

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—With the cessation of light local snow falls in Northern Ontario and the lower St. Lawrence Valley and light showers in Southern Ontario, the weather today has been generally fair and comparatively mild throughout Ontario.

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including St. John, Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Calgary, Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, White River, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

CENTENARY CHURCH. Rev. Dr. Graham, of Toronto, will preach in Centenary church Sunday evening.

YOUTH ARRESTED

John Beckwith, aged 16, was arrested on a warrant for the use of abusive and insulting language to Charles Akerman.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club to be held in the G. W. V. A. Hall Monday evening, the 34th inst., the matter of stocking Loch Lomond lakes with the European brown trout will be discussed.

SOCIAL EVENING

The Willing Workers of the Central Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. H. G. Everett, 37 Brussels street last evening, for the first of a series of weekly social evenings.

Retail Merchants Pass Resolution

Present Time Not Opportune to Increase Public Expenditure.

The following resolution was passed at a well attended meeting of the local branch of the Retail Merchants' Association yesterday afternoon.

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G.W.V.A. Leader In St. John Today

Speaks Interestingly of Conditions in West—Sails on Minnedosa Tonight.

R. B. Maxwell, president of the G. W. V. A. for Canada, is in the city on route to South Africa, where he will attend a conference of ex-servicemen of the British Empire, which opens on February 23. He sails on the C. P. O. Minnedosa, which leaves here tonight for Liverpool. He was in conference with the executive of the local branch of the G. W. V. A. yesterday afternoon, dinner at the Dutton Club as the guest of Mayor Schofield, and later in the evening addressed a meeting at the G. W. V. A. room.

Conditions in West

President Maxwell described conditions in the west as rather discouraging, but the people were making the best of a bad situation and trimming their sails accordingly. There has been the unemployment problem to deal with in the west, he says, the same as in the east. It is being solved, he said, to a large extent by the co-operative plan of work.

Farmers Hard Hit

The farmers, he said, are especially hard hit. Their prices have tumbled at a very rapid pace and left many farmers in greatly weakened circumstances. Oats in Alberta were selling at 12 cents a bushel, a ridiculous low price, compared with the figure prevailing last year. The price for other farm products have slumped, but none have taken such a tremendous drop as oats.

Estimates And Grants Taken Up

Common Council Passed Some and Several Laid Over for Future Consideration.

The common council yesterday afternoon took up the water and sewerage estimates and grants. A number of grants were passed and several laid over for further information and discussion.

Water and Sewerage

The consideration of the water and sewerage estimates was resumed and Superintendent Sewell answered a number of questions as to how a check was kept on supplies coming in. Hay which was bought loose, they got the bills for each three months and the bills of weight were attached to the statement. Oats were checked with the driver's slip on each delivery. He was sure all the supplies bought had been used at the barn. The gasoline was measured when it was put in the tanks, and each driver was charged up with what he got for his car. With their Red trucks they were able to get from 10 to 12 miles per gallon from 15 big ones, and 15 to 18 from the small ones, and from the McLaughlin passenger car they got 15 miles per gallon.

Grants Taken Up

The grants were then taken up and the following passed, all with the exception of that for repairs on the free public library building which is \$550 less, are the same as last year:

Table listing grants for various organizations: Horticultural Association, Riverview Park, Arboreal Society, Seaman's Mission, Free Kindergarten, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Library repairs, Great War Veterans' Association, and Exhibition Association.

Veterans' President Guest of Mayor

Gathering at Union Club Last Night—Address by President Maxwell.

His Worship the Mayor gave a dinner at the Union Club last night in honor of R. B. Maxwell, the president of the Dominion G. W. V. A. Besides His Worship the following were present: Commissioners Jones and Frink, Col. J. L. McAvity, Col. G. G. Corbett, Major (Canon) Kurling, Capt. F. J. Newcombe, J. G. Dwyer, Bud Tappet, P. G. Gaudin, St. Charles Lodge and Alexander I. Machum. Mr. Maxwell delivered a short address on the objects of the association, and spoke about his proposed visit to Capetown, where he represents the dominion in the great empire conference of returned men, which will be presided over by Earl Haig.

