THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 16.—A pronounced disturbance centred tonight over Minnesota is causing showers in the Lake region and heavy snow in Manitoba. The weather has been milder today in Ontario and Quebec and moderately cold in the Maritime Provinces.

Winnipeg	34	36
Port Arthur	26	38
Parry Sound	10	38
London	24	50
Toronto	22	40
Kingston	8	36
Ottawa	6	32
Montreal	12	30
Quebec	4	24
St. John	14	28
Halifax	16	38

Forecasts.

Maritime—Fair at first followed by fresh or strong southeast to south winds with showers at night.

Northern New England — Cloudy and warmer Tuesday, probably rain in Vermont; Wednesday local rains, south winds.

AROUND THE CITY

POLICE OFFICERS ILL.

John O'Neill, day deskman at police headquarters, is being treated at the Hospital, and his position is being filled by Night Deskman Edwin Thomas. Court Sergeant Hastings is confined to his home through illness.

FLU SITUATION.

The Secretary of the Board of Health advised yesterday that all the influenza cards have been removed and there are now but two convalescent patients in the Emergency Hospital.

ASKING INFORMATION.

The Board of Trade has received from Havana a letter of inquiry concerning firms handling potatoes, and the Mayor has received a request from Buenos Aires for information concerning local importers of alfalfa seed, quebracho extract, etc.

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE

C. H. Stevens, received word from the headquarters of the Cigar Makers' International Union at Chicago that he has been selected to represent St. John, N. B., St. Thomas and St. Kitchener, Ontario, at the annual convention of th
tion in Cleveland on April 12.

STEALING FROM C. P. R.

A case against Charles Doyle, charged with stealing from a C. P. R. box car, was continued in the Fairville court yesterday morning before Stipendiary Magistrate Allingham. Henry Catlow, Harry Kelly, Edward Leonard, George Carr and Percy Logan testified, and the case was further postponed until March 22.

BOARD OF TRADE

The secretary of the Board of Trade received a letter from Constantinople yesterday from a firm of Turks who wish to do business with Canada. Another letter was received from Japan asking about the market for tea in the Maritime Provinces. There was also a letter from Utah, asking for information as to the exporters of seed potatoes in New Brunswick.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING.

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the Girls' Association, held last evening, money, amounting to nearly $50, which was collected in the Mite Boxes, was voted to a number of funds, including $20 to the General Pledge Fund of the W. A., $12 to special appeals, and $10 to Eldon Merritt for his work in the Far North.

Members are engaged in sewing on an outfit for an Indian girl at a school in the Northwest.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

J. H. Chaplin and family were obliged to hasten from their home on Darling's Island, near Nauwigewauk, early Sunday morning, when the house was destroyed by fire. Mr. Chaplin had recently sold his farm to the Soldier Settlement Board and was to return to his home in England in a few weeks. The origin of the blaze is unknown, but it is thought that the cause was a defective chimney. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

ENTERTAINMENT ENJOYED.

The Literary and Social Department of the Carleton Methodist Church, Guilford street, held an enjoyable entertainment last evening in the Sunday school room, with Miss Margaret Barrett convener. J. L. Robertson, president of the society, was in the chair. There were about fifty boys and girls present. After a well-prepared programme had been carried out, light refreshments were served by the ladies.

MINISTERS IN SESSION.

At the Methodist Ministerial Association meeting, yesterday morning, at Centenary church parlors, Rev. Dr. Steel addressed the meeting on the outlook for supplying the pulpit. He also spoke of a rearrangement to be reached between Methodist and Presbyterian churches where overlapping exists and stated that this question would come up this week at the meeting of the St. John Presbytery. Rev. Geo. Morris presided and Rev. J. B. Gough acted as secretary. There was a full attendance.

DR. VINCENT'S LECTURE.

Preparations are about completed for the reception in St. John of Dr. George E. Vincent tomorrow night. In honor of St. Patrick, the Imperial Orchestra has consented to play a choice programme of Irish melodies. The Lieut.-Governor will take the chair, and officers of both clubs will sit on the platform to do honor to our distinguished guest.

The reservations will be continued this morning, beginning at the same hour, 10 o'clock. Club members should not delay.

