

THE WEATHER

Toronto, April 25.—The depression which was approaching the Great Lakes last night is now centered over Lake Huron. Rain has been almost general in Ontario and a few scattered showers have occurred in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

AROUND THE CITY

THE CIRCUIT COURT
In the Circuit Court yesterday morning, before Judge Chandler and jury, the case of Harris against Carson was taken up.

THE CANADIAN CLUB
At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club held at the annual general meeting the following new members were elected: A. P. Patterson, H. R. Ross, P. J. Alexander, E. A. Goodwin, W. E. Anderson, W. J. Linton.

TO MEET BRIDE
W. A. Shannon of the Customs staff will leave in a few days for Montreal to meet the Scotian, on which his intended bride, Miss Olive Griffin, is coming.

C. N. R. OFFICIALS HERE
C. B. Brown, chief engineer, and L. S. Brown, general superintendent of the C. N. R., were in the city yesterday morning from Moncton on a visit of inspection of local facilities.

COUNCIL MEETS TODAY
The City Council will hold a meeting this afternoon. It is not expected that much business will be done, beyond receiving the election. The new Commissioners will take office next Tuesday.

LADY ROBERTS CHAPTER
A meeting of the Lady Roberts Chapter, I. O. O. F., was held last evening at the home of Miss Mary Ellis, Orange Street, the second Vice Regent, Miss Alice Hayes presiding.

REV. MR. McKIM ENTERTAINS
Rev. R. P. McKim, of St. Luke's Church, last evening entertained at the Rectory twenty members of his Junior Bible Class, inviting them to tea to meet Rev. Woods B. Williston, of West China. After supper, Mr. Williston gave a fine address to those present on his work in China, which was listened to with great interest.

OFFICIAL FIGURES
The official figures given out yesterday morning by Common Clerk Wardrop in the civic elections were:
For Mayor:—
John A. Chesley 2988
E. Allan Schofield 4950
For Commissioner:—
Frederick A. Campbell 2826
James H. Frank 3641
Hugh H. McEldown 3665
John Thornton 4423

WORK APPRECIATED
A number of teachers in the Chinese Sunday School in connection with the Central Baptist Church met last evening at the home of Mrs. Thoroughgood, St. Patrick street, and presented Mrs. C. C. Corkum with a fine fountain pen and a box of stationery. Mrs. Corkum, who has been for some years a teacher in the school, is the great regret of all her associates as leaving to reside in Lynn, Mass.

W. C. T. U. HELD MEETING TUESDAY
Great Interest Being Shown in the Work—Critique Act of Prov. Government.

Yesterday's meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in Orange Hall, the vice-president, Mrs. R. D. Christie, presiding. Mrs. Fitzwell being unavoidably absent.

After the reading of Psalm 139, Mrs. W. H. Humphrey led in prayer. Mrs. Christie read extracts from "Sparks for Your Finders," by Rev. G. R. White, B. A., of Yarmouth. She told of the three plagues, Modern Mission, the W. C. T. U., and the Young People's Movement, showing that powers are yet ordained of God which shall scatter the great foe to God and man—intemperance. A collection was taken for flowers.

A reply was read from Rev. R. W. Bichon Richardson thanking the Union for kind words in regard to his stand for temperance.

Mrs. Seymour spoke of the set back to the cause in the recent action of the Provincial Government, but felt that God is with the work and will prevail at last.

Three hundred temperance quarterlies were distributed and will be sent to the Sunday Schools for Temperance Sunday, which is the second Sunday in May.

DEARBORN BUILDING GUTTED BY SWIFT SPECTACULAR BLAZE

Value of Building \$60,000, Plant and Stock \$30,000. Covered by Insurance—Other Tenants Lost All Office Fixtures—Conflagration Gathers Great Crowds of People.

As a result of a rather spectacular fire on Prince William street, and a few minutes afterward flames broke through the windows in the rear of the building on Water street. According to various accounts the fire was first seen in the second story rear, where offices are located. Before the fire could get well to work, the fire shot up through the upper stories and burst through the roof in a cascade of flames that lit up the surrounding scenery. The ascending flames carried great showers of sparks, but fortunately the night was calm.

City Housing Com Are Sitting Tight

Are Balked by Amount of Loan Allowed by Dom. Government Commission to Do Business.

The City Housing Commission is not likely to do much building this year, owing to the difficulty of putting up houses within the amount of the loan allowed by the Dominion authorities. The County Housing Commission proposes to call for tenders for the erection of a dozen or more houses shortly. The plans for the county houses are not very elaborate, and the structures will be neither pretty nor imposing. Local contractors are said to be wary of making contracts, owing to the uncertainty of the labor situation. Contractors are up in the air, because of the move among the building trades to establish the closed shop. On the contracts let by the City Housing Commission last fall, there was some trouble, although the contractors were supposed to be working under the Dominion Fair Wage clause. All the building trades are not completely organized, but certain trades will not work on a job where non-union men are employed.

RIVER CONDITIONS NEAR NORMAL

Freshet Subsiding and River Steamers Beginning on Their Summer Schedule.

Conditions are becoming more normal on the river now. The freshet is gradually subsiding and the number of river steamers in operation is increasing. The steamer Hampton left this morning on her initial trip of the season. She will go as far as Hatfield's Point on the Bellefleur. She got away with a fair sized cargo and several passengers. The Premier is another one of the new ones out. She is due to leave this morning and will go as far as Upper Jemseg. The Champlain will be ready for operation for some time yet as she is waiting for a new boiler. The Majestic is at present on the Fredericton route.

