

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Fresh northwesterly winds; fine with a little higher temperature.

Toronto, March 24.-Cold weather has prevailed from Ontario to the maritime provinces, while in the west it has been mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:-

- Victoria-40, 48. Vancouver-38, 48. Kamloops-38, 50. Edmonton-30, 56. Calgary-34, 40. Moosejaw-35, 53. Qu'Appelle-34, 42. Winnipeg-34, 52. Port Arthur-10, 44. Parry Sound-4 below, 20. London-10, 30. Toronto-11, 28. Ottawa-2, 18. Montreal-2, 16. Quebec-zero, 20. St. John-10, 30. Halifax-16, 4.

AROUND THE CITY

Knight's Natural B. T. Soap.

S. S. Gramplan in Port. The Gramplan arrived last evening with 350 cabin and 250 steerage passengers. They left by special trains for the west.

The Seamen's Mission. Rev. W. Gaetz will conduct the evening service on Sunday in the Seamen's Mission and the choir of Queen Square church will be present.

Rev. Mr. Brewer Will Preach. Rev. W. W. Brewer will preach in Exmouth street Methodist church, on Sunday evening. Mrs. L. M. Curran, of Fairville will sing a solo.

Vancouver Clergyman to Preach. Rev. T. Wardlaw Taylor, of Vancouver, will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's church tomorrow morning, and Rev. A. P. Robb, a returned missionary from Corea will preach in the evening.

Boy Scouts to Visit Park. It is expected that there will be a large number of the Y. M. C. A. Boy Scouts going to Rockwood Park today. The Scouts will enjoy a drill in the park and a bean supper at the log cabin.

A False Alarm. About 11:30 o'clock last night some would-be wit sent in a false alarm from box 144 on Main street. This is a new box, installed Thursday afternoon and tested yesterday morning. The police are endeavoring to find the person who sent in the needless alarm.

Will Debate On Reciprocity. The question of reciprocity between Canada and the United States will be debated in the school room of the Exmouth street Y. M. C. A. Reciprocity will be championed by W. A. Adams, Wm. Lawson and Robert Goodrich, while Roy Sandall, Walter Drake and H. H. Irvine will oppose the proposed trade agreement. Chief Justice Tuck, J. King Kelley and G. S. Shaw will act as judges of the debate.

Thomas Potts. The remains of the late Thomas Potts were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at his late residence, 1 Pagan Place, by Rev. H. A. Cody. The cortege was a long and representative one, in which were persons of all walks in life, including several members of the Common Council, of which Mr. Potts himself was at one time a member. His many friends and acquaintances in this way paid their last respects to such a worthy citizen. The interment took place in Fernhill.

Everyday Club Smoker. The members of the Everyday Club, together with their friends, spent an enjoyable time last night when a smoker and concert was held in the club's rooms. Fully three hundred men attended. The club's orchestra gave several selections during the evening. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, readings and step-dancing. Those taking part were W. McCluskey, M. Corbett, H. Colwell, J. Smith, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Nobles, L. Fother and Mr. Goldworthy. The membership roll was increased by the initiation of thirty new members, who joined the club last night. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Concert in Leinster St. Church. There was a good attendance in the school room of the Leinster street Baptist church last evening when, under the auspices of the church mission band, an excellent entertainment was given. The programme included solos by George Mitchell, Lillian Smith, Allen Kirkpatrick, David Kirkpatrick, Vida Waterbury, Irene Vincent, Recitations by Ernest Vincent, Elsie Rouse, Irene Vincent, Pearl Vincent, Elsie Vincent, Ethel Scovel, Vida Waterbury, Fred Stevens, Harold Milden, Annie Scovel, Enima Wilcox, Ethel Vincent, Violet Scovel and Willie Milden. There were instrumental numbers by Dorothy Waterbury, Hilda and Rowena Stevens; a duet by Dorothy Camp and Hilda Stevens. There was also a dialogue by Sterling Smith and Ethel Sterling. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes CHINA Famine Fund, CHURCH NOTICES, and a list of donors and amounts.

WINTER PORT BUSINESS SHOWS DECREASE TO DATE

A Decline of More than \$1,000,000 in Cargo Values, Compared with Last Year--Canadian Goods Behind.

Up to date 73 winter port steamships have made their outward returns to the customs house, which show a valuation as follows: Canadian goods \$10,429,236 Foreign goods 5,769,909

Total value to date 1911 \$16,199,139 Total value same date 1910 17,517,965 Decrease to date 1911 \$1,318,827

Last season up to this date 81 steamers had filed their outward papers with the collector of this port. The returns showed a valuation of \$14,672,841 of Canadian products, while this season Canadian goods shows \$10,429,236. But for the gain this season in the valuation of United States meats, lard, etc., of \$2,287,785 the export business would be behind more than it is.

