

THE WEATHER.

New England Forecast. Washington, D.C., Feb. 17.—Forecast for New England: Rain or snow much colder Friday; Saturday, fair, high east shifting to northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY.

Natural History Lecture. Mr. A. Gordon Leavitt gave an illustrated talk on natural history before a large audience at the Every Day Club, last evening. He exhibited a fine series of large drawings of birds, insects, fish and reptiles and specimens of fossils and minerals, giving some interesting facts about each object.

Lecture on Canterbury Cathedral. At St. James' church schoolroom last evening, Rev. G. F. Scovill delivered an interesting address on 'Canterbury Cathedral.' He reviewed the early history of the Church of England and the important position occupied by the Cathedral in its development. The lecture was illustrated by a number of fine lantern views, and was evidently greatly appreciated by the large audience.

No Crowding in Church Aisles. When asked with reference to a complaint that the aisles at some of the churches where revival meetings are being held, were filled with chairs, Chief of Police Clark said last evening that he had made some inquiries and had failed to find that this was being done. Such a proceeding would directly against the law and if it occurred he would certainly report those responsible.

Lively Tiffs Between Counsel. In the matter of the estate of Theresa Coholan, further hearing was continued in the probate court yesterday afternoon before Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C. One witness, Miss Gertrude Donovan, was examined. The proceedings were enlivened by several lively tiffs between Mr. Allan O. Earle, K. C., counsel for two heirs, sisters of deceased, and Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C., counsel for a brother. The court adjourned until Saturday at 10 a. m.

Junior Woman's Auxiliary Organized. Yesterday afternoon about forty girls gathered in the schoolroom of St. James' church and organized a junior woman's auxiliary. Mrs. G. F. Scovill, the organizer, addressed the gathering, giving a happy description of the objects of the society and explaining the details of its work. Miss Riddell was elected president, Miss Edith Keith, secretary, and Miss Ethel Perley, treasurer. Meetings will be held every Thursday between 4 and 5 p. m.

Winter Port Notes. S. S. Tunisian, Captain Fearful, will sail for Liverpool, via Halifax, at 6 a. m. today. She will embark here 50 saloon, 63 second-class and 220 steerage passengers, who will arrive on the train today. Others will join her at Halifax. The Tunisian will have a full cargo consisting of meats, box meats, cheese, lard and grain. S. S. Grampan on leaving here on her next trip will take over the crew recently relieved from H. M. S. Egria, stationed at Esquimaux.

Address and Jewel Presented. At the regular meeting of York Lodge No. 3 L. O. A., last evening, St. John district lodge paid an official visit. The lodge presented an address and past master's jewel to Mr. Isaac Morcor, past master and one of the veterans of the lodge who had served two years as master. Mr. N. J. Morrison, grand secretary, made the presentation. Other speakers included Col. A. J. Armstrong, P. G. M.; C. M. Lingley, D. M.; R. A. C. Brown, P. C. M., and Mr. Chas. Stevens.

Foot And Leg Crushed On Salacia. Andrew Hall, of St. Patrick's street, while at work in the hold of S. S. Salacia yesterday afternoon, had his left foot and leg jammed against the steamer's side by a sling of angle irons. He was rendered semi-conscious, and when raised to the deck on a coal board, and taken to the emergency hospital, Dr. Kenney found that the leg and foot had been badly crushed. After medical assistance had been rendered him, the injured man was placed in the ambulance and removed to his home on St. Patrick's street.

Women's University Club. The monthly meeting of the Women's University Club was held yesterday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. J. Willard Smith. The club was organized a year ago with about twenty members, only university graduates being eligible for membership. The following colleges are now represented by lady graduates: King's Law School, Windsor; Acadia, Dalhousie, McGill, Toronto, McMaster, and the N. Y. Medical College. The club has been studying Browning and sociological questions, alternately and yesterday the Ring and Book was the subject of the study, which was in charge of Mrs. Oscar Gronlund, assisted by Dr. Margaret Parks. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Dr. N. R. Colter, when the same study will be continued under the leadership of Mrs. A. Whittaker.

