

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh north-westerly and westerly winds. Fine with a little higher temperature.

Toronto, April 1.—A few light local showers have occurred today in Manitoba and local furies in Saskatchewan. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

The Downie-Petitions.

The petitions which have been open to the public for signatures, for some time past in the case of W. Herbert Downie, will be called in tomorrow forenoon.

English Immigrants

A party of eighty English immigrants passed through the city last evening in a car attached to the Montreal express. Four hundred more come through from Halifax today.

Arrested for Fighting

Fred Bedard, a native of England, got pugnacious on the C. P. R. Montreal express last evening and as a result was gathered in by I. C. R. Policeman Smith. He will face the magistrate today.

On Behalf of Trinity

W. H. Harrison left last evening for Fredericton, where he will appear before the Government today on behalf of Trinity church corporation. As the \$60,000 bond issue of the corporation expires in 1910, the right to make a new issue is now being sought.

Married Last Night

Rev. David Hutchinson united in marriage at his residence, 41 Douglas Avenue, last night Mr. George W. Betta, of Salmon River, Sunbury Co., to Miss Gretta DeMiller, of Newcastle. The young couple were unattended. They will reside at Newcastle.

Protestant Orphan Asylum.

The Ladies and gentlemen of the executive of the Protestant Orphan Asylum met in regular semi-annual session yesterday afternoon. Routine business was transacted. The ladies ordered the usual bills to be paid and the gentlemen decided upon the customary spring repairs and cleaning.

A Good Concert

A very successful concert was given last night by the Young Men's Bible Class, of Germain street Baptist church. The programme was made up from Longfellow and the characters selected were represented by the young ladies of the Philathea Class.

A Challenge.

The Exmouth intermediate basketball team is out with a challenge to "any intermediate team in New Brunswick." A series of games is wanted, to begin not more than ten days from today. Communication should be addressed to Mr. A. R. Carless, Carterbury street.

McDonald Remanded To Jail.

John McDonald, the young Irishman who labors under the hallucination that he is a victim of the Black Hand Society and who has been leading the life of a vagrant in this city and others in the province, was arrested last evening. He was remanded to jail.

Old St. John Boy Here.

Joseph E. Hawker, formerly of St. John, now carrying on a dry goods business at Centerville, is in the city for a few days. Mr. Hawker was one of the Carleton county members of the Valley Railway delegation which waited on the Premier at Fredericton, on Wednesday.

An Interesting Debate.

An interesting debate was held at the residence of Mr. Alexander Watson, No. 111 Carmarthen street, last night, by the members of the Side Club, of St. David's church. The subject was "Resolved that independence is a more desirable destiny for Canada than Imperialism." The affirmative side won.

Wants Information.

The German Consul has received an inquiry from Mrs. Sophie Steurich, of Goehren for information as to the whereabouts of Carl Ludwig George Ebel, born in July, 1862, emigrated in 1904, and last heard of in April, 1908. Anyone who can give particulars regarding the party can communicate with Consul Thomson.

Took It Himself.

John Kilfoyle's wife sent him to a drug store last evening to fill a prescription, but he did not return. Policemen Nelson and Henry found him on Main street in a most billiant mood, and he gave them so much trouble that the charge was made "drunk and violently resisting the police."

Home for Incurables.

The April meeting of the Home for Incurables was held yesterday, Dr. Alward presiding in the absence of Dr. Walker. There are 28 inmates, 10 in the male ward, 10 in the female ward, 8 in private rooms. An order was passed yesterday for the admission of a patient to occupy the room for consumptives. Donations were acknowledged from Mr. R. B. Emerson, the Girls' Association of St. John's church and Mrs. McLeod.

A Poor Kind of Joke.

A woman with a very much distorted sense of humor gave the men of the North End hook and ladder station a bad quarter of an hour, at eleven o'clock last night, presumably as an April Fool's joke. A telephone message came to the station saying that there was a fire at a certain number at the lower end of Main street, and the chemical engine and ladder truck went out in response. They had a half mile run.

School Book Vendors.

Following is the list of school book vendors in St. John county: G. H. Fiddis, St. Martins; John Irvin, Milford; James E. Bryant, Fairville; Watson and Co., Mrs. Mary A. Ryan, J. & A. McMillan, T. H. Hall, T. D. Baskin, Mrs. T. McCann, Mrs. M. Lawlor, Mrs. J. I. Deware, E. Clifton Brown, F. G. Folely, G. H. Arnold, A. M. Gray and M. G. Richey, Thos. Wilson, D. McArthur, W. Harry Smith, Mrs. Alice J. Russell, W. Leslie Seely, Edmund H. Dewal, A. McArthur, all of St. John.

