

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 19.—The disturbance which was over Iowa last night, is now centred south of Lake Erie and snow and rain have occurred in Ontario and as far east as Kingston. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Prince Rupert	34	44
Victoria	42	54
Kamloops	30	50
Calgary	20	46
Edmonton	20	42
Battleford	20	36
Winnipeg	20	36
Regina	4	42
Port Arthur	12	42
Toronto	26	31
Ottawa	14	34
Montreal	20	34
Quebec	12	38
St. John	18	36
Halifax	20	34

Forecast:—
Maritime—Strong winds or gales, with snow and rain.
Northern New England—Snow or rain Saturday; probably snow in interior Sunday, fair except in Eastern Maine; increasing variable winds.

AROUND THE CITY

AT MISSION CHURCH

Arcadian Crowfoot was the preacher at the Friday evening service held at the Mission Church last evening.

THE LAST CHANCE.

This is the last day for taxes to be paid at City Hall to entitle ratepayers to vote. It is not expected that the rush will cause any extra help in the chamberlain's office.

FIREFMEN CALLED OUT.

The firemen were called out at 9 o'clock yesterday morning by an alarm from Box 32 to help a gentleman named Best in lifting a horse from a bad position which it fell in on North Street hill.

ORDAINED THIS MORNING

In the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception this morning, Rev. W. J. Mallette and Rev. Zuel Landry will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood, by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc. The ceremonies will commence after the second Mission Mass.

MODERN APARTMENT HOUSE

It is understood that negotiations are under way for the purchase of property in Lancaster for the erection of a large modern apartment house. Both local and Montreal parties are interested in the deal. The proposed building will be up-to-date in all respects.

RIVER ICE RUNNING.

A large quantity of ice came down river yesterday. This seems to substantiate the report that it is breaking up quickly and that prospects are bright for an early opening of navigation. Quite a large amount of ice floated out into the bay.

FOUND WITH THE GOODS

Yesterday afternoon about 5.30 inspectors McAlnish and Kerr noticed two men on Mill street behaving suspiciously. They followed the men into the Club Cafe, and one of them being searched was found to have a full bottle of whiskey in his possession. He was arrested and will answer the charge of violating the prohibition act this morning.

SMOKER HELD.

Members of the Blacksmiths' Union held a very pleasant smoker last evening in the Painters' Hall, Charlotte street. George Murphy was in the chair. Addresses were made by Brothers Charles O'Neill and Hartley Haislett. It was intended to install the officers, who were recently elected, but this was postponed until some future date. Those in attendance dispersed to their homes at a late hour last night.

BIRD HOUSE COMPETITION.

The Audubon Society held their regular weekly meeting in the Natural History Rooms yesterday afternoon where an interesting talk on birds was given by Miss Dunlop and the conditions of the Bird House competition which is to be held in the near future was explained to the contestants. Prizes are to be awarded the best and most original of the houses which are to be built by each contestant himself, unaided by anyone else.

ARRESTS YESTERDAY.

James Totten was arrested late yesterday by Inspectors McAlnish and Kerr for having liquor in his possession. Robert McLaren of S. S. Metagana is charged with stealing a suit of off skins from the ship. Two men were arrested by Officers Rankine and Gibbs in the North End on the charge of stealing a set of harness. Two drunks were also taken into custody.

THE PAVING QUESTION.

Correspondence by wire has passed between a member of the committee opposed to payment for paving on the part of abutments and the mayor of Halifax as to what portion the street railway there contributes. The enquiry was: "Please advise by wire arrangements you have with street railway. What proportion do they pay towards your permanent paving?" The reply of the Halifax mayor was: "Street railway paves all track allowance to and two feet outside of rails on all streets which city paves."

SAILED FOR LIVERPOOL.

The C. P. O. S. liner Minnedosa sailed at nine o'clock yesterday morning for Liverpool with 253 cabin and 302 steerage passengers, in addition to the general cargo and mail. Among the cabin passengers were Sir George McE. Brown, European manager of the C. P. R.; H. G. Dyring, European passenger manager; Col. J. Wood, of Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. Thom, of St. John; G. Farmer, of St. John; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McDonald, of Halifax; Professor P. A. Murphy of Charlotte town, P. E. I., wife and two children; C. A. Sherwood, Halifax, and S. E. Tuff, Halifax.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HAVE NOT MADE JOKE OF PORT QUESTION

Indignant Member Canvasses Trade of The Times Against Verdict of Judges in Harbor Question Debate—Harbor Commission Not a Corps, Nor is Verdict of Judges Ridiculous—The Myth of Nationalization.

The Times accuses the Commercial Club of reviving a corpse. It says: "The Commercial Club should label its jokes—or cease to joke about serious matters."

This is a gross misrepresentation of the decision rendered by E. Althaus, Schofield, F. W. Daniel and W. J. Macdonald, who were the judges in the debate on harbor commission before the Commercial Club some time ago.

