

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—A trough of relatively low pressure extends from Manitoba to Kansas, with pressure is now highest over the New England States. The weather has been fair today over the Dominion with a considerable rise in temperature over the Western Provinces.

St. John	5	20
Dawson	10	24
Victoria	24	50
Calgary	4	28
Edmonton	0	22
Pease, Alberta	22	5
Montreal	10	24
Saskatoon	23	15
Regina	14	22
Winnipeg	8	14
Pasadena	15	30
Ottawa	6	22
Montreal	4	16
Quebec	16	14
Halifax	12	13

Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Moderate winds; fair, stationary; no change in temperature today; higher temperature on Wednesday.

Northern New England—Snow Tuesday and probably Wednesday; not much change in temperature; increasing northeast winds, probably reaching gale force Tuesday.

AROUND THE CITY

SIXTEEN PROTECTIONISTS
One drunk and sixteen protectionists were quarantined at the police station last night.

GENEROUS CITIZEN
By a gift from a generous citizen of three hundred dollars the Free Kindergarten Association has gained its objective of \$2,000 set for tag day contributions.

TROPHIES ON EXHIBITION.
The silver cups, trophies won at the Maritime Skating Championships held here Saturday, are on exhibition in the window of W. H. Thorne & Co., and are being admired by the public.

LETTER OF GRATITUDE
A letter of gratitude has been received by the Provincial Red Cross from George Bond of West St. John whose household furnishings were burned in a recent fire. The Red Cross sent a contribution of bedding which was deeply appreciated.

RETURNS FROM FLORIDA.
A. M. Phillips, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, accompanied yesterday by Mrs. Phillips, from Palm Beach, Fla., where they have been spending six weeks. Mr. Phillips returned greatly improved in health from his stay in Florida's sunny clime.

ROTARY CLUB.
Pop Anson and Charlie Gorman were guests at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday and they were given a royal welcome. Reports were received that large delegations were coming to the district convention which will be held here in March. The address of the day was given by James A. MacMurray, who spoke on "Investments."

PROGRAMME AT OLD LADIES' HOME

Young People's League of Queen Square Church Entertained Last Evening.

The Young People's League of Queen Square Methodist church gave an entertainment at the Old Ladies' Home last evening, which was greatly appreciated by the ladies at the Home. The programme included a piano solo, Mrs. Arthur Robertson and Mrs. Rayworth; piano solo, Mrs. Rayworth; vocal solo, Mrs. C. Mersebrook; vocal solo, Miss Margaret Howe; readings, Miss Grace Robertson; vocal solo, Leslie Bewick. A sing song was held at which popular songs were sung by the league members, of whom thirty were present. Miss Anne Clime and Mrs. Rayworth were pianists. Refreshments were served. Miss Grace Robertson and Miss Margaret Gilmore arranged the programme.

"LONDON HOUSE" BUYER HAS A MOST SUCCESSFUL TRIP

Mrs. Norwood, buyer for F. W. Denist & Company's dress, suit and coat department has returned from an extensive buying trip. Her training and experience in the New York and Boston stores has been very valuable to her both in the Canadian and American markets, in selecting garments of splendid materials, cut and workmanship. The first installment of these new spring things is here now for your inspection and the prices are very satisfactory owing to the lower price levels prevailing, but come and see them for yourself and come early. Think what it means to buy a suit, coat or dress just as it arrives fresh from its tissue paper wrappings.

Still a few vacancies remain in the Home Nursing and First Aid classes to begin this week. Application should be made at once to Miss Marion Magee, 42 Wellington Row, Telephone No. 235.

Hear Dr. Padden's illustrated talk, Trinity Schoolroom, Tuesday 8 P. M. Silver collection.

"MADAME X" WONDERFUL PICTURE AT IMPERIAL AGAIN TODAY.

Ask any of the thousands of yesterday's patrons what they thought of the great French mother-love story "Madame X," shown at the Imperial. This is one of the notable films in the history of the cinematograph and all people with the faculty of discriminating between mediocre and high-class art will acclaim this picture story a classic. Again today at two o'clock, 3.45, 5 p.m. and 8.45. The special price scale.

G.W.V.A. Executive Recommendations

Favor Vocational Classes—Against Exorbitant Increase in Rents.

The G. W. V. A. executive will recommend that their Association place themselves on record as being in favor of the evening vocational classes that have been held in the city, and a further satisfactory development of Vocational Training Schools in St. John.

