

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 23.—The weather has been quite fair and calm today from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in the West it has been rather cold, with light snow in many places.

AROUND THE CITY

STEAMER SAILS.—The Furness-Wyke steamer Corah Point sailed for Antwerp shortly after midnight.

A CLEAN SHEET.—The police court was an unusually quiet place yesterday, as there were no prisoners to appear before the Magistrate.

AN APPOINTMENT.—The appointment of William Patrick Delahunt, Mail Transfer Agent, St. John, effective September 1st, 1919, was gazetted.

RECEIVED SAD NEWS.—Officer Richard Hogg of the local police force recently received the sad news of the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. George Hogg, and infant daughter of influenza in Winnipeg. His brother, George Hogg, had a very narrow escape from the same fatal malady.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—Secretary Armstrong received a letter yesterday from a publisher in Minneapolis who is getting out Guide Books for tourists. He wanted information as to the hotels, resorts and attractions of St. John and the province, and this was supplied.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.—George Carvill yesterday received from the Building Department the permit applied for four years ago for permission to erect a garage. The permit is for construction according to the original plans. Mr. Carvill said he did not know how soon he would begin work.

SERIOUS INJURY.—A. C. Jardine suffered serious injury yesterday morning when he cut his hand with an axe while chopping kindling. Tendons in the back of the wrist were severed so that Mr. Jardine had to be taken to the General Hospital where he underwent an operation.

INSPECTOR D. A. R.—Grant Hall, vice-president of the C. P. R. left yesterday morning on the S. S. Empress for Digby. He was accompanied by James Stewart, chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, and F. O. Fowler, another member of the wheat board. They intend to have a run over the D. A. R. prior to returning to Montreal.

THE MARSH FLOODED.—For more than 200 yards, the Ashburn road, near the Three Mile House, was under about four feet of water yesterday. The froebel yesterday carried away the bridge connecting the main road with the latter farm on the marsh and deposited it some 150 feet down stream.

ARRESTED LAST NIGHT.—John C. Berry was arrested last evening on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was taken to the police station and held overnight.

LOOKING FOR JOHN STOTHARD.—The Postmaster is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Maggie Goudie, 61 The Hand, Bonlogie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, asking information of John Stothard, who she says lived on Duke street and worked in the post office. The Postmaster has no knowledge of any employe, past or present, by that name, and will be glad of any information to give Mrs. Goudie.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.—An accident with serious consequences was narrowly averted on Mill street yesterday afternoon when the melting snow caused a long strip of road to fall from one of the buildings to the street below. The first warning to passers by was the noise of a screeching crack as the board hit the pavement and broke into several pieces, just missing two or three pedestrians by a few inches.

A VIRTUOUS YAMP GOING TO GET THEM.—The Imperial set, aside the picture "Fair and Warm", booked for today, to run Constance Talmadge's latest hit "A Virtuous Yamp"—truly the cutest snappiest and funniest picture of the kind in existence. It will suit every body, but will especially create a mild sensation among business girls and men. For a motion picture to make an Imperial set this picture is found to hang up a new laugh record. Clear comedy, nothing risqué.

COMMISSIONERS WIELD AXE ON "CITIZENS" PAVING BILL

Decline to Hand Over Their Job to Public Utilities Commissioners, But Give 60 P. C. of Abutters Opportunity to Hold up Paving Projects—City to Bear Extra Coat of Providing for Through Traffic—Nearly Back to Present Local Improvement Act.

That when the city council deemed it expedient to pave a street under the local improvement tax principle a petition representing 60 per cent of the abutters may kill the project; that abutters shall pay one-third of the cost, subject in cases where not more than 20 per cent of the abutters are in favor of the project to a reduction determined by the difference between the cost of providing suitable pavement for through traffic and pavement that would be suitable for a street not required for through traffic, and that the bill shall not go into effect until a plebiscite of the citizens approve it, were the principal features of the bill adopted by the city commissioners meeting in committee last evening.

Approaching Glymphus

One section of the suggested bill provided that when the city council decides it is expedient to pave a street, 60 per cent of the abutting ownership if dissatisfied, may present a petition, asking to be heard.