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OLD COUNTRY CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

Excellent Programme Was Carried Out in Orange Hall Last Evening.

The members of the Old Country Club spent a very pleasant time last evening in their rooms, Orange Hall, German street. Vocal numbers were beautifully rendered by J. Rosely, the well known comedian, E. Dickson, sang "Mother Macroe" in fine style. Mrs. Sibby was heard in a beautiful rendition of the "Song that Reached My Heart." Miss M. Richmond sang with real Scotch style "My Own Wee House."

Dancing was then indulged in for an hour after which refreshments were served by the ladies under the supervision of Mrs. Horne. After dancing "The King" and "And Lang Syne," the members dispersed to their homes at midnight. A large number of the crew of S. S. Minnedosa were guests and new members were enrolled.

The Third Vice-President, H. Dickson, occupied the chair.

Evidence Concluded Wage Reduction At Cotton Mills

Cut of 12 1/2 Per Cent. Effective Monday—Local Mill Works on Reduced Time.

Beginning Monday, January 23, a wage reduction of 12 1/2 per cent. will go into effect in all the mills of the Canadian Cotton, Ltd. Such was announced yesterday by the general manager of the York and Cornwall Mill in one of the many notices operated by the Canadian Cotton, Ltd. This move by the Canadian Cotton is in line with that instituted by the textile mills in the United States and cannot be said to have come as any great surprise to the operatives of the mill here.

Prior to Christmas the local mill was placed on a schedule of four days a week in order to give employment to all their help rather than reduce their work force and continue on a full week's schedule. It is understood the reduction in wages is not to affect the four-day schedule, which will continue, for a time at least, as now.

Case for Reduction

The management of the Canadian Cottons claim they have delayed taking this action regarding wage reduction just as long as they could. During the last few weeks however in order to prevent cancellation of orders they were forced to accept a reduction of nearly 33 per cent. on all goods for delivery after January 1st. Orders for new business are even now taken on a greater reduction.

Textile Workers Discouraged

The local textile workers are not pleased with the new order. One of them in conversation with the press, said last night and it was a hardship to be deprived of two working days in the week. Now, on top of that, being compelled to accept a wage reduction of 12 1/2 per cent. adds a double hardship. "The bare necessities of life," he says, "have not decreased to any appreciable extent and this heavy slice from our wages makes the outlook a gloomy one for us all."

Big profits have been made by the Canadian Cottons, he said, through the energy of its employees, and it seemed to him to be rather a cold slap in the face of the workers in an unemployment situation to order this drastic cut in the pay envelope.

Motion to Dismiss

After the last of the witnesses named had testified, Mr. Mullin read his case.

The F. A. Dykeman Co. receive another shipment of Duchesse Satin.

This is black and navy blue only to replace that which was quickly sold out two days ago. The navy blue is the regular \$4.50 quality and will be sold for \$1.50 per yard. This black, however, is heavier, and is similar to that sold previously for \$5.50 yard; it will go on sale at \$2.50 a yard and will undoubtedly be all gone by tonight. If unable to visit the store personally, phone orders will receive immediate attention.

PROVINCIAL MEMORIAL HOME.

The Treasurer H. Usher, Miller, F. O. Box 798, city, on behalf of the management acknowledges with thanks the following generous gifts:

- A Friend, Mrs. A. E. Goodwin, Three K Club, May E. Cooper, Mrs. J. R. Shields, D. W. Puddington, Mr. Hughson's Mass of St. Luke's Sunday school, Rev. Henry M. Fish, Toronto, Mr. Corrigan's Class of St. Luke's S. S., Mrs. Louis Ramsay, 45 each; Mrs. T. E. T., X. Y. Z. Centenary Methodist church, \$100; Mrs. of Havelock L.O.L., No. 27, St. John DeMolay, Preceptory No. 3a Knights Templar, Union L.O.B.A., No. 307, Newtown, N.B., \$25 each; Mark, Powers, A. Priestley, Dr. C. C. Bonnell \$10 each; Roxborough L. O. B.A., No. 32, West St. John, T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., \$100.00 each; Department of Education, \$100.00; Mr. Walter Holly, \$20 each; Mr. Gaster, Mrs. Vall, \$2 each; R. Carlin, G. Elliot, \$1 each; Roxborough L. O. B.A., No. 32, \$11.65; Kindness of W. L. H. Gilding, \$4.50; Mrs. George Campbell, \$1.50; Florenceville Women's Institute, \$5.55; Mr. Pinch's Class of St. Luke's S. S., \$6; Ludlow street Baptist church, \$5.50.

