

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh to strong north-westerly winds, fair and cold. Toronto, Mar. 23.—The disturbance mentioned last night is over Newfoundland this evening and the weather has cleared in eastern Canada. Cold weather has prevailed from the lakes region to the Maritime Provinces, while in the west it has been mild with maximum temperatures of over 60 in parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. A rather pronounced disturbance is moving over the western provinces. Victoria—44, 50. Vancouver—46, 50. Kamloops—42, 54. Edmonton—30, 54. Prince Albert—14, 48. Calgary—34, 62. Moosejavi—26, 60. Qu'Appelle—22, 42. Winnipeg—16, 38. Port Arthur—12, 30. Pelly Sound—8, 18. London—21, 30. Toronto—19, 27. Ottawa—12, 20. Quebec—16, 24. St. John—26, 30. Halifax—30, 38. Lower Lawrence and Gulf—Strong north-westerly winds; fair and cold.

AROUND THE CITY

Knight's Natural B. T. Soap. Will Test New Fire Boxes. Boxes 57 and 144 of the fire alarm system will be tested at 9 o'clock this morning.

Prayer Beads Found. A string of prayer beads found on Union street yesterday, was handed to the police and can be obtained by the owner calling at central station.

Elks' Smoker Tonight. The Canadian Order of Elks will hold a smoker tonight in their building on Charlotte street and an excellent programme has been arranged. Any visiting Elks men who are in the city are invited to be present.

Russell Rutherford's Condition. Russell Rutherford, the C.P.R. brakeman, who was so badly injured at Fredericton Junction, is in a critical condition at the General Public Hospital. His relatives were at the hospital early this morning and his death is hourly expected.

Child in Critical Condition. The condition of Ruby Morehouse, the little girl who was so badly injured in Louis Cohen's tailor shop, Tuesday afternoon, is reported as unchanged at the General Public Hospital, early this morning. There is great fear that the little girl will die of her injuries.

Dinner to Dr. A. A. Lewin. A few of Dr. A. A. Lewin's friends tendered him a dinner at W. E. Newcombe's, Clairmont House, Torryburn, last night, and a few hours were most pleasantly spent. Dr. Lewin was presented with a gift of remembrance during the evening. Dr. Lewin leaves next week to take up his residence in Welsford.

Hod Carriers Meet. A meeting of the International Hod Carriers and Builders' Union was held last night in their rooms in the Opera House. There were about a hundred present at the meeting. The president of the organization, Michael Sullivan, occupied the chair. The question of enforcing the Union scale of wages was discussed by the members, and it was decided that beginning from May 1st the rate of wages would be two dollars per day.

The Grampian Arrives. Allan Line steamship Grampian arrived off Partridge Island last night about midnight from Halifax, and came up to her berth at the West Side early this morning and landed 250 second cabin and 250 steerage passengers. The rest of her 1,500 passengers landed at Halifax. The Grampian holds last year's passage travel record, carrying on one trip, 1,706 passengers. The steamer had a fine trip across the Atlantic. On board were a party of 50 farm laborers under the care of the Salvation Army.

WHITE STAR LINERS MAY COME TO ST. JOHN

Assistant General Manager of Line in City, Last Night, Says They May Come to This Port.

"The White Star Line is greatly interested in the development of the trade between Canada and Great Britain," said P. V. Mitchell, who has been appointed assistant general manager of the line with headquarters at Montreal after April 5, in a reporter at the Royal yesterday. "The two big boats we put in the Canadian trade some years ago, have done well, and our faith in the possibilities of the Canadian trade is shown by the fact that we are putting the Teutonic on the St. Lawrence route this summer. The Teutonic is a boat of 10,000 tons and has been running between New York and Southampton under a mail contract with the British government. This summer we will have the two big new boats running to New York, and so are able to spare the Teutonic for the Canadian service. "St. John will be a great shipping port before many years, and I don't think too much can be said about the possibilities of Courtenay Bay. It will cost a great deal of money to convert it into a harbor and equip it with shipping facilities, but I think the money will be well spent. When the Grand Trunk Pacific comes here, there is bound to be a great increase in the trade of the port. "Mr. Mitchell said his visit here had no special significance as he had come on from New York to consult with the agents of the line. Asked whether the White Star boats were likely to come here in the future, he said his company had a close working agreement with the Grand Trunk and that with the development of Canadian trade it was quite possible that the boats would come here sometime in the future.

Spring millinery opening, Miss Florence Pyne, 67 Broad street, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 24 and 25.

CIVIC MATTERS DISCUSSED AT MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT

D. F. Pidgeon and Miles E. Agar Spoke on Commission Movement, and Alderman Potts Discussed His Land Tax Plan—Audience Listened Attentively, But There was No Enthusiasm.

At the meeting held under the auspices of the trade and labor council, last evening, D. F. Pidgeon and Miles E. Agar, spoke on the commission movement and Ald. Potts advocated the adoption of the land tax in force in Vancouver. The speakers were listened to with close attention, but there was no enthusiasm shown. A telegram was read from Commissioner Bennett, of Cedar Rapids, in reference to his letter published in The Standard, which said that the commission movement was not rampant in Cedar Rapids, and that in spite of the dishonesty of one commissioner, he was a strong believer in the virtues of the commission form of government. Walter Allingham presided, and in opening the meeting announced that it had been called under the auspices of the trade council.

