

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, May 9.—Pressure is highest tonight over the South Atlantic States and relatively low throughout the western and northwestern portion of the continent. A few light falls of snow or rain have occurred today in Southern Ontario, elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair, and for the most part, quite mild.

Forecast. Maritime—Moderate to fresh southwesterly to southerly winds; fair and mild.

AROUND THE CITY

DELEGATES FROM FREDERICTON. Delegates from Fredericton attending the Social Service Council are Mrs. John Harvey and Mrs. N. C. Docherty from the Women's Institute and Miss Service Council of the Capital, Miss Cooper, representing the Children's Aid Society, and Miss Weddall from the King's Daughters.

SAND POINT ACCIDENT. George Kingston of 201 Brussels St., a C. P. R. trucker, was painfully injured Monday night at No. 6 shed, when a truck overturned during his work. He was taken to the emergency hospital, where first aid was rendered and then to the General Public Hospital for X-Ray examination.

LANCASTER FIRE. A house on Beaconsfield avenue, Lancaster, occupied by Martin Wilcox, was slightly damaged by fire yesterday morning from a defective fuse. An alarm was sent in from the West Side, but owing to the absence of fire plugs and the impossibility of running hose the department did not turn out.

COPY OF JUDGMENT. The Board of Trade has received from the Board of Railway Commissioners copy of its judgment on the application of the Canadian Freight Association, authorizing the railway companies to publish and file charges for the use of heated refrigerator cars on the basis of 1 1/2c. a mile with a minimum of \$2. in addition to the regular freight charges.

NOTHING FOR PUBLICATION. A private meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks lodge No. 1237, was held last evening in the Temperance Hall, West St. John. J. A. Belliveau, the Grand Lodge representative, announced after the meeting that he had nothing to give out for publication. It was announced in the advertisement that the subject of the meeting was action upon the C. P. R. officials refusing to meet brotherhood representatives asking for a hearing.

North End Fire Caused Damage

Residence of A. Beckingham, 154 Main Street, Badly Damaged Last Night—Portion of Floor and a Partition Torn Out Before Blaze Was Extinguished.

An alarm from box 123 was rung in about 10.30 o'clock last evening for a fire in the residence of A. Beckingham, 154 Main Street. The fire was first noticed by Mrs. Beckingham. She notified Arthur McKinnon another tenant, who sent in the alarm. Some difficulty was experienced by the firemen in getting at the blaze and it was not until a large portion of the floor and a partition had been torn before the fire was extinguished. How the fire originated is not definitely known but it is believed to have started from the stove pipe as the wall at the rear of the stove was where the blaze started and confined. With the exception of the floor and wall being partially destroyed no other damage was done, and the all out signal was given about half an hour later.

RECI-TAL. Recital by Mrs. Sturkow-Ryder, pianist, and Finlay Campbell, baritone, under the auspices of the St. John Society of Music, St. Vincent's Auditorium, Monday, March 15, 8 p.m. A limited number of tickets for non-members may be had at Nelson's book store, King street, at \$1 each.

"Oil Heaters," P. Campbell & Co. Mrs. Isaac M. Cowan, of New York City, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Eugenia, to Norman Herbert Behrens, of New York, the marriage to take place at an early date.

MUSICAL MATINEE. Drop in at the Imperial theatre at 4.45 tomorrow and hear the Empress of France Band play popular music solos by Miss Fenton and Miss Knight. Proceeds for the Y. W. P. A. Admission 25 cents.

HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT HAS FRIENDS IN CITY COUNCIL

Com. Bullock Suggests City Should Ask C. P. R. to Abandon Proposed Bridge at Falls and Help Build Harbor Bridge—Mayor Hayes Said He Had Discussed Project With Mr. Hanna of C. N. R.—Com. Fisher Instructed to Bring in a Report.

The Harbor bridge project found advocates at the meeting of the City Council yesterday afternoon. A letter was read from the C. P. R. saying that it would be impossible to alter the grades of the proposed bridge at the Reversing Falls so as to obtain a level crossing on Douglas Avenue, but pointing out that it would be possible to divert Douglas Avenue several hundred feet to the eastward, and then have the railway tracks removed from the highway. A letter was also received from the Railway Commission, saying they would look into the suggestion of both the city and the C. P. R. Commissioner Bullock said enquiries should be made to find out if the proposed new bridge at the Reversing Falls could be abandoned, and the money put in a new bridge across the harbor. People were clamoring for a harbor bridge, and it would be needed anyway for transportation purposes in connection with a harbor belt line. If the bridge was not absolutely necessary, the C. P. R. might find it profitable to have a harbor bridge some day.

