

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate winds fair with rising temperatures. Toronto, Feb. 4—A shallow disturbance now approaching from the westward is likely to cause unsettled weather in the lake region. The temperature has risen over the greater part of Ontario, but has remained low from the Ottawa Valley eastward. Light snow has fallen in parts of the provinces, with a little colder weather in Manitoba.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Battleford, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Clarke Banquet

Arrangements for the complimentary banquet for Hon. George J. Clarke in the Elk's Club here on the evening of Thursday, February 11, have been completed and people from all parts of the province have signified their intention of being present.

Around the City

Gloves Found by Police. A pair of woollen gloves found on Princess street yesterday were handed to the police and the owner can receive them on application at Central Station.

Provincial Government Meeting. The provincial government will be in session here all day. In the morning the Provincial Hospital Board will meet. Matters of a routine nature will be considered.

St. Andrew's Society. The regular quarterly meeting of St. Andrew's Society was held last evening in the Knights of Pythias hall, Germain street, Henry C. Ruzik, second vice-president, being in the chair. Routine business only was transacted.

Released on Deposit. A man was arrested yesterday afternoon and was charged with being drunk and furiously riding on horseback along Waterloo, Union and Charlotte streets. After remaining at Central Station for a short time he was allowed out on a deposit of \$20.

The Island Steamers. The I.C.R. ticket agent here yesterday afternoon received a telegram to the effect that at 16.45 o'clock the steamer Stanley, ex Georgetown, in the morning encountered heavy ice and had poor prospects of reaching Pictou in the evening. The steamer Minto, ex Pictou, in the morning, encountered ice but was expected to reach Georgetown in the morning.

Retail Fish Market. The recent cold weather has prevented large offerings of fish during the week, but the local supply has been fair, with no changes in prices. Cod and haddock remain at the usual price of five cents a pound, halibut at eighteen cents, mackerel at from twenty to forty-five cents each. A moderate supply of gaspareaux and fresh herring is on hand. Clams have been in good demand at twenty cents a quart and oysters at from seventy cents to one dollar.

A Praiseworthy Offer. The Allan Line has announced that they will receive and carry free all fruit and vegetables that may be donated to the sailors of the Royal Canadian Navy. So far a considerable amount of vegetables has been sent to England and it is proving a great treat to the sailors. An effort is being made to have the railway carry the vegetables free to St. John for shipment to the Old Country, and the Allan Line has received the thanks of the Admiralty for the offer to carry the goods.

EXTRADITION FOR VAN HORN AT ONCE. Necessary Papers Have Been Forwarded to Ottawa and Application Will go to United States.

In connection with the dynamic outrage at Vancouver, an enquiry was completed by Magistrate Lawson of McAdam and the papers concerning the case were signed by the proper authorities and forwarded to Ottawa last evening. A formal application for the extradition of Van Horn will be made at once. Van Horn is still being held by the United States authorities and it is believed that his case will be dealt with as speedily as possible.

COMMISSIONER McLELLAN AND CITIZENS IN WARM SESSION IN OFFICE OF POLICE CHIEF

Interesting Exchange of "Complimentary Terms" Reported Feature of Meeting of Head of Safety Department and Delegates Who Called for Information Regarding Dismissal of Police Sergeant—Indignation Meeting and Recall Talked Of.

There was an interesting and rather stormy session in the office of Chief of Police Simpson yesterday afternoon such as that office, although for years it has served as the setting for many a drama and comedy of real life, never before experienced. The participants were city clerks, city business men and H. R. McLellan, Commissioner of Public Safety, and before the conference concluded each knew just how he was regarded by the others even if heated language had to be used in the telling. The subject under discussion was police matters, but the visitors and Commissioner McLellan had it all to themselves, Chief of Police Simpson being a silent though interested spectator.

In the course of the discussion it was said that Rev. W. R. Robinson of the Ludlow street Baptist Church, West End, accused Commissioner McLellan of bluffing and the same report has it that the Commissioner in reply courteously observed that the clergyman was a "a shy-ter." Mr. J. Willard Smith is also said to have informed the Commissioner that he did not "care two buttons" for him and intimated that it might be necessary to take measures looking to a recall. The Commissioner's reply to this is said to have been "I wish there was a recall and you and I were running against each other. You would see then how we compared." As a finale the Commissioner instructed the visitors to "get out" which they did.

