

**THE WEATHER.**

Toronto, March 22.—The weather has been fair and mild today in nearly all parts of the Dominion, but it is turning somewhat colder tonight in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Dawson	44	28
Prince Rupert	40	40
Victoria	49	52
Medicine Hat	36	40
Prince Albert	22	33
Winnipeg	32	46
Parry Sound	18	48
London	28	59
Toronto	31	55
Kingston	26	42
Ottawa	30	50
Montreal	32	42
Quebec	29	38
St. John	24	42
Halifax	24	44

—Below zero.

**Forecast.**

Maritime — Moderate West and southwest winds; fair and mild.

Northern New England — Fair Tuesday; warmer in interior; Wednesday fair, moderate southwest winds.

**AROUND THE CITY**

**AURORA BOREALIS.**

The Northern lights were very bright all last night and were the cause of considerable interruption in the receiving of despatches as the effect on the telegraph wires was most severe.

**LADY POPE RE-ELECTED.**

Lady Pope was re-elected member of the Ottawa Municipal Chapter I. O. D. E. recently. She was presented with a shield of roses.

**ENTERTAINED SAILORS.**

The usual entertainment for the sailors from the ships in port took place last night at the Seaman's Institute with the showing of several motion pictures. About 100 sailors were present.

**QUARANTINE LIFTED.**

Following the lifting of the quarantine at the Emergency Hospital on St. James Street yesterday, six of the patients were allowed to return to their homes. The remaining three have not as yet entirely recovered, and will not be able to leave before Thursday or Friday at least.

**TELEPHONE RATES INQUIRY.**

The hearing in connection with the application of the N. B. Telephone Co. Ltd. for an increase in rates, will be resumed on Wednesday, April 7, at 2:30 p. m., at which time Auditor G. L. D. will present his report. This information was received yesterday by Commissioner Fisher from Superintendent Fraser of the Telephone Company.

**THE PROBATE COURT.**

In the Probate Court, yesterday, H. O. McInerney, Judge of Probates, presiding, the will of Mrs. Rebecca Bessie Holmes, widow of Capt. James Barnes Holmes, was proved. The value of the estate was placed at \$5,700. The real estate consists of houses and premises on Hazen street, and another house on Garden street. These are left to her niece, Mrs. Kelly, for life. Later, one-half is to go to the Protestant Orphan Asylum, and the other half to St. John's Church, Board street. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., proctor.

**ACCEPTS CALL TO ST. JOHN.**

The clerk of the Central Baptist Church, H. A. Prebble, received a telegram yesterday announcing the acceptance of the pastorate by Rev. P. H. Bone, of Bear River, N. S. The invitation was extended last week by a unanimous vote, and the news of his acceptance was received with much satisfaction. The Central Baptist church has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. D. J. MacPherson, who accepted the pastorate of the church in Sussex about six months ago. Rev. Mr. Bone will occupy the pulpit in his new charge about the first Sunday in May.

**FROM PARLIAMENTARIANS.**

Two more letters of appreciation and thanks for the reception and good time given the parliamentarians during their recent visit here were received yesterday by the secretary of the Board of Trade.

E. J. Bell, M. P., wrote that most of the members carried away with them the thought that some attention must soon be given to St. John harbor proper not only in the interests of the city but also of the port.

H. H. Halliday, M. P., wrote that he had greatly enjoyed his visit and would consider it a personal favor if the secretary or any other member of the Board of Trade would look him up should they visit Ottawa.

**LECTURE SERIES ENDED.**

The series of illustrated lectures on religious pictures by famous artists was concluded last evening when Rev. Archdeacon Crowfoot addressed the Young People's Society of St. Paul's Church. Hubens and other well known artists who have painted pictures of the Passion were the painters mentioned, and a very fine description of their masterpieces were given.

After the lecture, which was enjoyed by a large audience, the Society decided to take up some work in connection with improvements being made in the interior of the School rooms.

**INSPECTED FACILITIES.**

Grant Hall, vice-president of the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal. He was accompanied by James Stewart, chairman of the Canadian West Board; F. O. Fowler, another member of the West Board both of Winnipeg, and W. A. Fowler, vice-president and managing director of the Ogilvie Milling Company of Montreal. The last mentioned left last night on the C. P. R. S. liner Metagama for England, and the others returned to Montreal. While in the city they inspected the elevators and wharves in West St. John, accompanied by H. C. Grant, general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick district.

