

THE WEATHER

Toronto, March 13.—Pros- sure is lower over Northern Ontario and the State of Oklahoma and highest of the South Atlantic coast. Ex- cept for scattered showers northeast of Lake Superior the weather today has been fine throughout the Dominion.

AROUND THE CITY

CHILD DEAD. Friends will be sorry to learn of the death of Margaret Rowena, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, 314 Duke street, West End, which occurred yesterday morning.

PREACHED AT SUMMERSIDE. Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, preached at Summerside, P. E. I. last Sunday.

WILL OFFER AGAIN. At a meeting of the citizens' committee, held yesterday morning in the offices of the Retail Merchants' Association, it was announced that Mayor Schofield would offer again for election and those present expressed their satisfaction at this decision.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB. The executive of the Women's Canadian Club was held yesterday morning at the home of the president, Mrs. W. Edmond Baymond, the president in the chair. Arrangements for a lecture by Mrs. Dunnington-Grubbs, on landscape gardening, on March 17. It was announced that it was hoped to have Mrs. Sunder, wife of Col. Sunder deliver a lecture on India some time next month.

EXMOUTH EPWORTH LEAGUE. A largely attended meeting, under the auspices of the literary committee of the Epworth League of the Exmouth Street Methodist Church, was held last evening in the school room of the church. The following pleasing programme was carried out: Solo, Miss Carr; solo, Harold Hopkins; solo, Miss Mildred Bustin; reading, Thomas McKee. At the close of the evening's programme, delightful refreshments were served.

AN INVITATION. The local Board of Trade yesterday received a communication from the British Empire Producers' Organization, a body of men and organizations banded together to forward the extension of Imperial trade, setting forth the aims of the Association and an invitation for the St. John Board of Trade to link up with them in this work.

WINTERPORT ACCIDENTS. It had not been determined at the General Public Hospital last evening whether James Miller of 270 Prince William street, a longshoreman who had his leg jammed against a steel ladder in the hold of the Dallyally Head at No. 15 berth, has been broken or not. The accident occurred yesterday morning, and Miller was removed to the General Public Hospital for treatment and an X-ray examination.

Arthur Daley, 16 Gullford street had his finger jammed on the S. S. Gracia at No. 1 berth. He was treated at Emergency Hospital.

John Pettit, an employee of the Union Ice Co. had his foot badly crushed by being run over by a wagon at No. 14 shed yesterday. He was taken to the Public Hospital where it was found that no bones had been broken, and he was treated for shock.

Lancaster House Destroyed By Fire

Two-Story Building Occupied by Seth Clarke Was Burned Last Evening.

A two story wooden tenement house at No. 23 Havelock street, Lancaster, was completely destroyed by fire, and the occupants, Seth Clarke and family of five young children rendered homeless last evening. Only a portion of the furniture was saved. The house was owned by Mrs. Clarence Palmer, and the blaze is believed to have been due to a defective fuse.

The fire was first discovered at a little after eight o'clock, and calls for help were sent to both the Fairville and West St. John fire departments. The Fairville department responded with a steamer and a hose cart, and No. 5 Station, King Street, W. E., with a chemical hose cart and steamer, but the latter was not used in view of the presence of the Fairville steamer.

The steamer worked valiantly and with the aid of the fire plug installed near, were able to confine the flames to the one house, although the residence of Alfred Maloney, and that of Mr. Brown had narrow escapes, and it was the first time the plug had been used since its installation and it was thanks to it that the flames did not destroy the nearby dwellings, which they would certainly have done if it had not been available.

Commercial Club Discussed Hydro

Will Urge City Council Necessity of Finding Out Cost to Consumer Through Civic Distribution.

The outstanding features of the meeting held last evening by the Commercial Club to talk hydro, were the admission by Herbert Phillips that it was not an easy matter to figure out the cost of a distributing system, even where it was virgin territory, and in the case of St. John it was much harder, because of the fact that a system was already established, and reading of a letter to the New Brunswick Power Commission putting certain very definite questions as to guarantees to that body, which has remained unanswered since March 2.

Mayor Schofield was able to show that the City Council had already taken action along the lines suggested by the resolution adopted by the meeting.

Ronald McAvity, president of the Club was in the chair and a fair number of members were present. After some matters of routine business had been disposed of the chairman called for the report of the hydro committee.

