

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Moderate variable winds fine stationary or a little high temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

A Life Subscription. Dr. G. G. Melvin, secretary of the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, has received with thanks the receipt of \$20, a life subscription from Mr. Geo. McArthur.

N. B. Military Veterans. The officers and managing committee of the N. B. Military Veterans will meet this evening at the secretary's office.

D. A. R. Excursion Tickets. The Dominion Atlantic Railway will issue Easter excursion return tickets at one way first-class fare good on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 24, 25, 26 and 28, 1910, good returning up to and including Wednesday, March 30, 1910.

First of the Season. The first baseball accident of the season occurred yesterday afternoon when 15-year-old Alex. King of St. James street was hit in the forehead by a pitched ball and rendered unconscious. He was carried to home where he recovered in a short time.

A Practical Demonstration. At a meeting of the New Brunswick Merchant Tailors and Cutters Association to be held next Monday evening in the Royal Hotel sample rooms, Mr. Wm. Higgins will demonstrate the cutting and making of a sack coat. Mr. Higgins is a member of the New York Tailors & Cutters Association.

A Slight Fire. About 8 o'clock last evening the fire department responded to an alarm from box 63 for a fire in one of the out buildings of Peters' tannery. A liquid composition for curing leather had ignited in some mysterious manner. The blaze was extinguished without doing much damage.

The Protest Against Press Rates. Mr. Richard O'Brien, managing director of the St. John Globe, will leave for Ottawa this evening and will attend a hearing before the Railway Commission on the protest of newspaper publishers against the proposed increase in the Associated Press rates.

St. Stephen's Mission Band. The supper held in St. Stephen's church school room last evening under the auspices of the Young Women's Mission Band, proved very successful. The hall and tables were artistically decorated for the occasion and a large number were in attendance.

Y. M. C. A. Social Evening. The Y. M. C. A. will give the first Saturday night social of the season this evening, when the seniors will be entertained in the main reception rooms at eight o'clock.

Virginian Sailed Yesterday. The Allan R. M. S. Virginian, Capt. Vipond, sailed for Liverpool via Halifax yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock with a large general cargo and 100 passengers.

Running Full Blast. Busy Scene at Factory of A. E. Hamilton Ltd - Many Improvements Since Fire-Contracts Finished On Time.

A visit by a Standard reporter to the new plant of A. E. Hamilton, Ltd. yesterday afternoon, found a thriving industry flourishing where less than two months ago there was only a blackened ruin.

The greater portion of the machines in the main building are now running. Three or four made to order for Mr. Hamilton by the manufacturers in Galt and Preston, are expected to arrive today.

Next week work will probably be started on the stock room and paint shop which may be built to three stories. An elevator is to be erected between the buildings in order to raise the lumber to the second floor.

Mr. Hamilton said last evening that he was considering the adoption of the sprinkler system as the best means of protection.

The firm has been completing all contracts on time since the fire. The Holder building in Carleton, the new C. R. repair ship and the C. P. R. freight shed at Fregues Isle, Me., 280 feet long are some of the contracts which have been completed and Mr. Hamilton also expects to finish the work on the Daniel building at the head of King street on time.

Millinery Opening at M. R. James', 280 Main street, Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22.

GIBSON-MINTO RAILWAY AFTER FOUR LONG YEARS

Fred. P. Shaw Looks for Great Development of Grand Lake Coal--Prepared to Guarantee 100,000 Tons a Year.

A despatch from Fredericton yesterday gave the interesting news that application would be made at the present session of the legislature for the incorporation of the Gibson and Minto Railway Company, with a capital of \$25,000 and authority to connect the New Brunswick railway with the I. C. R. near Gibson.

The railway is being built for the purpose of developing the Grand Lake coal areas and a definite decision has followed, it is said, and agreement by the C. P. R. to take annually a large amount of coal, which after several tests they have found useful for commercial purposes.

Mr. Fred Shaw, president of the Big Six Coal Corporation, with headquarters at Salmon Harbor, Grand Lake, when interviewed last evening, said he knew nothing as to the identity of the promoters of the company, but he believed that the road would be profitable and would prove to be profitable.