How it Started. The whole trouble originated when a delegation called to have a conference with the Chief of Police. The delegation of citizens was composed of Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of Ludlow street Baptist Church, West St. John, Rev. H. E. Thomas, pastor of Carlton Methodist Church, W. D. Baskin, ex-alderman and merchant of West St. John, and J. Willard Smith, ship broker and merchant of St. John.

The delegation called on the Chief about 1.30 o'clock and after all had been comfortably seated in the office one of them stated to the Chief that they had learned that Police Sergeant Finley, doing duty on the West Side of the harbor, had received notice that he had better resign his position. They thought the police officer was a good one, faithful to his duty, and as citizens would like to get a reason for his retirement from the force.

In answer Chief of Police Simpson said he would like to have Commissioner McLellan present, as he (the Chief) had only been in the city a few weeks and the Commissioner could better explain matters to them. Commissioner McLellan was then telephoned for.

While awaiting the arrival of the head of the Safety Department the delegation and the Chief conversed on various subjects and things were as quiet as one might expect at a prayer meeting, but this serenity did not last very long. It was about two o'clock when Commissioner McLellan arrived and, taking a seat, listened to the delegation. The Commissioner was informed that the visit of the delegation was to enquire why Finley was to be dismissed from the force and the conversation is reported to have been as follows:

Commissioner McLellan—"Well, the Chief of Police has the power under the Act to dismiss a man without cause."

Mr. Robinson—"That may be so, but we think that Sergeant Finley's character, efficiency and standing as an officer ought to stand for something."

Commissioner McLellan—"That doesn't make any difference. I am head of the Police Department and he (Finley) will have to go."

One of the delegates—"Then we would like to know if we could have an investigation."

Commissioner—"No. I have had several police investigations and the man is not fit for the position. A man had to be brought here from Fredericton and showed that what Finley had said at an investigation was not true. The investigation, however, was not under oath."

All Wanted Good Force. The Commissioner then expressed himself as wishing to see an efficient police force. Members of the delegation also stated that they wished an efficient force and would do all in their power to assist the police in their work.

Commissioner—"I am not going to be dictated to by a little delegation, representing a little interest."

Rev. Mr. Robinson—"We are here as citizens asking the reason why when a man has spent twenty-five years on the force and has done his duty he should be discharged without apparent reason or cause."

The Commissioner—"I don't care. I am going to run the Police Department. I am at the head of it, and am going to run it."

Rev. Mr. Thomas—"We understand that the Chief said there were charges against Finley, but the Chief said he didn't know, but he would send for you as Commissioner, as you knew all about it."

Rev. Mr. Robinson to Commissioner—"Your object is to secure efficient men, in character and otherwise, on the force?"

Mr. Robinson—"Then why is it that a man who had been dismissed from the force by the ex-chief for cause was taken back on the force recently?"

It Grows Warmer. At this remark, one of the delegation stated that the Commissioner jumped up from his chair and, thumping the Chief of Police's desk, spoke out in a very loud voice to Rev. Mr. Robinson, "You're no good, you're like that thing down there that edits the New Freeman."

Rev. Mr. Robinson to Commissioner—"You're a bluffer, such language as that does not sound well coming from a commissioner of public safety."

At this stage all those present in the office were on their feet and nearly all were trying to talk at the one time. There was no end to the confusion and the door of the chief's office was opened. The loud talk of the

ed into the police department. The summary dismissal of Sergeant Finley was a subject which could not be permitted to rest where it was. "There is talk of an indignation meeting and a recall, whether this action is taken or not there should at any rate be the strongest sort of protest, for I believe the dismissal of Sergeant Finley was the result of personal feeling between Finley and the Commissioner." As to the reception of the delegation received from the Commissioner Mr. Thomas said they were discourteously treated.

Commissioner Says Nothing. Commissioner McLellan was asked last evening by a reporter of The Standard if he would make a statement, giving his side of the case, but he declined to say anything about the matter. He added, however, that he might have something to say later on.

"Will you tell us what you did to the delegation," asked the reporter. "Oh, I did not do anything," said the Commissioner. "They tell you anybody had been murdered?"

A Recall. Late last night a telephone message reached The Standard from an anonymous source to the effect that petitions had already been started asking for the immediate recall of Commissioner McLellan. At the hour of receiving the message it was impossible to verify it.

