

THE WEATHER.

Gulf and Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly to northwesterly winds fair, not much change in temperature. Toronto, April 17.—The weather today has been cloudy and cool from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, and fine and mild in the western provinces. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson—10, 16. Prince Rupert—4, 42. Victoria—32, 52. Kamloops—30, 66. Battleford—32, 52. Moosejaw—32, 54. Qu'Appelle—30, 56. Winnipeg—38, 64. Port Arthur—24, 44. Parry Sound—36, 42. London—29, 42. Toronto—30, 44. Ottawa—24, 38. Montreal—32, 40. Quebec—30, 40. St. John—32, 46. Halifax—32, 52. Lower Lawrence—Fair, stationary or slightly higher temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

Boy's Cap Found. A boy's cap found on Adelaide street alerts the owner at the North End police station. Accident at Sand Point. While at work discharging cargo from the Allen liner, a stevedore at Sand Point last night, a truck fell on Geo. Stackhouse breaking one of his legs. He was conveyed to his home on Prince street. Another Inquest Coming. A jury was empanelled yesterday and viewed the body of Thomas Young, who died of injuries received at Sand Point by falling into the hold of the steamer Lake Champlain. The body will be interred in Sand Cove cemetery today. Rev. Mr. Robinson's Case. The executive of the United Baptist church of New York met yesterday afternoon in the office of the Foreign Mission Society to consider the case of Rev. W. R. Robinson. The report of the Ministerial Oversight Committee was taken up and the executive dealt with the question of jurisdiction. Concerning the result of the investigation of the case of Rev. Mr. Robinson no information could be obtained as the proceedings were conducted privately.

Struck With a Poker. About 11.30 o'clock last night Morris Read, a seaman from a Donaldson line steamer, was severely injured on British street. He had an altercation with James Miller at the door of the latter's sailor's boarding house and Miller struck him on the forehead with a poker causing a severe wound. Read walked to the central police station where Dr. D. E. Berryman had to use some stitches to close the wound. Miller has been arrested on the charge of assault.

A Pleading Entertainment. In the Town of Honour hall last night the young people of the Main street Baptist church held a pleading entertainment. The affair was in aid of the building fund and was largely attended. The entertainment which consisted of the presentation of Longfellow's Hiawatha, was greatly appreciated by the audience. The production was under the direction of Miss Ella McAlary and the different parts were well interpreted by the performers. The piece will be repeated tonight and should draw another large audience.

MAY BE SURPRISES IN ELECTION TODAY. At Rate Commission Plan is Losing Ground it is not at all Certain that it will not be Beaten. Today is election day. The polls open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. As there is likely to be a big vote the citizens should vote as early as possible. A well organized effort to drag down the people into voting for the commission form of government will be made and there will be scores of automobiles and other conveyances at the disposal of the commission workers. But the strong under current which has been settling against the commission movement during the week indicates that the commission is less likely to get a surprise, and the voter who casts his ballot with the party with the biggest band wagon in the hope that he may be on the winning side, may get a disappointment. If only those who understand what commission really means vote in its favor, it will receive only the votes of the boosters' club, and as many who don't know what it means will be conscientious and not vote, one way or the other on the commission question their ballots cast for the aldermen will count heavily against it. It is the voters who will initiate the commissionites and answer their silence in regard to the features and principles of the charter with a silent vote who will decide the day. It is pretty generally conceded that the commission has little hope of securing a majority that would warrant them in putting the commission plan in effect. It is reported that some of the big corporations of the city are showing their faith in the merits of the commission scheme by passing the word that their employees must vote for commission, and are supplying them with commission ballots. But as the ballot is secret it is to be expected that this method of assuring votes for commission will defeat itself. It will be an easy matter for the intimidated voters to secure an unmarked ballot, and vote without fear. In spite of the announcement of Chairman Barnaby that the citizens' committee would take no hand in the aldermanic contests, many of the commission workers have taken sides, and are trying to assure the election of candidates who say they favor commission. But reports from ward workers indicate that practically all the old aldermen offering will be returned.

Mayor Frink and the Commission Scheme

What Ald. Frink Said at a Meeting in 1910, Compared with What Mayor Frink has to Say Today—Why the Sudden Change of Front?

To the Editor of The Standard. Sir.—The spectacle of His Worship the Mayor allowing himself to be exploited by the advertisers of the famous commission panacea will hardly commend itself to the citizens. Even without the patent medicine feature it hardly becomes the chief magistrate of the city after being elected by acclamation to abuse the colleagues with whom he has been associated in the council, many of them for quite a term of years. When the present Mayor was an alderman with his eye on the majority he had a very good opinion of the present form of civic government and, as well of the elected representatives of the people. In March of last year I remember he, as Ald. Frink, addressed a meeting of the Young Men's Club of Centenary church, expressing his satisfaction with the present system, and testifying to the public virtues of the aldermen. If you will turn up the files of The Standard for March 16, 1910, you will find the following report of his address: "In opening, Ald. Frink said that while the aldermen were often severely criticized by the press and the public, their intentions were good and on the whole they managed the affairs of the city with a fair degree of efficiency. "In other cities the Board of Control and the commission form of government had been adopted mainly because through the money and organization of the citizens had lost faith in government by boards of aldermen. But St. John enjoyed an honest administration, and neither of these systems, if adopted here, would be likely to effect any improvement in the administration of affairs. "This is the same gentleman, sir, who now, from the safe pinnacle of acclamation, turns to deride his colleagues in their fight and scoffs at the system of government which placed him there. Perchance from his coil of vantage he sees afar a commission. If this outrage on the intelligence of the electorate should carry the day, the Mayor's position behind it there is at least one vote on which he need not count to win the prize. Yours, NOT ON THE FENCE. St. John, N. B., April 17, 1911.