**Tender Reception To Lt.-Col. Worden**

Residents of Bayswater and District Honored Returned Officer Saturday Evening—Enjoyable Programme and Presentation.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Captain E. C. Worden, Bayswater, Saturday when the residents of that district tendered a reception to Lieut.-Colonel John Worden, lately returned from an arduous campaign in Mesopotamia, Persia, Southern Russia and Siberia.

The evening was pleasantly spent in music and song, and an enjoyable programme of dances also contributed to the evening. While the festivities were in progress, Lieut.-Colonel Currie on behalf of the community presented the Colonel with a handsome pair of military brushes mounted in ivory and silver, and in a few appropriate words, spoke of the pride and admiration with which all Bayswater looked on the illustrious record established by one of their sons, Colonel Worden, while in the service of King and Country. (The Colonel, in reply, spoke very feelingly, and assured his friends that he appreciated the esteem of the comrades who had been served the happy greeting broke up at midnight singing "God Save the King" after which three lusty cheers were given for Colonel Worden.

Not only the people of Bayswater but the people of New Brunswick and Canada as well have every reason to be proud of the Colonel whose record during the Great War would be indeed hard to equal. After seeing service in the Boer War, he enlisted at the very outset of the war in 1914 and went over as a Captain with the First Canadian Division, being seriously wounded, returned to Canada and British Columbia and raised a battalion which he took overseas. So great was his popularity in the province that his battalion recruited to double its strength and formed the nucleus of a second overseas outfit. A record of the Colonel's splendid achievement when in command of the Dambusters, in their unparalleled march from the Persian Gulf to the shores of the Caspian Sea has already appeared in the columns of the Standard.

The Colonel has not been forgotten by the Sovereign he so worthily served, for he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, and the Order of the British Empire. In addition he has the South African colors, both the Queen's and King's, the Mons ribbon, the Mesopotamia service ribbon and the Siberian ribbon as well as several other colors.

Col. Worden leaves today for Vancouver where he is in business before going overseas.

**Commercial Club Committee Busy**

Committee on Public Information Met Last Evening—Will Secure All Information for Benefit of Public and Visitors to St. John.

In the offices of the Commercial Club last evening steps were taken toward the completion of organization of a committee on Public Information. This organization, which will be modeled on the lines of those existing in certain large cities, is formed for the purpose of imparting information to the public generally, and especially to strangers visiting St. John. The committee for the present will consist of about thirty members, whose duty it will be to secure and tabulate all information coming within the scope of the organization and place it on file in the Club Rooms for the benefit of those who may desire to take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded. The subjects which it is proposed to cover for the present, and which list may be extended later as necessity demands, will include: (1) The history of the Province—location, construction, condition, state of hotels, summer and winter houses. (2) Railway timetables, freight rates, fares and advertising matter. (3) Steamship lines, rates, fares, and schedules. (4) List of manufacturers' agents and general brokers, with firms represented and goods each firm handles. (5) List of manufacturers of St. John and goods they make, also yearly output. Repairs and repair shops and care required. (6) Summer resorts. (7) All information regarding fish and game districts. (8) List of town councils of the incorporated towns of the Province. (9) List of living in the different cities of Canada over 40,000 population. (10) Statistics of bank deposits, shipping, customs clearings, import and export, for 1918 and 1919, with goods specified.

In connection with this effort a considerable amount of information has already been tabulated, but in the matter of hotels of the Province it is felt that there are many small country resorts where private families take boarders, and that there are as well many resorts, especially on the river which should be included. The names of the hotels and boarding houses at the larger centres are comparatively easily obtained, but it is these smaller ones which should be known to the committee, and members will approach such places in completing this list. All such information should designate the nearest railway station, and also specify the number of persons for whom accommodation can be provided.

At last evening's meeting the different personnel was divided into groups for the purpose of securing and preparing the information. In view of the fact that the members have been working the amount of matter already available is really wonderful, yet it is felt that much of value may be secured for the benefit of the people and of visitors. Already the formation of this committee has drawn forth very favorable comment in the press of other Provinces.

