

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly north and west, fair and rather cold. Washington, Feb. 21—Northern New England—Snow and warmer Thursday, Friday, fair and colder; fresh west winds. Toronto, Feb. 21—The disturbance which was over Southern Dakota last night is now centered near Lake Superior with diminishing intensity. Light snow has fallen in Northern Ontario and in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fair. It continued decidedly cold in the western provinces.

Temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Dawson *34 *10, Victoria *28 *18, Kamloops *22 *10, Edmonton *28 *6, Prince Albert *23 *12, Saskatoon *24 *8, Moose Jaw *28 *14, Regina *4 *10, Winnipeg *34 *12, Port Nelson *22 *16, Fort Arthur *2 *23, Parry Sound *0 *25, London *9 *27, Toronto *13 *24, Kingston *10 *20, Montreal *13 *18, Quebec *14 *18, St. John *14 *18, Halifax *14 *21. *—Below zero.

THOSE TEMPERANCE PLEDGES

To the Editor of The Standard, Dear Sir,—There is always difference of opinion as to the best way to deal with the temperance problem, and the position taken at this time by the Government candidates for the City of St. John must commend itself to all reasonable men. Pledges secured under pressure are of little value, and the stand taken by candidates, at the request of the Temperance Alliance, must be weighed solely on the record of the men. I am strongly in favor of prohibition as the best way to wipe out the liquor business and always have been. The present government gave me a prohibitory law as asked for by the temperance people, and are province a prohibitory law as asked for by the temperance voters, irrespective of any entitled to the support of the opposition party as an organization on the eve of an election. The present government is charged with the responsibility of administering the law on and after the first of May next, and have promised the Temperance Alliance that they will do so in the most effective way possible.

Yours truly, "ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE."

HAS DOUBTS OF SOUNDNESS OF PROHIBITION PLANK IN THE OPPOSITION PLATFORM

Maritime Baptist Would Like More Definite Information As to Attitude of Party As a Whole Before it is Satisfied.

(Maritime Baptist.) In our editorial of last week we referred to the unwise retention in the platform of the provincial Opposition, as published in the party press, of the hopelessly out-of-date plank in reference to prohibition. We noted also the fact that many of the leaders and leading organs of the party had explicitly repudiated that plank and had declared for the Prohibition Act already passed and its enforcement. We also added: "If there is any man or body of men who can speak authoritatively for the Opposition to the temperance electors of the province would welcome such official pronouncement in addition to the personal assurances of which we have spoken." Those words were written before the announcement had been made of the selection of a leader for the Opposition. A few days ago we received a courteous letter from Mr. W. E. Foster, now the official head of the party, calling our attention to his position on the prohibition question, as set forth in his address at St. Martins north in his address as leader. It is but fair to say that his stand in relation to the prohibitory law is entirely satisfactory. But there are still one or two things which should be made clear in order to remove all doubt as to the attitude of the party. When once it has served that purpose it is generally sent adrift, or quietly moored in some out of the way corner until it is once more needed. So we are not inclined to overestimate the importance of such a structure. Yet as the official declaration of a party it has its value. The question arises as to the repair of such platform when it becomes evident that a certain plank is unsound and far from watertight. Has the leader of a party authority to substitute another plank in place of the defective one? A few days ago, in speaking to a prominent member of the Opposition, a leading candidate in an important constituency, and a strong advocate of prohibition, we presented the publishing of the party platform with the inclusion of this warped and shrunken plank concerning prohibition. His reply was that no change could be made in the official platform without a general convention of the party. We do not consider this of any special importance. Our estimate of the value of party platforms has already been given. We believe that the personal attitude of candidates toward this question is of far more importance. If the leader of the Opposition other candidates of the party, or by a large majority, have little fear in respect to the prohibitory law. But we remember that the Moncton Transcript, an influential organ of that party, some months ago made a virulent attack upon the law which Mr. Foster and many of his supporters now declare it is their intention to enforce, if elected. Does Editor Hawke now agree to the replacing of the old plank, and the acceptance of the law which he once condemned? We are not raising these questions in an spirit of unfriendliness to the Opposition party or its leader. We have no doubt of the honesty and sincerity of those who have pledged themselves to accept and enforce without delay the prohibitory law already passed. We have plainly declared that in our opinion it is now mainly a question of men and not of parties. But it may fairly be asked of each party that it state its position in the most unequivocal terms, and we cannot but regard it as most unfortunate that the Opposition should have published, on the eve of the election, without remark or explanation, a platform containing a temperance plank which comes so far short of meeting the situation. Such publication may have been a mere oversight, and the party, as far as the power and authority of the leader are concerned, is now definitely committed to the acceptance and enforcement of the prohibitory law as already passed.

