Has Bad Record in Ontario.

It has been learned that George MacDonald, who was arrested as the alleged hold-up man that pulled off a lousy James performance in the King Cafe New Year's Eve, and after holding up the proprietor, robbed the cash register of \$70, has a bad record in Ontario. His finger prints have been identified by the central bureau at Ottawa as those of Lorne Russell Dunsen, of Stratford, Ontario. Dunsen has a record of seven charges of breaking and entering to his credit. He was sentenced to a term of four months but was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

John Fitzgerald was given in charge last night by Albert Thomas on the charge of assaulting and beating him in the doorway of the Seaman's Mission on Prince William street at 6.30 o'clock. Thomas was detained by the police as a material witness.

Two young men from Jacques River appealed for protection and were provided with bed rooms for the night.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c. Mrs. Hugh S. Gregory will receive for the first time since her wedding on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 12, at 266 Prince William street.

LOST—Yesterday afternoon, a gold wrist watch via Albert street, the street cars to corner of Princess and Charlotte street. Reward if returned to Mrs. J. R. Vanwart, 63 Albert street.

Great Saving In Coal Consumption

Mild Weather Easy on Coal Bins—Lower Prices Expected Very Soon.

The mild weather enjoyed so far this season has proved a blessing in more ways than one. Its benefits have been well defined in each and every home where coal is consumed. Coal dealers report there has been a decided falling off in coal orders as compared with last year and the year before. Just what extent the mild weather has affected a saving in coal cannot be determined now, as those who usually stock up in the fall are not as a rule, called upon to replenish their supply until February.

The consensus of opinion among dealers, however, is that the mild weather this season has caused at least a saving of one-third in coal consumption. This opinion is based on the orders received from those who buy from month to month, or a ton at a time. They are of the opinion that many have filled their bins in the early fall have not been equally as good a saving as it has not been necessary to push their furnaces to capacity.

Fortunate For Public. One dealer says: "It has been a fortunate thing for the public that mild weather has prevailed. There has been a shortage in the supply. Because of the high cost of coal many dealers did not stock up to capacity, as they expected a drop at any time. Had the weather been cold and severe like last year, the demand would probably have been greater than the supply would have taken care of. The general trade depression, which has caused much unemployment, has probably caused some consumers of coal to exercise greater care in its use."

Expect Prices to Drop. There is a very slow movement on coal and lower prices are anticipated according to one dealer, but not much change can be expected before five weeks.

There is every reason to expect lower prices on soft coal. Many of the manufacturers having closed down their plants it is throwing an extra supply of soft coal on the market and the general household will reap the benefit. The mines are now easing up a little on their prices. Most of the mines were tied up by arrangements made last fall and did not expect the slump in the industrial world. The mines are easing down on their output on account of the high wages they are paying. Many of them, it is said, will make a new start reducing wages and the price reduction must necessarily follow.

Labor Delegates Enjoy Banquet

Prince William Hotel, Now Unionized, Catered to Happy Throng Last Night.

The delegates of the N. B. F. of L. were royally banqueted last night in the Prince William Hotel by the local Trades and Labor Council. About one hundred sat down to the banquet. Local E. J. Puddy, E. A. Darby, Rev. E. B. Hooper, C. Ledford, F. H. Shear, R. Marlowe, G. H. Lewis, H. W. Bird, E. C. Tremaine, W. J. Blackwell Sr., W. J. Blackwell Jr., H. G. Neaves and E. J. Dougal. After a brief address by District Deputy Vanwart the happy gathering was brought to a close with the hearty singing of God Save the King.

Yachts Given

After the supper was over, the toast list was as follows: The King—God Save the King. The N. B. F. of L. and Retiring President, C. A. Melanson. Replied to by Mr. Melanson and P. M. Landry. President-Elect J. E. Tigue. Responded to by Mr. Tigue. The Provincial Government. Responded to by J. S. Martin, M.P.P. Civic Government Officials. Responded to by Aldermen Lachlan MacKinnon, of Moncton, and T. H. Fitzpatrick, of Chatham. Labor's Representative on Public Boards. Responded to by J. L. Suggie. To the Oldest Trade Unionist. Responded to by W. H. Coates. To Our Guests. Responded to by Joseph O'Brien, Major Oland, P. O. Sharkey and Thomas Killen. The Ladies of Organized Labor, Labor Organizations, Auld Lang Syne. Mr. Melanson heartily thanked the Federation and its officers for the cooperation they had given him. The rank and file had backed up their officers well. The newspapers' remarks concerning this convention showed it was becoming a power for good. The new president would always have his assistance. He hoped labor would always stand together.