Mayor Hayes said he had discussed the harbor bridge question with General Manager Hanna, of the C. N. R. The Government's roads plans for St. John had not arrived at a point where Mr. Hanna was prepared to make an announcement, but it looked as if the question of a harbor bridge was bound up with the appointment of a Harbor Commission. Mr. Hanna said it was important for the C. N. R. to have access to the West Side, even when they got their own terminals here. But he apparently was not greatly interested in being left under obligations to the C. P. R., who control the railway facilities on the West Side. Commissioner Bullock submitted his annual report, which refers to the

THREE SHIPWRECKED CREWS WERE IN THE CITY YESTERDAY

A Total of Eighteen Men Arrived from Liverpool and Left for Their Homes in Newfoundland—Belonged to the Wrecked Schooners A. V. Conrad, Associate and the Ruth Hickman.

No less than three shipwrecked crews were in the city on Monday enroute to their homes. While in the city the men were given shelter in the Seaman's Institute for which they are duly pleased and before leaving on the train yesterday expressed themselves as very thankful for the kindness that was extended them while in St. John. The schooner A. V. Conrad a British schooner of 147 tons of St. John's Newfoundland was wrecked twenty-nine days out from Cadiz, Spain with a cargo of salt on the run to her home port. The crew were all saved by the Italian Steamship Gazeta and were landed at Naples. The crew was then sent to London on the steamer Ormondo where they took train for Liverpool and came to St. John on the Steamship Empress of France arriving here on Monday. The five men of the crew are in charge of Freeman Anderson the mate or the vessel. The schooner Associate was wrecked off the coast of Newfoundland and the crew was picked up by the steamship Toulon and was carried to La Havre France. From that port the crew crossed to Southampton and thence to Liverpool and from there they were placed on board the Steamship Empress of France arriving here on Monday. The crew consisted of five men and were in charge of Dougal Reid the mate of the schooner. The schooner Ruth Hickman was a British schooner of 377 tons and loaded in this port about eighteen months ago for Durban where on her arrival she picked up a cargo for Buenos Ayres. She sailed for Queenstown, Ireland for orders and was wrecked on the way, about seven miles from the Fastnet. All on board were saved by the British Destroyer Arsenal who later transferred them to the destroyer Tangent which carried them to Queenstown. From there they were shipped to Liverpool and came to St. John on the steamer Scandinavia. The crew numbered eight men. In all three cases the seamen had most trying experiences and were only saved after much hardship and narrow escapes from death. The men all left yesterday by train and as they belong to Newfoundland will be sent home.

YOUNG HALIFAX GIRL WAS BADLY INJURED BY RUNAWAY

Many People on King Street Shocked Yesterday Afternoon—Effie Pond and Little Brother Struck by Team—Young Lady Taken to Hospital Badly Injured—Family Awaiting Her Recovery.

A distressing accident occurred near the Canadian National ticket office, at the corner of King and Germain streets, yesterday afternoon at about 3.30 o'clock, when Effie Pond, the seventeen-year-old daughter of George A. Pond, of Halifax, was knocked down by a runaway horse and thrown some fifteen feet, striking against a fire hydrant. It was evident to bystanders from the first that the girl's injuries were serious. Her father was the first to reach her side as she lay groaning on the side of the road. Willing hands hurried to his aid, and the young lady was tenderly picked up and borne to the Royal Pharmacy. She was conscious at the time, and cried out not to touch her back, as it pained. The ambulance was summoned and conveyed her to the General Public Hospital. Owing to the serious condition resulting from the bad shock, it was found impossible to give her a thorough examination. In the X-ray that was taken no bones were found to be broken, although the girl's condition was considered serious, and she was suffering considerably. She has been placed under a stimulating treatment, and will be given another examination today. Her condition last night was considered not encouraging. In conversation with a Standard reporter, last evening, her father stated he left Halifax with his wife and

