

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and mild. Toronto, March 4—Very little change in the temperature conditions throughout Canada has occurred today and the weather has been fair in all districts except in British Columbia and Central Alberta where there has been some precipitation. New England Forecast. Washington, March 4.—Fair Saturday and Sunday, moderate temperature, light variable winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Slaughter House Returns. At the monthly meeting of the Slaughter House Commissioners yesterday returns for the month were presented as follows: John E. McDonald, 234 cattle, 110 sheep and 6 calves; James McGrath, 144 cattle, 18 sheep and 36 calves; M. J. Collins, 8 cattle, 5 sheep and 5 calves.

Succumbed After Operation. Joseph McPherson, a boy of 15 years of age, who had recently undergone an operation for appendicitis, died at the hospital yesterday afternoon. He was the eldest son of Mr. David McPherson of Spruce Lake. Two sisters, Mary and Annie and one brother, David, all living at home, survive.

The Merger Goes Through. The merger of the Sun and Telegraph was reported to have been consummated yesterday. The Sun and Star will probably continue in the field for two or three weeks. The policy of the papers, will, however, be controlled by the Pugsley organs and no further reference to buccaners, parasites, etc., may be expected to appear in their columns.

Trade with France Increasing. St. John customs authorities state that there has been a considerable development of trade between Canada and France during the winter, a gratifying feature being the increase of Canadian exports to France. Considerable shipments of lumber, deals, paper, cheese and dairy products have recently been sent from this port.

Reception Postponed. Owing to unavoidable circumstances the reception which was proposed to hold in the Protestant Orphan Home on Thursday, March 10th, has been postponed until Tuesday, March 15th. Cards of invitation will be sent and it is hoped all who possibly can will attend. Any one who may have been overlooked and takes an interest in the institution, is cordially invited by the committee to be present.

New "Y" Branch Organized. The quarterly meeting of the St. John County W. C. T. U. was held in the North End yesterday afternoon. Mrs. McAvity the president, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. Reports from the four affiliated unions in the Western District were read. In the evening Mrs. S. D. Scott the "Y" secretary organized a new branch of "Y's" under the auspices of the North End W. C. T. U.

Lecture on Palestine. As it was impossible for Professor Lewis B. Paton of Hartford Theological Seminary, to be in the city last evening to deliver his lecture under the auspices of the Archaeological Society, a postponement until this evening was necessary. The lecture will be on "Palestine before the Hebrew conquest," and will be delivered in the Natural History Society room. Members of the society and their friends are invited.

News Letters from St. John. News letters from St. John as prepared by Mr. Walter H. Golding, for the advertising committee of the board of trade are being used extensively by many papers in the United States and Western Canada. Mr. Golding summarizes the news of the city in bright breezy paragraphs which find a welcome at the desk of nearly every news editor to which they have been sent. For today's papers Mr. Golding has sent out a three column illustrated article on the "Building of the Grand Trunk Pacific in New Brunswick."

Y. M. C. A. Meeting for Men. Sunday mass meetings for men on the same lines as those held during the simultaneous evangelistic campaign have been arranged by the Y. M. C. A. The first meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when Prof. L. E. Markin of Boston University, will speak on "Making a Life Count." Mr. S. J. McGowan will lead the music assisted by a large male choir. Mr. S. K. Caskey of Toronto, has been secured to speak at the second meeting of the series.

Inspected New Dew Divisional Point. Mr. Wm. Downie, general superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C.P.R., returned to the city last evening after a tour of inspection lasting several days. Mr. Downie said that he found conditions very satisfactory. In the course of his trip, he visited Aroostook Junction, the new divisional point on the Edmundston branch, and inspected the five new buildings which have been erected to accommodate the traffic. The buildings will be ready for occupation before the end of the month.

Continuing the Campaign. A large crowd attended the meeting in Tabernacle church last evening. Mr. William Matheson spoke from the text "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus." He gave a forceful address and is turning many to a better life. The movement is a united one, several denominations being represented on the committee carrying on the work. At a meeting for men only on Sunday afternoon Mr. Matheson will tell his life story. Special musical numbers will be given at this service.

A Weighty Subject. At the monthly meeting of the Kluga Daughters Guild held yesterday afternoon, a request from Mrs. Fiske asking the order to endorse woman suffrage came up for discussion. It was favorably decided that as the question involved so much it should be dealt with at a special meeting. It was decided that in the future a tithe of all money received, with the exception of the proceeds of the guild, would be placed in a separate fund for strictly charitable purposes. The first use of the fund was made this week when a poor woman suffering from cancer was rendered all possible assistance.

WILL FIGHT TO LAST DITCH

Dr. L. A. Currey Home from Albert Speaks of Scott Act Violation Case—Magistrate Reserved Judgment.

Dr. L. A. Currey returned yesterday from Albert, where he represented Mr. C. N. Beal in the case of alleged Scott Act violation, heard by Magistrate Peck. It was after midnight Thursday when argument of counsel was finished and Magistrate Peck then announced he would deliver judgment one week from date.

