THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Fresh westerly winds, fine; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Toronto, Ont., April 7.—Shallow depressions exist tonight over Northern Alberta and the Straits of Belle Isle, while an area of high pressure covers the Lake region and the northwest states. Light local showers have occurred today in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	xx	30
Prince Rupert	32	36
Victoria	38	52
Vancouver	36	54
Kamloops	26	66
Calgary	8	40
Edmonton	20	68
Battleford	24	40
Prince Albert	2x	40
Que'Appelle	2	34
Winnipeg	24	36
Toronto	34	43
Ottawa	32	38
Montreal	32	40
Quebec	34	40
St. John	30	52
Halifax	32	46

x—Below Zero.
xx—Zero.

Gulf—Fresh, westerly winds, fine, not much change in temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

Toronto Clergyman to Preach.

Rev. Dr. Atkins, of Toronto, will preach in Exmouth street church on Sunday evening.

Tuesday, April 11.

Rev. W. Lawson will lecture in Loyalist Division Hall, Paradise Row, at 8 p. m. Subject: "Our Chain Gang."

Gospel Temperance Meeting.

A Gospel temperance meeting will be held in Loyalist Division S. of T. hall, Paradise Row, on Sunday evening. A. C. M. Lawson will be the speaker.

Socialist Meeting.

F. Hyatt and A. Taylor will speak at the Socialist meeting on Sunday at 8.15 p. m., at 141 Mill street, the subject being, "Socialism and the High Cost of Living." Discussion at close of address. All are invited.

Good News For Millmen.

Stetson and Cutler's mills at Indiantown and Pleasant Point will resume operations today for the season. The Indiantown mill will run from 175 to 225 hands and the mill at the point, about 100.

Amateur Minstrels.

The Alexandra Minstrel Club repeated their performance in Alexandra Hall, Main street, last evening. There was a fair audience present and the show was greatly enjoyed. The club will perform in Sussex next Monday night.

Good Friday Suburban Train.

For Good Friday, April 14th, the C. P. R. have arranged for special train to leave the depot at 9.30 a. m. for Welsford and intermediate stations. On the return the special will leave Welsford at 7.30 p. m. Single fare for the round trip. This service is for the accommodation of those wishing to spend the day at their suburban homes.

Confirmation In St. Luke's.

Bishop Richardson administered confirmation to fourteen men and twenty women in St. Luke's church last evening. The edifice was crowded during the service and the new system of electric lighting was used for the first time since being installed. Before confirmation the Bishop delivered a short address to the candidates, and after the ceremony gave an eloquent sermon.

Edward Gorman.

The death of Edward Gorman occurred yesterday morning at his residence, corner of Brittain and Wentworth streets. He had been ill about two months. Three brothers and one sister survive. The brothers are, Frank, James and Patrick, of St. John, and the sister, Mrs. Edward Harnish, of Bangor. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 from his late residence.

Y. M. C. A. Boys "Gym" Exhibition.

A practical demonstration of what constitutes the work of gymnasium students was given in the Opera House last night by the classes of the Y. M. C. A., and the large audience in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. The varied programme gave an opportunity for a display of skill and nerve on the part of the gymnasts, and the several acts were greeted with well merited applause. Both the individual and class work as performed astonished the audience. The drills were carried through in excellent manner, the precision and rythmic movement with which they were performed deserving special praise. Among the most conspicuous features of the programme, the performance on the parallel bars by the members of the senior class, was greatly enjoyed. The whole performance may be described as an unqualified success, reflecting great credit on the director and the members taking part.

WANTED COMMISSION MEN TO SHARE WORKERS

J. W. Kierstead Made Proposal for Co-operation on Election Day, but he was Turned Down.

About a dozen workers for commission were present at the committee room for Wellington and Prince wards last evening, but there was little to indicate that revolution was in progress. During the evening J. W. Kierstead, who is running in Prince ward, appeared, and asked whether he could not make some arrangement whereby his friends and the friends of commission could co-operate on polling day. He said he was working hard for the commission.

