

THE WEATHER
Toronto, Ont., Nov. 7.—The barometer is high and the weather most cloudy and cool from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. It continues quite cold in the west.

AROUND THE CITY
C. P. R. CONSTABLES.
Six C. P. R. constables arrived yesterday for the purpose of safeguarding the shipping of cargo from the S. S. Batford, due to arrive here from Glasgow.

A PLEASANT PARTY
A large number of friends assembled at the home of George A. Marr No. 1 Dunn Avenue, West St. John, last evening and participated in a dance and party. Refreshments were served and after all had spent a very pleasant evening the party broke up in the early hours of the morning.

THE OLD COURT HOUSE.
A report was current yesterday that the call for tenders for the tearing down of the Court House had been cancelled. Asked about the report, Commissioner Thornton said that the verdict had been ordered discontinued, as it had been given sufficient publicity, but that the call still operated and that the tenders, as advertised, would be opened on the 15th of this month.

A BAD COLLISION.
A truck of T. McAvity & Sons, driven by William Lawlor, Mill Street, was struck by a C. N. R. shunting engine yesterday morning, while crossing the railway track at the Ballantyne wharf. The truck was badly damaged and Mr. Lawlor suffered injury to his right foot and was badly shaken up. He was taken to the General Hospital, and his condition is said to be good. The shunting engine was in charge of Engineer Lorne Smith.

MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS.
Rev. W. R. Robinson, treasurer of the New Brunswick Memorial Home for Children, reports having received the following contributions to the fund:—Baxter Lodge, No. 22, L. O. B. A., \$100; Struan Robertson, \$100; Johnston Lodge, No. 19, L. O. B. A., \$25.

CASE DISMISSED.
On Thursday afternoon Magistrate H. G. S. Adams, Brookville, gave judgment, dismissing the case of Roy Clayton, who was charged by Brady DeBoo with wilfully killing his dog on September 9. The case was tried on October 2. The defendant, who is employed at the Fernhill cemetery, said he understood there were orders to shoot stray dogs there, as they had caused considerable annoyance. Besides, the defendant said he did not know the owner of the dog was in the vicinity. The plaintiff said he would appeal. C. P. Inches of Laches and Hazen, for the defendant.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.
About 35 young members of Port Land Methodist church congregation attended the meeting held last evening by the Senior Epworth League which was presided over by John Howe, first vice-president. Stanley Irvine read the Scripture and Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of the Ludlow street Baptist church, delivered an interesting address. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Robinson being moved by the president, Frank W. Merrill and seconded by Kenneth McLaughlin. A piano solo by Miss Hawker and vocal solo by Wm. McEachern were greatly enjoyed.

IN FAIRVILLE COURT.
David Clark, Fairville Plateau, was arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Allingham in the Fairville court, on a charge of selling liquor in his home. The case was the outcome of a visit to the defendant's house on Thursday afternoon by Inspectors Merryfield and McAlinn, who discovered a quantity of liquor on the premises. Inspectors Merryfield testified and was cross-examined at the opening session by J. A. Barry, counsel for the prisoner. Adjournment was made at 1 o'clock until 4.30, when Inspectors Merryfield and McAlinn were again on the stand. William Gibbs, the only witness for the defense did not complete his evidence when the case was adjourned until Monday afternoon at 3.30. W. M. Ryan is appearing for the prosecution.

MAZOLA.
The new cooking and salad oil, Bee demonstration, Robertson's, Main St., Doughnuts, croquettes cooked.

MILLION DOLLARS SUBSCRIBED LAST NIGHT IN 2 1/2 HOURS

Enthusiasm and Confidence Were the Features of the Special Meeting of Business Men Last Night in the Union Club When the Progress of the Victory Loan Was Discussed—22 Subscriptions Total \$1,025,000—Special Drive for Armistice Day—Chairmen Appointed

If the city and county of St. John can catch the spirit which infected the meeting of local business men at the Union Club last night, the 1919 Victory Bond campaign should prove a rousing success in this district.

It took only a few minutes past the hour period for twenty-two men to individually pledge subscriptions amounting to the excellent total of \$1,025,000.

T. H. Estabrook, chairman of the provincial committee, occupied the chair and briefly outlined the success of the campaign to the present time. He was followed by Premier Foster, who reviewed the success of previous victory loan campaigns and urged strong support to the present drive.

Dr. J. B. M. Baxter said that he did not have much faith in conferences as a means to raise capital for such a loan and suggested that the two-minute rest on Armistice Day should be used for the purpose of making a whirlwind canvass all over the city. He suggested that slips of paper be passed around to the men present which would contain a note of the amounts they were willing to subscribe. This plan was later followed.

