

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME:—Fresh to strong south-westerly winds, mostly fair, but some local showers. Toronto, Ont., Oct. 24.—A few light showers have occurred during the evening in Ontario and have been general in British Columbia, but otherwise the weather has been fair throughout Canada.

AROUND THE CITY

Disorderly Boys. Acting Sergt. Scott was called to Broad street last evening to disperse a disorderly crowd of boys.

Law Society. A meeting of the St. John Law Society is called for ten o'clock this morning on account of the death of Allen O. Earle Esq., K. C., D. C. L.

Address by Miss Shaw. Miss Loretta Shaw, B.A., will address a meeting in St. John's church school room, at 8 o'clock on the missionary work of Japan at 8 o'clock this evening.

Tenders Closed. Yesterday was the last day for the reception of tenders for the construction of No. 6 and No. 7 sheds, West Side, and quite a number of tenders were received. Some days will elapse before a contract is awarded by the public works department.

Bermudan Reported. The British steamship Bermudan, Captain Fraser, arrived at Bermuda last Saturday at 3.5 a. m. from New York. This is the steamer that carried the ten young ladies on The Standard prize touring trip to Bermuda. The steamer had a fine passage south.

Wife Beating Charged. Michael Barry was arrested last night about 8.30 o'clock having been given in charge by his wife Margaret for assaulting and beating her in their house on White street. He is also charged with beating and assaulting Thomas Nelson in the same house.

Lost Fore sail in Gale. The British schooner Elma, Capt. Miller, which sailed from this port on Sunday for City Island for orders, with a cargo of lumber, had her fore-sail and some running gear carried away while off Musquash during a heavy gale. The vessel put back to this port to secure a new sail. After this is done she will proceed to her destination.

84th Anniversary. On Sunday, October 23rd, Portland St. Methodist church will celebrate their 84th anniversary. The morning service at 11 a. m. will be of interest. The pastor, Rev. H. D. Marr, eating children, will speak especially to the children, and the centre pews will be reserved for them. A large childrens choir will assist in the singing under the leadership of H. W. Broomfield.

Telephone Extension. The New Brunswick Telephone Company has just completed connections with the lines of the Canterbury and North Lake Telephone Company, at Canterbury, York county. The lines of this latter company cover an area of about 60 miles in length and will enable subscribers of the New Brunswick Telephone Company to reach Eel River Lake, Forestville, Skiff Lake and Grant's Crossing.

Y. M. C. A. Convention. Toronto will be the scene of a big Y. M. C. A. convention on the 28th instant and continuing for several days. The principal cities in Canada and the United States will be represented by delegates from their Y. M. C. A.'s. Secretary Robb was asked last evening if St. John would send delegates to the convention, and he said that while he expected that this city would be represented the delegates had not yet been selected.

City Benches For Torrey Meetings. The Queens Rink was the scene of great activity yesterday in preparation for the big meetings to be held in November. The committee have found it a somewhat difficult matter to secure seats for 3,500 people and the Common Council kindly made an offer of the square benches which was gladly accepted, and yesterday the benches from the squares to the rink. Tonight the choir will meet at the rink for practice at 7.45.

Associated Charities. The annual meeting of the Associated Charities will be held in the Board of Trade rooms, Prince William street on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A report of the work done by the association throughout the year will be read. The officers and a certain number of the board for the ensuing year will be elected. Addresses will be made by Premier Hazen, the Mayor, Judge Ritchie, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, and Rev. J. J. McCaskill. All interested in the work are invited to be present and to take part in the deliberations.

Successful Entertainment. The Opera House was crowded to the doors last night when the Nurses Sick Benefit entertainment was given. The entertainment was in the shape of a moving picture performance, and the nurses in uniform did the ushering. The motion pictures were excellent. Slides were shown of the two city hospitals and of the first and last graduating classes. Solos were excellently rendered by S. J. McGowan and Mrs. Bell (formerly Miss Annie Edwards). The performance will be repeated again tonight.

