

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Jan. 29. - The weather has been fine with moderate temperatures from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces, while in Saskatchewan and Alberta it has been quite cold.

AROUND THE CITY

WAS ABSENT MINDED One cold evening last week a well known business man was given a surprise on Charlotte street, when he learned he was wearing a straw Panama hat which he had forgotten to change before leaving his office.

FARM SOLD

At Chubb's Corner at noon, Saturday, Auctioneer F. L. Potts sold, to satisfy a mortgage, 150 acres of land in Simonds, owned by James, George and Mary McDevitt, K. J. MacIntae was the purchaser.

FUNDY CHAPTER

The officers and members of the executive of Fundy Chapter, I. O. O. F., met at an informal luncheon at the Green Lantern on Saturday and discussed the business of the past year and talked over plans for the future.

MUSICAL SERVICE

A special musical service was given at the Fairview Baptist church last evening by the choir under the leadership of H. P. Allingham and Miss McAllister, organist. The church was crowded to the doors and the fine programme was enjoyed by all.

SUCCESSFUL PANTRY SALE

The pantry sale held on Saturday in the lobby of the Imperial Theatre by the willing workers of Waterloo street Baptist church was a success. Those in charge were Mrs. H. E. Hoyt, Mrs. John Frosham, Miss P. Kierstead and Miss Madia Hoyt.

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING

A cable just received by the Robert Reford Co. announced the successful launching on Saturday, January 28, of the new Anchor Donaldson liner "Albatross," an oil burner of about 1200 tons. The new liner has accommodations for 500 cabin and 1,200 third class passengers and was built expressly for the Canadian trade.

THE POLICE COURT

Business was very slack at the police court on Saturday morning, the only offenders being two drunks, who pleaded guilty to the charge preferred against them. One man was fined \$5 and the other was remanded to jail. The latter said that he had been before the court thirty-three times on a charge of being drunk and, when questioned by the magistrate as to what time he had been out, he replied that he had been out at midnight and refused to say any more on the subject.

A NARROW ESCAPE

While driving in East St. John Saturday night, two ladies and two gentlemen had a very narrow escape from serious injury. Their sleigh slowed off the road, and as it was tipping over an embankment, hauling the horse with the reins, and along with the occupants went down in the ditch. This was the only thing that prevented the horse from tumbling down on top of the party. Fortunately the horse did not run away, and when the party recovered from their fright and found that no person was injured, the box was placed into position again and the party resumed their drive.

VITAL STATISTICS

Six marriages, thirty births, sixteen males and fourteen females were reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 28th. Nineteen deaths were reported for the same period from the following causes: Pneumonia 3, Malnutrition 2, Marasmus 1, Paralysis 1, Diphtheria 1, General debility 1, Bronchopneumonia 1, Enteric adenitis 1, Verberal apoplexy 1, Chronic nephritis 1, Intestinal obstruction 1, Pulmonary tuberculosis 1, Carcinoma of stomach 1, Carcinoma of pancreas 1, Acute yellow atrophy of liver 1.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

About the largest attendance in the history of the school was present at the session of Laddow Street Baptist Sunday School yesterday afternoon. At the conclusion of the lesson a short evangelistic service was held, the pastor, Rev. I. Brindley being the speaker. He made a strong plea for the young to lead Christian lives and many decided to place a start on the Christian life. The special evangelistic services will be continued each evening this week, the speaker for Monday night being Rev. H. Hutchinson.

DARING HOLD-UP SATURDAY NIGHT IN NORTH END STORE

Man of Medium Stature, Features Concealed by Pair of Motor Goggles and Red Bandanna Handkerchief, Robbed C. R. Wetmore's Grocery at the Point of a Revolver.

"Be quiet." The words were spoken quietly and Bertha Silliphant, the young girl who was counting the cash in G. R. Wetmore's chain grocery store, 907 Main street, at about 11 o'clock, Saturday night, looked up from her task to stare into the muzzle of a revolver.

Face Concealed It was in the hand of a man of medium stature, his features concealed by a pair of motor goggles, and a red bandanna handkerchief tied about the lower part of his face, who advanced toward the cash register where she was standing.

"Grab him," the girl cried out. This startled the yegman, who had apparently believed the girl alone. He swung round to see two young men and a girl clerk standing in the rear of the store.

One of the young men, L. Mollins, and the clerk, Miss Kathleen Crawford, started toward the intruder, who at their approach swept the gun in a threatening arc toward Mollins. "Stand back," he cried and snatching up the bag into which Miss Silliphant had been counting the money, backed toward the door.

"Zip!" His sleeve caught on the blind on the door, which like those on the windows had been hauled down, and up it went with a bang, causing all the characters in the little drama—the bandit included—to jump with fright.

