

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Pressure is highest tonight in the middle states and comparatively low in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, also in the South Pacific states. The weather has been everywhere fine and in the western provinces as well as in the Northern Ontario milder.

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate north-west to west winds; fair, not much change in temperature today; higher temperature on Friday. Northern New England—Fair Thursday and Friday, slowly rising temperature. Moderate west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

EXPECTED TODAY: Ensign and Mrs. Laurie are expected to arrive from Toronto today to take charge of the Salvation Army Military Hostel, Ensign and Mrs. Condie having been removed to Bramford, Ont.

WILL RETURN TODAY: Captain Rufus Spooner and Adjutant Best, of the Salvation Army are expected back from Fredericton today where they have been in the interests of the Life Saving Movement.

WELCOME VISITOR: William Webber, general agent of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service, arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal and will proceed to Halifax. He is accompanied by G. S. Reid, general passenger agent of the C. P. O. S.

AUTOMOBILE DAMAGED: The firemen were called out about eleven o'clock last night by an alarm from box 125, when E. H. Robinson's automobile was discovered on fire in Kennedy's garage, Douglas Avenue. The fire was quickly extinguished but before the car was considerably damaged.

SUCCESSFUL LUMMAGE SALE: The regular meeting of the North End W. C. T. U. was not held yesterday as the members conducted a very successful rummage sale in the Union Hall, Main street, during the morning and afternoon. The proceeds, which amounted to a tidy sum will be donated to the fund for the Provincial Memorial Home for Children on Wright street.

POLICEMAN RESIGNS: The resignation of Constable Cecil McLean was accepted by Chief Smith last night, to take effect on next Monday. Constable McLean, who has been one of the most efficient members of the local force, has accepted a position with the newly created police department of the Canadian National Railways and will have his station in the city.

THE NEW FOUNTAIN: It has been decided not to erect the drinking fountain at the corner of Brunswick and Union streets until early in the spring. This decision was necessary on account of the unfavorable weather and the season being so far advanced. To get the water to the fountain the street would have to be opened. The fountain is being given by the St. John Council of Women and installed by the city.

OFFICER OF INFORMATION: C. N. R. Police Officer William G. Roberts has been appointed officer of information at the Union depot, and the appointment is most popular. He is now stationed at the inside gate giving information to the thousands of travellers and his task is by no means easy. Officer Roberts is courteous and obliging and should prove very satisfactory.

PASSED ON TO HALIFAX: More than 200 passengers went through the city yesterday for Halifax to sail aboard the steamer Metagama, due to leave this afternoon for England. With conditions different in this city in connection with the winter port, these people would have come to St. John and whatever benefits accrued from their being here would have been shared here. Today quite a large number more are expected to pass through from the west to Halifax.

PERSONALS

Miss Betty Adams, Gladys Smith, Marguerite Adams and Ren Smith, of Hampton, were in the city last night attending the Police.

Dr. J. F. L. Brown, district medical health officer, returned last night from Sussex, where he had been attending a meeting of the Kings county board of health.

Sergeant Kelt Kennedy, of Hampton, who has been attached to local headquarters after a splendid record overseas, has secured his discharge and is now taking a vocational course in this city.

Mrs. Pascal Hebert, of Richibucto, and Mrs. George McLeavelle, of Shediac, who are on their way to Fall River and New Bedford, Mass., are spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. William O'Keefe, Union street.

WANTED—Experienced orderly. Apply Superintendent General Public Hospital.

Lancaster House Damaged By Fire

Residence of W. E. Earle Saved from Total Destruction Last Night by Efforts of Fairville Fire Department.

Fire broke out in the residence of W. E. Earle, 2 Earl avenue, which adjoins Lancaster avenue, last night during the absence of the owner, who was attending a play at the Imperial Theatre in the city. As soon as the fire was discovered an alarm was sent in on the Fairville bell and the Fairville Fire Department responded promptly, and although the fire had gained considerable headway, the firefighters by excellent work had the blaze checked before it got out of control. As it was the building was damaged considerably, and the furniture suffered mostly from water. It is believed that the fire started from defective wiring. Mr. Earle when spoken to last night said that he could not estimate the damage, but it was covered by insurance.

