

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong westerly winds and moderate gales, light snow or rain, becoming colder at night.

AROUND THE CITY

25th Anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Marry, 47 Douglas avenue, received hearty congratulations yesterday on the completion of 25 years of happy married life. Mrs. Marry received a handsome silver service as a memento of the occasion.

Tunisian Sails.
The Allan liner Tunisian sailed yesterday afternoon for Liverpool via Halifax. She had a good passenger list and a large cargo. Included in her cargo was a valuable shipment of furs for the Hudson Bay Company, in London.

Sterling Realty Company.
At a meeting of the Sterling Realty Company, Ltd., yesterday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. R. McIntosh; vice-president, W. Edward Earle; secretary, Stephen B. Bustin; treasurer, N. G. Wilson.

Embroidery Prize Contest.
We call attention of ladies in St. John and elsewhere to article on Contest in Monday's Globe. It should be most successful and an annual affair. All wishing to compete send postal at once with name and address to "Embroidery," care of Globe.

At Seamen's Institute.
A special service will be held in the Seamen's Institute on Sunday evening at 8.30. Rev. R. P. McKim will give his interesting lecture, "Scenes From the Life of Christ," illustrated by an extensive series of limelight views. Special music will be provided and cordial invitation is extended to the public. A silver collection will be taken.

Knaves Or Fools.
Knaves or fools, which is the title of a speech to be given by J. W. Eastwood on Sunday next at the Socialist hall, 141 Mill street. It will be a reply to W. Shear's lecture of last Sunday given at St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. rooms. In order to keep undesirable away a silver collection will be taken at the door. Doors open at 8 o'clock and speeches commence at 8.15 sharp.

With Ferry Patients.
Reports from Rodney Hospital yesterday were to the effect that the invalid steamer Yun Lung had passed a comfortable day. Repairs to her "innards" are being made under the direction of "Dr." Waring, and unless she has a relapse, her physician expects to have her on the route on Monday. The Ludlow will then take another spell in the hospital.

Suburban Streets.
A meeting of a sub-committee of the Board of Works was held yesterday to consider a petition regarding the improvement of the Sandy Point Road and other streets leading to Millidgeville. No definite action was taken as no special appropriation has been made for these streets, but it was decided to request the Board of Works to make some arrangements to improve these streets this spring.

New Tug Boat.
The Union Foundry and Machine Company, Ltd., has completed a 10x16 triple compound engine for J. S. Gregory, which will be installed in a tug boat which Mr. Gregory is having built for him by R. McDonald, of the North End. When completed, the boat will be one of the most powerful in harbor, it is expected she will be launched about the last of April.

S.S. Empress Arrives.
C. P. R. steamship Empress of Britain, Capt. Murray, arrived at Port of Montreal this morning at 2 o'clock from Liverpool via Halifax. The steamship had a fine passage which was uneventful. She landed 42 of her 1,224 passengers at Halifax all the rest coming to this port. The British brought out the largest number of passengers to land here this season, having on board 97 first, 440 second and 697 third class.

Church Services.
Exmouth street Methodist church, class meetings, Sunday morning at 9.45. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Rev. W. Gaetz, Sunday school and pastor's Bible class at 2.30. In the evening the pastor, Rev. W. W. Brewer will preach on "The Trump and the Golden Stairway." A special musical programme has been prepared and a treat is in store for all who attend. Please take note of the song service after the service.

Address on Progress.
Before a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club yesterday afternoon, Rev. J. J. McKim delivered an interesting and instructive address on Progress, and asked his audience to consider well whether present day conditions were in accord with the true ideals of progress. Mrs. E. A. Smith, the president of the club, occupied the chair, and introduced the speaker of the afternoon in a fitting manner. At the close a vote of thanks moved by Mrs. Lawrence, and seconded by Mrs. Robinson was tendered the lecturer, after which refreshments were served.

Remodelling Market.
At a meeting of the market committee yesterday it was decided to ask local architects to submit plans for changes and improvements to the eastern end of the market building. It is proposed to install an elevator, and make the building at least 20 feet deeper. The committee intends to make the whole market building produce a revenue. It has been approached by a firm of order looking for accommodation, and it is probable that a large hall suitable for lodge meetings will be arranged for. Some parts of the building will probably be made available for business offices.

The Man From Albany.
The exchange of subscription tickets for The Man From Albany yesterday in the Opera House and from the great demand for them it is evident that the performances to be given next week by T. H. Bird and a local cast will be very largely attended. Rehearsals for the play and choruses are now about completed and a stage rehearsal in the Opera House on Monday evening will put the final touches on what will be one of the finest and most local productions ever given. Exchange of tickets continues today and the general seat sale will open on Monday morning.