Dr. Curry said the case was an important one and that his client would fight to the last ditch. An adverse judgment was delivered, it meant that shipping to Scott Act counties even to private parties for personal use was illegal. In applying for a dismissal, Dr. Curry claimed that the information was laid Dec. 31st, 1908, and that the summons was not issued until Jan. 14th, 1910, although the defendant all that time was in the province. On account of this delay, he held that the court had lost jurisdiction over the case.

In the second place Dr. Curry contended that under the amendment to the C. T. A. act of July 20, 1908, the defendant having a wholesale license was authorized by the act to ship liquor into Albert county, if it was shipped for personal and family use and ordered and paid for in St. John. The written and verbal evidence had proved conclusively that the order had been sent to St. John by letter and that the liquor was shipped and labelled "for private use."

Mr. W. B. Jonah, of Fowler and Jonah, who conducted the prosecution held that the law was being violated and the argument occupied a much longer period of time than the taking of evidence, after the prosecution had proved by the express messenger and trainmen that the liquor had been shipped. John Morrissey to whom the cases were assigned testified to ordering the liquor by letter and following this up with a telephone message. He had intended it for his own consumption.

Rumor has it that the liquor although plainly marked "for private use," was really intended for distribution by the workers for the local government party, previous to the provincial election of 1908. Whatever was the intention, the seizure and destruction by Scott Act officials left no question as to its final disposition.

IMPORTATION OF CATTLE

A. H. Thompson Well Satisfied With Percheron Sale -- Is Bringing Shorthorns and Ayrshires--Sailed Yesterday

Feeling much pleased with the result of his importation of pure bred Percheron horses and the valuable assistance rendered him by the provincial government in securing purchasers, Mr. A. H. Thompson of Paris, sailed on the Corcoran yesterday and expects to return with a large importation before the winter port season closes here.

When Mr. Thompson arrived here in January with three Percheron stallions, having come on the invitation of the agricultural department of the province, he told The Standard that if he were successful he would take up his residence here and continue his business of importing to this country. Before the Corcoran sailed yesterday he announced his intention of returning and has made arrangements with the provincial government to bring in some of the best Ayrshire and Short Horn cattle and Clydesdale horses on the same terms on which he placed the Percherons.

REV. A.H.C. MORSE DECLINES

Letter from Brooklyn Pastor Read to Congregation of Germain Street Church Last Evening—No Further Action.

At a largely attended meeting of the congregation of Germain Street Baptist church last evening a letter was read from Rev. A. H. C. Morse, pastor of the Strong Place Baptist church, Brooklyn, definitely declining the call extended by the congregation. In previous letters Rev. Mr. Morse promised consideration and the communication read last evening stated that after due thought he had decided to remain in his present position. No further action was taken by the meeting towards securing a pastor.

Not on the Programme.

While Miss Ray Hope was reciting "The First Settler's Story," at the Nickel theatre, last evening, someone on the balcony shouted "fire," and for a moment there was considerable commotion and a fair promise of a panic. With much presence of mind Miss Hope promptly cried "Nonsense," and Mr. Walter H. Golding, the manager appeared on the boards and proceeded to corroborate her verdict. There was some confusion while about fifty people seated near the exits, left the theatre; but the rest fascinated possibly by the novel spectacle of an imperator and an actress agreeing on anything kept their seats. Mr. Golding in reassuring the audience said he had heard that threats had been made against him in consequence of his determination to suppress some noisy frequenters of the theatre and he supposed the cry of fire was a cowardly effort, prompted by personal spite. He announced that a policeman would be in attendance at the theatre in the future and offered a reward for the identification of the man who had raised the false alarm. In a few minutes the programme was proceeded with and most of those who had abruptly withdrawn returned to their seats.

STABBING AFFRAY

Five Men Arrested in Miller's Boarding House Last Evening—Proprietor and Thos. Ferrie Charged With Assault.

As a result of a drunken brawl in "Spud" Miller's sailors' boarding house on Britain street, about 9 o'clock last evening, which might have terminated seriously for some of the participants, Police Officers Lucas, Sheehan, Scott and Clarke were called to the house and arrested the proprietor James Miller with Thomas Ferrie, William Mulloy, John Harvey and William Brown and placed them in Britain street lockup.

Miller and Ferrie are charged with assaulting and cutting Mulloy, while the others are detained as witnesses. About 2:15 a hurried telephone call was sent to Central Station by some neighbors who were attracted by cries from the Miller house. Night Detective Lucas, and Police officer Sheehan responded quickly and upon entering the place found things in a condition which plainly indicated that a struggle had taken place. One of the men who gave his name as Mulloy, was suffering from several cuts about the hands and face and an effort was being made by two of the men to patch up the wounds.

Upon being questioned by the officers Mulloy charged Miller and Ferrie with having assaulted and cut him with a knife without any cause or provocation. Harvey and Brown told the officers of having prevented Miller and Ferrie from doing further bodily injury to Mulloy. Miller and Ferrie denied using a knife or of having committed the assault. They alleged that the three sailors had started to fight and that they were merely making an effort to eject them.

