

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Pressure is relatively low tonight on the Middle Atlantic and New England coasts and in Saskatchewan and Alberta and high from Lake Superior south to the Gulf of Mexico. Rain has fallen today in portions of the Maritime Provinces and a few showers have occurred in Alberta and in portions of Ontario.

Maritime—Strong winds, gradually shifting to west and northwest, cloudy with rain.

Northern New England—Partly cloudy and cooler Friday. Saturday fair, fresh, north-west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS. Civil service examinations were being conducted yesterday at the University of New Brunswick by Prof. John Stevens. Only one candidate, H. R. Hibbard, of St. John, is present and he is writing the papers for customs clerk.

WISHES FOR SUCCESS. H. R. McLeish, secretary of the Commercial Club sent a telegram to Capt. Himmelman, of schooner Delawanna, yesterday stating that the local club wishes him success in the international race with the schooner Esperanto, of Gloucester, Mass.

POLICE COURT. Two men in police court yesterday pleaded guilty to drunkenness and were remanded.

SECURING RECRUITS. The local military headquarters announces that efforts are being made to secure recruits for the P. C. L. I., with headquarters at Winnipeg; the Canadian Machine Guns, with headquarters at Ottawa; the 22nd Regt., with headquarters at Quebec, and the R. C. A., with headquarters at Halifax.

NOVELTY SHOWER. A large number of young ladies and gentlemen held a novelty shower at the residence of Mrs. Burnham Douglas, 247 Middleville Avenue, Wednesday night, in honor of Miss Ellen Cunningham, who is shortly to be a principal in a matrimonial event. Miss Cunningham was the recipient of numerous presents, including cut glass, with games, music, dancing and refreshments the party spent a most enjoyable time.

IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE. Owing to the rainy weather, few were present at the meeting of the North End Improvement League last evening. It was decided that a further meeting of the executive be held next Monday evening to discuss the improvement of the Armstrong-Bruce property. Engineer Hatfield will stake off the land and give the association any assistance it desires. It is the hope of the league to have considerable work done before frost sets in.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothy V. McCord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McCord, of Cincinnati, to J. Louis Slatery, of Montreal. The marriage is to take place next month. Mr. Slatery has many friends in St. John. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Slatery, formerly of St. John. He is a graduate of the University of St. Joseph, and was formerly news editor of the Standard, later becoming assistant city editor of the Montreal Gazette. He left the newspaper business last year to manage a Montreal theatre.

WILL COMPLETE RECOUNT SATURDAY. Yesterday's Results of Ballot Scrutiny Show But Little Change.

The recount of the city votes was continued yesterday, favorable progress being made. The results of the day's examination of the boxes made but little change in the standing as announced yesterday morning. Mr. Hayes made a slight gain over Mr. Tilley, giving him a total lead of approximately 50 votes.

It is expected the work of the recount will be completed tomorrow forenoon.

ECLECTIC READING CLUB MEETING. The Eclectic Reading Club held its first meeting for the season last evening at the residence of Mrs. Kenner, Germain street. The programme which was in charge of Mrs. Lawrence, was on the subject of Folk Lore and was as follows:

Indian Folk Lore, Wm. Medford. French Folk Lore, Mlle. Sautier. Old English Folk Lore, Mrs. Lawrence. Poems, Miss Scammett. The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. Canon Armstrong, President. Mrs. George F. Smith, First Vice-President. Mrs. Kenner, Second Vice-President. Mrs. Elsie Vroom, Secretary. A programme of great interest has been planned for the monthly meeting.

SUPERFLUITY SALE. A superfluity sale is being held by the Women's League of St. David's church at 250 Union street. The ladies are meeting with splendid success. The goods contributed are being sold rapidly and keeping those who are in charge very busy. Mrs. W. Bingham and Mrs. William Simonds are co-conveners. The proceeds are for the building fund of St. David's church.

Passenger Service To Havre And Bordeaux

Oil Burning Passenger Ships of Canada Steamship Lines to Go on Route.

Nagle & Wigmore, local agents for the Canadian Steamship Line, announce the company will probably operate an increased service to Havre and Bordeaux, France and Portsmouth, England, this season, if there is sufficient traffic to warrant it. The company expects to maintain a schedule of four sailings a month beginning in December. The winter schedule has not been made out as yet, conditions having arisen that make it quite impossible for the company to finally settle upon its plans for the winter season.

The company is considering placing in the service the two oil burning passenger ships "Kamormna" and "Mamora," giving a fortnightly passenger service from St. John to Havre, France, and Portsmouth, England.

