

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Winds mostly westerly, fine and cold. Toronto, Jan. 5.—Cold weather has prevailed today throughout Canada, except in Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan, where it is quite mild. Light snowfalls have occurred from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. Minimum and maximum temperatures:— Vancouver—40, 42. Edmonton—20, 44. Quappelle—5 below, 10. Winnipeg—22 below, 4 below. Port Arthur—24 below, 4 below. Parry Sound—4, 14. London—1, 19. Toronto—7, 14. Ottawa—12 below, 10. Montreal—10 below, 12. Quebec—10 below, 10. St. John, 3, 32. Halifax—24, 30. Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf: Mostly fine and very cold.

AROUND THE CITY

Bank Clearings. Week ending Jan. 5, 1911, \$1,444,554; corresponding week last year, \$1,737,052.

Women's Bible Class. The Women's Bible Class will meet at usual at St. John's (stone) church, this afternoon.

Game Postponed. The bowling match to have been held on the Y. M. C. A. alleys last night, was postponed until tonight.

\$9,000 More. The Board of School Trustees have asked for \$9,000 more this year than they received in 1910.

Y. M. C. A. Singing Class. The singing class, under the leadership of S. L. Belyea, was commenced in the Y. M. C. A. last night. It was largely attended and quite successful.

From Fredericton. Chief of Police Hawthorne, of Fredericton, arrived in the city last night with a patient for the Provincial Hospital.

Tea on 19th. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Alexandra Temple of Honor met last evening in the Temple Hall, Main street, and decided to hold a tea on Thursday, 19th inst.

Officers Nominated. At the business meeting of the Klans' Daughters yesterday the important feature was the marking of the nomination papers for the officers of the local council of women.

Ferry Boat Inspection. Ald. Potts received a wire yesterday from Supt. Waring stating that the inspection of the ferry boat was proceeding favorably, and that it was expected that the boat would be pronounced satisfactory.

Carlton Curling. In the Carlton curling club last evening, there was excellent ice and the first two rinks played off for the Magee cup. Skip James Scott defeated Skip Harry Driscoll by 19 to 4 and Skip Charles Foster defeated Skip W. S. Jewett by 29 to 10.

Treasurer Honored. At the meeting of the Carpenters' Union held Wednesday night, a pleasing feature was the presentation to Wm. J. Myles, who has been treasurer for ten years, of a handsome case of pipes. The presentation was made by President Farron of the union.

Remember Monday's Sports at the Victoria. The largest crowd of the season attended the Vic last evening and enjoyed the splendid music of the 62nd Band, which has seldom been heard to such advantage. The first big evening of sports will be held Monday evening next under the auspices of the St. Joseph Society, and the thousands who were disappointed Wednesday evening will enjoy a rare evening of sport. Band and skating tomorrow afternoon.

I. C. R. Derailment. A way freight due in St. John at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, met with an accident that caused a slight delay to the Maritime express. One of the cars of the freight got off the track at Rothney and delayed the train. No damage was done, and the car was put back on the track without calling on an auxiliary. The Maritime express which was about an hour behind time, was only delayed about 15 minutes on account of the accident. No other trains were delayed, the C. P. R. arriving on time.

Military Veterans' Officers. At the annual meeting of the N. B. Military Veterans' Association which was held last evening, the following officers were elected:—President, Caleb Belyea; Vice-President, Walter Knowles; Treasurer, Geo. Gorham; Secretary, James Hunter; Managing Committee, J. Buchanan, John Alexander, G. S. Thompson, Andrew Emery, M. Mitchell, Thomas McAfee; Sick Committee, T. Nixon and A. Adams. There was a large attendance. The affairs of the association were reported to be in a flourishing condition.

Progress of Temperance. Rev. David Hutchinson delivered an interesting lecture on the Progress of the Temperance Cause, before a large attendance at a meeting held in the Temple of Honor hall last evening. He pointed out that less than a century ago, even ministers wrote books quoting Scripture to defend drinking and that liquor was served at all social functions, even at the ordination of ministers. The speaker declared that no clergyman would speak against temperance today. This change was due to the activities of various temperance societies.