M. E. Agar was of opinion that there should be no difficulty in making arrangements with the banks whereby the merchants could increase their subscriptions. It would not be necessary for the borrower to put up a large amount of cash to secure the loan. He suggested that slips of paper be passed around to the men present which would contain a note of the amounts they were willing to subscribe. This plan was later followed.

T. P. Regan supported Dr. Baxter's suggestion and said that a canvassing team should be organized to carry out the plan of proper utilizing the halt in activities during Armistice Day.

The chairman then announced that though the members of the firm of Manchester Robertson Allison Ltd., intended to subscribe individually, he could say that the firm would be responsible for the subscription. He said that the firm would contribute a like sum, as would his own firm. Others of the larger firms in the city would also be represented in this drive and he thought that if the smaller merchants and business men were approached singly and urged to give in proportion, there should be no difficulty in raising the sum desired. Personally he did not want to ask a man to do a thing unless he had done so himself and he could now go to the smaller concerns with the assurance that his company had their share in this drive.

He extended on the idea, however, by advocating that a special drive be made by a special committee to get 100,000 more subscriptions, making a million dollars.

Dr. Baxter, it was said by one of the speakers, had advised a similar figure as his subscription to the present loan. A short time later, thinking the matter over, he had quadrupled this amount and when he had been present at the meeting but a few moments last night, he doubled the last figure. In other words, his subscription then turned in was eight times the amount he had previously set upon.

The chairman then announced that he had received a subscription for \$100,000. This was immediately followed by a \$50,000 subscription, then by another \$100,000. He said that the subscriptions then totalled \$750,000 and aggressive meetings the steady rooms urged the men to make it a million of the club have seen for a long while.

FEELING OF CONFIDENCE DOMINATED CONVENTION

Delegates Convinced Foster Government Has Lost Ground—Attitude of Convention on Question of Leadership—Would Not Turn Down Able Leader Because of a Mistake Perhaps Due to Circumstances Out of His Control.

Most of the delegates to the opposition convention left for their homes yesterday, feeling that they had accomplished a good day's work for the party, and that with the question of leadership settled satisfactorily the foundation of progressive platform and a Provincial Organization provided for, there would be general preparation for the elections whether they come sooner or later.

"What do you think of the convention?" a delegate from Queens county was asked.

"It was much larger than I expected, and it was certainly interesting from first to last," was the answer. "The confidence of everybody was inspiring and the enthusiasm contagious. It was a reflection of the feeling in the country, the present government is done for. Talks with men from all over the province were encouraging. Everybody seemed satisfied that the government has lost a great deal of ground, and that the Opposition party is polling itself together and bonding, harring the unexpected, to win out at the next elections. My own view is that the government is doomed; its policy is utterly unworkable. The unfortunate road experiments have shown a great deal of dissatisfaction in the rural districts. Maybe the farmers will turn out to interest themselves. I don't see much sign of that in my district, but I think it is a possibility. However, the Opposition party must turn out to interest themselves and as they can hardly expect to develop strength of their own to do the trick at the next elections, their chances are that the farmers will support the Opposition candidates. Any way they will be given a fair representation on our tickets."

"The attitude of the convention to the question of leadership was interesting. It was expected that Mr. Murray, not having been appointed leader at a regular party convention, would offer his resignation, but his speech during the afternoon caused some surprise, everybody thinking that he would take the occasion to make a detailed answer to all his opponents' slanders. Before he spoke you could notice a strong pull for Murray among the delegates, and after he dismissed the slanders with a wave of his hand, so to speak, and left everything to the judgment of the delegates, you could feel that he was going to have the leadership if he would continue to act.

"When you talked with the delegates you found a general feeling that the government's efforts to drive their ablest opponents out of political had overshot the mark. Nobody believes that the men involved in the patriotic potato transaction made any money out of it. The affair was an unfortunate one. Mr. Murray manfully admitted that he might have made errors and mistakes, but you could not persuade anybody that knew him that he ever defrauded the province of a cent. The delegates looked at the matter this way:—Admitting that Mr. Murray made a mistake, that he would have involved the province in loss if his friends had not come to his rescue and fixed up matters by methods that looked peculiar. But he resulted in loss to them; admitting all this are we going to turn him down to please his political opponents. Because a man who has proved a good party leader and given the province an energetic and progressive government has made a mistake, are we going to deprive the party and the province of his services?"

Labor Council Had Active Night

Considerable Important Business Transacted Last Night—Local Matters Attended to—Help Promised to American Associates—Public Welfare Work.

Considerable important business was transacted last night at the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, with President Fred A. Campbell in the chair.

A committee from the council which was appointed to act jointly with one chosen from the Board of Trade and the City Council with regard to street paving matter, reported that the joint committee was in favor of the abutting paving to be done by the city. The council instructed the committee to support the plan of paving for the year by general assessment.

