

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh westerly winds; fair and mild. Toronto, March 3.—Mild weather has prevailed throughout Canada to day except in the Yukon territory, where temperatures are still considerably below zero. Showers have occurred in British Columbia, but otherwise it has been fair in all the provinces. Winnipeg, 6, 25. Port Arthur, 10, 32. London, 26, 41. Toronto, 32, 43. Ottawa, 30, 35. Quebec, 32, 34. St. John, 32, 42. Halifax, 32, 42. New England Forecast. Washington, March 3.—Forecast—New England: Fair weather and moderate temperature, and Saturday, light west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

For Men in Business. Five lectures on partnership and joint companies will be given by Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., in the Y. M. C. A., the course commencing March 8th. For further information telephone the secretary. 833-21-47.

N. B. Military Veterans. At a largely attended meeting of the N. B. Military Veterans last evening it was decided to hold the annual dinner of the association on the evening of Tuesday, March 22nd, at White's restaurant. The managing committee was empowered to make the necessary arrangements.

Anti-Tuberculosis Dispensary. Dr. A. F. Emery had charge of the weekly dispensary at the Board of Health rooms yesterday afternoon and treated several cases in the usual way. It is worthy of note that the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, in establishing the dispensary has anticipated one of the recommendations contained in the report of the commission appointed by the Provincial Government.

Death of Mrs. Ann Phinney. The death occurred last night at the Mater Misericordiae Home of Mrs. Ann Phinney, widow of Mr. Frederick Phinney. The deceased was in her sixty-fifth year, and is survived by two brothers, Henry Spear and Martin Spears of this city, also one sister, Miss Mary Spear of Boston. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning from the home.

Natural History Lecture. Mr. A. Gordon Leavitt delivered an interesting lecture in St. John's Presbyterian church school room last evening under the auspices of the Young People's Guild. Mr. Leavitt dealt with several aspects of nature as developed in rocks, birds, insects, etc., and illustrated his remarks with many eleven drawings executed by himself. At the close he was tendered a vote of thanks. The Young People's Guild are preparing for an entertainment in the schoolroom on St. Patrick's night.

Exhibition Building Tenders. The Exhibition Association is advertising in this issue for tenders for the new buildings to be erected this spring. The formal notice will be found in the usual column. Tenders will be received up to noon on the 12th of this month and plans are exposed in the exhibition offices, Prince William street. The association is not binding itself to accept any or the lowest tender. As previously stated the structure to be erected are the grandstand 208x40 feet, and the horticultural building of three floors, 160x60 feet.

Alexandra Temple Reception. About two hundred people attended the gathering in the Temple of Honor hall, Friday evening, the 2nd of Alexandra Temple last night. Mr. Geo. Blewett, president, a fine musical programme was carried out in which the following took part—Song, H. Dykeman; reading, W. Short; song, S. Hilder; sketch, Lilley and Jones; song, E. Carlin; piano duet, Misses Galloway; song, Dr. W. F. Roberts; music, Messrs. Esty, Carson and Bond; speech, Rev. D. Hutchinson; song, H. Taylor; song, Wm. Esty; sketch, Messrs. Bond, Devenille, Hamm, Carson and Wilson.

Home For Incubables. The March meeting of the Home for Incubables took place yesterday. Dr. Thos. Walker presided. There are now 25 inmates, nine in each ward and seven in private rooms. One death occurred during the last meeting. Among those who sent donations during the month were Mrs. Robertson, Dr. Walker, Mr. Struan Robertson and Mr. Northrup. Orders were passed for the admission of two patients, one to the men's ward, and one to a private room. There are several male applicants for whom there is no room. These include applications from other cities and even from another province.

No Arrests for Three Days. Not for many moons have things been so peaceful in police circles, as during the past week. Whether it is the fruit of the great evangelical campaign, the season of Lent, or that a great temperance reform has struck St. John, the remarkable fact remains that during the past three days not a single arrest has been made by the police for drunkenness or any other offence. This is a record which has not been equalled during the past five years. It is said that in the summer of 1905 the police book showed a clean sheet for a period of five consecutive days in a city of the size and population of St. John, in which liquor is sold freely, this is considered somewhat remarkable and significant of the present day tendency.

Slight Fire in Mill Street. While Patrick Brown, 52 Paradise Row, was passing along Mill street last evening, he saw smoke issuing from the windows of the building owned and occupied by Mr. James T. Carpenter, butcher, at 131 Mill street. Mr. Brown told Mr. Geo. G. Kierstead and after investigation they came to the conclusion that the place was on fire. They sent in an alarm from box 154 and the north end department responded quickly. The fire was located in the upper story which is unoccupied and was subdued with the charge from No. 2 chemical. The walls were considerably burned but the damage will probably not exceed \$50, and is covered by insurance. It is thought the fire caught from an overheated chimney.

