

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Winds shifting to east and south and becoming fresh or strong; fair today then showery.

Toronto, Ont., April 29.—The depression which has been over the North-west States last night now covers the lake region, elsewhere pressure is comparatively high.

New England Forecast.

Washington, D. C., April 29.—Forecast: Showers and warmer Saturday; Sunday, partly cloudy in south; showers in north; cooler in west portion; moderate to brisk south to southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Tax Bills to go Out May 20. D. G. Lingley, the city chamberlain stated yesterday that it would not be possible to issue the tax bills for the year until after May 20.

New Building on Douglas Avenue. N. C. Scott has sold a valuable lot of land on Douglas avenue to Walter Holly.

U. S. Consul to Remain Some Weeks. M. K. Moorhead, the American Consul at St. John, received a telegram from Washington yesterday, informing him that his successor, Mr. Kent, would not arrive in St. John for three or four weeks.

To Use No. 6 Warehouse as Drill Shed. No. 3 battery of the 3rd regiment C. A. West side have arranged for the use of No. 6 warehouse, Sand Point as a drill hall during the time their own drill hall on Winslow street is under repair.

Donates \$2,500 as Memorial Fund. An interesting announcement was made at the meeting of the vestry of the St. John (Stone) church last evening. This was a statement that Mrs. Vassie had established a memorial fund of \$2,500, the proceeds to be devoted to the poor of the parish.

Lancaster Ferry Commission. The annual meeting of the Lancaster Ferry Commission was held yesterday afternoon at the office of Vroom and Arnold, Prince William street. W. E. Vroom was elected president, and A. D. Holder secretary-treasurer.

To Announce Decision Sunday Week. Rev. Father Conners of the Mission church of St. John Baptist, Paradise Row, who has received a call to take charge of a church in Toledo, said last evening that he had reached a decision in regard to the call but until he had communicated it to his congregation he would not make any statement for publication.

County L. O. L. to Celebrate July 12. St. John County Loyal Orange lodge held a special meeting in the range hall last evening to consider the question of a celebration on July 12th. It was decided to hold a celebration and a committee was appointed consisting of one member of each of the subordinate lodges, the county master, the county secretary and the district master to report on what form it should take.

Two More Arrive. Peter Murray and John Fletcher, two Scottish lads from G. C. Crossar's farm near Edinburgh, Scotland, arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal, having crossed in memory of the steamer Sicilian. They will go this morning to the New Brunswick farm which Mr. Crossar has purchased near Castleton and will live there in the future.

Inspected Sites for New Industries. Ald. Frink, the mayor-elect, accompanied by T. H. Estabrook, president of the Board of Trade, and A. D. Holder, inspected the properties east of Duke and Sheffield streets, which it is proposed to reserve as sites for new industries desirous of locating in the city.

Tug Cruiser Away Last Night. The C. P. R. tug Cruiser, which attained international fame by towing across the Atlantic, Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock II, sailed at 11:45 last night for Montreal. The Cruiser has been here since last fall in the service of the C. P. R. at the winter port. Fourth Officer Keolers of the S. S. Mount Temple was in command.

Liquor Licenses. Up to last evening forty-one liquor licenses had been issued by Inspector Jones. Thirty-five were retail, three wholesale, two for hotels and one for a brewery.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE ENLISTED IN RANKS OF CIVIC HOUSECLEANERS

Will Be Asked To Take a Hand On Arbor Day--More Offers Yesterday of Men and Teams.

Up to the present, public-spirited citizens have interested themselves in the movement to give the city such a brightening up as it never had before to the extent of offering 21 teams and 34 men to assist the force the city authorities will place in the field on Arbor Day.

T. H. Estabrook, president of the Board of Trade, while pleased at the response to his suggestion, is of the opinion that twice as many teams and men are needed to do the work thoroughly.

He asked the principals to lay the matter before their teachers, and have them point out to the children the advisability of making a special effort to clean up the back yards this year. They should let the children understand that any action they might take would be purely voluntary on their part, and that the school authorities had no thought of compelling them to give an exhibition of civic pride.