Non-members may purchase tickets entitling them to admittance and reservation for fifty cents, at E. G. Nelson & Co.'s and Grey and Richey's.

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ST. JOHN MARINER WAS SAVED AFTER TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

Captain William Reicker, 169 Victoria Street, With One Sailor Rescued from Wrecked Schooner Isaiah K. Stetson—Four Members of Crew Lost Their Lives.

While deeply grieved over the loss of four seamen from the tern schooner Isaiah K. Stetson, the wife and family of Captain William Reicker, 169 Victoria Street, the vessel's commander, had a load of worry and fear lifted from them yesterday afternoon when the Standard representative read to them an account of the disaster received by the Canadian Press and gave to them their first knowledge that the husband and father had been saved from death. Up till this time Mrs. Reicker and family had no other word than that published in yesterday morning's Standard which only stated that two members of the crew had been saved.

The many friends of Captain Reicker in St. John will learn wit hhappiness that he has survived a terrible experience. He has undergone an awful ordeal and it is to be hoped he will be able to leave Wood's Hole, Mass., and arrive home to his loved ones in a few days.

The story of the wreck and the experience as told to the Canadian Press representatives by Captain Reicker is as follows:

Wood's Hole, Mass., March 16—News of the death of three Nova Scotia seamen was brought here today by the Guard Cutter Acushnet which rescued two of the crew of six of the tern schooner Isaiah K. Stetson, which was wrecked off Half Moon Shoal, southwest of Cape Cod, in Nantucket Sound, Saturday night. The schooner was bound for Lunenburg, N. S., from Norfolk with a cargo of coal.

The Nova Scotians who were lost were Nelson McKay, the mate, and Manford Nickerson, seaman, of Yarmouth, and Emden Ellis, seaman, of Digby. Robert Hodgson, of Orland Maine, the cook, was also drowned. The survivors are Captain William Reicker and Seaman Josie Watkins, of New York. They had been lashed to the rigging of their ship for fourteen hours. She sank just after they had been taken off. The men who lost their lives were washed away by the heavy waves. Captain Reicker this morning told the story of how the Canadian seamen lost their lives.

"It came on to blow from south to west with a gale of wind, then hauled to west southwest," he said. "I put out three anchors, but we dragged them five miles and went onto the shoals. It was two in the morning.

"We slipped over the shoals into a hole with five fathoms of water. The seas were high and we began to fill.

"The rails were barely out of the water and I ordered the men to take to the masts. McKay and Nickerson had reached the top of the forward deck house, when they were washed overboard by a big one. Emden Ellis had climbed aloft and I thought he was safe, but he tried to cross on a spring stay from one mast to another and he went over when the water caught him. Watkins fixed himself in the fore rigging and I had Cook Hodgson with me in the main rigging, almost secure. He tried to climb a bit higher, but could not get up and I lost him."

On the succeeding fourteen hours, which the schooner sank beneath them in five fathoms of water, her masts pitching under the impulses of wind and waves, the men clinging wildly for a time to hold fast, and later frozen into security, Captain Reicker remembers little. They were nearly dead when the rescue ship arrived and took them off.

The Isiah K. Stetson was a vessel of 271 tons and was a regular trader at this port for the last fifteen years. She was built at Brewer, Maine in 1892 by Colonel Stetson. J. Willard Smith was the local agent.

Hard Experience of Schooner's Crew

Capt. Granville and Crew Three Days on Vessel's Cabin—Ship Sunk Under Them—Two Days in Open Boat.

Further particulars have been received regarding the loss of the three-masted Nova Scotian schooner "Lejok," commanded by Capt. Norman Granville, of this city. It seems that on March 1st, while off the Florida coast this schooner was caught in a terrific storm. In a few hours she had sprung a leak and was in a sinking condition. The crew were forced to spend three whole days clinging to the top of the cabin, and when at the end of that time the vessel sank under them, they took to the open boats and spent two days at sea with a sixty mile gale raging. Eventually they were picked up by a passing steamer and taken to Key West, Florida. Capt. Granville writes that this is the worst experience he has ever had, and that all hands were very lucky to have escaped death. Harry Miller, of Cumberland Bay, Queens county, was also a member of the crew.