Returns from Chatham. Judge Forbes returned from Chatham yesterday, where he has been in the interests of the Bible Society. He was accompanied by Dr. G. M. Campbell. Both gentlemen had a busy day on Sunday. In the afternoon they addressed a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. hall at Chatham. In the morning Judge Forbes preached in St. Luke's church, and in St. Andrew's in the evening; he also addressed the men's union of St. Andrew's church in the afternoon. Dr. Campbell preached at St. Luke's in the evening, giving a very patriotic and eloquent address on Canada.

BATHURST WOMAN TOOK WRONG TRAIN

Travelled to Fredericton Junction and When Brought Back Nearly Missed Outgoing I. C. R. Train—Hustled Aboard

An old lady who has been on a visit to St. John went down to the I. C. R. station yesterday to board the train for her home in Bathurst. Apparently she thought all trains connected with the town on the North Shore. As a matter of fact she boarded the first car that took her fancy and presently found herself on the C. P. R. train en route for Montreal. She was put off at Fredericton Junction, and sent back on the late Boston train for St. John. After reciting her adventures to a sympathetic official at the station, she became so much engrossed that she did not notice the flight of time, and the station bell changed for the departure of the late I. C. R. train before she had got aboard. She was quite undecided whether to make a race for it, but obliging officials caught her by the arm and hustled her on the steps of the last car as it was leaving the train shed.

TRAIN ROBBERY IN I. C. R. STATION

Alleged That North End Man Entered Car of Halifax Express and Got Away With Sussex Man's Watch.

A train robbery of a daring nature took place last evening shortly after the arrival of the Boston express at the I. C. R. station. The alleged thief entered one of the first class passenger coaches of the late train for Halifax and seeing James Foley of Sussex apparently asleep, he proceeded to annex the passenger's valuables. He appropriated Mr. Foley's watch and chain, but before he could secure anything else a friend of Mr. Foley's appeared on the scene. The robber promptly abandoned his investigations and made haste to get out of the car, and Mr. Foley, aroused by his friend, finding that his watch was missing gave chase. The thief, however, had secured a good lead, and running out through the front door of the station made good his escape. P. Gorman, night watchman at the station, noticed him hurrying through the gates, but did not know he had perpetrated a theft in time to stop him.

The man who annexed the watch, belongs, it is said, to the North End. He has been hanging around the station for some days, and it is believed the police will have little trouble in locating him.

WOMAN REFUSES TO LEAVE SQUALID HOME

Pitiful Plight of Aged Resident in Brussels Street Investigated by S. M. Wetmore—Early Death Feared.

A very sad case in an old house on Brussels street near Exmouth street is attracting the attention of the police and the secretary of the Alms House. Two weeks ago the police reported to Secretary S. M. Wetmore that there was a very old woman living in the house, that she was alone the greater part of the time and that when she had a companion it was a son who was greatly dissipated. It was stated further, that the house was in a filthy condition and that for days at a time the old woman was left alone in the house and was not able to leave her bed even for what little food may be in the house.

Secretary Wetmore paid a visit to the house yesterday and found that what had been reported to him by the police was quite true. He offered the old woman who is about 80 years of age a good home in the Alms House if she would go. The poor old person, who is feeble and shows great want of proper care and nourishment, refused to leave the dirty apartments and as Mr. Wetmore had no power to eject her from her home and convey her to the Alms House, he was obliged to allow her to remain there. The old woman stated that she had a daughter in Portland, Maine and that she soon expected the daughter to come here and take care of her.

St. Vincent's Alumnae. The annual meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Alumnae was held in the hall on Waterloo street last evening, and after routine business had been transacted the ladies who so ably fulfilled the offices last year were re-elected. They are as follows: President, Miss E. T. Reed; vice-president, Miss Florence O'Regan; treasurer, Miss Josephine Gosselin; secretary, Miss Irene Warner. It was decided to continue the grant for the alumnae gold medal to the St. Vincent High School. A handsome official ballot box was received having been presented by A. Gordon Leavitt.

Small-MacDonald. The marriage of Miss Catherine Hardy MacDonald, of Hampstead, to Samuel John Small, of Chipman, took place Saturday evening in the manse of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Rev. J. J. McCaskill being the officiating clergyman. The couple were attended by Miss Summerville and John MacDonald, a brother of the bride. They will reside at Chipman.

