

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The weather has continued comparatively mild today in the western provinces, and it has turned somewhat milder in Ontario and Quebec.

Forecast: Maritime—North and north-west winds; fair and cold. Northern New England—Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer. Moderate to fresh shifting winds becoming south.

AROUND THE CITY

NO MEETING HELD. The monthly meeting of the Board of Trade was not held last evening, owing to small attendance.

AT HOLDERVILLE. Kings County has come to the front again. At Holderville on January 2, Reid Horey picked a number of twigs of Pussy Willow breaking into bloom.

VALLEY TRAIN DELAYED. The accommodation train on the Valley railway due to leave the city yesterday morning at 6:45 o'clock, did not get away until 11:40 owing to the engine becoming disabled.

A BLAZE IN FIRE. The fire department was called out at 2:15, yesterday, as the result of a small fire in a barn in the rear of Robert Clayton's, Hanover street.

CARLETON MILLPOND. According to a statement given out by Commissioner Bullock, yesterday, the Carleton millpond will be recommissioned as a place for dumping ballast.

POSTAL BAN LIFTED. The Post Office Department of Canada has issued a circular advising postmasters that the ban has been lifted on the importation of publications into Canada under the war restrictions.

FERRY STEAMER SOLD. The ferry steamer E. Ross which has been plying between Inlandtown and Pleasant Point, has been sold to the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., but will continue on the route until another boat is secured.

HE HAD LIQUOR. Yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock Inspector Merryfield arrested Wilfred Gormery in the Union depot for acting badly and also with having a bottle of liquor in his pocket. Wilfred will get a hearing in the police court today.

DELIGHTFUL BALL. The DelMonts Chapter I. O. O. F. gave a delightful Ball Poudre last evening in the Knights of Columbus Hall. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and miniature Christmas trees. Decorations of the supper table were red and green. About two hundred guests were present and enjoyed the programme of dances arranged.

THE Y. W. C. A. The Y. W. C. A. on King street has nearly all its rooms occupied at present, the girls having returned from their Christmas holidays. Miss Mattson and Miss Prescott of the staff are both back at work and Miss Allison is expected to return shortly. She is visiting in Sussex. Miss George Trueman has been appointed financial secretary and has entered upon her duties as such.

ON EXTENDED TRIP. Miss Olivia Gregory, who has been spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory, Douglas avenue, left last evening for Franklin, Mass., where she will resume her studies at the Dean Academy. She was accompanied by her parents, who will spend some time in California, staying a few days at New Orleans, on route. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory expect to return about the middle of March.

VITAL STATISTICS. Births and marriages each totalled more than the deaths for the past year, according to statistics recorded officially in the Government rooms. The marriages last year exceeded the 1918 figures; but the births and deaths for 1918 each aggregated more than the respective classifications for the year which closed last December. A marked decrease was indicated in deaths, showing that the influenza epidemic greatly affected the city in 1918. In detail the statistics are: Marriages, 1919, 674; 1918, 490. Births, 1919, 780; 1918, 1,104. Deaths, 1919, 551; 1918, 1,019.

SCHOOL CHANGES. Two resignations in the school teaching staff have taken place since last term, those of Miss Corbett from grade 6 in King George school, and Miss Lottie Manning from grade 1 in Winter street annex. Leave of absence was granted for six months to Miss Alice Lindsay, of grade 9 in the High school, and George J. Milton, a recent graduate of the University, has been appointed to fill her place for the ensuing term.

Miss Julia Crawford, who has been reserve teacher at King Edward school, has been appointed to grade 3 in Winter street annex, replacing Miss Fairweather, who has been appointed to the vacancy caused by Miss Manning's resignation, and Miss Helen Hannah goes from Alexandra to King George school in Miss Corbett's place.

Caring For The St. John Children

Child Welfare Committee of the Board of Health Held Meeting Yesterday—Societies Co-operating Had Representatives Present.

