

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds, fine with stationary or a little higher temperature. Toronto, May 4.—In the western provinces the weather has been fine and warm and in Ontario fair with rising temperature, while in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, it has remained cool. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver—44, 60. Victoria—42, 62. Kamloops—44, 68. Dawson—38, 48. Edmonton—40, 78. Battleford—50, 76. Moosejaw—45, 77. Winnipeg—26, 72. Port Arthur—34, 64. Parry Sound—32, 64. London—28, 64. Toronto—30, 64. Ottawa—24, 60. Montreal—25, 60. Quebec—24, 43. St. John—30, 46. Halifax—32, 50. Lower Lawrence and Gulf—Westerly winds; fair with higher temperatures.

AROUND THE CITY

A Driving Accident. T. C. Prime's double team collided with one of Hall & Fairweather's teams yesterday and the horse attached to the latter team was slightly injured. Reported By Police. Simon Stockford has been reported by the police for allowing a quantity of water to flow across the sidewalk from under his house, 45 Brussels street. A Still Alarm. About seven o'clock last evening No. 1 chemical and No. 2 hose responded to a still alarm to No. 57 Queen street. Some smoke was found issuing around a chimney, but no damage was done. A Runaway Child. Clarence London, the little son of Wm. London, strayed away from his home on Erin street yesterday afternoon and was found on Brussels street by Policeman Hankline who took him to central station. The boy was called for later by his aunt. St. Andrew's Society. The quarterly meeting of the St. Andrew's Society was held last evening. The meeting was largely attended and considerable routine business transacted. Following the meeting the members adjourned to White's on the invitation of the president of the society, where an enjoyable dinner was held. A musical programme in which F. McKean, W. P. Grant, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, J. R. Carmichael and C. K. Cameron were heard in solos and duets. H. V. McKinnon acting as accompanist during the evening. The Strike Situation. There were no new developments in the strike situation yesterday. Contractor Sullivan agreed to grant the teamsters the union rate of wages, and the dockworkers and building laborers, who are on strike on the army job, believe that he will shortly come to terms with them. The Trades and Labor Council, at its meeting last evening decided to communicate with the labor department at Ottawa, with a view to having the contractor recognize the union rate of wages here. Seaman's Institute. The board of management of the Seaman's Institute met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the matter of raising funds for the lifting of the mortgage against the Institute. It was shown that if the citizens would assist to the amount of three or four hundred dollars the debt would be quickly wiped out and prominent citizens may expect to be called on soon for assistance. The committee appointed to look after the matter was composed of T. H. Bullock, R. T. Hayes, Louis Simms, George A. Henderson and J. L. Cassidy. He Struck His Landlord. Some time ago Joseph Moore, aged 69 years, rented a flat from the owner of a City Road house, and when asked to vacate on May 1st he refused to do so. When the landlord would visit the house the doors were barred against him. Yesterday he managed to gain admittance, however, and when he entered the door he was struck over the arm by Moore who wielded a walking stick. The Central Police Station was notified of the affair and Sgt. Caples responded to the call and escorted Moore to the Station. Temple of Honor Officers. At a meeting held in Temple of Honor hall last night the installation of the recently elected officers took place. James Pidgeon installed the officers as follows: P. F. David, W. Y. A. V. Cowan, W. R. Sydney Lil, W. A. R.; T. P. Gallop, W. T.; S. Holder, W. F. R.; Hartley Case, W.; Ford Dykeman, W. D. U.; P. W. Brooks, W. G. T. A. Black, W. S.; Rev. W. Williams, chaplain; H. W. Wilson, P. W. C. T. Speeches were made during the evening by the new officers. The year has been a successful one, the membership increased greatly during the winter and the lectures and social were enjoyable. Debate on Moving Pictures. That moving pictures as put on in St. John are detrimental to the city, was proven to the satisfaction of Judge Ritchie, Geo. S. Shaw and Rev. William Penna at a debate which took place in the Exmouth street Y. M. A. Rooms last evening. Dr. C. M. Pratt, Percy Steele, Frank Whepley, Field Polkins and T. A. Armour of the Portland Y. M. A. appeared on behalf of the prosecution, and W. A. Adams, R. F. Gooderich, L. H. Sandall, W. G. Drake and W. C. Lawton of the Exmouth Y. M. A., defended the moving picture shows. The argument of the prosecution was that most of the moving pictures were of a silly, sentimental and trashy character and that hardly 25 per cent. could be described as moral or intellectual. The defendants pointed out that much of what is called literature and art could be similarly characterized, but that it was not customary to condemn literature and art on that account. After hearing the arguments the judges named above, gave a decision against the defendants of the moving picture shows. The young ladies of the Exmouth street kindly provided refreshments for the debaters and their audience. The Saint John Business College has temporary quarters in the Congregational church, waiting the completion of the Bell building.

