

THE WEATHER

Toronto, March 22.—A pronounced area of high pressure is centred over the Great Lakes, and the weather is fine throughout the Dominion.

Dawson	14	8
Victoria	42	54
Edmonton	14	44
Calgary	42	54
Prince Albert	4	40
Regina	17	54
Saskatoon	13	32
Winnipeg	15	32
White River	20	28
Toronto	27	41
Ottawa	16	38
Montreal	24	39
Quebec	24	34
Halifax	32	36

Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Moderate westerly and northerly winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

APPEAL RESPONDED TO
The mayor yesterday received \$140 from a number of citizens to aid the work of the soup kitchens.

FREAK OF NATURE
A cat with two heads, on exhibition at the stall of G. F. Cunningham and Co. City Market, yesterday, created a great deal of interest.

NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Rev. William Hogan, C.S.S.R., yesterday confirmed the rumor that a new school building was to be erected on Elm street for boys.

CALLING FOR NEW TENDERS
New plans are being prepared for the calling of tenders for the power house at Musquash. The first tenders were too high and the revised plans will reduce the cost without impairing its efficiency.

SAND POINT ACCIDENT
James Burnett, 118 Lancaster Ave., a C. P. R. trucker at No. 6 shed, was injured yesterday morning when a heavy box fell on his foot, fracturing a toe. He was attended to at the emergency hospital and later went home.

AKERLEY CASE CONTINUED
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ANNUAL Y. M. C. A. CIRCUS
Arrangements are well under way for the annual Y. M. C. A. Circus and Display. The bill has been lined up and an interesting series of acts will be put on, featuring the work that the clowns have been doing during the winter season. Of course, there will be the usual number of fun-makers, the clowns and special variety and acrobatic acts.

WANT TO STAY
The anti-tuberculosis society is expected to petition council soon for permission to continue operation of the free dispensary in the water and sewerage office, Leinster street. It is stated that the society has experienced difficulty in its endeavor to secure other quarters as landlords are not keen on having sufferers from tuberculosis using their offices. The free dispensary will probably be continued at its present location for the summer.

Considered The New Classification Rule

Committee of Board of Trade Decide to Enter Objection to Two Clauses.

Sixty merchants who have received from the Halifax Association of Merchants a proposed new classification of goods are requested by the Trade and Commerce committee of the Board of Trade to examine this classification as it affects their respective businesses, and if they have any criticisms to offer to send them to committee to be embodied in their report. Yesterday afternoon the board of trade committee, of which Mr. D. W. Ledingham is chairman, considered new classification, being assisted by Messrs. Fleet, and Reed, of the Maritime Freight Bureau, Ltd. The Bureau, at the request of the secretary of the board, had previously made an analysis of the classification, which proved very helpful in the consideration of the question. The committee decided to enter objection to clauses in two of the rules. They would be glad to hear from those business men who have made a study of the classification, as some points affecting individual businesses might have escaped their notice.

Your poetry will be light, fluffy and smooth if you use Borden's St. Charles or Jersey Milk "with the cream left in." Look for the cow on the label.

GOOD FRIDAY TRAIN SERVICE

On Good Friday morning C.P.R. local train leaving St. John at 7:30 city time, will make suburban stops between St. John and Wolford. The train reaching city at 9:30 p.m. will also pick up passengers at these stations.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 50 c.

Building Trades Industry Meeting

Facts and Figures Given on Building Materials — Tax Exemption Discussed.

Lumber is now selling at reproduction prices showing from 15 to 30 per cent reduction since the first of the year. Plumbing costs have been reduced to twelve and half per cent. Glass has taken a tumble. Paint and oils show material reduction. Cement and lime and building hardware remain firm. Labor costs, stationary with movement on part of the masons for ten per cent increase.

The above were the facts adduced at a meeting of representatives of the Building Trades industry held in the Board of Trade Rooms last evening. The meeting was arranged by the S. K. Smith Advertising Agency in co-operation with the local branch of the Canadian Building and Construction Industries Association. H. L. MacGowan, second vice-president was in the chair. Mayor Schofield and W. F. Burditt, President of the Board of Trade, were also in attendance besides members of the building trade.

An Explanation.

In explaining the purpose of the meeting Mr. Smith said the idea was to assemble facts regarding reductions which had already taken place and the possibility of any further decrease within the next few months. Building permits for the first two months of the present year in St. John amounted to only two thousand dollars.