Made His Escape Quickly slipping out of the door, with the gun still covering those inside the robber gave a quick turn, ran into a side alley, slammed a gate behind him, and, with a confederate, who had been waiting there, vanished in the darkness.

Mollins followed closely behind, but the alley's darkness gave no clue to the robber. And all for a little more than \$3. That was the swag for which the gunman risked a life term in prison, and was prepared to do.

COMMISSIONER AND MRS. SOWTON OF SALVATION ARMY WELCOMED

Largely Attended Meeting in Imperial Theatre Presided Over by Premier Foster—Mayor Schofield for City and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson for Ministers Extended Welcome to Visitors.

Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton, territorial commanders for Eastern Canada, Newfoundland and Bermuda, of the Salvation Army, were given a rapturous welcome to the city of St. John and the Province of New Brunswick at a largely attended meeting held yesterday afternoon in the Imperial Theatre. Premier Foster acted as chairman and extended a welcome on behalf of the province. Mayor Schofield for the city and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson for the ministers of the city. Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton made brief replies to the welcome extended. The local army and played several selections while the audience was gathering and Lieutenant Ady sang a solo and led in several choruses, the gathering joining heartily with him.

The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand For Jesus." After prayer and scripture reading, Major Burroughs introduced Premier Foster as the chairman of the afternoon.

Premier Foster said he was pleased to have an opportunity to take part in the welcome to the leader of such an important religious body as the Salvation Army. Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton, he said, were not strangers to Canada, having at one time served here, though of late their work had been in other lands, and he extended to them on their return to his country a hearty welcome as the representative of the people of the Province of New Brunswick. The work of the Salvation Army was today recognized by all classes and creeds, and the various institutions for helping the fallen stood as monuments to their efforts in the past and a promise of the future. In this work they needed encouragement and aid, and he was sure they would receive a full measure of both from the citizens of the province.

Rev. Dr. Hutchinson. The next speaker was Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, who extended a welcome on behalf of the churches of the city. He said it gave him a great deal of pleasure to extend a welcome to Commissioner Sowton and his good lady from the united churches of the city. He expressed the hope that their stay in the city would be a pleasant one, and attended with much blessing from God. He referred to General Booth as one of the outstanding figures of the nineteenth century, and the Salvation Army as one of the outstanding institutions of that century, and told of visiting the early home of the Army in Whitechapel in his student days. The Army had grown from that time until it embraced the globe, and had done a wonderful work, and many now in glory were there because of the influence of the Salvation Army. He was glad to welcome the new leaders on behalf of the churches, for it had never been antagonistic to the church, but on the contrary had been a help.

Mayor Schofield. Mayor Schofield, as the chief magistrate of the city, gave a civic welcome to Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton,

and assured them they were indeed welcome. He recalled the early days of the Army in the city and its growth since that time. The organization was doing a work that the churches had not done and he was inclined to think that if Christ were to come to earth today that perhaps the first place He would visit would be the Salvation Army Citadel. Present world conditions gave a great opportunity to carry on their work and he hoped they would be true to their history and improve the opportunity. On behalf of the citizens of the city of St. John he gave a cordial welcome to the commissioner and his wife.

Mrs. Sowton. Mrs. Sowton was called on by the chairman to reply to the address of welcome. She thanked with all her heart the speakers for the warm welcome to St. John and to the Province of New Brunswick, and said coming back to Canada was just like coming home, and she was glad to see signs of growth in the Dominion while they had been away from it.

Mrs. Sowton referred particularly to the work of the Army among the women. The first rescue home was opened 37 years ago in London, and today in the twenty-three members over the globe were girls and women who might be reclaimed and made good members of society once more. Many had been reached and brought to the knowledge of Christ, and had gone out into the world in the service of Him. She made a plea for greater cooperation of the Christians of Canada in order that it might be an even better land to live in than it was now.

Commissioner Sowton. Commissioner Sowton was then called on by the chairman. He thanked the various speakers for the kind words of greeting and the warm welcome extended. He was no stranger to Canada, having served for a number of years as chief secretary for the division into the two districts was made the honor of being the first commissioner appointed to Western Canada. He had seen something of the growth of the Army all over the world, having served in India and in several of the continental countries. Today the Army was working in 53 countries and colonies and carrying on its work in about forty languages. He was glad to note the advance which had been made in the last fourteen years in this province and city, and he asked the prayers and sympathy of the people for the future.

Voices of Thanks. A vote of thanks to Commissioner Sowton and his wife for their kind reply to the welcome address was moved by Mr. Justice Grimmer. It was done so he said that had been told of the work accomplished by the Salvation Army during the afternoon, had only touched the fringe of what might have been said. It had gone where no other religious organization had gone, and brought light to the darkness of hope and heart which ex-

Sugar Industry Is In Critical State

Robert Sutton, Who Arrived on Sicilian, Says Jamaica Planters Will Ask for Subsidy and Duty Reduction.

