

THE WEATHER.

Mar 111m - Fresh, northeasterly winds, rain or sleet, before night. Toronto, Feb. 9 - Fine cold weather has prevailed today in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but elsewhere in Canada it has been fair and mild. Victoria - 36. Vancouver - 35, 44. Kamloops - 26, 36. Edmonton - 0, 26. Battleford - 16 below, 10. Qu'Appell - 13 below, 16. Winnipeg - 6 below, 2 below. Port Arthur - 10, 28. Parry Sound - 16, 28. Toronto - 22, 33. Ottawa - 10, 23. Montreal - 18, 30. Quebec - 16, 24. St. John - 16, 34. Halifax - 22, 34. Lower Lawrence and Gulf - Moderate winds, partly fair with light local snowfalls, stationary or a little higher temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

Bank Clearings. The bank clearings for the present week were \$1,366,949, and for the corresponding week of last year, \$1,539,255. Appointed Today. In Chambers today at noon, in the matter of "Nepiguit" Lumber Co. (wound up), Mr. Justice McLeod will appoint permanent liquidators. Western Branch. William McIntyre, last evening for Winnipeg where he will arrange for the establishment of a branch of the wholesale wine business conducted by the firm of William E. McIntyre, Ltd. Donaldson Liner Arrives. Donaldson line steamship Lakonia, Captain Black, arrived last night from Glasgow with a general cargo. She left Glasgow on Jan. 28, and met some stormy weather. Manager Here. T. A. Hollister, Toronto manager of the A. R. Williams Manufacturing Company, is at the Royal. He will spend some days in the city to look into matters connected with the equipment of the branch office of the company here. Special Meeting. A special meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters is called for to night in the Temple of Honor building to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Arthur McAfee. City Courts are invited to attend. Sleighing Parties. With the clear mild weather and excellent sleighing there were a large number of sleighing parties out last night. About all of the four horse sleighs in the city were engaged and with the blowing of fish horns and singing, hundreds of young men and women enjoyed the outing. Meeting on Monday. A special meeting of the Common Council will be held Monday afternoon to deal with Ald. Jones' resolution, calling for a plebiscite on the question of reducing the number of aldermen to nine, and also to take into consideration the final draft of agreement between the city and the C. P. R. in regard to the West side transfer. Mid-Winter Excursion. The Westfield Outing Association has arranged with the C. P. R. for a mid-winter excursion, to be held on Tuesday next. Trains will leave the city at 1:30 and 5:05 p. m., returning will leave Westfield at 8:30 p. m. Attractive arrangements have been made and it is expected that a large number will take advantage of this opportunity. A. O. H. Matters. Division No. 5 A. O. H., of Fairville will hold an open evening in St. Rose's hall, on Monday next, and Division No. 1 from the city will pay a fraternal visit. The members of No. 1 will meet at their rooms Union street at 7:15 o'clock to take sleighs for Fairville. No. 1 Division on Wednesday evening next will exemplify the third and fourth degrees. Fireman Missing. On Monday last Harry Steeves, the pipe man on chemical No. 1, Sydney street, and an ex-police man, had his day off duty. He did not return to his station on Tuesday and his whereabouts are apparently unknown. His wife and family are ignorant as to where he is and it is said that he has left the city. Harry Baxter, a substitute driver, has been promoted to a regular and John Orr has been appointed to the position of substitute driver. Borden Club Drive. Everything is in readiness for the Borden Club sleigh drive which will be held on the evening of Wednesday, the 22nd inst. The sleighs will leave King Square at 8 p. m. and covers have been laid by Host Newcombe for a large number of members and friends. An excellent musical programme has been arranged and speeches will be made by Premier Hazen, Dr. Daniel, M. P., Hon. R. Maxwell, M. P., Recorder Baxter, K. C., D. Mullin, K. C., and Manning W. Doherty. G. T. P. Construction. R. Strickland, who has been employed on the Transcontinental Railway in Quebec, was at the Royal yesterday on his way home to England. He said that trains were running over 200 miles north of Quebec, and that a number of sections of the eastern division of the road were completed, but that it would be two years or more before the trains from the western division would be running to Quebec. "The Quebec bridge is going to hold things up for a while," he added, "the engineers are still quarrelling over how to build it."

