

THE WEATHER.

Tuesday, April 20.—The weather today has been showery in the Western Provinces and in Western Ontario, while in other parts of the Dominion it has been fine. The temperature has been highest in northern and eastern Ontario and in Quebec.

Peterborough	32	46
Victoria	28	42
Vancouver	38	48
Kamloops	34	44
Calgary	30	40
Edmonton	34	44
Regina	30	40
Winnipeg	30	40
Fort Arthur	32	46
Perry Point	32	46
London	42	56
Toronto	42	56
Kitchener	42	56
Ottawa	42	56
Quebec	42	56
St. John	42	56
Halifax	42	56

Forecast.

Maritime—Moderate winds and mild.

Northern New England—Cloudy, probably showers, Wednesday and Thursday; moderate temperature.

Mass Meeting of Girls On Sunday

Activities of Girls' Club Varied and Interesting—Excelsior Hold Reception, and Girls' Cabinet Arrange Choral Exercises.

A very enjoyable "welcome reception" was extended by the Girls' Excelsior Club of St. Andrew's church last evening to their director, Mrs. McTavish, lately returned from a trip through the West Indies.

The club room where the reception took place had been decorated by the eighteen girls forming the club, and presented a very attractive appearance. The tables, at which a delicious banquet was fully enjoyed, were particularly striking, being tastefully festooned with the club's colors, purple and gold.

At the conclusion of the delicious repast the president of the club, Miss Anna Montgomery, made a short address welcoming Mrs. McTavish back to the club, after which a short business meeting followed and reports were read of the work during the leader's absence.

Mrs. McTavish thanked the girls for their kind welcome in a few gracious remarks and then delivered a most interesting lecture on her recent trip to the tropics, the islands she visited and the many beautiful spots of which they boast were illustrated with postcards and snaps taken during her trip.

The Girls' Cabinet held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Y. W. C. A. Recreation Centre, King street east, at which the president, Miss Mary Lewis presided. There was about thirty club members present.

The "smoking tea" held in March was reported to have been a very successful affair, the proceeds being \$126. Arrangements were made for the holding of a mass meeting of the girls in the city at St. David's church next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. R. P. McKim, pastor of St. Mary's church, is to address the meeting which will be in charge of the "Hot Girls" under the direction of their president, Miss Lewis. The choral exercises will be conducted by a choir of girl singers and the meeting will be opened to all girls of "teen age" in the city.

Injunction Against City Council

May Be Taken Unless Council Give Hearing to Those Who Want Athletic Grounds Behind Public Gardens.

"If the city council does not give a hearing to those who believe that the boys should have a playground back of the public garden rather than the swamp at the end of Gilbert Lane, if the city fathers insist on putting the boys in a hole then I will try to put the council in a hole by taking an injunction to restrain them from spending money on the low proposition," said a citizen who called on The Standard last evening.

"The city fathers only heard one side of the case, and the main argument presented to them was that a playground was needed—which nobody denies. According to the city engineer's report it would cost about \$18,000 to prepare a site for one baseball field and a few tennis courts. Later the railway would probably want the grounds for yard room and the money will have been wasted, and we will have to look elsewhere for an athletic field. Besides all the fogs in Courtney Bay crowd up over this ground."

"Now I believe the site on the hill could be fixed up for about ten thousand dollars, and that the street railway could be induced to run a belt 'right around here. I don't take any stock in the argument that the site is not big enough. We are not planning for airplane sports yet, and we will not want to have a baseball field and a football ground on the same time. When the city has a hundred and sixty thousand population the site on the hill would be in the centre."

"The city can afford to give the matter more consideration. I don't very much if the site on the marsh can be prepared for an athletic field this summer, whereas the site on the hill can be developed in a short time."

Interesting Papers On Potters' Art

Mrs. Deardon and Mrs. Lawrence Lecture Before Ladies' Auxiliary of Natural History Society.

Those who enjoyed the hospitality of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Natural History Society last evening were treated to an entertainment which was not only instructive, but at the same time most interesting.

The entire evening was devoted to pottery, both ancient and modern, and several excellent papers were read.

The evening's programme was opened with a vocal solo by Bates Tapley which was much enjoyed, the talented soloist being obliged to respond to an encore. Deardon then read a paper in which she described in a most absorbing manner, the development of pottery in different parts of the world from the earliest ages to the present time.

Miss J. M. Lawrence followed with a paper "Vulcan and Venetian Glass" describing the manner in which this ancient and important industry was developed under the patronage of the Italian republics and justly general recognition after the revolution. During her address, slides were thrown on the screen depicting views of Venice, that romantic city, during the reign of the Most Serene. Mr. Tapley was then heard to advantage in several pleasing numbers including "An Irish Lullaby" and "Somewhere a Voice is Calling." Mrs. P. B. Ellis gave a short address on Luster Ware, after which the company were invited to inspect in an adjoining room, a number of rare and valuable examples of the potter's art. Several valuable pieces of which were kindly loaned for the evening by friends of the society. The exhibit included Egyptian ushabti dating back to 2,000 B. C.; a very valuable earthenware jug made in the city at the time of the Roman occupation; reproduction of English pottery of the seventeenth century; several interesting examples of lustre ware and transfer ware; French faience made in France in 1662; Venetian glass, willow ware, Swedish terra cotta, and many pieces of Aztec pottery.