A Natural Play. "A Mad Love" a dramatization of the famous novel "Lady Audley's Secret" will be presented by the W. S. Harkins Company at the Opera House tonight. It is a play as natural as a breath from the fields, as truly a human nature picture as any story ever written. The plot is an absorbing one, full of action and strong dramatic situations. The leading role that of Lady Audley, is played off once, requiring, as it does, the portrayal of every human emotion. Miss Mignon Ozer will appear in the leading role, with all the members of the company in the cast. For the farewell matinee Saturday afternoon, the comedy act, "Hello Bill" will be presented.

ST. MARY'S RECTOR AND WIFE HONORED

Presentations to Archdeacon and Mrs. Raymond at Annual Holiday Entertainment Last Evening.

St. Mary's church Sunday school held its annual holiday entertainment last evening. A fine programme of carols, songs, etc., was carried out under the direction of Mrs. R. Dooc, the whole closing with a tableau, called the living Christmas tree, made up of girls in white. Attention was then directed to the large Christmas tree which was loaded with presents for all the scholars and the teachers as well. After the distribution of presents, Mrs. Willet, the president of the Women's Auxiliary, presented Mrs. W. O. Raymond with a beautiful cut glass service and R. Carlos on behalf of the vestry presented Archdeacon Raymond with a purse of gold.

The archdeacon acknowledged the presentation in an appropriate manner, referring feelingly to his long association with the parish and the kindly relations always existing between him and the congregation. Afterwards refreshments were served and an enjoyable time spent by the large gathering.

TEACHING OF BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduction of Resolution Favoring This Step Met With Some Opposition at Women's Missionary Meeting

The annual meeting of the United Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the school room of the St. John (Stone) church yesterday afternoon. In former years the meeting has been largely a session of prayer and consideration of matters affecting foreign missions. This year a precedent was established in the discussion of a subject of a rather controversial nature, viz., the introduction of the Bible into the public schools. Rev. G. A. Kurling made a strong plea in favor of the Bible in the public schools and was followed by Miss Eleanor Robinson, who told of her experiences in teaching the Bible in her school for many years. It was the intention to pass a resolution, along lines outlined by Mr. Kurling but as some discussion developed the resolution was not put and the further consideration of the subject was adjourned until the next meeting.

Mrs. W. E. McIntyre presided and after the opening exercises Mrs. L. A. McLean read an interesting paper on the Edinburgh Missionary Conference.

This was followed by Rev. Mr. Kurling's address on the use of the Bible in the public schools. He thought there was a lamentable ignorance in reference to the Bible not only in the public schools but also in such higher institutions of learning as had been established through very rudimentary examinations. Lack of Bible knowledge meant lack of preparedness for the serious business of life. There were many new philosophies and without Bible training there was nothing to prevent the youth of the land from being swept away into unprofitable depths of thought. The Bible was the only book that gave Christ the pre-eminence and no other book could take its place.

Mrs. McIntyre dealt with the manner in which the Bible has been introduced into the public schools of Quebec through the efforts of the Protestant churches. There had been no obstacle in this case, and there would be none in the introduction of the Bible in the schools in this province. He concluded by outlining a resolution providing that in view of the great advantages to be gained by the introduction of the Bible in the schools of the U. W. F. M. S. approved of the plan of approaching the school authorities with the request that the Bible should be introduced into the schools of the province. A committee had been appointed to obtain the views of other church bodies on the course of Bible training as outlined in Quebec. This course had been approved by the Anglicans and Presbyterians, the Methodists had not an opportunity to discuss it, and the Baptists had pronounced themselves as individuals in favor of it, although they had no authority to bind the church.

Miss Robinson followed in an address in which she outlined the method used by her in teaching the Bible, which she had found very successful.

Opposition Develops. There was considerable discussion Mrs. McIntyre took the view that the Bible should only be taught by Christians, and in the public schools there were some teachers who led unchristian lives, and who certainly were not Christians. She did not feel like entrusting the teaching of the Bible to them. Also she objected to what she termed the secularizing of the book.

Mrs. Pickett thought the introduction of the best pieces of prose and poetry from the Bible would be a decided improvement in the text books. She was quite sure a girl could get more good out of the reading of a psalm than out of the reading of Sir John Moore, for instance.

Other ladies took part on both sides of the question, and the resolution was not put, the understanding being that it would come up at the next meeting.

