

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Gales shifting to westerly and northwesterly, rain, becoming colder at night. Toronto, March 27.—The disturbance which was west of the great lakes last night is now centered in the Ottawa valley, and another of greater intensity is developing near the Atlantic coast. Rain has fallen in Ontario and Quebec and is now extending into the maritime provinces. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson—6, 36. Athlone—12, 31. Prince Rupert—34, 38. Victoria—26, 52. Vancouver—24, 48. Kamloops—26, 54. Edmonton—22, 46. Battleford—22, 50. Prince Albert—10, 26. Calgary—30, 46. Moosejaw—20, 36. Qu'Appelle—18, 24. Winnipeg—20, 30. Port Arthur—4, 14. Parry Sound—34, 42. London—41, 57. Toronto—38, 55. Ottawa—34, 42. Montreal—38, 46. Quebec—28, 42. St. John—34, 38. Halifax—26, 46. Lower Lawrence and Gulf—Gales, easterly, shifting to westerly with rain and turning colder.

AROUND THE CITY

Trades and Labor Council. The trades and labor council will meet this evening in the Longshoremen's hall, Water street, at 8 o'clock. Board of Works Friday. Owing to the absence of Chairman McGoldrick who left for Fredericton this morning, the board of works will meet on Friday instead of this evening. River Fishermen Doing Well. It is stated that fishermen are doing fairly well on the Kennebecasis River. A strip is cut in the ice and the nets lowered into the river. One day last week a couple of fishermen caught 500 gaspereaux. Lecture on the Microscope. Dr. W. Warwick will deliver a lecture on the microscope in the Natural History rooms on Union street, this evening. The lecture which is the last of the popular course for the season, will be illustrated by lantern slides. It will be free to the public. Seaman's Mission Concert. An excellent programme was given before an audience of over four hundred people last night in the Seaman's Mission, Mr. Charleston, of the S. S. Victorian, acted as chairman, and E. Benn made a splendid accompanist. Job Jones delighted the audience with his songs, serious and comic. T. Moor, Mr. Mann and others helped with songs and recitations. C. M. B. A. Meeting. A full attendance of the members of Branch 482 of the C. M. B. A. was present last evening at the weekly meeting held in St. Michael's Hall. Matters of importance to the members were dealt with. Three new members were initiated. The number of members enrolled to date is in the vicinity of 60 and several have expressed their intention of joining. The Teamsters' Union. A meeting of the teamsters' union was held last evening in the Pressmen's room, in the Opera House, when 110 members signed the roll. The following officers were elected: President, J. E. Fisher; secretary, D. Gibson; trustees, A. Clarke, A. Seelye. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3. The new schedule of \$5 for double and \$3 for single teams goes into effect on April 1. To Watch City Bills. Ald. Willet, Ald. McGoldrick and Recorder Baxter will go to Fredericton today in connection with bills affecting the city's interests. It is expected that N. B. Hydro-Electric Company's bill will come before the committee and the city representatives will endeavor to secure some guarantee that the city will be able to determine the conditions on which the company will have access to its streets. False Alarm "Bug" Was Cool. It is hoped that the culprit who sent in the false alarms from the new fire alarm box 144 on the corner of Main and Harrison street, will be brought to justice. Sunday night, after he had sent in the alarm, he was seen standing near the box until he saw the hose wagon approaching from No. 5 station, and then he made his way towards Douglas Avenue. The keys has been taken from the box and keys have been distributed to the stores and dwellings in the locality, and no more false alarms are expected. St. John District L.O.L. Entertainment. The social reunion on Wednesday evening the 23rd inst, under the auspices of the St. John District L. O. L., promises to be one of the best yet held in the Orange hall, Germain street. Grand Master B. H. Thomas will be present and address the lodge. Addresses will also be given by J. B. M. Baxter, Col. A. J. Armstrong, Geo. E. Day, P. E. Heins and other members of the order. Musical and literary numbers will be rendered by the Pythian male quartette, S. C. Matthews, E. W. Bonnell, G. D. Davidson, W. J. Hambury, and others. The members of the order are invited to attend. The Alexandra Minstrels. In the Alexandra Temple of Honor hall, Main street, last night, a minstrel performance was given by the members of the Alexandra Temple of Honor. The object of the entertainment was to help to decrease the debt on the building. A large number attended, taxing the seating capacity of the hall, and the performance was an unqualified success. The minstrel part of the entertainment consisted of the usual solos, and witticisms, the four end men, J. Bond, A. Bailey, W. Devaney, and W. Estey, kept the audience amused. The chorus were well sung, the voices blending sweetly. The soloists were F. Dykeman, R. D. Zell, W. McEachern, H. Taylor, and H. Dykeman. The olio consisting of duo trio, quartettes, monologues, and step dancing, was thoroughly enjoyed. A sparkling one-act farce concluded the entertainment, which will be repeated tonight.

