

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Strong westerly winds today with snow flurries.

AROUND THE CITY

Trades and Labor Council. A meeting of the trades and labor council was held last evening, but little was done beyond the transaction of routine business.

Old Folks' Concert. A band of jubilee singers will give an old folks' concert in St. Phillips' A. M. E. church Thursday evening, March 30. All are invited.

Brought Home for Burial. The body of Laura Blake arrived on the Boston express last night en route to Hillboro, N. S. The woman died in Boston and the remains were held in the train shed last night and will be forwarded east this morning.

His Condition is Serious. Russell Rutherford, the C. P. R. brakeman, who was so badly injured between cars at Fredericton last on Wednesday last, is in a serious condition at the general public hospital and is not expected to survive.

Returns from Inspection Trip. Wm. Downie, superintendent of the C. P. R. Atlantic division, arrived in his private car attached to the Boston express last night. He had been on an inspection tour of the road at Woodstock and Aroostock Junction.

The Standard was in Error. In the Standard of yesterday Col. J. R. Armstrong was reported as speaking at the indignation meeting in Keith's Assembly room. This was an error. It was Col. A. J. Armstrong who spoke. Col. J. R. Armstrong did not attend the meeting.

Juvenile Courts. The Executive of the Local Council of Women held a special meeting yesterday afternoon in the Natural History rooms. The bill which the council proposed sending to the legislature petitioning for the establishment of a Juvenile Court in St. John, was submitted to the executive. The bill as drafted was considered by the executive and passed and forwarded to Fredericton.

Ald. Holder's Position. The announcement made at the meeting in Keith's Assembly Rooms that Ald. Holder was opposed to the appointment of a Royal Commission, assumed a different complexion yesterday when the alderman for Lorne informed the Standard that he attached his signature to the letter prepared for him, under a misapprehension. Ald. Holder recently left the Public Hospital, and being still an invalid has not been able to attend to civic business. He was, however, said, to the city being governed by a Royal Commission, and being given to understand that this was the purport of the resolution passed by the council, he signed the letter in question. He was not opposed, he added, to a Royal Commission to settle the details of civic government after a plebiscite on the system had been taken. Had he been well enough to attend the meeting of the council he would have voted for the resolution.

CLEVER PERFORMANCE BY ELOCUTION PUPILS

With a most pleasing presentation of the three act drama, Rebecca's Triumph in St. David's school room, Miss Emma Heffer's classes in elocution and physical culture closed last night for the season. The production was most artistic, reflecting credit on Miss Heffer and Miss Leach and on the young ladies taking part.

The individual parts were all well played, and a notable feature of the entertainment was that the minor details, too often neglected in similar productions, were carefully attended to.

Miss Louise Lordly gave a clever portrayal of the role of Mrs. Rokeman, Miss Gladys Smith as Meg the Vagrant, handled her role in excellent style. In the title role of Rebecca, Miss Sabra Mahony gave a finished interpretation of a difficult role.

Miss Kathleen Walker as Clarissa an Old Maid, won frequent ovations for her clever work. Graceful in her gestures and taking advantage of the possibilities afforded by her role, Miss Walker gave evidence of possessing a remarkable talent for elocution. The entertainment was attended by a large and appreciative audience. Following is the cast of characters: Mrs. Rokeman, Wealthy Lady—Miss Louise Lordly.

Mrs. Delaine, Nurse and Widow—Miss Mabel Earle. Meg, Vagrant—Miss Gladys Smith. Rebecca, a Foundling—Miss Sabra Mahony. Clarissa, Codman, Old Maid—Miss Kathleen Walker. Dora Gaines, Leader of Girl's Club—Miss Clara Leach. "Our Club" (Jennie, Nellie, Eva, Maria, Sadie)—The Misses Burton, Isaacs, Bauer, Turner, Dick. Katie Connor, Irish Maid—Dora Corbett. Gypsy, Colored Maid—Laura Spence.