'PRENTICE BOYS' FAIR OPENED

Large Attendance Last Night in West End Hall Thoroughly Enjoyed the Many Attractions—The Prize Winners.

The opening of the P. A. P. B., No. 30, annual fair took place last night in the 'Prentice Boys' Hall, Guilford street, West St. John. There was a large number in attendance, and the opening proved very successful. The proceeds of the fair will go towards the remodelling of the Prentice Boys' Hall. The amount taken at previous fairs and sales have been given to the Patriotic Funds and the various Orphans' Homes in the city. The committee in charge is as follows: A. L. Belyea, D. A. Duffey, C. D. Price; Wm. Donahue, treasurer; Harry Sellen, secretary.

The following are in charge of the various booths and games:

Mrs. A. L. Belyea, Miss Gertrude Belyea—Refreshment booth.
A. L. Belyea—Beer booth.
J. Gilmore, E. Clarke — Crown anchor.
Devil-among-the-tailors—R. Nichols.
Frank Ervin—Ten-pins.
Fred Wilson—Flood gates.
Alfred Cameron—Air gun.
Stewart Watters—Excelsior.
A. Jones—Bean bag.
A. Duffey—Ring toss.
Charles Dykeman—Wheel of fortune.
William Myles—Door tickets.

A door prize will be given every evening to the lucky ticket holder and on the final night of the fair the first door prize will be $25, second $15, third $10.

The prize-winners last night were as follows: Door prize, double boiler, Geo. Adams; bean bag, silver tray, J. Maxwell; flood gates, electrim lamp, W. Lanergan; nine-pins, silver butter dish, F. Campbell; excelsior board, flashlight, J. Maxwell; bagatelle, silver pickle dish, F. Ferguson; devil-among-the-tailors, silver butter dish, S. Thompson; air gun, electric heater, J. Connors.

ARRIVES THIS MORNING.

The C. P. O. S. liner Metagama will arrive at 7 o'clock this morning. She was expected yesterday from Liverpool with general cargo, passengers and mail. The steamer will dock at No. 3 berth, Sand Point.

Were Well Pleased With Their Visit

Mayor Hayes Says Federal Members Are Convinced of Need of Aggressive Action on Part of Government to Develop Facilities Here.

Mayor Hayes, the city commissioners, and the presidents of the Board of Trade, the Commercial Club and the Rotary Club saw the Western M. P.'s off on their train yesterday afternoon. They were accompanied by Stanley Elkin, M. P.

His Worship said that all the members he talked with were well pleased with their visit, and showed great interest in the city and the port. He thought they were all convinced of the need of aggressive action on the part of the Government to develop facilities here, both railway and harbor, to handle the increasing traffic of the port in an efficient manner and that when the question of port development came before Parliament they would lend their influence in the right direction.

CLERKSK' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Clerks' Association was held in the Natural History Building last evening, with the president, A. C. D. Wilson, in the chair. A report was read by Archibald Campbell, concerning early closing, and a committee was appointed to meet the Mayor and Common Council to present the matter to them for their consideration.

A WARNING

The number of seats available for the organ recital in St. David's Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, March Eighteenth, are limited, being 1008, and those wishing to hear this inspiring musical treat by Mr. J. H. Shearer, should apply as quickly as possible at E. G. Nelson & Co., King Street; Gray & Ritchie, King Street; F. W. Munro, Main Street; Lockhart & Ritchie, Prince William Street, and H. J. Dick, Charlotte Street.

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Spring Opening and Promenade of Models on Wednesday, March Seventeenth at the Manchester, Robertson Allison Limited Stores.

Women of St. John and vicinity are all invited to view the latest modes in Womens', Misses' and Children's apparel on this occasion. Promenade from 10 to 12 a.m.; from 2.30 to 5 p. m. Music in attendance. Do not miss this very decided attraction.

Mr. Russell Cahill, who is attending the St. John Law School here, returned yesterday from Sackville, where he attended the Moun Allison Seniors' reception.

E. Allan Schofield Heckled At Length By Labor Party

Faces First Audience in Mayoralty Campaign and Tells Something About His Purpose—President F. Campbell Predicted His Election by Acclamation.