PERSONAL

Col. Humphrey, D. O. C., and Col. A. J. Armstrong arrived on the Boston express last night after an official visit to Fredericton.

Harry Arthur who has been at Smith Brothers and Co. for the past ten years, left yesterday for St. John to accept a position as special representative for Manchester, Robertson and Allison.—Hil. Hid.

Dr. T. D. and Mrs. DesBrisay, of Lunenburg together with their son, W. M. DesBrisay, of Grand Falls, N. B., are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Layton, Göttingen street.—Hil. Hid.

BILLS PREPARED FOR LEGISLATURE

Women's Council Ask for Measure Requiring Wrappers for Bread—Ferry Committee Regulations Approved

A meeting of the Bills and By-laws Committee was held yesterday afternoon, at which a number of bills to be presented to the legislature were read and approved. Those present were:—Ald. Willett, the Chairman, Ald. McLeod, White, Sprout, Vanwart, Holder and McGoldrick, with the Common Clerk.

A bill to give effect to the order-in-council fixing James Pender's assessment at \$100,000 for 10 years was approved; another bill regarding the removal of wire bearing poles was approved, and referred to the Recorder.

The by-laws, governing the ferry service, as amended at a recent meeting of the ferry committee, were read and approved. A bill to give effect to Ald. Smith's resolution providing that in bye-elections for ward aldermen, only residents of the ward shall be required to vote, and that there shall be no bye-elections for aldermen-at-large was drawn up and approved. Ald. McGoldrick said he approved of this bill, if half the aldermen died, there would still be enough aldermen to run the city.

Ald. Vanwart remarked that this speech would help out the advocates of the commission idea. A communication was read from the Women's Council, asking that the city pass a regulation requiring bakers to put bread in paper packages.

Ald. McGoldrick thought an act of this character would increase the price of bread. Ald. Vanwart said good profits were made on bread and he did not think there would be an advance of prices. The matter was sent to the council. The chairman remarked that the ferry committee was the only committee that had complied with the order-in-council of Sept. 9, regarding the revision of departmental regulations, but that the other boards were working on the problem.

T. AND L. COUNCIL ELECT OFFICERS

Interesting Matters Come Up at Meeting—Condemn Use of Foreign Cigars by Board of Trade

At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last evening a resolution was adopted condemning the action of the Board of Trade, at a recent smoker, in patronizing foreign cigars, on the ground that the Board did not practice what they preached.

A communication was received from the American Federation of Labor stating that the press copies that President Gompers had spoken in favor of barring the doors of trade unions against the negroes were falsehoods.

It was decided to ask the moving picture theatres not to show pictures representing strikers as lawbreakers, because union labor is opposed to violence in any form.

The following officers were elected: President, W. Allington; vice-president, J. J. Donovan; recording secretary, A. Dever; financial secretary, M. J. Donovan; treasurer, Wm. Paterson; conductor, A. E. Firman; trustees, A. Campbell, James McGill and John Montague.

The labor committee will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 11, and a special meeting of the council will be held on the Friday following.

Alfred Dever has received credentials from the P. of L., as organizer for New Brunswick.

OPERA HOUSE HAS SMALL DEFICIT

Plans Discussed at Annual Meeting for Engagement of Permanent Stock Company—Board of Directors Re-elected

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the John Opera House Company was held last evening. The reports showed that although the past year has not been a good one in the amusement world the local theatre stood the dull times very well and had but a small deficit. The house is now in first class condition, and improvements are looked for next year.

The question of keeping the house open a greater portion of the year was discussed and the difficulties of dependence on travelling companies, which in turn are affected by the vicissitudes of the business in the United States, were referred to and it is probable that in the fall the Opera House will have a permanent stock company for a lengthy season. This company will be engaged at the most favorable season, and it is believed that a capable company can be secured, the idea being that they should make their headquarters in St. John and move out to the other towns in the province to make room for companies wishing to secure local dates.

The election of officers for the year resulted in the re-election of the old board as follows:—A. O. Skinner, president; John Mitchell, first vice president; Dr. George A. Hetherington, second vice president. Directors: Enoch W. Paul, David O'Connell, John Ross, A. E. McGinley, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, W. G. Salmon, and Thomas A. Linton.

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