Scenery in Maritime Provinces. The fifth lecture in the free course being given by the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society, was given in their rooms, Union street, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. W. Lawrence was the speaker taking for her subject 'A Glimpse of Nature.' In her opening remarks Mrs. Lawrence referred to the fact that Canadians are inclined to the belief that the finest scenery is to be found in the Rockies of the West. The people of the Maritime Provinces are prone to forget that some of Canada's grandest and most magnificent beauty spots are to be found in these provinces, on the Restigouche, the Metapedia, the Bale Chaleur and along the coasts of the Gaspé Peninsula. With the aid of stereoscopic views the lecturer led her hearers and gave a graphic description of scenery along the Gaspé coast. Views were shown of the celebrated Peron Rock and of Mount St. Anne, which rises 3100 feet from the level of the water, of the picturesque Montserrat Island and several other places more or less famous. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the speaker.

Fielding Quits Work For Halifax Dry Dock

Dominion Government's Costly Toy Retires Temporarily From the Dredging Business to Undergo Repairs—Some Facts Regarding the Cost and Equipment.

That expensive pet of the Minister of Public Works, the famous dredge W. S. Fielding, is at present laid up in the mud near the St. John Foundry works, Lower Cove, and is being dismantled preparatory to going to Halifax for repairs. It will no doubt be months before the dredge is able to resume operations here. This dredge was supposed to be built for the special purpose of deepening the approaches to the harbor of St. John. Nine years were required to build it, and the cost of construction, according to the auditor general's report, was \$650,000, though there is evidence to show that the government really paid over \$700,000 for this splendid craft. That sum would have built and equipped five good dredges of the dipper type, which is the best type for the kind of work to be done in the harbor of St. John. When the Fielding was finally handed over to the department, it was put to work at Yarmouth, and during its first year of operation did twice as much work as any other government dredge employed in the Maritime Provinces. But as the Fielding's operations cost the country, if we take account of interest, and allow 3 per cent for depreciation, 51.5 cents per cubic yard of material dredged, or about double what the same work would cost by private contract even when there is a little graft involved, not much can be said of the efficiency of the department's methods of conducting public business. According to the department's engineers the Fielding is able to load a scow with a cubic capacity of 800 yards in thirty minutes, and it may be that when dredging on a bottom of soft mud, it is capable of accomplishing that amount of work. But certainly it has not given proof of its ability to do that amount of work since coming to St. John. The Fielding's buckets are too small to pick up boulders of any size, or are so arranged that they go around the larger ones. Often the buckets are broken by colliding with the boulders—so often in fact that while deepening Sand Point slip the dredge was idle most of the time, while big detachable buckets were used with the help of divers to raise the boulders that prevented it from continuing its work. A proper dipper dredge would have readily lifted any of these boulders. At any rate, that is the testimony of experts, who watched with amusement the costly experiments. No doubt if the government's expenditures on this famous craft to date—cost price, interest, depreciation, expenses for operation and repairs, and the hire of the two tugs in constant attendance upon it—were divided by the number of cubic yards it has actually dredged, the result would startle badly. One type of the boulders. One of the tugs attending upon the Fielding is an ocean going craft, which is said to have cost over \$60,000. Their expenses run on whether working or not. The J. E. Moore Dredging concern has been using one of the large steel scoops owned by the government and supposed to be attending upon the Fielding, for a week or more. Some of Mr. Moore's men accuse the Fielding of being a bad influence on the day, owing to the rapidity with which it filled with water.

PILOTS' CHARGES TOO HIGH

Representative of Steamship Company Contends Rate for Mooring Steamers in Harbor is Excessive.