The affair, coupled with yesterday's wholesale shake up in the police department was a topic of interesting discussion last night.

GREEK MET GREEK, ARREST FOLLOWED

Thomas Mines Fined \$20 For Assaulting John Sperrakes—Some Interesting Evidence.

Mr. Robinson: I don't think you are a specimen of citizenship intellectual or otherwise.

Mr. Baskin: The citizens of the west and east sides have a chance to voice their feeling in a recall.

Commissioner: I don't care. I was elected by the citizens and I'm going to run the police department.

Mr. Smith: "And I don't care two buttons about you."

Commissioner McLellan—"If there was a recall and you and I were running against each other you would have a chance to see what the people think of us."

This was apparently enough of the delegation for the Commissioner who said "Well, you can get out of here, and the four delegates left the police station, talking among themselves and not as well pleased as they were when they first entered the building."

Mr. Baskin's Opinion. W. D. Baskin in speaking to The Standard as to the meeting said: "Oh, it was a fine one; it was as good as a circus all the time, and as dignified as one would be led to expect from a man in the Commissioner's position. We thought he would give some reason for the dismissal of a man who is the best in the city."

Most of us were instrumental in that business, but now we feel we made a mistake. The weakness of the whole system is that we have not the right men in the right places. It was not very creditable to the official not to receive us in a more cordial manner. I have nothing against the chief of police. He had nothing to say. There is only one head to that force. I don't know yet what will be done. Personally I have never seen a man liked better than Finley; he is a good man, and he is something done, how ever, and developments may be looked for."

J. Willard Smith. J. Willard Smith said: "I think I would have expressed myself in terms rather more kindly than those in which we were received. There is only one cure and you can guess what that is. When any city official acts in such an ungentlemanly manner as Commissioner McLellan did to a citizen, something should be done. I'm sorry for the chief of police, he is a stranger, and I'm afraid he has a hard row to hoe."

Action Will Be Taken. Rev. Mr. Robinson said that he was not sure just what action would be taken in the matter, he was surprised that the delegation of citizens would receive such a reception as that accorded the Commissioner of Public Safety. It might develop that a movement will be made with the object of a recall and a petition be circulated with that end in view. A great many people, said Mr. Robinson, have expressed their regret that Sgt. Finley is being removed from the police department after putting in over twenty years of good service. Chief of Police Simpson appears to be a very nice man but he must have been in error when he first came as head of the police force to say that he would have full control. Although he is the chief, he appears to have nothing to say, the Commissioner of Public Safety is running the department and it appears that the chief is there merely as a head who had to do just what Commissioner McLellan tells him to do.

Something has got to be done and going to stand for things going along as they are at present time, a recall almost seems to be in order and there is no doubt that a petition to that end would be largely signed. As one of the delegation who waited on Commissioner McLellan I might say that we were not received in a nice manner, especially as head of the department, the Commissioner acted most discourteously.

The Introduction of Kaiserism. Rev. H. E. Thomas said he considered "Kaiserism" was being introduced into the city.

Advertisement for W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD. featuring ice skates and winter gear. Text: "Now for 'a Turn' on the Ice". Lists prices for various skates and accessories.

Advertisement for Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Text: "Great Money-Saving Possibilities for Saturday Buyers". Lists various clothing items and their prices.

Advertisement for Emerson & Fisher Ltd. featuring an ash sifter. Text: "The 'HUSTLER' Ash Sifter". Includes an illustration of the sifter and describes its benefits.

Advertisement for a Free Hemming Sale. Text: "Free Hemming Sale". Mentions "Men's and Boys' Garments" and "In Clothing Department."

Advertisement for a Sale of Knitted Underwear. Text: "Sale of Knitted Underwear for Ladies and Children". Mentions "CONTINUED THIS MORNING IN WHITEWEAR DEPARTMENT."

Advertisement for a Wonderful Sale of Prints. Text: "A Wonderful Sale of Prints". Promotes "Full Width at 10c a Yard" and "COMMENCING THIS MORNING".

Advertisement for a Sale of Table Covers, Couch Covers and Portieres. Text: "Sale of Table Covers, Couch Covers and Portieres". Promotes "Slightly Soiled Samples at Less Than Half Price COMMENCING THIS MORNING".

Advertisement for Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited. Text: "Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited". Promotes various goods and services.