FIRE MATTERS DEALT WITH

Board of Public Safety Transacted Considerable Routine Business at Last Evening's Meeting—Leases of Lands. The monthly meeting of the public safety board took place last night and there were present Chairman Vanwart, Aldermen Potts, Sproul, Jones, McLeod, Scully, Chief John Kerr of the fire department, Engineer Murdoch, Director Wisely and Common Clerk Wardroper. The session was a brief one, lasting less than an hour. As a result some leases were recommended to be granted. Another fire horse will be purchased and the West Side fire department will have two horses on the ladder truck, instead of one, as at present. Firemen who have been appointed on the Coronton contingent, will be granted leave of absence while away, and the chief's action regarding all firemen in the southern division attending all alarms in that section was endorsed. Chief Kerr announced to the board that some of the members of the fire department had been chosen on the Coronation contingent and his suggestion that they be granted leave was quickly granted by the board. Engineer Murdoch submitted a plan of the property in the South End occupied by the Imperial Oil Company's tanks and spoke about a communication from Messrs. Bullock asking him to define a line showing the boundary between the banks and the shore, as the company wished to build more tanks. It was decided that the matter be referred to a committee composed of the chairman, and Aldermen Potts and Sproul and the engineer. James G. Harrison sent in a communication regarding property on Manawagonish Road, owned by the city. He asked that a price be placed on 85 acres. Ald. McLeod moved that the communication be filed. Ald. Potts said that he thought some consideration should be given, and moved that the communication be laid on the table until the lots are surveyed. The latter motion was carried. A communication from Miss Bessie E. DeVoo with reference to a lot of land adjoining No. 1 Fire Station, stated that she was going to sell the property, and if the city wished to purchase, she would let her know. The director stated that it was a 40 foot strip of land and that the city needed a place to store their fire apparatus, and that \$1,000 had been placed in the estimate for the erection of a building for the purpose. The lady had stated she wanted \$800 for the land. On motion of Ald. Potts, the chairman and the mover were appointed a committee to interview Miss DeVoo regarding the property and report back to the board. It was recommended that Policeman Fred L. O'Neill be granted four days half pay for time off on account of sickness. Sergt. A. Hastings was also recommended for three days half pay for time lost on account of sickness. While Policeman George Tolter was recommended seven days full pay for time lost owing to injury received while arresting John Robinson who resisted arrest. On motion of Ald. Scully it was recommended that Jeremiah Sullivan be granted a renewal of a lease for two lots Nos. 474 and 475 in Brooks ward. The Director stated that Samuel Muller asked for a grant of ten feet more on a lot in Prospect street, and that R. H. McEwen asked for a grant of 60 feet of the same lot. It was recommended that the latter get 50 feet and Muller the 10 feet at 60 cents a foot, as the lot was only 60 feet in all. F. E. Williams asked for a lot in Brooks ward which he wished for the purpose of putting a sewer through from his property on Queen street. He offered eight dollars for the privilege. On motion of Ald. Scully the recommendation was complied with. The Parish of Lancaster presented a plan of land in Fairville, and asked that they be allowed a right of way to put a sewer through a city lot. On motion of Ald. Potts a committee consisting of the Director and Aldermen Scully, McLeod and Engineer Murdoch were chosen to look into the matter. A communication from L. G. Crosby regarding lots on Courtenay Bay was on motion of Ald. Potts laid on the table. Salvage Corps No. 2 requested half a dozen new bells for the members houses, and it was recommended that the request be complied with. Director Wisely stated that it was necessary for a two-horse hitch for the truck and team be changed from No. 6 station to No. 7 station on Queen street. Chief Kerr also stated that this was necessary, and on motion of Ald. Jones it was recommended that a new horse be purchased and the change be made. Chief Kerr stated that he had a meeting with District Engineers Blake, Brown and Jackson, when it was suggested that all firemen in the city proper attend all bell alarms in the south end. At present, the chief stated, that the North End firemen had to attend all alarms in the North End, and that members of Ladder Company No. 1 attended all alarms in the southern part of the city. He recommended the suggestion of the district engineers be complied with, and the Board voted that the action of the chief be confirmed. The meeting then adjourned. Gasoline is not at all dangerous if kept in the proper cans as sold by Frank R. Fairweather 12 Canterbury street. These by an ingenious valvular arrangement, automatically close when not in use and evaporation is impossible. This absolutely does away with all risk in handling this dangerous explosive, as well as preventing waste. Sold in all sizes, Frank R. Fairweather, 12 Canterbury street, St. John, N. B.