As to the line of action, they should urge the children to clean up their home premises, place the rubbish in boxes or barrels, and remove it to the street curb on Arbor Day.

Dr. Bridges informed The Standard last evening that he intended to see the city engineer today, and discuss arrangements for making the movement as great a success as possible.

GOES TO B.C. TO SELECT SITE FOR UNIVERSITY

Chancellor Jones is Granted Leave of Absence--Will Be One of Five Commissioners Possible Locations.

Chancellor Jones of the University of New Brunswick has obtained the consent of the governing body to go to British Columbia and assist four other commissioners in the selection of a site for the provincial university.

Among the locations mentioned for the University of British Columbia are Victoria, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Okanagan Valley, and Agassiz.

STEAMERS BROUGHT 30,051 PASSENGERS

Close of Winter Port Shows Heavier Travel Than Last Year--Allan Line Figures Issued Yesterday.

With the sailing of the steamer Victorian yesterday a most successful winter port season has been closed. The passenger travel through this port has been particularly heavy this year as shown by the statements of the transportation companies.

The total number of passengers of all classes landed at this port this season is 30,051, made up as follows: Allan line 7,461 Donaldson line 2,111 C. P. R. 20,480

HALLEY'S COMET SEEN HERE WITH NAKED EYE YESTERDAY MORNING

W. F. Burditt Detected Strange Visitor as Bright Point of Light at 4 a.m., Close to Venus.

Faint, but distinctly visible to the naked eye, as a bright point of light, Halley's famous comet was discovered early yesterday morning by W. F. Burditt, of Crouchville, who was on the watch for it.

The sky was clear for the first time since Sunday week, and about 4 o'clock Mr. Burditt caught his first glimpse of the strange visitor from the depths of space. It appeared as a faint star a little above the eastern horizon, and almost 3 degrees to the north of the planet Venus.

Mr. Burditt told The Standard last evening that he had no doubt he saw the comet, as there was no known star where he discovered the point of light, and as some of the comet was detected it at the point in the heavens where the comet should appear.

At a conference of the principals of the city schools yesterday afternoon, it was formally decided to take measures to interest the children in the civic house-cleaning carnival on Arbor Day.

NO LABOR TROUBLES IN ST. JOHN ON MAY 1

Several Trades Agitating for Higher Wages, but Outlook is Peaceful--Other Cities Less Fortunate.

Although May Day will be marked by the inauguration of several strikes in other Canadian cities, the outlook for a peaceful May 1st in St. John seems bright.

The ship carpenters have asked for an increase in wages, but it is not expected that they will resort to a strike as there is little work in their line just now.

In other trades there is owing to the high cost of living, said to be considerable dissatisfaction with the prevailing rates of wages, but definite movements for a higher rate of pay are not in evidence.

37 BOYS QUALIFIED FOR BIBLE STUDY PRIZE

Papers Handed in at Y.M.C.A. Last Evening in Contest for Br. Donnell's Trophy--150 Competed.

The Bible study department of the Y. M. C. A. took part in an interesting contest last evening when nine groups wrote examinations for the cup donated by Dr. W. P. Donnell. Thirty-seven boys qualified for the final examination and the results will be known about Monday or Tuesday.

The Bible class which was opened in January last has proven a great success. One hundred and fifty boys from 13 to 18 divided into 14 groups, each group being under the instruction of a teacher, formed the class and received Scripture instruction every day.

The boys who qualified for the final examinations, together with the names of the teachers, belonged to the following groups: Keelawans--J. G. McKinnon, five boys.

Glants--H. A. Lordy, ten boys. Winners--S. E. Fisher, seven boys. Beduns--H. A. Wetmore, four boys. Triangles--Stanley K. Smith, five boys. Pathfinders--E. B. Trueman, two boys. Pioneers--Willis Jones, three boys. Runners--C. G. Fletwelling, one boy.

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