

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh easterly and south-easterly winds, showery.

AROUND THE CITY

Launch Cricket Goes to Hampton. The steam launch Cricket owned by E. O. Leahy, of the Maritime Dredging Company, has been purchased by the King Lumber Company and will be used as a towing boat at Chipman.

An Enjoyable Smoker. An enjoyable smoker was held by the Father Matthew Association in their rooms St. Malach's hall, last evening. About 60 members were present. Refreshments were served and a literary and musical programme of a high order carried out.

Drill Season Opens Tomorrow. No. 1 battery artillery will begin the drill season on Wednesday next, April 20th. Uniforms will be issued on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, at 8 p. m., and will begin Tuesday, April 26th. All intending recruits should make application this week.

River Notes. The steamers Sincennes and Majestic both brought large consignments of cattle down river yesterday. The May Queen was expected back last night, as it was hoped to get through Grand Lake to Salmon River before returning.

Final Meeting of Season. The St. John Council of the National Association of Marine Engineers will hold their final meeting of the season in Temple of Honor hall, tonight. After the business of the meeting has been concluded the members will enjoy an oyster supper to which all engineers and their friends are invited.

Seaman's Mission Farewell Concert. The farewell concert given in the Seaman's Institute, last evening by the talents of the Empress of Ireland was a very successful affair. Wm. H. Fargher presided and a fine programme was carried out. Among those who took part were: H. Badger, H. Poole, T. Shipley, H. Tunstall, S. Haigh, Charlie Passmore, H. Jenkins, Charlie Passmore and H. Jenkins. J. Robertson was accompanist.

Two Year Old Takes a Walk. Two year old Evan Foster, strayed from his home, 28 Cliff street, yesterday afternoon and for about three hours his parents believing that the child was lost, searched for him in vain. The little fellow was discovered by L. Olive Thomas, on King street east and was taken into the Central police station. Young Evan could talk quite plainly and soon explained to the officers where he lived. His parents were notified and while waiting to be taken home the little fellow amused himself by playing with the officers in the station.

New Turnstiles for Ferry. New and modern turnstiles are to be installed in the ferry toll houses. These turnstiles will be of the latest improved pattern, such as used in exhibitions, fairs and big amusement resorts. They are being manufactured by W. F. & J. W. Myers and will be installed in about three weeks. The new turnstiles will provide an absolute check on all passengers and have the further merit that they will not fly back. With the present turnstiles there have been occasions when a passenger coming behind another passenger in a hurry, received a severe blow from the rebound.

A Double Bereavement. Thomas McA. Burley, an employee of the St. John Railway Company, living at 61 Duke street, West End, is certainly experiencing misfortune at a rate not often paralleled. On Sunday Mr. Burley buried one of his young children. Yesterday morning another died, and Mr. Burley's wife is now so ill that her recovery is despaired of. She has been suffering from tuberculosis and the youngest child succumbed to the same dread affliction. The older child, which died yesterday morning, had been affected with brain trouble. Mr. Burley has the sympathy of his many friends in his double bereavement.

C. F. Crandall Finds a Cousin. A peculiar instance of a union of two members of collateral branches of a family who had never seen each other is told in a letter received by J. Olive Thomas from his son Harold. Young Mr. Thomas left for Boston on Saturday night en route to Cashmere, Washington, where he has secured a position. On the same train was Charles F. Crandall, formerly editor of the St. John Sun, who was journeying to New York. In conversation with the ex-editor Mr. Thomas addressed him by name, and another Mr. Crandall, sitting a few seats distant, responded. The two gentlemen of the same name got together and enquiries revealed that they were cousins. They had never met, although both knew of the relationship and each had heard of the other.

PERSONAL

Mr. T. Blair, chief engineer of the South Shore steamer Senlac, has resigned that position to accept a similar one on the Government steamer Alfreita at Halifax.

Mr. George R. Vincent, the county secretary, who has been confined to his home, Horsfield street, with a severe attack of the grippe, for several days, was reported yesterday as somewhat improved.

Mr. W. B. Tennant left for Montreal last evening.

Mr. A. B. Wetmore, provincial chief engineer, returned to Fredericton last evening.

Mr. C. B. Allan returned to the city on last evening's Boston train.

Senator Donville left for Ottawa last evening.

Election Returns at Nickel. Election returns, Port Arthur, Ont., in motion pictures; the blind prima donna and three picture features at the Nickel today.

Mr. F. Clements returned to Fredericton last evening.

WARRANT IN BIGAMY CHARGE ISSUED AGAINST H. I. ISAACS

Sherbrooke Authorities Looking for Ex-Manager of D'Israeli Asbestos Co'y---Was Seen at Fredericton Junction Yesterday --- Committee Making Thorough Investigation Into Company's Affairs

A warrant for the arrest of R. D. Isaacs, ex-vice-president and managing director of the D'Israeli Asbestos Company, has been issued at Sherbrooke, Quebec, where a charge of bigamy has been laid against him.

A charge of abduction was preferred against Mr. Isaacs some weeks ago, and he was arrested and placed under \$4000 bail. It was alleged that he ran away with a young girl from Sherbrooke and it was said married her in New York. A few days ago at the instance of the parents of the girl a warrant for his arrest on a charge of bigamy was issued by the Sherbrooke authorities. Shortly afterwards word was received at Fredericton that Mr. Isaacs had left St. John and that his whereabouts were unknown.

At Fredericton Junction Yesterday. At Fredericton Junction yesterday Mr. Isaacs, accompanied by a woman, was identified while waiting on the platform for the early train from St. John. It is not known whether he came down from Fredericton or had been staying at the Junction. Both boarded the train it is supposed en route to Boston. Inquiry at his residence last evening elicited the information that his wife was still in the city.

The directors of the Asbestos Company are also anxious to discover the whereabouts of Mr. Isaacs. It is said that the action of the Sherbrooke directors of the Asbestos Company in determining to probe the affairs of the concern was the result of uneasiness occasioned by the knowledge that a new criminal charge had been preferred against him, coupled with the fact that the development of the mining properties was not being proceeded with in a satisfactory manner.

The committee which has assumed control is composed of L. A. Codere, Alex. Warrell, and Wm. Banks, a Sherbrooke lawyer. To a Standard representative yesterday, Mr. Banks said the affairs of the company were being thoroughly investigated and that the action taken by the Sherbrooke

directors would undoubtedly meet with the approval of the shareholders. They had come down to cure a sick man—not to kill him, and there was no great reason for anxiety as to the future of the company.

The company owned a valuable property—there was never any question of that, and a good deal of work had already been done in the way of developing it. The spur line of railway from D'Israeli three miles away, had been fully graded, and a portion of the track laid.

Time For a Change. The business affairs, however, had not been well managed, and they felt it was time for a change. As soon as the investigation was completed, a report will be submitted to a general meeting of the shareholders, and a new manager selected. The headquarters will be removed to Sherbrooke or D'Israeli.

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