

THE WEATHER.

Gulf and Maritime.—Fresh westerly winds, a few showers or local snow flurries, but partly fair; not much change in temperature. Toronto, April 16.—The weather today had been cold from the lake region to the Atlantic, with a few light snow falls or flurries in Ontario and Quebec, and local showers in the Maritime provinces. In the west it has been fine, and most localities quite warm. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria—44, 54. Calgary—32, 69. Moosejaw—20, 69. Qu'Appelle—32, 68. Winnipeg—23, 56. Fort Arthur—23, 42. Toronto—23, 41. Lower Lawrence—Fair, stationary or a little higher temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

Created a Disturbance. James Walsh was given in charge of the police on Saturday night. McDonald for creating a disturbance in the latter's tavern on Main street.

Found by the Police. The police report finding a key on King street, another on Main street, and three keys with a ring on the corner of St. James and Charlotte streets.

Auto Owner Reported. Malcolm McKay, Jr., has been reported by the police for furiously driving an automobile along Germain street yesterday afternoon.

Enquiry Tonight. The enquiry into the death of the infant found in the cellar of a Horsefield street house about a month ago will be resumed before Coroner D. E. Berryman this evening at 7 o'clock.

A Slight Fire. About three o'clock Saturday afternoon a fire was discovered in Mrs. Mullins' house on Main street, and an alarm was sent in from box 145. The fire was quickly extinguished and the damage done was slight.

Salvage Corps Will Meet Tonight. No. 1 and No. 2 Salvage Corps and Fire Police will hold their annual meeting tonight when the officers for the coming year will be elected and reports will be submitted. After the business of the meeting is finished the members will be entertained.

A Presentation. R. H. Blennerhassett, who has for the past winter been C. P. R. agent for the wharves at Sand Point, leaves for Montreal this afternoon to take charge of the wharves. Saturday afternoon he was presented with an office staff and was presented with a handsome gold watch.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrated. A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Jones, 271 Princess street, surprised them one night last week when the 15th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jones' wedding was celebrated. A very pleasant evening was spent.

In Zion Church. Rev. Wm. Lawson preached in Zion church at last evening's service. During the evening the girls of the Sunday school sang choruses under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph Andrews. Six persons were extended the right hand of fellowship.

The Seaman's Mission. A successful temperance meeting was held in the Seaman's Mission on Saturday evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Seymour in the chair. The Rev. A. Graham gave a fine address and Miss Dunlop played two violin solos. Twenty pledges were taken. The Sunday evening service was conducted by the Rev. Gordon Dickie, who gave an appropriate address to the seamen. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Hazel and Mr. Walker. The platform looked very bright with plants and flowers. A concert will be given tonight at eight. Talent from S.S. "Saturnia," S.S. "Tunisian" and S.S. "Empress of Britain."

Will Decide Today. Coroner Berryman will decide today if he will hold an inquest on the body of Thomas Young who died as a result of injuries received Friday morning by being knocked into the hold of the steamer Lake Champlain, at Sand Point. Yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the body was taken from the home of his brother-in-law 66 Simonds street to St. Peter's church where the funeral service was held by the Rev. M. McKeim. The remains were then taken to O'Neil's undertaking warehouse and interment will take place tomorrow. The funeral procession was very largely attended yesterday afternoon. The hearse was preceded by the members of the C. M. E. A. and the Longshoremen's association. Members of the C. M. E. A. acted as pall bearers.

MORE SETTLERS FOR PROVINCIAL FARMS. Party of 27 Arrived by the Tunisian on Saturday and will go to New Homes today.

Another party of 27 immigrants who have decided to locate in this province arrived on the Allan line Tunisian Saturday, and will be sent on to their destinations today. Most of the members of the large contingent which arrived on the Empress of Britain will leave today for different parts of the province. One party to the number of 40 are going to Woodstock, and will take employment with the farmers in the vicinity.

As an indication of the thoroughness of the work of the provincial immigration officials, it is interesting to note that all who desired to go to work on farms on their arrival here, have been located without delay.

Masters Roger and Cedric Cooper of Fredericton are spending their Easter vacation in the city.

A lady fainted in J. K. Storey's millinery store in the rush for Easter hats. It would be advisable for Mr. Storey to secure larger premises.

IS THERE ANY REASON TO TRUST THE MEN BEHIND THE COMMISSION PLAN?

Correspondent Charges that the so called "Citizens Committee" has Already Shamefully Betrayed the Trust of the People--Is it all a Huge Game?

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir.—The one and only answer of commission advocates to the courteous and perfectly proper questions of Mr. Sampson, yourself, the Globe and others who have sought information on the subject is, trust the men who are behind this movement. Naturally two thoughts suggest themselves. 1.—ARE THE MEN BEHIND THE MOVEMENT TO BE TRUSTED? 2.—SHOULD THEY BE TRUSTED?