One of the commissionites said he thought it was the intention of the commission supporters to play the game off their own bat, and not assist or ask the help of aldermanic candidates. Personally he was a novice in the election game, and did not know how things were run.

MR. M'NICHOL TALKS OF WEST END TRANSFER

General Manager of C. P. R. will See Mayor—Says Railway Starts Work when Transfer is Made.

D. McNicoll, general manager of the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday and will hold a conference with the mayor today in connection with the West Side transfer. Mr. McNicoll came to St. John accompanied by his daughter, Miss Nellie McNicoll, who sailed on the Empress of Ireland last evening, and decided to remain over for a day and talk over the West Side question with the city authorities with a view to straightening out the tangle which has developed over clause three of the proposed agreement, largely because, in the view of the city authorities, the company's local solicitor in his eagerness to serve the interests of his client demanded a change in a previous draft of this clause as proposed by the C. P. R. and accepted by the city authorities.

When seen by a reporter last evening Mr. McNicoll said he had hopes that the difficulty would be surmounted, and that the transfer would be completed before long. "But I will know about the matter after I have had a talk with the mayor," he added. "We are ready to start filling in the 40 acre lot as soon as the transfer is effected, and we will go on filling in and developing yard room as fast as the business warrants. No doubt the council thinks it has tried to do what it considers right from the point of view of the city, just as we are trying to look out for the interests of the C. P. R. But I think we will be able to find a way of coming to a satisfactory agreement."

Asked whether there was any foundation for the report that the C. P. R. had not secured control of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, Mr. McNicoll said that it was generally understood that interests friendly to the C. P. R. had secured control of the Nova Scotia road, and that it would be placed under the management of the C. P. R. as soon as legislation had been secured.

Have you any present plans in connection with the development of this road and its steamship services? Mr. McNicoll was asked.

"I haven't anything to say about that," was the reply.

In reply to further questions the general manager said the C. P. R. was not much interested in the reciprocity proposals. "Sir Thomas Shaughnessey is the only official who would be likely to express an opinion on that matter, and I don't think he has said anything," he added.

"How are business conditions in Canada generally from the railroad standpoint?" he was asked.

"Very good," was the reply. "The winter port business has been fairly satisfactory, and there is every reason to believe that it will continue to grow."

CHARGED WITH ROBBING THE MAN WHO FED HIM

George Forrester Arrested for Stealing Watch, Chain and Knife from Gordon Gates—Stolen Articles Found.

George Forrester, aged 27 years was arrested at nine o'clock last night by Detective Killen and Policeman McNamee on the charge of stealing. It appears that on Thursday Forrester called at the home of Gordon Gates, 286 Brussels street, and asked for some food. It was while he was being kindly treated that a gold watch and chain were stolen from Mr. Gates' vest that was hanging up in the room, trunk ransacked and a penknife stolen.

When arrested last night Forrester denied having been to the Brussels street house, but when taken there he was identified. The stolen articles were recovered by the detective and the prisoner will appear before Magistrate Ritchie this morning.

MR. BOWDER'S FARMERS ARE NOW ON THE OCEAN

Empress of Britain Sailed from Liverpool Yesterday—Had Party of Settlers for this Province.

The Empress of Britain which sailed from Liverpool yesterday for St. John is bringing out a party of home seekers in charge of A. Bowder, the representative of New Brunswick in England.

Nearly all the men in this party have a little capital, and are accustomed to farm life. They will be shown around the province by Mr. Bowder, and it is expected that most of them will decide to locate here.

Last year Mr. Bowder organized and brought out a party of home seekers, and the experiment proved so successful that it was decided to make it a regular feature of the immigration work of the province.

Must Hold Embalming Certificate.

Ald. F. W. Wallace, of Sussex, secretary of the Maritime Funeral Directors' Association, was in the city yesterday returning from the Annapolis Valley where he had been interviewing Nova Scotia funeral directors. Mr. Wallace reports that an act to require all funeral directors to hold an embalming certificate had been before the legislature of that province and had been laid over for another year. He considered the measure an important one in the public interest. The same act he said, had recently been passed by the Ontario legislature after an agitation of some years. The Manitoba funeral directors have a similar bill before the local house.

