

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME:—Light winds, mostly easterly, fair and cool.

Toronto, Ont., May 25.—The weather continues cool and showery in the Western Provinces. In Ontario and Quebec it has been fine and somewhat cooler than yesterday, while in the Maritime Provinces it has been a little warmer.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Min. Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Kamloops, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Moosejaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Chatham, St. John, Halifax, Lower St. Lawrence.

AROUND THE CITY

Committee Did Not Meet. A meeting of the Coronation committee was called for yesterday afternoon, but it did not take place.

Shore Line Tracks Cleared. The Shore Line tracks were cleared yesterday of the wreck which was caused on Wednesday and trains are again running on schedule time.

Examinations in Music. Local examinations in practical music in connection with McGill University conservatorium were conducted in this city yesterday, by Fred H. Blair, of the conservatorium staff.

Outing to Riverside. The junior members of the Natural History Society will go to Riverside tomorrow for their Saturday outing instead of to Dark Lake as announced in the published programme.

The Moulders Are Back. The moulders employed by T. McAvity and Co. who went on strike a few days ago, have returned to work on the understanding that their demand for more pay will be given favorable consideration.

Public Utility Commission. A meeting of the public utility commission was held yesterday, all the commissioners and the secretary being present. Only matters of a routine character were dealt with. The telephone case will be resumed on the 6th of June.

Balloon Ascension. There was another balloon ascension from Wannamaker's last night, the balloon being sent up at 8:30 o'clock. The balloon was captured by Leo Kennedy, Edgar Friars and Albert Ritchie, to whom the prize (\$1.25) was awarded.

The Newport Ready For Sea. Word was received from Supt. Waring of the ferry service yesterday, that the Newport was ready for sea and would sail for St. John as soon as the weather man promised a spell of fine weather. Mr. Waring will accompany the boat on her voyage here.

Left for Coronation. John E. Wilson, M. P., accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, left last evening for Montreal en route to the coronation. They will sail from Montreal on Saturday by the steamer Teutonic to be present at the coronation, after which they will visit Scotland and Ireland, being away about two months.

To Count School Children. Those who will be engaged in the work of taking the census of school children have been chosen by Dr. Bridges and will be notified of their appointment immediately. The enumerators will meet the superintendent of schools on Monday evening next when they will receive instructions regarding their work.

Adjusting Insurance Losses. E. H. Fairweather returned to the city on the Boston train yesterday morning. During his absence he visited Milton, where he adjusted losses caused by fire to the estate of Frank Todd and the Hill estate. In the former the loss is estimated at \$1,500. The loss to the Hill property was about \$1,000. Fairweather also visited New York and Hartford, Conn.

Machinists To Form Union. About 75 machinists met in the Opera House last evening and completed arrangements for the formation of a union. It was decided to secure a charter from the international association of machinists, and to keep the charter open for 30 days. This means that all the machinists entering the union as charter members will be able to come in at the low initiation fee of \$1. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening when machinists wishing to join the union will be given an opportunity to do so. It is said there are about 300 machinists in St. John, which is about the only city of importance on the continent where the machinists have not been organized for years.

MUSQUASH READY FOR ELECTIONS

Conservatives of Musquash No. 2 have Chosen Delegates to Coming Convention and Effected Organization.

The Conservatives of the Parish of Musquash electoral district No. 2 (Dipper Harbor), met on Wednesday and elected Anthony Thomson and John Snider delegates to the coming Conservative convention, and D. H. Mawhinney, substitute. Anthony Thomson was elected chairman for the district, and B. Hargrove, secretary.

Considerable organization work was done, and the parish will, as usual, give a majority to the Conservative candidates.

FISH DEALER WHO REFUSES TO CLOSE

Proprietor of Smith's Fish Market Kept Open Last Night, and will Fight Early Closing Law.

"Open To 10.30," was the sign displayed in the window of Smith's fish market on Sydney street last evening, while the shop within was brilliantly lighted.

