

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Increasing easterly winds with rain or sleet. Toronto, Jan. 24.-The pressure has been high from the great lakes to the Maritime Provinces and lower in the western provinces and northwest States. The weather is cloudy or partly cloudy throughout the Dominion with the temperature about the seasonal average.

AROUND THE CITY

Complying With the Law. Four liquor dealers in Fairville were engaged yesterday in plastering up a second door in their bars as a result of a visit of the license commissioners to their establishments on Saturday.

Fire Department Changes. Chief Kerr yesterday transferred Alex. Lone, driver of No. 3 hose wagon to No. 1 station. Harry Johnson, who formerly drove Chief Kerr's wagon will take Mr. Long's place at No. 3 station.

Building Alterations. A number of alterations will be made to the property on the south side of King street owned by Mr. Jas. E. White and now occupied by the Japanese Art Store, into which E. Nelson and Co. will move in the spring. Among other changes a new front will be placed in the building.

Cotton Mills Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Cornwall and York Cotton Mills Co., Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon. The officers for the previous year were re-elected as follows: Mr. Geo. West Jones, president; Mr. Jas. T. Robertson, vice-president, and Messrs. Thos. McAvity, Keltie Jones, W. H. Thorne and Frank Starr, directors.

The Sausg Crippled Again. The little dredge, Saugus, which, when weather permits, is engaged in skimming the top layer of mud from the beach bar, was crippled again yesterday and was towed in with a broken spud. Unless repairs can be made the dredge is likely to be out of commission for some time as spare spuds are not included in the outfit.

Natural History Popular Course. The regular lecture of the popular course of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick this evening, will be in charge of the photographic section. A pleasant evening is anticipated as many slides have been prepared, particularly of local views. The lecture is free and the public are invited.

River Ice Melting. Although the St. John river is open a good part of the way up and the Kennebecasis is also open as far up as Clifton, no ice has been coming down river. This leads to the belief that, assisted by the recent rains, the ice is melting before it reaches Indian-town. The water is very high for this time of year.

Operation Performed. James Hogan was brought to the city yesterday from the lumber woods, where he had been working for L. C. Prime and Co., suffering from appendicitis. He was taken to the General Public Hospital where he underwent an operation by Dr. J. A. Burns, which was successful. He is now recovering and is expected to be discharged in a few days.

Art Club Lecture. The rooms of the St. John Art Club was crowded yesterday afternoon when the second reading from Sermons in Art by Rev. J. A. Burns, was given by Mrs. Silas Alward. The subject was Millet's Angoules and the reading was much enjoyed by those present. A pair of eye glasses that were left in the room may be obtained from Miss McGivern, Wellington Row. The next reading on Raphael's Transfiguration will be given on Feb. 7, by Mrs. T. H. Bullock.

Nelson and the British Navy. Before St. Stephen's church guild, last evening, Dr. G. G. Melvin delivered a thoughtful and interesting lecture on Nelson and the British Navy. In motion of Mr. Geo. Robertson, seconded by Mr. D. B. Boig, a vote of thanks was tendered to the speaker by Rev. Gordon Dickie who presided. During the evening Miss Pauline Beland gave a piano solo, and vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. W. E. O. Jones and Mr. D. McAvity. The Battle of Copenhagen was recited by Miss Janet Armstrong.

Appraising Dock Street Fire. The damage to the stock of the St. John Mercantile Co., Ltd., in Sunday's fire in Dock street was appraised yesterday by Mr. C. E. L. Jarvis, representative of the London, Liverpool & Globe Insurance Co., and Mr. McAvour, managing director of the firm, at \$450. Mr. Edward Bates and Mr. S. C. Drury have been chosen as appraisers on the building and the stock of Mr. J. W. Godard and the Linton & Sinclair Co., Ltd. They will begin work this morning.

First Issue of the Army. The latest in St. John journalism appeared on the streets yesterday when the Army, the monthly paper issued by the boys department of the Y.M.C.A., was delivered to an already large list of subscribers. The Army at present consists of four pages of bright reading matter and advertisements, but as the editorial foreword so enthusiastically points out, there is room for improvement and larger things may be expected in the future. The boys have complete charge of the infant journal and are responsible for its financial success as well as its literary reputation. The editorship is in capable hands under Herman A. Lordly, A. E. Megarity makes a bustling business manager and J. B. Hipwell and H. Cunningham are assistant editors.