C. S. Christie, speaking for lumber manufacturers, said there had been considerable reduction, the lines formerly selling for fifty dollars now being thirty-five dollars. Hardwood flooring which was two hundred, is now one hundred and sixty. He thought the whole trouble in St. John was that the people who could afford to build were not making any move, and this kept the houses from those less fortunately situated.

Interesting Figures.

M. F. Mooney, gave interesting figures on the brick industry. Labor cost per thousand in one particular was now ten dollars a thousand as compared with one fifteen some years ago. These bricks could not be made under present conditions at less than twenty-five dollars per thousand.

W. J. O'Connell told of the recent cut in plumbing costs and said the outlook was for a slight reduction every three months. George Flood said the cement, lime, and rock wall were at top notch prices and likely to remain so as the market was controlled by the Canadian manufacturers with the assistance of the tariff. H. St. Bruce, asked to speak for real estate owners, said the price recession had not gone far enough to make building attractive to them. He gave prices on houses built in October 1919, and said the present reductions had come only half way back.

General Discussion.

Flare followed a general discussion on various phases of the housing problem, participated in by Messrs. Bruce, Mooney, and W. A. O'Brien. F. D. Meavily spoke of the slight decrease in plumbing and mechanical heating and the larger reduction in glass. Reinforcing bars are off ten cents but the cement manufacturers are holding firm. There would certainly be no big drop in the near future and the scale would remain at least fifty per cent higher than in 1914.

F. E. Wetmore suggested a suburban building company and the selling of partly finished small houses to workmen who would move in and complete the work themselves.

Mayor Schofield.

Mayor Schofield, invited to speak, disagreed with the principle of exempting new houses from taxation as proposed in a bill submitted to but not recommended by the Bills Committee of the Municipal Council. He thought people were showing good sense in not building when prices were high. So long as the Government was educating the people on the land into cities, there would be ascending and poverty in the cities.

The chairman gave information on painting, turpentine and oil and said the Workmen's Compensation Act had been one factor adding to the overhead of a builder. Mr. Burditt agreed with the Mayor that prices would not attract the speculative builder, but supported the idea of exemption of new houses from taxation. The man who owned the old house was reaping the gains of the unearned increment and could afford to pay.

The Exemption.

There was a further discussion on exemption before the meeting closed, in which Messrs. Mooney, Haley, John Flood and others took part. Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Flood, moved that the meeting go on record as approving the exemption for a certain period of years of houses costing not more than four thousand dollars.

It was finally decided not to press the motion but to have the matter referred to a regular meeting of the Building Trades Association. Discussion became spirited and John Flood characterized the City Housing Scheme as "an abortion not well planned and not well carried out." Mr. Christie in reply to the Mayor said that people would build houses just the same, particularly if the taxes would come down. Mr. Flood said the City Housing Scheme was rotten, penalized the man who improved his property and taxed the man who painted his house.

Brick Industries.

Just as the meeting closed, an interesting suggestion was made that

Ask Government For Assistance

If Bonds Are Guaranteed Branch Railway Will be Run to Black's Harbor.

Lewis Connors, president of Connors Brothers, Ltd., with a delegation from Penfield, will be in Fredericton today for the purpose of interviewing the government regarding assistance towards great proposed developments from Penfield to Black's Harbor and other sections in that vicinity. Mr. Connors has all the plans well worked out, and if everything is satisfactory the country should greatly benefit, while residents and business people will find it very beneficial.

Branch Railway.

It is proposed to have a branch railway run from Penfield to Black's Harbor from the C.P.R. main line, and from this the line can have to Beaver Harbor and other sections. It is pointed out that a great amount of freight can be handled more quickly in this manner as well as passengers and mail. At the present time there is only a weekly service from St. John to the different harbors by steambot, while the mail service at the present time is only three mails per week. If this branch line of railway became a certainty and connections were made with steamers, the people on the different islands and along the shore could receive a daily mail, and as Mr. Connors shows this could be accomplished with not a great deal of an outlay. Among the Black's, Deadman's, L'Etang, Beaver Harbor, as well as Grand Manan, Campobello, Deer and other islands. The residents in these districts who have heard of the plans are anxious to see them go through, and have all reason to believe that before long a long felt want will be fulfilled.

Quicker Transportation.

Shell fish and other fresh fish needs immediate handling, and with railway connections from the different harbors along the coast to the main line the large shipments which are transported by the fishermen on boats could be sent to the different places in such a manner that undoubtedly this already big industry would become larger and the revenue received by the railway in freight and expressage would amount to a large sum.