Com. Fisher—The council always gives hearings. No need to put that in the Act.

Mayor—You cannot tell what kind of a council we may have in future.

Com. Bullock—What becomes of the petition?

Mayor—It is provided further along that the petition is to be referred to the N. B. Public Utility Commission, which will take evidence and decide the issue.

Com. Jones—I don't see why we should refer the matter to the P. U. Commission.

Mayor—It is as put in for the protection of the property owners.

Com. Fisher—it would only be a case of a street. I think it is only a matter of time.

Com. Jones moved that the section providing for an appeal to the P. U. Commission be stricken out.

After this it was agreed that a petition representing 60 per cent of the frontage would kill a city project to pave a street.

The bill provides that abutters may extend payments over 15 years for granite pavements, at interest of 5 per cent, or pay up the whole amount at once.

In regard to sidewalks, curb and gutter, abutters are asked to pay one-third the cost.

No change is made in the position of the street railway. It pays \$5,000 per mile. Com. Fisher said this was largely taken up extra cost of concrete under sleepers.

Mrs. Fisher

Com. Fisher said there would be serious delay if we had not had the contractors to their tenders. He thought they should proceed with the paving, and not bother about a plebiscite.

Com. Thornton was still opposed to the whole principle of the bill; the abutters should not have to pay a plebiscite.

The bill will still have to pass the council before it can be sent to Frederick.

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Those Opposed To The Abutters' Tax

Douglas Avenue and East End Property Owners Expressed Their Views at Meeting in King George School Last Evening.

The tax payers and property owners of Douglas Avenue and other sections of the city opposed to the Abutters' Tax, held a lively meeting in the King George School last night and organized a campaign to be completed on in preparation for the plebiscite to be taken in the coming civic elections in April.

The meeting decided to watch closely the progress of the bill for taxing abutters and are fully organized and prepared to follow it up closely.

A number of East End property owners were present at the meeting, and expressed themselves as fully prepared to work in union with those of Douglas Avenue and fight the Abutters' Tax.

Some of those who spoke last evening were J. Fraser Gregory, John Russell, A. D. McDonald, R. C. Elkin, H. L. MacGowan, of Douglas Avenue, E. Walsh, Blanchard Fowler, James Clayton and Edward Farren, of the East End.

It was stated at the meeting that the protesting property owners and taxpayers appointed by the "noble seven" to discuss both sides of the question, and that they would accept the compromise or have anything to do with a committee. The meeting thought that the seventeen could have approached the mayor before approaching the council.

Others expressed the opinion that the rate payers of Douglas Avenue should be prepared to pay for the extra cost of paving their street, provided the traffic was diverted to the Strait Shore Road, and the avenue not as now, the main artery for all traffic to and from West St. John and Fairville.

It was stated at the meeting that funds raised through a general assessment and by the Provincial Government in the same way as the pavement on the bridge across the Falls is done. It was also noted that the New Brunswick Power Co. were entirely free from taxation and were not called to pay a single cent towards the paving of Douglas Avenue.

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Murray Miles The Victim of Accident

Son of Mrs. F. D. Miles, Main Street, Was Fatally Injured in New York Elevator Yesterday—Died After Being Taken to Hospital.

Mrs. F. D. Miles, of 168 Main street, received a telegram yesterday afternoon conveying the sad news of the death of her son, Murray, which occurred in the Bellevue Hospital, New York, following injuries sustained in an elevator accident. The first telegram received was to the effect that the young man had been badly injured, and this was followed later telling of his death.

The news was received with a shock not only by the unfortunate young man's mother and other relatives, but to a wide circle of friends in the city, where he is well known.

The deceased was only twenty-three years of age, and, besides his mother, he leaves a wife, formerly Miss Margaret Rice, of West St. John; also an infant son, Miss Marion Miles, a student at Mount Allison Academy, Sackville, is a sister. Miss Bronie Thomson, of 168 Main street, and Mrs. George P. Harding are aunts, and Charles W. Thomson, inspector of fish, is an uncle.

No information regarding the accident was received by Mrs. Miles other than mentioned above.