"Conditions in the sugar industry in Jamaica are in a critical state," declared Robert Sutton, English Chartered Accountant, who arrived in St. John early on Saturday morning on the S. S. Sicilian. Mr. Sutton was engaged on Montego Bay and Kingston for a period of two years in auditing a number of sugar and banana estates, and while in these places, he became thoroughly conversant with the financial difficulties which are now being experienced by the growers of unrefined muscovado sugar.

"The situation is such," continued Mr. Sutton, "that a depopulation of Jamaica sugar planters will leave the island shortly for England, to wait on the British Government with a view to obtaining, if possible, a reasonable subsidy and substantial reduction of the duty; and, in the meantime, relief of a restrictive nature, being given to the growers by the Jamaican Government. On the return trip, the members of the delegation will likely interview the Canadian Government regarding trade and other matters."

Mr. Sutton explained that up to the fall of 1920, a tremendous boom had occurred, and approximately \$100 per ton was received for unrefined sugar. The planters had exceptional profits, but invested them in new machinery and in the cultivation of increased acreage, in the expectation that the high prices would hold. The crash came, and, at the present time, the growers received only 41 pounds per ton on unrefined muscovado sugar, or 59 pounds per ton.

"All the Jamaican sugar growers are finding it almost impossible to continue the present situation," stated Mr. Sutton. "The British tariff on raw sugar is 19 pounds per ton, and the total cost of landing sugar in England and clearing it out of bond is twenty-seven pounds. The planters are hopeful of having the tariff situation altered by concessions from the British Government."

It was further declared by Mr. Sutton that this season's sugar crops are in an excellent condition. Due to plentiful and beneficial rains from October to January, the sugar canes rapidly developed, and all indications point to an abundant crop.

"Banana growers are prospering," stated Mr. Sutton, "and some of the sugar planters are manifesting a strong inclination to abandon the latter business and engage in the production of bananas. The exports from the island of bananas alone afford considerable business to the Atlantic Fruit Company, United Fruit Company and the Jamaica and Jamaica Fruit and Shipping Company."

"Trade conditions between Canada and Jamaica have a splendid future," declared Mr. Sutton. "The people of the island are looking forward to greater activities, in this respect, between the two countries. Feeders are, however, required in connection with the export of two which run through the heart of the country from Kingston to Montego Bay, and Kingston and Port Antonio. By the construction of branch lines, it will assist materially in the way of travel and transportation."

Mr. Sutton spoke of the voyage from Jamaica to St. John in tones of the highest praise and admiration, and declared that he was one of the most pleasant, from every viewpoint, which he had ever had. The steamer, which arrived in port loaded to capacity with sugar and grape fruit, called at Metaxas and Havana. At the former port, she received a cargo of sugar for the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, and grape fruit and tobacco at Kingston. She also put into port at Boston, where she discharged a large quantity of tobacco.

Mr. Sutton sailed yesterday afternoon on the S. S. Tunisian for Glasgow, from which point he will proceed to his former home in Grimby. His present plans are to resume his business connections in London.

S.S. WELMORE HEAD WILL ARRIVE TODAY

The steamer Welmore Head, Captain Butt, will arrive here this morning from Irish ports and will dock at No. 5 berth, Grand Point about 11 o'clock. She has on board twenty-three members of the crew of the ill-fated steamer Mod, which foundered in mid-ocean about a week ago. The arrival of these men is looked forward to with considerable interest as they may possibly be able to throw some light on the whereabouts or fate of Captain Waarri and eight members of the crew about whose rescue or death nothing has been reported. The Welmore Head, one of the Head Line steamers of which McLean, Kennedy, Ltd., are the local agents.

lated before their coming, and it gave him a great deal of pleasure to move a vote of thanks to the visitors.

Rev. Canon Armstrong, in seconding the vote of thanks, said he esteemed it a privilege to sit on the platform with and take part in welcoming to the city Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton. He thought their motto of Blood and Fire was a splendid one, and the churches might with profit borrow a little of the blood and fire—it would do them good. They had exalted Jesus first and last and deserved all the success which had come to them. In closing, he wished them God speed in their work.

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No Ground To Fear Epidemic

Board of Health Medical Advisers Say Nothing Here to Indicate Appearance of Dread Malady.

That there are no grounds to give rise to fears of an epidemic of influenza in St. John, was the conclusion arrived at at a special meeting of the sub-district Board of Health which was called to discuss the matter Saturday afternoon in the board's offices, Prince's street.

John Kelly, the chairman, presided after the advice of the board's medical advisers had been given to the effect that there was nothing to indicate the appearance of the dread malady within the sub-district, the board decided that notwithstanding precautions should be taken to meet any contingency that might arise, and to that end instructed that the isolation hospital do not in readiness to receive any cases that might be discovered in the city.