A statement in The Standard yesterday giving the views of St. John pilots in opposition to the movement to reduce the pilotage charges for moving steamers from one wharf to another in the harbor, has brought a reply from a representative of one of the steamship companies. The charge of \$25 for a steamer of 5,000 tons, he maintains, is altogether out of proportion with the dues at other ports. A strong protest will be made at the next meeting of the pilotage commissioners to obtain a lower rate. It was true the steamship representative said that the rates had already been reduced but the companies most interested maintained that the charges were still too high. In support of his agreement he submitted the following comparative statement of rates for transporting a steamer of 5,000 tons register from one wharf to another: St. John \$25; Halifax \$10; Montreal \$5; Quebec \$5; Boston \$4; New York \$3. The statement, he said, showed clearly that the charges in the harbor of St. John were altogether out of proportion with those at other ports. The contention that the tides and currents warranted the pilots in making a higher charge was not borne out by facts. In Montreal as an example, not only were there strong tides, but steamer in moving from anywhere below the improved harbor had to negotiate St. Mary's rapid. At Quebec the tides were quite as difficult as at St. John, yet the charge at both the St. Lawrence ports was only \$5. Several of the pilots, he added, had offered to do the pilotage on a basis, which would be reasonable. As matters stood at present he understood that one steamship company, the Donaldson Line, refused to employ pilots in the harbor. Practically every steamer of the line had to cross from one side to the other while in port, and they would not pay the rate.

WHERE WOMEN VOTE

R. E. Sachs Here from New Zealand Says Fair Sex Take Greater Interest in Politics Than Men.

Mr. R. E. Sachs, from New Zealand, was at the Victoria yesterday, in conversation with a Standard reporter last evening he declared that while New Zealand was not exactly a terrestrial paradise, it was undoubtedly the finest country for the workman on the face of the earth. Although his home was in Scotland and he had travelled through many countries, he preferred New Zealand to any place he had seen.

ENDORSE VALLEY RAILWAY

Board of Trade Council Urges Company to Come To Terms With Both Governments—Oppose Sale of Wharves.

The Board of Trade at a lengthy session yesterday morning considered a number of important matters. A resolution disapproving of the transfer of the West Side wharves to the C. P. R. was adopted. It was also decided to urge the taking of more active steps towards putting the harbor in commission. The Valley Railway was also under consideration and after some discussion, a resolution of approval was adopted. The proposal to have the city and the Provincial and Federal Governments contribute to the cost was also endorsed and the resolution also calls on the company to have an agreement entered into with the two governments which will state clearly the character and magnitude of the work for the information of construction companies. Mr. Sachs said that while New Zealand was loyal to the Empire, there was a strong sentiment in Australia in favor of independence. New Zealand had the best climate in the world. Its women, having votes, took a greater interest in politics than the men. They went in greatly for outdoor exercises and girls hockey teams—they play on roller skates out there—often defeated the men's teams. The government controls all their has been increasing rapidly of late.

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FIGHTING WHITE PLAGUE

Dispensary for Tuberculosis Patients Opened Yesterday—Dr. Skinner Called to Give Attention to Three Cases.

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FIRE ON NORTH WHARF

Premises of J. Johnston & Co. Badly Gutted—Damage Estimated at \$2,000—Water Test Not Satisfactory.

In a very short space of time at an early hour this morning, the building on North Market wharf owned by Mrs. E. Wilson and occupied by J. Johnston and Co., was badly gutted by fire. The damage to the stock of groceries and ship supplies is estimated at \$1500 and the building was damaged to the extent of \$500. The fire was discovered by Policeman Geo. H. Clark, who was on the York Point beat and he rang in an alarm from Box 7, about 12.30 o'clock. The department responded promptly and two streams of water were soon playing on the fire. John H. Tonge, one of the firemen cut his hands badly in breaking open the windows to insert the hose. One stream was taken from the hydrant at the corner of Water street and Market Square and this was found to be rather weak. A second stream was drawn from the bank of Montreal corner at the foot of King street and afforded a good supply. All the glass in the building was broken and the interior badly gutted by fire and water. Mr. Johnston was not at the fire and the amount of insurance could not be ascertained. The building is insured with Geo. E. Fairweather and Son. Testing the Streams. After the fire had been extinguished the two streams were turned out over Market slip for the purpose of testing. The stream from King street carried about twice as far as the Water street stream. The latter was considered a very inefficient fire stream by the firemen. Aid. Potts who was present said that considering only two streams were turned on, the pressure was not what it should be. Spectators at the fire were startled soon after the water was turned on by weird sounds issuing from the building. On investigation it was found a cat was confined in the store and was struggling to get out. The animal was rescued by Geo. Farren and taken to the Do-Down-in restaurant to be cared for.

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