

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong southerly to westerly winds, showery. Toronto, April 6.—The depression which passed over the lake region today now covers the lower St. Lawrence valley and another disturbance is centered over Saskatchewan. Light rain has occurred in many parts of Ontario, also light falls of snow or rain in Alberta. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

New England Forecast. Washington, D.C., April 6.—Forecast for New England: Showers on Thursday, cooler except on the Maine coast; Friday, fair, warmer in the interior, moderate southwest winds, becoming variable on Saturday.

AROUND THE CITY

First Trip of the Season. The steamer Empress, which sails between Summerside, E. B. and Point du Chene, made the first trip of the season yesterday, leaving on the arrival of the train from St. John. The steamer will make daily trips hereafter.

Debate at the E. D. C. J. W. Eastwood of the Socialist Labor party, and J. Shepherd of the Every Day Club will be the principal speakers in the debate on the relation of drink and poverty, which will take place in the Every Day Club room this evening.

A Presentation. There was a pleasant gathering on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson, 17 Delhi street, when the members of the ladies L.O.O.F., No. 19, and a few friends called to welcome Mrs. Simpson home. During the evening Mr. Robert F. Goodrich on behalf of the lodge presented Mrs. Simpson with a handsome cut glass fish dish.

Confirmation in St. Luke's. In St. Luke's church this evening at 8 o'clock the bishop of the diocese will hold confirmation when it is expected that a large number of candidates will be presented. In addition to the confirmation service six lay readers will be admitted to office, one from the parish of St. Jude's, two from St. Paul's and one from St. James' and two from St. Luke's.

A. O. H. Fair. The A. O. H. fair was well attended again last evening. A musical and literary programme was carried out, and the amusements were well patronized. In the voting contest for the most popular society president, Mr. F. J. Barrett of the A. O. H. is leading with J. A. Barry of the I. L. B., J. Lunney of the F. M. A. and F. J. Casey of St. Peter's Y. M. A. closely following.

Potts and Lewis Neck and Neck. There was a good attendance at St. John the Baptist high tea last evening. About 200 persons took supper between 6 and 8 o'clock. In the contest for the most popular alderman much interest is being taken. Alderman Potts was leading Alderman Lewis is last evening by one vote. The fair will be brought to a close tonight.

Valley Railway. An immediate start will be made on the surveys of the new Valley Railroad. The Local Government is now making plans to have the work commenced as soon as the weather will allow, and it is hoped that the preliminary work will be completed this year. It is understood that Mr. P. S. Archibald, formerly chief engineer of the Intercolonial railway, will be offered the position of chief engineer on the work. Applications for minor positions on the survey have already commenced to come in.

More Members for Y. M. C. A. A movement is on foot at the Y. M. C. A. to boost the membership. It is hoped to secure a large amount in subscriptions before May 1st and in order to stimulate the interest an honor list is kept posted in the hall. A large picnic is divided into squares and for every \$10 received, a square is covered with a crimson star. Those on the honor list at present include Mr. A. H. Wetmore, Mr. A. H. Chipman, Mr. E. E. Church and Mr. W. Haley, with the first named considerably in the lead.

Lively Row in Carleton. There were lively proceedings in Mrs. Leslie's house in Gullford street, Carleton, last evening, and as a result George Alberts, colored, was taken in charge by Officer Hughes who escorted him to the central station. Alberts, it is said, had been drinking and on arriving at his home in Rodney street last evening and finding that his wife was out, started for Mrs. Leslie's house. He found his wife there, and after striking Albie Alberts started to make things generally unpleasant. Policeman Hughes was called and ejected Alberts from the house. Shortly afterward he was arrested on Rodney street charged with drunkenness.

Winter Port Notes. The C. P. R. steamer Montcalm, Capt. Hodder, was detained in port by the fog yesterday and will sail for Bristol this morning with a large general cargo. This is the steamer's last trip here this season. The Allan liner Sardinian, Capt. Charles B. Henry, will sail for London via Havre with 40 passengers and a large general cargo, consisting of grain, deals and machinery. A stowaway who came out on the steamer was placed on board by the police yesterday afternoon to be returned to Havre. The Allan liner Corsican and the Empress of Britain will sail for Liverpool via Halifax on Friday. Both steamers will have large cargoes and passenger lists.

