

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME AND GULF.—Fresh southeasterly to southerly winds, milder, occasional showers.

AROUND THE CITY

Carpenters' Union. The carpenters' union held a business meeting last evening, initiated a number of new members and decided to hold another open meeting next Wednesday evening for organizing purposes.

The Borden Club. A meeting of the R. L. Borden Club was held last evening when delegates and substitutes were selected to attend the annual convention of the Liberal-Conservative party.

N. B. Military Veterans. A meeting of the New Brunswick Military Veterans' Association will be held this evening at eight o'clock in their rooms in the Market Building.

Hot Ashes Caused Fire. About 7:45 o'clock last night a fire was discovered in the cellar of John Spedaker's pool room, on North Market street, and a still alarm was sent to No. 1 Chemical. The fire was quickly extinguished with but slight damage. The fire started from a pile of ashes dumped in the cellar and Chief Kerr gave orders to have the ashes removed immediately.

Will Probe Baby's Death. Coroner D. E. Herryman has decided to hold an inquest on the death of the infant found in the basement of No. 19 Horsfield street, Monday evening. Dr. Wm. Warwick made a post-mortem examination of the body, the result of his examination will not be made public until he gives his evidence before the coroner.

A Social Evening. On enjoyable time is expected this evening when the Young Ladies' Froe-to-Serie Club and the Loyalist Club, composed of young men of the congregation of Centenary Church, will join forces and hold a social evening. All the young people of the congregation are expected to attend. An excellent programme has been prepared for the occasion. There will be music interspersed with discussion of various topics of interest.

The Baptist Forward Movement. In German street Baptist church last night Rev. Edwin Crowell, field secretary of the Forward Movement, who is in the city in the interest of the movement, delivered an address explaining the purpose of the movement. The Annular Board is seeking to increase its endowment fund. Rev. Mr. Crowell will be in the city for some time and on Sunday morning will present the claims of the cause in the Leinster street church.

A Pleasant Gathering. Gilbert Wayne, of Tower street, St. John west, who leaves for Vancouver, was given a pleasant surprise last evening, when a large number of friends invaded his home and gave him a hearty farewell. William Howard on behalf of the gathering, presented Mr. Wayne with a handsome travelling bag. Supper was served by Mrs. Wayne and the gathering dispersed at a seasonable hour.

House Cleaning at Central. It was house cleaning time at the Central Police Station last evening. All the articles found on the streets by the policemen, or handed to them, are kept in the station awaiting the owners, and if not called for within a year the policemen who find the articles are allowed to have them. The articles were distributed last evening, and among the lot were pieces of jewelry, clothing, pocket books, hats, umbrellas, and small sums of money, along with other articles of very small value.

A West End Wedding. The marriage of Miss Mary E. Nichols and William Gow, both of the West End, took place last evening at the bride's residence, 147 Rodney street. Rev. Jacob Heaney performed the ceremony. Miss Edith Nichols acted as bridesmaid, and John Nichols supported the groom. About fifty guests were present at the ceremony, which took place at 9 o'clock. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gow are very popular on the West Side, and have the good wishes of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Knights' Big Night. The third rank was conferred on several candidates by Union Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, last night in Castle Hall, German street. The meeting was largely attended, about 150 being present. Invitations had been issued to the other lodges in the city and throughout the province and large delegations from Moncton, Fredericton and other places were in attendance. The ceremonies were conducted by Chancellor Commander Wetmore and the ritualistic team of the above lodge. After the conferring of the third rank, an enjoyable musical programme was carried out, the Pythian quartet contributing several selections. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The opening up of business in the spring necessitates the employment of great numbers of workmen. Employers of labor in this province are liable for any accident happening to their men whilst at work and are thus subject to great monetary loss. Insurance against this contingency is indispensable and can be procured from Frank R. Fairweather, 12 Canterbury street, who represents the best companies. Phone Main 623.

Good Friday Suburban Train. For Good Friday, April 14th, the C. P. Ry. have arranged for special train to leave the depot at 9:30 a. m. for Wolford and intermediate stations. On the return the special will leave Wolford at 7:30 p. m. Single fare for the round trip. This service is for the accommodation of those wishing to spend the day at their suburban homes.