CITY HALL WAS NOT BESIEGED

Taxpayers did not Fall Over Themselves in their Eagerness to Pay Taxes and Have a Vote. Although the voting lists for the civic election have not been made up yet, it is estimated that practically one half the taxpayers will be disqualified from voting through their failure to pay their taxes in time. Yesterday was the last day for the citizens to pay up and get their names on the voting list, but City Hall was not besieged by citizens anxious to have a say in the government of the city. The chamberlain stated that the number of people who have paid up their taxes is practically the same as last year when out of 12,400 taxpayers, only 5,000 qualified as voters. No doubt, if this failure of so many of the people to obtain the right to exercise the franchise is due to indifference it is rather deplorable and somewhat of a reflection upon the culture of the people as a whole, and if it is due to the hard times which the secretary of the Associated Charities says have prevailed during the winter, then it is even more deplorable.

LADIES WORK FOR JUVENILE COURT

Local Council will Ask Legislature to Aid in Procuring Legal Authority for Proposed New Tribunal. A meeting of the executive of the Local Council of Women was held at the King's Daughters' Guild yesterday, at which progress was reported in connection with the drafting of a bill to establish a juvenile court at St. John. Final arrangements were made for the opening of the arts and handicrafts exhibition in the Natural History rooms this afternoon. A special meeting of the council will be called in a few days to consider the draft of the juvenile court bill and it is hoped the local legislature will consent to waive the usual 30 days' notice and pass the bill this session. Halifax now has a juvenile court and the ladies of St. John are of the opinion that this city cannot lag behind the rival winter port even if it is necessary to drive a coach and four through the regular procedure of the legislature. The executive will give all possible aid to Miss Catherine Campbell, secretary of the Canadian Handicrafts Guild and help her to organize a branch in St. John. The ladies are reforming their council and making some changes in the constitution.

YOUNG MAN HELD ON THEFT CHARGE

Passenger on S. S. Lake Manitoba Arrested for Stealing £11 from Fellow Passenger, will be Deported. There were busy times at Sand Point yesterday morning when the C. P. R. liner Montrose and Lake Manitoba, both from Liverpool, landed 2,122 passengers. Among the passengers on the Montrose was Fred Kearsley, one of the best long distance swimmers in the world. On the Lake Manitoba was a young man named Spencer who was accused of stealing £11 from a fellow passenger, and was placed under arrest on the arrival of the ship by Sergt. Finlay. Spencer, who is a bright looking young fellow of about 30 years, confessed to the theft, saying that when the opportunity offered to take money from the compartment proved too strong for him. He is detained at the immigration sheds and will be deported.

WILL SHOW IMPORTED HORSES AT AMHERST

A. H. Thompson will Exhibit Pure Bred Horses, at Amherst and Fredericton, Before Selling Them. A. H. Thompson will send his two last importations of pure bred horses to Amherst to be exhibited at the show which opens there on April 4. From there they will be taken to Fredericton where the mares will be sold at a public sale on April 12. It is the intention of Mr. Thompson to dispose of the stallions by private sale. Mr. Thompson has been ill and confined to his residence on Germain street for some weeks. Owing to the expense of moving his horses about for exhibition purposes, he does not expect to make anything out of the sale of the horses he recently brought over, but hopes to do something to interest the maritime provinces generally in the advisability of importing pure bred stock. He has sold a bay stallion foal to John Tweedie, of Earnscliffe, P. E. I. Dr. J. M. Barry has been called to Melrose, Westmorland Co., by the illness of his mother, and will leave this morning on the early train.

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