

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh to strong west and northwest winds, fair and moderately cold. Toronto, Feb. 22.—The barometer is highest over the northwestern states and lowest over the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather today has been fine throughout the Dominion except that light local snowfalls have occurred in Ontario. Atlin—32 46. Prince Rupert—30, 46. Victoria—38. Vancouver—30, 44. Kamloops—12, 30. Edmonton—0, 34. Battleford—22 below, 14. Calgary—4 below, 35. Qu'Appelle—0, 30. Winnipeg—4, 24. Port Arthur—14, 30. Parry Sound—10, 26. London—12, 31. Toronto—16, 31. Ottawa—6, 24. Montreal—8, 24. Quebec—1, 20. St. John—8, 26. Halifax—4, 24. At Lawrence and Gulf—Strong northwesterly wind, fair and cold with a few snow flurries.

AROUND THE CITY

Benefit Lecture. Rev. H. A. Cady will lecture on the Northwest Mounted Police at a benefit given in the Orange Hall, Germain street tonight at 8 o'clock, by Oleon L. O. L. No. 7.

New Bank Building. The Bank of New Brunswick has purchased from the St. John Real Estate Company a vacant lot on Haymarket Square, near Erin street, and next to Mr. Cogger's grocery. A building will be erected later on.

Restaurant Transfer. The dining room on Germain street which has been conducted by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. was sold on Tuesday to Charles Flowers who will conduct it in future. The sale includes the fixtures, furniture and good will and the transfer will take effect on March 1st.

C. P. R. Officials Here. W. B. Jenkinson, of the C. P. R., at Brownville, Me., and A. E. Griggs, bridge and building inspector, arrived in the city yesterday on an inspection trip. C. Murphy, master of transportation, is also on this division and will be in the city today.

Art Club Tournament. A bridge tournament under the auspices of the St. John Art Club will be held at Kelli's Assembly rooms this evening. Much interest has been manifested in this affair, and a large number are expected to be present. Playing begins at 8.30 o'clock, and all are requested to arrive at 8 o'clock.

Sheffield Choir. A joint meeting of the Women's Canadian Club and the Canadian Club was held yesterday afternoon when arrangements were discussed for the welcome to the members of the Sheffield choir. It was decided that the welcome should take the form of an informal afternoon tea. This will give an opportunity for all members of the clubs to meet the choir as well as make the welcome to the city a truly representative one.

Enjoyable Concert. A most successful and enjoyable concert was held last evening in the Orange Hall, Fairville, for the benefit of the Methodist church. All the numbers on the programme were carefully selected, and the best of the city talent was included in the ranks of the participants. The programme included a piano duet by Mrs. V. Wilkes and D. Arnold Fox, vocal solos by Mrs. R. T. Worsley, L. M. Curran, Mr. Munro, and G. S. Mayes, readings from Dr. Drummond's works by E. R. W. Ingraham and a violin solo by Dr. Wilkes. All were heartily applauded and forced to respond to encores.

Mrs. Smith's Lecture. Mrs. E. A. Smith has agreed to repeat her lecture on A Ramble Through Historic London which has been so enthusiastically received wherever heard, and will deliver it in St. David's Sunday school on Tuesday evening next. The proceeds will be devoted to the debt fund of the Seaman's Institute, of which organization she is a life member. Mrs. Smith has received several offers to deliver this lecture, but has refused them all. It is only through her interest in the work of the Seaman's Institute that this treat has been made available to the public. In view of the Coronation this year the lecture should prove of great interest to all who contemplate a visit to London.

Temperance and Morality. A meeting of great importance to the Methodist churches of the city will be held in Centenary church tonight. Rev. T. Albert Moore, the newly elected secretary of the department of temperance and moral reform of the Methodist church in Canada, will present the work of his department for the first time in this section of the country. Until recently Rev. Mr. Moore has been engaged in the work of the Lord's Day Alliance, and has been heard here before in connection with the work of that organization. The presentation of the work he is now engaged in should prove of great interest, and a large attendance at the meeting tomorrow evening is expected.