THIRTEEN IS NOT UNLUCKY IN THIS CASE

Soldiers to That Number Answered Call to Arms Yesterday—News Notes of the Military Units.

- HONOR ROLL: Richard Wallace, Tobique, N.B.; Charles W. Ramsay, St. John; Machine Gun Section; Wm. T. Dunn, U.S.A.; Canadian Engineers; Edward McBurney, St. John; 23rd Battalion; Charles J. Bennett, St. John; 216th Bantam Battalion; Roy Albert Ritchie, C.A.S.C.; James Robinson, West Indies; Frederick Bates, Freetown, N.S.; 15th Field Ambulance; A. E. Perkins, Florenceville, N.B.; Edson Bailey, Westport, N.S.; 9th Siege Battery; David Ferguson, Bathurst, N.B.; Ira Marr, St. John; 16th Battalion.

Every unit in the city is represented on the honor roll. This is something unusual. It generally happens that one or two of the units receive a majority of the total. Thirteen men were signed on for the day, thus bringing the total for the week up to nearly as good as last.

Will Leave Today. Lieutenants A. Michaud and J. A. Cyr will leave today for their respective homes in Madawaska county. There are several other members of the battalion leaving tonight for home in order to be there in time to vote on Saturday. Major Stehelin left yesterday for Weymouth, N. S., where he will spend a few days. Forestry Battalion to Recruit. Lieut. Ronald Harrington arrived in the city yesterday to make the preliminary preparations for the opening of the recruiting campaign for the special forestry company, which is to be raised in New Brunswick. The first shot in this campaign will be fired on Monday morning. It is the intention of the commanding officer for the special company, Major H.S. Jones, to secure the 250 men within the next month.

"THE MAN ON THE STREET"

Question—When does a temperance advocate become an agent for the liquor interests? Answer—When he opposes the government that is giving his country prohibition. So the voters of Hampton refused to listen to the slander artist. And of course he blamed the government. Poor Carter. Why shouldn't he blame them? It was them that taught the people to appreciate decent political discussion as well as decent politics. Pat—What would happen if the owners of the Telegraph and Times should change their political views? Mike—Bejapers now, ye'd be given an exhibition of a span of editors flipping folks grasshoppers in a snow storm.

Pat—Who reorganized the opposition, Mike? Mike—Shure and it was Carter. Pat—And who is Carter? Mike—Begorra, and he is the gent that was horse-whipped by King Athrate for scandalizing decent people. Pat—And who sent the lot of him to organize? Mike—Shure and it was Carvell and Pugsley. Pat—Who's Carvell? Mike—He's the fellow said our soldiers did nothing but learn how to get drunk. Pat—Who's Pugsley? Mike—He's the fellow that couldn't account for one hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars of the money that was supposed to be spent on the Central Railway. Pat—Shure and its much obliged OI am to ye, OI'm on my way to vote, and its not Carter or any of his ilk that'll be on me ticket. Rummage Sale. Rummage sale, 651 Main street. Everything must go. Rev. John Hardwick. F. A. Dykeman & Co. invite all shoppers today to save all the dollars they can, and buy all the goods they can, because every week sees advanced prices in all materials. As the European market is more completely shut off the harder it is to get goods. The above is a good reason why you should take advantage of everything that is being offered at special prices.

Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarette Cases, Signet Rings and Military Brushes. A grand selection of these articles is always kept in stock. The famous Wrist Watch is also shown in many styles.

Around the City

Received Scalp Wound. About noon yesterday James Evans, a longshoreman, was treated in the emergency hospital for a scalp wound received while he was working on one of the ships. The wound was not serious and he was able to walk to his home, 203 Water street, West St. John.

Had Sleigh Drive and Supper. About twenty young ladies connected with Exmouth street Methodist church, accompanied by friends, had a most pleasant sleigh drive as far as Torryburn and back last evening. Supper was then served in the school room of the church and a social hour much enjoyed.

A Typographical Error. In yesterday's Standard a paragraph appeared touching on the big blast which was put off at Black Point on the Valley Railroad on Tuesday afternoon. This stated that a quantity of rock measuring twenty-eight cubic yards had been displaced. This was a typographical error. The quantity actually displaced was twenty-eight thousand cubic yards.