LOSS OF PROPELLER BLADE IN MID-OCEAN DELAYED HESPERIAN

Allan Liner Under Charter To C.P.R. Arrived Yesterday—Comet Sighted On Voyage—Monmouth In Port.

Her progress considerably delayed by the loss of one of her propeller blades at sea, the Allan liner Hesperian, under charter to the C.P.R., in command of Capt. Mala, arrived in port yesterday afternoon at 1:30 and docked at No. 3 berth. The Hesperian is taking the place of the Empress of Ireland which is undergoing repairs in dry dock in Liverpool.

The steamer left Liverpool on Jan. 14 with sixty saloon, 182 second class passengers and 411 steerage. Fine weather was experienced until off the coast of Ireland, when strong westerly gales accompanied by high seas were encountered for three days.

While battling with the seas the steamer lost one of her propeller blades which delayed her progress. Saw the Comet. Captain Mala reports seeing a comet when the steamer was off Little Hope Island. It was a brilliant object on the western horizon, and was visible from six until seven o'clock.

The steamer reached Halifax on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and landed fifty passengers and a heavy mail, consisting of 1,551 sacks and 301 packages of parcel post. Among the passengers who disembarked at Halifax were Mr. C. E. Benjamin, head of the C.P.R. passenger department, Chicago; Mrs. J. MacDougall, wife of Col. MacDougall of the Halifax Garrison; Capt. J. Seymour Gordon of the English army, on a world tour, and Miss Lola Powell of Montreal, who have been visiting friends in England.

The Hesperian has 5,000 tons of cargo for local firms here and for the west. Shortly after the big liner docked the passengers were landed. They were a fine healthy looking class of settlers. Five hundred and thirty-five were bound for Canadian points and 115 were going to the United States.

A Quick Transfer. The baggage was unloaded in record time by Joseph Murphy, baggage master and staff. The first piece was taken off the steamer at 1:45 p. m. and at 2:25 p. m. the last of the baggage was put in the cars. The first train made up of fourteen coaches, carrying first and second class passengers, steamed out of the yard at Sand Point at 3 o'clock. A second special made up of nine coaches, carrying over 400 steerage passengers left at 8 p. m.

DECIDE ON WEEKLY DISPENSARY FOR TUBERCULOUS CASES

Executive Of St. John Society Accepted Report Of Committee At Meeting Yesterday—Two Doctors Appointed.

The executive of the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis met the committee appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a dispensary at the Board of Health rooms for consumptive patients yesterday afternoon, and after hearing the report decided to carry out the suggestions of the committee.

Once a week at the Board of Health rooms, one of four doctors who will be chosen will attend and give free advice to any patients who may inquire. If necessary the physicians will visit the homes of the patients and supervise the arrangements of the sick room.

It is not planned to present to dispense food or medicines but what medical advice is given will be entirely free. Dr. Stewart Skinner and Dr. L. Keaney are two of the doctors chosen for the work. The others have not yet been named. The executive are also endeavoring to arrange to have a nurse specially trained to take charge of consumptive cases and if the appeal for funds meets with the generous response the cause should command, this plan will be at once put in practice.

The committee were requested to appear before the Board of Health with reference to having literature properly distributed and such necessities as sputum cups, etc., supplied to homes where tuberculous has found a victim. It was reported that three meetings had been addressed by Rev. T. Hunter Boyd and that two others would soon be held.

COMMITTEE ON CRAIG LEASE WILL CONSIDER FIRST DRAFT TODAY

Concessions Not Likely To Be Granted, But Company Will Accept—Are Anxious To Start Business.

The Craig lease will be advanced another step this afternoon when a meeting of the special committee appointed by the common council to deal with the matter will consider the provisions of the lease as drawn up by the recorder and Mr. A. A. Wilson, C. C., representing the company. It is expected that the agreement will be recommended to the general committee of the council. The meeting is called by Ald. Vanwart, the other members being Ald. Likely, Scully and Kelley.