Alleged Chicken Coop Robbers

Thomas and Paul Carey Charged With Stealing 34 Hens Are Arrested.

There are various methods of feathering one's nest in these days of the H. C. C. but it is not looked on with favor by the limbs of the law. A man may get mixed up with the chickens and get away with it, but when he pays attention to the chickens as well, his troubles come home to roost. This was demonstrated last night when something new in the nature of charges, or at least not very ordinary, were perched on the police register. Thomas Carey and his son, Paul, were charged with setting the henhouse of Roxborough and stealing therefrom nine hens.

A further charge has been preferred, also on suspicion of setting together and stealing twenty-five hens from St. Bede's, 251 Douglas Avenue, on January 8.

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Advertisement for Victor Traps. Text: 'Victor Traps. MADE IN CANADA BY THE ONEIDA COMMUNITY LIMITED, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For many years the Victors have been the largest selling popular priced traps. They are substantially built and have the benefit of information secured by seventy years of trap manufacturing. Their sturdiness coupled with the fact that it does not cost a lot of money to lay in a supply, makes them the prime favorite of hundreds of thousands of amateur and professional trappers. Made in 9 sizes, each being especially adapted to the work for which it is intended. SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY Emerson & Fisher, Ltd. - St. John, N. B. STORES OPEN 9 A. M. CLOSE 6 P. M.'

Advertisement for Men's Clothing and Furnishings at Final Price Reductions. Text: 'Men's Clothing and Furnishings at Final Price Reductions. Here are real opportunities for big savings on Suits, Topcoats and all kinds of Furnishings for men and young men. Wonderful Value—These Overcoats. Many a man would like to have a New Overcoat now. Here is the chance to get it at a low price. There are Overcoats made from warm, serviceable, smooth and rough fabrics in splendid colorings. Their construction keeps them looking shapely. A style for every age and build. A remarkably good opportunity. \$35.00 to \$48.00. Suit Values Hard to Equal. You will find it hard to equal them now; hard to equal them in the spring. Every suit in our stock is included in this special selling event; suits that fulfill a man's desire for style, fit and character in his clothes. The wearing quality of these suits will give you additional economy. Come in and see them. \$35.00 to \$53.00. Shirt Buying Time. Maybe we were lucky to get such fine shirts in unusually good patterns and attractive colorings at a low price. But not luckier than you are, for we are passing the savings on to you. Extra well made of serviceable fabrics. These prices are away below regular. Colored Shirts in soft cuff style, \$1.59 to \$5.90. Mercerized and Silk Shirts, \$6.00. Navy Flannel Shirts, \$2.95. Cotton Working Shirts in tans, blues and stripes, \$1.59, \$1.79 and \$1.98. Colored Stripe Flannel Shirts, \$1.79 and \$4.00. (Men's Furnishings and Clothing Set - Mens, First and Second Floors.)

Advertisement for Three Day Special. Text: 'Three Day Special For Friday-Saturday-Monday. We have made extra low prices on Raccoon and Pony Coats. Raccoon Coats \$450.00 \$500.00 \$550.00. Now 250.00 275.00 300.00. Pony Coats \$165.00 \$250.00 \$300.00 \$350.00. Now 82.50 125.00 150.00 175.00. D. Magee's Sons, Ltd. 63 King Street. FOR SATURDAY'S BUYERS. Men's and young men's tweed, worsted and blue suits, ready-tailored, at \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$35—savings of \$5 to \$10 a suit. Men's ready trousers, \$1.50 to \$14.75, at 20 per cent. discount. Brocaded silk suitings, your choice for half-price, \$1 to \$3.75—Gilmour's, 65 King Street. Every member of The King's Daughters is invited to attend the formal opening of the Freshline Home at Freshline, Tuesday evening, January 25th, at eight o'clock.'