

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 20.—A general disturbance is centered tonight over Georgian Bay and the weather is mild and showery from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces. An area of high pressure is over the Western Provinces with moderately cold weather from the northward.

AROUND THE CITY

SHAMROCK SALE. The Shamrock Sale of the Willing Workers of Central Baptist Church netted \$235 for the funds of the Society.

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE. A fire broke out Saturday morning on the roof of a house owned by Mrs. Murphy, in British street. An alarm was sent in from Bob 43 and the blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING. Yesterday was the first day of Spring and although there was a cold snap storm with a heavy wind, it earned a rain and fog. A steamship was wrecked after leaving port a few hours, but then the calm weather prevailed and Myflowers will soon make their appearance.

ADDRESSED SCHOLARS. At the special Sunday School service held yesterday afternoon at Laddow Street Baptist Church, John C. King, Senior Deacon of the Church in addressing scholars present stated that it was sixty-two years ago that he first offered his life to the service of the Master and urged that others should give of their time and talents to the work of the church.

SATURDAY'S MARKETS. Prices were quoted in the city market Saturday morning as follows: Beef, 20c. to 30c.; lamb, 27c. to 40c.; veal, 17c. to 30c.; pork, 20c.; ham and bacon, 45c.; chickens, 70c.; turkeys, 65c.; eggs, 50c. and 55c.; butter, 60c.; potatoes, 45c.; beans, 50c.; carrots, 50c.; parsnips, 50c.; turnips, 25c.; apples, 40c. to 50c. a peck; lettuce, 8c.; squash and cabbage, 7c. a pound; rhubarb, 15c.; onions, 5c. a pound, and celery, 25c. to 30c.

VITAL STATISTICS. There were twenty-one deaths in the city during the week ending Saturday, from the following causes: Senility, four; convulsion, one; enteritis, one; exposure, paralysis, pneumonia, measles, asplenia, general debility, premature birth, acute bronchitis, heart disease, angina pectoris, pericarditis, bronchopneumonia, fracture of skull, fracture cervical vertebrae. The two last named deaths are the result of accident.

ST. JUDE'S BRANCH WOMEN'S AUXILIARY. Annual Meeting Held—Satisfactory Reports Received and Officers Elected.

St. Jude's church branch of the Women's Auxiliary held their annual meeting in the school room recently with the president, Mrs. J. H. A. Holmes in the chair. Satisfactory reports were received from all departments, and all the pledges were met. The Girl Guides of the church attended the meeting and served refreshments, and it is to be hoped that another girls' branch may be formed shortly.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. H. A. Holmes, president; Miss Mary Wilcox, 1st vice-president; Miss Elsie Rogers, 2nd vice-president; Miss Ruth Coster, corresponding secretary; Miss Alice Seely, recording secretary; Miss Lena Nice, leaflet secretary; Miss Ruth Stackhouse, treasurer; Mrs. Batsch, Dorcas secretary; Miss Burtie, assistant Dorcas secretary; Miss Mary Stackhouse, Miss Box secretary; Miss Ursula Ellis, extra-cent-a-day secretary; Miss Hazel Smith, prayer partner.

DECISION DAY AT PORTLAND ST. CHURCH. Decision Day was held at Portland Methodist church Sunday School yesterday afternoon and thirty-four scholars made the decision. The address of the afternoon was made by Rev. G. D. Hudson of the Victoria Street Baptist Church. At the evening service in the church the preacher was Captain Tom Best who gave an address on the subject "Let Us Forget" which was listened to with utmost interest. The church was filled and there was some special music by the choir.

The majority of housewives demand Berdell's 34 Charles or Jersey Blue "with the cream left in." "The one with the cow on the label." They know it is best. Your grocer can supply you.

STEAMSHIP CITY OF COLOMBO IS TOTAL WRECK NEAR DIGBY

Left Here Yesterday Morning for East India Via New York and Philadelphia—Went Ashore on Digby Neck in Afternoon—Holds Full of Water and Saving of Ship is Hopeless.

The British freighter, City of Colombo, 2,908 tons register, Captain Robertson in command, which sailed from here Sunday morning at eight o'clock for New York and Philadelphia, thence to East India, went ashore hard and fast on the Nova Scotia coast yesterday afternoon.

Her S. O. S. calls for assistance were received here at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and J. C. Chesley, agent for marine and fisheries, was immediately notified and proceeded at once to send Government aid to the stranded ship.

The Government steamer Aberdeen which was in port was despatched to the scene given as latitude 44, 32 north, longitude 66-06 west, and the Laurotia, which was at Westport, N. S., was also ordered to give assistance.

The steamer went ashore at a point about 16 miles south of the Digby gut and fifty miles from here.

She arrived here from an English port on March 11 with cargo in transit for United States ports. The steamer came on here a cargo of machinery, baled pulp and cement. The local agents are J. T. Knight and Co.