WEDDINGS. Ramsey-Knott. A pretty wedding was celebrated last evening at the residence of the groom's parents, 478 Haymarket Square when Miss Alice G. Knott and William G. Ramsey were united in marriage by Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, rector of St. Mary's church. Miss Emma Knott, of Ottawa, was the bridesmaid and K. Charles Salmon supported the groom. The groom who was employed as window dresser in Scott's Bros., Ltd., was handsomely remembered by his former employers as well as by the London House where he had been engaged previously to going to Oak Hill, St. Mary's Island of which he was a member, also sent a handsome gift. There were also many handsome and valuable gifts from friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey left last evening for New Westminster, B. C., where they will in future reside.

LABOR MEN HOPE FOR TWO COMMISSIONERS

Carpenter's Union Would Support Commission if Property Qualification is Abandoned No Candidate Decided Upon.

As a result of the open meeting held last week the carpenters' union at its regular business meeting last evening initiated a large number of new members. An interesting discussion took place on the question of the commission form of civic government. It was said that the executive of the citizens' committee had agreed that there be no property qualification for the position of commissioner and that one of the planks of the platform of the trades and labor congress of Canada called for the abolition of the property qualification for all public offices.

A motion to support the commission idea provided that the general citizens' committee pledged itself publicly to see that the legislature abolished the property qualification for civic positions, was adopted. Some of the speakers expressed the opinion that under the proposed plan of city government the labor element would be able to elect at least two commissioners. It is said that the trades unions have practically decided on the selection of one candidate and that the other will be either a member of the printers or carpenters' union.

TELLS OF ADVANTAGE OF GRADED LESSONS

Field Secretary Gives Interesting Address at Sunday School Institute—Good Points of Graded System.

At the meeting of the S. S. Institute yesterday afternoon, Rev. W. A. Ross conducted a very interesting conference on the New Graded Lessons. He outlined the story of their adoption by the international association and showed how well they are adapted to the needs of the present. When completed the graded course contemplated a system in the Sunday schools parallel with that of the day schools, instead of classes all ages studying the same lesson at the same time as had been the practice under the system of uniform lessons. Mr. Ross also emphasized the value to city Sunday school teachers of a graded union in which the teachers of all grades would come together regularly for instruction in common and for study by groups in the best method of presentation of the lessons to the class. Mrs. W. C. Matthews gave a very interesting and helpful illustration of the graded lessons in practice by the teaching of a class of primary children. Rev. H. D. Marr presided at the meeting and Rev. E. C. Ford conducted the devotional service.

This evening Rev. W. A. Ross will give an address upon The Adolescent Boy, and Rev. F. S. Porter will speak on The Old Testament Prophet or Preacher.

ORANGEMEN MEET IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Reports Tell of Organization of One New Lodge and Successful Year — A. Dickson, County Master.

Chatham, Feb. 22.—Northumberland county lodge meeting was held last evening at Newcastle and the attendance was the largest in the history of the order. The worshipful master's report showed the order in a healthy condition. One new lodge had been added during the year and there were now 12 in the county. The election of officers resulted as follows: Worshipful County Master—Adam Dickson. Deputy County Master—Alvin Babkirk. County Chaplain—John Kethro. County Recording Secretary—Alex Ross. County Financial Secretary—Camron Smallwood. County Treasurer—R. M. Grindlay. County D. of Ceremonies—Ross Harding. Deputy County Lecturers—Edward O'Donnell and W. Herlihey. Refreshments were served by No Surrender Lodge, No. 47. The next annual meeting will be at Chatham.

OBITUARY.

Frederick L. Ham. St. Stephen, Feb. 22.—After battling bravely against an attack of pneumonia for the last 8 days Frederick L. Ham, one of the best known and most respected citizens of the town passed away this evening. He was the proprietor of one of the leading tailoring establishments and was well and favorably known throughout the province and the state of Maine. He was 54 years of age and is survived by a widow and two sons and a daughter. The sons are William, in Minnesota, and Vincent at home. The daughter is the wife of Postmaster Geo. Downes, of Calais, Maine. Deceased was a member of the Masonic and Pythian orders, and other bodies and was a Liberal in politics. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Loading Molasses. Seth Adriaic and Arthur H. Vight have been chartered to load molasses at Barbados to St. John for Percy B. Evans, with shipments in March and April.

WEST SIDE HOUSE GUTTED BY FIRE

\$1000 Damage to Elliott McCallum's Residence on Water Street—Flames Have Grip When Firemen Arrive.

