

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 4.—A fairly pronounced disturbance in cloud cover tonight over the Great Lakes, causing strong winds and rain in Western Ontario and snow in the northern part of the province. From Ontario to the Maritime Provinces the weather has been fair and milder, while in the West it has been decidedly cold.

AROUND THE CITY

NEW CINEMA FOR WEST SIDE It is reported that a moving picture syndicate has acquired the Dufferin House on the West Side, and will remodel it for show purposes.

CITY ELECTIONS Robert J. Logan took out copies of papers for nominations for city commissioner yesterday, but whether he intends to run or secured the papers for a friend he did not say.

HAPPY OVER BOY. Many friends in the city will be interested to learn of the birth of a baby boy to Captain and Mrs. Gordon L. Gaddie, of Regina, on March the fourth. Mrs. Gaddie was formerly Miss Florence Armstrong of this city.

PLATE RETURNED. The plate which marked the bed in No. 1, C. G. H., Staples, provided by the staff of the Customs officers in St. John has been returned by Col. Murray MacLaren. The plate is now occupying a conspicuous place in the long room.

REPAIRS TO BE MADE. Commissioner Thornton states that considerable repairs and painting will have to be done this spring at the stations throughout the city. He said work will be commenced soon on No. 7 station, West End; No. 3, Union street; No. 3 ladder house, Portland street; and No. 4 station, City Road.

LENTEN STUDY CLASS. The Lenten study class of the Women's Auxiliary was held in the Trinity Church School room yesterday afternoon. Mrs. L. R. Harrison, president of the Trinity Branch presided, and an address on the "Prophet Jonah" was given by Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong.

APPRECIATE REV. MR. BARRA-CLOUGH. The Quarterly Board of Central Methodist Church at their regular meeting, on Tuesday evening, voluntarily and unanimously voted a substantial increase to the salary of their pastor, the increase dating back to December 1st last—Moncton Times.

PRESENTATION MADE. J. Frank O'Neil, who retires from the C. P. R. Pay Service to conduct the business in the City Market managed by his brother, the late A. P. O'Neil, was presented by his associates in the service with a traveling bag and fountain pen, and entertained at dinner. H. M. Cleary succeeds Mr. O'Neil in the Bay Service.

DR. PIGEON COMING. The members of the Canadian Club can look forward to a treat next week when the club will be addressed by the Rev. Dr. George C. Pigeon, pastor of the Bleary street Presbyterian church, Toronto. Dr. Pigeon is to address the Moncton Canadian Club Monday, and will be in St. John during the week to attend a Social Service Council which will meet here.

WILL LIVE IN VANCOUVER. W. L. Doherty, who for many years has been associated with the wholesale grocery firm of Hall & Fairweather Ltd., has severed his connection with the concern and intends removing with his family to Vancouver in a short while. Mr. Doherty is well known in business circles in the city and will have many friends to wish him all possible success in the west.

EARLY CLOSING DISCUSSED. The matter of early closing was discussed at a general meeting of the St. John Retail Merchants' Association held in their rooms German street, yesterday morning. The Clerks' Association had sent a request asking the merchants' approval of this measure. No decision was arrived at. A committee was appointed representative of each branch of the retail trade to look into the matter and report back. F. W. Daniel presided at the meeting.

FIELD SECRETARIES MEETING. A. M. Gregg, Field Secretary of Boys' Work, left last evening for Moncton to be present at a convention of all denominational Field Secretaries of the Maritime Provinces to be held there today. There will be six workers in attendance at the Maritime Sunday School Headquarters, and the full programme of Boys' Work will be planned. This is the first gathering of its kind to be held, all only recently have denominational Field Secretaries been appointed, and much good is expected to result from the co-ordination of efforts.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE HARBOR? SOME ANSWERS OF AN ENGINEER

Extend Negro Point Breakwater First, and Start Pier Building at Courtenay Bay—No Need for Hysteria, as St. John Harbor is Fairly Well Developed, Considering; But Steady and Consistent Political Pull May be Needed—Harbor Commission is a Question of Control.

"What shall we do with our harbor?" This is the Commercial Club's question. It was put to a well-known engineer who knows a lot about St. John's harbor and other harbors up and down the coast and across continent. "Extend the Negro Point breakwater," he said. "That is the first thing to get done."

"Then what?" "Well, I should say it would be a good plan to get some more industries here—that is if the city wants that sort of thing." "But what as to harbor development?" "St. John has a fairly well developed harbor, considering. There are few harbors that big vessels can enter at any time of tide, and through a twelve hundred foot straight channel. Can they do it at Liverpool?"

"But what about the need for new berths?" "The need is growing, no doubt, but it is no cause for excitement. Except for a few days there has been no congestion of shipping here this winter. Business is growing, but when a lot of tramps come to port looking for grain you cannot expect to load them overnight. I should say St. John sometimes gets in its own light. I suppose the harbor experts on the papers know what they are after; something political I dare say. But sometimes these experts get excited and create the impression that St. John is a poor sort of port, unable to handle the traffic coming here."

"Mind, I recognize that it is good business to try to keep before the Government and the country the need of further development here, but the methods of propaganda should be consistent with a balanced view of things. It is not necessary to assume that the Government and the heads of the big transportation systems are absolutely ignorant or indifferent to the needs of the port of St. John or other ports."

Additional Wharves. "Where would you build the next pier—on the east or west side?" "In Courtenay Bay. There is plenty of room on the West side below Sand Point, though to utilize new piers here the present system of railway truckage would have to be greatly changed. But the programme of having the C. N. R. terminals at Courtenay Bay is a good one, and I should say that a start with new piers at Courtenay Bay should be the next order of business. The land where the C. N. R. proposes to have its siding is almost too low to be utilized for anything else."