Profitable Proposition.

Mr. Connors has been in communication with the C.P.R., and has obtained figures for the use of locomotives and cars which is considered quite reasonable, and apparently all that is needed is the assistance in building the roadbed, and laying the rails. With certain assistance from the government it appears that the whole scheme could be well worked out in a most profitable manner.

Tourist Travel.

Another phase of the question is the quick transportation of passengers to and from Eastport, Maine, to Black's Harbor, which could be made in about an hour. Mr. Connors has plans for a passenger steamer which could be placed on this route. There is a very large amount of tourist travel from different parts of the United States down through Maine, and a very few of the different places in the past the border line. The plans in possession of Mr. Connors for such a steamer to handle this traffic, and a steamer which he is about ready to build, would be most suitable for the carrying of about ten automobiles on each trip. It is shown that automobile parties could board the steamer at Eastport and there would be no difficulty in navigating the route, as the waters for the course from Eastport to Black's is well sheltered, the travel would be made shorter and should prove a great boom for a much increased tourist travel into New Brunswick.

Handling Freight.

With the passenger boat running there are a number of steamers which could be well used solely for the handling of freight from the islands and other sections to the point of railway, while the proposed spur from the branch line would give the fishermen and others a better opportunity of more quickly handling their fish. Fish is not the only line of business that could be handled at a great advantage, for the district is full of fine granite, sand, etc., and with railway transportation these lines could be developed on a larger scale than ever.

Make Connections.

The Grand Manan S.S. Co. and the Maritime S.S. Co. will make their schedules so as to connect with the trains, and from every standpoint the proposition to be put to the government by the delegation today is good. It is the intention of the delegation to ask the government to guarantee bonds to carry on the work, and if the request is granted it would not take long to form a company and get the work started.

The southern shores abound with good fishing, and with large shipments from the interior, as well as the immense trade handled by the fishermen the prospects look most favorable.

brick industries on a large scale should be promoted in St. John particularly in view of the fact of the possibility of the erection of a big hotel and the proposal for a new arena. Mr. Flood declared that brick costing fifteen dollars in Upper Canada at the kiln cost thirty dollars delivered here. Mr. Crawford spoke of the valuable deposits of brick clay near the city and the Mayor said it would be very easy to find the capital as soon as it was proven manufacture could be carried on at a profit.

Mr. Smith summed up the results of the meeting in thanking those present for their attendance and announced that plans for a publicity campaign as had been suggested would be submitted later to the building trade.

Physicians Must Sign Full Name

Prescription Not Bona Fide if Merely Initialed by the Prescribing Medic.

Magistrate Ritchie ruled in the police court yesterday afternoon that a prescription to be bona fide, under the Prohibition Act, must be signed with the full signature of the physician prescribing it. Any vendor who fills a prescription merely initialed by a physician is liable under the act. The ruling was handed down in the case against Crockett & McMillan charged with filling a prescription that was not bona fide inasmuch as it was merely initialed by Dr. Fleming, the prescribing physician. The same ruling was applied to the R. J. Hawker case in which a prescription bearing the initials of Dr. Clark had been filled.

The vendors had sworn they filled the prescriptions in good faith, the violation was held to be a technical one, and no fine was imposed. W. J. Mahoney appeared for Crockett & McMillan, and J. B. Dever for R. J. Hawker. Leo Martin was arrested on a warrant by Detectives Blaisdell and Donahue on suspicion of obtaining money under false pretences from the Royal Hotel. On the information laid by Kenneth Raymond, manager, Martin is alleged to have passed a check for \$10 drawn on the Bank of Commerce and when the check was presented at the bank for payment no funds were available.

New Water Main Badly Needed

Commissioner Jones Startles Council—Merchants Object to Kindergarten in Schools.

Commissioner Jones threw a bombshell into the common council yesterday afternoon, when presenting the report of the city engineer and water superintendent he referred to the necessity for a new main from Lake Latimer to Phinney's Hill. Commissioner Bullock was given authority to expend a sum not exceeding \$3,500 in addition to the appropriation on repairs to the east side ferry floats.

Mayor Schofield presided and Commissioners Bullock, Frink and Jones were present.

The report of the committee of the whole as published yesterday was adopted.

Merchants Object.

The West Side Improvement League wrote asking what had been done in regard to their request that the street car tracks be removed from Queen square and a trunk sewer placed in the Mill Pond. The letter was referred to the commissioners of public works and water and sewerage for a report.