CARLETON ELECTORS WILL RESENT THE INSULT TODAY

At Meeting, Last Night, T. H. Estabrooks Said Commission Opponents Would Not Come Out in the Open and Mark their Ballots—Board of Trade President was Promptly Called.

Gratuitous insults to the independent citizens of Carleton and savage attacks on the Rev. Mr. Sampson featured the meeting held in the interests of the commission movement on the West Side, last evening. Although the promoters of the commission scheme had been asked to hold a meeting last week in Carleton when a number of citizens of the West Side were prepared to go on the platform and debate the issue, they put off the meeting till Easter Monday night when it was a foregone conclusion that Mr. Sampson who has stood forward as a champion of the fair deal, could not be present, owing to the annual Easter meeting in his church. The meeting was held in the Carleton city hall and there were 30 men present. T. H. Estabrooks, W. H. Hatheway, M. E. Agar, Timothy Donovan and H. A. Powell delivered addresses in favor of the commission scheme. Some of the speakers indulged in sarcastic references to the attitude assumed by Mr. Sampson, expressing surprise that he did not recognize the greatness of the men who are promoting commission, instead of exhibiting a lack of faith in their ability to save the city from the machinations of the aldermen whom they have not courage enough to run against in an election campaign.

Another speaker who rasped the feelings of the audience was J. Fred Belyea, who made an attack on the St. John Boat Club and the aldermen they supporting, as well as attacking those who are demanding information before they vote to hand the city over to an irresponsible group of citizens. Judging by the reception accorded his remarks, Mr. Belyea effectively dashed any hopes of being returned to the council that he might have had. T. H. Estabrooks was the only speaker who created any enthusiasm, and this took the form of an outburst of indignation at his remarks. The opponents of the plan would slink up back streets to cast their ballots. This caused an uproar. Men sprang up shouting indignantly that the remark was an insult to the free born citizens of St. John. Others pulled out ballot papers and shouted at the speaker that they would mark their ballots against commission there and then. Mr. Estabrooks, apparently greatly surprised that the voters of Carleton were not sheep to be led into line, as some of the big firms are said to be whipping their employees, took backwater with such grace as his consternation permitted.

Tribunes of the Plebs appeared in the form of the Market Square last evening and started to harangue a handful of men upon the evils of commission and every other form of capitalist government. The novelty of the performance soon attracted quite a crowd, for St. John is evidently not used to hearing soapbox orators addressing open air meetings and trying to show the workman how he should reconstruct society on a basis more stable than competition and periodic panics. Some of the speakers paid their respects to the commission movement, saying that if the scheme carried the promoters would no doubt get a fat commission on the money they have been spending to induce the people to make a leap in the dark. One speaker declared that he knew of at least one firm that had ordered its employees to go to the polls and vote in favor of commission on penalty of losing their jobs. "But this country is not Russia," he continued. "When they come around with their automobiles to take you to the polls, get in and take a ride. Most of you won't get the opportunity except when somebody wants you to vote to hand the city over to them. But when you get into the polling booth, ask yourselves if your wealthy friends of the moment would barter their right to have a say in the government for a pig in a poke and vote accordingly. You can be sure these men who live by privilege would sooner die with 5 men than 17 men." Among the orators were J. Eastwood, P. Hyatt, Moses Baritz and others. They were given a rather attentive hearing.

An excellent concert is to be held in the school room of the Carleton Presbyterian church this evening at 8 o'clock. A most attractive and somewhat unusual programme has been arranged in which some of the best talent from both sides of the harbor will take part. Admission 25 cents. Election Returns at Nickel. Photographs of election scenes and returns at Nickel Theatre tonight.

Annual Meeting of Salvage Corps. Men of Both Companies Met Last Evening, Heard Reports of Work for Year, and Elected Officers. The annual meeting of No. 1 Salvage Corps and Fire Police was held in their rooms Union street last night when the following officers were elected: J. Fred Shaw, captain; G. Harvey Tapley, lieutenant; E. Percy Howard, secretary; Harry Warwick, treasurer; Dr. Wm. Warwick, surgeon; K. J. MacRae, foreman No. 1; James Mills, foreman No. 2; W. J. Currie, foreman No. 3; S. P. Gerow, foreman No. 4. The reports showed that the company responded to 60 alarms during the year, and worked 23 hours, and in saving goods spread 71 covers. After the meeting there was an entertainment in which selections were given by H. H. Williams, M. J. Kelly, Alex. Winchester, John Tonge, Walter Grey, John Freeze, George Freeze and Harry Donohue. No. 2 Company. The annual meeting of No. 2 S. C. and F. P. was held in their rooms Main street last night when the following officers were elected: W. H. Turner, captain; John Thornton, lieutenant; A. E. Baxter, secretary; Wm. Brown, treasurer; Dr. C. M. Pratt, surgeon; J. C. Purdy, foreman No. 1; F. H. Elliott, foreman No. 2; John Salmon, foreman No. 3; Chas. Heans, foreman No. 4. The company responded to 48 alarms during the year. After the meeting the members were entertained.

New Returns Are to be Made. The common clerk yesterday gave definite instructions to commissioners in charge of the polling booths that in making returns for the plebiscite on commission they must simply record the votes polled for and against commission and the total number of votes cast. The final returns showing whether or not the majority of the electors who voted were in favor of the plan will be made by the common clerk. An opportunity to buy the newest and nicest in Window Draperies and Curtains at a great saving is offered by the sale which commences at F. A. Dykeman and Co.'s store on Tuesday morning. Their advertisement gives particulars.

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