Moore-Brown. A pretty ceremony took place at 298 Duke street, Carleton, last evening, when Miss Millicent J. Brown, only daughter of Mrs. Andrew Cooper of Duke street, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Moore, Rev. Hibbert R. Read was the officiating clergyman. Miss Mamie Mullin played the wedding march. The bride, who was prettily gowned in white and carried a bouquet of carnations, was attended by Miss Myrtle Fox. The groom was supported by Mr. William Parks. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents, including an upright piano from her mother and a beautiful silver service from the members of her Sunday school class of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will spend their honeymoon in Boston and New York. On their return they will reside at 155 St. James street, West side.

DRY DOCK SITUATION

Imperial Company To Be Reimbursed by New Combination East Side of Courtenay Bay Site Proposed.

Recent developments in dry dock matters would indicate that the proposed dock and shipbuilding plant will be located on the eastern side of Courtenay Bay. Apart from the statement of Sir Robert Perks at Ottawa, it is regarded as a significant fact that in the bill to provide for the city grant which was passed at the recent session of the legislature a change was made, at the suggestion of Hon. Wm. Pugsley, to make the bill read "in or near to the city of St. John."

This amendment by adding the words "or near to," was made at the eleventh hour and it is believed opens the way for the dry dock to be constructed on a portion of the block of land owned by the Gilbert estate, which is outside the city line. There has been much speculation with regard to the future of the Imperial Dry Dock Co., in the light of the information that a new company is being organized with the leading steamship companies, Sir Robert Perks and others interested.

Mr. Geo. Robertson and many leading citizens who are shareholders in this company have already invested \$10,000. It is said, in the proposition for the purpose of receiving expert information. The new company in which Sir Robert Perks is interested has profited largely from the preliminary work accomplished. It is stated on good authority that the Imperial Dry Dock Co. will be reimbursed for the capital invested, but beyond this will not be recognized by the new company.

UNION OF MISSIONS

Baptist Foreign Mission Board Appoints Committee—Business Divided Between Three Committees in Future.

At the regular meeting of the Maritime Baptist Foreign Mission Board yesterday afternoon, a committee was appointed to co-ordinate a delegation from Ontario and Quebec at a meeting in St. John on April 19th, for consideration of the union of the foreign mission boards of Canada. This question has been mooted for some time and definite action is expected at the meeting of the joint committee. It was also decided to divide the board into three committees in order to facilitate the transaction of business.

FELL INTO RODNEY SLIP

George Parker Had Narrow Escape from Drowning Last Evening—Unconscious When Rescued by Sailor.

George Parker a sailor belonging to one of the steamers at Sand Point, had a narrow escape from drowning in Rodney slip last evening. While climbing down the side of the wharf to go on board a row boat Parker lost his grip and fell into the water. When he arose to the surface his loud cries for help attracted the attention of a quartermaster who was on his way up the wharf, and two sailors also hurried to the rescue.

PARTNERS DISAGREE

David Evans Charged by Geo. Menzies With Removing Goods from Store—Amicable Settlement Likely.

David L. Evans was arrested between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon in his meat store on Canton street by Sgt. Hastings and police officer Gossline as the result of a warrant charging him with theft, sworn out by George Menzies before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday morning. Evans, who is an Englishman, and Menzies, who belongs to the United States, entered into a partnership about two weeks ago and opened a meat shop in Union street. All seems to have gone well for a time when the two men disagreed over a business matter and decided to dissolve partnership. Yesterday morning Evans went early to the meat store and began removing goods from the store, which he claimed were his personal property. Menzies thought differently however, when he arrived on the scene a little later and promptly had a warrant sworn out for Evans' arrest. It is understood that the dispute will probably be settled out of court. Negotiations to that end were in progress last evening.

