

THE WEATHER.

Forecast. Maritime—Strong southerly to southwesterly wind; a few local showers, but mostly fair and mild. Washington, March 28—Forecast: Northern New England—Partly cloudy and warmer Thursday, probably local rains or snow Saturday night; Friday fair, colder; fresh to moderate strong southwest winds. Toronto, March 28—Pressure is low tonight from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces, and highest over the southern states. Rain has fallen over the greater portion of Quebec and in the Maritime Provinces, and a few showers of rain or snow have occurred in Ontario. In the west the weather has been fair and mild. Temperatures: Min. Max. Dawson... 16 34 Prince Rupert... 28 36 Victoria... 28 46 Vancouver... 28 42 Kamloops... 28 38 Battleford... 28 38 Prince Albert... 28 38 Calgary... 12 48 Medicine Hat... 26 42 Saskatoon... 28 36 Winnipeg... 28 36 Parry Sound... 23 34 Ottawa... 26 38 Montreal... 28 34 Quebec... 34 42 St. John... 30 42 Halifax... 30 42 \*—Below zero.

Around the City

Course Concluded. There will not be any lecture in the free course at the Natural History rooms today, as the series has been concluded. Injured Man Improving. Daniel Fullerton, who was badly burned at his home Tuesday is reported to be resting more comfortably at the General Public Hospital last night. His condition is not regarded as serious. No Definite Statement. John Sherridan, who was found on February 8 lying on the bridge leading to Long wharf, badly wounded from a bullet wound, has sufficiently recovered as to leave the General Public Hospital. It is understood he made no definite statement as to how the affair happened. Entered a Convent. Miss Veronica O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill of Adelaide street, North End, entered as a novice in St. Vincent's Convent, Cliff street, on March 25. She was on the New Freeman Publishing Company's office staff and numbers many friends who will be interested to learn of her vocation to the religious life. Foreclosure Sale. At Chubb's corner yesterday Auctioneer T. T. Lantulum offered for sale several lots of land under foreclosure sale of the Supreme Court on which Robert Macneil, executor of the estate of James D. Fowler, deceased, plaintiff, and Union Investments, Ltd., is defendant. The lots, which are situated on Marsh street, were knocked down to H. A. Porter at \$1,000. Missionary Service. The special service last evening at the St. John Presbyterian church took the form of a thank offering service under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society. There was a large attendance and a most inspiring address was delivered by Rev. J. A. Morrison on "Missionary Motives." The offering was a generous one and will be devoted to missionary objects. Fire Losses Appraised. F. E. Holman & Co. will receive twenty-five per cent. of the total amount of insurance carried on the stock, which was \$21,000. This was the announcement made last night. No amount has yet been ascertained as to the extent of the loss on the building, which is insured for \$15,000. The adjusters are reported to have declared the McRobbie stock a total loss, but the stock has not been fully inspected yet. R. W. W. Fink, Edgar Fairweather and C. E. Jarvis who are determining the loss will continue the inspection of the stock today. ST. JOHN LODGE OF MOOSE ELECT OFFICERS

FOSTER, THE REJECTED OF SEVEN STATES

ST. JOHN, GOES TO RESTIGOUCHE

Carvellians Desperate, Attempting to Find Place for "Leader"—Possible Cabinet of Plunderbundists. The personnel of the Opposition cabinet is not of course yet given out even semi-officially. The names must first be submitted to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, whose constitutional right it is to accept or reject as he deems best in the general interest. Until the names are approved, therefore, there will be neither official or semi-official announcement, and the Murray Government are yet in power. But there is however, reason for the belief that the following forecast, which has been discussed by politicians and influences in quite close touch with the leader and his advisers, is not very wide of Mr. Foster's intentions if he gets there: "Doc." Smith in Cabinet? W. E. Foster, Premier and Provincial Secretary-Treasurer. Jas. P. Byrne, Gloucester, Attorney-General. Dr. Smith, Westmorland, Lands and Mines. P. J. Veniot, Gloucester, Public Works. J. F. Tweeddale, Victoria, Agriculture. Without portfolio—Mr. Dugal, of Madawaska, and Mr. King, of Queens. Hon. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, is to be the Speaker. It is understood, say the Fredericton Gleaner, that Mr. Foster will be candidate in Restigouche.

OFFER TO PAY IN EXCESS OF LEGAL SHARE

Of Patriotic Fund Tax Made by Three Lancaster Corporations—Will Reduce General Assessment. The bills committee of the Municipal Council met yesterday afternoon at the Court House and passed on several bills which will be sent to the coming session of the legislature. The hospital bill and that giving the parish of Lancaster authority to increase the bond issue for sidewalks, already published, and a new bill authorizing the assessors of the parish of Lancaster to accept from Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Co., T. S. Simms Co., and Ready's Driveways, Ltd., sums in excess of the amount they would have to pay under the assessment for patriotic purposes, and thus reduce the amount which would have to be collected in the general assessment, were passed and will be sent to the legislature.