The matter of securing district nurses should the need arise, was also gone into, and a list of nurses available for the work drawn up. All the members of the board were present with the exception of W. H. Golding, who was prevented from attending by illness.

Looks For Upward Trend in Fur Trade

John Hughes of Hudson Bay Company Expects Increased Activity in Fur Trading.

"We look forward to marked increased activity in fur trading," declared John Hughes, Chief Auditor of the Hudson's Bay Company, with headquarters at Winnipeg, shortly before he sailed yesterday for Glasgow on the S. S. Tunisian. "Prices for fur have been at rock bottom for some time, and a change on the upward trend is due."

In discussing the business conditions in the Prairie Provinces, Mr. Hughes stated that the majority of the merchants had been confronted with depression in merchandising, and those who had taken their losses, looked forward with confidence to better business. The majority of the merchants had undergone a heavy grueling as a result of the inflation of prices, but things were now resembling their true literal value.

Mr. Hughes, who was accompanied by his wife and three children, expects to remain in the old country for two months. His trip involves a combination of business and pleasure, and he expects to disembark at St. John on his return to Canada.

Waterloo St. Church Ordination Service

Rev. J. A. Swetnam Delivered Charge to Deacons—Rev. Osgood Morse Preached Ordination Sermon.

The services at the Waterloo street Baptist church yesterday were impressive and especially interesting. At the morning service, the ordination of deacons took place. The Rev. Osgood Morse, M. A. delivered the ordination sermon, dealing with the duties of deaconship. After the laying on of hands by the pastor, Rev. John A. Swetnam and Rev. Mr. Morse, ordination prayers were offered by Rev. Mr. Morse, and the pastor delivered his charge to the deacons and welcomed them into office. Large congregations attended both morning and evening services.

At the evening service, the Rev. John A. Swetnam delivered the second of a series of special sermons being preached in this church, the subject being "The Seven Wonders of Hell." The speaker outlined the seven wonders as follows: first, the very existence of such a place as Hell; second, the fact that there is no possible way of escape from its pits; fourth, the fact that its condition never ends; fifth, the great mystery that such a place should be inhabited by all classes; sixth, that Hell, a place of such vile companionship, should be so densely inhabited; and seventh, that the inhabitants of Hell are praying for mercy rather than cursing the justice of God.

After the address, an evangelical meeting was held, many taking part in the exercises.

THE APPLICATION WILL BE DISCUSSED

St. John Fisheries Request Exemption from Taxation—Common Council Invites Those Interested to Attend Meeting.

The application of the St. John Fisheries for exemption from taxation for a term of years, on the ground that they propose to establish here a new industry, will be dealt with at the meeting of the common council this morning, and all interested are invited to attend and express their views on the matter. It is understood that objection will be offered by a number of fish dealers in the city to the granting of the application.

COM. THORNTON RECOVERING

The many friends of Commissioner John Thornton, who has been ill with pneumonia, will be glad to learn that he was improved yesterday and is making rapid strides toward recovery.

Mission Church 40th Anniversary

Rev. Father W. H. Davison, Montreal, Delivered Inspiring Addresses—Church Was Founded by Rev. Fr. Davenport.

The fortieth anniversary services of the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist, Paradise Row, were held yesterday and were largely attended. The special speaker for the day was Rev. Fr. W. H. Davison, rector of St. John the Evangelist Church, Montreal, and he delivered inspiring addresses at both morning and evening services. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the altar presented a very pleasing appearance, arranged as it was with an abundance of pretty flowers. The Mission Church was founded by the Rev. Father Davenport, and the present priest in charge is the Rev. Father Davenport, who came to this church in 1918.

DYKEMAN'S IMPORT EVENING TUNICS DIRECT FROM PARIS

A merchandise importation of special interest to the readers of St. John and vicinity has just been made by F. A. Dykeman & Co., who this week are placing on exhibition a shipment of evening tunics made in Paris, and sent direct to the St. John house by the manufacturers.

These Parisian creations were secured by Mr. Dykeman as a result of a visit he made to European markets last year, when he arranged with a number of exporters for direct sales which would enable his firm to avoid the higher prices demanded in buying through wholesale houses. The tunics just received, Mr. Dykeman states, were obtained on this basis, and in consequence of the favorable circumstances it is proposed to give Dykeman customers the benefit by selling the garments at lower prices than would ordinarily be charged for them.

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ODDFELLOWS ATTENTION.

All Oddfellows are invited to attend a smoker at their Lodge Rooms, Germaine street, Monday, Jan. 30, 1922.

Grand Carnival, Victoria Park, Tuesday, Jan. 31st. Hundreds of fancy costumes. Good ice and good music. \$50.00 given away in prizes. Clifton House, all meals 60c.