Presentation at Waterloo St. Church. At the conclusion of the usual weekly Wednesday service in Waterloo street Baptist church, last night, a presentation of a beautiful signet ring was made to Troop Leader Stiles by J. Patterson, on behalf of the members of the church. Mr. Stiles, who has been connected with the No. 1 Boy Scout Troop for a considerable time, is returning to his home at Stoughton.

City Boy Scouts. Three new members joined the recently formed Boy Scout troop in connection with the Exmouth street church, last evening. The boys also listened attentively to an address given by B. C. Waring, on the subject of "War Service." He gave a similar address to members of the Wiggins Home Troop, who met at their headquarters and made much progress in their study of scoutcraft.

\$400 FIRE DAMAGE IN MECKLENBURG ST. HOUSE

Bleze in Upper Flat of House, Occupied by Noel F. Sheraton, Caused by Oil Stove

Fire, which did damage to the extent of \$400, broke out last night about 8.30 in the upper flat of a two-story tenement house on Mecklenburg street owned by Wm. Smith of Carleton. The flat was occupied by Noel F. Sheraton. The origin of the fire is attributed to a blazing oil stove, situated in a bedroom. The fire for the most part was confined to the one room, although the water did considerable damage to the ceiling downstairs. Both the house and furniture are well covered by insurance. On the house there is \$5,000, \$1,000 with White & Calkin, 167 Prince William street, and \$2,000 with the Queen Insurance Company, represented by C. E. L. Jarvis & Son, 74 Prince William street. On Mr. Sheraton's furniture there is \$1,500, carried with Lockhart & Ritchie, 114 Prince William street. When the fire was first seen a still alarm was sent in but before the chemical arrived some one sent in an alarm from box 42.

VICTORIA RINK CARNIVAL. Tuesday, February 27th. Don't forget VICTORIA RINK GRAND CARNIVAL, Tuesday, February 27th.

"PRIMECREST FARMS" CLOSED YESTERDAY

City Establishments Locked Milk Teams Off Routes, and Employees Seeking Other Positions—Business Difficulty Reported.

Have Primecrest Farms, Limited, suspended business? From reports in circulation last evening it was intimated that they had or would suspend as not only did the teams remain on the farm at South Bay yesterday, but several of the company's employees made enquiries elsewhere seeking employment. The cans were not sent up the line, the city establishments were closed, and a general appearance of "no business" prevailed.

When D. W. Harper, manager of the Provincial Bank, which institution it is understood, is one of the heavy creditors, was asked by The Standard if he had an information concerning the rumor, he said he had nothing to say. C. S. Hannington, of the firm of Hannington and Hannington, Barristers, also answered that he had no statement to make. Mr. Prime is at present out of town, and when Mrs. Prime was asked as to the subject she said she did not know anything of the business. Several attempts were made during the course of the evening to communicate with the Primecrest Farms, but no answer was given to the telephone calls. This was rather significant. It is reported that the firm is somewhat largely involved.

CANDIDATES ADDRESS THE ST. RAILWAY MEN

Given Most Attentive Hearing—Opposition Representative Fails to Appear at Evening Meeting.

At the quarterly meeting of the Street Railway Men's Union held yesterday afternoon and last night they threw open the doors to representatives of the political parties. In the afternoon F. L. Potts of the government ticket and W. F. Roberts of the opposition addressed them and in the evening L. P. D. Tilley, one of the government candidates. Dr. Roberts was to have been present to discuss the issues with Major Tilley but failed to show up. Major Tilley was given a splendid reception and a most attentive hearing as he placed before the men some of the policies of the government.

"In The Hands of The Muns." A stirring lecture will be delivered on Friday (tomorrow) evening in the Germain street Baptist Institute under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club, by Dr. B. G. Bourchier, who has been a Red Cross worker in Belgium. He was taken prisoner and condemned to death by the German invaders. Lecture open to public. Admission 25 cents. Members of club free.

Dollar Day Bargains AT THORNE'S The Housewife, Carpenter, Machinist, Sportsman and Painter will find many articles on which a great saving can be made on Dollar Day. A careful inspection of our windows on King street and Prince Wm. street will show some of these bargains. You are welcome to inspect any of these goods in our stores at any time, but they will be sold at these special prices on Dollar Day only. Special 10 p. c. off all Machinists Tools and Bathroom Fixtures Dollar Day. MARKET SQUARE - W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - KING STREET

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