

THE WEATHER

Through March 3—Pressure is high over the greater portion of the United States and Lower Canada and along the Atlantic seaboard. Light snow is falling in Nova Scotia and Southern New Brunswick, while elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

St. John... 9 38 Prince Rupert... 34 49 Victoria... 38 48 Vancouver... 38 44

London... 20 31 Toronto... 20 34 Kingston... 14 23

Ottawa... 2 24 Montreal... 6 22 Quebec... 4 22 Halifax... 4 23

Below Forecast. Maritime—Moderate to fresh variable winds, occasional snow showers, but mostly fair with somewhat higher temperature.

Northern New England—Generally fair Friday and Saturday, little change in temperature; fresh and strong shifting winds becoming north and northwest.

AROUND THE CITY

CITY BUYS POWER BOAT. The harbor department has purchased a power boat for use around the harbor in connection with wharf repairs. The craft is 24 feet long, 8 feet beam and 5 horse power engine and is fitted with a cabin.

CHOIR ENTERTAINED. The choir of the Main Street Baptist Church were entertained last evening by Mrs. F. E. Flowering, Douglas Avenue. After the practice a social hour was spent and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

ON INSPECTION TRIP. L. S. Brown, assistant general manager of the C.N.R. and T. C. Hudson, general master mechanic, arrived in the city yesterday on an inspection trip. Mr. Brown stated that over 1,000 cars of grain were enroute here for shipment through the government elevator.

McADAM LIQUOR CASE. David White, of McAdam, whose premises were raided by liquor inspectors on Wednesday, was conducted in the police court in Fredericton yesterday morning of violating the prohibition act by selling liquor on March 1. He was fined \$200 on each charge.

INTERESTING SUBJECT. The Commercial Club have taken hold of the matter of a game preserve in the district around Musquash and this will be one of the matters to be discussed at the meeting next week. The development there has opened up a large territory and it is felt that unless some steps are taken to protect the game and fish they would soon be exterminated.

INDIAN CADET CORPS. An Indian cadet corps, the first of its kind in the province, has been formed at Millville Village on the Indian reservation near the mouth of the Tobique where there are some twenty cadets enrolled under the command of Charles Sauls. Another new cadet corps has also been formed at Harland under the command of G. W. Montgomery.

PLEASANT SLEIGH DRIVE. The staff of the main office of the Bank of Montreal of Prince William street enjoyed a pleasant sleigh drive to Torryburn last evening, and on their return to the city repaired to the recreation rooms over the main office where an enjoyable programme of dances was carried out and refreshments served. The jolly party of bankers and bank-ettes were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Gay L. Short.

LATE ARRESTS. It is not always the mother-in-law who features in the storm center of the matrimonial storm, last evening William Andrews was given in charge by his son-in-law Clarence Dowling for beating and assaulting the latter in his home, No. 16 Frederick street. Andrews is also charged with using insulting language to his son-in-law Dowling. One arrest was made for drunkenness and shelter was given a protectionist.

ENTERTAINMENT IN SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE. A large attendance characterized the entertainment given last evening in the Seamen's Institute, by the concert party from the St. Thomas, assisted by the staff of the Institute and two men from the steamer Maudslayi. The musical programme was purely of a vocal nature, several solos and selections by a male quartette being rendered, and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Wain were accompanists for the different numbers.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW HELD NEXT MONTH. The automobile show to be held next month under the auspices of the Commercial Club is already an assured success from the point of exhibits, all the available space being already taken. One of the chapters of the I. O. D. E. is considering the matter of furnishing a tea room and it is expected they will undertake this project. Present indications are that this will be one of the most attractive events to take place in St. John this year.

Common Council And Hydro Matter

Mayor Schofield Takes Exception to Statement That Council Has Had Year Considering Question.

COMMON COUNCIL. Mayor Schofield in conversation with the Standard said he had noticed in the press a statement that the city council was holding up the hydro matter and had been considering it for a year. This was not true, he said, there had been no delay at city hall and they had not the matter before them for a year for it was not until November 23 that a definite offer of surplus at a stated price was made by the New Brunswick Power Commission and since that time the council had been working diligently to arrive at the best solution of the problem. What delay there had been could not be charged up to the council but to the other parties to the deal. Mr. K. H. Smith had caused about three weeks delay by his tardiness in furnishing Mr. R. A. Ross with certain information which he possessed and in his letter to Mr. Ross he apologized for this delay. Another two weeks delay was caused by the Premier having to go to Ottawa on the day which had been set for a conference, and these facts should be borne in mind by the public when discussing this question. It was true the matter had been discussed by the council since last spring but at that time the cost price of the work was given as \$1,500,000, this has since been increased to \$2,000,000, and as the Commission had talked on a cost basis all the time, the council was justified in waiting for a more definite idea of what the cost would be. It was as being intimated, the Commission was willing now to bargain on a price and a guarantee that power would be delivered, that the city might be in a position to make a counter proposition, but he wanted the citizens to know that any delay in this matter did not lie at the door of the common council, every member of which had given many hours of his time to studying the question in order to arrive at a solution fair to all parties interested.

