

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME:—Fresh westerly winds, fair, followed tonight by sleet or rain.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Dawson, Atlin, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Calgary, Moosejaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, St. John, Halifax.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf:—Fair at first, followed by strong winds, with sleet or snow.

AROUND THE CITY

Knight's Natural B. T. Soap.

Pocketbook Found. A pocketbook containing insurance papers was found in the gents' toilet in the country market yesterday afternoon and awaits the owner at Central Police Station.

Dog Shot By Police. Police Sergeant Baxter was called into a store on the North Wharf yesterday afternoon to shoot a dog that had been badly injured.

Runaway in Business District. Yesterday afternoon a horse owned by E. Marcus ran away on Dock street and was captured on Market Square. The shafts of a delivery sled were broken.

Concert in Fairville. The Young Ladies' Junior Sewing Society of the Fairville Baptist church held a very enjoyable entertainment last night in the vestry of the church. A large audience was in attendance and the programme was carried out in excellent manner.

Meeting Was Postponed. Owing to the inability of Dr. F. C. Stevenson, of Toronto to reach the city, the meeting of the Methodist ministers, called for yesterday afternoon to discuss matters in connection with the extension work of the church in the city and province, was postponed indefinitely.

Court Brothers Affairs. There was a meeting of the creditors of Court Brothers in J. Roy Campbell's office yesterday afternoon and the situation was talked over, but as there was no proposition from the firm or the creditors, an adjournment was made until next evening. Some of the orators of the Commission movement will also be given a hearing. Ald. Potts will be one of the speakers. It is understood the committee in charge of the arrangements have decided to place a strict limit on the time to be given the speakers, so as to allow an opportunity for free discussion at the close of the addresses.

Will Discuss Both Sides of It. Several aldermen have been invited to address the public meeting to be held under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council in Keith's Assembly Rooms on Thursday evening. Some of the orators of the Commission movement will also be given a hearing. Ald. Potts will be one of the speakers. It is understood the committee in charge of the arrangements have decided to place a strict limit on the time to be given the speakers, so as to allow an opportunity for free discussion at the close of the addresses.

Leaving for the West. The call of the west has already attracted many of St. John's citizens and five more of the city's prominent young men left last night by the Montreal train. Three of them, Percy Ross, Fred Doherty and Geo. Nelson, were popular members of St. Mary's band, and a delegation of their fellow musicians gathered at the depot to see them off. There are now in all eight former members of the band located in the west. Of the three who left last night, Messrs. Doherty and Nelson will establish themselves in the painting and decorating business. The others, Mr. Ross, John Hamilton and C. Grahams have accepted positions in western cities.

FIREMEN RESPONDED TO TWO ALARMS YESTERDAY

Slight Damage Done in Bentley Street Fire Yesterday Afternoon—Midnight Alarm for Blaze in O'Regan's Building

At 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the fire department were called out by an alarm from box 127. There was a small fire on the roof of Hugh Cleary's house on Bentley street. The damage was slight. Shortly after midnight this morning fire was discovered in John O'Regan's warehouse in the rear of his Mill Street building. An alarm was sent in from box 5. The fire was in some straw and was quickly extinguished with but a very small damage. It is thought that the fire was set by some person who had entered the shed as there had been no fire left in the building.

Missionary Meeting. A missionary meeting will be held this evening at 8.30 o'clock at the Mission church Sunday school room under the auspices of the Men's Association; Rev. H. A. Cody will speak on Work in the Yukon, and others will also address the meeting. All are invited to attend.

Wicker's Millinery Opening on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, is an event of annual importance to the ladies of St. John. A fine showing of hats in all the latest styles will be on view for their inspection. No better display from the standpoint of design, quality and price will be shown in this city. Seeing is believing, however.

WALTER M'DONALD TELLS GRIM STORY OF HARDSHIP AND PERIL

St. John Man, Second Engineer of S.S. Parisiana, which Burned in the Southern Pacific, Writes Details of Terrible Adventure, to His Relatives Here.

A grim story of hardship and peril is contained in a letter received here yesterday by the relatives of Walter McDonald, the second engineer of the ill-fated steamship Parisiana, which was burned and abandoned by her crew, while on a voyage from Australia to New York last January. Mr. McDonald, who has many friends here, gives a graphic description of the burning of the steamer, the sufferings of the crew in open boats, and their subsequent adventures on a desert island where they spent 25 days and nearly died of starvation, before being rescued by a British transport.

The Parisiana was in the Southern Pacific when the fire was discovered. It started in the coal bunkers, and though the crew made a hard fight to subdue it, it developed rapidly, the heated plates setting fire to her cargo in the holds which consisted largely of wool.

While fighting the fire in the bunkers, one of the firemen named Tail, lost his life. He had entered one of the bunkers when the coal suddenly crumbled beneath him and he fell to the bottom where, on account of the heat and smoke, it was impossible to render him any aid.

A Raging Inferno. So rapidly did the flames spread that when it was decided to abandon the ship the fire had already reached the storeroom, and the boats had to leave with very little food. When they put off the ship had a heavy list, and the flames were leaping from her hatches, making an awful picture of havoc and confusion as she was lowered in the huge swells then running. By that time the ship was a raging inferno, and the waves hissed and boiled as they washed against her heated sides.

The boats started for St. Paul's Island, the nearest land, and as the seas continued to high, were in constant danger of being swamped. The men in them suffered terribly from exposure and hunger, before they landed on the island, a British transport managed to find fresh water, and later they discovered a barrel of biscuits which had been left on the island about 20 years before. The boat had fallen out and the biscuits were in a rotten condition. But they proved a Godsend to the famished castaways.

On this island they spent 25 days, subsisting on the rotten biscuits, birds' eggs and such fish as they were able to catch. Their sufferings were intense and many times they despaired of being able to keep body and soul together till they might be rescued. All the men wore in rags and the nights were cold. They had torn their clothing to pieces in the fight with the fire, and had abandoned the ship in such a hurry that they were unable to save anything.

But happily their sufferings came to an end. On the 25th day of their sojourn on the island, a British transport happened along, picked them off and took them to Australia. It is understood that young McDonald and another member of the ill-fated steamer are now on their way home to America.

THINKS THE COMMISSION, IDEA IS LOSING GROUND

Unjust Criticism of the Aldermen by Rabid Pro-Commission Newspapers, Doing More Harm Than Good.

Ald. Smith of the West Side, is of the opinion that the commission movement is rapidly losing ground, owing partly to the way the executive has ignored the general citizens' committee and partly to the unjust criticism leveled at the present duly elected representatives of the people by the sneering organs of the movement.

"The men whom it is said the commissionists intend to have little acquaintance with civic affairs," he said. "They would be absolutely at the mercy of the civic officials who have charge of the practical direction of the city services. As they would have to give up any private business and look to their position for a livelihood, they would be more anxious to secure votes than the ordinary aldermen are and they would be ready enough to grant the requests of anyone seeking special privileges at the expense of the citizens, if the party making the request was able to influence votes."

"I'm not saying the present system is perfect by any means. I think that in view of the growth of the city and the importance of the services it manages, the council should meet once or twice a week. That would facilitate business and eliminate the main objections which are made against the city government at the present time."

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Notice. The Mayor has \$10 prize for Labor Carnival—Ticket No. 851. It will be withdrawn one week from March 18, if not called for.