It is understood that the application of the Craig Company for a lease of the Dunn properties in lieu of a block of 40 acres which was found to be under the control of Randolph & Baker, has not been pressed and that the lease will not contain any mention of this property. Permission to export the material is also refused in the lease, although the sale of the limestone for domestic manufacture is allowed.

While the Craig Company are naturally disappointed in not securing the concessions asked for, it is not believed they will make any further objection to the ratification of the lease as it stands. In a letter recently received from Mr. David Craig he states that the company are anxious to see the lease completed in order that the work might be started.

SMELT FISHING MAY DEVELOPE INTO PAYING BUSINESS

Large Catches Lead To Talk Of Company To Ship To States—Silver Hake Also In Demand.

While it is reported from the North Shore that smelt are very scarce this season it cannot be said of the smelt fishing at St. John, for the fish have not been so plentiful in years as they have been this season.

Along the Kennebecasis a number of small shanties have been erected and their owners have been making a business of smelt fishing. Judging by the large catches which have been made it has been a paying business. Last week there was a particularly good run and some very large catches were made. Mr. John King of Simonds street caught nearly 500 lbs. of smelt on Thursday last, while Messrs. Frank Foster and E. McTooth secured nearly as much. On Monday Mr. David Higgins made a catch of 100 lbs. in a few hours, and Mr. Charles Logan caught nearly 50 lbs. in one hour.

As the Kennebecasis is now nearly all open as far as Clifton, there is not much doing in the smelt line at present, but the fishermen are looking for a cold snap when they will again try their luck. Silver hake are also caught in large numbers, but as there is no market for them here, they have hitherto been considered worthless. There is some talk of forming a company to ship them to the States, where there is a big demand for the fish and where they bring good prices.

NEW CONDUCTOR OF CITY CORNET BAND HAS FINE RECORD

Frank Waddington Who Arrived Yesterday An Excellent Musician—Solo Cornetist And Teacher In Old Country.

Mr. Frank Waddington, late bandmaster of the 53rd Regt., of Sherbrooke, P. Q., who has been engaged as bandmaster and instructor to the City Cornet Band, arrived in the city yesterday and made his first appearance at a largely attended practice held last evening. Mr. Waddington, who is recognized as an excellent musician and capable instructor and leader, has been in Canada about a year, coming from England and taking the leadership of the Sherbrooke band. He was for several years solo cornetist with the Black Dike Band in Yorkshire and has also been bandmaster and teacher of the 9th Batt. (Highlanders) Royal Scots, Edinburgh, known as the Keltic's Military Band. He has also been conductor and teacher of several other bands in the Old Country.

St. Joseph's Orchestra Recital. There has been a record sale of tickets for the orchestra recital to be given by the Y. M. C. of St. Joseph, in St. Michael's Hall, this evening, and a record crowd is expected to be in attendance. In addition to the Y. M. C. orchestra, St. Cecilia's will also be present. Among those who will assist in the entertainment will be Miss Agnes Scully, Miss Florrie Hogan and Messrs. Blake Moloney and Wm. D. Ryan.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Frank Rankine and Miss Rankine have returned from Upper Canada to Newton, Mass., to resume her study of nursing at the Newton hospital. Sergt. Instructor J. Kemplen, of the R. C. R., passed through the city yesterday en route to Halifax where he is stationed. Sergt. Kemplen has been to Fredericton on furlough.

Bargain Remnant Sale of House Furnishing Fabrics at M. R. A. Every housekeeper should be intensely interested in this great sale. Practically every needed fabric for home beautifying purposes may be purchased at marvellously low prices. The ends are in various lengths; the materials are bright and new; the savings are greater than ever before. Side commencing this morning at 9:30 in House Furnishing Department.

Women's Canadian Club. Professor Kierstead, of the U. N. B. will lecture before the Women's Canadian Club next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Keith's Assembly Rooms. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock. The subject of the lecture has not yet been announced. To Lecture at Pinehill. Rev. A. A. Graham left last night for Halifax, where he will give a series of lectures before the students of the Presbyterian college. He expects to return on Friday.

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