Women's Hospital Aid Executive Meeting Called for Purpose of Formulating Plans for Year's Business—Reports Received

A meeting of the executive of the Women's Hospital Aid was held yesterday afternoon, in the Board of Trade rooms, with the president, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, in the chair. The meeting was called for the purpose of formulating plans for the year's work, and of getting in touch with the conveners of the different standing committees, all of whom were present. Two denominational vice-presidents were in attendance at the meeting, and were welcomed by the president, who expressed the desire to meet with all the denominational officers to discuss plans for the coming year. The report of the visiting convener for the month of February was read by Mrs. R. A. Corbett, showing that the visiting had been well looked after during that period. Mrs. Mowry, the new treasurer, was present in that capacity for the first time, and took over the duties of the former treasurer, Mrs. R. Duncaan Smith. The meeting took occasion to express their great appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Smith, and commented favorably on the splendid annual report, which was prepared by her and audited by A. C. Skelton, to whom the Aid is much indebted for services rendered in the past in this connection. Delegates to the Local Council of Women were nominated, and the usual fee ordered to be paid. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith then made reference to her recent trip to Ottawa and Montreal and the information she gleaned in regard to social service work in connection with the hospitals. While in Montreal, Mrs. Smith spent part of a day in the social service department of the Montreal General Hospital, which is considered the best department of its kind in Canada, and employs six social service workers, all but one of whom are trained nurses. The president then enlarged on the value of this work, and the way in which it is carried out, dwelling on the significance of the fact that it forms a connecting link between the home and the hospital. The president also stated that she and the secretary, Mrs. A. W. Hestey, had met with Miss Belle Howe, the newly appointed social service worker of the Hospital Aid, and reported to the meeting that Miss Howe was now ready to take up the duties in connection with her work. A committee, composed of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hestey, Mrs. Walter Morris and Mrs. T. Carleton Lee, were then appointed to confer with the hospital commissioners in regard to the duties of the new social service worker.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS. The amount of grain shipped by the C.P.R. to date this season is 4,340,000 bushels, of which 1,700,000 bushels were shipped during the month of February. They have in the elevators about 1,200,000 bushels and over 600 cars are enroute here.

FUNDS NEARLY GONE. At a meeting of the executive and relief committees of the local Red Cross, held yesterday morning, it was reported that the available funds for relief work were about exhausted and it was decided to ask the provincial government for a grant to carry on until the end of March. Ninety-six cases had come under the notice of the committee, of these thirty-one had been taken over by the D.N.C.R. and the balance cared for by the committee. A note of thanks was ordered sent to Dr. G. B. Post for his aid.

Commercial Club And Hydro-Electric

Important Questions Taken Up With Hydro-Electric Commission and Letters Exchanged.

Some days ago when the Commercial Club was selecting a committee to secure all available information on the question of hydro electric power, considerable doubt existed as to the amount of power available and as to whether the responsibility for providing for all requirements of St. John would, in the event of a contract, rest with this city or with the Provincial Government. At that time a letter was written to Premier Foster asking a definite assurance on these points. As it appeared that the Government could deal with such matters only through the Hydro-Electric Commission, that letter was passed on to the Chairman of the Commission who, after consultation with his colleagues, has replied to it. The Commercial Club wrote the Hydro-Electric Commission as follows: "Gentlemen,—For the purpose of permitting a more intelligent study of the Hydro-Electric situation that appears possible from the material now available, I have been requested to ask from you definite assurance on the following points: "Will the Hydro-Electric Commission undertake to guarantee the delivery to the City of St. John, in the event of a contract, a definite amount of at least fifteen million k. w. h. of electrical energy at a price not exceeding 1.2c. per k. w. h. delivered at the City Lines? "Will such contract, embodying this guarantee, be ratified by the Governor-in-Council? "The reply of Mr. E. A. Smith, Chairman of the Commission, was: "H. V. MacKinnon, Esq., Secretary Commercial Club, St. John, N. B. "Dear Sir,—Replying to your inquiry of the 27th, I beg to state that if the city makes requisition on this Commission to supply a block of electric power, from ten to fifteen million kilowatt hours per year, the Commission will enter into a contract to supply such amount of power at cost, which cost shall not exceed 1.2 cents per k. w. h., and when the contract has been negotiated and the terms agreed upon between the city authorities and the Commission, the Commission will submit the contract to the Governor-in-Council with our recommendation and request that we be given authority to execute the contract and we have no doubt that such authority will be given by an Order-in-Council. "Yours truly, "E. A. SMITH, Chairman."