GRAFT AND POLITICS GO WITH COMMISSION PLAN

Vancouver Man Tells of Great Mistake Made by People of His City -- Scheme Introduced by Groupe of "Clamorers" -- Whole System at Fault--Legislative Body Required.

"The people of Vancouver had the commission scheme railroaded down their throats and voted for it before they really had any conception of what it meant. There was a majority for it in the plebiscite held last January, but I am sure that when it comes to the ratification of the city charter they will realize their mistake and bury the commission idea for ever."

The foregoing statement made to a Standard man yesterday shows how highly Harry T. Devine, of the city of Vancouver, thinks of the form of city government which the people of St. John are considering at the present time.

Mr. Devine is a man of standing in the Pacific coast city. He is head of the H. T. Devine Company, Limited, dealers in real estate, loans and insurance; was for many years assessment commissioner of Vancouver, and special assessor of the City of New Westminster during 1910-1911. He had been in the city since Tuesday and left on the steamer Tunisian yesterday for a tour of the British Isles.

He believes the commission plan is not suitable for a Canadian city such as St. John or Vancouver, and should only be invoked where extraordinary conditions prevail.

Graft and Politics.

"No system," he said, "whereby men vote on the expenditures of the city, and after spending the money, or when deciding how the money is to be spent, have the power to sit on a legislative body and pass upon the wisdom of their own actions, can commend itself to any sane business man. There are too many chances for graft and politics in such a system. The five men, each of whom heads a spending department can get together and pass regulations for the governing of their departments, and there is only a cumbersome and inconvenient method of getting a recourse. 'I don't like it, and before the people of St. John have anything to do with it they should be very sure there is no political significance in it. I understand you draw your political lines rather strongly down here. There was no politics in the Vancouver scheme, but the agitation was started by a group of clamorers, and

the people had little information on any alternative schemes. They took to the commission as a child would take to a new toy, and now they are not at all sure that they saw it wisely. After all civic administration depends largely on the officials who should be the very best obtainable for their different positions. Given good officials and a council is the best form of government. If you must have four or five men to give more time to the city affairs than the councillors can do, the board of council is better than the commission idea. You can always swing a certain section of the public by any idea that tickles their fancy. This was the case in Vancouver, but although we passed it on the plebiscite, the necessary legislation to put it into force has not yet been obtained, and I predict it never will be."

The Perfect System.

Concluding Mr. Devine said: "My opinion is that we have in Vancouver under our present system, and I am sure that the conditions in St. John are as good, a perfect system of clean, honest government, capable of being developed to a high degree of efficiency if the council will stick to the duties for which they are elected, viz: the purely legislative side, leaving the carrying out of the by-laws and the running of the departments to the heads of the departments, holding them strictly responsible for the carrying out of the same, if any official is found incapable, remove him at once and get a first class man in his place. To maintain this high efficiency of the civic officials, it is absolutely necessary that any council should pay a good figure for the positions and the man or men can be found to fill them."

"It is not a new system needed, but a complete test of the present system, more real earnest work for the good of the city under present conditions and less clamor for a change. This is what we need, find in Vancouver, and St. John, from what I can learn, is not dissimilar."

While in the city Mr. Devine called at city hall and secured some information as to the administration of affairs. He thinks that St. John is a prosperous city and has every appearance of being well and carefully governed.

WINTER PORT SHIPMENTS PROMISE RECORD THIS YEAR

Value of Exports on First 49 Steamers This Year Exceeds Last Year's Figures--Marked Increase in Value of United States Goods--Passenger Trade Just Beginning.

With the arrival of the C.P.R. S.S. Empress of Britain, today, from Liverpool, the winter port season of 1910-11 is about half over. The value of exports is well up to the record last year, which was the banner season. Quite a large number of immigrants have arrived today but the passenger travel has only just set in and for the balance of the season up to April 1st, all the winter port steamships will bring new settlers by the thousands. It will also be noticed that the exports of United States products out of this port are ahead of any previous year, their value being up to the \$4,000,000 mark, against \$2,500,000 last season.

The exporters on the other side of the border are making use of this port for sending their goods to the United Kingdom South Africa and Australia.

The harbor at this port during the coldest weather has been perfectly free from ice, while those to the south have been frozen over. At Portland, Me., this winter the ice has formed several times during the cold snaps and tugs were out to break it up.

Most Valuable Cargo.
The C.P.R. steamship Empress of Ireland, which steamer was due at Liverpool yesterday, took away the most valuable cargo that ever left Canada, amounting to \$850,000.

From now until the end of the season, the steamers of about all the lines will have large cargoes. Prospects for a banner year now look much brighter than they did during the first few weeks of the season.

The Australian steamers have been doing good business and this new C.P.R. line is expected to open up trade with the kangaroo country in Canadian products as well as those of the United States which now go forward to Melbourne.

