

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Feb. 3.—The disturbance which was in the Lake Superior district last night has now reached the Maritime Provinces and pressure is highest over the middle Pacific States. Light snow falls have occurred today in many parts of Ontario and Quebec and rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces.

AROUND THE CITY

BUTTER DROPPING. Butter has taken a drop in price, the choicest quality being now quoted at 36 cents per pound, while ordinary tub butter can be bought for 30 cents per pound.

PASSED THROUGH CITY.

Capt. L. A. Demers, Dominion wreck commissioner, passed through the city yesterday from Halifax, en route to Ottawa. He was accompanied by his secretary, J. T. Rowan.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Protestant Orphan Home was held yesterday afternoon at the British street home. The bills for the month were passed and several matters of routine business transacted.

EARLY SPRING PROMISED.

Yesterday, if the old legend can be relied on, was a forerunner of an early spring. The legend is to the effect that "St. Valentine's Day" is bright and clear then we might look for a long winter, but if on the contrary it was dull or stormy, then the spring would come soon.

PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT.

Despite the unfavorable weather a good crowd turned out to the entertainment put on last night by the East End Boys' Club in Victoria Hall and those who attended were well repaid for turning out in the storm, as the boys proved themselves fine entertainers. The proceeds are to go toward their new building fund.

QUIET SESSION IN POLICE COURT.

Police court activities yesterday were very light and, as a result the magistrate had an opportunity for a breathing spell from his rather arduous duties of late. Three men charged with being drunk pleaded guilty yesterday morning, and were remanded. One juvenile, charged with the theft of coal from the C. N. E., was remanded for a further hearing.

PERSONALS.

F. E. Sayer left for Montreal Wednesday. The condition of Commissioner Thornton, who is confined to his bed with pneumonia, showed slight improvement yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Royden Foley returned yesterday afternoon after a trip to Montreal, Toronto, Ford, Ont., and Detroit, Mich. George B. Jones, M. P. of Apohaqui was registered at the Victoria yesterday. John Neill, Fredericton, was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Royal. Among the guests at the Royal yesterday were C. S. Beatty, Fresno, Cal., and D. F. Sweeney, Halifax. C. H. Porter of Vancouver was registered at the Royal yesterday. L. W. Richards of Fredericton was among those who registered at the Victoria yesterday. J. Walter MacKay of Fredericton was at the Dufferin yesterday. Walter F. Dixon of New York was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Dufferin.

CROWDS SEE "FOUR HORSEMEN" IN SPITE OF BAD WEATHER.

In spite of the bad weather prevailing all day yesterday, the Opera House drew two record houses to see the screen story of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," stated Manager Callan last night. Few pictures that have visited St. John have lived up as closely to their advance notices as has the film translation of Ibsen's remarkable book, and perhaps none has ever been so generally discussed by those who have seen the picture, by many critics it is pronounced really great.

Clifton House, all meals 60c.

CHINESE LAUNDRY WAS RAIDED; THREE ARRESTS ON OPIUM CHARGE

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer, With Local Detectives, Found Chinese With Poppy Drug in Prince Edward Street Premises—Hum Sek is Old Offender and Served Time.

Disregard for the white man's laws, forbidding the use of opium in any form when it has not been lawfully obtained, landed three local Chinese men behind the bars of the central police station last night. Hum Sek, Harry Woo and Hum Woo were the three offenders. They were surprised in the rear room of a Chinese laundry at 67 Prince Edward street at 8 o'clock last evening by a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who raided the place in company with city detectives. The officers made their way through clouds of steam and lines of starched collars and shirts, to a recreation room in the rear, which they found occupied by Hum Sek and his two companions. In mid-eyed surprise and all innocence the Chinamen greeted the appearance of the authorities. With all meekness they submitted to being searched, and a small quantity of opium was found on Hum Sek. The three were placed under arrest. Hum Sek on the charge of having opium in his possession, Hum Woo and Harry Woo on the charge of being frequenters of a room in which persons resort for the purpose of smoking opium. It was quite a jolt to the trio, after a long day of wearisome work spent in toiling over wash tubs or pushing heavy flat irons over white men's collars through clouds of ill smelling steam, to be informed that they would have to spend the night behind iron bars and housed in by stone walls. The Oriental never questions fate, so without more ado or protest the trio, obedient to the officers' commands, got together their belongings and accompanied the police to the central station.

Canada As Field For British Industries

The Department of Trade and Commerce of the Dominion have just issued a book on Canada as a field for British branch industries which contains a lot of information about the resources of the country and gives many facts to justify the claim that this is a profitable field for British industrial magnates to look over and establish themselves in. The book deals with the economic areas; natural resources in relation to industry; Canadian trade, past and present; labor in Canada; water powers and their industrial importance; Canadian tariffs and trade agreements; transportation facilities; company incorporation and taxation and the Canadian banking system; a chapter being devoted to each. It also has an analysis of industrial capital in Canada, and the problems of the Canadian market. A number of maps and diagrams show the development which has been made in the country and illustrations of various points of interest are scattered through the book. The paragraph about St. John reads as follows: "The port of St. John, N. B., on the Bay of Fundy, at the mouth of the St. John River, is 275 miles nearer the chief domestic markets of the interior. The volume of traffic through this port has been exceeded in recent years by only one other eastern Canadian port, Montreal. It is served by the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway; transoceanic lines, and by the Shore Line Railway to the United States border at St. Stephen. Among the steamship lines operating through the port are the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services; Canadian Government Merchant Marine; South African and New Zealand Lines; Royal Mail Steam Packet service; Anchor, Donaldson line; Cunard line; Canadian-French line; Furness line; Head line; Norwegian line; Franchese line; Homeric line; Manchester line; Ellerman-Bucknells line; Eastern S. S. line; D.A.R. line. The ports touched by these several lines are Glasgow, Liverpool, London, Avonmouth, Manchester, Belfast, Dublin, Havre; Bordeaux, St. Nazaire, Christiania, Antwerp, Calcutta, Ceylon, South African, Australian and West Indian ports, Bermuda, St. Kitts, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Vincent, Grenada, Trinidad, Demerara, Buenos Ayres, Monte Video, Rosario, Havana, Portland, Mo., Boston, Mass and Digby, N. S. Several small freight steamers lines cover inter-provincial ports on the Bay of Fundy. "The value of these ports to the Canadian manufacturer lies in their proximity to the old world markets. The actual distance from both Halifax and St. John to the British Isles and France are less than from New York. These are the winter ports of Eastern Canada; from May until December the port of Montreal holds the predominant place. "Persons interested in the information which this volume contains can see that the Board of Trade, or copies may be obtained from the Department of Commerce.

