

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh to strong westerly and northwesterly winds, generally fair and colder.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 16.—Forecast for New England: Unsettled and much colder, followed by snow in south portion Thursday; Friday, fair in north, snow in south portion, colder. Winds becoming northeast and increasing to high over south portion.

AROUND THE CITY

A Glimpse of Gaspe. The fifth lecture in the free course being given by the ladies' association of the Natural History Society, will be held in their rooms, Union street, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Subject, "A Glimpse of Gaspe," by Mrs. J. W. Lawrence.

Estate of Wm. Mullin. In the matter of the estate of Wm. Mullin, mason, a petition of Mary Savage, wife of Wm. J. Savage, for administration was presented. Upon her filing the usual bond she is appointed administratrix. Personal estate \$100. Dr. Quigley, K.C., proctor.

The St. James St. Fire. Conductor James Daley and R. N. Dean wish to thank their many friends for their kindness in the recent fire in St. James street, also the firemen and salvage corps for their good work and carefulness in removing the furniture.

Good Singers Needed. All good singers in the city who are not otherwise engaged are cordially invited to join Mr. Allan's united choir in St. Andrew's church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Allan wants one hundred voices tonight and will practice music for the great song service to be held in Centenary church on Saturday evening.

Seamen's Mission Concert. The concert given in the Seamen's Institute last evening by the concert party from the Tunisian proved very enjoyable. Humorous selections were given by Mr. W. J. Malkinson of Montreal. The Haymarket Square Vaudeville Club gave a laughable sketch entitled "The Body Snatched." Songs by Mr. Stack and other members of the club were also well received. Mr. O. E. Benn of the Tunisian acted as accompanist.

Death of Mrs. David E. Lynch. The death occurred early this morning of Mrs. Beatrice M. Lynch, wife of Mr. David E. Lynch. Mrs. Lynch was a daughter of Mr. J. J. Seelye of this city and was married less than a year ago. She was born and lived in St. John and was beloved by a large circle of friends. She is survived by her parents, three sisters, Mrs. George Hoyt, Miss Hazel Seelye of this city, and Mrs. J. J. Hunter of Sydney, and by two brothers, Percy and Don of this city.

Women's Service. The service in Portland street Methodist church was attended by nearly six hundred women. A bright song service was conducted by Mr. Lamb. After prayer by Rev. D. Hutchinson, an earnest invitation was extended from the Main street church asking that the audience be united. With the consent of those present an adjournment was made to the Main street church where a happy union took place, the augmented congregation filling the auditorium.

Fell Into Hold of Tunisian. John Drinan, of Guilford street, Carleton, fell into the hold of the Allan liner Tunisian, yesterday afternoon, and narrowly escaped being killed. He was working with the carpenters between decks and after finishing butting up some breastboards started to walk across the hatch on a plank. The plank broke and he fell to the lower hold between the tunnels, alighting on some boxes. He was rendered unconscious and was hoisted out of the hold in a casket net by the scowdres working on the ship and carried into the hospital, where the ship's surgeon attended him. No bones were broken and after regaining consciousness he was removed to his home in a coach.

P. E. ISLANDERS DECIDE TO FORM ORGANIZATION

White's Restaurant Scene Of Pleasant Reunion Last Evening—Toasts And Speakers—H. V. McKinnon, Pres.

Thirty sons of Prince Edward Island, resident in St. John, gathered at White's restaurant last evening to do honor to their native province. It was definitely decided to form a permanent organization and Mr. H. V. McKinnon was elected president and Mr. Harry McKee secretary. The veteran of the gathering last night was Mr. Thomas Kieckham, who has resided in St. John for forty years. After a rather extensive menu with many P. E. Island dishes on the list, supper making began and was continued until a late hour. Mr. H. H. Schuster presided. The toast list included The King, Prince Edward Island, proposed by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson and responded to by Mr. Percy J. Blose; Sister Provinces, proposed by Mr. H. C. Brown and responded to by Mr. Kieckham; St. John, proposed by James McKee and responded to by Ald. R. T. Hayes. Other speakers included Messrs. Harry McKee, M. A. McLeod, Lorne Alsworth and Wm. Sutherland. During the evening Mr. H. V. McKinnon contributed a piano solo and Mr. Shaefer sang very acceptably.

