

THE WEATHER.

Maritime:—Strong winds, light snow falls in eastern districts; fair elsewhere; colder.

Toronto, Ont., March 16.—The unusually mild weather continues throughout the western provinces and in Alberta maximum temperatures exceeding sixty degrees have been recorded. Local snow buries have occurred today from the Ottawa Valley to the Atlantic Ocean, but elsewhere in Canada it has been fair.

Table with 2 columns: City, Min., Max. Rows include Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

New England Forecast. Washington, D.C., March 16.—Forecast for New England: Fair Thursday, slightly colder in south portion; Friday, unsettled, light to moderate west to northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

In the Police Court. In the police court yesterday Ernest Baldwin remained for drunkenness and fighting; was allowed to go on suspended sentence. Sergt. Baxter posting business in the city without a license.

Empress of Ireland Reported. The steamer Empress of Ireland from Liverpool to St. John, was in wireless communication with the Marconi station at Cape Race at 1 p. m. yesterday. The Empress was 190 miles south of the station when reported.

Lecture on China. At Centenary church school on Friday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. George J. Bond will deliver an illustrated lecture entitled "Two thousand miles in the heart of China." Tickets may be secured from Mr. J. L. Thorne, of Thorne Bros., 93 King street.

A Veteran Pilot Boat. Today is the 48th anniversary of the launching of the pilot boat Lightning which was built by David Lynch, in 1862. Since being launched the Lightning has seen almost continual service and is the veteran of the pilot fleet.

Exhibition Tenders. At a meeting of the exhibition executive yesterday tenders for the new general purpose building and stabling were considered but it was thought advisable to refer the report back to the buildings committee for further consideration. As soon as the tenders are let, the work on the buildings will be rushed and it is hoped to have them completed by July 1st.

Confirmation in Stone Church. There was a large congregation present in St. John's (Stone) church last evening at the confirmation services which was conducted by His Lordship Bishop Richardson. Twenty-one candidates were confirmed. His Lordship gave an earnest and helpful sermon on the Revival and Confirmation at Samaria. His Lordship will hold confirmation in Trinity church this evening.

An All Night Session. Ald. J. B. M. Baxter, county master, returned last evening from Moncton, where he attended the annual meeting of the provincial grand Orange lodge. Ald. Baxter said there was a large attendance of delegates and St. John was well represented. The business was not far advanced when he left and he anticipated an all night session.

Women's Canadian Club. Mrs. M. B. Sexton, wife of Professor Sexton, of the Nova Scotia Technical school, Halifax, will deliver a lecture before the Women's Canadian Club on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Her subject will be "Women in Colonial days." Mrs. Sexton has the reputation of being one of the best women speakers in the Maritime Provinces and it is expected that a fair proportion of the St. John fair sex will be on hand to hear her.

Medals for Veterans. The War Office, London, has recently forwarded to Messrs. McInerney & Trueman, barristers of this city, medals to be presented to two veterans of the South African war. The men who will receive the medals are John W. DeWolfe and Allan C. McCormick. From official circles it is learned that quite a number of men who became entitled to medals from the British government have never received their medals as they have not communicated with the authorities in England.

H. Co. 62nd Fusiliers, Fraternalize. The semi-annual dinner of H. Company, 62nd Fusiliers, was held in White's last evening. Capt. May presided and the entire company were present. After the excellent menu had been done justice to, the following toasts were proposed: King, musical honors; Regiment and Commander, Col. McAvity; Company, Capt. May; Guests, Sergt. Major Lamb; Ladies, Sergt. Ingram and Col. Sergt. Dorman. Corp. Robertson; Sergt. Ingram and Corp. Henderson. Sergt. Major Lamb presided at the piano.