The Chairman of the Public Information Committee is Hugh H. McLeod, and the Secretary is H. O. Lellan, and the Secretary is H. O. Lellan. Another meeting will be held on April 6th.

**Stanley E. Elkin, M.P. Back From New York**

Returned to the City Yesterday—Has Nothing to Say About the Steel Merger—Was Acting for Maritime Nail Works.

"I haven't anything to say about the steel merger," said Stanley E. Elkin, M. P., who returned from New York yesterday where he was reported to have gone in connection with the negotiations which have been going on for a merger of the big Nova Scotia steel companies.

In reply to further questions Mr. Elkin repeated: "I was acting for the Maritime Nail Works and I am not able to say anything."

If Mr. Elkin's statement means that the question of including the Maritime Nail Works in the big merger is under consideration it is news to the general public of St. John, and would indicate that the original plans of the British steel companies are behind the scheme have broadened considerably in the past few weeks.

The project on which Col. Worden has been working would, if it succeeded, mean a big development of the steel industry of Eastern Canada. Some time ago Col. Worden, M. P. of London, began buying stock in the Dominion Steel Corporation on behalf of a very important group of British manufacturers and captains of industry. In this group are Viscount Furness, head of great shipping, railway and steel enterprises; Sir William Beardmore Ltd.; Sir Harry Britton, chairman of the big Glasgow shipbuilder and engineer; Sir Trevor Dawson, vice-chairman of Vickers Shipbuilding Ltd.; Sir Harry McGowan, chairman of Nobels Explosive Company, Benjamin Talbot of the South Durham Steel Company and the Carro fleet corporation, and Henry Steel, head of the Bengal Iron and Steel Company.

When Col. Worden arrived in Canada some weeks ago it was understood to be his intention to make plans for a big development of the Dominion Steel plant. At present the Dominion Steel Corporation has blast furnaces capable of turning out about 300,000 tons of steel a year. The British interests were credited with the plan of bringing up the capacity of the plant to 500,000 tons a year, and shipping the surplus to British Columbia via the steamships line. A year ago it was suggested that this company's plants would be largely employed to carry the steel to British Columbia. The British import large quantities of iron ore from Spain and other countries, and big British capital has come to the conclusion that the development of the resources of the Empire is desirable in order to avoid dependence on the foreign countries. It has been stated that the British interests behind Col. Worden have the support of the British Government in their plan of developing the steel industries in Eastern Canada.

At the present time the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company is controlled by American capital. A year ago American interests were said to be reaching out for the control of the Dominion Steel Corporation. At that time the British Government asked the Dominion Government to head off any move to place the control of Dominion Steel in American hands.

Since Col. Worden arrived in Canada last evening it has evidently developed that the British interests intend to obtain control of the Nova Scotia Steel Company and merge it with the Dominion Steel Corporation. If this control is obtained the original idea of merely providing a source of supply of steel billets for British mills will obviously be expanded, and the new half billion dollar corporation will probably manufacture a wide variety of steel products, including nails at St. John. It is also suggested that the big British interests are considering the advisability of embarking on shipbuilding in Canada, with the idea of getting contracts to build a Canadian navy, in which case St. John with its huge drydock may become an object of interest to the merger.

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**More Facilities Greatly Needed**

Another Pier and Big Extension of Yard Room for Cars Absolutely Necessary at St. John Says Commissioner Bullock.

"Another pier and a big extension of yard room for cars is absolutely necessary at St. John, and the C. N. R. officials are thoroughly aware of what is needed," said Commissioner Bullock yesterday.

At the present time our difficulties are mainly due to the inability of the railways to move freight fast enough. When the Parliamentary delegation was here I went into the situation with the C. N. R. officials. There was then twelve hundred cars between St. John and Moncton, and four hundred cars between Moncton and Chatham, all loaded with freight for shipment through this port. Every siding at St. John was crowded. With such a congestion of cars it is a very difficult matter to dig out the right cars and bring them to St. John as wanted. Naturally the result was delay of ships.