NEW NAMES MENTIONED IN ALDERMANIC CONTEST

An Effort to Get Opposition to Alderman Jones, in Sydney Ward has, up to the Present Time, Failed.

An effort was made to develop opposition to Ald. Jones in Sydney ward yesterday. A small delegation waited on Geo. Dick, of Brittain street and asked him to run, but Mr. Dick declined to enter the field.

It was reported on the street yesterday that Geo. Colwell, who has been mentioned as a candidate for alderman-at-large, had been asked to run against Ald. Christie in Wellington ward.

There may be a three cornered contest in Kings ward. Ald. Wigmore and Timothy O'Brien are already in the field and yesterday it was reported that Thomas Dean would also be a candidate in this ward.

S. A. SHELTER HAS DONE GOOD WORK IN WINTER

Little Work, Much Want and Unusually Heavy Demands Upon the Army's Resources is the Report.

With the coming of spring comes the opportunity for many who have not been able to secure permanent employment during the long winter. At the first of the winter season it was thought there would be more work than usual, and less want, but the past winter has been unusually severe, making the demands for assistance more numerous than ever. Many have been assisted in various ways—clothing from the salvage department has been given, or sold for a nominal sum, employment has been found for many, food and shelter has been given also as the following report will show:

From the first of October to the first of April 1103 were willing to work for food and shelter, work was given to these in the wood yard, and the above number of beds were given, and 3,309 meals. Many call too late to make a start at work, and if considered worthy are given the assistance requested; 316 beds were given to this class, and a number of free meals. 3,979 others were sheltered, many of these were sent with orders by those charitably inclined, and the others paid for their beds. This makes a total of 5,398 men sheltered during the six months.

Cheap meals have been supplied to many costing from five to ten cents each; and for two months a free breakfast was given to those who wished to accept. Adjutant Carter, the officer in charge, desires to thank all who from time to time have given clothing, food and money to assist the "Army" in this good work, and would remind all at this season of spring-cleaning not to forget the Salvage Department when there is any clothing, furniture, books, magazines, etc., to be disposed of, as they will be gladly sent for and thankfully received.

LITTLE ENTHUSIASM IN COMMISSION PLAN

Converts Coming Slowly Now and it is Reported there is Growing Current of Opposition.

The supporters of commission, it is reported, are finding it rather difficult to arouse enthusiasm and indications are not wanting that a strong undercurrent of popular feeling is setting against the movement. Many who were temporarily carried off their feet by the novelty of the scheme, have apparently recovered their bearings, and it is a common experience to meet with former enthusiasts for commission who are now outspoken in their opposition.

And these men make no secret of the reasons that have changed their attitude. They say that as soon as they began to consider the proposition seriously, and ask for definite information about what they were expected to vote for, they found they were somewhat at a loss.

"When you come to think of it we are asked to vote for a pig in a poke," remarked a prominent business man last evening. "I am not at all satisfied with the present council, but I'd like to know what we are going to get before I vote for a radical change. All we know now is that commission means the rule of 5 men instead of 17. The commission speakers have not given us any light on the details of the scheme, or showed us how it will be adapted to the conditions prevailing here. Everybody is saying now, "The charter should have been drawn up and put before the people before calling for a plebiscite, so that we might know just what we were voting on."

That view is growing more prevalent every day. The workingmen especially say they don't know what they are expected to vote for and declare that as they cannot vote conscientiously they will refrain from voting for or against commission. They add that the commissionites should be obliged to draw up the charter and submit it to a special ballot, permitting all ratepayers to vote.

Even the members of the citizens' committee are showing less enthusiasm and confidence than formerly. A prominent commission worker admitted to The Standard yesterday that the attempt to abolish the old principle of local self-government, as safeguarded by the present system, has aroused considerable opposition in Carleton, the North End and outlying wards. "We expect Carleton will be strongly against us," said this commission man, "and we don't look for much support in the North End."

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