Question of Control. "What do you think of Harbor Commission?" "Harbor Commission is a form of nationalization, but I should judge from reading the harbor experts in the press that there are differences of opinion as to its functions, purposes and possibilities. Some people appear to have an idea that if you have a Harbor Commission it will go ahead building harbor works, and that the citizens will be able to sit down and watch the harbor extend and the traffic expand, and moving pictures of developments will be on the daily programme of the

LIQUOR SEIZED ON PULLMAN Car on the Valley Train Had Large Assortment of Contraband Aboard—Porter Arrested.

Who put the "pull" in Pullman is a question often asked in these dry and arid days of prohibition, for a sleeping car seems to have an irresistible attraction for a great many, and the C. N. R. sleeper Ocean View, attached to the incoming Valley train yesterday afternoon, proved no exception to the rule. In fact such was his drawing power that C. N. R. Policeman Ryan and Inspector Merryfield boarded the car at a station some distance out of the city and searched the car, as a result of which two quart bottles of gin, four longnecks of whiskey and a bottle of brandy were brought to light. On the arrival of the train in St. John the porter of the car, Bailey Young, was arrested and taken to the police station. He will be charged with importing liquor into the province without a license, and also with having liquor in his possession other than his private dwelling.

R. S. CHAPTER OPPOSES HEARST Resolution Passed at Last Night's Meeting Placing the Chapter on Record Against Hearst Publications.

The regular meeting of the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E. was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Daniel Mullin, Princess Street. The regent Mrs. J. Pope Barnes presided for the first time since her election. A resolution was passed which will be sent to the Municipal Chapter, banning the Hearst papers and magazines, and stating that this Chapter is opposed to their sale in Canada. Five councillors were elected to attend the provincial meeting at Fredericton. A hundred dollars was voted to the War Memorial, and twelve dollars and fifty cents contributed towards the passing of a soldier's wife to England. Plans were made for a Shamrock Tea to be held shortly.

G. S. Mayes returned yesterday from a business trip to Montreal.

Demand For Houses Simply Enormous, Says Com. Bullock

But Government Housing Scheme is Not Adapted to Conditions in St. John—Unsatisfactory Housing and High Rents Creating Much Social Discontent.

Simply enormous, said Commissioner Bullock, speaking of the demand for houses, and he is annoyed because under the conditions of the Government Housing scheme, the city Housing Commission cannot lend money to everybody who wants to build a house.

Many people who have acquired a lot wish money to erect a house, but the object of the Government scheme being to encourage the building of self-contained cottages few lot holders are able to comply with the conditions of a loan. Most lots sold in the city are just about wide enough to build a house, but the Government scheme demands several feet of clear space from the next house.

Commissioner Bullock thinks that the municipalities being held responsible for the money should be allowed to determine the conditions of the loan, so that local conditions could be reckoned with. Apart from the buildings being erected by the Housing Commission, the Government loan has accomplished little in the way of encouraging building.

Meantime the housing situation is not improving; discontent and rents are growing, and some rate payers are seeking homes in the country, or leaving this part of the world. Private enterprise is showing a great deal more activity than since the outbreak of the war, but its ability to supply the houses required is open to question. Most of the houses being built on private account are of a type adapted to salaried people. There is little new construction suitable to the wage-earner, and the demand for houses of moderate rentals is the principal factor in the situation.

The failure of private enterprise to properly house the people is causing serious concern in other cities. It is one of the significant and dangerous signs of the times. In Great Britain it is accepted as an indication that the whole social system is in danger of dissolution, and public enterprise to remedy the situation is being evoked on a great scale, but so far we have results of much importance. Surplus wealth of the country is being squandered in unparalleled prodigality and the nation is unable to properly house its workers.

Brand New Rival Of Winter Port

By Building Greatest Power Plant in Eastern Canada Moncton Hopes Also to Become the Finest Winter Port.

Referring to W. R. Turnbull's Petitcodiac River Power project a correspondent of the Moncton Transcript says: "If this dam is constructed then the great string of floating ice cakes making at the head of the Petitcodiac River and its fresh water creeks, prancing to and fro with the current now, will be checked, the surface of the river as far down as Hillsboro anyway will be solid ice in winter months, and below the dam there will be an open harbor the year round, the finest winter port, not even excepting Halifax, for at the junction of these rivers the chart gives 7 fathoms, 8 fathoms, 5 fathoms and on down to Grandis Island. No breakwaters needed, up inland too far for the wild Atlantic to be bumping the ships. Think of it you Montonians, so Maritime railway necessary, about one mile of track from the C. N. R. on the level marsh—and presto, Moncton about 25 miles from the docks and Dorchester less than 3 miles.

Some fellow says: 'There will be ice'—Set up your logic pins, and we will bow them down with further critical examination. A limited number of tickets are on sale for the Recital to be given by Madame Starukow-Rydyk, Pianist, and Flavia Campbell, Soprano, which will be held at St. Vincent's Auditorium, March 15th. Tickets \$1 to non-members of the St. John Society of Music, obtainable at E. G. Nelson's, King Street.

"Emmett Stuka," P. Campbell & Co. F. A. DYKEMAN & CO. ARE SHOWING NEW SPRING STYLES IN SMART SUITS AT FROM \$60.00 TO \$75.00.

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BREAKS HIS LEG. Howard Bounie, a resident of Le-preaux, received a broken leg while cranking an engine in a gasoline boat last night about 10.46. The crank in some manner slipped from his hands catching his right leg and breaking it. He was taken to Wilson's drug store, Union street, West St. John, where first aid was rendered. He was later taken to the General Hospital in the city ambulance.

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