

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds; mostly northerly; fair and moderately cold. Toronto, Mar. 7.—The weather has been generally fair today throughout Canada, except that showers have occurred in British Columbia and a few light showers in northern Alberta.

AROUND THE CITY

Socialist Lecture. J. W. Eastwood will lecture on the Success of the Aldermanic Administration of Milwaukee at 141 Mill St., on Sunday next at 8.15 p. m.

Teamsters To Meet. There will be a meeting of teamsters in the Union Hall in the Opera House on Thursday evening, to discuss wages for the coming summer. All teamsters are invited to attend.

High School Alumni. The alumni of the St. John High School will meet at Mrs. Dr. Walker's residence on Princess street, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject will be An Evening With Mrs. Ewing.

Carpenters Will Meet. A public meeting for carpenters will be held in the Union Hall in the Market Building this evening. Several speakers will address the gathering on the need of organization.

Who Owns Tag 1567. The police report finding a bunch of keys on Dalrymple street yesterday. There is a brass tag attached to the key ring with No. 156 on it. The owner can receive the keys at central station.

Public Meeting in West End. A public meeting in favor of the commission plan of civic government will be held in city hall, Carleton, Friday night, March 10th. Local speakers will discuss the commission plan and questions are invited.

An Unwelcome Guest. Charles Upham was given in charge of the police yesterday afternoon by Captain John Dalton of the government steamer Stanley for being drunk and disorderly and refusing to leave the ship when ordered.

Stock For Mr. Cossar's Farm. The Saturday brought out two fine Clydesdale mares for G. C. Cossar's farm at Gateway. This is the second consignment of pure bred stock. Mr. Cossar has sent out and more will follow, as it is the intention to develop a first class stock farm.

Queens Ward Electors To Meet. A meeting of the electors of Queens ward in favor of commission plan of civic government will be held in the office of the Landsdowne Hotel, King Square, tonight at 8 o'clock. All friends of commission are cordially invited to attend.

Ward Rooms Opened. The citizens' committee have secured the masons' union hall, Brussels street as a meeting place for Wellington and Prince wards. This room will be opened from now until April 17th. All friends of the commission plan are cordially invited to attend and assist in the ward work.

Some Frost in Shediac. "The frost has gone into the ground over seven feet—farther than it was ever known to go our way," said O. M. Melanson of Shediac, yesterday. "The farmers will be late this spring getting to work, unless we have some very warm weather from now on."

Eliza N. Belyea. The death of Eliza N. Belyea, widow of James Belyea, took place yesterday at her home, West St. John. The deceased lady was in the 75th year of her age and is survived by one son, Charles, eight grand children and several great grand children, to whom their friends extend sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Daughters of the Empire. The monthly meeting of Loyalist Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. Shives Fisher, 75 Orange street. The members are planning for an entertainment to take place next month. The other business transacted was of a routine nature.

Marine Engineers Meet. In the Temple of Honor Hall, Main street, last evening, the National Association of Marine Engineers, Council No. 2, held their regular fortnightly meeting. During the evening blackboard illustrations were given and interesting speeches delivered by Messrs. McKee, Morrison, Williams and others. At the close of the meeting an enjoyable smoker was held by the members.

Congregational Reception. At Carvell Hall, Waterloo street, yesterday afternoon and evening, Rev. David Lang of St. Andrew's church, assisted by his sister, Miss Annie Lang, gave a most successful congregational reception. The invitation list was limited to the members of the congregation and between 200 and 300 guests attended. Mr. and Miss Lang were assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Hugh H. McLeod, Mrs. E. A. Smith and Mrs. F. H. Inches. The rooms were most tastefully decorated with pink double tulips and the reception was in every way a success.

Immigrants to New Brunswick. The provincial immigration season is opening and the prospects are that a large number of people from Great Britain will come to New Brunswick this year. Among those who came over on the Hesperian, booked for various places in the province, are Thomas Kelley, W. A. Atkinson, F. W. Dexter, E. A. T. Graham, F. Feiler, C. Spanton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gannon, Miss Annie Gordon and Miss Mary McGuire. On April 7 Mr. Bowler, the representative of the province in England, will arrive with a large party of intending homeseekers.

SAY STREET RAILWAY COMPANY IS BLUFFING

They Have no Intention of Removing Street Car Tracks From West End Loop—It Pays Too Well.

The statement made by Fred R. Taylor, when the Public Utilities Commission ordered the Street Railway to operate an electrically heated car on the loop in the West End that the company would take up the tracks appears to have been a false alarm, as the agreement with the city which, he said, expired in 1912, only relates to the removal of the tracks from Queen's Square.

When the company was given the West End franchise, it asked leave to lay its tracks through the center of Queen's Square as considerable work would have to be done on the streets to provide a satisfactory track bed. The city agreed to this request on the condition that the company remove its tracks by 1912. If it wanted to go on St. James it had to give notice to the city in 1910. This it failed to do, and according to the alternative condition will now have to lay its tracks along St. John street to Queen's Square.

A report was circulated last evening that the company would defy the ruling of the commission and take up the electrically heated car which has been running on the loop during the last week, but Mr. Hopper, the secretary of the company, when interviewed last evening, said he had no knowledge that the company had decided to make any decision in the matter.

"I'm not prepared to say anything about what the company may or may not do," he added.