TRADES COUNCIL WILL ASSIST THE STRIKERS

Resolution Passed Pledging Moral and Financial Support to Striking Carpenters and Hod Carriers. The Trades and Labor Council held a largely attended meeting last evening at which various matters were dealt with. The action of the Board of Trade in demanding the repeal of the tax imposed on outsiders coming to work in the city was condemned, and it was decided to petition the city council to maintain the tax. It was said that during the past winter the tradesmen had had little work, and that during the first part of the winter the longshoremen did not carry a week of employment; and it was claimed that if any body had been allowed to come in without any restrictions and compete with the ratepayers employed on the docks conditions would have been even worse. One delegate declared that if the Board of Trade would interest itself in the establishment of technical schools, such as they have in other cities, and give the workers of St. John an opportunity to acquire a technical education, employers would not have to go outside the city to get men. As John E. Potts told the building contractors it was the employers' fault if St. John craftsmen were not as good as any that could be imported. The delegates from the building trades' section submitted reports on the strike situation and the following resolution was adopted unanimously: Whereas, The Carpenters and Joiners and Builders' Laborers and Hod-carriers are on strike for better conditions and a living wage, and the Bricklayers and Masons are out in sympathy with the Builders' Laborers; and these organizations our moral and financial support, and that all unions affiliated with this council be requested to assist the unions on strike all in their power.

THE P. D. ASYLUM OFFICERS ELECTED

Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Committee Held Yesterday Afternoon — Reports Submitted for the Year. The annual meeting of the ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphan Asylum was held yesterday afternoon when there was the regular passing of accounts and election of officers. Mrs. T. Rankine resigned as president and was tendered a vote of thanks for the long and faithful service she had rendered the institution and the committee. The committee is glad however, that Mrs. Rankine has consented to remain a member of the board. The election of officers for the ensuing year is as follows: Mrs. David McLellan—President. Mrs. H. A. Austin—1st Vice-President. Mrs. Charles Johnston—2nd Vice-President. Mrs. Jack Macchum—Secretary. The committee elected were—Mrs. T. A. Rankine, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Clark, McDonald, Mrs. P. W. Murray, Mrs. H. H. McLean, Mrs. David Hutchison, Mrs. T. Estabrooks, Miss Grace Leavitt and Mrs. M. A. Sheffield.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL

Matters Referred to in Mayor Frink's Address Taken up by Special Civic Committee Yesterday Afternoon. The committee of the Common Council, appointed to deal with the Mayor's inaugural address met yesterday afternoon and discussed the recommendations contained in the speech at some length. Those present were: Ald. Jones, who acted as chairman, and Ald. Wigmore, Kierstead and Green. The committee decided that the question of adopting the land tax system in St. John was rather big to be dealt with off hand, but they will endeavor to get in communication with the civic authorities in cities where the system has been tried, and secure all information possible about the results of its operation. They will then take up the question with the city assessors, with a view to finding out its possible effects, if adopted here. The committee decided to make no recommendation in regard to the Mayor's remarks as to the need of taking steps to secure a new ferryboat, as the ferry committee had taken the matter up and would have a recommendation to submit to the meeting of the council today. When the committee took up the Mayor's recommendations regarding the Hydro-Electric Company's plans, Percy W. Thomson and C. H. Eason, both of whom are interested in the company, were present. They discussed the plans of the company with the committee, and suggested that the city should take steps to expropriate the poles of the different street using companies and charge all companies which used them a fee sufficient to cover the expense involved. The promoters of the company were of the opinion that the council would enable the city to regulate in a satisfactory way the placing of poles in the city streets, and prevent the congestion that would result if each company had to put up poles on its own account. If the city was not prepared to do this they thought they should be given the right to put up poles on the streets as enjoyed by the Street Railway. The committee thought the information before them was not sufficient to warrant them making a recommendation to the council in regard to the questions raised by the desire of the Hydro-Electric Company to enter the city.

PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT WORK IN THE Y.M.C.A.

Annual Report of Physical Director Shows that Past Year has been Most Satisfactory. At a meeting of the officials of the physical department of the Y. M. C. A. reports were submitted showing that the past year had been the most satisfactory one in the history of the association. The directors' report showed that 133 men and 241 boys were enrolled in the classes and that the attendance totalled 8,039. The total attendance at indoor events was 67,799, an increase of 5,000 over the previous year. The outdoor excursions were well patronized. There was a gypsy trip to Fredericton by Shaanks' motor and return by canoe; also holiday tramps, evening tramps and cross-country runs for men and boys. There was a total of 81 athletic teams with 257 men and 188 boys taking part. The following league games were played: Basketball, 94; baseball, 22; volleyball, 23; bowling, 60; relay races, 30; athletics and gymnastics, 66. Athletic exhibitions were given at Westfield, Welsford, Hoyt, Fredericton, J. E. Fairville, city hall, Carleton, and the final closing exhibition in the Opera House. There were 13 of these exhibitions. The extension work included gymnasiums and games at the boys' industrial home, Protestant orphans' home and Trinity church. Many first aid trials home, Protestant orphans' home, woodcraft and the history of religion. In another column of today's Standard will be found an advt. calling for tenders for the stock, etc., of Joseph F. Bardley, druggist. Files Are Murderers. If you don't believe this see the in the Nickel today and Saturday. Big programme of other features. The Saint John Business College has temporary quarters in the Congregational church, waiting the completion of the Bell building.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TODAY

Ferry Situation and Hydro-Electric Company's Proposals to be Discussed by Aldermen in General Committee. The city council will meet in committee of the whole at the city hall this afternoon to consider the ferry situation, and the Hydro-Electric Co.'s plans. It is generally conceded that the city must get another ferryboat, and there is a strong feeling among the aldermen that it would pay in the long run to purchase or build a new boat, rather than to buy an old American boat which might turn out to be not much better than the Western Extension. Some of the aldermen who turned down the ferry superintendent's recommendation to build a new boat in St. John, have been converted to his way of thinking, and it is not improbable that the council may order a boat built here, and thus do something to encourage local industry. One consideration the council has to face is the advisability of having a spare boat as soon as possible in order that the ferry service might not be tied up by accident to the Ludlow. When the old ferry committee first recommended that steps be taken to acquire absolute control of its enterprise, it recommended that the Western Extension should be kept as a standby till another boat was secured, stating that the boat should be able to fix her up so that she would be able to give a fair service if it became necessary that she should relieve the Ludlow for any length of time. But the council turned down this recommendation and ordered that extensive repairs be made on her, with the result that she is now more or less dismantled and it would require a good deal more than what was spent on dismantling her to put her in shape to render any kind of service. The question of the city's attitude to the Hydro-Electric Company is likely to cause a lively discussion, as there is a feeling that the city should have absolute control of its street franchises, and be in a position to exercise some control over the charges of power and lighting companies. It is understood that the company is not prepared to give any guarantee in regard to the rates to be charged, and until they do this, the city is not likely to show a very friendly attitude to the company.

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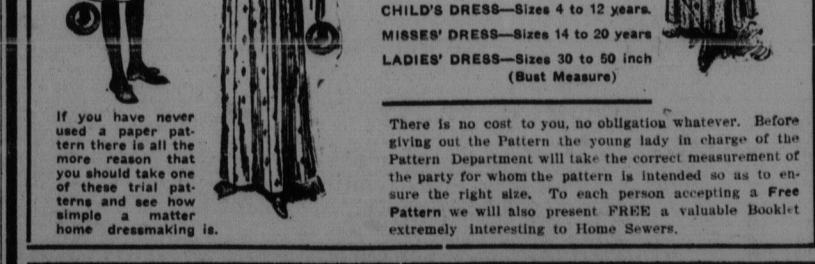
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