TO OPEN NEW 'PHONE OFFICE IN WOODSTOCK

Superintendent Fraser Making Arrangements There for a New Building—Considerable New Equipment Purchased. The New Brunswick Telephone Company, Ltd., has decided on the opening of a new exchange at Woodstock. The present office has been found inadequate to cope with the increasing business of the company in Carleton county. Mr. O. J. Fraser, general superintendent of the company, was in Woodstock yesterday completing arrangements for the opening of the new exchange which will take place about May 1st. The company has made a large outlay on new equipment, which will be used at the exchange. The new building is situated on the main street, near the post office. The improved equipment it is expected will result in the increased efficiency of the telephone service there.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN FREIGHT RATES.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association have prepared and issued a pamphlet dealing with the proposed changes in freight rates under classification 17. A great many protests have already been registered against this change and in order that those affected may have a clear idea of what they involve this summary has been compiled and sent to all the members of the association. The principal ones are: 1. A general increase in carload minimum weights. 2. A revision of conditions as to shipping packages. 3. A tendency on the part of the railways to be relieved from responsibility for damage, and the obligation to furnish adequate equipment. 4. Reserving the right to accept traffic "subject to delay," or refusing it owing to lack of adequate equipment. 5. Penalizing the use of long and high cars, and reserving the right to refuse to supply them. 6. Requiring shippers and consignees to load and unload all carload traffic. 7. Discontinuance of clear receipts, except when contents of cars are checked by railways. 8. Discontinuance of trade lists or classification of articles under distinctive headings, and the extension of the mixed carload rules west of the Lakes to permit of different articles in the same class being shipped in mixed carloads at the rate for such class and the highest minimum weight provided for any of the articles. 9. Limiting mixtures in the east to articles in the same class. (All the present time articles of more than one class with carload ratings may be

ROLL OF HONOR ON WEDNESDAY

Two Other Applicants Will be Attested Today—Three for Siege Battery — Bantams Get Veteran. C. P. Galley, Indiana, U. S. A. W. E. Comar, Seattle, U. S. A. —C. A. S. C. G. Brown, St. John. —28th Kilties. H. A. Lambert, St. John West. H. LePointe, Jacques River, N. B. P. W. Collins, Marysville, N. B. —9th Siege Battery. Ralph DeVito, Massachusetts. —16th Battalion.

THE MURRAY GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN TODAY

William J. Carten of this City Awarded the Contract for the Erection of New Bridge at Perry Point. The Murray government completed its business at Fredericton yesterday afternoon and their resignations will be handed to Lieut. Governor Wood today. The ministers have been busy since the elections in winding up the affairs of their departments and the items of unfinished business have been entirely disposed of. Hoff, Mr. Baxter, attorney general, reached the city last evening from the capital where he had been attending the meeting.

POTATOES GALORE IN CARLETON CO.

An Interesting Situation Has Developed — Very Few Transactions During the Past Few Weeks. An unusual situation has developed in connection with the potato business in the province of New Brunswick. Prominent potato dealers of Carleton county who were in the city yesterday told The Standard that there was practically no demand in the Canadian and American markets for potatoes, while the Cuban market had also fallen off seriously. Messrs. H. G. Smith, T. C. Cain and Herbert Buchanan of East Florenceville and F. L. Buchanan of East Carletonville were among the potato dealers who were here on business yesterday. They gave an emphatic denial to the charge that the New Brunswick Potato Exchange was a combine to advance the price of potatoes, stating that although large quantities had been disposed of in the past none of the dealers had made an exorbitant profit. At the present time there appeared to be a disposition on the part of the people, particularly those in Upper Canada, to refuse to purchase at the prices asked, which served to account for the large quantity of surplus potatoes which now awaited a market. These potatoes were largely in the hands of commission men who had paid good prices to the farmers and who felt that they should not be compelled to dispose of them to the consumer at a loss. The situation is a rather unique one. The dealers are not prone to encounter serious financial losses, while the retail men, who claim to have the support of the consumers, are holding firm against paying the prices which the merchants are asking. Unless some compromise is reached a great quantity of potatoes may be entirely lost by reason of the failure to find a desirable market.

SHIPPED IN MIXED CARLOADS AT THE CARLOAD RATE

A copy of the new classification will be consulted at the Board of Trade office. A very complete stock of jewelry and kindred lines is to be seen at Gundry's, 75 King street. Silver and silver plated goods. Gold-filled jewelry as well as gold. Tableware of fine make and late patterns. A number of choice tea sets in sterling and plate.

NEW CORDUROY VELVETS.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. have just received a case of the celebrated 27 inch wide corduroy velvet, which they are continuing to sell at the popular price of 80c per yard. These velvets can be had in the following colors: Tan, battleship grey, parrot green, African brown, white, Holland blue, purple and Russian green.

NO TICKETS OF ADMISSION TO HEAR MRS. McLEAREN BROWN ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. McLaren Brown will speak to women of St. John on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Opera House.

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SPRING OPENING

The few remaining days between now and Easter remind us that the sober garb of winter will soon be replaced by the lighter, brighter apparel of spring. TODAY and FRIDAY our whole Clothing Department and five of our show windows will be devoted to an exposition of the NEW CLOTHING STYLES FOR MEN AND BOYS. We have prepared and made special purchases for the purpose of demonstrating to our patrons the novelty, variety and distinctiveness of our MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING MODELS. Though each suit or overcoat shown strongly features style, quality of fabric, durability of colors and excellence of tailoring are elements we never overlook. The new "Society Brand" Modes are among those shown. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LIMITED

BORN.

MORGAN—On Friday, Mar. 23rd, 1917, at the General Hospital, Vank-leek Hill, Ontario, to the Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Morgan, a son.

DIED.

McELROY—In this city, on the 27th inst., Hugh J. McElroy, leaving one son, one daughter and one sister to mourn. Funeral from his late residence, 606 Main street, Thursday morning, at 8:30 o'clock to St. Peter's church for High Mass of Requiem. Friends invited to attend.

FIRE SALE

We will sell at AUCTION on Friday, March 30th, at 10 o'clock, 20,000 Rolls WALL PAPER in lots to suit purchasers. Goods slightly damaged by smoke, etc. F. E. Holman & Co. 52 KING STREET