J. E. Smith, the proprietor, who was attending to customers, when asked if he had not heard about the bylaw ordering all shops to close at 7 o'clock, said: "This is my busy evening—what Saturday evening is to the butcher—and I intend to keep open for the benefit of my customers. A bylaw closing a fish shop in the evening before fast days is ridiculous, and I don't intend to obey it. If the city authorities want to haul me to the police court, they can do so, and I'll fight the case at every stage of the game. I believe the law is unconstitutional, and can't be enforced. It is a law in restraint of trade, and neither the province nor the city has the authority to pass a law in restraint of trade."

Members of the Early Closing Association when seen last evening said they had no fear of the law being declared unconstitutional, as similar acts have been enforced in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec cities and efforts to have them repealed on the ground that they were in restraint of trade, have come to naught. It was said the bylaw merely restrained competition, which was a different matter from restraint of trade. It was further claimed that the province had just as much right to regulate working conditions in shops as it has in factories.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE HOLD MASS MEETING

Stirring Addresses Along the Lines of Total Abstinence Heard from Prominent Members of the Order.

Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance held a mass meeting last evening in Zion church. The meeting was very enthusiastic and the addresses were listened to with appreciation. A select choir was present during the meeting and rendered an excellent programme. Rev. W. Lawson was heard in a solo, G. W. P. E. S. Hennigar acted as chairman during the evening and delivered a short address. The principal speakers of the meeting were Rev. G. A. Lawson, Most Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance, C. Fraser McTavish, president of the County Temperance Federation, and Rev. W. Lawson, pastor of Zion church.

The address delivered by Rev. G. A. Lawson was an inspiring one and was followed with interest. Tracing the history of the Sons of Temperance from its inception in New York in 1842, the speaker referred to the progress that had marked the growth of the organization. Founded by a few men desirous to help their fellowmen the growth was rapid. When the Civil War broke the ranks were depleted to an extent, but there remained a few to continue the work.

The liquor problem, he said, was not one of recent birth, but it had troubled the minds of men for centuries. The agitation against the traffic was for years left to the Church; temperance had been considered as a problem of religion. Today it is no longer regarded from a religious or moral aspect, but men are viewing the question in an economic light. The demand for the temperate man is growing, even the liquor dealers themselves want as employees abstemious men.

Referring to the licensed saloons, Rev. Mr. Lawson said that as long as the sale of liquor is legalized there is danger; the children are in constant peril of becoming addicted when they grow to adolescence or manhood. It is true that the license system in this city is as good as a system of the kind can be, nevertheless the licensed saloon should be abolished. A destructive character, but also constructive; some substitute should be offered, and this could be accomplished by elevating the intemperates through the bettering of the environments and purifying the social atmosphere.

In closing his remarks he appealed to his hearers to unite with the Sons of Temperance to extend the sphere of the organization's influence, and he urged the members of the division to increase their efforts and not to be a self-satisfied institution content with the success attained.

PERSONAL

A notable personage in the depot yesterday morning between trains was David Bispham, the famous singer, on his way to Sackville where he is the star attraction at Mount Allison closing, together with the Boston Sixtette and Mme Cladius, who were also going through to Sackville.

To Shoppers. On today's shopping tour drop in for afternoon tea at Vincent's, 47 Germain street.

Seat Sale Opens Tomorrow. The seat sale for the great David Bispham concert on June 1st, opens tomorrow morning at 8.45 in Landry's music store.

REV. W. R. ROBINSON CLEARED OF CHARGES

Council Met Yesterday and Completely Exonerated West End Pastor—Capt. Crossley Not Present to Prosecute.

The council called to deal with the charges made against Rev. W. R. Robinson, met yesterday afternoon and evening and the following conclusion was reached exonerating Rev. Mr. Robinson:

"Whereas, Capt. J. H. Crossley has failed to appear against Rev. Mr. Robinson to prosecute the charges which he preferred against him, and "Whereas, The council has made the fullest investigation into the formal charges, and also into the rumors which it was possible to make under the circumstances, by examining all available witnesses and documents, and canvassing the situation from every end possible; and whereas, by unanimous ballot the charges are declared unproven:

"Therefore resolved, that the council unanimously feels Mr. Robinson is completely exonerated from the charges and rumors, and takes pleasure in commending him to the Ludlow street church, St. John West, of which he is pastor, and also to the denomination."