SKETCH OF CAREER OF HENRY VIVIAN

English M.P. Who Will Address Canadian Club Tomorrow Began Life as a Carpenter—Advocates Copartnership.

Henry Vivian, M. P., the noted lecturer, who is to deliver an address in St. John, on the science or art of city planning, is a type of man not very common in this country. Like John Burns he was born in the ranks of the workmen and devoted his talents to movements having for their object the amelioration of the condition of the people.

His parliamentary career is well known and some details of his personal history may be of interest. Born at Cornwood, near Plymouth in 1869 he went to the National school and after serving a short time as carpenter and joiner in his father's workshop he went to Plymouth at the age of 16 as an improver. Two years later he migrated to London and secured work as a carpenter and joiner in the great problems by which he was surrounded. But such did not obscure his mind to the exclusion of his trade.

There was no science and art centre in the district where he lived, so he got in touch with the authorities at South Kensington, brought some students together and formed classes he himself taking up the subjects of applied mechanics, building construction and geometry. The incident was characteristic of the man. Learned Carpenter Trade. At the age of 21 he joined the Pimlico branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners—then the largest branch in London—and within 12 months was unanimously elected president of the branch, membership of which he has retained ever since. Just as he studied the technique of his trade, he set to work to study the principles of trade organization. This led to his espousal of the principle of co-partnership in industry as a means of workingclass improvement and industrial peace.

Advocating such a method he attracted the attention of the Labor Co-partnership Association, and in 1891 was invited to become the secretary, with the result that he has been largely instrumental in starting some of the most flourishing businesses which workmen have established in this country. The well-known Journal, Co-partnership, was started by him, and for several years he edited it with distinction, securing as contributors many leading thinkers, including Herbert Spencer. His parliamentary work led to his relinquishment of those duties but his interest continues as chairman of the Publishing Society.

EXCELLENT CONCERT IN ST. LUKE'S CHURCH Large Number Delighted With Rendition of Fine Program at Harvest Song Service Last Evening.

The harvest song service held in St. Luke's church last evening in connection with the harvest festival in that church, was very largely attended and from a musical standpoint was most enjoyable. The programme was as follows: Anthem—"O Lord how manifold."—Barnby. Solo—"Eye hath not seen." (Holy City), Gail, Mrs. Stanley Harrison. Anthem—"Ye shall dwell in the Land." Stainer. Soloists, Miss M. Craft, Miss A. T. Farmer, Mrs. W. A. Stelper, Willard Smith, Harmon Hoyt.

Solo—"The Soft Southern Breeze," (Rebekah) Barnby, C. A. Munro. Anthem—"And God said, Let the Earth," Slimper. Soloists, H. Fout and Master Willie Murray and semi-chorus by boys. Offertory organ solos—(a) "Spring Song"—Hollins; (b) "Humoresque"—Anton Dvorak, D. Arnold Fox. Duet—"Whither the Earth Remained"—Peace, Mrs. L. M. Curran and C. A. Munro. Anthem—"I will magnify Thee, O God"—Churchill, Soloist, W. Smith. Accompanists—Miss B. Farmer and D. Arnold Fox. Musical Director—Ernest Scott Peacock.

The solos of Mrs. Curran and Mr. Munro were particularly effective but all the numbers on the programme were excellent and the anthems were especially well rendered serving to illustrate the state of excellence to which the choir of St. Luke's has now attained.

CORRESPONDENCE. To the Editor of The Standard. Sir,—It seems a pity that the expense of an election should be incurred over the whole city to fill a vacancy in one ward for part of a term. Wishing to avoid this, when it appeared that Mr. McLeod and myself were to be the only candidates, I suggested to him through a mutual friend, that a meeting of the electors of Brooks Ward be called and a selection be made between us, the one so selected to be elected by acclamation. Having as yet received no response from Mr. McLeod, now beg to make another proposal. That a meeting of the qualified electors of the West Side be called and a selection be made between us. Pledging myself to abide by their decision and hoping that Mr. McLeod will see his way clear to accept this proposal and thereby save the trouble and expense of an election. I am, sir, yours, etc., W. D. BASKIN.

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