The last wireless report received by the agents last night from Captain Robertson stated the first, second and third holds had filled with water and there was little hope of saving the steamer. The tug Gopher and Murray Stewart were despatched to the stranded ship last night by the agents to render any possible aid.

Men along the water front who know the coasts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in the Bay of Fundy state that the City of Colombo was certainly far off her course to go ashore where she did. It was pointed out that there is plenty of room to get out of the Bay of Fundy and a ship that would go ashore where this ship grounded, especially when she was bound to New York or Philadelphia, must have been caused by a great mistake in navigation. It has been known of a ship leaving St. John to have been given the right course of the bay only to almost turn back into the harbor and be wrecked. The Balgryis was the ship that was on the water front remember this disaster.

While many men who know the bay well are at a loss to state why the ship City of Colombo went ashore where she did, all captains know perfectly well the course to be taken when a St. John pilot leaves the ship off Paradise Island, and only something wrong with the compass is a solution for the ship going ashore at the part of the Nova Scotia coast as reported.

Empress of France From Liverpool

Reached Port Saturday Morning With 1,359 Passengers and Mail.

C. F. O. S. liner Empress of France docked at No. 2 and 3 berths Saturday morning at 8.30 o'clock after a run of a little over eight days from Liverpool. The Empress brought 65 saloon passengers, besides 18,000 tons of cargo, 2,500 bags of mail and 1,200 bags of parcels.

Ships officers report a rough voyage. The first days of the trip were exceedingly rough as the weather was heavy and frequent gales were met, and a great amount of seasickness prevailed among the passengers. Apart from the heavy weather there was nothing happening out of the usual.

The steamer had 500 men aboard who were brought here under the supervision of the Ontario Government to take up farming in that province. They were in charge of the Supervisor of Immigration for Ontario, Major J. M. Clark, and a representative of the Colonization Department of the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture. For the most part these men are unmarried and the great majority of them saw service in the world war.

DISGUSTED WITH VERDICT OF JURY

Robert Crawford, provincial detective who worked up the case against William St. Pierre, recently acquitted at Edmundston on the charge of having murdered Minnie Steeves, returned home Friday night. Mr. Crawford received great praise from the Attorney-General for the strong case which he worked up. He returns home disgusted with the finding of the jury, and says the verdict has caused general dissatisfaction among the English-speaking people as well as among a large number of the French of Madawaska county.

Handsome Memorial Tablet Unveiled

Memorial Service in Memory of Late Pastor and Four Deacons of Ludlow Baptist.

Amid a eulogy more eloquent than words a handsome memorial tablet in honor of the late pastor of Ludlow Street Baptist Church and four Deacons of that church was unveiled at a service held last evening. The church was crowded to the doors and a large number were turned away, unable to obtain admittance.

A special sermon to fathers and sons was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Isaac Brindley who took as his subject "The Death of the First Born" drawing lessons from the tragedy of Stephen who, though stoned to death by his enemies yet triumphed over them in his spiritual victory. He prayed for them, truly a miracle of grace, the preacher said. Mr. Brindley spoke of the influence of sermons and showed that responsibility rests upon the preacher to give of his best, and upon the congregation to listen with unpartial and unprejudiced mind.

The pastor then called upon John C. Ring, Senior Deacon to say a few words. This address was deeply appreciative of the work done by Rev. W. H. Robinson and referred in heartfelt words to the help given by Mr. Robinson to the lumberman at the time of the influenza epidemic. The influence of the four deacons whose memory is also honored, was dwelt upon and personal reminiscence given. The deacons are I. E. Smith, L. L. Sharp, C. E. Belyea and James Grey.

The tablet was then unveiled by two little girls Florence and Andrew Belyea and received in the name of the trustees of the church by John C. Ring and R. J. Anderson, Chairman of the trustees. Mr. Anderson made a brief address of appeal and gratitude. The tablet, a very fine marble one is mounted upon an oak base and is placed on the north wall of the church. It is the gift of the Relief Society of Ludlow Street Church.

The inscription is as follows: Sacred to the memory of Rev. W. R. Robinson, 1865-1920, Pastor of this church for twelve years. I. E. Smith 1841-1915. L. L. Sharp, 1843-1917. J. T. Gray, 1848-1920. Music included a solo by Mrs. C. A. Brown and a duet by Mrs. Brown and Rev. Isaac Brindley. One new member was received into the church.

Aid Home Fund Of Odd Fellows

Delightful Tea Held Saturday Afternoon by Jewel Rebekah Lodge.

Members of Jewel Rebekah Lodge held on Saturday afternoon a delightful tea in aid of the Home Fund of the Oddfellows. The rooms in Oddfellows Hall, West St. John were beautifully decorated with festoons of shamrock and many admiring comments were heard on the color schemes and its success.

Plenty of Home Made Liquor

Inspectors Land Five Cases Saturday—City Infested With Blind Pigs.