A communication from the Retail Merchants' Association protesting against the inclusion of the Kindergarten in the public school system was filed.

Commissioner Bullock reported that on account of the accident which had happened to the east side ferry floats, the north wing having gone out, the firm set aside in the appropriation for repairs would not be sufficient and moved that the commissioner of finance be instructed to find a sum not exceeding \$3,500 for this purpose.

Need New Water Main.

The commissioner in tabling the report of the superintendent and engineer called attention to one or two sections. The engineer reported that he had made an inspection of the wood stove pipe and found it in good condition, but recommended the laying of a new main from Lake Latimer to Phinney's Hill as soon as possible, as in the event of a break in the present main the high levels would be without water. He also recommended the repairing of a pump house at Silver Falls, if the pumping plant was to be kept in running order.

Commissioner Frink expressed the opinion that a detailed report on the condition of the main from Latimer to Phinney's Hill should be presented to the council, together with the recommendations of the engineer as to the necessary steps to remedy existing conditions.

Commissioner Jones promised to have the engineer prepare a report along the lines indicated by the commissioner of public works.

Mr. Norman Sanction who has been on a business trip to England will arrive home today.

Valuable Souvenir Of The Great War

"La Libre Belge" Presented to Natural History Society by A. Dodge Rankine.

A valuable and particularly interesting souvenir of the Great War has been presented to the Natural History Society by A. Dodge Rankine. It is an original copy of "La Libre Belge," the little Belgian paper, which, despite all the Hun's efforts to crush it, continued to be published in Belgium throughout the entire period of German occupation. The paper was awfully Belgian propaganda, and the penalty which anyone found with it in their possession was, presumably, death. The same penalty attached to the publication of the Belgians to re-

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Your home can easily be kept clean and bright by frequently rubbing over furniture with a cloth and O-Cedar Polish. On floors use the O-Cedar Polish Mop.

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Varieties encourage buying several hats for Spring and Summer requirements.

While stocks are so complete is the best time to make selections from the collections of hats so charmingly made from Milans, Cellophanes, Fabrics, Batavias and lovely combinations of two or more materials.

Here are almost countless shapes including the newest turbans; sailors in several variations; broad brimmed affairs; pokes, tricornes and others.

For trimmings you will find lavish use of flowers (hand made in many cases), smart ornaments, glycerined feathers, ribbon fancies and bands of colored embroidery.

Many of these hats have been made and designed by the greatest French, English and American milliners.

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In several good shapes. Fashioned of satin, satin and straw, or satin and Batavia. Very Special

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Straws in a very pleasing assortment of styles and colors. Some are made of bordered Batavia.

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Hats made of straws and fabrics—beautifully trimmed with flowers, ribbons, feathers or ornaments.

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Easter simply demands new gloves. The well dressed woman will find this an excellent time for replenishment of glove supplies, and can find what she likes in fabric and silk as well as fine kid.

Here are some of the favored ones:—

GENUINE KID GLOVES, 2 button style, in black and color. Special \$2.25 pair

WASHABLE LEATHER GLOVES
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WASHABLE LEATHER GAUNTLET GLOVES, with fashionable strap wrist.

WHITE AND COLORED KID GAUNTLET GLOVES with strap wrist.

TWO DOME SILK GLOVES in all colors.

SILK GLOVES with long fancy wrists.

CHAMOISETTE GLOVES, two dome style with or without long wrist.

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EASTER GLOVES For Children

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KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

Valuable Souvenir Of The Great War

ers but they, fortunately, were never caught. The paper came into Mr. Rankine's hands while he was with the Canadian Forces in Belgium, and recognizing its historical value, he carefully preserved it.

There are very few authentic copies of the little paper in view of the fact that nearly every copy was destroyed after being read, for fear of it being found on the reader's person by the Hun.

Written in French

The paper is written entirely in French and is headed "No. 169, Quatre-vingt-neuf, 1918." A translation of parts of the paper follows: "Price of this number—Blastic, from zero to infinity. (We ask our readers not to pass this limit.) Founded February 1, 1915."

Mr. Rankine has also presented the society with a special order of the day by Sir Douglas Haig conveying the congratulations of King George and himself to General Plummer after the capture of Messines ridge by the second army, and also a German order of the day issued by Ludendorff. The word Ypres can be distinguished in our advertisement section, and advise the German of the order.