INTERESTING QUESTIONS AT MEETING OF PROTEST

Gathering in Socialists' Hall Complained of Disfranchisement of Citizens at Commission Plebiscite -- Unfairness of Telegraph and Times Severely Condemned by Speakers.

"Why don't the Times and Telegraph publish letters sent them criticizing the commission movement?"

"Can't the people read the handwriting on the wall and see through the tactics of the Times?"

"The greatest grievance of the commission seems to be that the common council is too slow in giving away the city's property. Evidently the corporations think there are some men knocking about and feel they can handle 5 men easier than 17."

"Is it a crime to be poor? Or why have 4,000 citizens no right to vote?"

These were some of the remarks made at the meeting held in the Socialists' hall last evening, one of the most amusing ever held in this city. When Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order, he said he did not know who had called it.

J. W. Eastwood then arose and said he had heard nothing about the meeting until he attended at the hall for the purpose of attending the business meeting of the Socialist party. He understood, however, that it had been called to protest against the taking of a plebiscite on the question of the commission, while nearly 4,000 citizens were deprived of their franchise.

The Times Refuses Money! Mr. Wood said he had tried to advertise the meeting in the Times. A young man in the office told him that he should not fight the commission movement, and had declined to take money for an advertisement, saying he would publish a notice of the meeting for nothing. But the notice had not appeared in the Times.

J. W. Eastwood said one out of every two citizens in Prince Ward would be without a vote, and that because Prince ward was populated by the working class.

It is said, he added, that the workers do not pay taxes; therefore they shouldn't have the right to vote. Doesn't the worker pay taxes when he purchases groceries, or hands his money over to the butchers. When the landlord boosts rents, his excuse usually is that he needs the money to pay taxes. The workmen are always paying taxes indirectly. If a man was able to pay taxes and wouldn't, he did not deserve the right to vote. But there were men in St. John who didn't average more than \$5 a week.

Continuing the speaker criticized the conduct of a recent labor meeting, saying that the speakers had taken up so much time that the audience were too tired to ask questions.

Duncan McEldar said the commission did not intend to recognize the right of workmen to representation. He had read the Times, and he gathered from it that they intended to run men in other ranks.

The Property Qualification. J. Taylor said he was surprised at the refusal of the Times to advertise the meeting. As for the Board of Trade, he had not noticed any eagerness on its part to advance measures in the interests of the masses. As regards the property qualification, no guarantee had been given that it would be abolished. The organs of the commission movement had long been the enemies of labor. They had shown their enmity during the printers' strike, and in connection with the Springhill trouble.

Another speaker said the question the works should ask was whether the commission form of government would solve the housing problem, and institute other reforms.

Another speaker remarked that the commission had first stated the commission would have to give all their time to their work. Now they said the commission should give as much time as necessary. That might only be two minutes a day. The commissionites disposed of every objection by saying "Oh, that is a mere detail." They argued that the commissionites would take the place of heads of departments, and then said they intended to retain the heads of departments. Why should the city pay for officials in duplicate? And how will they raise the money?

Geo. Kierstead said he went to Fredericton, and saw one of the details the commissionites were so strong on—a detail by which 4,000 citizens were disfranchised. At Fredericton they tried to make the delegation appear as large as possible, but he had refused to join the procession. It was blurt all the time.

No Special Ballot. Continuing, Mr. Kierstead said his chief objection was that the commissionites had not been fair-minded enough to ask for a special ballot, giving all the citizens the right to vote.

V. A. Stepler said he was surprised that nobody had mentioned what the delegation went to Fredericton for. They did not go there to ask that 13 of the voters be disfranchised; they did not make up the voters' list. They went to Fredericton to prevent the appointment of a Royal Commission to draw up the charter.

Continuing, he said the Board of Trade was not such a terrible affair, because it tried to boom St. John, bring in new industries, and give more employment.

Mr. Kierstead—Did not the commissionites ask that the plebiscite be attached to the aldermanic ballot? They did not ask for a separate vote.