Shortly after 10 o'clock last night fire was discovered in Elliott McCallum's house, 131 Water street, West End, and an alarm was sent in from box 113. When the firemen arrived the two story frame building was in flames, the fire having obtained a good start on the ground floor. The fire soon worked from this floor to the upper portion of the house and through the roof. The firemen with a couple of good streams of water worked hard but it was over an hour before they were able to leave the building. The house was badly gutted by fire and damaged by water, and about \$1000 damage was done. Only a small amount of the furniture was saved.

GOVERNOR AND STAFF WILL ATTEND TONIGHT

Second Production of The Man From Albany Received with Marked Approval—Special Matinee Saturday.

There was a capacity audience at last evening's production of The Man From Albany, by Theodore H. Bird and the local players, and the performance was even better than on the opening night. All the principals did their work most capably and Misses Halliell, Baird and Perley with Messrs. Bird, McInlay, March, Sturdee and Carr were seen to particular advantage. Applause was so frequent that it was necessary to wait at times until the participants in the play could make themselves heard.

As on the opening night the specialties were a big feature of the production. Mr. Lanyon and Mr. Taylor were in excellent voice and were well supported by the choruses. The music by the orchestra composed of members of the 62nd Band under the direction of Bandmaster Perkins, was also particularly good. Another performance will be given this evening when His Honor Lieut. Gov. Tweedie and staff will be in attendance and will be suitably received. The play and specialties will be repeated on Friday evening and at a special ladies' and children's matinee on Saturday afternoon. One feature of the performance on which much favorable comment has been heard, is the lighting. The beautiful light effects especially in the Springtime specialty added greatly to the splendor of the scene. The "man behind" the light was Charles Kerr and he has received many congratulations on the capable manner in which his share of the work has been done.

HOW RECIPROCIITY WILL HIT FARMERS

Maine Potato Growers Already Dangerous Competitors for N. B. Product—Free Trade Would Kill Industry.

"Some people seem to think that reciprocity will benefit the farmers of this province," said a potato exporter yesterday. "But we have a very good illustration of the more probable effects at the present time. This winter we have not been able to meet the competition of Maine potatoes in the Cuban market, and we find the competition of Maine potatoes a very serious matter in our own Canadian markets. Maine is shipping hundreds of car loads of potatoes to Montreal this winter, although the duty is now 60 cents a barrel. "How do they do it? Potatoes in Maine are only worth 60 or 75 cents a barrel, and at the prices prevailing in Montreal the Maine exporter can pay the duty and still realize a profit. "If American potatoes could enter our markets free of duty this winter, our farmers would be in a mighty bad way."

THE ROYAL GAZETTE.

Hon. D. Forbes gives notice of a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Forest, Fish and Game Association. Hon. George J. Clark gives notice that the St. George Pulp & Paper Company of Hudson Falls, New York, will seek incorporation in New Brunswick. The capital stock is to be \$400,000. Rupert G. Haley, H. C. Creighton, W. S. Fisher, F. Neill Brodie and Leonard Tilley of St. John, are seeking incorporation as the "Prince William Apartments, Limited." The object is to acquire the largest hotel in the city and convert it into an apartment house. The capital is \$25,000.

Successful High Tea. The crowd in attendance at the St. John Baptist high tea last evening was the largest since its opening, and the fair is proving even more successful than was anticipated. Last evening in the ladies' bean board, Miss Marie Doherty won the silver dish donated by T. McAvity and Sons, and Mrs. Gullivan succeeded in winning a handsome brass hot water kettle donated by Emerson and Fisher. The City Cornet Band was in attendance and rendered several selections.

Miss Hattie Chisholm, of St. Stephen, who has been visiting Miss J. E. Hennigar, of Orange street, returned to her home Tuesday evening.

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The Clearing-Up Sale in Linen Room Ends Today. This will be your last opportunity to secure these bargains, which have been delighting so many since this sale opened. While the demand has been great there are yet choice offerings for those who come. Remnants of White and Grey Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Bleached and Cream Damasks, Towellings, White Cottons, Linens, etc. Odd and Sample Soiled Goods, consisting of Table Cloths, Table Napkins, d'Oyleys, 5 o'clock Tea Cloths, Sideboard Runners, Bureau Scarfs, Huck Towels, Bath Towels, Quilts, etc.

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