

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fair and cool. Toronto, Mar. 27.—Since Saturday a pronounced depression has moved from the southwest states to Manitoba accompanied by showers in eastern Saskatchewan and in Manitoba and it has also caused moderate gales in the lake region. The weather has been cool from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces while in the western provinces it has been comparatively warm. Winnipeg—44, 52. Port Arthur—30, 42. Ottawa—28, 46. Toronto—34, 40. Quebec—22, 30. Montreal—30, 40. Halifax—28, 34. New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Mar. 27.—Forecast for New England: Fair and warm on Monday and Tuesday; moderate south and southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

An Egg Tea. The Doorkeepers Circle of the King's Daughters, will hold an egg tea at the club, on Tuesday afternoon, from 4 to 6.

St. John Church Bible Class. The weekly meeting of the Men's Bible class of the St. John Stone church will be held tomorrow evening on account of the Easter holidays.

Thorne Lodge Meeting. Rev. W. W. Lodge delivered a stirring address on the remedies for the misery caused by the liquor traffic before the Thorne Lodge meeting yesterday afternoon. Jas. Keys presided. A special meeting next Sunday afternoon will bring this series to a close.

Exhibition Tenders. At a meeting of the building and grounds committee of the exhibition association, on Saturday evening, tenders for the cattle barns and pigsties were opened. It was decided to submit these tenders with those for the horticultural building and grandstand to a meeting of the executive to be held this evening. The new floor plan giving three aisles instead of two was adopted.

A Jewish Wedding. An interesting ceremony took place last evening at the Carlton street synagogue, when Rabbi Amdur, in accordance with the rites of the Jewish church, united in marriage Miss Annie Slavit and Mr. Abraham Jacobson. The bridesmaid was Miss A. Gevine and the flower girls Miss Jennie Jacobson and Miss T. Garson. After the ceremony the bridal party went to the residence of the groom's sister, Mrs. James Garson, Brook street, where supper was served and dancing indulged in till a late hour.

Portland Street Easter Services. At the Easter service in Portland street Methodist church, yesterday morning, Rev. Neil McLoughlin, B.A., occupied the pulpit, taking for his text "He is risen." He preached an eloquent and convincing sermon on the Resurrection. In the evening an Easter song service was held. The church was crowded to the doors. Much credit is due to Mr. H. W. Bromfield, choir master, and musical director of the Sunday school, for the excellent training of the school and choir as shown in the rendition of the music.

Drug Store Changed Hands. The drug business recently conducted by Mr. P. J. Donahue on the corner of Charlotte and St. James streets was purchased by Mr. George H. Bell, Thursday last. Mr. Donahue has been unable to give his personal attention to the business on account of ill health, and decided to sell. Mr. Bell has been employed with Mr. E. Clinton Brown for the past six years and is a registered pharmacist. Mr. Bell assumed charge of the business this morning. Cash was paid by Mr. Bell for the store.

At The E. D. C. Rev. J. W. Kierstead delivered a very able address at the Every Day Club last evening. He dwelt upon three points necessary to the success of the club's work. There must first be labor, second a labor union, and third, the leadership of God in that union, to help men to be men. Each point was explained in a very clear manner. The orchestra played an exceptionally fine programme of high-class music from 8 to 8:30 o'clock. Miss Cora Colwell sang very sweetly an Easter hymn. The platform was decorated with a great mass of potted plants and cut flowers, through the kindness of R. S. Edgecombe. The orchestra were almost hidden behind the flowers and above them the word "Easter" appeared in white letters.

In The Police Court. In the police court on Saturday hearing in the case of the raid on the Metropolitan Hotel was continued. Helena Adams testified to sleeping in the hotel and paying 50 cents a night or \$1 if accompanied by a companion. She gave the names of Sullivan, Weir and Borier as men who had stayed there. Frank Parker testified to staying at the hotel with a woman. The case was adjourned until Wednesday morning. His Honor refused an application to release the Clark brothers from jail, but consented to take the matter up later. In the case of Everett Walters, druggist in Carleton, charged with unlawful liquor selling witness some evidence was taken and the case was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Police Sergeant Ross informed the court that witnesses summoned had been tampered with.

Sons of Temperance. On Friday evening, Mar. 25th, a largely attended public temperance meeting was held in the public hall at Clifton street. The following gentlemen were present: Mr. Newton Shary, president. Addresses were made by the chairman, G. W. P. Hennigar and Mr. C. W. Weyman, of Apohagui. At the close a large number remained and Collins Division, Sons of Temperance was reorganized with the following for the term, ending June 30th: Oscar Keirstead, W. P.; Mrs. Keirstead, W. A.; Charles Horton, R. S.; Miss Chamberlain, A. R. S.; Mrs. Goucher, F. S.; Miss Goucher, F. S.; Miss Schofield, Chap.; Robert Sprague, Con.; Lee Fairweather, A. C.; Hedley Keirstead, I. S.; M. McNight, O. S.; Mrs. Schofield, F. W. P.; Newton Shary, D. G. W. P. The officers were installed by the G. W. P. assisted by Mr. C. W. Weyman. By the enthusiasm displayed at the meeting this division will do good and effective temperance work.

Billy Matheson Says Farewell To St. John

Big-Hearted Evangelist in Characteristic Address at Opera House Last Evening—Most Moral City He Ever Visited—Speaks of His Own Wild Life in Early Days.