JOINT MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

Grand Orange Lodge Executive and Protestant Orphanage Committee Held Session and Later Inspected the Martello Orphanage.

The Grand Orange Lodge Executive and the Protestant Orphanage Committee held a joint meeting yesterday afternoon, when a number of important matters were discussed. The visiting Grand Lodge officers were: L. A. Palmer, Grand Master, of Bathurst; J. W. S. Bradford, Logieville; H. T. Brower, Fredericton; E. H. Clarkson, Fredericton; J. W. McParlane, Nashwaassic. After their meeting with the local members of the executive, the party paid a visit of inspection to the Martello Orphanage in West St. John and were highly pleased with the institution.

CORSICAN HERE THIS AFTERNOON

First Trans-Atlantic Passenger Ship from England to This Port Since Last May—Military Party on Board.

A rumor was current last night to the effect that the C. P. O. S. Corsican, owing to the strike, had been diverted from this port to Halifax. This statement was unfounded, however, and the latest report from the steamer is to the effect that she will dock at number three berth some time this afternoon. This will be the first trans-Atlantic passenger sailing to this port since last May and comprises a military party of 18 officers and 63 other ranks.

INTERESTING CASE IN CIRCUIT COURT

Bessie V. Colpitts Sues to Recover Thousand Dollar Policy from Continental Life Insurance Co.—Points of Law Will be Debated.

The Circuit Court, with Judge Barry presiding, was occupied yesterday with the case of Bessie V. Colpitts versus the Continental Life Insurance Company, in a suit entered by the plaintiff to recover on a thousand dollar policy taken out by M. B. Weldon, deceased brother of the plaintiff.

DEMONT'S CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING

Plans for New Year Made at Meeting Held Yesterday—Christmas Gifts Sent to France.

The regular meeting of Demont's Chapter, I. O. O. E., was held yesterday afternoon in their rooms on Prince William street. Mrs. George K. McLeod, the regent, presided, and plans were made for the annual ball given by the Chapter, which will take place early in January. Several applications for new members were received. The Chapter paid its share towards the salary for the existing quarter, of the Victorian Order nurse which the I. O. O. E. have undertaken to be responsible for.

It was reported that Christmas boxes have been packed and sent to Madame La Rue, in France, as well as many well-dressed Christmas stockings.

Be a regular fellow Rosebud Saturday.

Y. W. F. A. meeting tonight in G. Y. A. rooms, 8 o'clock. Speaker.

Conference Was Held Yesterday

Building up of Marsh Creek and Erection of Culvert at Jardine Bridge Discussed—C.N.R. Willing to Make Reasonable Improvements.

The questions of building up the Marsh creek and the erection of a culvert at the Jardine bridge were discussed at a conference held yesterday afternoon in the terminal agents office Union Depot. Among those present were W. R. Devenish, superintendent of the maritime division of the Canadian National Railways, B. H. Hill, provincial engineer, Messrs. Selig and Torrance, of the railway engineering staff and J. P. Clayton, J. M. Donovan and F. J. Rafferty of the Great Maraun Commission.

Water conditions above and below the railway crossing were discussed and several plans for improvement outlined. The railway authorities agreed to help in every way to improve present conditions and would gladly cooperate with the department. Following a discussion, Mr. Hill stated that he would look into the matter further and have a recommendation ready for the railway men within a few days.

Board of Health Meeting in Sussex

Kings County Sub-District Members Assembled Yesterday—Annual Report Read and Important Matters Were Dealt With.

A meeting of the Kings County Sub-district Board of Health was held yesterday in Sussex. The annual report was read and the various bills brought before the board ordered paid. The board was informed that 3,000 school children throughout the county had been vaccinated since the beginning of the school year. The sum of \$114.00 had been received in house fees from milk dealers and slaughter houses, and the attention of the board was called to the fact that there were some who had failed to comply with the law in this respect. The secretary was instructed to see that the delinquents should take out licenses. It was felt by the board that the sanitary inspectors had been as strict in the past as they should have been, and the inspectors were instructed to see that the law be properly observed in all matters pertaining to public health.

THE MARTELLO ORPHANAGE OPEN

Will Receive Children in New Home on West Side This Morning—Five Orphans Coming from Moncton.

The Martello Orphanage in West St. John, which is an addition to the Protestant Rebekeh Lodge on Britain street, will open this morning to receive children. The British street home has been rather overcrowded and a few children will be transferred to West St. John. Five children are coming from Moncton this morning to be cared in the new institution. The Martello has been thoroughly renovated and is now in excellent shape.

Odd Fellows Enjoy Pleasant Evening

Entertainment Given in West Side Hall by Jewel Rebekeh Lodge—Interesting Address by District Grand Master Chase.

An entertainment was given by the Jewel Rebekeh Lodge No. 7 in the Odd-fellows Hall, West Side last evening. The programme opened with a dance by little Miss Angelina Gregory who was obliged to respond with an encore. District Deputy Grand Master Chase then addressed the members. He spoke of the good work done by the Jewel Rebekeh during the war and the appreciation of the Odd-fellows at the front. Mr. Chase outlined a programme of renewed activity on the part of the Odd-fellows during the coming winter. A dialogue was then given by twelve young ladies. After this pleasing programme refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed during the rest of the evening. Many members of the different lodges in the city were present and spent a delightful evening.

Buildings Committee

The buildings committee of the municipal council will meet this afternoon. Amongst the matters which will likely be taken up will be the opening of tenders for the roofing in the old court house in Sydney street. It is possible that the recent report submitted by Ross and McDonald, of Ottawa, will also be brought before the meeting for consideration.

Freight Handlers Will Resume Work

Start This Morning at Old Rate—Ask for Conciliation Board—If Company Does Not Accept Award There Will be Another Strike.

As a result of the meeting of the Freight Handlers' Union last evening the men decided to go to work this morning and apply for a Board of Conciliation. They will return to work at the old rate of wages, and will ask the conciliation board to deal with their demand of 62½ cents an hour. The Union has selected F. A. Campbell, president of the Trades and Labor Council, to represent the men on the board. A general meeting of all the water front workers was held in the afternoon and the freight handlers met in the evening.

There was a misunderstanding as to Mr. Groat's offer at the meeting of the night before. Mr. Groat had offered to 52 cents an hour and said he would not hold up the port for a cent one way or another. But when the men offered to take his offer on the understanding that the difference between 52 cents and their demand be referred to a conciliation board, Mr. Groat declined to accept the proviso. Asked if they had any guarantee that the C. P. R. would accept the award of a conciliation board, an official of the Water Front Council said he did not think so. "If the company does not accept the decision there will be another strike—that's all," he added. "The men are playing a clean game and they have confidence in their case. If the C. P. R. does not select a representative on the conciliation board the government can appoint a representative over its head. An application from one party is sufficient to assure the appointment of the board."

Union Lodge No. 2 Knights of Pythias

Meeting Held Last Evening When Officers Were Elected for Ensuing Term—Enjoyable Programme Followed.

The Union Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, met in their rooms on Germain street last night, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term, beginning January 1st, 1920: Chancellor—L. T. Wetmore, Prelate—H. B. Coleman, Master of Work—R. H. Murray, K. of R. and S.—F. A. Kinnear, M. of E.—N. P. Sheridan, Master-at-Arms—Fred Dolg, Inner Guard—W. C. Peters, Outer Guard—N. L. Brennan. After the adjournment of the lodge, an enjoyable programme was carried out, consisting of a series of movies, choruses by the members, song by Wm. Thompson, recitations by Gordon Stevens and Wm. Thompson. After this pleasing programme had been carried out, the Knights participated in a "45 cent" suitable prizes being awarded the winners at the close of the game. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

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