CITY TO REPAIR WHARF PROPERTY

Charlotte Street Extension and Berth No. 1 Are Mentioned—Not Yet Known Extent of Repairs Needed to the West Side Berth.

The city will have to make some repairs this summer to the wharf property on the Charlotte Street extension and on Berth No. 1. The repairs on the Charlotte Street extension are of no consequence, but it is not known yet what the extent of the repairs on No. 1 may be. Owing to the freshet, divers have not been able to examine the construction under water, and an estimate of the cost has been impossible. Apart from these two items the city wharf property is in good shape.

TUXIS BOYS HAVE ENJOYABLE TIME

Last of Series of Weekly Suppers Served Last Night—Splendid Feed and Interesting Address.

The last of a series of weekly suppers and lectures which the Tuxis Boys have enjoyed during the winter, was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. The good things prepared and set before the boys were served by the ladies of the Portland Methodist church. Having partaken thereof with the justice which only boys can properly render any such "feast," they listened with much pleasure to a very interesting lecture on Camping, Canoeing and Fishing, delivered by W. M. McIntosh, curator of the Natural History Society, who is perhaps better qualified to talk on such subjects than any other man in the city of St. John.

MEETING POSTPONED
The weekly meeting of the common council has been held yesterday afternoon has been postponed until this afternoon at three o'clock.

Believe Exhibition Should Be Held

Representatives of Board of Trade and Commercial Club Agree with Exhibition Directors on Project.

A meeting of the Executive of the Exhibition Association was held yesterday afternoon at which a committee from the Commercial Club was present. The committee had been raised by the directors of the Exhibition Association to bring the money which will be paid by the Federal Government for the use of the buildings and using it to put the buildings up for an exhibition this year. The matter was fully discussed and it was decided that the decision of the Association to hold an exhibition this year was unanimous and that, while it might be advisable to establish a plant at St. John, there was no telling when the city would be able to proceed with a new plant.

POLICE COURT CASES YESTERDAY

Yesterday morning in the police court the case was resumed against Charles Ritchie, Albert and Thomas Cousack, charged with breaking and entering and stealing from the summer house of L. R. Ross, Sandy Point Road, also doing damage to the interior of the residence; also with assaulting Cornelius Donovan and stealing his horse, carriage and harness. Mr. Ross gave evidence estimating the damage at between \$400 and \$500. He also identified items found on the premises as his property.

James Lord, lineman of the N. B. Telephone Company, said that he repaired wires near the residence, which had been cut off close to one of the poles. He also said that some one had severed the trunk wires which are laid across the river.

James O'Leary, who lives in that vicinity, told of finding a suit case in his field. It had been taken from Mr. Ross' summer home. He also told of seeing Mr. Donovan on the night in question, and he appeared to have had considerable rough treatment. The case was postponed to this morning.

MANY PASSENGERS WERE BROUGHT HERE

C. P. O. S. Ships During the Past Season Brought 35,981 Passengers, While Outward Sailings Amounted to 29,325.

During the past season no less than 35,981 passengers were brought to St. John by the boats of the C. P. O. S. Of these 18,925 were cabin and 22,076 were steerage. On the outward sailings 29,325 were carried; 7,602 cabin and 21,723 steerage. The expedition with which this large number of passengers was handled speaks well for the efficiency of the local staff.

THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE

Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of the High Priesthood—The Officers Elected.

The annual convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, of the Grand Lodge, took place at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, with ex-Comp. Roy B. Crawford in the Grand East. After the transaction of the usual routine business, such as reading of last minutes, reception of annual reports, the initiation ceremony of several candidates was proceeded with.

THE TRUNK ROADS ARE NOW OPEN

The prohibition of motor traffic, so far as trunk roads are concerned, expired yesterday, and beginning today pleasure cars and light trucks may travel over the trunk roads at will. On the branch roads, however, they will not be allowed to run until after May 5. Heavy traffic, such as lumber teams and others carrying a load of more than 3,000 pounds or more, will not be allowed on the roads until May 15.

PROPERTY FOR SALE
The Dominion Government is offering for sale the "Penny" mansion, located on the corner of the old penitentiary, and was occupied by the female prisoners.

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Sale of Voile Blouses
White Voile Blouses will be in great demand for Spring and Summer wear, and when an opportunity like this is offered women should secure one or more and save paying higher prices later.
These Blouses are all new and fresh and in favored styles for the coming season.
Among them you will find:
Smart Tailored Models in plain or self striped Voile, fashioned with stylish convertible collars.
Slip-Over Blouses fastening in front with linked buttons. These have lace trimmed collars.
Short Sleeved Blouses of White Voile, with wide hemstitched tucks and very dainty embroidered fronts.
Finely Tucked Blouses with fronts embroidered and finished with scalloped edges.
There are other styles equally attractive here too. All sizes from 34 to 46 inches.
SALE BEGINS WEDNESDAY MORNING. All One Price \$2.98
(Blouse Section, Second Floor.)
Manchester Robertson Allison Lines
KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

Happy Days
Lots see! Was it not Riley who wrote:
"In the Spring when the green gets back in the trees
And the pink comes out and stays;
And you pull your boots on with a good, tight squeeze,
And you think of your barefoot days."
The loveliness of Spring pervades this establishment from the lowest priced hat to the most luxurious fur piece or delightful Betty Wales Dress.
D. Magee's Sons, Limited—Saint John, N. B.