An interesting example of the way in which welfare work is being co-ordinated in St. John was seen yesterday when at the call of the chairman of the Board of Health Child Welfare Committee from four societies met to hear reports on the work among children now being carried on in St. John. The meeting was held in the Board of Trade rooms, Mrs. Hooper presiding, with the following present: Mrs. George F. Smith, judge Forbes of the Victorian Order Nurses Board; Mrs. J. L. McAvity and Miss Clara Schofield, of the I. O. O. F.; Mrs. Frances Stetsen, of the Y. W. C. A.; Miss Murdie, superintendent of the Victorian Order and Dr. Mabel Hamilton, medical inspector of schools.

Mrs. Hooper explained the purpose of the meeting, saying that this was the first of a series and that the Minister of Public Health, Dr. Roberts, was anxious to have the co-operation of all societies interested in the support of health measures thoroughly in touch with the work. Mrs. Hooper then described how social service is carried on by the Victorian Order Nurses, saying that if advice or material help is needed the nurses communicate with those who will see that such help is given. Mrs. Hooper paid a high tribute to Mrs. Arthur Burditt, who has established a "Cradle Roll" in East St. John, having a membership of twenty mothers. These mothers meet and talk over the best methods of caring for children and have the benefit of advice from two members who are trained in nursing and dietetics. This is a most valuable community effort and was warmly commended.

A very clear and enlightening report was given by Miss Murdie of the Child Welfare work accomplished by the Victorian Order Nurses, and Dr. Hamilton spoke on the plans for medical inspection and follow-up work in the Free Kindergartens which the Y. W. C. A. nurses are to undertake under an arrangement with the Board of Health. Mrs. George F. Smith, of the Victorian Board, spoke of the splendid services of the nurses and the hope of being able to have larger and better accommodations for them.

Mrs. Hooper referred to the fact that it is hoped later to secure the services of another nurse, stating that the interest taken by the I. O. O. F. and Red Cross in furnishing the salaries of nurses is most encouraging. A Health Primer was exhibited and it was stated that, with Dr. Bridges' permission two hundred of these will be placed in the city schools, the Young Women's Patriotic Association furnishing the funds for the purchase of the books. Later it is hoped to get playlets in the schools introducing the principles of hygiene and the benefit of living according to the laws of health.

Miss Frances Stetsen volunteered to take charge of a scrap book to contain clippings on child welfare subjects. Members of societies will be asked to supply these clippings. Miss Murdie spoke of the "Well Baby Clinic" which the Victorian Order hope to open shortly and the Child Welfare exhibit which it is expected may be here in the autumn was also discussed. The matter of supplying the Free Kindergartens with milk was talked of and the great necessity of this health-giving food being more universally used was pointed out. It is hoped that societies may take up this work. Another suggestion made was that Lenten Sewing classes might be formed to supply garments for Child Welfare work as the nurses frequently come across cases of great need. This matter will be taken back to the societies represented and other organizations. The good that may be done in many instances was pointed out in detail by Miss Murdie.

CONFIRMATION ADMINISTERED

Apostolic Rite Administered by Bishop Richardson in St. Jude's Church Last Evening to Twenty-Three Persons.

The Apostolic Rite of Confirmation was administered last evening in St. Jude's Church by His Lordship Bishop Richardson. The service opened with the hymn "Come Holy Spirit, Lord of Life." The candidates eleven women and girls, and twelve men and boys, were presented by the Rector of St. Jude's, Rev. J. H. A. Holmes. The Bishop gave an inspiring and helpful talk to those confirmed, urging the solemnity of the rite and speaking of the hopefulness of the Christian life led by the grace of God. He earnestly asked that all should fulfil the duty of keeping the Faith.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Women's Missionary Society of the Centenary Methodist Church held their monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the president, Mrs. C. F. Sanford in the chair. After the usual routine of business, Mrs. Sanford gave a very interesting bible reading, Mrs. Frank Skinner also gave a much appreciated reading. A letter from Mrs. L. B. Ross, president of the Women's Missionary Society of Canada, was read asking the St. John branch to interest young people in missionary efforts.

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday

St. John Evangelical Alliance Heard Reports and Elected Officers—Rev. S. S. Poole Was Chosen President.

