

THE WEATHER.

Fresh winds becoming variable mild and showery. Toronto, Ont., Jan. 26.—The western disturbance is now centred over the State of Michigan while the Atlantic disturbance is moving towards the Maritime Provinces. Rain and snow is falling in many places of Ontario tonight and rain has been general today in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Elsewhere the weather has been fine. The temperature is everywhere above the seasonal average.

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Forecast for New England: Cloudy with light rain and warmer Thursday followed by clearing in south portions; Friday, fair, moderate to brisk south and southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Transferred to Halifax. Mr. J. M. Heisler of the C. P. R. passenger department at West St. John, has been transferred to Halifax and left last evening to assume the duties of his new office. Mr. Heisler has made many friends while in St. John who will be sorry to learn of his departure.

Will Transfer to Victoria Hotel. It is stated that Mr. William O'Keefe, has secured the bar privileges of the Victoria Hotel and will transfer his fixtures from his saloon on Union street to the hotel, opening for business on May 1st. Mr. O'Keefe is one of the shareholders in the Victoria Hotel.

Signs Of Spring. The warm weather of the past few days is hastening vegetation in a way that is not looked for at this time of year. Rev. LeBaron W. McKel of Fairville, yesterday picked a sprig of lilac in his garden, the buds of which had started to come out. He also picked a pansy plant that had one flower in full bloom and another in bud.

Settlers Quickly Placed. Seven Scotch domestic and a farmer and his wife, who arrived on the Donaldson liner, N. York, were quickly placed yesterday by Mr. A. B. Wilmot, superintendent of immigration. Three of the girls remained in St. John while the others were sent to Rousesay, Hartland, White's Cove and Chipman. A position was found for the man and his wife on a farm in York County.

\$700 Raised For Seamen's Mission. Excellent progress is being made by the committees appointed by the different churches in their campaign to collect money for the building fund of the Seamen's Mission. Although only a few of the collectors sent in their reports yesterday enough was collected to move the hand on the large clock on King street to the \$700 mark. Hon. R. R. McClellan visited the mission yesterday and inspected the work. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the progress being made and incidentally left an additional \$40 towards the building fund. An interesting and enjoyable concert was given in the Institute last evening by members of the crew of the Allan Line S. S. Hesperian. There was a large attendance and the programme was much enjoyed.

Address Postponed. Owing to the indisposition of Mr. W. Frank Hatheway, M. P., the address that was to have been given by him last evening at the opening of the Liberal-Conservative rooms in the Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street, had to be postponed, much to the regret of the many friends of the party, who were present. Mr. Thos. Kichham presided at the meeting and after it was learned that Mr. Hatheway would be unable to speak, a meeting of the executive of the association was held at which a number of important matters were considered. It is probable that Mr. Hatheway's address will be given on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Next Wednesday week the members of the R. L. Borden Club will hold a meeting in the rooms.

Scotch. A party of Scotch immigrants who had landed from the steamer Athena and who were celebrating their arrival into the land of hope, by an indulgence in "Scotch" caused considerable amusement in Union Depot last evening. One of the party got out a violin and began playing lively Scotch airs. This was the signal for a dance in which the party joined. Highland flings, Scotch reels and various other Highland dances were enjoyed while an interested crowd of spectators looked on. The dancing did not terminate until after the train had started and several of the party were left behind. While the dancing was going on outside, all was not peace and harmony in the car. There was a small sized riot over the possession of seats which finally terminated in one of the party having his face badly cut by one of the party who claimed that he had stolen the seat from him.

The Man with a Crushed Hand. About ten o'clock last night pedestrians on Canterbury street were startled by a loud crash and looking in the direction from whence the sound came, noticed a man who had evidently jumped from the top of the high fence which is below the Palmer building on the corner of Princess street almost a height of 20 feet. He landed on the sidewalk with much force and though apparently dazed, staggered to his feet and rushed along Canterbury street. A Standard reporter who was passing at the time noticed that the man had sustained serious injury to his right hand, which appeared crushed. On enquiring of the stranger how he had sustained the injury he replied that he had been standing on the sidewalk and that a rock had fallen on his hand. He refused to have a doctor called to his assistance and would not give his name, stating that he was in a hurry to get home. He went in the direction of Chipman's Hill. The police are of the opinion that the man had been in the Palmer building for no good purpose.

SPRINGHILL STRIKERS GO TO WORK AT SALMON HARBOR

Mr. Fred Shaw, President Of The Canadian Coal Company in The City Yesterday, Tells Of Recent Developments At Mines—Progressive Policy Of Provincial Government Will Result In Tidy Surplus On Central Railway.