Removal Of Surtax Will Improve Trade

St. John Buyers for Wholesale Houses Tell of Probable Effect of Restoration of Normal Tariff Relations With Germany—Imports Which Have Fallen Away Likely To Show Big Increase.

Announcement of the removal of the German surtax came as a great surprise to St. John importers and several approached yesterday to give their views on the result of the end of the tariff war, said that it would require a little time to see how matters would work out but in all probability a large increase in certain imports to Canada would follow.

Mr. W. C. MacFarlane, foreign buyer for Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Limited, said that it would be only natural that the former trade would be totally restored and that the prospects for an enlarged trade which were bright before the surtax was put on would now be realized. The Germans were great manufacturers and carried on the industrial work in their very homes. They had many lines of goods to export and he anticipated an increase in the trade in cloths, dress goods, toys, velvet, flowers, feathers, fabric, gloves, cotton, hosiery and shoes.

Will Regain Lost Business. It would mean that the Germans with a ten per cent. reduction would regain much of the business they lost. To the Canadian importer it made little difference as the English markets were always open when the German product became too costly.

Mr. John K. Schofield, of Schofield & Beer, sugar importers, when asked concerning the importation of sugar, said that the preferential tariff prevented much trade with Germany. The sugar mostly brought from the West Indies and other colonies having the benefit of the British preference and Germany could not hope to compete against it.

With reference to best sugar, there were other countries under the British flag where this was produced and the supply would still be brought from there.

Inconvenient Time For Importers. Mr. MacFarlane added that the action of the government in making the arrangement at this time of year would result in much inconvenience to importers. They had only lately stocked with German goods, while others had ordered and the shipments would be made under the new tariff. This might mean some disparity in

prices and the change would have been much better in May or June.

Mr. Frank Skinner, wholesale importer of millinery, said the tariff change would mean a great deal to the trade in which he was interested. Since the surtax was imposed, there had been a considerable falling off in the imports of velvets, flowers, feathers and ribbons and all this he expects to see restored. Mr. Skinner said the market for the foreign buyer would be considerably enlarged as a result of the agreement.

Mr. T. Carleton Lee, vice-president of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., when asked to give his views said that he could see that the reduction in the tariff would be a great advantage to the Germans but would not be liked by the English. Cutlery of the finest quality as well as a great deal of shell and heavy hardware came from Germany and when the surtax was imposed England captured much of this trade.

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PILOTS WILL OPPOSE REDUCTION IN CHARGE FOR MOVING STEAMERS

Shipping Interests Want Rate Reduced For Taking Vessels Across Harbor — Commissioners Will Decide Matter.

It is understood that at the next meeting of the Pilot Commission, the question of pilotage rates for moving large steamers across the harbor and also from one wharf to another, will be considered. It is said that some of the large shipping interests are opposed to the present rates as being too high, and say that the majority of the pilots would favor a reduction of the present price. They also claim that as it is not compulsory to have the assistance of a pilot in moving the steamers many captains refuse the services of pilot for the reason that the price charged is too high. It is contended that if the rates were lowered it would mean an increased demand for the pilots.

Interviewed by a Standard reporter last evening several of the pilots said that they were opposed to any reduction in the present rates. They argue that the present charge is one third lower than it was two years ago. Until the year 1908 the price charged for a steamer of the Athenian's tonnage was about \$40, whereas at the present time the charge is only \$25. This, they assert, is a reasonable charge, when it is considered that the larger ships are moved only on rare occasions.

They point out that it is almost a difficult and the risk almost as great to move large steamers across the harbor as it is to bring them in from Partridge Island. Although the rates for moving vessels here were higher than in Halifax, they claim that owing to the strong tides here and the increased risk the fee charged is only reasonable.

When a pilot undertook to move a ship across the harbor he took full responsibility, and it was unreasonable to suppose that they would jeopardize their pilotage for any smaller amount that the shipping men might be willing to pay.

Canadian Club. The Canadian Club will entertain Hon. J. Wilberforce Longley, Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and former Attorney General of that province, tomorrow at 6:15 p. m., at Keith's Assembly Rooms. Mr. Longley's topic will be "Some National Problems." His knowledge of public questions and his reputation as a speaker should ensure a large attendance.

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