The answer to the second question depends on the conclusion reached with reference to the first, and in answer to the first, we must look to their record on this matter.

Their Record. The commission idea originated in a committee of the board of trade. That committee prepared a report on the subject which contained so little information that it has practically never been heard of during the campaign now being conducted.

That report was sent to the council of the board of trade and without explanation, without discussion, and without a single member of that august body asking a word of explanation or information, was adopted.

One would have thought the board of trade council who probably regard themselves as the cream of the business men of the community, would have desired some enlightenment on a subject of such importance.

Next, a meeting of the whole board of trade was called, and those of us who were looking for enlightenment thought now there will be a general discussion of the whole subject and the full meaning and import of commission will be made clear. Again we were disappointed. The "business men of St. John" who are demanding business principles in the administration of their civic affairs, gave a wonderful example of their acumen and skill. They did exactly as the council of the board of trade did—they swallowed the whole proposal without asking a single question or without (it is not unfair or untrue to say it) a single word of explanation of what the proposal meant.

It is for non-business methods these men condemn the city council, but not one of them can tell of any action on the part of the city council that shows greater disregard for business principles.

Can We Trust Them? Had as all this, Mr. Editor, it is not by any means the only thing these men have done, it shows they are not to be trusted.

The city council decided that it would be nice if the commission idea met with favor, to have an independent commission appointed to draft the constitution. With the wisdom of that move I have no concern at the moment. The citizens did not want it. They assembled in force at a public meeting and authorized the citizens' committee, so called, to demand from the legislature that the right to draft the charter be continued in the people's chosen representatives, the city council of St. John. That was the order of the people by unanimous vote of a public meeting.

Did the citizens' committee carry out the express command of the people? No. They betrayed the trust imposed in them and took from the legislature the right to name a committee from among themselves to draft the new charter. Not in single man stood up for what the people had told them to do. But there was ever more shameful betrayal of a public trust? And yet these men and their friends say, "trust us."

Unmanly Conduct. No wonder Rev. Mr. Sampson says their conduct has been unmanly. No wonder men all over this community are asking if there is a game behind this whole commission idea. No wonder men who have worked for years for the welfare of the city are asking an explanation of the new found zeal on the part of many from whom in years past they have received neither help or encouragement. No wonder it is being pointed out that the fathers of this movement include men closely identified with the telephone monopoly, with the street railway and with land companies and syndicates that have sought to secure from the city the Lancaster lands and other large areas of public domain that they may exploit them for their private ends.

That there are men working actively for commission in the belief that it will bring about better conditions, no one for a moment doubts, but there is much to make one wonder if they are not unwittingly the tools of those who are seeking to exploit the city for their own ends and have found it impossible to do so successfully under the present system.

A Trust Betrayed. How successfully the citizens' committee betrayed the trust of the people in connection with the charter is seen in the fact that not only did they take to themselves without protest from a single member of the delegation, the power they had been instructed to secure for the people's chosen representatives, but they got the authority to ignore the people absolutely and to submit the charter they decide on direct to the legislature. They are not required to show it to the people of St. John or to the people's chosen representatives. They can keep secret all or any of its provisions until the next session of the legislature, leaving the people to find out after the bill is submitted whether they are to do it or not.

Perhaps this will not be done, but there can be no denying that the committee who ask the people to trust them have secured power to do by their own betrayal of the trust the people placed in them, and one naturally wonders if that was part of the game.

Thoughtful and fair minded men must be convinced that the citizens' committee have not by their actions, justified their cry, "trust us."

The answer to my second question—Should they be trusted?—is therefore obvious.

Yours, JOHN SMITH. St. John, N. B. April 15, 1911.

THE WORKING MEN ARE GETTING WISE

The Labor Voters will Likely Oppose Commission, as they are Unable to Get Information on Plan.

Trade union officials express surprise that no answer has been given to Rev. Mr. Sampson's query as to what the qualification for civic commissioners would be. The silence of the commissionees on this point has confirmed the impression that Mr. Allingham was rather premature when he told the Trades Council he had seen a copy of the charter and that the property qualification was eliminated. It is not yet known on whose authority he made this announcement, because as a matter of fact the citizens' committee has never discussed this point. Certainly no such decision has been made, or the organs of the commissionees would have had an answer to Mr. Sampson's query.

VANCOUVER DID NOT "TAKE IT ON FAITH"

Citizens of Pacific Metropolis Had Commission Charter Plainly Before them Before they Voted upon it.

"The city of Vancouver secured the right to change its charter some years ago, and the citizens voted on the question of adopting the commission form of government," said G. H. Cowan, M. P. of Vancouver yesterday. "The agitation for a commission had been in progress for some years, and the people who were at all interested knew what they were voting for, before they were voting for it. It makes no sense to say that it is about before it moves."

R. W. W. Frink, who has been ill at the General Public Hospital, is expected to be able to leave the institution this week, and will go to his home on Leinster street.

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