The falling off in the shipment of cattle and grain, the products of Canada is no doubt the cause of this shortage.

Up to date 165 steamships representing a total of 440,281 tons, have arrived, against 89 last season, with a tonnage of 284,958. These figures show a good increase as far as tonnage goes, but 19 of the steamers left this port this season for ports in the United States, five or six returning again to finish loading here.

The following are some of the principal exports this season that went forward in the above 73 sailings: Flour (sacks) 4,839,826

Grain (bushels) 502,418 Cheese (boxes) 54,444 Deals (feet) 22,594,188

SETTLEMENT WORK IN BOSTON SLUMS

Rev. Clifford Clark, in Interesting Lecture, Tells of the Seamy Side of Life in the Hub.

Rev. Clifford T. Clark, of Newton Theological Seminary, and son of D. C. Clark of West End, delivered a very interesting lecture in the Fairville Baptist church last night, speaking on settlement and mission work in the slums of Boston. The lecture was attended by a large audience.

Rev. Mr. Clark in opening his address gave his hearers an insight into the conditions existing in the slums, and the family life of the people. The great prevalence of disease in the slums, and in particular among the children, was referred to. The lecturer dwelt at length on the efforts which the missionary societies were putting forth to ameliorate the condition of the residents in the slum districts, in the endeavor to stimulate the people to take an interest in education and to teach them the benefits of sanitary homes.

One of the great works being done by the missionary and settlement workers is the endeavor they are making to rescue the victims of the drink habit, and in general to lend a helping hand to all persons with whom fate has dealt unkindly.

Speaking of the results obtained by the settlement workers, the speaker stated that while it was true that in many cases the workers had failed to redeem some of the more degraded, a very large number were true to their pledges to lead better lives, and thus the workers were compensated for their efforts on behalf of the others.

Rev. Mr. Clark will preach at both services in the church on Sunday, and expects to return to Newton Seminary next week to resume his studies.

HALIFAX Y. M. C. A. BIBLE CLASS MAKES PRESENT TO REV. A. B. COHOE

Rev. A. B. Cohoe has conducted the Thursday night Bible class of the Y. M. C. A. during the past winter. A series of meetings concluding last evening, a goodly representation of the class gathered for the final meeting and heard a thoughtful address from the reverend gentleman. Mr. Cohoe seems to have the ability, in a marked degree, of getting at the root of a matter, and his address on his occasion in keeping with his teaching during the season, was suggestive and exhorting. At its conclusion Mr. Mortuary expressed the sense of obligation under which the class rested.

He was followed by Dr. Woodbury, president of the association, who paid many glowing compliments to Mr. Cohoe, and concluded by handing him, on behalf of the class a copy of The Christian Certainty Amid the Modern Perplexity, a well known, though new work, by Principal Albert E. Garvie, of New College, London. The book is of the Denny class and comprises about 500 pages. Mr. Cohoe appropriately expressed his sense of appreciation of the gift.

CARPENTERS HELD A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

A Mass Meeting in West End, Last Night, Largely Attended--Speakers Advocated \$3 a Day Wage.

That there is only one apprentice to the carpenter trade in St. John, was the surprising statement made at a mass meeting for carpenters held in the Temperance hall, West End, last evening.

The statement was made by Wm. Peterson, of the carpenters' union, who expressed the opinion that steps should be taken to establish an apprenticeship system here similar to which obtains in Chicago.

Mr. Peterson reviewed the progress of the movement for \$3 a day, and said the union was rapidly increasing its membership.

A. Dever, organizer of the A. F. L., gave an interesting address, showing what organization had done for the pressing and urgent needs of the movement, as he thought that owing to the increase in the cost of living, the men were entitled to more pay.

Walter Allingham and James McGirr also spoke. At the close of the address a West Side contractor appeared on the platform, said he was willing to pay his carpenters \$3 a day and wished the union success in their movement, as he thought that owing to the increase in the cost of living, the men were entitled to more pay.

ELKS HOSTS AT A PLEASANT SMOKER

Excellent Entertainment Given Last Evening--Programme of Rare Excellence, and Refreshments for Gathering.

Last night the Canadian Order of Elks gave a smoker in their rooms, Charlotte street, and it was one of the best that has yet been given by that organization. The committee in charge of the smoker left nothing undone for the comfort of the members and guests, and the programme carried through was an exceptional one.

The exalted ruler of the lodge, L. R. Ross, presided. There were able committees for the different sections of the entertainment, and the whole affair was well planned and carried out in a most creditable manner.

There were about three hundred members and guests present, and from eight o'clock until after midnight there was enjoyment every minute.