Delegates from the board appointed a representative of the board upon the juvenile court committee.

W. H. Coates, of the Typographical Union, was selected by the board to be its representative upon the Board of Film Censors appointed by the Provincial Government.

Invitations to address meetings in the interest of the labor movement were sent to Mrs. Rose Henderson and to Tom Moore.

The steel strike in the United States was fully discussed and the support of the council was offered in any way.

A communication was received from Mayor Hayes to the effect that Mr. O'Connor will be in the city shortly to take up his investigation regarding the high cost of living. Most present prices, when any protest will be considered.

A recent lock-out of musicians was discussed and it was decided to appoint a committee from the council which will assist the musicians in every way possible. A resolution was also adopted and forwarded to the Department of Immigration protesting against the appointment of alien musicians to fill the positions made vacant by the lock-out.

With reference to the number of school-children employed in various factories and other places of business in the Province, a committee was named to appeal to Premier Foster to have the Provincial Factory Law thoroughly enforced.

During the meeting, Mr. Blackstock gave the members a very interesting account of the famous Tom Mooney case and urged the meeting to assist in the work of freeing this man from his life sentence in the penitentiary.

MANUFACTURING PROPOSITION

A well-established manufacturing business in Maritime Provinces making Overalls, Shirts and Undershirts, has been established in the Province, Montreal and Ontario. Small plant in first-class condition, fully equipped with modern machinery, and small expense of other locality if desired, although present location very advantageous with cheap rent, power and low wages. Write Box 34, care Standard Office.

A SALE OF UNDERKIRTS AT \$1.65. P. A. Dykeman & Co. are now offering a splendid selection of the popular \$2.50 Underkirts for the low price of \$1.65 each. These shirts are fashioned from the best quality hard wearing material and are imported from England. Some have dummies of narrow accordion pleating, others are finished in wide tucks. The widest range of colors, such as Navy, Copenhagen, Paddy Green, Sage Green, Tabac, Old Rose, Wine, etc.; also in Black. Priced for quick selling at \$1.65 each, some very pretty values will be shown. Watch their window displays.

A meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Union St. Congregational church, there will be on sale articles made by the lavand soldiers of St. John and Lan-aster hospitals.

THE BOSTON BOAT DELAYED. The S.S. Governor Dingley which left here on Wednesday evening for Boston was still at Eastport Thursday evening, having been delayed there by the heavy easterly gale. On this account there will be no sailing from St. John this Saturday.

Inc of his services? There was the further consideration, that if the bottom had not fallen out of the potato market at an inopportune time the transaction for which Mr. Murray was responsible would not have been a mistake in fact it might have resulted in a profit for the province.

"Some delegates doubtless came to the convention with the idea that, as Mr. Murray had been so strongly assailed by the government press, another leader might be desirable on the principle that, however, strong the belief in a man's personal integrity may be, you can not put him with political and without besmirching him in the eyes of a lot of people. But Mr. Murray's speech in which he announced his resignation—a vigorous fighting speech for the party and not for himself—created the feeling that we should not let him lay down the leadership, and Mr. Baxter's speech in the evening settled any lingering doubts there may have been as to the wisdom of keeping Mr. Murray on the job. And the wild outburst of enthusiasm which followed Mr. Murray's announcement that he would take up the leadership again, showed that the convention was more than glad that it had not condemned a good man in haste because of a mistake, if it were his fault, and his ability and his character still fit him to render good service to the province."

DEMONSTRATION TODAY OF THE Davis Portable Electric Sewing Machines. Come and See How Much Easier it is to Sew More Sewing without the tread-mill drudgery. THE LITTLE MOTOR DOES ALL THE DRUDGERY AT TRIFLING COST FOR POWER. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED

Specialty Priced Today For today we have gathered together a large variety of TRIMMED AND TAILORED HATS, most pleasing styles in the wanted colors and materials. We have marked these Hats at exceptional value prices for today. These prices run from \$3 to \$10 and each and every hat is a bargain indeed. Today will see all these Hats sold, so make it a point to see these "Specials" before ten o'clock this evening. Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Modern Labor Savers Washing Machines and Wringers do away with the old wash day troubles and saves both your health and strength. Washing Machines \$8.15 to \$24.85 Wringers 5.00 to 8.50 With an up-to-date Washing Machine the week's wash may be done quickly and done well. Ironing Boards, Ironing Tables, Wash Boards, Clothes Baskets, etc. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Splendid Values in Smart Tailored Dresses For Little Tots—Sizes 2 to 4 Years. Plain styles made of pique or fine linen, Empire effects, with plaits and belts, suitable for either boys or girls. These little frocks are heavy enough for present wear. \$1.80 to \$2.85 each (Children's Shop, Second Floor). Bargains in odd lines of Boudoir Caps, Camisoles and Envelope Chemise, now showing in Whitewear Section. You will find some very pretty garments among these. WOOD BASKETS IN BROWN RATTAN One of these will add to your fireside comforts, \$4.00, \$5.50, \$6.75 and \$8.25 (Furniture Store, Market Square).