The Times adds: "The decision of the judges is now published, and while it is as highly amusing as the 'debate,' there is danger that persons not fully informed might take it seriously. To have these judges describe nationalization as a 'myth' in the same week in which Hon. Mr. Meighen and Hon. Dr. Pugsley publicly declared nationalization to be the Government policy, must be regarded, even if intended to be a burst of humor, as bordering on the ridiculous. The Commercial Club has a reputation to make. Let us hope its executive will give serious thought to matters of vital interest to the future of St. John before it attempts to influence public opinion."

This amazing garbled creation some amusement and some indignation last evening. Said a member of the Club: "The Times is not honest with the public or fair to the Club. In the first place, who killed Harbor Commission? It was a pretty little subject at the meeting. The Times says there was only an alleged debate. It ought to know. Its spokesman was asked to take part, but he beat a not very graceful retreat. Why were three of the speakers who opened the discussion in favor of harbor commission? Because it was not found possible to get members of the Club ready to take the other side. The Times' insinuation that the Commercial Club made a joke of the matter is unworthy of a public journal. The whole object of the Club was to provide an opportunity for the discussion of the harbor question. Those who wished to oppose harbor commission had a chance to state their cases. Commissioner Bullock and some others did speak against harbor commission."

"The three judges were estimable citizens. Their verdict was that no case had been made out by the opponents of harbor commission. Their judgment is entitled to respect. They have every right to be taken seriously. The Times is merely absurd when it says that their view 'must be regarded, even if intended to be a burst of humor, as bordering on the ridiculous.'"

Either the Times is hypnotized by the term nationalization or it is trying to mislead the people for some strange purpose of its own. It declares that Hon. Mr. Meighen "said positively that it was only a question of how fast the Government could afford to spend the money, declaring also that the nationalization of the port was as essential as nationalization of the railways and steamship lines using the port. Must we, then, wait for the nationalization of the C. P. R., the C. P. O. S., the Donaldson Lines, and other steamship lines before we have nationalization of the port?"

"And how can we have a nationalized port unless the nation has some form of control of the port? The Times has sought to convey the impression that under its scheme of nationalization some mythical authority could spend money here and administer the port without caring whether the port was made to pay as large a part of the expenses as would be commercially practical. The Canadian National Railway charges all the traffic will bear; and their export rates are the same as the C. P. R. The Canadian National ships also charge all the traffic will bear; their rates are fixed by the competition of private ships. If the port is nationalized it is operated on any other than a commercial principle, having regard to the competition of local business."

"Under the Times' scheme of nationalization the controlling authority of the port would be at Ottawa or Toronto; under the harbor commission plan a committee of local business men, subject to the direct influence of the commercial interests of the city, would be the controlling authority."

"Let the Times explain why that committee appointed at a representative meeting of the business men in the city, held in the Board of Trade room a month or so ago, has not carried out its instructions and submitted a report. One man has not made a corpse of harbor commission."

"The annual meeting of the Theobald Fishing Club was held last evening in the secretary's office and the following officers, elected, for the coming year:

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To finish the costume the master of the show presented all Glove Selection on the main floor is showing French Kid and Cape Gloves, in Black, Brown, and many of the lighter shades. A remarkable case in washable Cape Gloves is being especially featured today at the low price of \$2.75 per pair.

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Burned Buildings Being Remodelled

Those on Mill Street and Paradise Row May Be Ready by May—Railway Will Probably Take Section in the Rear—The Bank Premises.

Now that the bright and sunny days of spring have put in their appearance, hammer and saw are making the echoes ring in many parts of the city. Along Mill street and Paradise Row the site of the disastrous blaze of a short while ago, the activity is particularly noticeable. The O'Neill building which was so badly gutted that only the front wall, was left standing, is being rapidly rebuilt, and completely remodelled. The lower floor is to be occupied as a drug store by S. H. Hawker, who expects to take possession by the 15th of April; the two upper floors will be let up for lodge rooms or possibly flats, and the work is being done by Arthur Hammond, who is rushing the job so that the building may be ready for its occupants at the earliest possible date.

The Chamberlain building is also being repaired and remodelled, and an effort will be made to have it ready for the first of May. The lower floor will be occupied by Mr. Chamberlain himself, as a shop, the upper floors will be for householders.

The four-story house on Paradise Row, which also belongs to Mr. Chamberlain and the top floor of which alone was seriously damaged, is also being remodelled and all four floors will be ready for tenants when moving day comes round again.

The corner lot which belongs to the Bank of Nova Scotia will not be remodelled pending arrangements with the city, who wish to cut a large alley off the corner and enlarge the street on the same principle as the Bank of British North America at the corner of Dock street and Market square. Provided sufficient land is left, should the city take a slice of the block, the bank intends putting up a modern bank building there to meet the demands of their customers in that section of the city.

The number of old buildings in the rear which were built on land belonging to the railway are to be demolished and the existing yard buildings will be extended in that direction, although rumor has it that it is the intention of putting up a large office in that vicinity.

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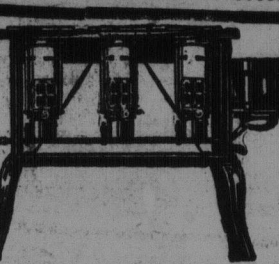
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