Suspicious Characters. While Mr. Edward McNeill was passing by the vacant lot near the corner of Duke and Prince William streets about 10 o'clock last evening, he was accosted by two unknown men who demanded in a somewhat harsh tone that they be given a quarter. In answer to a question the men said that they wished to procure a drink. They were told that they would have to seek financial aid from some other quarter, whereupon one of them said that they needed the money then and that he (McNeill) had better "dig down." Mr. McNeill was just preparing for a lively time when the men noticed that someone was coming down Duke street made off. Some time later in the evening Police officer Sheehan answered a call to Prince William street to remove two suspicious looking individuals who were lurking about a vacant lot. When questioned by the officer they asked to be directed to the Salvation Army shelter and were allowed to go.

DRY DOCK LEGISLATION

City's Bill to Give Subsidy Will Go to Fredericton Today—Grant From Province Also Being Sought.

The bill which the city is promoting to grant a subsidy for the construction of a dry dock left the printer's hands yesterday and will be forwarded to Fredericton today. A meeting of the bills and bye-laws committee will be held this afternoon to finally pass on its provisions. While drawn on the lines of the act which guaranteed a subsidy to the Imperial Dry Dock Company the bill is wider in scope and is made applicable to other companies. It provides for a subsidy of \$5,000 a year for 20 years, and authority is also sought to grant a site for a dry dock on any available portion of the city's property.

The Imperial Dry Dock Company obtained legislation some years ago for a subsidy from the province. It is understood that the provincial government will be asked to amend this act to making it applicable to other companies.

SUMMER TRAIN SCHEDULE

William Downie Home Yesterday From Boston Conference—Report of New C.P.R. Line Has No Foundation.

Mr. Wm. Downie, general superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the C.P.R., who has been to Boston attending a conference of railway superintendents to consider the summer train schedule, returned to the city yesterday.

Speaking of the arrangements made Mr. Downie said that the New England roads had decided to put the summer schedule in operation on June 20. No date had been fixed for putting the C.P.R. summer schedule into effect, but some date between June 1 and June 16 would be chosen. The train service would be practically the same as last summer.

Mr. Downie said there was no foundation for the report that appeared in the Times yesterday regarding the construction of a railway from Matamoras to Calais, Maine, with an extension connecting with the New Brunswick Southern. Some years ago a proposition to build such a road had been discussed, but the project was dropped and there were no new developments.

Mr. Downie added that the C.P.R. had voted \$37,000 for improvements at St. Stephen because it had become absolutely necessary to make repairs on the station and extend the yard facilities and for no other reason.

BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

Maritime Nail Works Installing Sprinkler System—Estimate To Be Submitted On Sand Point Warehouses.

The Maritime Nail Works is the latest concern to consider the advisability of installing a sprinkler system in their plant for protection against fire. Mr. E. A. Tingley, engineer for the General Fire Extinguisher Co. of Montreal, has been looking over the factory at the foot of Portland street with a view to preparing plans and specifications for a sprinkler system.

What is known as the wet system will be installed as the water can be retained in the pipes owing to their being protected from frost. Mr. E. C. Elkin, president of the company, said last evening that he considered the sprinkler system ensured protection and its adoption would cause the owners to feel very safe as regards fire.

During his visit here, Mr. Tingley has been engaged in making an inspection of the Sand Point warehouses for the purpose of making a report to the harbor committee on the cost of installing a sprinkler system, and was engaged in making plans of all the sheds yesterday.

INCIDENT IN HOTEL LIFE

How Mr. McDougall Entertained a Party of Visitors and Made Them a Proposition

It happened in the suite occupied by Mr. C. Bruce Macdougall at the Stone Hotel, King street east, early Monday evening.

A debtor was arrested on Monday morning and in the absence of General Manager Sheriff Ritchie the man was placed in the same room occupied by the editor of that extinct sheet, Free Speech. The amount due the creditor was something over three hundred dollars, and last evening both the creditor's and debtor's attorneys were present—also Mr. Macdougall—unavoidably.

A compromise was about to be effected. Would the debtor cough up twenty-five dollars more than the amount he offered. Of course this latter sum represented costs only. Would the creditor's attorney throw off his costs? No. Neither side would budge for fifteen minutes all three wrangled. Mr. Macdougall could stand it no longer. Walking over to the plaintiff's lawyer he said: "Mr. —, if you will guarantee my liberty I will willing pay you the amount owed by this man together with two hundred dollars more as costs."