Clergyman Talks Of Newspapers

Says Pulpit, School, Law and Press Are Shapers of Public Opinion—Meeting of Women's Auxiliary of Trinity Church—Canon Armstrong Preached Inspiring Sermon.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Trinity church branch of the Women's Auxiliary was held yesterday in Trinity church school room. At the morning session, with the president, Mrs. L. P. Harrison in the chair, Mrs. Thomas Walker, the deaconess president, addressed the meeting on the general work of the Women's Auxiliary. It was announced that the mite box returns netted \$206, the thank offering amounted to over \$60. Various reports were read and the meeting adjourned.

In the afternoon Canon Armstrong said that the record of the Auxiliary's work during the year was most gratifying, the increased membership and the enthusiasm shown by all being especially worthy of note. Election of officers resulted. President, Mrs. L. P. Harrison; re-elected; first vice-president, Mrs. H. H. Pickett; second vice-president, Mrs. P. G. Knowlton; third vice-president, Mrs. L. McAvity; corresponding secretary, Miss Annie Scammel; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. MacCord; treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Fisher; treasurer emerita, a day and mite boxes, Mrs. C. Regan; domestic secretary, Mrs. A. W. Golding; literature secretary, Mrs. Heber Vroom; leaflet secretary, Mrs. J. H. McAvity; Junior superintendent, Miss Josephine Betz; baby's branch secretary, Miss May Harrison.

Mrs. H. H. Pickett was elected as delegate to the diocesan annual meeting, which will be held April 27-29. Miss Annie Scammel was elected substitute. Mrs. L. P. Harrison outlined the year's work which had been most satisfactory. Rev. Gordon C. Lawrence, of Hampton, spoke on the value of the press. Public opinion, he said, was educated in four ways: by the pulpit, the school, the law court, and particularly by the press. He insisted on the importance of every family having a good paper, and urged the auxiliary to make more use of this medium in their work.

The report of the Young Women's Guild was read by Miss Josephine Betz. In the ten half hour interesting dialogues entitled, "My Jewel Box," was given by Constance Cowan, Frances Peat, Annie Bell, Beatrice Ward, Rita Goring, Morris Trott and Elsie Bell. Miss May Harrison, the Junior superintendent then read her report, and the meeting closed with the National Anthem and a prayer by the Rev. D. H. Loweth.

F. L. Potts, M.L.A. On Paved Streets

Member for St. John Gives Out Some Pointed Facts in a Very Short Interview on Matter in Question.

While speaking to The Standard last night on the paving question Mr. Potts said:—"People tell you that the City Hall, F. L. Potts, M. L. A., said his views on the matter was as follows:—"The property on a paved street worth more than twenty per cent of the value of the street? Raise your land and property assessment on the street you pave to cover its share of improvement, you have all the legislation you need to do this and can go ahead at once without idling eight more years with fads." In conclusion of this interview Mr. Potts said:—"People tell you apply the special tax, then raise their property value for assessment, also water assessment because you pave the streets."

PLANS OF ENTERTAINMENT. The matter of the entertainment of the visiting parliamentary delegation was brought up by the mayor after the committee meeting in the city hall yesterday morning. He said that he had been asked if the city would entertain the delegation, and the visitors be asked to be the guests of the city on Saturday night at dinner at the Union Club. It was decided to leave the whole matter in the mayor's hands to take any action he considered fitting. It was pointed out by them that the visit of these public men would be of great advantage to the city.

ST. DAVID'S ORGAN RECITAL. The Inauguration Recital of the new organ of St. David's Presbyterian church having been postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. Huggan, the date has now been fixed for Thursday evening, March 18th.

The reputation Mr. James H. Shearer, A. R. C. O., R. C. M. holds as a recital organist is such as to insure an inspiring evening and to show the capabilities of this modern organ, the last word in organ construction by Messrs. Casavant & Freres, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

Mr. Shearer will be assisted by Miss Blenda S. Thomson, contralto, and Mrs. T. J. Gunn, violinist.

Mr. Pond and his sorrowing family were called to their daughter's bed-side during the evening, as her condition was considered very critical at the time. Mr. Pond said that on later examination at the hospital three ribs were found to be fractured.

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