Told he would be next mayor, and then heckled till it was discovered that his smile wouldn't come off, E. A. Schofield apparently enjoyed himself at the meeting of the infant Labor Party last evening. Mr. Schofield was not very specific about his platform, but appeared to regret that the retirement of H. R. McLellan seemed likely to leave him alone in his glory with nobody to fight. He declared that the great need of the moment from the world standpoint was to increase production, and that if he went to the City Hall he wauld want the loyal help of everybody to put St. John on the may.

A suggestion was made that Mr. Schofield's candidature be endorsed, but it was decided to consult the Trades and Labor Council.

In opening F. Campbell regretted there was not a large attendance, but said the history of every labor party was that it was difficult to stimulate interest at the start.

Sommissioner Thornton.

Commissioner Thornton said he thought the party had a well thought out programme; he did not see any objectionable features, but some matters might require serious consideration. When he ran as representative of labor before he did not give any definite pledge. During his term he had not been confronted with unreasonable demands from labor. He did not agree with everything asked, but had tried to fall in with every demand that was fair.

He thought there was room for a labor party. There was unrest in the land. Labor for years did not receive its due. Labor was compelled to organize to assert its right; arguments were of little use without strength behind them and in union was strength.

Commissioner Thornton said he wanted to be elected for a full term, as he felt he had had little opportunity to do anything.

Mrs. Goode said she had studied both parties, but it did not seem to make much difference which party was in power. She hoped labor would be a party of reform.

Abode of Autocracy.

One speaker said autocracy was at its height at City Hall; the workingman could not vote unless their taxes were paid by a certain date. When a man went to the war he was not asked if he had his taxes paid.

F. Campbell said that after a six weeks' campaign he had induced a prosperous business man to be candidate for mayor.

Candidate for Mayor.

Mr. Schofield said St. John was his native city, and his people had been here for generations. His entire interests were in th ecity. He started business himself in St. John 28 years ago, and for twelve years he worked from 7 a. m. to 12 p. m. It was his opinion that a man who worked inSt. John or New Brunswick could succeed as well as anywhere else. Some new organizations wanted to make St. John a better place to live in; in his opinion it was the best place to live in.

Speaking of his candidature he said he had been strongly solicited by many citizens; he was afraid, however, the contest would not be very exciting. If elected he would want to give everybody a fair deal; he would always be willing to hear labor, or any other class, and both sides of a question.

Increased Production

Mr. Schofield said the war on the home front was not finished. Capital and labor must work together to repair the destruction; increased production was absolutely necessary in all lines. Instead of asking for shorter hours people should buckle down to hard work; shorter hours for labor meant short hours from the machines.

Mr. Schofield said that to carry on his duties at city hall would mean a considerable sacrifice for him, but he was willing to submit to the sacrifice. And he asked that if elected he and his colleagues should be given support and co-operation in an effort to put St. John on the map. If he went to city hall he intended to see that the working people had some opportunity for recreation and he hoped everybody would get a better spirit than he sometimes saw in St. John.

The Heckling

Q.—What is your attitude on the 8 hour question?

Mr. S.—Perfectly reasonable in many trades and in ordinary times, especially in standardized trades. But longer hours will have to be worked by many people to catch up with production.

Q—Do you believe in organized labor?

Mr. S.—Absolutely. I've seen great benefits to both parties from organization. I've sheen as much trouble among organized capital as among organized labor.

One speaker wanted to know why couldn't they speed up the machine?

Mr. S. said this was a question of getting capital.

Q.—What do you know of profiteering?

Mr. S.—The only real profiteer I know is the Government which takes 75 cents of every $1 of our excess profits.

Mr. Campbell said he had often had the assistance of Mr. Schofield in labor troubles and had always found him a fair man. He believed Mr. Schofield would be elected by acclamation.

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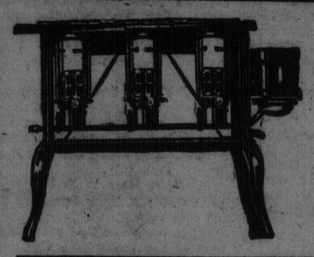

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