"Wolsey" Undergarments for Men Every one who buys this underwear is assured of several excellences such as Pure Wool, thoroughness of manufacture, and a guarantee that garments will not shrink. SHIRTS AND DRAWERS White or in natural color. Sizes 34 to 50. Five different weights from which to choose. Price \$3.00 to \$9.25 garment. COMBINATIONS White and natural. Sizes 34 to 46. Three weights. Price \$9.50 to \$12.50 suit. Our present underwear stocks also include such famous makes as "Penman's," "Stanfield's," "Jaeger" and others in a complete range of desirable weights and wanted sizes. (Men's Furnishings Section, Ground Floor.) Manchester Robertson Allison Limited KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

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FEATURES Home Reading Comics—Sports

The necessity of a conference with the French police had brought Valentin West to Paris. The information had been able to give had proven more valuable than he had expected, and a problem which had failed to monopolize the clever brains of the authorities for some considerable period had suddenly become a most trivial in its solution.

West took no credit for this—his duty on his part, not modesty. He had supplied just one piece of the puzzle which had proved to be the key piece. It was chance, and since chance had created him so well he determined to remain for a few days on holiday. There was a singer at the Opera House he wanted to hear, and play the Gymnase and Port St. Martin theatres he wanted to see.

He went to the Hotel de l'Orleans, favorite with those travelers who most mind paying well but object to needless and lavish extravagance. In a day or two had made one or two acquaintances who appeared to have spent their life traveling the world and gathering information wherever he went. His knowledge was solid, not merely gleaned from the surface; the result of experience not of wide reading, and his views and criticisms of men and manners were his own and often startling. He was a stimulating companion.

"Do you write, monsieur?" West asked. They were dining together at a small table and had arranged to meet in the opera afterward. "No." "You should. The world loses a valuable historian by your not putting your experiences on paper." "Historian? Why historian?" "His own history, man. You are the growth of men, of their manners and customs," said West. "I lack politics," Hostin answered, "and most histories are merely records of politics. I never talk politics, never think them even. If I can't do it, I don't do it." "But if everyone were honest if everyone were bent on acting for the good of mankind all large, there would be no more wars, no more revolutions, as we know them. The first politician was the man who originally conceived a scheme for claiming the crown of a kingdom and defying his fellows to prove he was in the wrong." He laughed at his own conceited digression, the subject as unworthy of serious discussion.

"It was a fine night and they walked the short distance to the Opera House. The night was agreed to be a most pleasant one, and when they had returned to the hotel soon after midnight, M. Hostin was leaving for London the next day. "I hope we may meet there," said West. "I hope so. It is a troublesome business which takes me to London. Most of my time will not be my own, and my movements are uncertain. I may take my chance and let you know if such another pleasant evening as this can be arranged. It is an evict now for I leave early in the morning." "Valentin West was at breakfast next morning rather later than usual when a waiter came to him. "Monsieur, a gentleman is waiting in the vestibule." West went at once, wondering if it was M. Hostin; instead he found a man who looked like a ferret-faced individual recognized by every criminal as a most dangerous man to have on the trail. It was mainly to confer with Leroux that West had come to Paris. "Hello! Something gone wrong at the last moment, eh?" "Not with that case. There is another." "Which concerns me?" "Leroux's case." "And I was enjoying a holiday," said West. "Come with me," said Leroux. "Oh, it is not far, only upstairs—Room 23. Do you happen to know the occupant of Room 23?" "Not to my knowledge." "The room was in the hands of the police, but it was evident that care had been taken not to let the visitors in the hotel know that anything unusual had occurred. Leroux took West into a room which was a gentleman's waiting in the vestibule." "I found this morning," he said, pointing to the bed, "just like that. He has not been moved." "Used as he was to surprises of the tragic sort, West started back, only half covered by the clothes, lay the naked body of Houtin. The thin discolored line round the neck showed the manner of his death—strangulation by a thin cord, slipped into his place possibly while the victim slept, or at any rate before he had aroused sufficiently either to struggle for life or cry for help. There was no sign of a struggle in the room, nor was there any suggestion that a hasty search for valuables had been made. "Do you know him, West?" Leroux asked. "We were at the opera together last night. He told me he was leaving for London early this morning. He was at an hotel acquaintance, that is all." "An interesting acquaintance, suppose or you would not have troubled with him?" "Most interesting." "It is a curious case altogether," said the Frenchman opening the portfolio which was by the dressing-table. "All packed ready for departure."