

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh to strong easterly and occasionally windy, cloudy, with much the same temperature.

Toronto, Mar. 16—Mild weather has prevailed today in Ontario and Quebec with temperatures of over fifty degrees in some localities in the former province. Comparatively little change has occurred in the west.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Dawson 14 32, Athol 14 32, Prince Rupert 40 43, Victoria 46 56, Vancouver 42 46, Kamloops 23 44, Edmonton 28 40, Battleford 28 40, Prince Albert 26 36, Ottawa 28 44, Montreal 28 44, Kingston 28 42, Quebec 26 42, St. John 26 38, Halifax 30 32.

AROUND THE CITY

Flow of Water. The police report a flow of water at the corner of Hanover and Hilyard streets.

Glove Found. A man's tan glove found on City Road awaits the owner at the police station.

Creditors Meet. Creditors of J. V. Russell met yesterday, and as the inspectors did not have their report ready, adjourned for two weeks.

Their Baby Dead. Friends of J. V. Russell met yesterday, and as the inspectors did not have their report ready, adjourned for two weeks.

Tender Accepted. Barnes & Company's tender for printing the city's reports was accepted by the council yesterday. Their prices are: 10 pt., \$1.40 per page; 8 pt., \$1.75 per page; 6 pt., \$2.25 per page. There was only one tender.

Run Down by Automobile. Yesterday afternoon about 3.30 o'clock a boy named Perry Laird ran in front of Dr. F. J. Hogan's automobile and was knocked down and slightly injured. He was conveyed to the General Public Hospital by Dr. Hogan and attended to.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton, of Oak Point, Kings Co., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding Saturday, March 14th. A number of their children and grandchildren were present and presented them with a purse of gold.

Seriously Injured. W. Alexander Porter, grocer, of the corner of Waterloo and Union street, is in the hospital with a broken arm and a dislocated knee-cap, as a result of an accident near his store yesterday afternoon between one and two o'clock. Mr. Porter was knocked down by a team.

Two Years Dorchester. Two years in Dorchester penitentiary with hard labor was the sentence pronounced yesterday morning on a youth of about eighteen, who came before His Honor under the Speedy Trials Act on a charge of breaking, entering and stealing from several summer camps in Millidgeville.

Now a Captain. Friends of Charles J. Churchill, the son of Steward Churchill of the government steamer Lansdowne, will be pleased to learn that a few days ago he passed an examination successfully for master's papers. In Halifax, he is now a captain. Captain Churchill is an officer on the Plant Line steamer Evangelina.

Immigrant Boys. In consequence of connections made while in England Jas. Gilchrist, superintendent of immigration, received a letter from the superintendent of the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys, London, saying a party of boys ranging from 15 to 19 years of age was being sent out on the Empress of Ireland to settle in New Brunswick. Some of these boys have already worked on farms with the object of fitting themselves for life in the colonies. The letter states that it is hoped the party will be followed by others.

An Interesting Evening. An interesting meeting of Johnson Lodge, No. 24, was held in the Orange Hall last evening with J. G. Sullivan in the chair. J. A. Strickland was the principal speaker and gave an eloquent exposition of the principles, growth and work of the order, and its influence in promoting right ideals in a community. His address met with a splendid reception. Another speaker was Rev. Mr. Denison, who dealt with the work of propagating the order. During the evening Harry Marley sang a solo very acceptably. The large hall was crowded to the doors.

Hot Enjoyable Social. An enjoyable social was held last evening in the school room of St. John Presbyterian church, under the joint auspices of the Young Men's Guild and the Senior Mission Band of the congregation. A short programme consisting of Scotch and Irish selections on the bagpipes by Alex. Campbell, selections by the orchestra, solos by Miss Annie McKay, Miss Ada Crawford and Geo. Scott, solo "Believe me by Mrs. George Peacock, solo "Kilbane" of those endearing young charms" by Miss Emma Robins. The programme was followed by a series of interesting games in which all present heartily joined. Refreshments were served and the National Anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close.

WESLEYAN CHURCH DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Building Owned by F. deL. Clements, in Ruins, at a Loss of about \$7,000—Goods Stored in Shed also Burned.

Last night, just before midnight, there was an alarm sent in from box 26 on the corner of Ludlow and German streets, West End, and when the department responded, they found that the fire was in the warehouse just west of the city line, near the C. P. R. tracks, and on the road leading to Fort Dufferin. The building was enveloped in flames when the department arrived, and burned to the ground. District Engineer McAndrews had about thirty joints of hose stretched and placed his men in position to watch that the fire did not catch some of the residences near the warehouse. In the meantime, while the firemen watched the dwellings, they also played the stream on the burning warehouse with some success but not enough to save very much of it. For an hour or more it was a total loss. The reflection of the fire illuminated the harbor and sky and hundreds of persons watched from the surrounding district. The warehouse was owned by F. deL. Clements, a produce merchant,

PIONEERS OF BUSINESS PREDICT BIG SUCCESS—PERSIAN LAMB FUR, PRODUCT—MUTTON GOOD.

