

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh southerly and southwesterly winds; unsettled, mild, showery.

Toronto, Mar. 26—Mild weather has prevailed today from Lake Huron to the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere it has been cold. Showers and local thunderstorms have occurred in Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Dawson, Alton, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina, Winnipeg, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Found by Police. A key found on Charlotte street yesterday by the police awaits an owner at the Central Police station.

Civil Rumors. D. F. Pidgeon is being urged by his friends to run as a candidate for the mayor's office.

Arrested for Assault. Last night Sgt. Caples and Patrolman Dykeman placed Alex. Brayley under arrest.

Begging. Yesterday afternoon about 5.30 o'clock the police gathered in William Guthro, who is charged with begging money from persons on Princess and King streets.

Officer Addison Resigns. The resignation of a police officer from the force leaves a vacancy to be filled.

Long Wharf Sidewalk. The first sidewalk construction to be undertaken during the present season will be starting Monday morning.

Tuberculosis Hospital. Members of the board of governors of the St. John Tuberculosis Hospital with Commissioner Wignors went to Courtenay Bay yesterday afternoon.

St. John Men Succeeds. The many friends of Percy King formerly of this city will be glad to learn of his success in Ontario.

Chain Gang Activities. The members of the chain gang have been engaged during the winter months under the direction of men from the city public works department.

Public Meeting. A public meeting held in Temple Hall, Main street, last evening under the auspices of the labor unions of the city.

MAY ESTABLISH INSTITUTION IN PROVINCE

Branch of Famous Birt Homes for Children Now in Sight.

PLACED HUNDREDS IN CANADIAN HOMES

Will Remove Quebec Branch Either to Ontario or New Brunswick, Says James Gilchrist.

The superintendent of immigration stated yesterday that there was a possibility that a branch of the famous Birt Homes for children might be established in New Brunswick.

Done Good Work

The Birt institution has brought hundreds of indigent children to Canada and placed them in homes.

May Establish Here

Mr. Gilchrist thinks there is a good chance of a branch home being established here, as there is a big demand for children in the homes of the province.

Good Environment

Officials who have been engaged for years in the work of taking children out of the slums of Great Britain and placing them in Canada or Australia say the popular notions about heredity are wrong.

NAVIGATION SCHOOLS NOW APPRECIATED

Fill a Long Felt Want for Canadian Shipping.

SUPPLY DEMAND FOR MASTERS AND MATES

F. B. Burnett, of Department of Marine and Fisheries, Inspects Institution in St. John.

The navigation school which has been conducted by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in St. John for some time is attracting increasing interest.

"Considering that it is not much over a year since the government decided to open free navigation schools in a number of the principal ports in Canada, we have every reason to feel satisfied with the results."

Important Institutions

Mr. Burnett stated that ship owners had for some years complained of the difficulty of getting mates with certificates, and that it was with a view of remedying this situation that the department had undertaken to conduct schools.

Much Interest Shown

Mr. Burnett is of the opinion that the interest being shown in these schools has already justified their establishment, and that as a result of the courses they offer there will be in the near future a supply of certificated officers sufficient to meet all requirements.

RESIDENTIAL SECTION FOR LANCASTER

Mayor Frink has Plan to Utilize Gypsy Settlement.

EXPERT TO LAY OUT SPECIAL FEATURES

A Modern Residential District Second to None in Canada, is His Worship's Ideal.

The plans for utilizing the city lands on the Gypsy Settlement Road for residential purposes will likely be completed in a short time.

Mayor Frink said yesterday that he had the matter under consideration during the winter and probably he will be the next meeting of the commissioners he would ask for authority to engage a man, properly qualified, to arrange the tract properly with respect to modern requirements.

Landscape Architect

Already City Engineer Murdoch had made a plan of the parcel of land which consisted of about 125 acres and he had arranged for building lots and streets.

Residential Section

It is likely that restrictions as to class of buildings to be erected will be in force and that in parts at least regulations providing for proper lawns and back lanes would be carried out.

TOWN PLANNING ASSOCIATION THE SOLUTION

Commissioner Agar Advocates Organization of this kind—Would Secure the Necessary Results.

"The town planning idea as far as St. John is concerned has not progressed as well as I had expected," said Commissioner Agar yesterday to a Standard reporter.

The city commissioners have not had the time to properly consider the plan. His own opinion is that an organization outside the city commissioners should take hold of the matter.

"I hope that something will be done during the coming summer so that an adequate system of town planning could be adopted here before the building boom which is bound to strike this city really starts in earnest.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

Gas Ranges. Select your gas range at McClary's—Demonstration next week at their new showroom No. 221-223 Prince William street.

Latest Things in Wedding Rings. Seamless wedding rings, 14 and 18 karat. Most fashionable shapes. Same price as ordinary wedding rings.

We Are Making a Special Price on The Duplex Washer. Saves Labor, Extracts All Dirt, Does Not Hurt the Clothes. Stop rubbing on the washboard with your hands. Get the Duplex Fine for Heavy Washing. Only a Limited Supply—While They Last 75c Each.

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Big Bargain in Lace Curtains at the Sale Continued This Morning in the House Furnishing Department. Special Showing of Children's Spring Millinery COMMENCING THIS MORNING. Particular attention has been given this season to kiddies' hats and the most dainty and doll-like creations of the leading fashion centres have been appropriated by our buyers.

Whitewear Department Specials For Today and Saturday. NIGHT DRESSES, Cambric, square yoke of fine Swiss and Hamburg insertion, heading and ribbon, neck and sleeves finished with embroidery. Special 98c. NIGHT DRESSES, Cambric, yoke imitation French embroidery with ribbon, short-sleeves trimmed with embroidery. Special 98c. DRAWERS, trimmed with embroidery also with linen lace. Special 49c.

Marabou and Swansdown Trimmings. MARABOU TRIMMINGS in the following colors: Hello, Pink, Sky, Champagne, White, Natural, Black. SWANSDOWN TRIMMINGS in White only, but in four different widths. NARROW WHITE FUR TRIMMINGS, narrow White Fur Trimmings with colored gimp top. PERSIAN ORNAMENTS, Persian Galons, Persian Tassels, Persian Fringes, Black Tassels, Black Frog, New Jetted Trimmings. Quaker Shadow Lace Flouncings. All readers of Fashion News have no doubt perceived how extensively the Quarter Laces are advertised.

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RIVER ICE SOLID YET

According to the records the river was clear and open for navigation on the twenty-third day of March in the year 1912, and for some years back the latest date for opening was somewhere about the middle of April.

Although the weather in the early winter was not cold, and in reality was unseasonably mild, there followed later in the season a few weeks of particularly cold weather, and it appears that during this period the river ice was given such a thickness that it is believed it will be some time before it runs out.

It was thought that the fairly mild weather experienced this week would tend to soften the ice and at least make it unsafe for travelling, but despite the lateness of the season several living along the Baywater side of the river were yesterday able to cross on the ice with horse and sled in perfect safety.

A big sale of shirt waists to commence Saturday morning at F. A. Dykeman and Co.'s store. Six hundred of the most attractive and stylish waists that you have had a chance to buy for a long time, and the most of them will be at about half their usual price.

Imperial's Big Feature Again Today. The magnificent four-reel Famous Players feature "The Pride of Jennico" will be repeated today at an extra showing because of the increasing interest evinced in it.

"C" Company, 62nd Regt., will meet this evening at the New Armories for drill at 8 o'clock. Recruits wanted. Apply to the recruiting sergeant same time as above.