The St. John Evangelical Alliance was in annual session yesterday morning with Rev. Neil MacLaughlin in the chair. The committee on evangelistic services reported that five of the Methodist churches in the central part of the city are entering in an evangelistic campaign, beginning on January 12th, under the leadership of Evangelist Dixon of Ireland. The committee on the topics for the week of prayer reported having prepared the topics in accordance with the inter-church movement. This report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. W. Farquharson, Presbyterian chaplain for the port of St. John, was introduced and made a member of the Alliance. The annual report of the secretary, treasurer and adopted. The report showed nine regular meetings and three special. Two addresses had been given during the year, one by Rev. E. A. Westmorland on Russia and the other by Ven. Archdeacon Croft on religious festivals among working people in Belgium. The Alliance during the year had considered various community topics, including industrial chaplaincy, how to combat tuberculosis, Children's Aid Society, the need of an enlarged Protestant Orphanage, mothers pensions, better prohibition enforcement, Y. W. C. recreational centres, week of prayer. The receipts for the year were \$249.48 and there was a balance on hand of \$76.82, all bills being paid.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. S. S. Poole; 1st vice president, Rev. H. A. Goodwin; 2nd vice president, Rev. G. A. Kuhnring; 3rd vice president, Rev. J. A. MacKeggie; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. Charles B. Appel, who was also elected chaplain for the boys' home.

A committee consisting of Revs. Dr. David Hutchinson, G. F. Dawson, G. A. Kuhnring and J. A. MacKeggie was appointed to confer with Premier Foster regarding the remuneration to the chaplain of the boys' home. The Alliance also went on record as being heartily in accord with the idea of the formation of a Juvenile Court for the city and county of St. John.

A motion was passed approving of the father and son week to be held soon, and the Alliance promised all possible support to make the week a success. It was reported that the Rev. Charles Stetzel is active among the labor men of the United States, would be available for St. John on Friday, February 13th, and a committee composed of Revs. MacKeggie, Sampson, Goodwin, Poole and Dr. Hutchinson was appointed to secure his services and to arrange with the Trades and Labor Council to make the best possible use of him while in St. John. They plan to have a luncheon, conferences and a mass meeting in the evening to be addressed by Mr. Stetzel on that date.

Great War Veterans Pass Resolutions

Object to Word "Veteran" or "Veterans" Being Used for Advertising—Officers Elected With Norman McLeod Chosen as President.

A meeting of the Great War Veterans Association was held in their rooms on Wellington Row last night. After routine business had been transacted, two resolutions were passed, one deprecated the use of a new item referring to the death of a returned soldier and member of the association, as an advertisement by a company in St. John. It was felt by the members that the action of the company in using the item was similar to an advertisement for any cemetery for advertising purposes. It is understood that further action is to be taken in the matter.

The second resolution passed was that: Whereas the name "Veteran" or "Veterans" and other words and designs symbolic of associations formed by reason of the Great War are being used and exploited by individuals and corporations for trading and business purposes.

And Whereas in many instances these individuals and members of corporations had no active participation in the war (overseas) and the use of such names and designs are misleading to the public. Therefore Resolved that this branch of the G. W. V. A. oppose the use (or rather misuse) of those names and designs for the purposes in this resolution referred to.

Further Resolved that a select committee of three (one of whom shall be the President for the ensuing year) be appointed to wait upon the Honorable the Premier of New Brunswick, to suggest the passing of legislation to prevent the use of terms improper use of these names and designs. And Further Resolved that, if in the opinion of the Provincial law officers of the Crown, such legislation would be ultra vires of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick a request be made through the proper channels to the Dominion Government that an order in Council be at once passed to prevent the use of these names and designs (as aforesaid) such order in Council to be contained at the next session of the Dominion Parliament.

And further resolved that this resolution be mailed to the Dominion Government requesting its adoption by each and every branch in Canada. Following the passing of the two resolutions, the election of officers for the coming year took place and resulted as follows: Norman McLeod was unanimously re-elected president of the Association; vice-president, Budd

The Week of Prayer Being Observed

Large Congregations in Four Churches Last Evening—The Topic Was "The Call to Prayer."