He could speak for the Big Six Company and the Canadian Coal Corporation that the two concerns together would be willing to guarantee the new company 100,000 tons of coal a year to haul over the line. The Big Six Company were developing property along the line of the proposed road and had already laid half a mile of rails in this direction.

Now making preparations to sink a shaft. He believed the new line would greatly improve the traffic on the Central and aid materially to the operation in the Grand Lake district.

TEMPERANCE QUESTION

Miss Muskat and A. M. Belding in Spirited Debate--Competition or Drink the Cause of Poverty?

Miss Muskat and Mr. A. M. Belding crossed swords on the temperance question at the meeting of the Socialists held in McLean's hall, last evening, and judging from the tenor of the discussion at the close of the debate, the comedy lass from the land of the car found the weak points in the armor of the local champion of the theory that drink is the main cause of poverty.

At any rate she appeared to have a majority of those present on her side. Mr. J. F. Taylor occupied the chair and there was a good attendance of both sexes.

Mr. Belding in a very effective speech argued that poverty was induced by drunkenness, and supported his contention by a number of pertinent illustrations of the effect of drink upon the individual. He contended, would cure most social ills.

Miss Muskat declared that the system of competitive industry was responsible for poverty and that drunkenness, instead of being a cause, was merely a complement of poverty. Prohibition had failed to cure either drunkenness or poverty. Socialism, she argued, would cure both, because they were equally symptoms of a diseased system of society.

If the Government took over the liquor traffic it could soon abolish drunkenness. The great evil of the present system was that liquor dealers, who wanted profits, had a direct incentive to increase drunkenness. The Government would have no such incentive and could make regulations that would prevent men from becoming drunkards.

Among those who took part in the discussion that followed were D. King Hazen, Rev. J. Hunter Boyd, J. W. Eastwood and P. Hanson.

A TRIP THROUGH CHINA

Interesting Lecture by Rev. Dr. Bond in Centenary Last Evening - Views Showing Interior of Country.

Rev. Dr. George J. Bond, formerly editor of the Halifax Wesleyan and the Toronto Guardian, delivered an interesting lecture on the missions in China and Japan before a large attendance meeting held in the school-room of Centenary church last evening. Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., occupied the chair, and in introducing the speaker, paid an eloquent tribute to the work of the Women's Methodist Missionary societies in the Orient.

Dr. Bond, who two years ago visited the missions in China and Japan, gave a brief description of the Yangtze River, and the house boats, propelled by oars 30 feet long, used to navigate it. In ascending the river these boats sometimes took a month to make a journey of 500 miles, though they could return with the current the same distance in a few days.

After giving a vivid description of the conditions of life in Western China, where there is little intercourse with the outside world, and the population so dense that there are 1700 people to every square mile, the speaker stated that the Methodists had the best mission field in Western China, and went on to describe at some length the good work being done by the women both in China and Japan.

The lecture was illustrated by views of scenes on the Yangtze River, including views of the famous rapids, the principal gorges and bridges. A series of interesting pictures of pagodas, missionary hospitals, rice fields, and other features of Chinese life were also shown.

In concluding Dr. Bond promised to take his audience on a trip through Tibet on another occasion. A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. F. Murray and seconded by Mr. W. E. Earle was tendered the lecturer.

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NETTER FOUR LONG YEARS

Groom From Saskatoon and Bride From Scotland United Here Yesterday--Leave Today for Prince Rupert.

Four years separated by 6000 miles of land and water, two faithful hearts which beat as one were linked yesterday by the marriage ceremony performed at the residence of Rev. A. A. Graham.

On the Maritime express which arrived yesterday at noon was Mr. J. B. F. Melville, of Melville, Saskatchewan, registered at the Royal When the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain arrived at Salmon Harbor, Grand Lake, name as Miss Isobel McCollum, of Bonshaw, Scotland, took supper at the hotel with Mr. Melville. A little later, with Mr. Thomas Reynolds, head clerk of the Royal, the two called at Rev. Mr. Graham's residence and the nuptials were performed.

Mr. Melville is a native of Scotland and has been in the west for four years operating at Melville for the G. P. R. He has been transferred to Prince Rupert. The happy couple will leave for their new home today.