D. F. Pidgeon was the first speaker. He said letters had been appearing in the papers opposing the commission movement, and purporting to be written by workmen. He thought the sentiment of the workers was favorable to the commission.

He then gave a sketch of the history of the commission movement in Galveston, but neglected to mention that the Galveston commission had \$2,000,000 to start with, voted by the Washington government. In St. John, the movement was originated by the advertising committee of the board of trade, who had obtained satisfactory reports from 110 cities where the commission obtained. A man on a train had congratulated him on being a citizen of such a progressive city as St. John.

Turning to the commission plan, he said you could not get good men to fill the positions for nothing. The commissioners would be treated as employees and paid to be on duty from 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Continuing, he said it had been arranged through the instrumentality of the labor representatives that any workman should be eligible for election to the commission, if he could get 25 men to sign his nomination papers. Maybe he might be thrown out at the second election, which was designed to overthrow cliques.

The present aldermen, he said, were absolute. They could do as they pleased. One of the most disgraceful things he knew of was the fact that eight aldermen had asked for the appointment of a royal commission to frame a charter under which civic affairs should be run. These eight aldermen would find themselves at Fredericton up against a solid wall of citizens. To get an ordinary plebiscite bill passed the citizens' executive would have to send a special train to Fredericton, but if necessary they would take a dozen special trains.

He said that they did not blame the aldermen, but the system, under which according to one of the aldermen, the city did not get 5 cents value on the dollar expended. A. E. Agar said there had been a great deal of fault-finding with the present system, and it was felt that an improvement in the system was needed. The present system was a very old one, designed to meet conditions that had long since passed away. Men who had attained middle age had too many personal interests to give much attention to civic affairs, and the present aldermen often had a very superficial knowledge of the

places were forced to close and at the present time there are but three licensed saloons in the village. Lodges were formed at Westford, Welsford, Musquash and Armstrong's Corner. After some time No Surrender changed their quarters to what was known as the Old Temperance Hall.

On May 8th, 1892, Fairville was swept by fire and the hall was burned. The lodge then met in the present Orange Hall until the lodge secured a lease of land and erected the present hall.

In August, 1909, the mortgage was burned by Sister Finlay, an energetic worker, and David Burgess and the lodge was free of debt. Electric lights were installed as a gift from Brother Robinson.

At one time No Surrender was the banner lodge of New Brunswick and now it is seventh on the list with a membership of sixty in good standing.

Parlor Concert. Last night a parlor concert under the auspices of the Women's Aid Society of St. Andrew's church, was given in the residence of Judge Forbes on Wellington Row, and proved a grand success. About 125 persons were present and the different numbers given were highly appreciated. The programme included a piano selection by Mrs. S. K. Scovil; vocal solo, Miss Ethel Creighton; vocal duet, Miss Dorothy Creighton and Miss Ethel Creighton; piano solo, Miss Margaret Sterling; vocal solos P. T. McKean; Mrs. F. C. MacNeill, Mr. Kingswell, F. C. MacNeill, reading, Mrs. George Horton. At the close of the programme those who took part in the concert were entertained to a luncheon.

Acknowledgement. The management of the Seamen's Mission desire to acknowledge the sum of \$75 from Capt. Murray, R. M. S. Empress of Ireland, per Purser Fishwick, being proceeds of concert held on last westbound voyage.

Will Meet Tonight. All members of the Kings ward committee who are working for the civic committee, are requested to meet tonight, at 8 o'clock, at their rooms, German street.

Despite the fact that all the buildings in the Old City are of stone and their fire departments are of stone, we notice that every firm, manufacturing plant, store, or concern of any consequence, have their own private fire protection. How much more important is it that in this country of wooden buildings, we should be studiously prepared? Call or ring up P. R. Fawcetter, 12 Canterbury street, St. John, N. E. Phone number, 652, at once.

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A List of Bargains for Friday Selling

Friday is considered somewhat of an off day for shopping. These prices are to stimulate your desire. A large lot of Herca Taffeta Silk worth 75 cents a yard to be cleared off Friday, at 29 cents. The colors are white, cream, three shades of brown, myrtle green and light blue. There are sufficient quantities in any of the above colors for full dresses. Dress Materials, A variety of black goods including all wool serges at 25 cents a yard. Colored Dress Materials at 29, 35 and 37 1/2 cents a yard. Many in this lot worth as high as 75 cents. Silk Spotted Weavings, white ground with colored woven silk spot, regular 55 cents quality, Friday's prices 27 1/2 cents, double width, two yards make a waist. Fancy Elastic Belts, regular 20 cents quality, Friday's price, 19 cents. Children's White Wool Mittens, 10 cents a pair, regular 20 cent quality. Wide Lace Insertion 3 1/2 inches, a very fine Bourbon lace, large pattern, regular values up to 30 cents a yard, Friday's price, 15 cents. Bargains in Ladies' Skirts, all wool panama of a nice fine quality, made in the very latest style, navy and black, regular \$5.75, Friday's prices, \$4.25. Frilled Curtain Muslin, A large lot of it on the counter for quick selling at 10 cents a yard, 27 and 30 inches wide.

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