

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, April 6.—Since last night showers have occurred in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces while in the west the weather has been fine and in Saskatchewan and Alberta considerably milder. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson—10 below, 24. Prince Rupert—20, 42. Victoria—40, 52. Vancouver—52, 62. Kamloops—24, 56. Calgary—10, 40. Lower Lawrence—Mostly fair; stationary or lower. Kluke's ward favorable to commission are requested to meet at their rooms this evening at 8 o'clock.

AROUND THE CITY

Confirmation in St. Luke's. In St. Luke's church this evening at 8 o'clock, the Bishop of Fredericton will hold a confirmation service.

King's Ward Meeting. The workers of King's ward favorable to commission are requested to meet at their rooms this evening at 8 o'clock.

Will Hold No Inquest. Coroner Roberts has decided that he will not hold an inquest on the body of David Ramsey which was found on the I. C. R. dock Wednesday afternoon.

Municipal Appeals. A meeting of the assessment committee of the County Council was held yesterday for the purpose of hearing appeals. The number applying for relief was not large.

Inspecting Fire Escapes. Building Inspector Skonkink Thompson and John Kerr, chief of the fire department, have not finished their inspection of the fire escapes on factories and mercantile establishments, but expect to finish by next week.

Most of the Names Doubtful. A meeting of the electors favorable to commission was held in Sydney ward last evening. Sidney B. Bustin presided and the voters list was gone over and an endeavor made to find out how the ward would vote. While the reporter was present most of the names brought up were marked doubtful.

Will Amalgamate For Summer. There was a meeting of Gurney Division, Sons of Temperance, last night in the Christadelphian Hall, Union street, to consider the work for the summer. It was decided that Gurney and Gordon Divisions should amalgamate, and will meet monthly until November. The meeting place will be in the Christadelphian Hall.

Protestant Orphans' Home. A meeting of the ladies committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home was held at the institution at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and at four o'clock had a conference with the men's committee. The regular monthly business was transacted, and other routine matters were discussed, among them being the question of making some alterations to the boilers and other facilities.

High School Alumnae. A meeting of the High School Alumnae was held last night at the residence of Mrs. C. J. Hamilton, Queen street. A very interesting paper on the Life, Works and Travels of Hans Anderson, was read by Miss R. Waterman. There were musical selections by Miss Edith Magee, and vocal solos by Misses Ethel and Dorothy Creighton. A most pleasant evening was spent.

Surprised at Famine Fund Here. A Cahill of Shanghai was at the Royal yesterday. Speaking to a reporter he said he did not know much about the conditions in the famine districts of the Celestial Empire, and expressed surprise that the people of St. John were contributing to a Chinese famine fund. "Canada does a little trade with Shanghai, but not a great deal, he added. "There is nothing I can tell you of interest about Chinese affairs. Everything is quiet."

Officers Installed. At a meeting of Loyalist Division, No. 431, Sons of Temperance, held in their hall, Paradise Row, Wednesday night, the following officers were installed: Robert Carson, W. P. Moore, W. A. W. Daley, R. S. C. Hamilton, Fin. Sec.; Miss M. Simpson, Treas.; Mrs. Oscar Grant, Chaplain; Mrs. C. Hamilton, Conductor; Mrs. W. Daley, Asst. Conductor; Mrs. Robt. Carson, Inside Sentinel; J. Cooper, O. S.; Miss Annie Carson, P. W. P.; Miss F. Nicole, Organist. The Division had a very successful quarter and a large number of new members joined the order.

Hed Carriers' Union. A special meeting of the Hed Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union was held last evening in their rooms in the Opera House to consider matters in connection with the movement for \$2 a day after the first of May. About 100 members were present and the proceedings were very enthusiastic. It was reported that some of the contractors had signified their willingness to grant the increase and that the outlook for securing the increase asked for without difficulty was very promising. At present the rate of wages is \$1.50 a day, though some years ago the men were getting \$2. Three delegates to the Trades and Labor Council were elected.