Relieved of Watch While He Slumbers

Robbed of his watch beneath the very shadow of the jail itself, is the statement made by Michael Peters, of Halifax, in describing the manner in which he was relieved of his timepiece by a man who told him his name was Jameson, in the old burying ground on Wednesday night. Peters came here from Halifax on Tuesday with the intention of securing work at stevedoring on the West Side. He put up at a King Square hotel and on Wednesday started out to take in the sights about the city. In a barroom upon the waterfront he met the acquaintance of the man who told him his name was Jameson. The stranger became very confidential with Peters and offered to assist him in securing employment. They

drank together and then proceeded to the Boston restaurant for lunch, for which Mr. Peters paid. They afterwards had a few drinks together and went home from a walk. The pair seated themselves upon a tombstone, and Mr. Peters alleges he remembers nothing more until over an hour later when he awakened from a sleep to find that his supposed friend had gone. Upon feeling for his watch to see what time it was, he discovered that the timepiece was also missing. Mr. Peters also had some money upon his person, but is not sure whether he spent it or whether it was stolen. He is unable to give a very good description of the man other than that he was dark and about 40 years of age.

THOS. McAVITY RETIRES. Annual Meeting of T. McAvity & Sons Ltd. Last Evening—Geo. McAvity Elected President.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of T. McAvity and Sons, Ltd., held last evening Mr. Thomas McAvity the president, announced his retirement from the active management of the business. At the subsequent election of officers, Mr. George McAvity was elected president and Mr. John A. McAvity vice-president, with Mr. Thomas McAvity and Mr. J. L. McAvity on the board of directors. The question of moving the foundry business of the company to the west was discussed but no action was taken and the matter was left in the hands of a committee to report.

It is understood that the question of moving the Vulcan Iron Works is receiving serious consideration. About 98 per cent. of the firm's customers for castings are in the west and it is claimed that the freight from St. John is equal to 40 per cent. on the cost of production, making it a matter of importance to secure a location nearer the market. Mr. Thomas McAvity who is retiring from the presidency of the company, has been connected with the business for the past fifty years and has developed his attention particularly to the hardware branch. He was elected president of the company when the firm was incorporated two years ago.

SUN LIKELY TO BE SOLD

Negotiations With Telegraph Resumed—Prospects of Merger Going Through—Pugsley and Emmerson Take a Hand

Negotiations for the sale of the Sun newspaper to the Telegraph interests have been resumed and it is understood that beyond some minor details which will probably be settled today, an agreement has been reached. One of the parties interested in the merger when interviewed yesterday, said the deal has not been consummated, but the prospects of its going through were better than at any previous stage.

It is understood that Mr. Emmerson obtained authority to act for Mr. Pearson in the matter, while Mr. Pugsley represented the Telegraph Company, and the negotiations were conducted at Ottawa. In St. John Mr. A. P. Barnhill took the matter up as agent for Mr. Pugsley.

Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Pugsley have always been anxious that the merger should take place, the former having some financial interest in connection with the Sun, the latter having strong political objections to the free criticism in which the Sun has been indulging. Mr. Crandall, editor of the Sun, when called on last night, said that he was not in a position to make any statement. Mr. Fred Pearson is expected to arrive in the city today and the prospect is that the deal will be completed on his arrival. No date has been mentioned when the Sun and Star will cease publication but it is believed the amalgamation will take place about April 1.

TAILORS ELECT OFFICERS

Meeting of Association Held Last Evening—New Members Added—Annual Convention Being Considered.

At a meeting of the recently formed Custom Tailors and Cutters Association of New Brunswick, in the Royal Hotel sample rooms, last evening, officers were elected as follows: Mr. R. Campbell, president; J. J. McDonald, vice-president; Mr. H. L. Coedner, recording secretary; Mr. H. Young, financial secretary; Mr. P. L. Murphy, treasurer; M. L. B. Wilson, chairman of practical work. Reports of committees were received and several new members elected, among the number being Mr. F. McPherson of Hampton. A committee was appointed to take up the matter of securing permanent rooms. The next meeting will be held in the sample rooms on the evening of Monday, March 28th.

One of the activities of the new association will be the holding of an annual convention and exhibition similar to the one held in Halifax each year. Returning to Active Work. Captain Thomas Lavin of this city who for the past few years, has been engaged in teaching navigation here, has announced his intention of returning to active sea life. He recently received an offer to command one of the large steamers on the Grand Lake next summer, and it is altogether probable that he will accept.

PRICE OF COAL IN ST. JOHN

Cheaper Here Says J. S. McGivern Than in Any Part of Provinces—Objects to Aid. Likely's Statement.

In an interview with The Standard yesterday, Mr. James S. McGivern said he was much amused and astonished at the remarks of Alderman Likely at Wednesday's meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board, regarding the price of coal in St. John for manufacturing purposes. "I claim the price of coal for manufacturing purposes here is cheaper than in any other place in the province. We have good coal in our province, mined at Miramichi, a good all round steam coal. The price for slack coal for steam, is from \$2.00 to \$2.20 a ton of 2,240 lbs delivered on the cars here at our station, or, when the truck is hauled to a factory, delivered to the factory, according to quantity wanted; and the agents are falling over one another to get the order."