Presentation

A handsome club bag was then presented to Ald. Melanson by F. A. Campbell on behalf of the Federation. Ald. Melanson made a feeling reply to this very pleasant surprise.

P. M. Landry thanked the Federation for his election as third vice president at representative from the City of Moncton. The President. Mr. Tigue thanked the delegates for his election. He fully realized the responsibilities of the office. Had been a union man since sixteen years of age. Never before had there been much need of the labor movement going slowly and cautiously. The rank and file depended upon their leaders for advice. Labor legislation alone will build up our country. That being endorsed by this convention will be of great importance to the rising generation. The affair closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Marlborough Lodge Held Installation

E. J. Puddy is New President Excellent Addresses and Music—Two Presentations.

Installation of officers of Marlborough Lodge No. 297 took place last evening at the Orange Hall, Germain street, the lodge room being filled by a large number of members. Marlborough, Portland and New Brunswick Lodges each being well represented about two hundred of a total was present. T. H. Carter, Supreme President with his Deputy, H. G. Vanwart were the installing officers and were received with honors.

Those installed were: President—E. J. Puddy. Vice President—E. A. Darby. Chaplain—Rev. E. B. Hooper. Secretary—Chas. Ledford. Asst. Secretary—H. H. Shear. Treasurer—G. H. Lewis. Past President—R. I. Carlose. First Guide—H. W. Bird. Second Guide—W. J. Blackwell. Third Guide—W. J. Blackwell, Jr. Fourth Guide—E. J. Dougal. Fifth Guide—J. A. Clark. Sixth Guide—W. G. Sarjeon. Inside Guard—H. G. Neaves. Outside Guard—J. A. Fowler. Auditors—E. C. Tremaine, W. J. Blackwell, W. C. Parker. Trustees—T. H. Carter, B. W. Thorne, T. W. Pile. Supreme Lodge Delegates—R. I. Carlose, E. J. Puddy. Plans—J. F. Hestall.

After the installation proceedings had concluded those present enjoyed an excellent programme including addresses, music and refreshments. H. Vanwart, District Deputy, presided. Supreme President, T. H. Carter was called on and delivered an interesting address giving facts and figures regarding the society showing that the Sons of England membership in Canada at the present time numbered thirty-three thousand, and that during the great war one-third of the total membership went to the front to fight for King and Country.

Presentations. F. J. Punter of Marlborough lodge was called to the platform and he was presented with a past president's jewel.

E. C. Tremaine was then presented with twenty dollars for good work in introducing new members to the lodge. After musical selections by R. E. Story and W. F. Halsall able addresses were delivered by Rev. Major E. B. Hooper, H. Seisen, President of Portland Lodge, and S. G. Horne, Vice President of New Brunswick Lodge; E. J. Puddy, the newly elected President of Marlborough, and the veteran secretary Charles Ledford, who spoke on the great growth of the Sons of England. It might be mentioned that the present E. C. Tremaine was given by last year's committee, viz: E. J. Puddy, E. A. Darby, Rev. E. B. Hooper, C. Ledford, F. H. Shear, R. Marlowe, G. H. Lewis, H. W. Bird, E. C. Tremaine, W. J. Blackwell Sr., W. J. Blackwell Jr., H. G. Neaves and E. J. Dougal.

BIG SAVINGS IN PRETTY BLOUSES AT DYKEMAN'S CLEARANCE SALE

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THE ST. JOHN FUSILIERS

A full turnout of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men is requested for Thursday, Jan. 13th. The band will be in attendance. Parade at 8 P. M., sharp. (Sgd.) H. G. ASHFORD, Capt. and Adjutant.

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M.L.A. elect from Chatham, Ald. MacKinnon, of Moncton; Ald. Fitzpatrick, J. L. Suggie, W. H. Coates, Major Oland, F. G. Sharkey, Thomas Killen, F. A. Campbell. The affair closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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