Present at the meeting of the council were the following: Rev. Geo. Lawson, Moderator; H. E. Grass, Rev. B. M. Thomas, Dorchester; Rev. J. B. Ganong, Havelock; Rev. H. H. Saunders, Sussex; Rev. H. G. Kennedy, Woodstock; Rev. J. H. McDonald, Fredericton; Rev. F. E. Bishop, Fairville; Rev. Dr. W. Cadap, Rev. B. H. Nobles, Rev. Dr. Helme, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson and Rev. F. E. Porter of this city; Rev. E. C. Corey, Pettitford; Prof. Kierstead and J. W. Spurdin of Fredericton; E. M. Sippel, H. D. Everett, J. A. Vanwart, Geo. Cranwell, D. H. Clarke, H. Colby Smith, Robt. Freeze, Ald. Kierstead, Wm. Colwell, J. H. Wasson, E. W. Rawley, A. H. Patterson, John F. Ring, Everett Ring, E. Belyea, I. E. Smith, L. L. Sharpe, R. J. Anderson and James Grey of St. John.

In the evening a number of ladies who served luncheon to the council presented Rev. W. R. Robinson with a bouquet of carnations in honor of his birthday.

JURY SCORES CONDITIONS IN COUNTY JAIL

Continued from page 1. Mr. Kelley submitted that the only point for consideration was whether death was due to exposure on March 22nd. He said that the alleged cruel treatment by the guards had nothing to do with his death which, according to Dr. Warwick, was brought on by oedema of the lungs. The guards were equal in authority and what was done was to maintain discipline. The jail was not a place where life can be made too easy for tramps or hoboes. Daniel Mullin, K. C. representing the parents of the deceased gave a strong address. He stated that the prisoners being marched through the streets was inhuman and degrading. The municipality if this is true have failed to make rules and regulations for the guards and prisoners are left to the tender mercy and unfeeling judgment of the guards.

The uncontradicted evidence is that there was a snow storm on the afternoon when McArthur was chained to the post. The others in the gang were permitted at this time to go into the shanty with the guards to get warm.

The evidence of Dr. Warwick in cross examination showed that neglect and exposure was the cause of McArthur's death. He said that exposure wet would produce the conditions found in the young man.

On the 30th of March the young prisoner was sick. Dr. Christie, the physician did not make a diagnosis of the case, but eight days later than the 30th the boy is reported ill by the guards. McArthur had been in the jail from January until the 22nd of March and he was not left off for illness. Guard Bowes gave evidence that McArthur was ill before and after the 22nd of March, but despite this under the command of Guard Beckett McArthur was handcuffed to the post.

The two guards were so far forgetful of their position that they had the young man tied up to a post for several hours.

Mr. Mullin said that he had come to the conclusion that the death of McArthur was caused by exposure on March 22nd by being tied up to a post.

It was a lamentable condition of affairs in the jail; that vermin should be there is horrible. In default of paying an \$8 fine unfortunates are sent to jail for two months and fed on food that Dr. Christie describes as unfit for human beings. The guards have better food and they don't do the hard work that the prisoners do. Guard Bowes said that McArthur was the best worker in the gang, but he was tied up to a post because they said he had refused to work.

The two guards talked about McArthur for a week, and Bowes did not know what to do until Beckett said to tie the prisoner to a post.

Coroner Berryman reviewed the evidence and said then when Dr. Christie found McArthur weak he left a tonic but left no other orders. On April 12th Dr. Christie heard of McArthur collapsing on the jail floor, but he did not enquire how the young man came to be that way. Because a man gets drunk it is not a crime; because he is in jail for that charge it does not follow that he has not a character. On March 22nd McArthur was punished for insubordination; on April 12th he fell in a swoon and was never allowed to leave the jail until he was sent to the hospital where he died, and Dr. Christie, who said he had oedema never made a diagnosis of the case. Dr. Warwick showed that if the man had been exposed it would be the worst thing that could have happened to him.

The case was then given to the jury who brought in the verdict as stated above.



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