It is not known whether the offer was accepted. Anyway the debtor is walking the streets today a free man.

REV. A. B. COHOE CALLED

Congregation of Halifax First Baptist Church Passed Unanimous Vote—Delegation Leaves for St. John Today.

A despatch from Halifax received early this morning announced that at a meeting of the members of the First Baptist church last evening a unanimous vote was passed calling Rev. A. B. Cohoe, pastor of the Brunswick street Baptist church, St. John, to become pastor.

A delegation will leave Halifax this morning to interview Mr. Cohoe. The report was current in St. John that Mr. Cohoe would receive a call. When asked last evening he said he had heard nothing of it.

MARITIME HORSE SHOW

R. A. Snowball Here to Interview Local Owners—First Exhibition of Kind Held in the Provinces.

Mr. R. A. Snowball, mayor of Chatham, was in the city yesterday in the interests of the Maritime horse show which will open at Amherst on April 6 and 7. This will be the first Maritime horse show to be held and is being conducted by the Maritime Stock Breeders Association which also runs the successful fat stock show held annually in Amherst.

Mr. Snowball is one of the New Brunswick directors and came here from a meeting at Amherst at which plans for the coming show were discussed. Owing to the entries not filling promptly the time has been extended from the 15th inst. to Monday, 21st.

Mr. Snowball saw a number of the local horse owners yesterday and hopes to get exhibits from Mr. W. H. Barnaby, Mr. Geo. McAvity, Messrs. Walter and William Allison, D. C. Clinch, Dr. W. W. White and Mr. H. H. Mott. Mr. Snowball will send a carload of horses to Amherst.

The price list shows 15 classes including ponies and the premiums are generous. Opportunity is given to show the same animals in different classes under the breed named, or as carriage, saddle, draught, general purpose or agricultural horses.

The breeds include thoroughbreds, standard bred hackneys, French or German coach, Clydesdales and Percherons.

Mr. F. L. Fuller, of Truro, is acting secretary and manager.

MILL WILL CLOSE JUNE 1

Mispec Company To Give Up Property When Lease Expires—Have Contract With Partington Pulp Company.

When the lease of the pulp mill at Mispec expires on June 1st, the company will close the mill and the pulp wood from the properties owned by the Cutler interests at Mispec, which has hitherto supplied the mill, will be shipped under contract to the Partington Pulp and Paper Company for use in their mill at the falls.

It is understood that no decision has yet been reached as to the disposal of the Mispec Company's machinery now in the mill. Much of it is to be sold for junk and the more valuable machines will probably be transferred elsewhere.

The city paid \$115,000 to acquire the mill property and the water rights on the Mispec. It is said that in view of the effort being made to develop the water powers in the neighborhood of St. John that no further steps will be taken to lease the property.

UNION JACK CLUBS

Effort Being Made To Establish Organization in St. John—Englishmen Want More News from Mother Country.

A movement which will prove a factor in attracting settlers to New Brunswick from Great Britain is the formation of Union Jack Clubs by Englishmen who have succeeded and who welcome fellow countrymen to the provinces by the sea.

A club of this kind was recently formed in Truro, N. S., and inquiries have been made by several Englishmen residing in St. John with a view of organizing a society here. Mr. P. R. Gillingwater, head of a firm of general merchants at Truro, is president of the first Union Jack Club and Mr. Robert Parker, manager of Mineral Fertilizers, Ltd., is secretary. A copy of the constitution, bye-laws, etc., will be forwarded to those interested in forming a branch in St. John, and a meeting will be held in the near future.

One of the objects sought by the new association will be to secure more English news for the press of Canada and a better understanding of conditions in the old country on the part of Canadians.

An effort is also being made to establish in Canada on a firm basis the national game of association football and the English forms of all sports and other amusements.

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Easter Gifts! Bibles, Hymnals, Prayer Books, Devotional Books (in dainty bindings). Easter Cards and Booklets. E. G. Nelson & Co., 56 King Street.

Illustration of a woman in a long dress and hat, possibly a fashion advertisement or a decorative element.