Songs were sung by D. S. Robillard, F. J. McKean, D. B. Pidgeon, Mr. Hollingsworth, Edward Bonnell, Mr. Kingmill, C. J. Oakley, Stewart, Della Rode, Fred J. Punter was heard to advantage in a character song. Elks Blaise McKinley was enjoyable to advantage in a reading; LeBaron Driscoll gave an excellent exhibition of juggling, and Andrew Rahnine gave a travel talk which was most commendable and the entertainment of the members and guests, was a decided hit. His principal vocal number and encore were indeed features.

Fred McKean was the soloist in the Torador Song, with a large and well balanced chorus, and was greatly appreciated. The selection was loudly applauded.

An orchestra led by F. C. Jones rendered a number of selections which were enjoyed, and Prof. M. H. Emery was the accompanist.

There were speeches by L. R. Ross, His Worship Mayor Frink, and Al. Gernon McCollick, Potts, Smith, McLeod and others.

A number of athletes under the direction of John Power, gave an exhibition that was most commendable and the entertainment of the members and guests, was a decided hit. His principal vocal number and encore were indeed features.

The large number of guests were served with coffee and sandwiches and with the singing of the National Anthem the gathering broke up after midnight.

PERSONAL

Street Railway and County Bills. J. King Kelley, county secretary, returned from Fredericton last evening. He reported that a bill has been accorded a favorable reception, and that the Street Railway had agreed to pay taxes on their wire heating plant, and electric current for power and lighting, and pay the usual percentage on their railway tracks. "I was surprised when I read the remarks made by some of the members on Thursday," he added. "The county never had any intention of taxing the city's water pipes. The bill defines in every way the exact tax, a very close adaptation of the city act, defusing what is taxable property."

Brigadier Adby returned to the city on the Halifax Express last evening. Edward Bates returned to the city last night from Fredericton. Mrs. Geo. P. Allan returned yesterday morning from Boston where she has been visiting friends.

Nickel Plans Changed. Dickens' Tale of Two Cities, booked for the Nickel Monday, will be shown at a later date, and the great operatic film 'Art, Il Trovatore, by Pathe Freres, with elaborate orchestral setting will be substituted. This is a wonderful feature.

The D. and A. Corset that is being advertised so extensively by a very artistic and handsome booklet, which is now being distributed to the homes of this city, can be had at P. A. Dykeman and Co., at all the prices stated in this booklet. They are advertising one line of this firm's make at the present time at a very special price.

Canadian manufacturers went another step forward last month, when the leading makers of typewriters, The Williams Mfg. Co. Ltd., put the Empire No. 2 model in the market. This is in every way the latest and most modern typewriter, having all improvements. The price is only \$50, which means the purchaser is able to get the best machine on the market now at a clear saving of \$50 on the other makes.

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A Customer's Reasonable Wish is This Store's Pleasure. DYKEMAN'S Today is Corset Day AT OUR STORES. A very neat booklet has been distributed to the different homes of the city describing the D. and A. Corset. We are headquarters for these goods and they are all sold at the prices indicated in this booklet, excepting a few special lines that have been made up by this firm especially for us. For instance, we have now on sale 300 pairs, extra long waist, new shape Corsets, fitted with four garters of a superior quality at 79 cents a pair. They are the equal to most corsets at \$1. finely formed, made from French cotlle, non-rustible, non-breakable steels, finished with lace. Another number that we specially recommend is priced \$1. It is not so long as the 79 cent one, but has the correct shape and gives the form the same appearance of stylishness as does the \$3 and \$4 Corsets. Our 50 cent line is also finished with garters, is the D. and A. make, long hip effect and made from good wearing material. Other prices up to \$2.50. F. A. Dykeman & Co., 59 Charlotte St.

Bath Room Fixtures. We have a splendid range of BATH ROOM FIXTURES made of solid brass, heavily nickel plated, including: SOAP DISHES, TUMBLER HOLDERS, SPONGE HOLDERS, HOOKS, ETC., GLASS SHELVES. EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain Street, PHONE MAIN 87.

Special Sale in Linen Room On Saturday Evening and Monday. BOYS' LINEN SUITINGS--Natural Linen Cloth with small white and colored checks. Look well, wash well, wear well. Worth 18c, a yard. Sale Price 12 1-2c yard. 36 inch PURE WHITE FINE LINENS--Slightly soiled. Between 300 and 400 yards. This will be a grand chance to select enough for a waist or dress at very much less than regular price. Sale Price 40c yard. 18 inch LINEN STAIR COVERING--Natural Linen cloth with red border. Sale Price 12 1-2c yard. ROLLER TOWELLING--All pure linen. Sale price, 7 1/2 cents yard. TURKISH ROLLERING--Fancy border. Sale price, 13 cents yard. WHITE TURKISH TOWELS--Large size. Per pair, 40c. INDIA MULL--36 inch, white and cream. A few pieces, 6 cents yard. FRINGED TEA NAPKINS, in fine pure linen. Sale price, per half dozen, 50c.

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