"They make this recommendation because of the great spread as to cost that appears in different reports and they feel that another report from a different source should be procured."

This was seconded by J. A. Kennedy and for a time it looked as though there was not going to be any discussion until J. Hunter White suggested that members of the committee tell what took place at the committee meetings.

G. B. Oland said there was very little to say. The committee had met and the resolution set forth their views arrived at.

J. A. Kennedy said he agreed with Mr. Oland that there was need of more information. The Kennis report gave as the value of the distribution plant of the New Brunswick Company \$448,000; the Mitchell report placed the cost of a new system at \$600,000 and the Ross report at \$1,000,000. They felt in view of the wide diversion more data should be obtained.

W. L. Harding spoke along the same lines.

A. M. Belding said the committee felt the need of more information and his own personal opinion was that after the cost per k.w.h. was determined then, and not till then, should the Power Co. be approached, and then only to see if they would do the job any cheaper.

T. E. A. Lawton thought Mr. Belding had the right idea. The city needed cheap power, this power was now at their doors and it should be sold at a loss if necessary to bring in new industries.

J. T. O'Brien said he had studied this question from the standpoint of the parish of Lancaster and wanted the power for them so that they could induce manufacturing plants to locate there. So far as the city was concerned he felt the matter was in very able hands, and if the citizens were only content to trust the members of the city council they would make the best possible bargain.

It was not right, in his opinion, to try and force their hands before they had all the needed information on which to work. In the Parish of Lancaster they had been treated very fairly by the Power Company and this or any other corporation should be given a fair chance. This was a matter which needed common sense treatment, and he thought many of the letters in the newspapers were written without knowledge of the facts. For his part he was willing to take the word of Mr. Ross, the dean of the engineering profession in Canada on this matter.

The chairman said at this juncture he was sorry to see there seemed to be a disposition to bring the Power Company into the discussion. That was not the idea of the club at all and all the resolutions did was to ask for the cost of civic distribution.

Mayor Schofield said he was surprised that the committee in their search for information had not come to his office where he had stacks of papers to which they might have had access. The city council was doing just what the resolution asked for, and a committee composed of Messrs. Phillips, Phillips and Vaughan, were working on the matter. He was glad to find the Commercial Club had found it was not so easy to determine this question. He also pointed out that under the contract the city could never own the power, as the Government had refused to sell it, and the contract they wanted the city to sign called for a 50 year lease at the end of which time it must be renewed, so that municipal ownership in this connection was a misnomer.

G. B. Lordy wanted to know why Halifax city council turned down the offer of the Nova Scotia Power Commission and the mayor said it was because the government refused to make any guarantee.

J. A. Kennedy, as second of the resolution, suggested that in view of the explanation given by His Worship of the action already taken by the city council, it be withdrawn. This did not meet with the approval of the mover, A. M. Belding, and W. L. Harding seconded the resolution.

Herbert Phillips one of the members of the committee to make an estimate of the cost of a distribution system, said it was not so easy to make up the cost of a distribution system even when the city was clear of poles and it was much more difficult in a situation such as existed here, and the cost depended more on the fighting power of the competitor than upon the physical valuation of the poles and wires it was almost

Rotarians Hear Some Straight Talk

From Miss Meiklejohn on the Subject of Infant Mortality, Which She Said is Preventable With Proper Care.

The speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club yesterday was Miss Harriett Meiklejohn, Director of Public Health Nursing Service in this province, who treated the Club to a very straight talk on the subject of infant mortality in the city, which she said was at the rate of 137 per thousand on the part of mothers, and she said was at the rate of 137 per thousand, a condition of affairs which was lamentable enough in itself, but was made infinitely more so by the fact that it was very largely preventable. She attributed this partly to the lack of knowledge of the proper care of infants on the part of mothers, and partly to the lack of proper housing and sanitation, which produced conditions that made the keeping of infants and children in a properly healthy state almost impossible. She urged in instances of other cities where conditions had originally been so bad as they were in St. John, but as a result of the interest which had been aroused among the people, such changes had been effected as completely revolutionized the state of affairs, and a heavy former death rate among children had been reduced to a minimum. Similar beneficial results could be achieved in St. John, if the men and women in the community would just make up their minds to bring them about. It was not a matter that should be left to the women; men were equally responsible for the sad state of affairs of children. She urged all to become interested in the question, if only in justice to those who were not able to help themselves.

Bruce McPherson was in the chair, and there was a pretty full attendance of members.

Riverside Golf And Country Club

The annual meeting of the Riverside Golf and Country Club was held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms, with the president, John A. McAvity, in the chair. The financial report for the past year was presented and showed a substantial balance on hand. The matter of extending the course to eighteen holes was discussed at length, and was finally left in the hands of the board of directors, with power to take any action in the matter, which they might deem advisable.

The following officers were re-elected for another year: President, John A. McAvity; vice-President, H. N. Stots; secretary-treasurer, John R. Miller. The following were elected a board of directors: F. S. Crosby, A. P. Paterson, S. J. Thomas, H. H. Peters, A. S. Peters.

It was impossible to get in without coming in contact with them somewhere, and in that case no one could tell just what would happen. It was possible to get an idea of cost by what had been done in other places, and this had been the method adopted by Messrs. Ross and Mitchell, the difference in their figures being made up to the 60 per cent which Mr. Ross added for the exceptional character of the excavation necessary here, which the Mitchell report did not think was necessary.

The question as to whether the system should be brought in over or under the present system had to be considered. If the former method was adopted then some very lofty structures would be necessary; if the latter they would have to go under ground, and this latter method, well disregarded for the present. There was the prospect of coming in contact with the competitors' wires, and then nobody knew where the cost would end. Mr. Vaughan was preparing an estimate of the cost if there was no New Brunswick Power Co., but the cost under present conditions must be a guess, and one man's guess was as good as another's.

W. I. Fenton said that while he was in favor of public ownership he must say that after fifteen years experience, his relations with the New Brunswick Power Co. had been of the pleasantest.

J. T. O'Brien at this point suggested the withdrawal of the resolution, Mr. Belding said he had moved the resolution and could see no harm in it being voted on.

Leif Wilson expressed the opinion that it should be withdrawn. The vote was taken and the motion declared carried.

The secretary of the club then read some letters which had been exchanged between the club and the New Brunswick Power Commission, the first of which have already been published, in which the commission said they were willing to sell at a price of 1.5 cent per k.w.h. at the sub station.

In reply to this another letter was sent to the Commission on March 12 in which they were asked several very definite questions as to supply and guarantees they were asked if they were ready to contract for and guarantee to deliver every day in the year 15,000,000 k.w.h. Would the Government ratify such a contract? and would they make good any loss which might be sustained in the event of the power failing? To this letter no answer had been received to date.

The chairman asked Mayor Schofield if he had any guarantee, and the Mayor replied he had not.

K. J. MacEwan, seconded by G. G. Murdoch, that the hydro committee be asked to confer with the Mayor and go over the data in his office. Carried.

The committee is composed of P. D. McAvity, G. G. Murdoch, W. L. Harding, G. B. Oland, A. M. Belding, R. F. Wright, J. A. Kennedy, T. A. Anderson.

School Board Regular Meeting

Property Owners to Receive \$18,975 for West St. John School Site—Valued Teacher Resigns.

A motion accepting the award determined by the board of arbitration for the lot of land expropriated by the Board of School Trustees facing on Gullford and Duke streets, West St. John, to be used as a site for the new school on the West Side, was passed at the regular meeting of the school board last evening, subject to the approval of the chairman, who was absent.

The amount awarded by the arbitrators to the property owners effected was approximately \$18,975.

Michael Goll presided at last night's meeting in the absence of the chairman, Chief Justice McKeown. There were only six trustees present at last night's meeting. Trustees M. Col, E. R. W. Ingraham, H. Colby Smith, Thomas Nagle, Allan A. McIntyre, M. A., and H. G. Green, also Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools, and secretary Gordon M. Lovvitt.

The resignation of Miss Sarah Smith, of the teaching staff of St. Patrick's School was received and accepted. Miss Smith thanked the board for their kindness in the past, and stated that she was handing in her resignation because of ill health and asked that it be allowed to go into effect immediately.

Trustee Goll said that he learnt of the resignation with much regret, as he had known Miss Smith ever since he had joined the Portland School Board, and had found her a conscientious teacher who had always done her work well. He thought that the board should see to it that such faithful service should not go unrecognized.

Dr. Bridges spoke highly of the retiring teacher, who he said had been teaching in the school of the city for forty-four years. During that time he said she had hardly ever been absent, and had never applied for leave. He was of the opinion that the work of teaching three grades in the St. Patrick's school this year, had perhaps proved too much for her.

It was moved by Trustee Ingraham seconded by Trustee Smith, that Miss Smith's salary be continued by the Board to the end of the term, and that a letter of appreciation and regret be sent Miss Smith.

A communication was received from the Teachers' Association requesting that in the event of the board being asked to hear a delegation from the Junior Red Cross, that the delegation from the Teachers' Association be heard first. The communication was ordered filed.

A communication from the Maritime Nail Corporation regarding tenders for the coal supply for the schools was ordered filed, and the matter of adjustment of Teachers' Salaries was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration, the committee to report back to the board.

In regard to the finding of the board of arbitrators regarding the property expropriated for the new school on the West Side, the trustees were of the opinion that the price was somewhat higher than that which they had anticipated, but thought that the decision should be upheld by the board.

Mr. Smith said that the board would take possession May 1st, and it was moved that Architect Brodie be instructed to prepare plans for the new school and present them at a meeting of the building committee at an early date.

A bill of \$275 for the services of the arbitrator heard was ordered paid. Trustee Green thought the superintendent should take up with the teachers the matter of the destruction of the city's trees by the school children. Dr. Bridges said the children were often instructed in this matter in the schools but that the only method to secure results was to have those guilty of such acts arrested.

Trustee Green said he had taken children to task in Queen Square and had been told by them to go along and mind his business.

The matter of a schooling for the children on Partridge Island was discussed, and the board were of the opinion that the Federal Government should provide the three children affected with transportation to the main land, so that they might attend the city schools. Dr. Bridges and Trustee Day were appointed to consider the matter.

The Trust Officers reported fifty-six irregular attendances and nine truants. The secretary reported that the number of pupils enrolled numbered 8,850, and the average attendance amounted to eighty-nine per cent. During the month one pupil died, sixty-four were sick, twelve at work, and eight left the city.

The Board of Health reported two cases of diphtheria and two of scarlet fever.

The Building Committee met prior to the board meeting. An increase of \$20 per month because of two extra school rooms to care for, was voted by W. H. Brown, janitor of the Trustees building.

Thomas Hurley, janitor of the St. Peter's Girls School, was voted \$25 additional per month while the school was occupied by both girls and boys. Daniel Coughlan, janitor of St. Malachi's was granted \$25 extra per month while that school was occupied by the girls of St. Joseph's school.

The salary of the board's carpenter, Joe Goulding, was increased by \$150 a year, to take effect from the 1st of January.

An application for an increase of salary by R. J. Elworthy of the Victoria School Annex was refused. Tenders were opened for the wiring required to make the Centennial School safe, but no decision was arrived at. The visitors to the High School and the chairman of the buildings committee were empowered to have the retaining wall and fence at the West of the High School put into condition.

Clifton House, all meals 60c. Lewis Smith, M. L. A., of Covedale was at the Victoria yesterday.



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MAIN ST. CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES A large congregation attended the special services in the Main Street Baptist church, last evening, and listened with much interest to a forceful address, delivered by the soldier preacher, Rev. A. K. Herman, who took as his text, "Follow Me." In developing his subject, the speaker showed that no man ever made a mistake in following the teachings of Jesus, and mentioned the names of some of great men of history who had been his followers. The Sunday school choir was present and rendered several pleasing selections. At the close of the service, an appeal was made, and several signified their wish to enter upon the Christian life. A number of inquiries were also dealt with by the Rev. Mr. Herman and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson.

SLIGHTLY INJURED Dr. F. H. New had his left leg slightly bruised, and the running board, fender, and side of his car damaged in a collision with street car No. 89 in charge of Motorman Brown at 440 yesterday afternoon. The collision occurred on King street near Canterbury from which street the doctor had come.

PERSONALS Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson returned to the city last evening from Summerside, P. E. I., where he was conducting services on Sunday for Rev. A. K. Herman, who is at present conducting a series of special services at the Main Street Baptist Church. J. H. Keith of Sussex is at the Victoria. Fred F. Robinson of Fredericton was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Royal. Among those to arrive in the city yesterday were A. D. Gansong, A. R. MacKenzie and G. B. Huxford, all of St. Stephen. They are registered at the Royal.