

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Moderate winds, generally fair with stationary or lower temperature.

Toronto, Feb. 22.-Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast and to the northward of Lake Superior, while a moderate disturbance is centered over the south.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, etc.

Around the City

S. A. New Quarters. The new quarters of the Salvation Army in Britain street, now approaching completion, will be formally opened on Tuesday next, March 2.

Found. The police report finding a lady's glove on Charlotte street and a gentleman's rubber on German street.

Remembered Fellow Pupil. One of the pupils of the Rotheray Collegiate School, E. C. Scovill, who has enlisted with the third contingent, was presented by the masters and boys of the school with a wrist watch.

Assault Case. In the Police Court yesterday afternoon two brothers named Garnett were charged with assaulting a man named Calbe in one of the warehouses at Sand Point last week.

Important Property Purchase. H. P. Hayward, who recently returned from Montreal to take up his residence in St. John, has purchased F. G. Spencer's new house on Princess street.

Presentation to Soldier. At the residence of Commissioner Russell relatives and friends of George E. Spinney, of Hordfield street, a member of D Company, 26th Battalion, met last evening in Mr. Spinney's honor.

Not a "Murder." There was some excitement around the head of Long Wharf, North End, last night when the sharp report of a revolver shot was heard.

Firemen at Drill. The members of the fire department turned out strong at their regular drill last night. A squad of about sixty fire ladders were on hand and for over an hour they were under the command of instructor Atchison.

PERSONAL.

A. E. O'Leary, chief game warden of the province, was in the city yesterday. H. W. Woods of Welsford, M.L.A., was at the Victoria yesterday.

Ladies' Assn. St. John Golf Club. The annual meeting will be held at the Club House on Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p. m.

DIED.

ROBINSON - At St. John on the 20th inst. George A. Robinson, aged seventy-one years.

ASSESSMENT FOR ST. JOHN FIRMS

City Commissioners did not find out about the assessment in Stanley Ward, but will ask Legislature to compel property owners to file plans of lots.

The information which the city commissioners requested from the city assessors concerning the assessment of Stanley Ward and the vacant lots in other parts of the city was not forthcoming at the meeting of the commissioners yesterday afternoon.

The meeting had been called as a result of questions asked by Commissioner Potts at the last meeting of the council and Mayor Frink promised to have the assessors present yesterday to impart the answers to the questions.

Engineer Murdoch was summoned to the council chamber and told the commissioners that the North End street survey was now being carried on only defined street lines and the property facing on the streets.

The meeting was called to order as a committee with Mayor Frink in the chair and Commissioners Potts and Russell with the assessors present.

Commissioner Potts-"Cannot you tell us what system you use in Stanley Ward and what each lot pays?"

Mayor Frink-"There should be maps of the streets with every vacant lot shown, and I am going to see that you get it."

Commissioner Potts thought that the head of the department should have asked for these maps before.

Commissioner Russell-"You have referred to King street merchants not paying enough. If they paid any more some of them would have to go out of business."

Commissioner Russell thought that would kill the bill in the legislature. Commissioner Potts pointed out that the poor man was hit now but the rich man should be made to give an account of his property.

There was some discussion as to the big firms paying on full valuation. The matter of the street survey was brought up and Mr. Sharpe was in doubt as to information secured by the survey of the north end as directed by the city engineer.

Engineer Murdoch then came into the room and in answer to the Mayor said the survey would show the street lines and the property abutting on the streets, but would not give the different lots, etc.

The resolution to prepare the bill to compel property owners to file plans was then passed with Commissioner Russell against it.

There was further discussion of the methods employed by the assessors. Mr. Lantulum said he could go into a dry goods or grocery store and size up the amount of stock quite accurately.

When asked by Commissioner Potts if he did not think he should have the authority he refused to answer.

Commissioner Russell thought the assessment law was good enough as at present. Mr. Sharpe then said he couldn't understand why any change should be made at present.

Commissioner Potts-"I cannot you tell us what system you use in Stanley Ward and what each lot pays?"

Mayor Frink-"We do not keep the assessments according to the wards. He pointed out, however, that the assessment on improvements in that ward was \$228,000 (about) and the value of leases there was \$3,900.

Cuban Gov't to have permanent exhibit in Department of States, Havana - Local concerns asked to send samples.

Consul Barranco, of Cuba, has been advised that his government proposes establishing a "commercial museum" or permanent exhibit in the Department of State at Havana. The Cuban government asks for the co-operation of boards of trade, manufacturers, etc.

The report of British Trade Commissioner Ray, in the Weekly Report of February 16th, says that the congestion of traffic at the ports of the United Kingdom in the first three months of the year, while the shipping tonnage engaged in the carrying of the said imports has fallen 29 per cent.

There is a serious shortage of fire wood in the United Kingdom at the present time, owing to all wood being declared contraband of war.

Major Frink drew attention to Patriotic Day on February 27 and asked citizens to display flags and other patriotic emblems and assist the women in their efforts to raise money for patriotic purposes.

Some Increase in Food Prices.

The imports of pit wood from all sources in August were 184,000 loads; September, 193,000; October, 239,000; November, 184,000.

Trade Commissioner Armand notes increases in the prices of butter, cheese, bacon and eggs. Since the outbreak of the war the only fresh eggs procurable have been Irish which have realized about 20c per doz.

There is a great demand in Britain for wooden shovel and pick handles in hickory, ash, birch and beech. The import of Norway are asking after Canadian apples.

The report may be consulted at the Board of Trade Office.

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