Interesting Case Held In Chambers

The Matter of Expropriation of the Thorne Wharf Property Was Resumed—Hearing Continued Today. In chambers yesterday morning, before Mr. Justice Crockett, the matter of the expropriation of the Thorne wharf property by the city was resumed. Hearing continued today, and all the evidence in connection with the matter was completed. Evidence was given by D. C. Clark, P. P. Starr, Senator Thorne, W. L. Fenton and F. W. Cowie, consulting engineer for the Montreal Board of Harbor Commissioners. Among the points brought out yesterday were the estimates of Mr. Cowie and Mr. Fenton on the wharf frigate. The former gave as his estimate \$450 per running foot and Mr. Fenton's valuation was cited as \$200 per running foot. The hearing adjourned until this morning, when Mr. Justice Crockett will inspect the property and decide whether the matter will be continued in chambers, and the argument of counsel begun. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., as acting in the interests of the city, and H. G. Todd, K. C., and W. H. Harrison for Senator Thorne.

St. John's Church Men's Club Meeting

Enjoyable Evening of Music and Addresses Greatly Enjoyed. An enjoyable evening of music was featured at the regular fortnightly meeting of the Men's Club of St. John's (Stone) Church, which was held in the church school room last evening. Solos were given by George Warburton, S. Holdier and A. H. Hestey, and some thirty or forty members present also indulged in a number of choruses. In addition to the vocal selections, the club were able, through the courtesy of W. H. Thorne & Co., to enjoy a pleasing programme from one of the firm's Edison recreations. Hammond Brown presided at the meeting. It was announced that at the next meeting, on the 16th, the actor, Rev. A. L. Fleming, will deliver a lecture on the Arctic. Mr. Fleming, who was present at last night's meeting, assured the club that the lecture would not take the form of a missionary meeting, and then gave an outline of the matters he intended touching on and with which he was conversant from knowledge gained from his two years' experience as a missionary within the Arctic Circle. Mr. Fleming said that he had heard Amundsen speak, and had read several of his books as well, and 150 books on the Arctic by other explorers of that great waste of northern snow and ice, but in neither the speeches or the writings had he been able to find any detailed reference to the language of the Esquimaux. Amundsen, he said, was the most explicit of all, and even he had confined himself to the statement that it was more hybrid than any other combined European languages. He promised to give his hearers the benefit of what knowledge he had acquired of the language of the Esquimaux during his association with them. Mr. Fleming will also show a number of lantern slides made from photographs obtained while in the North, and intends also speaking of the Esquimaux dog, or husky. At the close of last night's meeting refreshments were served, following which a number adjourned to the Badminton courts for friendly games.

VICTORIA ST. CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES

Rev. Mr. Torry Delivered a Most Forceful Address to a Large Congregation Last Evening. In the Victoria Street Church last evening Rev. Mr. Torry spoke on Jesus and Jesus, Matthew 24, giving a sharp character sketch of Jesus, who he designated as a finished product of sin, depraved and sacrilegious, a man upon whom sin had wrought its complete havoc and a dark background on which the righteousness of Jesus might be painted. To appreciate Jesus' character to the full, Mr. Torry said that one should consider what he might have been a man of business ability capable of doing vast good in the infant church, an Apostle of Christ, who might have ranked with Peter and Paul, James or John. His three years with Christ had no effect in purifying his sin-stained soul, and he still remained capable of betraying his Master with a kiss. In picturing Jesus, the speaker referred to His calmness at the very moment He knew He was being betrayed. The consciousness of Divine approval steadied Him and His embracing charity prevented Him invoking the omnipotent power He possessed to destroy His enemies. Mr. Torry proved himself a very powerful speaker, and was greatly assisted by Mrs. Torry whose singing was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Charlie Gorman Honored By Knights

Pythians Assembled in Castle Hall Last Evening—Presentation and Enjoyable Programme.