Women's Oxfords. \$2.50 a pair. The attention of passers-by is directed to the exhibition of Women's Oxfords in our King Street window. They are samples of our Women's \$2.50 shoes and would easily pass for goods at a much higher price.

Waterbury & Rising, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street.

Walker THE PLUMBER. HOT WATER and STEAM HEATER, GAS FITTER. F. S. WALKER, Phone Main 1025, 18 GERMAIN STREET.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Emma Scribner, widow of Mr. John Scribner, of Hatfield's Point, died yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. She was sixty one years of age. Mrs. Scribner is survived by one sister, Mrs. Israel Nobles of Ottawa, and one brother, Mr. J. H. Wetmore, formerly of Moncton and now of New York. Another brother, Mr. G. M. Wetmore, who was connected with the Singer Sewing Machine agency at St. John, died some four years ago. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at Hatfield's Point.

Cypher's Incubators. There is money in hens if you go at it properly. The first thing you need is a Cypher's Incubator. Self Regulating, Self Ventilating. Built for utility combined with appearance. Sizes 66, 140, 240. Brooders and Poultry Supplies. W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Gilmour's Spring Clothing. Particular men—those who appreciate and demand real style and elegance in apparel—are well pleased with the spring suits and overcoats we are now selling. This new clothing combines the essentials of sartorial perfection—and is just as complete in the non-essentials which go to make distinctive dress. For instance, the finish of sleeves and lapels is vastly different from the finish of common clothing. The sleeves of our coats do not pucker or draw around the shoulder. The collar does not sag or draw off from the neck. The coat RETAINS its original smooth, faultless fit. Isn't it "worth while" to buy clothing like this? Worthy spring suits, \$10 to \$25. Good spring overcoats, \$12 to \$27. Your choice of many. AGENCY FOR 20TH CENTURY BRAND TAILORED CLOTHING. GILMOUR'S, 68 KING STREET. TAILORING AND CLOTHING. "A GOOD PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES"

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Ask to See Our New Spring Suits. At \$10.00, 12.00, 13.50, 15.00 and 18.00. If you are at all interested in good clothing, if you would care to see the great improvements that have been made in ready-tailored garments for the spring, in the styles, make and fit, over any previous showing we invite you to inspect our new spring suits at the above prices. They are not the ordinary ready-made, they are tailored in the truest sense of the word. In the first place the cloths from which they are made are very choice patterns, such as you see in the best custom tailor shops. They are well lined, well tailored, guaranteed to keep their shape and coat you at least a third less than your tailor would charge. We wish you to see these new suits now whether you are ready to buy now or not. Call this week and ask to see our new suits at \$10.00, 12.00, 13.50, 15.00 to 18.00. J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring and Clothing, Opera House Block, 199 to 207 UNION STREET.

Dressy Two-Piece and Three-Piece Suits. A Fine Exhibit of Smartly Tailored and Exceptionally Durable Garments for Active Little Men. Certain it is that the little fellows have been wonderfully well looked after this season and it will be possible to dress the boys better, more fashionable and at easier prices than ever before. The M. R. A. high standard of perfection in tailoring was never better exemplified than in these new garments placed out now for mothers' inspection. Neat, dressy models made of strong, well wearing Tweeds, Cheviots and Worsted; clever new patterns in shades of brown, grey and green. Two-Piece Suits. With and without belt; many have fancy cuffs and pocket flaps. Mostly double-breasted coats. Norfolk and Regular style. Bloomer and straight pants. Prices \$2.50 to \$10.00. Three-Piece Suits. Double-breasted style coats with two and three buttons, fancy cuffs, and pocket flaps. Marvels of expert designing and perfect tailoring Prices \$4.25 to \$12.00. For small boys, a wide range of Sailor and Russian Suits and Fancy Overcoats. A great variety of the latest novelty effects are being shown. Come and look over this display of the finest assortment of boys' apparel you have ever looked at. Whether you are ready to purchase now or later you will be greatly interested in this exhibit of the newest ideas for little men. MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, ID.