Rain Storm Made Streets Dangerous

Snow and Sand Washed Off Sidewalks Made Going for Pedestrians Very Difficult.

Hydro-Electric Was Discussed

How Best to Distribute the Musquash Current Was Subject of Debate by Men's Club of Stone Church.

Athletes Train For Hexathlon

At the Senior Leaders' Corps regular meeting on Monday, Captains were appointed for the different Hexathlon events, together with list of members, with instructions from the president of the corps to "get busy." Captains for events were appointed as follows: Harold Butler, Ernest Alwood, Arnold Keo, Reginald Barbour, Forrest Allan, Leslie Kerr. Last year approximately forty senior athletes competed in this Dominion-wide event last year, with the following high points: Running high jump; standing broad jump; 60 yard potato race; 160 yard potato race; fence vault; 12 lb. shot put. These are days of preparation on the gym floor, and already last year's fence vault record has been surpassed. Roy Cox was the highest point winner in the event last year, with a 6 ft. 3 inches; Forrest Allan has capped this, with a vault of 6 ft. 5 inches, it looks as if he can go some more yet. St. John took third place in 1921, and the prospects look good for them taking the premier position this year. The city has the material, and with their ardent interest and a driving power behind them, there is no limit to their capabilities.

Knockout Win For The St. Paul Boxer

Tommy Gibbons Scored Technical Knockout Over Pat McCarty in Fourth Round at Boston.

ISLAND CURLERS DEFEAT SACKVILLE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 2.—In the curling matches between Charlottetown and Sackville, N. B., Charlottetown won two out of three, the total scores being: Charlottetown, 24; Sackville, 21.

NINE CONVICTS KILLED

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 2.—Nine convicts were killed from a local gas explosion in the Belle Hill coal mines late today, according to reports received here by C. H. Nesbitt, state mine inspector.

Double Tax For Their Negligence

Citizens Will Face Penalty If Statements Are Not Filed With Board of Assessors.

E. M. Olive, chairman of the Board of Assessors, said yesterday when asked how he was getting along with the valuation for this year, that statements were coming in rather slowly and unless there was an improvement in the next few days some would have to face the possibility of paying a double tax as a penalty for their negligence. Next Friday, February 10th is the last day allowed by the law in order to comply with the assessment act and file statements of income and in order to expedite matters it was the intention next week to have the committee room at city hall open from 9 a.m. from Monday until Friday, so that people would not have to climb the stairs, and at the same time provide more room for the crowd. Those who did not file their statements in that time must be able to give a mighty good excuse to get clear of the penalty provided, a double tax. Another matter to which the chairman referred was that a great many people in making out their statements forgot to include many items of personal property on which they were liable, and in this connection he mentioned particularly automobiles, and stated it was the intention of the assessors to get after this, and those who were forgetful must be prepared to pay the penalty. The valuations on real estate have been about completed, but it will be some few days yet before those on income and personal property will be made up, and until that time it will not be possible to get a line on the rate for this year, but judging from the warrants passed by the city and county councils as compared with last year, if the valuation is the same the rate will be about ten cents higher.

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Men Injured At Sand Point. James O'Keefe Received Severely Cut Finger, Which Another Workman Had Thumb Crushed. The question is being asked along the waterfront whether the S. S. Bolingbroke docked at No. 16 berth, is loaded with pin cushions, or rose bushes. Last night James O'Keefe of 33 Rodney street, W. E., received an incised wound requiring two stitches on the little finger of the right hand. The injury was dressed at the Emergency Hospital. The day before another 'longshoreman' working on the same boat had his thumb cut. Hence the question of what forms the boat's cargo, which seemingly is bristling all over with rays and means of punning or tearing the hands and fingers of the unsuspecting 'longshoreman'. The ship's cargo in reality is quite an innocent one, namely a cargo of butter, which was brought back to Canada when it was found that the English market was already overstocked. Work at the wharvesport this year has fortunately been comparatively free from accidents of a serious nature, and those of the past few days have been mostly confined to slight mishaps to the hands of the workers. In addition to the injuries received to their respective digits by the two 'longshoremen' on the Bolingbroke,

H. Mont. Jones, Ltd. ST. JOHN'S ONLY EXCLUSIVE FUR HOUSE. PANTRY SALE AT IMPERIAL. Don't forget the carnival at the Carleton Rink, Tuesday, Feb. 7th, in aid of the Memorial Home, Wright street. The Hospital Aid of Portland Street Methodist Church will conduct a Pantry Sale in the lobby of the Imperial Theatre, on Saturday, February 11th, beginning at 10 a.m.