Inspectors Crawford, Journeay, Henderson and Thompson are being kept continually on the jump rounding up bootleggers and persons conducting blind dens where third rate home brew of the most dangerous kind is being disposed of. Saturday evening 14 inspectors managed to land five cases of liquor in the county and city and something more of the trade will no doubt be heard in police court today.

Captain Tom Best Had Busy Sunday

Delivered Several Addresses Yesterday, Paying Special Tribute to Canada's Soldiers

Captain Tom Best, of the Y. M. C. A. was a busy man yesterday. He delivered an address in the Y. M. C. A. at 9.30 preached in the Main Street Baptist at 11, spoke in the G. W. V. A. Hall at 4.30 and again addressed a congregation, the Portland Methodist, in the evening. Here he took as his subject "Let Us Forget" an epistle of the obligation the Canadian people were under to the boys who had gone overseas, and especially to the 40,000 who, sleeping in Flanders' Fields, would never come home. The address was a most striking one and touched all who heard it.

SING SONG AFTER REGULAR SERVICE

There was a good attendance at the Sing Song after the regular service in St. David's Church last night. Allan MacGowan was in the chair and Miss Marjorie Crockett and Bernard Currie presided at the piano. A quartette, "Be Near Us Oh Father" was most acceptably rendered by Miss Ermiea Clime, Miss Blenda Thompson, E. C. Girvin and Aubrey McKee. "Beyond the Dawn" and these were followed with the singing of hymns and choruses.

Canadian Puts Cream advertisement. You Need a Tin of Canadian Puts Cream. About this time of year to brighten up household brassware, door plates, brass railings, copper, zinc, or other articles about the home, such as nickel-plated tableware, gold and gold-filled jewelry. Canadian Puts cream works easily, won't scratch, and leaves a brilliant, lasting, sanitary lustre. There are three sizes, at 25c, 45c and 75c the tin. SEE OUR MARKET SQUARE WINDOW. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. Store Hours: 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays of this month.

DUST—and the Housewife advertisement. Women are continually at war with dirt and dust—dust is perhaps the greatest nuisance. We know of no better way of combating dust than by the use of O-Cedar Polish. 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. Polish 30c., 60c., \$1.50, \$2.50. Polish Mops \$1.25, \$2.50. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd. 25 GERMAIN STREET.

Manchester Robertson Allison & Co. advertisement. Suits—Coats—Wraps—Frocks and Hats. All Are Fresh and Lovely in Our Pre-Easter Display. STORES OPEN 9 A. M. CLOSE 6 P. M. One outstanding feature in the new Wraps and Coats is their undeniable practicability—for Motoring, sports wear, street and vacation needs they are unusually well suited. Our Spring assortments include new styles, colors and fabrics which will command your attention. They are mostly loose and free hanging models. Some are in Russian Blouse effects, and some are smartly belted. AFTERNOON FROCKS HAVE A YOUTHFUL AIR. Many influences are evident in the newest afternoon frocks—Spanish, Oriental and Princess are favorite effects, and are found developed in Serges. Tricotines and smart combinations of satins and wool materials; Crisp Taffeta Frocks with frilly skirts are practical and pretty and are showing in black and colors. Colored Ribbons, embroideries and appliques combine to make the gayest of trimmings. SPRING SUITS WITH DISTINGUISHING LINES. An interesting note is the prevalence of the box coat, so becoming to youthful figures; for those who prefer slightly fitted models, there is plenty of room for choice. Embroidery, braid and elaborate girdle effects make these suits greatly to be desired. FLOWER TRIMMED HATS FOR EASTER—Nothing quite completes the Easter costume as does the flower-trimmed hat. This year the flowers are in many cases hand-made, others are embroidered or appliqued. Crowns of taffeta or Crepe de Chine and brims of fine Milan are seen in many of the new models. Among the prominent colors are tangerine, henna, zinc, and many shades of blue. There are shapes for every type of face. (Showing on Second Floor.)

Circuit Court Opens Tomorrow advertisement. George Drew and William Nairn Charged With Serious Crimes Are Only Cases. The case of George Drew, and also that of William Nairn, both charged with very serious crimes, will be the only criminal matters dealt with at the March session of the Circuit Court which opens in the Supreme Court chambers tomorrow, His Honor Mr. Justice Crockett, presiding. Both men were arrested early in the year, and public feeling ran very high at the time. Four young girls, will be the principal witnesses in both cases, in the Drew case, the two girls are but children. The accused if convicted are liable to hanging or life imprisonment. Scott E. Morrell will appear for the defendant Nairn. Drew's counsel will in all probability be named by the court. Hear the celebrated New Brunswick Phonograph Records on Sale at The C. H. Townshend Piano Co., Ltd. A bullet, believed to be a relic of the Civil War of 1642, has been found embedded in the door of Alton (Hants) Parish Church. Bradford has appointed an advisory committee with the special object of securing economy in municipal administration. Hear the celebrated New Brunswick Phonograph Records on Sale at The C. H. Townshend Piano Co., Ltd. CLIFTON HOUSE ALL MEALS 60 c.