As the men were more or less under the influence of liquor, the policemen arrested the crowd and placed them in Britain street lockup.

TO FIGHT LAND COMPANIES

City Sending Delegation to Fredericton to Oppose Legislation Giving Power to Tear Up Streets.

At a meeting of the Bills and By-laws committee yesterday afternoon it was decided to send a delegation to Fredericton to oppose certain clauses in the bills to incorporate the Sterling Realty Company and the Fenton Land Company, now before the legislature.

The bills in question ask that the land companies be empowered to enter upon the streets of any municipality, tear up the pavement and open the streets for the purpose of erecting telephone poles, or posts of any kind, or of laying water or sewer pipes, or conduits for wires, or for any purpose that might seem good to the company. A clause is inserted providing that the assent of the municipalities be secured, but the wording of it was not sufficiently explicit to satisfy the committee.

Ald. Kelley, the chairman, voiced the opinion of the committee that it was high time the municipalities asserted their rights, and put a stop to the efforts of these land companies to obtain new surfaces of the earth, but everything above and below it.

ST. JOHN NOT AFFECTED

Alleged Combine of Steamship Companies to Raise Freight Rates Not Injuring Trade Here—Business Booming.

Mr. W. E. Anderson, secretary of the Board of Trade, stated in an interview yesterday that St. John was not interested in the revival of the Toronto based of the region against the alleged combine of the Atlantic steamship companies trading to Canada. Some months ago when the Toronto and Montreal Boards of Trade were making vigorous protests against the increase in the rates for ocean freight a committee of St. John business men had investigated the matter and had come to the conclusion that the steamship companies were justified in raising freight rates. The committee had reported that the changes might injure New York and Boston to some extent, but there was no reason to assume that St. John would be affected adversely.

"That this view was correct," said Mr. Anderson, "is shown by the increase in the value of exports to this port since Jan. 1st, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. In two months the increase has been over a \$1,000,000, and indications are that before the season closes it will be considerably augmented as business is booming all along the line.

"If there is a combine in restraint of trade, it is evidently having a beneficial effect upon the winter port business of St. John."

Slight Fire in Royal Bank Building.

About 11 o'clock last night the fire department responded to an alarm from box 23 for a slight blaze in the basement of the Royal Bank building. A stream from the chemical quickly extinguished the fire, which was found to be among some waste paper. It was thought at first that the fire was of a serious nature as a great deal of smoke was seen coming from the windows of the building and the police had some difficulty in roping off the crowd that quickly gathered. Considerable delay was experienced in getting the stream upon the blaze owing to the fact of the hose being taken in through the King street entrance, instead of by the coal cellar on Canterbury street. Had the fire been of a serious nature it would have been able to make considerable headway.

For Men in Business.

Five lectures on partnership and joint companies will be given by Mr. J. R. M. Baxter, K. C., in the Y. M. C. A., the course commencing March 5th. For further information telephone the secretary, 333-21-47.



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CUT 25 PER CENT. LESS

P. G. Mahoney Speaks of Lumber Operations in Eastern New Brunswick—His Views on Forestry Convention.

Mr. P. G. Mahoney, of Melrose, N. B., the well known lumberman and mill owner, was in the city yesterday on route home from Boston and New York, where he spent some days after attending the Forestry convention at Fredericton.

The recent mild weather, Mr. Mahoney says, has caused a further curtailment of operations which were already much reduced owing to the unfavorable weather at the first of the winter and the lack of snow. He thought that the cut in eastern New Brunswick would be fully 25 per cent. below the average.

Speaking of the recent Forestry convention Mr. Mahoney said that he believed that there were only two men in the convention who favored unrestricted export of pulpwood to the United States. These were Senator Edwards and Mr. Oak, who were both interested in American companies.

It would be a great mistake, he said, for the people of the province to allow the public domain to be depleted for the benefit of foreigners.

CALVIN AUSTIN HERE

President of Eastern S. S. Co. Discusses Plans for Season -- Steamers To Make Four Direct Trips This Year.

Although the new wharf at Reed's Point, which is to be built by the city at a cost of \$40,000, will not be ready for use this season, Mr. Calvin Austin, president of the Eastern Steamship Company, who is in the city, confidently predicts a large increase in the company's business to this port during the coming summer season.

"Business everywhere is increasing," he said, last evening, to a Standard reporter, "and St. John is the gateway through which passes the rapidly increasing tourist traffic to New Brunswick. I have met a member of your council and am satisfied that the wharf could not be completed in time for this year's business. This, however, will have no effect on our plans for an increased service and there will be three steamers running to St. John, making four direct trips a week. The Governor Dingley will be on the route in addition to the Governor Cook and Calvin Austin, asked if the company proposed to build any new steamers, Mr. Austin said that specifications had been prepared but that it had not been definitely decided to proceed with the building of the steamer. The equipment at present represented an outlay of over \$500,000.

In company with Mr. J. F. Liscomb of Portland, an official of the company, Mr. Austin inspected the wharves yesterday. He will hold a conference and discuss connections today with Mr. P. Giffkins, manager of the D.A.R.

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