The Week of Prayer was observed at four churches last evening, all the services being well attended. At several of the churches a feature was the part taken by laymen in the order of service. The topic was "The Call to Prayer."

Group One gathered at the Tabernacle church, where the leader was Rev. A. L. Tedford. On the platform were the following: Rev. R. Taylor McKim, Rev. F. J. M. Appelman, Rev. M. E. Conron, Rev. G. S. Dawson. A five-minute address was given by S. Skidmore, of Zion church, where the address was delivered by Rev. M. E. Conron, who spoke on intercession, pointing out that there are two kinds of prayer; sentimental, emotional prayer, and that which comes from the burden of the soul voicing the sincere desire for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Group Two met at St. Andrew's church, where the leader was the pastor of the church, Rev. F. S. Dowling. On the platform were Rev. Canon R. Armstrong, Rev. George Morris, Rev. Dr. Farquharson. A portion of Scripture was read by Rev. George Morris, after which J. Hunter White, Dr. Farquharson and W. C. Cross led in prayer. Canon Armstrong spoke on the subject of prayer, stating that the whole Forward Movement of the churches must be based upon prayer. Individual, family and church life all depend upon prayer. It was a characteristic of the day that where you could get ten men to give of their substance for a worthy object, it was difficult to get one man to pray earnestly, consistently and persistently for any object. The great need of the time is the practice of prayer.

The service was largely given over to prayer and praise, in which the congregation joined heartily.

At St. Matthew's church there was a good attendance of those who belong to Group Three, the leader here being Rev. H. L. Elsenor, pastor of the church. After the enumeration by the leader, and the singing of the Doxology, Rev. J. Charles Appel read the Scripture lesson. Rev. Neil MacLaughlin offered prayer. A Psalm read responsively was led by Rev. Wright, of St. Luke's church, and Rev. R. P. McKim offered prayer. The address by Rev. G. D. Hudson emphasized the importance of prayer and showed that the prayer was always answered so long as the request is in accordance with the Divine Will. He spoke of the benefit to the one who prays and said that prayer for others was often answered for oneself. Several interesting instances of answered prayer were given in illustration, followed by the reading of St. Matthew's choir assisted in the music.

NATURAL HISTORY JUNIOR SOCIETY

The first monthly meeting of the Natural History Junior Society was held yesterday afternoon in their rooms in the society's building. The names of several new members were read and plans were discussed for the month's entertainment.

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior Natural History Society will be held tonight. The election of members and discussion of donations received since the last meeting will be followed by an illustrated lecture on Russia.

THE COMMON COUNCIL

The weekly meeting of the common council was postponed from this afternoon till tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock. The change was made yesterday morning on account of the fact that the executive of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, of which Mayor Hayes is a member, is to meet this afternoon.

Illustrated lecture on Russia at the Natural History Society Museum, 72 Union Street, this evening. Free to the public.

Victoria Rink Skating this afternoon, admission 15 cents. Band and skating tonight.

TO THE PUBLIC. The misunderstanding at the Opera House between the musicians and the management has been settled satisfactorily to all parties concerned.

REGULAR \$6.00 PULLOVER SWEATERS FOR \$3.95. Just one of the many money-saving items in P. A. Dryden's January Clearance Sale. Their next close fitting appearance, together with their warmth and comfort, have made the Pullover an exceptionally popular style. At today's values these Sweaters are cheap at \$6.00. Owing, however, to their being slightly soiled they are being offered at the snap price of \$3.95.

Many pretty colors to choose from, mostly in the lighter shades. An early call will be necessary to receive one of these. Other bargains equal in as good will be found on the third floor.

Tippeta; second vice-president W. J. Brown; members of the executive, J. J. Dryden and G. A. Kuhnring, Rev. G. A. Kuhnring, C. H. McLeod, W. Yassie, Dr. G. G. Corbett, J. B. Dever, H. H. Patchell and W. U. Pink.

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