Mr. Bullock said that the C. P. R. had about all the business it could handle this winter in a satisfactory manner, with the facilities for holding cars. To increase its business would have to enlarge its siding here, a matter which is now under consideration. He said that the C. N. R. is not bringing any through traffic of any consequence to St. John by way of the Valley Railway, and until the Fredericton bridge is strengthened or the Valley road extended to Grand Falls that line will not be a feeder of the port of St. John of any importance.

The C. P. R. will have four more big boats running to Canada next winter, and with the Government Merchant Marine disposing of about thirty-five more ships than at present, and other lines increasing their sailings, St. John will have insufficient accommodation to a degree never yet experienced. The former Allan liner Victorian, which has been on war service, has been reconmissioned and will call from Liverpool next month. The Empress of Britain, which has also been on war service all over the globe, is being fitted out for peace service, and will be on the Canadian service later in the year. Then the C. P. R. have been allotted the big German liner Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm, which will have her name altered, and be put in the service between Liverpool and Quebec this summer. And unless unforeseen difficulties occur, the new liner, the Empress of Canada, the giant 20 knot turbine of 22,000 tons, now building on the Clyde, will go in commission next winter.

With the probable congestion here next winter some of these big boats may be driven to Halifax.

Meanwhile the politicians are urging the country to increase its production, exporters cannot fill their orders from foreign countries, and inadequate railway and port facilities are directly delaying the movement of traffic during the winter months.

**TWO ADDRESSES ON CITIZENSHIP**

The regular meeting of the Y. P. A. of the Carleton Methodist church was held last evening in the Sunday School room, and a programme was arranged under the auspices of the Citizenship Department was carried out. J. L. Robertson presided. The vice president, C. Heaton, gave a very interesting address on the subject of Citizenship, and was listened to attentively. Mrs. Brantley also sang a solo. Rev. J. Heaney also gave an interesting address on Citizenship. Eighteen new members were received and welcomed by the president.

**THE CENTENARY Y. P. ASSOCIATION**

The 24th of March will be the centenary of the birth of Fannie Crosby, the well-known hymn writer, and the subject of last evening's meeting of the Centenary Y. P. Association was the life and works of this famous woman. Several hymns written by Fannie Crosby were sung and an interesting address on a very interesting subject was given by George A. Henderson. Readings were given by Miss Nan Powers, Miss F. Alder, Miss Pauline Jenkins and Miss Annie McAvour and solos by Mrs. Polkins and Miss Bastin.

Miss Pauline Jenkins and Mrs. Dazell were in charge of last night's programme.

**Y. M. C. A. CIRCUS**

The Y. M. C. A. circus which is to be held at the end of this week promises to be an exceptional one as several novel features will be introduced for the first time in this city. The Crowwell Brothers have a first class juggling and gymnastic number which will cause many a thrill. Sterling in the table rock is a hammer, while Dock Hill, the dentist, Annie Long Legs and the trained troupe of clowns will be sure to cause many a laugh to all attending.

**"Cellar Drainers" P. Campbell & Co.**

All new vaudeville programme opening at the Opera House this afternoon—an all star, banner bill, including the famous Koban Japs, a trio of Japanese wonder workers, the Four Higgie Girls, a quartette of unusual entertainers direct from London; Stephens and Bourdeau, in comedy skit; Helen Vincent, classy singing comedienne in up to date song stories; Sunshine and Youngster, two genuine Indians in variety novelty, including lariat throwing, dancing and acrobatic feats; and Pearl White in The Black Secret, serial drama. This afternoon at 2:30—evening at 7:30 and 9.

**PROVINCIAL MEMORIAL HOME**

Don't forget Saturday April 3. Remember your contribution will assist in providing a home for our helpless little ones.

**OUR OWN COUNTRY.**

Lecture by Capt. Arthur Hunt Chute, C. E. P., under auspices of St. John High School Alumnae, Tuesday, March 23, 8:30 p. m., St. Vincent's Auditorium. Tickets 50 cents. Seat sale at Nelson's. Proceeds for War Memorial Scholarship.

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F. A. Dykeman, "The store for good values."

R. W. Wigmore, M. P., returned to Ottawa yesterday evening after spending the week-end in the city. Friends of Mrs. H. A. Baystun will regret to learn that she is in the General Public Hospital, where she has undergone an operation. Last night she was progressing favorably.