At the conclusion of the evening, notice of which Miss Shaw was convener, concluded a most enjoyable evening. Miss Tapley was the accompanist of the evening.

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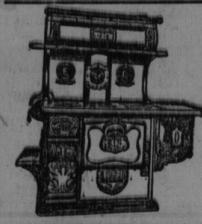
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AROUND THE CITY

INVESTIGATION THURSDAY.

An investigation into the sinking of the pilot boat Howard D. Truop is to be held tomorrow.

NEW MACHINE HERE.

The new sand drier for the city has arrived and is being set up at the works yard at the foot of Broad street.

HAB PURCHASED PROPERTY.

Matthew Morris has purchased from Geo. T. Kane the two and a half story house and garage, 83 Winter street. The lot is 40x100.

GETTING GOOD.

All was quiet in police circles last night, and for the first time in many months, a clean sheet will be presented to the police magistrate this morning.

THE PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of Clarence F. Bishop deceased, letters of administration were granted to James L. Kilburn. The estate, personal, was probated at \$800. Wm. M. Ryan, proctor.

RIVER SEASON OPEN.

The honor of opening the river season goes to the Majestic this year, she having left yesterday morning at 9 o'clock for Fredericton. The morning the Onondaga left for Wickham.

FAIRVILLE COURT.

Fred Burns, arrested by Inspector J. J. Merryfield, in Fairville, on Monday afternoon for being drunk and acting disorderly, was tried by Magistrate Allingham yesterday afternoon. The defendant claimed he did not know where he obtained the liquor and was fined ten dollars.

QUEST OF COMRADE.

H. T. Lock and his English bride were among the arrivals on the C. P. O. S. Metagama, Monday. They are spending a few days in the city, the guests of C. P. Wetmore, of the Custom House staff, with whom Mr. Lock served in France. Mr. and Mrs. Lock will make their home in Victoria, B. C.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

A special meeting of St. George's Society was held yesterday afternoon, when nine new members were elected, all of whom wished to take part in the annual celebrations. Other business included final arrangements for the dinner on St. George's Day, because the different committees have about completed their work. Mr. C. Masters, vice-president, presided.

BRITISH GIRLS.

Among those arriving on the C. P. O. S. Metagama, which docked at the West side yesterday morning, were nine executive girls, five of whom now serve with the British Land Army. The young ladies were guests at the C. P. O. S. Hotel, Saturday afternoon, yesterday. The five mentioned are going through to the Canadian West, where they will be employed, and the other four members of the party will remain in the city.

SAILORS ENTERTAINED.

A large number of the sailor lads in port were entertained last evening in the Seaman's Institute by a Ladies' Committee of the W. C. T. U. Following the concert a most sumptuous repast was partaken of by the boys. The following ladies participated in the entertainment: Misses Edna Brown, Edna Fox, Estelle Borie, Rita McMahon, Ethel Brindley, and Mr. Appleby. The Misses McMath and Borie and Mr. Appleby were obliged to respond to several encores. Some three hundred men were present, and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. Miss Myrtle Fox was the accompanist for the evening.

CHILDREN RETURNED.

The Police Station, Miss Ryan, returned yesterday from Woodstock, where she had taken three children and their mother, who were placed in the Alimohore there. The family were found to be in deplorable circumstances in the city, and after being cared for in local institutions for some time, were finally taken back to their native town, where they will be looked after by the authorities there. The children ranged from three months to five years in age.

THE GLAMOR OF GREECE.

A prominent local member of the War Veterans received a postcard from a comrade who was on March 26 at Athens, Greece. The travelling veteran stated that he was on his way to Constantinople, and that Scotch whisky cost one dollar and sixty-five cents per bottle, and that the Canadian dollar was worth in that city one dollar and sixty cents. Two questions: How much did he pay for his way to the whisky, and how much of the whisky does he intend to give to the ship?

Popular Promotion And Presentation

Bernard Quilty, Trainmaster at McAdam, Promoted to Assistant Superintendent at Sudbury—Presented With Gold Watch.

Bernard Quilty, who for the past year has been train master at McAdam for the C. P. R. has received a well warranted promotion and left on the Montreal last evening for Sudbury, Ont., where he has been appointed assistant superintendent. The promotion of Mr. Quilty is learned with exceptional pleasure by his many friends. Yesterday afternoon a committee representing the C. P. R. trainmen, yardmen and operators called at Mr. Quilty's residence 275 St. George Street and presented him with a handsome gold watch suitably engraved showing their esteem for such a popular fellow employee.

Mr. Quilty, who has been in the road for a number of years, and was popular with all persons travelling who with others will be pleased at his promotion.

Salvage Corps' Annual Meeting

Reports Received and Officers Elected Last Night—Capt. MacRae for No. 1 and Capt. Cunningham for No. 2 Were Re-elected.