Grain Outlook

The company is anticipating a considerable movement in grain. However there is a feeling there will not be such a grain rush to Europe as last year from the fact that England and Italy, heavy purchasers last season, are not rushing in orders to any extent as yet, not being in the market at the present high figure. There is a general feeling that the price of grain must take a considerable drop and buyers will not purchase until that drop comes.

Extra Freighters

The company will place many extra freighters in their service, in addition to the regular traffic and passenger ships, when grain shipments are in demand by the overseas governments. The uncertainty in the grain market is causing more or less delay in the issuance of the company's schedule of sailings and they are unable to settle upon anything definite at the time. Mr. Nagle, of Nagle & Wigmore, hopes to have some definite word by the middle of next week regarding the sailings for the winter, and also some idea as to what may be expected in the matter of grain shipments.

Situation Today

The St. John representative of one of the largest steamship companies informed the Standard yesterday of the shipping situation as it now looks up, setting forth particulars showing the impossibility of meeting the increases being asked by the unions. He says there was no opening of the shipping season, so much uncertainty attached to the traffic of the year as there is now. To begin with, he says, freight rates are lower than last year and expenses are higher than ever before. Freight rates have undergone a slashing of approximately fifty per cent during the year and cargoes are scarcer than before. Should there be plenty of freight for each steamer the boat would not be able to take full cargo on account of the coal situation. It must be borne in mind, says our informant, that ships leaving here for England must take bunker coal sufficient for the round trip. That means from 1500 to 2,000 tons of freight has to be left in bunker for the round trip. Coal for bunker purposes has advanced four dollars on the ton since last year and has added another heavy item of expense.

Men's Night At St. Luke's Church

Over Hundred Enjoyed Banquet Provided by Ladies and Hear Address.

It was men's night at the Missionary Institute at St. Luke's church last night. About one hundred and twenty-five men sat down to a splendid banquet provided by the ladies of the church. Long before the programme of the evening was begun, the room was crowded beyond capacity. After a pleasing musical programme, Mr. W. A. Stepler introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. W. B. Williston, of the China Inland Mission. His subject was "Personal Dealing with God." Mr. Williston explained that the China Inland Mission is a "faith" mission depending for its support entirely on voluntary contributions. He showed that in China faith is applied to the every day life of the missionary, in his administration as well as in the winning of souls. In illustration of this fact the speaker told the following story: Shortly before he left China for his furlough, the first furlough in eleven years, the order to leave the district came rather earlier than he had expected. In order to arrange for the work to be carried on in his absence there was the difficulty of a lack of funds to provide for the expenses of the work. Fifteen hundred dollars was required, and there was nothing on hand. Trusting to God, Mr. Williston left his field and started on the twelve day journey to the city of Shanghai. He found that the Superintendent of the China Inland Mission at that point had a fund of five hundred dollars which was not going to be used for a little while, but which would be required for other purposes later on and could be placed at Mr. Williston's disposal. He was present and he accepted the money being sure that God would provide the sum in some way, and sailed for Vancouver. Arriving at that city, where his presence was not expected by any one, he was led to go into the Central Post Office and ask for a letter. Strange to say, there was a letter there waiting for him, and it contained a note to the effect that some of his friends in the United States had cabled to Shanghai the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. God had answered the prayers of the workers in China and the needed money was provided.

The speaker went on to prove that Christianity is not a creed, but a life. The large proportion of men in China bring up and educate their families on a capital of \$500.00 or less. For this reason Mr. Williston lives as simply as possible using his surplus money, if there is any, in helping to educate boys, just as he himself was helped in his student days.

After many interesting illustrations of his work, the speaker made a stirring appeal for men to decide for the Master's work. Some can go to the foreign field, some can do Sunday school work, but all can do something to help lead men and boys to Christ.

Mr. Williston will continue his message to men on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

The last week day of the Missionary Institute at St. Luke's today. Mr. Williston will speak at three o'clock, at 4 o'clock and at 8 o'clock.

Wage Increases Not Regarded Possible

If St. John Port Workers Are Insistent Shipping May Be Diverted to Other Ports.

Authorized agents of steamship companies operating out of St. John during the winter season have received a notice from the Longshoremen, coal handlers and ship liners, setting forth their demands for increased wages the coming season and requesting a conference with their representatives on the wage question.

Increases Demanded

The Longshoremen ask for 30 cents an hour, an increase of 20 cents over last season's schedule, and \$1.00 for grain and sugar. In addition to a reduction in the number of deals and bags in a sling, also increase in gangs to fifteen men. The coal handlers are requesting 90 cents an hour straight time and the ship liners 70 cents an hour.