The Dominion Karakul-Arab Sheep and Fur Company, Ltd., with headquarters at Lawrencetown, Annapolis County, N. S., has proven beyond a doubt that fur of the Persian lamb, and Aktrakhan may be produced in this country. A number of young Karakul lambs have already been born on the ranch above-mentioned company, and have been pronounced by experts to be of the very best quality of Persian lamb fur. That the promoters of the company are the pioneers of an industry "destined to become in the near future, a general branch of fur farming throughout the whole country," is a foregone conclusion. With one party in the city of New York alone handling annually 200,000 pelts of the Karakul, and Aktrakhan, and an annual importation of over fourteen million dollars worth of these pelts to America, no one can question the market for these pelts.

Speaking of raising Persian lamb in Canada, the Montreal Journal of Commerce, of recent date, has the following to say: The recent importation of Karakul or Arabic sheep into Canada, opens up a new phase of the sheep industry or looking at it in another light, the fur industry; for the Karakul may be called a turbearing sheep. Persian lamb fur is probably the most important product from the Karakul, but being a large animal it yields a considerable supply. The wool of the matured sheep is used for carpet purposes and commands a ready sale in the world's markets.

SAY REPORTS WERE WITHOUT FOUNDATION

Chief Clark and Deputy Chief Jenkins Probed "White Slave" Matter Several Months Ago.

A Standard representative last evening interviewed Chief of Police Clark and Deputy Chief Jenkins as to the foundation for the report made to the Local Council of Women that a certain house in the city was a rendezvous for young women who were lured there by advertisements and were really intended for lives of vice. The report was not correct. Going into the matter with much detail, mentioning names and quoting authorities the Deputy Chief said the stories had first been brought to his attention some months ago, and he had made an investigation. "The woman who keeps the house," he said, "is the mother of thirteen children, has grown sons at work in the city, and in, I believe, a good woman. I have also had interviews with some of the young women, whom it is reported were 'lured' there, and found the place in no way different than any other where they were called upon to do general housework. I also investigated the source of the stories, and found that they all came from one person, who herself was refused employment by the woman in question. I also carried the enquiry to the homes of girls outside of the city and found in each case that the girls mentioned as having been at the house were recent and honest, and honestly earning their living. "The story that a girl was found in the place intoxicated is unsupported, while there is much evidence to prove that such a case. Altogether I do not think the facts warranted any such report as that made by the Local Council of Women, more particularly since one of the members of that organization, who first called my attention to the matter, was advised some days ago of the result of the investigation, and she was satisfied that the story was without foundation. The report must have been made without knowledge of the facts."

POLICE HAVE FIERCE FIGHT WITH NEGROES

Place Three Under Arrest after Much Trouble—Raid Disorderly Erin Street House.

When a number of colored men start drinking from bottles in public places and become rather intoxicated, there is liable to be trouble, and such was the case yesterday afternoon when shortly before two o'clock several negroes were seen in the Old Burying ground drinking from long necks. They moved toward Brunelle street and it was not very long before a call was made to central police station regarding trouble. Deputy Chief Jenkins, Sergt. Scott, Detective Lucas and Officer Drydenman responded to the call, and although the officers had a lively time of it, they made a clean up. Gilbert Lauchner, aged 30, Ernest Bushman, aged 23, and Walter Curtis, aged 22, were charged by Frank E. McHugh with assaulting him on Brunelle street. Currie resisted the police, and he is also charged with assaulting Deputy Chief Jenkins. Currie is also charged with having assaulted Harold Scott in a blacksmith shop at 127 Brunelle street. Lauchner faces the additional charge of carrying metal knuckles. When the police hastened to Brunelle street they found that the men had gone to Erin street, and as a result of what was learned the officers made a second visit after arresting their men and raising a house kept by Paul Pietro, aged 33, and a native of Italy. He is charged with keeping a disorderly resort on Erin street, and an Italian, Gertrude Rabbett, of Maine, and Mary Murphy, of Nova Scotia, were gathered in on the charge of being inmates of the resort. The seven prisoners will appear before the Magistrate this morning.

M. R. A.'S SPRING MILLINERY OPENING STARTS THIS MORNING

This most important of all the spring millinery openings will prove to be a revelation in the style idea, for the cleverest productions of world famous millinery designers will be exhibited and no woman interested in the most fashionable effects for this season can afford to remain away. A feature of the opening will be a fine showing of Imported Models for children from 4 to 12 years, exclusive little hats with all the distinctive originality of the most expert Paris designers. Opening commencing this morning in the millinery salon, second floor.

Petticoats. New spring and summer designs are now on sale at F. A. Dybbeman and Co.'s store at most extraordinary prices, and never were their lines so complete with bewitching, fanciful creations as now. Richly beautiful silk petticoats on sale at \$2.49, \$2.99, \$3.50, \$3.99 to \$5.95. Halls petticoats from \$1.50 up to \$3.95. Handsome tafetas in all the various colors, also black. Priced 55 cents up to \$2.50.

Opening Days. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th. The Model Millinery Co., 22 Canterbury St.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW OPEN

Brilliant Scene in Armory Last Evening—Much Interest in Display of Cars.