TOUGH PROPOSITION

McDicker, a Bonny Scotch Lad, Fights the Police—Will Be Sorry for it This Morning.

Police Officer James Semple stuck up against a tough proposition yesterday afternoon when he arrested Morley McDicker, a sturdy Highland man on Prince William street about 5 o'clock. McDicker had been drinking and had started in to make things lively in the Salvation Army Metro-pole, when a telephone call to Central station brought the stalwart guardian of the peace upon the scene.

The intoxicated man was ejected from the building, without much difficulty. Officer Semple resumed his beat when he encountered the Scot, who evidently bent upon revenge became abusive to the officer. His language at length became so violent that it was thought advisable to take him into custody. This proved to be no easy task, however, as McDicker displayed peculiar ability and put up a stubborn fight. A fair sized crowd had gathered by this time and the struggle was watched with evident enjoyment. The Scotchman was eventually relegated into dreamland by a tap of the officer's knut on his upper story.

After being handcuffed he was taken to Central police station, where beside being drunk he stands charged with violently resisting the police.

FORM CHORAL SOCIETY

Organization in Carleton Street Baptist Church—Officers Elected Last Evening.

At a largely attended meeting in Carleton street Baptist church, West side last evening, the Carleton Choral Society was formed. The purpose of the society is to practice singing and all singers in Carleton will be invited to attend. Although the meetings will be held in the Carleton street Baptist church, the society will be entirely non-denominational. The entrance fee was fixed at 25 cents with a weekly contribution of five cents.

FREE KINDERGARTEN

What Movement is Doing for the Children—Learning by Easy Stages—Donations of Clothing Welcomed.

Into the drab days of city children of St. John whose outlook is bounded by dusty, treeless streets and rubbish littered back yards, the Free Kindergarten brings something of the romance of village life, if not the beauty of nature, the glimmer of green glades and towering forests. That which lies open to the village child, the wonders wrought by the smith at his forge, the carpenter at his bench, the miller and the wheelwright, all the complicated activities of a self-contained community, the kindergarten seeks to reproduce for the education and instruction of children shut out by factory gates from the sight and understanding of the industrial life of their city.

The kindergarten seeks to initiate the city children into the mysteries of water wheels and wind-mills, the ways of the woodman and river-driver, of ships on the sea, and the uses of the winds from drying clothes to flying kites. It seeks, too, to bring something of the enchantment which peoples the world of the village child with fairies and goblins to city bred youngsters by personating the month, seasons, or forces of nature. This is made March the wind spirit; and all the kindergarten stories plays and songs during the month were endeavored to lead the child to think of the great unseen force of the wind as a good genius. But unfortunately the efforts of the kindergarten to bamboozle the children into the belief that the March winds were good fairies did not prevent an epidemic of whooping cough and other infantile ailments. And that being the case the kindergarten invites gifts from the good fairies of April of clothing for children, especially boots and stockings.

WALKER-BLAINE

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents 74 Duke street, at 5 o'clock last evening, when Miss Jennie, only daughter of Lt. Col. Blaine was united in marriage to Mr. Edward Walker, formerly of Nottingham, Eng., and a veteran of the South African war. Rev. H. D. Marr performed the ceremony. The bride who was given away by her father, looked pretty in a charming gown of white silk. Only a few friends and immediate relatives were in attendance. The bride is a valued member of Centenary church and good wishes of her associates found tangible expression in a number of useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Walker will reside at 74 Duke street.

PERSONAL

Mr. Andrew Galbraith, who has been spending the winter at West St. John, has returned to Lorneville. Mr. C. Crocker returned to the city last evening. Dr. E. B. Chandler of Moncton was in the city yesterday visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Chandler, 242 Duke street, who has been seriously ill. Mrs. Chandler was considerably improved last evening. Rev. W. W. Lodge was reported to be slightly improved last evening. Thistle Curling Club. The annual meeting of the Thistle Curling Club will be held in the rink at 8 o'clock this evening.

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