

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion, with a marked rise in temperature over Ontario and to a lesser extent in Quebec, and the Maritime provinces.

AROUND THE CITY

FALSE ALARM. A false alarm from box 118 gave the West End firemen a needless run Saturday morning at seven o'clock.

NO MORNING SERVICE. On account of an accident to the heating apparatus in St. James Church it was not possible to hold the morning service there. Repairs were effected before the evening service.

POPULAR PRESENTATION. F. J. Hardiman, accountant for the Telegraph, has resigned that position and accepted another. On Saturday E. W. McCready, on behalf of the staff presented Mr. Hardiman with a substantial gift.

DEPRIVED OF WATER. As a result of the bursting of a fire hydrant, the lower section of Sussex was deprived of water Saturday morning, causing much inconvenience and hardship to the householders living in the affected district. The severe cold greatly hampered the work of repairing the break.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY. Yesterday was the fourth anniversary of the amalgamation of the Brunswick street and Leinster street Baptist churches. The Rev. F. S. Porter supplied for the occasion, and delivered forceful and eloquent sermons at both the morning and evening services, held in the Central Baptist church.

ENJOYED SKATING. The cold weather yesterday did not deter skating enthusiasts from indulging in this popular sport. The cleared area was crowded all yesterday afternoon and presented a merry scene. The presence of a number of naval uniforms gave evidence that the Canadian winter sport found favor with the sailors.

RECEIVED CHEQUE AND PEN. Thomas F. Drummond left Saturday evening for Montreal to enter upon his new duties, taking charge of the Davids stores. On Saturday afternoon he was presented with a handsome gold fountain pen by his fellow clerks at the Hunt Clothing Company, and with a substantial cheque by his employers.

INTERESTING TALK. Members of the M. E. H. Bible Class of Centenary Church were given an interesting illustrated talk on Bible History by their teacher, Mrs. John Sealy, yesterday afternoon. The address was illustrated by pictures and maps and Mrs. Sealy's beautifully worded descriptions were greatly enjoyed.

BUILDING REPORT. The report of the building inspector for the month which ended Saturday shows that 11 permits, for a total of \$17,000, were issued for January, 1919, the report was blank. In the past month the inspector issued a permit for the erection by A. S. Stern, on Stanley street, of a one-story concrete structure for use as a dairy. The cost is given as \$12,000. The floor space is 110 by 52 feet. Ten permits were issued for repairs totalling \$5,000.

SATURDAY SALES. Of five properties advertised for sale on Chubb's Corner Saturday morning by Auctioneer F. L. Potts, only two were disposed of. A property at 15 Delbri street and one at the corner of Main and Durham streets were sold through the week at private sale. Leasehold property consisting of two shops and two flats, 173 Main street brought \$3,250, and a double tenement freehold 270 Tower street, west, was sold for \$2,800. A freehold double tenement at 122-12 Duke street was withdrawn at \$4,700.

PHYSICIAN FINED. Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief inspector under the Prohibition Act, has returned from Albert County, where a physician was charged with issuing prescriptions for liquor to be used for beverage purposes and also with selling liquor illegally. He was fined \$25 on the first offence, and \$50 on the second charge.

The chief inspector says an accountant is engaged in figuring out a new schedule of prices to be charged by the vendors for liquors, and adds that wholesalers seem to be having difficulty in replenishing their stocks.

Miss E. McKay, buyer for F. W. Daniel & Company's mantle department, left Saturday evening for New York and Toronto to attend the Spring Openings.

Board of Trade meeting tonight. Address by R. D. Paterson, of Commercial Club. General business. Commercial Club members invited.

ST. JOHN IS TO HAVE STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO WEST COAST AFRICA

Elder Dempster Company Propose to Open New Service from Montreal Next Summer—Is Connected With Biggest Trade Companies on West Coast of Africa and is in Position to Make Proposed New Service a Success

St. John will have a steamship service to the West Coast of Africa next winter, according to a local shipping man. The Elder-Dempster Company propose to open a new service from Montreal to West Africa next summer, and if it proves a success will be continued from St. John in the winter months. The Elder-Dempster Company now operate a service between Canada and South Africa, which is connected to considerable trade development while they operate a big fleet of boats from England to practically all the ports on the West Coast of Africa.