Homesteaders' Excursion. The Grand Trunk Railway has issued a circular authorizing all agents in Canada to sell Homesteaders' Excursion tickets to points in Western Canada. This is interesting information for those desiring to take advantage of these excursions in certain dates from April to September, 1911. The Grand Trunk Route is the most interesting taking a passenger through the populated centres of Canada, through Chicago, and thence via Duluth on through Chicago and the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Ask Grand Trunk agents for further particulars.

The dreadful alarm of fire issued much of the terror when property is insured in first class companies. The Sun Fire Office is now on its third century of continuous fire underwriting. Call up Frank E. Fairweather, Phone 652, and procure insurance in his old and reliable tariff company.

Friday in bargain day at Dykeman's. A lot of attractions will be found on set page.

THREE FIRE ALARMS SENT IN YESTERDAY

Firemen were also called Upon to Answer one "Skill" Alarm—None of the Fires were Serious.

There were three alarms of fire yesterday. Shortly after four o'clock in the morning an alarm was sounded from box 41 because some smoke was seen coming from the chimney of Mrs. Daesy's house on Germain St. About eight o'clock last night a slight fire about an acetylene tank in the rear of the Adams House on Princess street, caused an alarm to be sounded from box 24. The fire was quickly extinguished by No. 1 chemical. The Lyric Theatre is the adjoining building and the management dismissed the audience in a most orderly manner.

About ten o'clock last night the North End department were called out by a false alarm from box 135, corner of Sherif and Strath Shore road. About 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon No. 1 chemical engine and No. 2 hose responded to a still alarm for slight fire which occurred under the furnace in the basement of Wm. G. J. Watson's house, 56 Colburn street. The damage done was slight. While responding to the alarm spare driver John Orr on No. 2 hose had one of his hands severely cut.

WILL BE CONTESTS IN SEVERAL WARDS

Several Citizens are Mentioned as Candidates in the Coming Civic Election—Two Aldermen will Retire.

In spite of the fact that the dissatisfaction of the commissionees with the present city council is not strong enough to lead them to put a ticket in the field to see whether they can not operate the present system of city government as satisfactorily as the citizens of British cities operate it, there appears to be quite a number of people who are not satisfied that the contention of some of the commission orators that the citizens of St. John have not the intelligence or ability of British citizens is correct.

At any rate there are a number of people who think some new blood ought to be introduced into the council, and do not propose to neglect their civic duty of interesting themselves in the composition of the council, simply because some men have a brand new scheme of civic government in hand.

A number of new men are being urged to run for the council, and there will be contests in quite a number of wards. In Dukes ward Ald. Vanwart will be opposed by G. H. Green, and in Prince ward Ald. Sprout will be opposed by Rev. J. W. Kierstead, a former Baptist minister. The retirement of Ald. Lively from Kings will throw that ward open, and Ald. Wignore has announced his intention of running there instead of for alderman-at-large. He will be opposed by Timothy O'Brien, M. E. Grass, who has been mentioned as a candidate for this ward announced yesterday that he would not run.

Ald. Hayes will not retire from Victoria as rumored, but he will be opposed by R. R. Patchell. In Dufferin ward Ald. Willet will have lively opposition, ex-Ald. Colner, G. A. Chamberlain and W. A. Steiper are mentioned as candidates. Mr. Chamberlain stated last evening that he had not decided whether he would run in Dufferin, but that strong pressure was being brought upon him to run for the council, and that if he did not enter the field in Dufferin, he would offer for alderman-at-large.

In Lansdowne ward, where Ald. White retires, Alan McIntyre will run and he will probably be opposed by ex-Ald. A. O. H. Wilson, A. M. Rowan has announced that he will not be a candidate. Ald. Holder will retire from Lorne ward and Frank Elliott will be a candidate there. It is said an effort is being made to induce George E. Day to oppose him. In the ward Ald. Smith may be opposed by ex-Ald. J. Fred Beylea.