EX-MAYORS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

T. H. Bullock Says New Plan Would be Too Expensive for St. John and Quite Unnecessary-- Dr. White Thinks it Unwise to Demand Whole Time of Any Man.

That the citizens generally are not arising in their might and shouting from their roof tops for a change to the commission form of civic government is becoming more apparent every day, despite the attempts of certain newspapers to convey the impression that there is a very general demand for a change and that the commission idea is the only sort of a change which would prove satisfactory. The Standard yesterday had an interview with two ex-mayors of the city who are generally conceded to be among the best who have ever held that office. Both gentlemen are opposed to the commission idea and join in the opinion that no such step is necessary in this city. T. H. Bullock, who was Mayor Frink's immediate predecessor in office, when seen said that no doubt some measure of reform was necessary, but that the adoption of the commission plan was not the way to go about it. Personally he was strongly in favor of representative government, and no one who was interested in the welfare of the city should shrink the responsibility of doing their share in this way. "St. John can not afford," said Mr. Bullock, "to pay \$12,000 or \$15,000 a year for representatives, neither is there any need for those who represent the city to give their whole time to the city's affairs." Give Sufficient Time. "Take the present mayor or myself. We could not have devoted more attention to the city's affairs if we had been paid \$6,000 per year. Good representative men who will give up some thing for the city are needed. Under the proposed reform movement it would not require citizens to give their undivided attention to civic affairs. At the start more might be necessary for the city are not carried away with the belief that this city is in dire need of salvation as understood by the commission scheme of civic government.

was but 19.8 mills. There was no comparison between the prosperity of the two cities, and he was not surprised that the city had insisted on a change. The frontage tax as it was endorsed by the citizens of Cedar Rapids would not go here for a minute. He did not consider that the conditions in St. John warranted any such revolutionary measures as called for by the commission scheme. Remedial measures might be necessary, but he was convinced that the commission scheme would not bring the millennium. Dr. White's Views. Dr. W. W. White, who is mayor of the city during an important period of its development, said when asked his opinion on the commission plan: "Commission as a term for the plan is a mis-nomer. The plan proposed calls for a small number of highly paid men, and I don't see that the city will reap any advantage. To get in St. John representative citizens of standing for the positions, they must give up their own business. If they are not popular they will be removed. It will lead to extravagance. I can see no great advantage to St. John in a system of that kind." A Bank Manager's Opinion. A well known bank manager, who is generally regarded as a safe and sane business man, told The Standard that the commission plan was all very well for places like Galveston which was overwhelmed with disaster, or Cedar Rapids, which was on the verge of bankruptcy and could not meet its liabilities, but for a prosperous city like St. John it was entirely unnecessary. From these opinions, and many more like them can be gleaned, it would appear that all the patriotic business men of the city are not carried away with the belief that this city is in dire need of salvation as understood by the commission scheme of civic government.