Maritime Horse Show. The second annual Maritime Horse Show, which is to be held in the Winter Fair Building, Amherst, promises to be a grand success. The manager informs us that the entries "which are now in" come from all parts of the maritime provinces, and are at most double those of last year. Such classes as carriage and roadster pairs, tandems, ladies' and gentlemen's saddle horses and leapers are well filled, and a very interesting and attractive show is assured. The services of the Springfield band have been secured. As low railway rates have been secured, the event offers splendid attractions for all lovers of good horses.

Private Fire Protection. The terrible fire horror which occurred a few days ago in New York emphasizes the necessity of private fire protection in all buildings. It might be that a chemical extinguisher fire bucket tank, or even a pall of water, if available at the beginning of this fire, could have saved these lives. Anything desired in fire apparatus, either public or private, can be obtained from Frank B. Fairweather, 12 Canterbury street, Phone Main 655.

VICTORIA WARD WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC

Meeting Held in Victoria Rink Last Evening, to Discuss Commission Plan, was Very Poorly Attended.

There was a public meeting in the interests of the commission movement in Victoria ward at the Victoria Rink last evening. Seventeen men and three boys were present, but the proceedings, though harmonious, threw no great light on the problem confronting the city. Owing to the small attendance there were no formal speeches, though there was a short discussion on the advantages of commission rule.

H. B. Schofield was elected permanent chairman of the ward and H. W. Stetson secretary. On taking the chair Mr. Schofield advocated a personal canvass of the voters of the ward to find out where they stood.

J. J. Irvine said the argument used among the railway workers to prejudice them against the commission was to point to the I. C. Railway (commission) and ask them what the commission had done for them.

T. H. Estabrooks said the city commission would be different. The railway commission was not elected, otherwise it might give more satisfaction to the men.

At present, owing to the ward system, they could not get the best results. Two good men might offer in one ward and two undesirables in another. He did not see the advantage of the ward system. Was the ward looked after better because it had a direct representative?

Mr. Estabrooks—it is hard to arouse interest in this movement.

The meeting then proceeded to nominate a ward committee and the following nominations were made subject to the willingness of the nominees, many of whom were absent, to act:

Fred Sullivan, Joe Neal, Geo. Stevenson, Jas. Cooper, R. J. Sullivan, E. W. Stockford, David Ramsay, Geo. Stevenson, Isaac Mann, B. Fowler, James Whelby, William Long, R. R. Patchell, W. S. Clawson, J. S. Seaton, W. C. Bauer, B. Robertson, Thos. Nagle, D. A. Morrow, Capt M Watt, D. Gandy, Albert Linton, John Jamieson, Jas. McLean, John Hannah, J. J. Irvine, R. J. Wilkins, Albert Harris, Theodore Wilkin, B. B. Jordan, LeBaron Wilson, Robert Hayes, Harry Scott, Geo. Kennedy.

A voice—You're getting the names all on one side. The secretary had better hurry up with their nominations.

The chairman—There aren't all Liberals in this ward. The following additional nominations were made: Wm. Stewart, Patrick Martin, B. Jones, Florence McCarty, M. E. Agar, H. H. Pickett. It was suggested that W. S. Clawson and E. N. Stockford be elected vice-chairmen, so as to have the other side of the province, setting forth the advantages offered by New Brunswick to the home seeker from the Mother Land, and the vigorous advertising campaign which is being carried on from the New Brunswick office in London, it is expected that the immigration to the province this summer will be very large.

Mr. Wilmet has had several conferences with the immigration officers of the Salvation Army and it is expected that the Army which sent several hundred people to Nova Scotia last year, will co-operate with the New Brunswick authorities and endeavor to place quite a number of its people in this province during the year. Within the last few days the following newcomers arrived in St. John and were sent to different parts of Albert, Carleton, Kings and Westmorland counties: George E. Dyer, Allan Wood, Edward Paterson, Frank Crutchfield, Henry Hopcroft, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kayes and family, Carlaine Montgomery, William Watson and wife, Frank Ward, Mr. Halland, J. S. Douglas, Alex. Walker, J. and D. Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. J. Graham, Arthur B. Tilley, Ernest T. Gowdy, Albert Adams, A. W. Adams, Gustave Master, James Robertson, P. W. Landymore, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodley, Mr. and Mrs. Reynard, Frank Buton, Albert Christmas.