At large, Ald. Potts, Scully and Russell will offer for reelection and it is understood G. H. Colwell, the grocer of Exmouth street, will also run. There is also a possibility of Geo. A. Chamberlain entering this field.

So far there are no indications that Ald. McLeod in Brooks, Ald. McGoldrick in Stanley, Ald. Christie in Wellington, Ald. Elkin in Queens, or Ald. Jones in Sydney will have opposition, but much may develop before election day.

DECLARES THAT WE SHOULD BOOST MORE

A. H. Brittain, Manager of Maritime Fish Company, Says the People in the Provinces are too Modest.

"The Maritime Provinces ought to get together and follow the example of the west in the boosting line," said A. H. Brittain, business manager of the big Maritime Fish Company, who was at the Royal yesterday. "The people down here are altogether too modest about their resources and what they are doing in the way of developing them. They want the western spirit. Out west all the people pull together, shout incessantly about what they are doing and boast loudly of their possessions."

"If the people in the Maritime Provinces did the same thing, the west would have to open its eyes in astonishment. Down here you have something to brag about, the best part of Canada if you only know it. You have

LUMBER MARKET IS BECOMING ACTIVE

Business with the United States is Commencing to Look up—Vessels Preparing for Summer Trade.

The lumber market in the United States which has been very dull this winter, is becoming more active, and the shippers here are making arrangements to start shipping lumber to the various market centres of the American coast. Most of the vessels which have been laid up during the winter are now fitting out for the summer's work, and the docks to which they are tied up are beginning to present a rather busy scene. The shipping men expect that there will be a good demand for tonnage to carry lumber to American ports in the next few months, as most of the American dealers are said to have got rid of their surplus stock during the winter and will have to secure a new supply whether reexportation is effected or not. For the first quarter of the current year the exports from St. John to the United States, amounted to \$315,000 as against \$234,000 for the corresponding period last year.

COMMISSIONITES TO START ACTIVE FIGHT

Next Week Expected to Find all Advocates of Yankee Plan of Administration Deep in the Fray.

A meeting of the publicity committee of the commission movement and chairmen and workers of the different wards was held in the board of trade rooms last evening for the purpose of hearing reports and discussing matters in connection with the progress of the campaign. There was a large attendance and the reports were said to be very satisfactory.

It was decided to start a general battle all along the line next week and the ward committees were loaded up with advice and ammunition which it is said will enable them to sweep the enemy helter skelter out of the bastions and to plant the banner of the American plan of commission upon the ruins of the citadel of the British form of representative government.

W. C. Allison presided and in a reply to a questioner said that the commissionites were not taking sides in the aldermanic campaign and no candidates were authorized to come out under the banner.

A meeting of the executive committee was held during the afternoon, at which it is said matters of organization were discussed.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS TO HAVE ORGANIZATION

Meeting Held Last Evening to Consider Advisability of Forming Union in Affiliation with Canadian Association.

A meeting of the stationary engineers of the city was held at 30 Charlotte street last evening for the purpose of forming an organization in affiliation with the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers which has branches in all Canadian cities. Nearly 50 men were present and all signified their willingness to join the association. A provisional organization was then formed and committees appointed to arrange for securing a hall, and apply for a charter from the national association. It was decided to elect John Crowley, boiler inspector for the insurance companies, and John Kenny, Jr., factory inspector, honorary members of the association. The object of the association is to protect the interests of the stationary engineers, who are now required to pass a government examination, and secure a certificate of competency before they are allowed to take charge of an engine.

Another meeting will be held next Monday evening at 20 Charlotte street to which all stationary engineers who have not yet signed in roll, are invited.

Easter Sale and Tea.

The sale which opens at 3 p. m. today at the Seaman's Institute, should interest Ald. Elkin in Queens, or Ald. Jones in Sydney will have opposition, but much may develop before election day.

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