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THE EVENING TIMES.

ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1905.

THE WEATHER. Clearing and cold tomorrow; wind N.

ONE CENT.

THE WEST IS ANGRY.

Will Not Stand For Separate School Legislation at Ottawa.

DEMAND AUTONOMY.

Manitoba Dissatisfied Because Its Boundaries Are Not to be Extended—The Health of Winnipeg is Normal Again.

Regina, Feb. 23.—(Special)—Dr. W. Cowan, president of the Regina conservative association, when asked his opinion of the autonomy bill...

Manitoba Protests.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 23.—(Special)—Indignation at the government's treatment of this province in refusing the latter's request for an extension of her boundaries is general in Manitoba...

Health of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 23.—(Special)—The typhoid fever epidemic has come to an end...

AGAINST THE EIGHT HOUR DAY.

The People of Trail B. C., Petition the Government.

Trail, B. C., Feb. 23.—A mass meeting was held in the Opera House here last night...

Mrs. F. J. McPeake.

Universal sympathy will be felt for Supt. F. J. McPeake of the N. B. Southern Railway...

ON THE RAILWAYS.

The train service on the I. C. R. eastern division, is very fair today.

Manifests for the following United States products...

The West Indian steamer Oruro, moved up to the I. C. R. wharf today to take on board outward freight...

CZAR WILL FIGHT TO BITE THE END.

Emperor Himself Says There Will be no Peace Now But the Struggle Will be Continued to the Last Man—Would be Cowardly for Russia to Yield.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—12.12 p. m.—The Emperor of Russia has elected to continue the war...

Those who have advised peace and suggested inquiries for Japan's terms, are for the present silent...

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ANOTHER BLOCKADE IS THREATENED ON THE I. C. R.—HOCKEY AT SACKVILLE.

Moncton, Feb. 23.—(Special)—The morning express from Montreal this morning was delayed three hours by the storm.

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The Nova Scotia schooner, Basaltland, Captain Roper, cleared today for Barbados, with a cargo of pine and spruce boards.

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TROUBLE EXPECTED.

All Is Not Harmony in Fredericton Military Circles.

MAY BE A RUMPUS.

Discussion as to Whether the Royal Regiment or the 71st Will Furnish Guard of Honor for Legislature Opening.

On Its Weary Way.

Frederick's Haven, Denmark, Feb. 23.—The third Russian Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Nebogatoff, left Skagen Bay heading westward during the night.

After Coaling Stations.

Port Louis, Mauritius, Feb. 23.—There is an unconfirmed report that Japanese agents are negotiating for the purchase or lease of certain islands near the Seychelles group for coaling stations.

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THE FUNERAL OF THE GRAND DUKE.

Serguis' Remains Solemnly Blessed this Morning—Railway Strike Situation at Warsaw is More Threatening—No Disturbance at Moscow.

Moscow, Feb. 23.—The solemn ceremony of blessing the remains of Grand Duke Serguis was performed at 10 o'clock to-day in the midst of the tolling of bells from all the churches and cathedrals of the ancient capital.

The officers of the seventy-first regiment are rather bright. For years it has been a duty of the royal regiment to furnish a guard of honor for the opening of the legislature...

Memorial Service.

London, Feb. 23.—A memorial service for Grand Duke Serguis was held today at the Russian church connected with the embassy and was attended by Count Benckendorff and the Russian ambassador to Great Britain...

Strikers Mean Business.

Warsaw, Feb. 23.—No trains are running in either direction to-day on the Vienna road. The management has refused to instruct the strikers...

ANOTHER WRECK?

Halifax, Feb. 23.—(Special)—A rumor was current today that a steamer had gone ashore on Sable Island. The report was due to a casual statement by one of those who had been on the steamer Dana...

THE NEWS FROM THE FAR NORTH Came 5,000 Miles in Midwinter from the Arctic Ocean.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 23.—(Special)—The Mounted Police Department has received advice from the police station at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, at Herschell Island, Arctic Ocean, reporting conditions there up to the end of November last.

This information travelled 1,000 miles by dog sled, within the Arctic Circle, 1,000 miles by water, 3,000 miles by rail, in all 5,000 miles in midwinter, covering the entire distance in a little over two months.

MANY ASK FOR SEED. Dr. Saunders Tells of the Description of Seed Grain to Canada's Farmers.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—(Special)—Dr. Wm. Saunders, director of the central experimental farm, was before the agricultural committee again today and gave a statement of the distribution by his department of seed grain to farmers...

MANY RUSSIAN JEWS.

The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple, which is expected to arrive today, will have among the passengers 400 Russian Jews. These immigrants have gathered together at the instance of Herman Laidson, a gentleman well known in London...

ASK FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—(Special)—A delegation from River du Loup, waited on the government and asked for certain railway improvements and an extension of the I. C. R. machine shops...

CIVIC REFORM.

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THEY WANT A CHANGE.

More Citizens Express Their Opinions on Civic Reform.

TONIGHT'S MEETING.

Of Citizen's League Promises To Be Interesting—The Platform a Popular One and the People are United for a Better System.

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John R. Armstrong.

"The platform of the Civic Reform League has much in it to commend it, favorably to the public. There seems no objection in introducing provincial or dominion politics in municipal affairs, as there is no government distinguished from the members. Each alderman might be said to be a member of the government.

The heads of all civic departments should devote their whole time to the management of their department, and the pay should be sufficient to attract competent men. They should have the hiring and direction of all necessary labor, and the power to discharge.

"Under the present system when a man goes in the civic employ, he is there practically for life, without more regard for his qualifications. More responsibility should be thrown upon the heads of the departments. In this way much time would be saved the aldermen, who now seem to think it necessary to have a say on the most trifling matters. The heads of large business and manufacturing houses here, who are not in the city, certainly have no objection to the laws relating to the city should be modified. It is almost impossible to grasp the contents of the numerous acts which have been passed, and many amendments as they are through more than half a hundred volumes.

"This agitation is bound to do good. Some people think it may not, but I hope it will, and that the league will continue its good work in arousing the citizens to an appreciation of the necessity of their taking a greater interest in the civic government."

John Vaughan.

Said he had not given the matter much consideration, but he was heartily in accord with the platform as published by the league. There was no doubt that there was need for improvement. There were too many boards, and where the same men were on different boards it took up all their time. He thought it would be better to give the heads of the various departments more power and make them responsible for the work of the department.

A. B. Gilmour.

"Said I am in favor of the district system of election I think it would be better than the present method, where many vote for men they don't know at all. I would like to see an experiment made anyway. It would be better for the heads of the departments to have more authority, and take some of the work off the hands of the aldermen. Too much time has to be spent by members of the board in discussing matters of detail, which should be looked after by the departmental heads. It goes without saying that a change in the taxation would be welcomed by all."

EQUITY COURT.

The case of the Liquidators of the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co. vs. the Bank of Montreal came up in the equity court this morning before Judge Barker.

H. H. McLean moved to the accounts of the referee W. C. Winslow passed, and orders were made that the debentures be cancelled and filed with the clerk.

Attorney General Pugsley appeared for the Bank of Montreal and H. H. McLean for the referee.

Butter in common with other staples is soaring skyward. Packed butter is selling at present in the market for 26 and 27 cents. Creamery butter which is the best grade, now sells at 28 to 30 cents.

The coal steamer Cocorna, Captain Holmes, arrived in port last night from Louisbourg, C. B., with 1098 tons coal.

The Times New Reporter.