The annual meeting of No. 1 Company Salvage Corps and Fire Police was held in the hall of the Maritime Union Street last evening. The report of the secretary showed that the company had responded to seventy-three alarms during the last term, and worked sixty-one hours and twenty minutes, and had spread seventy-eight covers.

A feeling reference was made to the loss sustained by the corps in the death of ex-Captain H. W. Frink. The election of officers resulted as follows:

No. 1 Company—
 R. J. MacRae—Captain.
 G. Harvey Tapley—Lieutenant.
 R. Percy Howard—Secretary.
 James Stirling—Foreman No. 1.
 W. L. Stewart—Foreman No. 2.
 N. A. Hornbrook—Foreman No. 3.
 Thomas H. Tonge—Foreman No. 4.
 Mr. L. A. Langstaff—Organizer.

After the meeting a card concert was enjoyed and prizes were awarded.

No. 2 Company.
 No. 2 Salvage Company held their annual meeting last evening in their rooms in No. 5 Station, Main St. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Captain, R. I. Cunningham; Lieutenant, W. L. Brown; Secretary, Chas. A. Cunningham; Treasurer, Chas. C. Sullivan; Foreman No. 1, G. P. Curving; No. 2, William Morrison; No. 3, P. Campbell; No. 4, H. Appleby.

During the year the company answered 66 alarms, spread 60 covers and cut a membership of 26, the creditable average attendance of 16.3. The Corps' longest period on duty was at the spectacular Mill Street fire, which lasted eight hours while the Millville fire was running up with three hours and a half.

The social side of the Corps' activity had been neglected, several entertainments as well as a card party having been held under the Corps' auspices. The treasurer's report showed that the Corps is in happy circumstances financially.

During the evening a few of the candidates in the coming election called on the members and a pleasant evening was spent.

Sardine Season Has Commenced

The Big Eastport Factory Started Canning Last Week—Clam Canning Season Unsatisfactory, Owing to Severe Weather.

The sardine season has opened, according to a passenger of the S.S. Grand Manan yesterday. On Thursday of last week the Sea Street factory at Eastport commenced operations, and the first catches of the new herring of any importance were brought up. This factory plant on increasing sea catches, packed, and supplies come in, and is expected to have 400 hands employed shortly.

Cold and stormy weather has interrupted the work of getting the herring in shape for the fishing, but a few warm days will make a big difference, and it is hoped the fishermen will soon be out. Other sardine factories are preparing to open, but definite information as to their plans has not been made public.

The clam canning season, which closed last week was not so satisfactory as in previous years. Less than ten thousand cases of 48 cans each were sent to market. The severe weather has made fishermen diffident about digging clams, in former seasons the average pack of clams was about 20,000 cases, but before the opening of the canning season clams were selling for \$3.00 a barrel, and earlier they were \$1.50.

LAST C. P. O. S. LINER FOR THE SEASON

S.S. Metagama Arrived Yesterday from Liverpool With 1,771 Passengers, General Cargo and Mails.

The S. S. Metagama, the last of the C. P. O. S. passenger steamers for the season, arrived yesterday and docked about one o'clock. She had on board 1,771 passengers and a large cargo of cargo and mails. The passengers left for their destinations on special trains.

Among the cabin passengers was L. C. Christie of this city and Mrs. Parsons and infant of Sydney, N. S. Other passengers were Brig-Generals King, of Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. E. G. Hallowell, of Ontario; Captain E. Parker, of Hamilton; Sir B. Winfrey, M. P., of London, Eng.; Lieut.-Col. R. P. Williams of Vancouver; Lieut. J. K. Anderson, of Vancouver and Lieut.-Col. H. Wade, of London, Eng.

CANADIAN CLUB EXECUTIVE MET

New Members Elected—Nomination Committee Submitted Names to be Presented at the Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Club which will be held shortly Dr. E. J. Ryan will deliver an address entitled "Lawrence in Arabia." The executive of the Club met yesterday in the office of T. H. Somerville, A. M., presiding in the absence of Dr. Ryan. The following new members were elected as follows: J. R. Thompson, George Bidlake, Harry H. Scoville, Cecil Sturges, Leslie J. Lowe, George B. Grant, J. P. Brindley.

A meeting of the nominating committee followed and names were submitted for officers for the ensuing term and will be brought up at the annual meeting to be held in May.

H. C. Grant, accompanied by J. H. Woodman, the new general secretary, tendered for this position, last evening at the meeting. He was elected secretary for the year.

LOSBY—Four hundred, Tuesday afternoon on one of the city streets. Please kindly notify The Standard.

ATLANTIC REFINERIES.

In reference to the report that the Atlantic Sugar Refineries had plans to double its capacity, it is understood that the capacity of the plant is 1,000,000 pounds per day. On this basis it employs about 400 hands, but actually it has been employing about 600, many working on night shift. The present building has a floor space of 175,000 square feet, and the ground occupied by the company in its various operations is seven acres. The authorized capital is \$1,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 has been issued.