Striking Nova Scotia miners peacefully at work in New Brunswick mines well satisfied with their lot is a healthy sign and this is what Mr. Fred P. Shaw, president of the Canadian Coal Corporation, which has a large plant at Salmon Harbor, reported in an interview with a Standard reporter last evening. Mr. Shaw arrived in the city yesterday on a search for additional men and will return this morning accompanied by several Scotch immigrants who were sent to him by Mr. A. B. Wilmot, superintendent of immigration. "On Monday," said Mr. Shaw, "I brought 45 miners from Springhill, N. S., and they are now at work and appear to be perfectly satisfied. They are intelligent hard working men and as far as I could find out they asked nothing unreasonable in respect to the wages we have offered. They are comfortable quarters and we would only be too glad to have 500 more such men. "We believe in giving the natives of the province the first chance and have filled the responsible positions with New Brunswickers, but being unable to secure enough residents of this province we applied to Mr. Wilmot and he sent us in some Scotch miners who have proved very satisfactory. "We need a great many more however, and plan to have 350 men at work altogether. A permanent boarding house which will accommodate 150 men has just been completed. "The Out put. When asked as to the total output of the mines, Mr. Shaw said: "We have been turning out three cars a day and next week expect the product will be five cars a day while the week after if we can get the men the output will be about doubled. One miner can pick out at least two tons a day and with 350 men at work this will mean an output of 700 tons a day or something over \$10,000 a year. "We feel certain of shipping 100,000 tons during the next year and this means on the basis of the present freight rates an income of \$55,000 for the Central Railway. "In an interview with the commissioners today, I was informed that the commission of cars was relieved by the addition of another engine to the rolling stock of the line and that the government would be asked at the next session to provide a new engine of larger make. "Profit to the Central. "As the increased cost of operation will not exceed \$10,000, our operations mean a clear profit for the railway of \$45,000. The royalty to be paid to the government on this quantity of coal will be \$10,000. There does not seem to be any prospect of exhausting the mines as we have located fully 50,000,000 tons. If we ever reached to 1,000,000 tons a year this would still permit operation for fifty years. "Asked with reference to the quality of the coal, Mr. Shaw said there was a mistaken impression that it took a large quantity of the Grand Lake coal to keep a fire. "We have in our employ," he said, "skilled firemen whose sole duty it is to keep in touch with our customers and technical tests, and in every instance the coal we produce has proved to be better than the Nova Scotia coal. "Good Quality Coal. "The market is both here in St. John and in other parts of Canada to the westward. The coal is free-burning, lasting coal and its best characteristic is that it will not give good results if it is wasted. I mean by this that it should not be fired too heavy or too often, then it will not clinker and will be found to be of the very first grade. "Mr. Shaw also announced that the head office of the company has been moved from New York to St. John and that a suit of rooms in the Pugsley building had been engaged. The assistant treasurer of the corporation had arrived to take charge and the bookkeeping will also be done here.

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RIVER STEAMSHIP CO'S DISCUSS MERGERS

Meeting Of Directors And Managers Held Last Evening— Proposition To Unite Seven Steamers Under One Management Favorably Considered—Question Of Valuation Still To Be Agreed Upon.

A meeting of the directors and managers of four out of the five companies owning the St. John river steamers was held in the office of Messrs. Curry and Vincent, last evening, to discuss amalgamation. The proposition was favorably considered but owing to the absence of Capt. Wasson, representing the May Queen S. S. Company, who is not in the city, no definite action was taken. Those present at the meeting were Mr. J. Willard Smith and Mr. Wm. Bruckoff, representing the Star Line S. S. Company; Dr. L. A. Curry, representing the John River S. S. Company; Mr. D. J. Purdy, representing the Crystal Stream S. S. Company and Mr. R. S. Orchard, representing the Majestic S. S. Company. It is understood that there was a general feeling in favor of doing away with the keen competition which has prevailed on the river for many years. The importance of all the steamers being under one company to control the rates was recognized. The point which yet remains to be decided is the question of valuation. The seven steamers were purchased and after a full discussion it was decided to meet again at the call of the chairman, Mr. J. Willard Smith. The seven steamers on the river which would be effected are the Victoria and Majestic of the Star Line; the May Queen, owned by the May Queen S. S. Company; the Sincennes, owned by the Crystal Stream S. S. Company; the Elaine and Hampstead, owned by the St. John River S. S. Company; and the Champlain owned by the Majestic S. S. Company.

BERRYMAN'S HALL TO BECOME MOVING PICTURE THEATRE

F. G. Spencer Secured Long Lease Yesterday—Extensive Improvements Planned— Labor Unions To Vacate.

Berryman's hall, which has long been the meeting place of labor union, and political organizations, passed last evening into the hands of Mr. F. G. Spencer, who has secured a lease for a long term of years and will at once remodel the building into an up-to-date moving picture and vaudeville theatre. The second floor on which are situated the rooms used for political gatherings, etc., will be converted into a large auditorium and the present theatre on the third floor removed leaving only a gallery. With standing accommodation, the new amusement house will hold an audience of 900 people. The stores fronting on Charlotte streets will be removed and a wide entrance placed in the front of the building. On the side opening into the alleyway exits will be opened up. Equipped for Vaudeville. While it is said to be Mr. Spencer's intention to conduct a high class moving picture show, he will also equip the theatre with the necessary appliances for vaudeville in case this class of entertainment becomes the vogue with St. John theatre goers. Mr. Spencer also announces that he has secured 100 feet in the rear of the building and will extend the building to that extent. The two theatres

WILL WAGER \$500 HOWARD D. TROOP CAN BEAT DEFENDER

Owners Of Veteran Pilot Boat Offer Odds Of 3 To 2—Rivals Ready To Take Up The Challenge.

Can the pilot boat Defender outstrip her veteran sister the Howard D. Troop? This seems to be the all absorbing question in the south of the city at the present time. Ever since the purchase of the Defender as the latest addition to the pilot fleet by Messrs. Murray, Sherrard, Spears and Miller, about three months ago, and the subsequent declaration of Capt. Marphy, from whom the schooner was purchased, that he felt confident she could show a clean pair of heels to any of the fleet, much speculation has arisen over the respective sailing merits of the boats. The rivalry reached a climax on last Sunday morning when the boats had their first brush, sailing out of the harbor. The race was witnessed by a large number of spectators and from the shore it could not be ascertained which of the craft had the better of it. Both sides claimed a victory. The Challenge. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Bart Rogers of the Howard D. Troop called will be run in conjunction and as a part of Mr. Spencer's circuit, which now includes ten theatres in the Maritime Provinces. The Berryman's Hall building will probably be known as the New Orpheum.

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