DETECTIVES ARE WATCHING FOR CHINAMEN

St. John is coming into some prominence as a point on a Chinese smuggling line. At least, this is the opinion of the U. S. authorities, who are now conducting an investigation here. Two detectives have been here for some weeks in this connection.

SIMPSON INQUEST LAST NIGHT

Before Coroner Berryman last evening an inquest was held concerning the death of Hugh Simpson who was killed while walking along the Canadian Pacific Railway about one-third of a mile east of Bentley street crossing early in the evening of the 20th of March last. The jury were: B. Holt, A. Foster, C. Belyea, C. Gibbs, G. Fitzgerald, L. Welley and B. Murphy.

M. Burns, uncle of the deceased, was first called. He stated that Hugh Simpson lived at Fredericton Junction and was sober when he left his home for Fairville.

Joseph Clinton, flagman at the Bentley street crossing, saw the deceased walking along the railway but did not consider it his duty to warn him of his danger. He would say from his appearance that he was not under the influence of liquor.

THISTLES ANNUAL MEETING

There was a great jollification at the Thistle Curling Rink last night, the occasion being the annual meeting of the club. Besides the election of officers there were reports on the season's work, a programme of songs, readings and speeches, and a supper to wind up with. The whole was carried out in the well known Thistle style.

The officers elected were as follows: J. W. Cameron, president; J. A. Likely, vice-president; A. G. Stevens, secretary; D. McClelland, treasurer; Rev. L. A. McLean, chaplain.

The main feature of the club's season just past, was the forfeiture of the McLeannan Club to Chatham, after holding it for two years. Of the twenty-one matches played thirteen were won, seven lost, and one tied.

The likely trophy for club competition was played for by twenty-one rinks, and was won by the following rink: D. W. Ledingham, Dr. L. A. McAlpine, G. B. Burpee, G. S. Bishop, skip.

When the Yarmouth curlers paid a visit to the Thistles a Curlers' Court was held, the majority of the members of the club being installed.

Dr. Raymond's Retirement. One feature of the evening was the retirement of Archdeacon W. O. Raymond, who for twenty-one years had been chaplain of the club.

During the course of the evening Alexander Macaulay, who represented the club on the Canadian Curling team which recently toured Scotland, gave an account of the trip. He mentioned the lavish hospitality with which the Canadians had been received by the Scots and also the style of game played.

ACCOUNTANTS BROKE RECORD

A new record was established for the Commercial League, when the Accountants defeated the Electricians, on Black's alleys, last evening. The winners showed together a total score of 1263, which comes close to the alley record, held by the alley team. The Accountants took all four points.

They Lead the League. They are now well in advance in the standing of the league. Following is the league standing up to last night:

Table with columns: W, L, P.C. for various teams like Accountants, Clerks, Insurance, etc.

The tabulated score for the record breaking game: Accountants—Sinclair... 87 110 91 288 96

Electricians—Cosgrove... 83 78 83 253 84 1-3 Kelly... 66 75 87 228 76

George Robertson, assistant receiver general—This discussion about the navy reminds me that if the British admiralty had accepted my proposition some seven years ago, we might now be building torpedo boats and other small but important craft right here at St. John.

I. C. R. Policeman John Collins—If there is one thing necessary about the Union depot which is not there it is a lock-up. I have been in my present position for twenty-nine years and I think I know what is necessary to the proper filling of its duties.

Postmaster Sears—It is a great pleasure to me to find my lot cast in work, with such a fine body of men as the officers here. They appear to me remarkably competent and painstaking.

Mrs. Fiske—About 150 women vote in civic elections out of 700 qualified. This is too small a percentage, but it must be remembered that the recent civic elections have presented no issues which called out a large proportion of the male voters.

Mr. R. E. Swan and Mr. J. Marchand came in from Montreal last night. Miss G. R. Maloney, of the St. John Monitor, who has been unwell the past week, is improving.

Actually Took Place. A Fairville man who was in conversation with The Standard yesterday, said that he had investigated the reported case of knife play in the Temperance Hall, and had found out that the affair had actually taken place in spite of efforts to hush it up.

He had learned he said, that the young man who used the knife on his companion had been under the influence of liquor. This same boy had been one of those most prominent in the organization of the temperance club. The boy who was knifed is named Wayne, and comes from Carleton. His clothes were cut through, and he received quite a gash in the back.

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