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SIDNEY TURBILL JAMMED BETWEEN TWO ENGINES

Englishman Employed on C. P. R. at McAdam Badly Hurt Last Night—Brought to Hospital in Special Train.

At McAdam early last evening Sidney Turbill, an Englishman, and in the employ of the C. P. R., was quite badly injured. He was assisting in coaling up one of the locomotives and was caught between the coal chute and the tender of the locomotive receiving a compound fracture of the thigh.

The injured man was placed in a car and a special train was hurriedly despatched to this city arriving here at 10:30 o'clock last night. Dr. Jas. Christie met the train and conveyed the man to the General Public Hospital where the injured were attended on. Turbill is reported to be still in this morning as doing well and unharmed other than the fracture.

GRANITE ROCK DIVISION SELECTS ITS OFFICERS

West End Division of Sons of Temperance Has Had Very Successful Term—New Office Holders Chosen.

Last evening at the regular weekly meeting of Granite Rock Division, S. of T. West Side, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:—B. W. Wilson, W. P.; John Allingham, W. A.; E. S. Hennigar, R. S.; Mrs. Jas. Ross, A. H. S.; Alfred Burley, F. S.; John Lietz, treasurer; Rev. W. R. Robinson, chaplain; Miss White, conductor; Miss B. P. Gallop, A. C. James McG., Campbell, I. S.; Thomas Johnston, O. S.; Mrs. E. S. Hennigar, Supt. of Young People's work; James Jack, P. W. P.

This division had a prosperous quarter. On Tuesday evening next in City Hall, Carleton, it will hold a grand concert, conducted by the sailors from the winter port stevedores. A fine programme will be rendered.

QUESTIONS ASKED OF COMMISSIONITES

Several Interesting Queries Propounded at Dufferin Ward Meeting but Enquirers Got Very Little Information.

The public meeting for the electors of Dufferin ward held in the Socialist hall, on Mill street, last evening, was fairly well attended, about 30 persons being present.

W. A. Stelpee was the chairman, and David Magee and W. H. Harrison were the principal speakers. After they had advanced their arguments in support of the commission plan there was an open discussion in which Geo. Keirstead, Geo. Chamberlain, Thomas Armour, James Morgan and M. T. Cockburn and others took part.

Geo. Keirstead wanted to know why if the aldermen were incompetent the citizens hadn't shown judgment enough to put them out, and get better men.

Mr. Harrison thought it was the fault of the system. Wm. Peterson wanted to know if a charter could not be drawn up before the plebiscite was taken. He said the workmen had been humbugged so many times that he would like to know just what he was voting for. He was rather inclined to favor the commission, but he would like to be sure that the property qualification would be abolished.

Mr. Harrison said the charter committee had come to the conclusion that the drawing up of the charter would be a big undertaking, and that it might take the best part of a year. He thought it would be satisfactory to the workmen when it went to Fredericton, but he could not say what might happen to it there.

After the discussion a ward organization was formed with the following officers: Chairman, W. A. Stelpee; 1st vice-president, Geo. Chamberlain; 2nd vice-president, James Morgan; secretary, Thomas Armour.

"TWO MILE HOUSE" ON MARSH ROAD BURNED

House Owned by Kate Beamish, Two Miles from City, Burned Last Evening—Formerly Well Known Tavern.

Last night fire completely destroyed the old two-mile house on Marsh Road, owned and occupied by Kate Beamish.

The building was a wooden structure on the northern side of the road nearly opposite the Fernhill cemetery gate and the fire had gained such headway when discovered that nothing could be done to check it. The house and the greater part of the contents were totally destroyed and one more of the old landmarks on the road was laid in ashes.

The two-mile house is known to many and at one time was one of the most prominent taverns on the road. Reliable Tires. The Fisk Automobile Tire has proven satisfactory, and at the Montreal show all but two of the machines were equipped with Fisk tires. They can be had from the local branch here, 86 Prince William street, where their representative, Fred J. Doody, will gladly demonstrate their strong points to any who are interested.



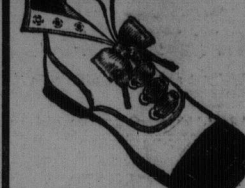
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