"For those who think they cannot use the slack coal, the Run-of-the-mine is sold at \$3.20 to \$3.30 on cars here, or at the factory, 2,240 lbs to a ton, and I have known some cars sold to save demurrage at \$2.85 a ton of 2,240 lbs delivered to factory. The Provincial Hospital here is getting coal delivered for \$3.40 a ton of 2,000 lbs., and this has to be all hauled by teams from the station. Miramichi coal is now used on the Donalson line steamers sailing from St. John and the engineers report favorably on it, so much so that the Robert Reford Company have taken an interest in one of the mines at Miramichi. I also heard from what I consider good authority, that Mr. Harvey Welton of Miramichi was asked if he would take \$40,000 for his property and that he had refused it. I think if we have aldermen who try to show our city is expensive to live in or manufacture in, we ought to try and find some who will boom it."

BIRTHS NOT REPORTED

Registrar Jones Calls Attention to Neglect of Doctors—Parents Liable to Fine for Not Registering.

Mr. John B. Jones, the registrar of births, complains of indifference or neglect to report births of children. In quite a few cases he has learned of births after the burial service had taken place. The general impression seems to be that the physicians are making the returns provided by the act, but in very few instances is this the case.

Failure of doctors to make returns Mr. Jones believes, is largely due to the fact that there has been no name given to the child during their visits and they are not familiar with certain other facts which the law calls for which are necessary to complete the particulars. It would then appear to be the duty of the parents to look after this formality with respect to the birth of their children and see that some record was made.

Apart from the desirability of having births on record for purposes of reference, any parent who neglects to register his offspring is liable to a fine of from \$1 to \$10. Recent inquiries from Boston and other cities asking for the records of births of children demonstrate the usefulness of the practice. No child is allowed to enter the schools in Boston until the date of birth had been certified to and people removing from St. John often apply to Mr. Jones for the information required. Blank forms may be obtained at any of the city registrars and mailed to Mr. Jones free of charge and the record will then be made. The law requires a return to be made in thirty days, but in case there has been delay, records can be made within one year after birth.

HARBOR BOARD MEETING

Resolution Adopted to Transfer 40 Acres of Carleton Flats to C.P.R. if Development Follows in 5 Years.

At a meeting of the Harbor Board yesterday afternoon the Durant matter was discussed, but as no legal copies of the agreement between Mr. Durant and the government had been presented, the board did not take any action. The board also took up the question of the transfer of the 40 acres of Carleton flats to the C. P. R. After considerable discussion a resolution was adopted that if the C. P. R. guarantee

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Waterbury & Rising, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

Most Favorable Report Issued—A Record for Canadian Companies—Income and Assets Trebled in Ten Years.

The annual report of the Sun Life Assurance Co., which appears on page 3 of this issue shows a wonderful growth and reflects in a most gratifying manner the healthy condition of an country's progress. For the first time in the history of Life Insurance in Canada, the twenty million dollar mark of policies issued in one year has been passed.

That the Sun Life has done this with largely increased profits and a reduced ratio of expense, makes pleasant reading for its army of policy holders. The history of the company has been one of progress and this record will give great aid to the reputation it has for aggression work and conservative management. In ten years the company's income and assets have been more than trebled and the insurance in force has increased from \$2,000,000 to \$129,000,000. The report will be read throughout Canada with great interest.

POOR HYDRANT PRESSURE

Test on Vulcan Street Yesterday Showed 20 Pounds at Sea Level—Search for Break Being Made.

While the new boiler of No. 5 fire engine was being tested at the corner of Charlotte street extension and Vulcan street yesterday morning, the somewhat startling discovery was made by Mr. Chas. W. Pierce, the engineer, that the pressure at the hydrant at this point, which is almost at sea level, was only twenty pounds. The engine worked perfectly and is now in commission, but all the pressure which could be registered at the hydrant was the amount mentioned. A report was made at once to Chief Kerr who in turn communicated with City Engineer Murdoch. Mr. Murdoch said last evening that he was having the pipe leading to the hydrant examined. He thought there must be a leak as otherwise the pressure should be something like 80 pounds. It would be possible for the pipe to be leaking some time and not be discovered, he said, as the waste would find its way through the ground to the harbor without coming to the surface. No. 5 engine was taken over to the engine house last evening, and was out to the fire, but did not have to be used. It is said to be now one of the best engines in the city.

to use and develop within five years the 40 acres of land asked for, and will continue to use and develop it as the growth of the business of the port warrants, the city will favorably consider the proposition to exchange it for the 1600 foot strip, relinquishing all existing rights.

Spring Will Soon Be Here and some Furniture and Woodwork will surely have to be touched up. Athenia Ready Mixed Paint. Is a combination of pure Linseed Oil, White Lead and Dryers. It comes in all shades, dries quickly with a glossy surface. A Coat of paint is an economical method of making old things look new and fresh. In 1 lb. and 2 lb. Tins, 1-4, 1-2 and 1 gallon Cans. 10c. per Pound. 40c. per Quart. 75c. per 1-2 Gallon. \$1.50 per Gallon. W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

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