In this connection it is worth noting that the Bank of Montreal has announced that it has concluded a working agreement with the Colonial Bank of London, and through it with Barclay's Bank, one of the five strongest monetary institutions in the whole world, and having wide ramifications all over Africa and South America. As a consequence of this agreement the Bank of Montreal is now advertising that it offers unexcelled facilities for the transaction of business with Africa.

The Elder-Dempster shipping company are associated with the biggest trade companies on the West Coast of Africa, and are in a position to make the proposed new service a success.

The Germans formerly did a big trade with West Africa, and since the war the United States has developed an important trade there. Any of the products this country purchases from the States are manufactured from raw

materials procured from West Africa, and their products coming from a British colony are loaded with American profits. This business may be diverted to Canada, and lead to the creation of new manufacturing industries. The West African colonies are rich in raw products, such as palm oil, palm kernels, cocoa, hides, rubber, ivory, mahogany, coffee, ground nut, ginger, etc., and these commodities are in greater demand now than before the war. They are also rich in exports about \$20,000,000 worth of cocoa, competing with Brazil.

The West African colonies have been undergoing a considerable development and afford a large market for a wide variety of Canadian products, such as flour, lumber, canned goods of all kinds, cotton goods, tobacco, sugar, wearing apparel, machinery, motor vehicles, hardware, soap, etc. Building materials, railway equipment and steel products are in ever increasing demand, and in these commodities Canada has a direct steamship service should be able to compete with other countries. With railway development the West Coast of Africa will become a market of ever increasing importance.

It is probable that the boats which the Elder-Dempster Company operate from Canada will only touch at one or a few ports on the west coast, but they will bring in contact with the whole coast, as the company now operates a large fleet of intercolonial coasting and river boats. Transhipment is made from the ocean boats to smaller ocean craft.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AID EXECUTIVE

Meeting Held in Board of Trade Rooms Saturday—Date of Annual Meeting Fixed for Feb. 26—Reports Were Received.

Accounts of two interesting cases which the Women's Aid assisted were given at an executive meeting held at the Board of Trade on Saturday morning. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith presided and the date of the annual meeting was fixed for February 26th. The denominational vice presidents were notified to have their reports ready for that date. A. C. Skelton was asked to audit the books of the society.

Reporting for the Visitors' Committee Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley told of the case of a young Italian who had been drafted into the Canadian Army. He was taken ill while in training and after eight months at the General Public Hospital had been pronounced a chronic case. His one desire was to return to his native land as he was lonely and could speak no English, but he needed clothes and money. A ship was found which is sailing from St. John this week for Genoa. The ladies got into communication with the authorities and a passport was obtained. The Red Cross and individuals provided suitable clothing was provided and the Knights of Columbus contributed \$20 toward the \$72 which is required for passage money. It is hoped that the I. O. D. E. and other societies will make up the balance so that the boy may accompany his newly found friend the captain of the ship, home to Italy.

The aid were privileged to help a sailor who was desirous of going to Ottawa to take a vocational course and who had been a patient at the Hospital. It gave great pleasure to all members to be able to help in both these instances and it also made room, so sadly needed at the Hospital, for two more patients.

Train Wreck Near Norton

Locomotive on Special Train of Chinese Left Rails Saturday Afternoon, Ploughed Roadbed and Badly Blocked the Traffic.

A serious wreck was narrowly averted last Saturday afternoon when a train load of coals ran into a broken rail at Norton. Happily the engine alone left the rails, and ploughed along between both the main and passing tracks in such a manner as to tear up both roadbeds and block all traffic for between seven and eight hours. As the day was a bitterly cold one, it was indeed fortunate that the wreck was not worse, but as it was a great deal of discomfort ensued. The silk train effectively held up the Halifax express which was following close behind. The passengers from that train were transferred to the Sussex train, which leaves St. John at 5.15, while the passengers from the Sussex train, bound for points above Norton, were transferred to the C. P. R. and brought to their destination by that train.

The transfer necessitated the passengers walking nearly a mile, and was accomplished with much suffering to many, as they were obliged to wade through snow, waist high in many places, and the mercury was hovering far below the zero mark.

A sad feature of the incident was the case of a young man who was hurrying to the deathbed of his sister in the States. The Boston train did not wait for the delayed passengers on the Halifax train, and the young man was obliged to spend all Sunday leave till tonight.

The passengers from the Halifax train did not reach the city till 11.05 Saturday night, the local from Truro

FORMER RABBI IN WEST END CHURCH

B. L. Amdur in First Presbyterian Church Last Evening Read the 121 Psalm in Hebrew, Then Translated and Expounded it in English.

An interesting feature was introduced into the service of the Presbyterian Church on the West End last evening, when B. L. Amdur, the well known merchant and former Rabbi of Buffalo, Hamilton and St. John, read the 121st psalm in Hebrew, and translated and expounded it in English. The word "Meayin" in the first verse, he said, had a two-fold meaning in one sense it meant "whence cometh," and in another it signified "from absence of being." In the sixth verse the words "Yomon" and "Lollo" meant respectively "day and night, or prosperity and adversity." In the seventh verse the word "Mekei," meaning aid and guidance, signified that the Lord will preserve His people from the evils resulting from super-abundance.

SPEAKERS ON THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

Laymen were speakers in many of the Anglican Churches yesterday, giving short addresses on the Forward Movement. Lieut. Colonel W. H. Harrison spoke at the morning service at St. John's (Stone) Church dwelling particularly upon the Social Service programme to be undertaken. Lt. Col. Harrison addressed the Mission church congregation in the evening. At St. Paul's H. Usher Miller was the speaker, in the morning and Colonel E. T. Sturdee at the evening service. Rowland Frith was heard at Trinity in the morning. Frank Belyes spoke at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville.

At St. Mary's church the evening service was of a missionary nature. Rev. R. Taylor McKim conducting the service. A. C. Skelton gave a talk on the Forward Movement outlining the aims and objects.

MUNICIPAL I.O.D.E. ENTERTAINED AT TEA

Mrs. McDougald of Montreal Guest of Executive Saturday Afternoon—Leaving for Moncton and Fredericton.

Mrs. D. W. McDougald, of Montreal, was the guest of honor at an afternoon tea given on Saturday at the Sign of the Lantern, Germain street, by the Executive of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E. During the afternoon matters in connection with the I. O. D. E. constitution were talked over.

Mrs. McDougald, who has been during her stay at St. John, the guest of Mrs. W. E. Foster, Coburg street, leaves today for Moncton where she will address the Chapter there, afterwards going to Fredericton where she speaks on Wednesday. At both places her subject will be the I. O. D. E. War Memorial regarding which she speaks so eloquently.

WILL ADDRESS ROTARY CLUB. Joe Page, the well-known baseball writer and promoter, will address the Rotary Club at their luncheon today.

OFF FOR THE SPRING OPENINGS. F. W. Daniel and his buyer left Saturday evening for New York and Toronto to attend the Spring Openings in Ladies' Garments. Following out the principle "Buy in Canada" it is not their intention to purchase largely of American goods, but, as is their custom each season, they keep thoroughly posted in the new things coming out so as to be able to give confidence in styles to their customers. London House, Daniel, Head King St.

steamed in at 4.15 Sunday morning, and the "silk train," with our excellent allies, arrived in at 10 o'clock.

Tablet Placed In Stone Church S.S.

Unveiling of Shield in Memory of Scholars of St. John's Church Who Gave Their Lives in the Great War—Impressive Service Yesterday Afternoon.

A tablet, the gift of the scholars of St. John's (Stone) church Sunday school, was unveiled yesterday afternoon after the usual session. The pupils, last year, gave up their annual treat and subscribed sufficient funds to contribute to missionary purposes. This tablet stands as the Memorial benediction by the children in memory of scholars in the Sunday school who gave their lives in the Great War. A tablet will be shortly placed on the walls of the church to members of the congregation who made the supreme sacrifice.

Rev. Canon Kuhring spoke on the inspiration such men as those whose names are upon the tablet should be to all, and said that it must be realized by all that the vacant places had to be filled in church work. It is the duty of those remaining to do both their own share and the work which such noble men would have done for the service of the Master.

Miss Sadler, as a teacher who had seen these boys pass through the Sunday school, and who has been for many years a faithful teacher there, was chosen a faithful teacher there, was covered by the Union Jack. Canon Kuhring offered the dedicatory prayer reading the following names: Basil Winter, Fred C. Manning, Jack Hipwell, Stanley K. Macdonald, Robert Garnett, George Morrissey, Walter L. Gray, Herbert Barr, John Scott, Walter Hall, Gilbert Climo.