The opening of the automobile show in the Armory took place last evening and there was a big crowd in attendance. Over half a million dollars worth of cars are on exhibition and the show in many respects is considerably ahead of the last one held here. Most of the principal auto manufacturers are represented by fine specimens of their work and in addition there is a large display of accessories of all kinds. The general feature of the show is the new cars, which show the improvements and tendencies for the present year, and many novelties designed to contribute to the safety, comfort and pleasure of the users of automobiles. The large hall with its flashing cars and great tray of sunning and decorations presents a scene of luxuriant coloring, and suggests power and wealth. The crowd which was in attendance last evening was larger than at the opening night of the previous show, and it was evidently a pleased and admiring crowd. The galleries were filled with people and the tea rooms were well patronized. The lighting arrangements last night were not as satisfactory as they might have been owing to the fact that some of the lights did not arrive in time to be installed, but this drawback will be overcome today. In connection with the show there will be a number of interesting functions. Tonight a dinner will be given

APPRECIATE GOOD WORK

Board of Trade Receives Complimentary Letter from Three Rivers—May Settle Here.

Yesterday the Board of Trade received a letter from Brookline, N. Y., asking for literature about the province suitable for prospective settlers. The following letter from Three Rivers, P. Q., shows how the work of the board is appreciated: M. O. Magee, Secretary of the Board of Trade, St. John, N. B.:

Dear Sir: Papers and leaflets re Saint John received, for which accept my thanks and I may say that I intend to visit your city in April and after a personal survey may settle down. You certainly deserve success for your attention to your city's interest, and other places could follow your example and not lose by it. (Signed) R. JOHNSTON, came justice of the peace.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE. Frank Skinner's Millinery opening Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th.

DEATHS.

ROBE—At Halifax, March 16, Helen Dennis Robb, wife of Andrew W. Robb, formerly of St. John, leaving her husband, two daughters and one son. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon and the interment will be made in Halifax.

by the Ford Company in the Elks rooms and tomorrow night another dinner will be given by the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company. On Friday there will be a grand banquet under the auspices of the St. John Automobile Association. On Wednesday there will be a meeting in the interests of the good roads movement which it is expected will be of an unusually interesting character. The exhibits indicate that the trend in mechanical improvement in automobiles is not less marked than in previous years, while most of the models show considerable changes in the matter of refinement, equipments and finish. The amount of interest shown by the visitors to the Armory last evening augurs well for the success of the show during the remainder of the week.

Blacksmith Blowers! Do away with the old time Bellows and Hard work. Install an up-to-date Blower and save labor, and at the same time greatly increase the Blast. The Thompson Blower including Tuyere, Iron and Pipe \$16.00. The Famous Champion No. 400 including Tuyere, Iron and Pipe \$23.50. W. H. THORNE & CO. Ltd., Market Sq. and King St.

YOU WILL SOON BE IN NEED OF A Pair of Boots for Spring. We have them in all leathers. Come in and let us fit your foot with the most accurate measuring system "The Footgraph." Slater Shoe Shop - 81 King St.

Make Your Home More Beautiful—More Comfortable. If building or remodeling your home, one of the best investments you can make is to have an OPEN FIRE PLACE. Nothing adds more cheer or comfort to the home. WOOD MANTELS IN THE LATEST DESIGNS, OPEN FIRE LININGS, MOHARCH GRATES, FENDERS, ANDIRONS, (Black or Brass), FIRE SETS, SPARK GUARDS, GAS LOGS, ETC. With our many years' experience in this line, it will pay you to call and see our line. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Exhibition of Millinery. Formal Spring Opening Today and Wednesday. Never before have we had such a great variety of creations representing the new season's best offerings. So many charming hats to admire—such an immense fund of fashion information to take possession of, that no woman can afford not to attend this most important of all St. John Millinery Exhibitions. The Millinery centres of the world have sent the ideas of their best designers, which together with the creations of our own skilled makers furnish an almost unlimited range—every hat distinctive, and all artistic in form and color. Opening Today and Wednesday. MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR.

Nobby Spring Overcoats for Men. The value of your money idea—big value for your money—is really as good for us as it is for you, because such clothes are pretty sure to satisfy—and satisfied buyers have made M. R. A.'s clothing department the gigantic affair it is today. Just now it's Spring Overcoats and our showing of the new models cannot be surpassed for style, quality and appealing price. Spring Overcoats, fly front and buttoned through styles in the popular Chesterfield length, Fancy Tweeds in dressy stripes and neat diagonal weaves and mixtures; fawns, medium and light greys and browns at from \$10.00 to \$22.00. Also a large range of Spring models in English Oxfords, Cheviots and Vicunas, plain materials in light, medium and dark greys, also black. Plain Grey Coats, priced from \$10.00 to \$23.50. Silk Faced Grey Coats, priced from \$13.50 to \$18.50. Plain Black Coats, priced from \$10.00 to \$18.50. Silk Faced Black Coats, priced from \$13.50 to \$18.50. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited