

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds, fair, stationary or a little higher temperatures.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 14.—The weather today has been fair and moderately cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Forecast: Partly cloudy; moderate temperature Tuesday; possibly snow in northwest portion; Wednesday, rain or snow, followed by much colder moderate southwest and west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Natural History Lecture. Mr. W. H. Mowat will deliver a lecture on the Drug Collector at Work in the assembly room of the Natural History Society this evening.

Creditors Accept 50 Cents. A meeting of the creditors of Wilcox Bros. was held yesterday afternoon, and after the situation had been discussed, it was decided by a vote of 50 cents on the dollar.

Thrown from Wagon. Thos Burchill, an ex-policeman and jail janitor, had a narrow escape from severe injury yesterday afternoon.

\$50 for Liquor Selling. In the police court yesterday afternoon, J. Everett Waters, the West End druggist, charged with illegal selling of liquor, was fined \$50 by Magistrate Ritchie.

Disorderly on Princess St. Frank Odell, a husky young giant of about 19 years, was arrested last evening by police officers Ward and Linton for being under the influence of liquor and being disorderly on Princess street.

American Bell Buys Turn Turtle. Mr. C. A. Stewart, Dominion inspector of buoys, who has been on a cruise in the Lady Laurier along the coast of Nova Scotia, arrived from Halifax yesterday and registered at the Victoria.

Campaign Arousing Interest Outside. Rev. F. A. Robinson, of Toronto, one of the singer evangelists now in the city, spent Sunday in Chatham, speaking on Evangelism.

Natural History Reunion. An enjoyable time was spent last evening at the rooms of the Natural History Society at the annual reunion.

Tag Day Total \$1191. Although the result of the collections on tag day for the free kindergarten was very large considering the inclement weather, it is unlikely that with the amount on hand the committee will attempt to run three schools this year as was planned.

Government System Unfavorable. "The system of government in these islands was not," Mr. MacKenzie said, "favorable to their industrial and commercial development."

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Durant To Exchange City Lots With I. C. R.

Terms Of Order-In-Council Show That Larger Area On Ballast Wharf Has Been Secured For Sugar Refinery—Government To Remove Railway Sheds When Required—Agreement That All Freight Business Is Secured By Road.

There has been considerable speculation as to the terms of the order in council passed at Ottawa on January 13, under which F. C. Durant received concessions from the Dominion government to erect the proposed sugar refinery on the Ballast wharf.

The order in council further directs that Mr. Durant execute a formal agreement binding and obligating him to begin work within one year and have the refinery in operation within three years.

The despatch received from the Standard's correspondent is as follows: Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 14.—The Durant order in council was passed on January 13th last. It is understood that in the preamble it states that Mr. Durant has obtained concessions from the city for the purpose of establishing a sugar refinery, included in these concessions is a deed to a tract of land on the harbor front adjacent to the intercolonial property.

It is stated that Mr. Butler personally discussed the project with Mr. Durant and that the intercolonial Board of Management strongly recommended that Mr. Durant convey to the

West Indies Should Be In Confederation

G. A. MacKenzie Of Halifax On Way Home From Trip Gives Strong Reasons Why Canada Should Have Closer Political And Commercial Relations With the Islands—Market Possibilities Not Fully Realized—American Drummers Active.

"Canada should take immediate steps to bring the British West Indies into the Confederation, Canada has a great deal to gain from closer political and commercial relations with those islands, and the introduction of Canadian capital and methods would bring the long necks of islands stretching from St. Kitts to Demerara, a great era of prosperity."

Such was the statement made to the Standard last evening by Mr. G. A. MacKenzie, of the Halifax sugar refinery, who arrived in St. John yesterday on the S. S. Sobu. Having visited all the Windward Islands and discussed the problem of political union with Canada with men of all classes, Mr. MacKenzie has had exceptional opportunities of judging the popular feeling in this connection, and he is fully convinced that such a union is not only eminently desirable but already well within the sphere of practical politics.

An Important Problem. "Canada's public men," continued Mr. MacKenzie, "could not concern themselves with a more important problem. A little agitation, some mutual trade concessions and the development of an efficient steamship service would solve the problem in a very few years. There can be no question that the possibility of entering the Canadian Confederation is a lever so strongly to important sections of the population of those islands, and in the northern islands especially any action on the part of Canada looking to such a consummation would meet with decided approval. At any rate a large majority of the people who are acquainted with Canada and its possibilities are confident that such a union would benefit the islands."

"Of course, some of the big planters in Trinidad are a bit disgruntled because under the present Canadian tariff Canadian refiners have the privilege of bringing in twenty per cent. of their raw sugar from foreign countries. But they really have no cause to complain of this. The Canadian refiners do not avail themselves of this privilege, it simply operates as a lever to prevent the West Indian planters forming a combine to raise prices against their Canadian customers. And in any case such a grievance does not weigh greatly with the bulk of the population."

"The system of government in these islands was not," Mr. MacKenzie said, "favorable to their industrial and commercial development. Old men from Downing Street were usually appointed governors, and about all they did was to draw their salary and wait for superannuation. Now and then a live man appeared on the scene, and, as in the Bahamas and some of the other islands managed for a time to stir up some activity. But the whole system was bad, a few men were able to control things in their own interests and as improvements threatened their rule they naturally were seldom on the side of progress."

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The main building will be two storeys in height 80x100 feet of wood covered with galvanized iron. The stock room will be of the same material and height with dimensions 30x40. The power house and engine room will be of concrete with a steel roof, all possible precautions being taken against a repetition of the disaster. There will be a 14-foot alleyway between the main building and the boiler house and a ten foot space between the boiler room and the dry kiln. The dry kiln dimensions will be 45x22. The machinery will be of more powerful type and of more up-to-date make than that used in the old building. Some of the machines have already been ordered and a few pieces are now on the road from Toronto. Men are engaged in clearing away the debris and laying the foundation for the dry house.

Of course Jamaica would be a hard nut to crack, but even that island would ultimately come to terms. At present, owing to the activities of an American fruit company, it is doing good business with the States. But it must be remembered that the United States have tropical possessions in the

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