If the men are to insist upon the advances set forth in their communication to shipping agents, then St. John may reasonably look for a tie up in Winter Park during this year. There is a feeling among the companies operating from this port that they cannot meet the new demands, and will not agree to the new wage scale proposed. If the different unions are insistent and threaten to strike if not granted their request then strike it will be. Shipping will be diverted to Halifax and Portland and the city will be the big loser.

Next Year's Work

Several matters of great importance were brought before the meeting for consideration, the chief of which was the question of the extent to which the work should be developed during the next year and a committee will take all necessary action and report at the annual meeting in January. It was also decided that the Boy Scouts of the Province should co-operate in the location and preservation of historical sites as the Dominion Government is anxious to locate and preserve historical sites throughout Canada. The Boy Scouts in the respective provinces will be notified through their scoutmasters to this effect, and all possible assistance will be rendered to the government in this respect.

Considerable discussion with reference to the budget for the next year took place and the matter was left for a definite report at the annual meeting in January. It was also decided that the Boy Scouts should offer their services throughout the province to the Department of Health to do anything they could in the way of the public health service.

A. C. Skelton, Provincial Commissioner for New Brunswick presided.

Help To Locate Historical Sites

Matters for Boy Scout Activities Dealt With at Provincial Council Meeting.

The regular meeting of the New Brunswick Provincial Council Boy Scouts Association, was held at the provincial headquarters in the Globe building last evening. The attendance was a particularly large one, including the following from outside points: John A. Stiles, Ottawa, Asst. Chief Commissioner of Canada; G. Ross Marshall, President of the Nova Scotia Provincial Council; John D. Tothill, Commissioner from Fredericton; P. F. Watson, District Commissioner for Devon; P. Hargreaves, Assistant Commissioner for Sussex and C. T. Wetmore, Scout Master from Rothesay.

River Steamer Was Stranded

Strmr. D. J. Purdy Grounded at Middle Island—Successfully Floated Again.

The steamer D. J. Purdy had a log caught in her paddle Wednesday afternoon and drifted aground at Middle Island, about 17 miles south of Fredericton. The steamer was en route from St. John to the capital when the tugs went to the rescue and the passengers were transferred. The steamer was pulled off the bar yesterday afternoon about nine o'clock, and reached Fredericton about six-thirty o'clock. The party was undamaged, the only injury being to the paddle. Repairs to the log stuck in it, and repairs to that were effected while she was stranded.

CONCERT IN AID OF BUILDING FUND

Under Auspices of Victoria Street Church Choir.

There was a large attendance at a concert held under the auspices of the Victoria street Baptist choir last evening. The programme was composed of readings by Vera Roberts and Miss Ethel McGinley, a song by ten little girls entitled "Nid, Nid, Noddings" a dialogue by four boys, entitled "Doing East," and a sketch called "The New School Marm." Encores were frequently asked for and the entire programme was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Rev. George D. Hudson, pastor of the church, acted as chairman.

BLOCKED THE CHINESE.

Shortly after ten o'clock last night there was a commotion on Prince William St. when two Chinese were seen to rush out of the King Cafe after a few young men who made a rather hasty exit from the place. After a short chase one young man was captured by the white coated almond eyed waiters. A policeman was called and the young man stated that while he had been in the cafe he had nothing to eat, did not owe any money, did not know who the other fellows were who left the place without paying for their lunch. After considerable discussion the affair was settled and the young man was allowed to depart homeward. The affair caused quite a group of people to assemble.

TOMORROW CLOSING MAGEE'S FUR SALE.

The response to this week's sale of high grade furs and fur coats has been most gratifying to us, and we are sure so also to our patrons. Experience has shown us that many put off until the very last minute the purchases that must be made, and in some cases after a special sale closes you won't want this to be the case with this sale, so we serve this quiet little warning that our sale will close tomorrow night as per schedule. That means you will have today and all day tomorrow to secure your furs at far below present prices. D. Magee's Sons, Ltd., 43 King street.

TODAY'S SALE OF "DUMBELLS" TICKETS

At 10 a.m. today the sale of reserved seats for engagement of "The Dumbells" at Imperial Theatre next Wednesday/Thursday will commence. A large box office is expected. The fame of this troupe of ex-soldiers is continent-wide and they have been turning hundreds away each engagement en route to this city. The programme this season is brand new, except for that roaring farce, "The Duchess Entertains," and the song, "Ain't This a Lovely War?" The box office at the Imperial will be open until 9 p.m. each day until the night of the show. No telephone orders can be filled today until the queue of waiting patrons is served. The Rotary Club and their ladies will attend the opening night in a body.

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Dr. J. D. Maher returned to the city yesterday from Halifax.

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