The matter was brought up at the general executive meeting last night and heartily supported.

They also recommended that the Veterans record themselves as opposed to the exorbitant increase in rents common at the present time, which materially effect the returned soldiers, and the inadequacy of the municipal housing schemes.

The Sports committee were authorized to procure a suitable set of pipes which will be presented to the highest individual scorer in the Wellington Bowling League.

Demands for Assistance.

The benevolent committee reported a very busy winter with frequent demands for assistance. In February alone between 50 and 60 returned men, who were ineligible for government aid, or that proffered by various charitable bodies, were assisted by the committee. In some cases aid was given whole families, in others, board and lodging were tendered men who were stranded in the city, workless and penniless.

The funds at the disposal of the committee were reported to be nearing depletion because of the frequent demands, and it was suggested that a benefit entertainment be held in the near future to augment the fund.

The meeting was presided over by W. J. Brown, and was fully attended.

Contracts Awarded For Two Engines

Vocational Training Again Before Council—Mr. Gold Gets Monahan House.

The matter of vocational training was again before the City Council yesterday morning, when the resolution passed by the Board of Trade was read and laid on the table. Contracts for the engines for the stone crushers were awarded and tenders for the painting of the Free Public Library opened. A request from Harold McKenna for position as city constable was referred to the Mayor for a report.

The resolution passed at the recent meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade, endorsing vocational training was read and it was decided to lay it on the table until after the public meeting was held. Commissioner Jones, Thornton and Frink were of the opinion that as the Council had refused to make a grant the matter was closed for the year at least.

Contracts Awarded.

Commissioner Frink moved that the tenders of E. Leonard & Sons for a 21 horse-power engine at \$750 and the Canadian Fairbanks Morse for a 41 horse-power engine at \$983.25, be accepted.—Carried.

On motion of Commissioner Bullock, the tender of Jas. J. Goldie of \$1,800 for the Monahan house at Milford be accepted, terms of payment to be \$200 down and the balance in 125 equal monthly installments.

Commissioner Bullock recommended that Geo. S. McPherson be sold one of the lots at Park Place, Lot under contract for the sum of \$250, and a one-year lease of a number of lots at \$50 per year. It was decided to sell the lot and postpone action on the lease.

The proposition of William Lewis and George Dick to pay the city \$50 in lieu of a yearly payment of five shillings on a lot on Britain street, was referred to the Commissioner of Lands and the City Solicitor.

Opened Tenders.

Tenders for the painting of the interior of the Free Public Library were opened as follows: Jas. H. Poirer, \$249; W. E. Demings, \$330; Jas. Huey, \$494. These were referred to the Commissioner of Safety for a report.

Commissioner Frink asked about a road to Tucker Park, an dog-legged that now would be a good time to survey the location from the Millidgeville road to Tucker Park, and suggested that the matter be referred to the commissioners of the park.

SPRING'S NEWEST DESIGNS IN FINE FABRICS ARRIVE AT F. A. DYKEMAN'S.

These much-wanted goods are awaiting your inspection. The prices, as will be seen by the following quotations, are much lower than last season. Now is the time to buy and make that pretty frock for early spring wear.

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Ginghams 27 inches wide, large and small checks 25c.

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The complimentary luncheon to be tendered Charlie Gorman by the Commercial Club and Knights of Pythias will be held at Phyllis Castle, Union Street on Tuesday evening next, Feb. 22nd at 8 P. M. sharp. Guests will kindly note that this luncheon is strictly informal.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 80C.
Hear Dr. Padden's illustrated lecture, Grenfell Mission, Trinity church, Tuesday, 8 o'clock. Silver collection.

Illustrated Talk Grenfell Mission, Trinity Schoolroom tonight 8 P. M. Silver collection.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING "CHAMPS" HAVE CUT AND DRIED MEETING

Speakers Named and "Fixed" Programme Carried Out—Regular Love Feast and Not Discard Note Permitted—Mayor Schofield Only Fly in the Ointment—Opponents Not Recognized.

It was a distinctly harmonious meeting held at the High School Assembly room last night, called by those interested in vocational education and "packed" by that following, it was a cut and dried affair. No free and open discussion of the question was asked for, and, in fact, none was permitted. A programme had been carefully arranged by the promoters of the meeting and only those in favor of the present method employed in carrying on were given a chance on that programme. It was a close corporation and the members of that corporation had a gilt clench on the freedom of speech, and boldly carried on in a gilt way, feeling fairly well assured that their system would not be challenged, as protection would be afforded them by the chairman of the meeting, R. T. Hayes, M.L.A., and ex-mayor.