"What agreement expires in 1912?" he was asked.

"We are supposed to remove the tracks from Queen's Square by 1912," he answered.

"Do you intend to discontinue the service and take up all the tracks on the loop as was stated before the Public Utility Commission?" "I can't say now what the company may or may not do," Mr. Hopper replied.

As it is generally believed that the loop car earns more money than any other car in the service, very little fear is entertained by the West End residents that the company will take up its tracks.

"The company is always making a bluff," said an alderman last evening.

A CONTINUATION OF WILD GALES AND SNOW

Manchester Exchange in Port After Hardest Passage in Captain's Experience—Three Other Steamers Arrive.

After the hardest passage in the experience of her commander, the steamship Manchester Exchange arrived in the port yesterday. All the way across she experienced a succession of wild gales with snow and sleet, and was frequently swept by heavy seas. But she suffered no damage and made good time. In mid-ocean she spoke the greyhound Cymric, which signalled her that wireless messages reported ice well to the southward.

Captain Adamson when seen by a reporter said that though he kept well to the southward, he never experienced a harder Atlantic passage in all his twenty-four years' service on the western ocean, the continuous gales having raised a tremendous sea, and made the trip one of hardship to all. After discharging her St. John cargo, the steamer will proceed to Philadelphia. She is scheduled to sail tonight.

Steamship Manchester Importer, Captain Haworth, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Philadelphia. She brought some bales of raw cotton for the York and Cornwall cotton mills. The steamer has on board freight loaded at Philadelphia. She will finish loading here and sail for Manchester direct.

Donaldson Line steamship Saturnia, Captain Taylor, arrived last evening from Glasgow direct, with 238 cabin and 219 steerage passengers. The steamer was 10 days on the passage, and it was among her freight 500 tons of Scotch hard coal, and 66 Clydesdale horses. She will dock on the West Side.

Donaldson Line steamship Pythia, Captain Whitmer, arrived last evening from Glasgow after a stormy passage of 17 days. All vessels coming to the westward during the past two weeks have met with stormy weather. The Pythia brought four passengers and a large freight, including 1,000 tons of Scotch hard coal.

Will Serve Tea. The Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters will serve tea in the Guild room Thursday afternoon, between 4 and 6 o'clock.

Men and The Church. The Bishop of Fredericton addressed a meeting in St. John's (stone) church last evening. His subject was the duties of men to the church, and he dealt with it in a manner that made a deep impression on his audience.

Union To Reorganize. A meeting of the builders' laborers and hod-carriers will be held in the Social hall on Mill street Monday evening for the purpose of forming a union. There are between 200 and 300 of these men in the city, and there is a good deal of dissatisfaction among them on account of the high cost of living.

Concert Tonight. A concert of exceptional merit will be given in the Seaman's Mission Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. J. L. Jones, of St. S. Empress of Ireland whose humorous selections were so much enjoyed earlier in the season will again participate and other numbers will be rendered by talent from the various steamers in port.

REV. W. W. BREWER IS INVITED TO REMAIN

Pleased with Work of Pastor, Exmouth Street Church Extends Call to Him for Another Year

At the quarterly meeting of the board of trustees of Exmouth street church several matters of importance were discussed. By the unanimous decision of the trustees, Rev. W. W. Brewer, the pastor, was invited to continue to officiate as pastor for another year. The Rev. Mr. Brewer was unable to give the board a decisive answer last evening, but has the matter under consideration.

The question appointing an assistant to the pastor was discussed, and a committee appointed to act on the matter, and also to consider the appointment of a deaconess to attend to visitation of the sick of the parish. It was decided by the joint board to select a committee to procure estimates on the cost of a new organ for the church.

Among the improvements to be effected in the interior of the church is a new lighting system. The Hiram Webb Company have been engaged for the work, and will proceed soon with the installation of the new system.

MUNICIPALITIES WILL PUT UP A STIFF FIGHT

Strenuous Opposition to the N. B. Hydro-Electric Power Company Bill When it Comes Before House.

There is likely to be a lively fight at Fredericton over the application for the incorporation of the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Power Company, with power to acquire and develop the waterpower at Lepreau River and such other waterpowers in Charlotte and St. John counties as in the opinion of the company may be profitably developed and to generate electric power and transmit the same and to acquire rights, easements, franchises and privileges necessary for the efficient operation of the company, and with power to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding the capital stock of the company.

The executive of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities have decided to oppose all hydro-electric bills as well as bills for any extension of existing franchises beyond county limits, unless the authorities of the municipalities in which they wish to operate expressly endorse the bills. In the case of the Hydro-Electric Company which is seeking the right to do business in St. John and Charlotte counties, it appears that the promoters have not even consulted the county authorities who knew nothing of the project until they saw the notice of application for incorporation in the newspapers. For this reason the executive of the union as well as the authorities of the counties interested will offer vigorous opposition to the scheme and send a large delegation to Fredericton when the bill comes up for consideration.

They will oppose the incorporation of the company on the ground that the company will require the use of the public highways in order to distribute power, and that no company should be given such privileges without the express permission of the municipality or municipalities interested. The union of Canadian municipalities is opposed to the principle of granting hydro-electric privileges to private companies, believing that the municipalities should acquire the right to use all waterpowers in their immediate vicinity.

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