Evangelist William Matheson delivered his farewell address before a large meeting held in the Opera House last evening. Rev. J. J. McCaskill presided, and introduced Mr. Matheson as one of the great evangelists of the day. In opening, Mr. Matheson gave St. John and its people a certificate of character. "St. John," he said, "is the best, the most moral, and most religious city I ever visited, even if its city government does not stray from the straight and narrow way. Never have I been treated with so much kindness. The spirit of God pervades the people of this city, and is made manifest in their works and ways." Mr. Matheson then proceeded to expound his favorite subject, the parable of the prodigal son. After an eloquent description of the ancient prodigal's descent into the depths of unrighteousness, he went on to describe his personal experiences along the same way of life.

His Life History. "Billy Matheson," he said, "was born of godly parents down in a little town in Cape Breton, and was taught to reverence God from his childhood. But in his lusty manhood, evil desires laid hold of him, and he followed the broad way to ruin with eager feet. When he was flying his kite high, he feared nothing here or hereafter, and spent his last dollar to gratify his evil desires. He knew all the sins and all the furies. "Sin," he continued, "is a very attractive. In a gilded saloon in Buffalo, gold dollars are strewn about everywhere, and everything is sumptuous and ornate. My friends, I believe, that hell itself is—the audience held its breath. But the big evangelist paused abruptly, took a walk across the stage and then went on: "In hell, there must be gradations like there are on earth. Some of its inhabitants no doubt imagine they belong to a higher class than the others do." "But," the speaker continued, "Billy Matheson went down and down, though over in Cape Breton, an old father and mother, proud of their highland blood, were praying nightly for him. He became a saloon keeper, selling ruin and damnation to his fellow men. He got into all kinds of scrapes, and became a notorious character. At last he got mixed up in a row in which a man was killed, and had to take to the woods. For months he held out a helping hand and experienced humiliations as great as that of the ancient Jew forced to consort with swine. Good at the Core. "But Billy Matheson was like the rotten apple that though cast over by men, has good seed in it and if planted in the ground will in time bring forth a crop of good fruit. He had seen that there was good seed in him, and in his infinite mercy had held out a helping hand and led him into the way of Grace. "Billy Matheson came out of the woods. He made his peace with the law of man and with the law of God, and ever since his heart has been filled with thankfulness and love for his God and his fellow men, and with a great desire to save the lost of the world. A Change. "And look at him now," he continued. "Here he is in this Godly city of St. John, treated with respect and kindness by everyone. The ministers of God take him by the hand; the people and the press have a kind word for him; and even the police speak to him. So great is the power of God to exalt the sinner that truly repenteth. The evangelist wept. But presently he recovered his composure and continued his address, illuminating his pathetic stories of sinners by incidents drawn from a large and varied personal experience. In conclusion he made a moving appeal to all prodigals in St. John to return to the Heavenly Father, and asked those who desired to be prayed for by Billy Matheson on his last appearance in St. John, to put up their hands, and a hundred or so hands were raised. The expulsiat then prayed for St. John and its people, and asked that they would keep him in their remembrance, after which Rev. David Laing expressed his appreciation of the services rendered by the evangelist during his campaign here. Then while Billy waved a goodbye to everybody, the audience filed out.

ORGAN DEBT WIPED OUT FOUND ST. JOHN VERY DRY

Collections in Trinity Yesterday Totalled \$2,587—Tablet Unveiled in St. Mary's To the Memory of Mrs. Steven.

The Easter services in Trinity church, yesterday, were largely attended, and the offerings amounted to \$2,587. The collections were for the organ fund and as only \$2400 was required to pay off the debt, a balance of \$1187 remains for general purposes. The church authorities are much pleased at the liberality of the congregation. At St. Luke's church there was a large attendance at all services and the collections it is believed will amount to about \$1,000 towards the extinction of the church debt. At the morning and evening services in St. Mary's the church was crowded to the doors, and the offerings amounted to \$217. A feature of the evening service was the unveiling of a brass tablet to the memory of Mrs. Wm. Steven. It was placed in the church by her children and unveiled by her grand son, Roy Steven. Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, the rector, during the course of the ceremony, delivered a brief address, in which he eulogized the character of the late Mrs. Steven. She was one of the oldest members of the church. There was a good attendance at the services in the St. John (Stone) church, yesterday, and the special music of the choir was much appreciated. There were 300 communicants. The churches were decorated with Easter lilies and potted palms, and in many the effect secured was very beautiful. Special music conducted by large choirs, was a feature of the services.

A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

St. John District Lodge I. O. G. T. Decide To Watch How Law Is Observed in No License Wards.

St. John District Lodge, I. O. G. T., here in Temperance Hall, Fairville, Saturday evening. Reports show good progress in all lodges in the district. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas on the 1st day of May, next, the liquor saloons in three wards in the city of St. John will be obliged to close their doors, owing to a majority of the voters declining for no license at the local option election held under the provisions of the liquor license act of this province, last April. And, whereas the experience of all those communities which have attempted to restrict, curtail or prohibit the traffic in intoxicants has led us to believe that there will be attempts on the part of those engaged in the traffic to persistently violate the law. And, whereas it is in the best interest of the residents of those wards that the law should be properly enforced, and that the wishes of the majority of the citizens as expressed at the polls be carried out to the very letter. And, whereas such work can only be accomplished by the determined effort

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PERSONAL. Miss Mary E. Hipwell arrived from Fredericton on Saturday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hipwell, Germain street. Mr. Clinton Murphy, of Fort Fairfield, Me., who was operated upon recently for cataract, by Dr. A. Pierce Crockett, returned home on Saturday with his vision restored.

Fire at the Cedars. A report reached the city Saturday that the grist mill and the blacksmith's shop at the Cedars at Long Reach, Kings Co., were totally destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The fire originated in the blacksmith shop and spread rapidly to the grist mill, which is said to have been one of the best equipped in the province. The loss is estimated at \$5,000. There is no insurance.

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