Later Verified

It was proven later in the evening that much protection had been assured because, when one lady, not permitted to take a seat on the platform with the favored orators but who arose from her seat in the audience to say a word, was not recognized by the chair because it was well known that her word would be one of objection to the present method of conducting vocational training here.

All Cut and Dried

Nothing should mar the serenity of the occasion; there should be no fly in the ointment and nothing should be permitted to happen that would put a cloud in the way of the machinery proposed and well oiled to carry the love feast of the evening through to a beautiful and harmonious conclusion.

Master of Harmonies

The promoters of the meeting proved themselves past masters on harmonies. No discordant note was to be permitted if they were onto their job, and they were. The mayor wasn't down on the programme for one of the speeches of the evening, but he just thought he would drop around to see what was doing. He likes to keep tabs on things about the city and has a habit of dropping around occasionally.

Mayor Drops Around

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Two speakers took a fling at the city. Mr. Nagle, one of the speakers of the evening, said the city had asked for the schools and the city had closed the schools, and intimated the city had charged the vocational committee with having spent \$17,000 in two years or less, when, he said, they had only expended \$12,000. (Great applause from the gallery.)

Mr. A. M. Beilanger was there as an obligation placed upon the city to carry on these schools, as many of the students had gone to some expense in purchasing materials to go on with the work (more applause from the gallery).

Mayor Says Things

There burdens cast upon the city by the speakers didn't set well with the mayor. As before stated, he was not down on the programme as one of the speakers, but he was present, however, could not very well ignore Mayor Schofield's presence and timely suggested Mayor Schofield a word to be heard. The mayor thought he would like to be heard, and he was heard.

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had been said here tonight, said the mayor, that an obligation had been placed upon the city to carry on this work, because of those who had gone to some expense in preparing for it. He wanted it distinctly understood that the obligation was on the vocational board and not on the city council. The board, he said, were the only ones who could close the schools, and it was they who had closed them, despite the fact, they admit, having funds sufficient to carry on for several months yet. Why attempt to shoulder the blame upon the city?

Know the Situation

He was in a position to know the feeling of the public. They were pouring into his office every day, and he heard the pros and cons of the argument. He referred to some of the grandstand plays made by some speakers as to how they would be glad to have their taxes increased for the most paltry work of vocational education.

Policy of Retrenchment

The mayor said: "You have talked about increased tax rates, etc., and how easy it would be to raise the funds necessary for this work, but don't stop to realize the situation existing. There is a policy involved in all our conduct of city finances. We have met most severe and difficult conditions since last fall. Our entire city force has been clamoring for increase in wages, while on the stairs at City Hall have been men, taxpayers, too, begging for work that they might get food for their children. It has been necessary to use the pruning knife in all departments of the city, and estimates have been cut down wherever it was possible to do so."

Vocational Demands

"The vocational committee didn't ask, but they demanded \$25,000 this year. We could not grant this with our policy of retrenchment upon which we had entered. We were desirous of assisting the work and we asked for some other proposition that we might more reasonably get together on, but none came. We kept our estimates open four days, waiting for your committee. They failed to appear, and our books were closed."

Wanted Feasible Scheme

"I had hoped, and do still hope, the board would be favorable to classes for vocational training in the schools for boys and girls up to 20 years of age. I believe only a very few under 20 years of age had been in attendance at these vocational schools. I had hoped the board would have carried on with their funds which they have on hand and later some new plans worked for the future. I earnestly expected they would present some plans for the future that would be feasible and agreeable, but none have been forthcoming."

Applause Choked

There was a member present who viewed the situation in the same light as did the mayor and, at the close of his remarks, they started to show their approval of his position by applause, but were cut off by the chairman asking for some one to start the National Anthem.

Mrs. J. W. V. Lawlor endeavored to secure recognition from the chairman, and several times addressed him, but his hearing was off and his vision defective, and she failed to receive recognition, as some loud voiced persons got the strains of the National Anthem going and that means the meeting is ended.

Among the also spoken were: J. Fletcher Peacock, W. S. Emerson, J. Hunter White, J. E. Tighe and Mrs. W. E. Raymond.

Two resolutions were introduced, part of the staged programme, calling upon the city to prepare for carrying on the vocational schools and, of course, were railroaded through.

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