The smoker given last night in honor of Charlie Gorman, by the Knights of Pythias, in Castle Hall, Union St., was a great success and reflected much credit on the committee who had the matter in charge. During the evening the popular "Charlie" was presented with a fine engraved picture of himself on the steel blades, just ready to start on a record-breaking sprint. James S. Lord, Grand Chancellor, was present and delivered a most inspiring address on the principles of the order. The programme was one of the best ever, the "important" Edson Minstrel Troupe, making a big hit, particularly the lady member. One of the men had a figure and voice, very much like our genial friend "Bob" Gorman. The first number on the programme was a solo by Fred Irvine and this was followed by a solo by Ernest Tull; next came a solo by Kenneth Colwell. The chairman then introduced James S. Lord of St. Stephen, Grand Chancellor of the Maritime Domain. Mr. Lord thanked the audience for the courteous and kindly greeting extended to him and expressed his pleasure at being present at a gathering to do honor to one who had brought great credit to himself, the order and his native city. Charlie Gorman, who had made such a splendid showing in the athletic world and who, he believed would do still better in the future. The order of the Knights of Pythias was built on man's greatest need, that of sociability and recognized the great truth of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. They held out the hand of friendship to every page, acquire and knight and demonstrated that "just the act of being kind is all this world needs." He extended congratulations to the order on the splendid home which they possessed in Castle Hall and predicted great things for the order in St. John. The next on the programme was the presentation to the guest of the evening, Charlie was called to the platform and Oscar J. Dick, Chancellor of the order, presented him in a Lodge, of which he is a member. In a short address, in which he referred to the good work which Charlie had already done and predicted that next year would see him the "ace" of America, asked him to accept a memento photo of himself in skating rig, poised ready to start on one of his record-breaking sprints. In reply Charlie thanked his brother knights for the kind words and the gift, which he assured them would always be treasured by him as a memento of the occasion. Jack Rossley came next on the programme and he entertained the audience in his own inimitable way. The next number was the "important" Edson Minstrel Troupe and they proved a riot of fun and merriment, some very clever local hits. The last number was a showing of movies by the Specialty Film Import and this was followed by the serving of refreshments. The committee in charge were: J. A. Stephenson, chairman; H. L. Yezmans, secretary; A. N. Nixon, W. A. Simonds, R. C. Thomas, H. A. Young, J. G. Henderson, W. E. Deming, L. T. Westmore, K. Munro and J. F. Kelly.

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CLAIM FOR DAMAGES HEARD IN CHAMBERS

In chambers before His Honor Judge Armstrong, evidence was given yesterday in the case of Dean vs. Palmer. This is a claim for damages to the property of the plaintiff as the result of the defendant's trespass in placing lumber, iron, tar and other materials on the property while building the same which leads to the hybrid plant at Musquash. Kelley and Ross are appearing in the interests of the plaintiff, and J. D. P. Lewis for the defendant.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Herbert Downie has been called to Boston by the serious illness of her mother. W. B. Snowball, of Chatham, was in the city yesterday, and was registered at the Royal. Among the visitors in the city yesterday were Dr. E. A. and Mrs. Smith of Shediac. G. H. Vernon, K. U., of Truro, passed through the city last evening en route to Fredericton for the session of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, which opens today. Miss O'Neill, of St. George, is visiting Miss Annie O'Neill, of Main street. Colonel A. T. Ogilvie, D. S. O., Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. H. Powell, and Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Sparling are in Fredericton for the opening of the Provincial Legislature. N. R. Desbriay, general passenger agent for the C. P. R., New Brunswick district, returned yesterday from Montreal, where he was on a business trip. Miss Geraldine Morris, one of the

VERY SUCCESSFUL TEA AND SALE HELD

A very successful tea and sale was held last evening by the ladies of the "Work-A-Lot" circle of the Main St. Baptist Church. Despite the unfavorable weather there was a large number present and a good sum was realized for the work of the circle. Mrs. H. Cowan, Mrs. H. Belyea and Mrs. B. McDonald, were the general conveners; Mrs. D. Hutchinson and Mrs. F. B. Flowering acted as a committee of twelve ladies served. Mrs. M. Chapman and Mrs. E. G. Cowan were in charge of the sale table. The tea for the supper was supplied by the King Cole Tea Co. Clifton House, all meals 50c.