VALUE OF EXPORTS TO U.S.

New Brunswick's Contribution Estimated by American Consul Between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 Yearly.

The total amount of exports from New Brunswick to the states, according to figures furnished by the American consulate at St. John, represent a value of somewhere between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 a year.

In 1908 the American consul at St. Stephen invoiced exports to the value of \$300,000; Moncton shipments amounted to \$600,000 and Campbellton's to \$800,000. St. John exported in the states last year commodities to the value of \$2,265,000, not including something over a million dollars worth of lumber cut in Maine.

St. John shipments during 1909 were much higher than in 1908, the aggregate for last year being over \$5,000,000. As shipments worth less than \$100 are not invoiced, and there is a considerable border trade, it is not improbable that New Brunswick's total exports to the states approached \$6,000,000.

New Brunswick's per capita exportation to the states is somewhat higher than the average for Canada as a whole.

GASPE AS WINTER PORT

Jas. McKenzie Says St. John Needn't Lose Any Sleep--Scores Lemieux for Hoodwinking the Electors.

Mr. James McKenzie, of Gaspe, Quebec, president of the Gaspe Lumber Company, and a large salmon exporter, was in the city yesterday on his way to Boston. Asked by a Standard reporter regarding the scheme to make Gaspe Basin the winter port of the Dominion Mr. McKenzie was not enthusiastic over the outlook. "We Gaspe people," he said, "have not the time to dream about the future possibilities of being the national winterport of the Dominion. We are satisfied for the present if at last we can attain our long needed want of railway communications."

"For the past 12 years the postmaster general who is Gaspe's representative, has hoodwinked the electors with various promises of better means of communication, rail or otherwise, and many other improvements but the only thing accomplished has been the expenditure of thousands of dollars in the erection of small wharves and breakwaters at points along the coast, where they were inaccessible to ships of any size."

"Gaspe a winter port," is conceded by those familiar with Quebec politics as merely a political dodge. We have the finest natural harbor on the world, but the prevalence of ice along the coast would make it rather dangerous as a regular port. St. John need not lose any sleep over the possibility of Gaspe supplanting her as the national winter port of the Dominion."

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BROKE SEASON'S RECORD

Empress of Ireland in Port After Quick Passage--Had Several Well Known People On Board.

The Empress of Ireland, Capt. J. V. Forster, arrived off the island yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock, from Liverpool via Halifax and dropped anchor until 4 o'clock when she came up and docked at No. 3 berth. The liner crossed the Atlantic by the long southerly route and broke all records between Liverpool and Halifax this season. Had she not encountered a dense fog during the last forty eight hours of the voyage a new record for the southerly course would have been established.

The Empress left Liverpool at 8.30 p. m. on Friday, March 11, carrying 1491 passengers, 120 saloons, 461 second class and 910 steerage. She had a heavy mail consisting of 1,584 sacks and 476 packages of parcel post. The trip across to Halifax was made in 5 days, 23 hours and 40 minutes.

Among the third class passengers were a party of 70 Salvation Army people in charge of Envoy T. Burr. They were bound for the west to settle on farms.

Among the saloon passengers were Mrs. Bosworth and Miss Ruth Bosworth, wife and daughter of Mr. G. M. Bosworth, fourth vice-president of the C. P. R., and Mr. Percy Merritt, ex-purser of the White Star liner Ad. Esquimault. Mr. A. P. Appleyard, general freight agent for the C. P. R.

In London; Lieut. Col. Ernest Hutson, of the Indian medical service going to Appenic, B. C.; Ron. John Gordon, an ex-English M. P., bound for Winnipeg and Rev. J. A. Logan who had been touring the world lecturing on Canada. Mr. Logan gave two interesting lectures on board.

Mr. F. Watson, formerly of St. John, was also a passenger. He left here with the first contingent for South Africa and afterwards went to the Yukon. Mr. Watson left on the second train for Winnipeg. Six special trains carried the passengers west.

Another saloon passenger on the Empress was Mr. O. B. Bush, the one armed speed skater, of Vancouver, who left here a month ago to represent Canada in the European championships held at Helsinki, Finland. He also skated in other championships in Europe.

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