Mr. Stepler—They simply asked for a plebiscite. The arrangement of the ballot is in the hands of the chamberlain.

Mr. Stepler remarked that after the vote was taken the citizens' committee would decide whether to establish the commission, and their decision would depend on the size of the majority.

When upon another speaker observed: "What is the citizens' committee an autocracy? According to that statement the committee, and not the voters are to decide whether or not we have a commission. Is the plebiscite a mere detail too?"

One speaker thought it was rather odd for the citizens' committee to override the will of the people's representatives and assume the authority to draw up the charter.

Another said the citizens' committee did not intend to recognize the rights of labor.

Mr. Stepler made a valiant effort to answer the inquiries, and though his answers did not always appear satisfactory, his pluck and good humor evidently won the good will of his audience.

Somebody wanted to know why there were so many champions of labor on the boards these days. "Some of them are looking for the jobs of aldermen or commissioners," was the reply, amid uproarious laughter.

"Not me," said Mr. Kierstead. "Nor I," said Mr. Stepler.

Some Striking Figures. In reply to a question as to how the commission would raise \$20,000 or so to pay their salaries, Mr. Stepler said the city spent about \$100,000 by introducing business principles the commission could save enough to pay their salary.

Mr. Kierstead—"Why don't you tell the audience that only about one quarter of that amount is controllable revenue."

A voice—"That's another detail, most of the commissionites get their information about city affairs from the Times New Reporter."

The meeting was attended by about ten times the number of persons present at the last monthly meeting of the Board of Trade.

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DAVID RAMSEY'S BODY FOUND IN L.C.R. SLIP. Sheriff Street Man, Missing Since Monday Night, Fell Over Wharf into Slip and was Drowned.

The body of David Ramsey of 69 Sheriff street was found on the west side of the L.C.R. terminals yesterday afternoon about 3:40 o'clock by Wm. O'Hara and Herbert McInyre. The deceased was a scowman and aged 62 years. He left his Sheriff street home about six o'clock on Monday evening last and the first word of him received by his family was when he was found dead yesterday afternoon.

When he did not return home Monday night or on Tuesday his family and friends became alarmed, but they could receive no tidings of his whereabouts.

Yesterday afternoon the two men mentioned saw the body in the water and pulled it ashore. It was then turned over to Undertaker George Chamberlain.

Coroner Roberts was notified and viewed the remains and gave permission for burial. The deceased was a widower and great sympathy is expressed for the family left. He was a most popular man, well liked by all his fellow employees.

It is thought that Monday evening while walking along the cap of the wharf he slipped, fell into the dock and was drowned.

His family consists of two daughters and six sons. The daughters are Miss Mabel at home and Mrs. George Oran of St. David street. The sons are William, Fred, George, Albert, Edward (the well known baseball player) and Thomas of Belleville, Ont.

A Special Meeting. A special meeting of the International hod carriers and building laborers' union will be held at 7 o'clock this evening in their rooms in the Opera House.

HOSPITAL COMMISSION ASKED TO DEAL WITH MATTER OF PHYSICIANS NOT ON STAFF ATTENDING HOSPITAL PATIENTS REFERRED TO COMMISSIONERS OF INSTITUTION.

A number of the physicians who were delegates to the Fredericton yesterday regarding the bill before the legislature asking that physicians other than the hospital staff be allowed to attend patients in the hospital, returned on the Boston express last night. E. P. Raymond, who represented the physicians was seen by a Standard reporter last night and he stated that the hospital was before the law committee, it was not sent before the House, but it was suggested to the hospital commissioners that they make matters satisfactory to the petitioners along the lines mentioned.

It now remains to see what action the hospital commissioners will take.

Cheap Trip to Boston. The Eastern S. S. Company is granting an excursion rate to Boston for the Easter holidays, which will enable people to spend a few days pleasantly at the Hub. To Boston and return will cost only \$6, excursionists leaving here on the 8th and 12th of April and returning on or before April 21. Sporting men will be especially interested in this excellent offer, for the eastern amateur boxing tournament takes place in Boston on April 10 and 11, the dog show on April 10, 11 and 12 and the famous Marathon road race on April 19.

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