Murray Miles was born and resided in the city all his life, until about two months ago, when he moved to Boston. It was only a week ago that he went to New York on business, and while there became the victim of a fatal accident.

FREE KINDERGARTEN. The Free Kindergarten Association gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

W. F. Hatheway, \$100; T. McEvity & Sons, \$50; T. H. Estabrook & Co., \$50; DeMonts Chapter, I. O. O. F., \$25; E. A. Schofield, \$25; Mrs. Charles Miles, \$20.

WILL HEAR DELEGATION. The City Council will hear a delegation from the Commercial Club on Thursday morning, who want information as to what the city is prepared to do in the way of attracting new industries.

W.C.T.U. Regular Meeting Yesterday

Will Give Entertainment in Boys' Industrial Home—Will Greet Delegates to World's Conference—Disapprove of Ladies and Girls Smoking.

Arrangements to give to the Boys' Industrial Home to give the boys there an entertainment and treat were made by the members of the W. C. T. U. at their meeting yesterday afternoon held in Orange Hall.

Mrs. David Hipwell, president, and after the singing of a hymn the prayer read Matt. 12, giving a helpful talk on this Gospel chapter. Mrs. H. N. Lawson led in prayer and a collection was taken for missions.

Mrs. Seymour told of visiting the West Side hospital with Mrs. George Cowell and testified to the kindness of the nurses and the pleasure expressed by the forty-six inmates. Fruit and Scripture text cards were given to the patients.

The corresponding secretary was asked to send flowers and notes of sympathy to several members of the Council who are ill.

Twice a year the W. C. T. U. visits the Boys' Industrial Home and at yesterday's meeting the Easter-tide visit was planned to take place next week. It was decided to meet in a body and greet the W. C. T. U. delegates to the World's Conference as they pass through St. John.

Some discussion regarding the growth of smoking in St. John among ladies and girls was held, and deep disapproval of this habit was expressed.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hanselbacher, reminded members that the 9th of May is "Anti Narcotic Sunday." Banners and quateries with facts regarding the harmfulness of the use of narcotics will be distributed in the Sunday Schools of the City.

The corresponding secretary was asked to forward to the proper authorities the resolution passed by the Union favoring Mother's Pension.

Mrs. H. Humphrey moved a vote of thanks to the President of the entertaining the Union at the Perio meeting held recently, and to Mrs. Seymour for the excellent programme which she prepared for that occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory have returned home after a lengthy trip to New Orleans, Phoenix, Arizona, San Diego, Pasadena, Los Angeles, Monterey, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Victoria and Vancouver.

Mr. Durand of Montreal, is expected to arrive in St. John at noon today, to take over the great going-out business now being conducted by The King Square Sales Company.

Mr. Durand is a salesman and advertiser of national reputation. It is expected his announcement in the papers tomorrow will contain some real-estate information for the residents. His ability needs no further demonstration to establish his rank as a live issue for St. John.

The manager of The King Square Sales Company has just received several invoices from various firms with which he placed large orders before he decided to sell out his business and live in California. The proposition that faces Mr. Durand, therefore, is of goodly proportions.

Lighting System? P. Campbell & Co. NEW ARRIVALS AT F. A. DYKEMAN'S. The new style purses with double tops in Tan, Amethyst, Black and Myrtle, at \$3.25. The New Barrel Shaped Vanity Bags in same colors at \$5.50. Narrow Patent Leather Sport Belts in many colors, 50c and 95c. Hyster Manufacture Sets at 50c to \$1.50 per box. Very pretty designs in printed Vellon, Tampo, Copenhagen, Gray, Old Rose, etc., 40 inches wide, \$1.20 and \$1.30 per yard. Unusually attractive Gingham Dresses with embroidered Collars and Cuffs at \$3.75 and \$4.95. Silk Camisoles in plain silk and Dresden \$1.50 to \$1.65. Niagara Maid Glove Silk combinations at \$6.95. Jap Crepe Kimonos, satin trimmed, colored silk embroidered fronts at \$4.95, and Jap Crepe Dressing Jackets in Mauve, Blue, Pink and Tan, embroidered and silk trimmed, very special at \$2.95.