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WHAT REPORTER SAW WITH MRS. SMITH. Graphic Description of Journey to London Given by Gifted Lecturer in Trinity Church School Room. A terrible storm was raging and the waves were mounting high when the reporter boarded the liner that was bearing Mrs. E. A. Smith's excursionists to the shores of Old England, but by the time he found a place among the great crowd of passengers, the sun was rising brightly on the brown waters of the Mersey and all were ready to disembark amid the manifestations of wealth and power, and all the ponderous paraphernalia of the mighty shipping port of Liverpool, and start on the train through a country of peace and beauty and stately homes to Fleet street, to the gigantic town of London with its surging tides of life and traffic, the tumult and turmoil of human labor and human passion, of pleasure and pain, of exaltation and agony, and the nothing he knew he was being conducted into the Tower, where so many of the nation's heroes and others who were not heroes made their exit from this world and to the Crown Jewels, and all the wonder and tragedy of that gloomy pile of stones, and then taken along by the Billingsgate fish market and the customs house up Cheapside, to the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street, the Mansion House where the lord mayor gives his sumptuous banquets and the royal exchange, and then on an excursion across the historic Thames to the sight of the monument erected by Sir Christopher Wren, to mark the origin of the great fire, and back again over London Bridge, where, when he died in the famous Cheshire public house and sat in the chair in which Dr. Johnson used to drink porter and lay down the law, and the prophets to a circle of famous wits, and thence up the Strand by way of Temple Bar and the law courts to Trafalgar Square the most famous square in the world, where stands the monument to Nelson, guarded by Lindesay's bronze lions and surrounded by the National gallery, famous churches and gorgeous hotels, and then down the hill past the Horse Guards, the Admiralty and array headquarters to Westminster Abbey and the Mother of Parliaments into which despite the campaign of the suffragettes we were permitted to have a look and thence on by the Marble Arch to Hyde Park, the Albert hall and monument, and then after a glance at St. James Palace where the sovereigns of England held court, at Buckingham Palace, Marlborough House and many other famous places, on to Windsor, past Runnymede and the house where King John signed the Magna Charta, the ivy covered church where Grey wrote his elegy, past the home of the sage of Chelsea, and--well this sentence would be about 40 miles long, if it followed the interesting and historic streets and highways over which Mrs. Smith took her audience last evening, and as it is we have forgotten to mention St. Paul's Cathedral, the monument of Wren and about a hundred other interesting things. Mrs. Smith has a fine gift of description and her lecture in Trinity church school room last evening which was illustrated by about 80 slides made from photos taken by herself, proved of absorbing interest to the audience that crowded the lecture room of Trinity church to the doors.

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RECOMMEND PLEBISCITE ON LAND TAX PLAN. Civic Committee Reach This Decision Last Evening After Stormy Session--Argument Used by Ald. Potts. At a meeting of the special committee appointed by the council to deal with Ald. Potts' resolution on the land tax, it was decided to recommend the council to arrange for a plebiscite on the question. His Worship the Mayor presided and Ald. Potts, Hayes, Sprunt and Vanwart were also present. The meeting was private, but it is said the debate was long and strong. The matter was referred to the special committee at the instance of Ald. Hayes who pleaded ignorance of the single tax. Ald. Potts reviewed the arguments for the adoption of a land tax, and pointed out the good effects which had followed the adoption of this system in other cities. He said that according to the economists taxing land would not raise rents, and that it would bring more factories to the city, build up vacant lots and cause a general improvement in the housing accommodation of the people. He said the personal tax was hard to collect, and induced people living on incomes to leave the city to the detriment of tradesmen. The Mayor showed his sympathy with the idea of holding a plebiscite on the question, and it was finally decided to recommend the council to give the people a chance to say whether they were in favor of placing the larger burden of the taxes upon land values and exempting improvements.

G.W.P. ORGANIZES ANOTHER DIVISION. E. S. Hennigar Returns From Charlotte County Last Evening After Holding Successful Meeting at Back Bay. On Wednesday evening last a large public temperance meeting was held in the Baptist church at Back Bay, Rev. Mr. Mason presiding. After devotional exercises stirring temperance addresses were delivered by the chairman, I. E. Gillmor, of Second Falls, and G.W.P. E. S. Hennigar, of St. John. The choir of the church rendered appropriate music. At the close of the public meeting a goodly number of the audience remained and a division of the Sons of Temperance was organized. The following officers were elected for the quarter:-- Samuel Craig, W. P.; Thos. Johnston, W. A.; Sydney French, R. S.; Miss W. Cook, A. R. S.; Mrs. T. Johnston, Fin.; Rubin Cook, Treas.; Clinton French, chaplain; Miss M. Snyder, Con.; Miss C. Leslie, A. Con.; Wellington Leavitt, I.S.; Wesley Mitchell O.S. Mrs. A. McGee, P.W.P. A. McGee, D. G. W. P. The officers were then installed by the G. W. P. of the Order. The division starts under favorable circumstances, and with prospects of doing effective temperance work in that part of Charlotte County. Mr. Hennigar returned to the city last evening.

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