Up to date there has arrived at this port 72 ocean steamers doing winter port business nearly all of which arrived with inward cargoes.

Porties of the Manchester and Donaldson line steamers left this port for the United States, some of them returning again to finish loading for the United Kingdom. The net tonnage of the above 72 steamers amounts to 208,750 tons.

Valuation by Steamers.
The following is a list showing the total valuation of each cargo for this season:

Virginian.....\$ 54,304
Pomeranian.....129,280
Kanawha.....25,475
Empress of Ireland.....228,252
Tunisian.....130,590
Athena.....85,647
Mount Temple.....376,772
Manchester Trader.....150,225
Victorian.....166,769
Kumara (Australia).....119,669
Caesandra.....61,850
Shenandoah.....89,255
Empress of Britain.....21,709
Lake Manitoba.....151,876
Gramplan.....123,490
Montreal.....383,460
Hesperian.....542,111
Manchester Corporation.....112,749
Rappahannock.....54,860
Lakonia.....329,381



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Now going on in our store there is placed out for quick selling 2000 Yards of Corset Cover Embroidery, worth 25, 30 and 35 cents a yard, all one price 15 cents a yard.

The New Spring Shirtwaists that we are selling at 98 cents have been pronounced time and time again to be away ahead of many that are seen in other stores at \$1.50. Shown with the new three-quarter and full length sleeve.

F. A. Dykeman & Co., 59 Charlotte St.

A Money Saving Proposition

Completion of our Annual Stock Taking has brought to light a number of lines on which we find ourselves overstocked, including a number of first class

Brass Fern Pots, Carvers, Grub Brushes and Trays, Clocks, Brass and Copper Hot Water Kettles, and Many Other Useful Articles

These we have decided to offer at BARGAIN PRICES.

EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain St.

Great Bargains for Men and Boys

at the February Clothing Sale

This is the sale that has been patronized liberally by seekers after clothing economy. The demand of the last few days has much depleted these bargain stocks, so much so that those desiring to profit by the savings should come without delay.

MEN'S \$7.50 SUITS .. \$3.50
MEN'S \$10.00 SUITS .. \$6.75
MEN'S \$15.00 SUITS .. \$9.00
MEN'S \$18.00 SUITS .. \$11.00
MEN'S \$7.00 WATERPROOF COATS .. \$3.50
MEN'S \$9.00 WATERPROOF COATS .. \$5.00
MEN'S \$10.00 WATERPROOF COATS .. \$7.50
MEN'S \$12.50 WATERPROOF COATS .. \$7.50
Six Coon Coats to clear at Bargain Prices.

Boys' Two and Three Piece Suits
\$3.00 to \$3.75 SUITS .. \$2.25
\$4.00 to \$4.25 SUITS .. \$3.30
\$5.00 to \$5.25 SUITS .. \$4.30
\$6.00 to \$6.50 SUITS .. \$5.10
\$7.00 to \$8.50 SUITS .. \$6.25
\$5.50 to \$6.00 RUSSIAN SUITS .. \$2.25

Boys' Pants
Tweeds and Cheviots, medium and dark greys, brown, and greens. Straight pants 45c. and 60c. BLOOMER PANTS .. 45c. and 60c.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Waist Sale Continued—Fine Flannel, Albatross, Challie, Lustre and Flannelette Waists at Bargain Prices. Centre Counter—Back Store.

Week End Specials

Taffeta Silk Ribbons, 4 to 6 inches wide, all colors for Hair Ties, Millinery, etc., 10c., 12½c., 15c., 18c. per yard.

Ladies Fleece Lined Hose, 20c. per pair.
Cashmere Hose, ribbed and plain, 25c. per pair.
Cashmere Hose, black or tan, 3 pairs for \$1.00.
Boys' Wool Hose, size 5½ to 6½, 15c. per pair.
Size 7 to 10, 20c. per pair.

Black and Colored Veilings, 8c., 10c., 15c., and 20c. per yard.

Stamped Corset Covers, 25c. each.

Stamped Tray Cloths, 35c. each.

Stamped Centres, 35c. each.

Ladies' Stock Collars, 25c. each.

Ladies' Jabots, 25c. each.

Prilling, 5c. per yard.

Today

In Millinery Department: Last Chance to buy Wings and Fancy Feathers at 10c., 15c., 25c. Here are bargains—Look! Any of the following for 25c. each:—

Ladies' Untrimmed Felt Hats, navy blue, cardinal, black, old rose, brown, green. Children's Felt Hats, trimmed with velvet bands or cashmere scarfs in navy blue, cardinal, green, old rose. Infants' White Bearcloth Bonnets, Caps and Tams. Children's Wool Toques, navy, cardinal, green, white and navy, white and green, cardinal and green.

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