The hymn "Fight the Good Fight" was then sung, and the benediction pronounced by Canon Kuhring, closed this impressive service. A number of members of the congregation were present.

The tablet is in the form of a shield with the names inscribed on bronze maple leaves. It has been placed in the centre of the north wall.

THE MEN'S RETREAT ON SUNDAY NEXT

Masses in Morning and Evening in St. John the Baptist Church—Rev. Father Walsh of New York to Conduct Services During Week.

In St. John the Baptist Church, Broad Street, yesterday morning, the pastor, Rev. A. W. Meahan announced that the Men's Retreat would begin in that church on Sunday next, Father Meahan invited all the men of the congregation to be present at these services in order that they should receive the benediction attached to them. In all probability there will be two Masses in the morning, an evening devotion and sermon. The Rev. Father Michael Walsh of the Society of Jesus, New York City, will conduct the services throughout the entire week. Father Walsh is known to be a very popular preacher and under his direction there is no doubt that the retreat will be one of the most successful if not the most that has been held in St. John the Baptist Church.

ST. JOHN'S CROWDED HARBOR IN THE MOVIES TODAY

The Imperial will today show St. John's ice-free harbor in its very best light in a specially-taken moving picture. The open-air demonstration of protest in front of the offices of Dr. A. P. Barnhill, Canadian National Railways director, is also shown. This bit of local color will enhance what is already a marvellously interesting bill, featuring the Drury Lano spectacular drama "The White Heather," companion picture to "Sporting Life."

FEBRUARY SUIT SALE. Gilmour's annual clearance of odd suits and broken lines of suits begins today. The opportunity is a favorable one to buy a suit for \$20 to \$30 and save \$5 to \$10, and also the advance in price which has occurred since they were put in stock. Gilmour's, 68 King St.

Miss Mellday, Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Beckwith of the Marr Millinery Co., Ltd., left Saturday evening for New York.

LAST ARRIVAL AT F. A. DYKEMAN'S

A shipment of most attractive Silk Mohair and Near Satin Underskirts at this is a long overdue order placed in the Old Country, when prices were on a lower level. Now obtainable at the result is these skirts can now be bought at an exceptionally reasonable figure. Owing to there being a popular demand for Skirts of this nature, they will doubtless be snapped up in short order. The Near Satin comes in Rose, Purple, Paddy, Silver Grey, Alice Blue, Navy Blue and Black, according to special frills, lengths 34 to 40. Priced at only \$2.75.

Silk Mohair, colors are Purple, Tan, Brown, Rose, Navy, and Black, pleated frills, all regular sizes, also in outside. Special at only \$4.95. See these in their show windows.

Kindergarten Tag Day, February 10th

Oil Stores, P. Campbell & Co.

Change of Seat Sale. The seat sale for the Y. M. C. A. play, "Charlie's Aunt," will open at the Imperial Wednesday, at ten a.m. instead of at Nelson's book store as formerly announced.

Having Lecture, Old London and New India, by Dr. Carter, of London, England, in the Germain Street Institute, Monday, February 2nd, 8.15 p.m., under the auspices of the St. John High School Alumnae. Admission 50 cents. Proceeds for the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission.

Advertisement for Thermo Waterless Hot-Bottle. Features a hot bottle that stays hot for twelve hours. Includes an image of the product and text describing its benefits for hot water bottles.

Advertisement for Marr Millinery Co., Limited. Promotes correct millinery, featuring smart SATIN HATS. Includes text about showroom offerings and an early inspection.

Advertisement for Thermos - LUNCH KITS - Universal. Promotes home prepared liquid refreshments kept ice cold or piping hot. Includes prices for aluminum hot water bottles and lunch kits.

Advertisement for Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. Promotes other interesting items in connection with a free hemming sale of household linens and cottons. Includes a list of special values in bed spreads, bedroom and bath towels, and various quilt and cotton specialties.

Advertisement for D. Magee's Sons, Limited. Promotes the following opportunities available until Tuesday at 6 p.m. Includes a list of women's raccoon coats, near seal coats, and woolen street coats with prices.