

THE WEATHER.

Gulf and Maritime—Fine a little higher temperature. Toronto, April 12.—A marked depression which is centred tonight over the State of Kansas has caused slight falls of rain today in the lake region, while from eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces the weather has been the aid cool. Showers have occurred in Manitoba, but in Saskatchewan and Alberta low temperatures have prevailed, accompanied by light snowfalls. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson—4 below, 22. Victoria—34, 50. Kamloops—32, 48. Moosejaw—29, 30. Qu'Appelle—26, 40. Winnipeg—40, 64. Port Arthur—34, 40. Parry Sound—24, 52. London—37, 45. Toronto—25, 50. Ottawa—24, 46. Montreal—24, 46. Quebec—16, 44. St. John—24, 42. Halifax—14, 32. Lower St. Lawrence—Fair today, stationary or a little higher temperature, showers on Friday.

AROUND THE CITY

Draught Horses Wanted.

It will be of interest to owners of draught horses in this vicinity to know that L. G. Baxter requires the use of some for military purposes during a part of the summer.

The Market Committee.

A special meeting of the market committee was held yesterday when a number of stall holders appeared and signed the leases for another year at an advance of 20 per cent. in rentals.

Will Meet Tonight.

The International hot carriers and builders union will meet this evening in the union's rooms, in the Opera House, at 8 o'clock, and a full attendance is requested.

To Meet The Empress.

W. B. Howard and Wm. Webber of the C. P. R., Dr. W. L. Ellis of the Immigration office, and Pilot Joseph Doherty, left for Halifax on the express last night to meet the steamer Empress of Britain.

Sold To Railway Company.

The freehold lot and two-story dwelling, 207 Wentworth street, belonging to the Cathers estate, have been sold by the heirs, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Miss Annie M. Cathers, to the St. John Railway Company. The price was in the vicinity of \$2,000. It is understood that the ground is needed by the railway company in connection with the extension of their car sheds in that block.

Complimentary Banquet.

The Oddfellows of the city and county will tender a complimentary banquet to Dr. James Christie on the 28th of the month and at the same time celebrate the 92nd anniversary of the inception of the order. Strong committees from each of the lodges have been appointed and it is expected that the function which will take place at White's restaurant will be largely attended and prove a very enjoyable affair. Dr. Christie is a past grand master of the order and has done a great deal to promote its interests in this district.

Royal Arcanum.

A most enjoyable social event was enjoyed by the members of the Royal Arcanum, St. John Council 133, last evening. A successful smoker was held during the early part of the evening. Several excellent addresses were delivered during the entertainment. H. H. James, regent, acted as chairman and Deputy Grand Organizer Jas. McQueen and His Worship Mayor Prink were heard in interesting speeches during the evening. A choice musical and literary programme added to the enjoyment of the entertainment. Solos by Fred McKean, John Kelly, R. Garnet, banjo trio by the Bonis brothers and a reading by Stephen Mathews were received with great appreciation. Six new members were initiated last night. The growth of the society is very encouraging.

Splendid Musical Service.

The special musical service held in St. John (stone) church last evening was very impressive. The church was crowded. The music included Mendelssohn's Hear My Prayer, and Stainer's The Crucifixion. The prelude to Parsifal, was played by the organist D. Arnold Fox in his characteristic fine style. The music was of an unusually difficult nature, but the solos and choral numbers were sung in a truly artistic manner. The soloists were, Mrs. C. S. Robertson, soprano; Mrs. Hugh Cannon, contralto; C. A. Munro, tenor; E. A. Reynolds, W. G. Burdham and W. H. Holder. In Mendelssohn's hymn, Hear My Prayer the solo part was taken by Mrs. Robertson and was sung in pleasing style. The part of the Redeemer was taken by E. A. Reynolds. The recitative part was given by C. A. Munro, who was heard to advantage. In the solo, "I will arise and go to my Father," and in other tenor solos.

Carpenters' Public Meeting.

The public meeting held by the carpenters' union last evening was largely attended. Jas. Sugrue, C. N. Stevens, Herman Campbell, Geo. Breen, and Wm. Peterson delivered addresses urging the men who have not already joined the union to come forward and take part in the movement to establish a minimum rate of \$3 a day. Their remarks were received with a good deal of enthusiasm. It was announced that the number of contractors who have agreed to concede the new schedule was growing and that the union did not anticipate any difficulty on the first of May. At the business meeting which followed the question of raising the initiation fee was discussed. An organizer of the international union is on his way to the city to look over the situation, and make arrangements for backing up the local organization in case any trouble should develop.

The funeral of John Lee was held this morning from his late residence in Milford to St. Rose's church where a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Chas. Collins. Interment took place in the Sand Cove cemetery.

PRICE PLACED ON CITY LAND WANTED FOR CEMENT PLANT

Safety Board Decides to Offer 350 Acres of Green Head Land, to Mr. Beach for \$25,000.

A meeting of the Safety Board was held yesterday afternoon when the matter of selling the city's land at Greenhead to Mr. Beach of New York, who has a project to establish cement works there, was taken up. As there was nothing very definite before the board in regard to Mr. Beach's plans, it was decided to place as a basis of further negotiations a price of \$25,000 on the property which embraces about 350 acres of land containing valuable limestone and clay deposits. The general feeling among the members of the board was that the price might be prepared to accept lower figure, provided satisfactory guarantees were given that the cement plant would be established in a reasonable time and kept in operation, but owing to the failure of the Craig project to materialize it was deemed advisable to name a price which would show whether Mr. Beach meant business.

R. M. McCarthy, the local representative of Mr. Beach, said he did not think the price named would be satisfactory, but that from the opinion expressed by the aldermen he judged that when definite information of the intentions of Mr. Beach was placed before them an agreement would be arrived at.—He expected Mr. Beach would visit St. John in a short time and look over the situation. As yet, he added, no definite arrangements regarding the organization of a company to carry on the enterprise had been made, but Mr. Beach who was one of the biggest manufacturers of cement in the United States expected to set in a plant capable of turning out 1,200 barrels of cement a day, and giving employment to about 450 men. Mr. McCarthy expressed the opinion that with the development of New Brunswick there would be a big market for cement. If the dry dock was constructed it would mean a big demand for cement and the construction of the Valley Railway would afford a market for about 350,000 barrels.

APARTMENT HOUSE COMPANY FORMED

Shareholders of Prince William Apartments Company, Ltd., Met Yesterday Afternoon and Elected Officers.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Prince William Apartment Company, Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the company, Prince William street.

The officers and the directors of the company were chosen at the meeting and are: Pres., H. C. Creighton; Vice-Pres., F. N. Brodie; Managing director, L. D. Tilley; W. S. Fisher and R. G. Haley, together with the above named officers were appointed to act as the directors of the company.

The by-laws of the company were passed and confirmed by the meeting. Practically all of the stock has been subscribed. The plans and specifications for the building are now being completed by the architect, Neil Brodie, and will be ready for tender on Monday next, the 17th at the office of the architect. The work of remodeling, it is expected, will be begun at an early date and will be finished about the first of September and the building will be ready to be occupied by that date.

SPREADAKES TO KNOW THE DECISION TODAY

Supreme Court Decides that Judge Forbes' Sentence was Erroneous, and will Make a Pronouncement Today.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 12.—In the supreme court this afternoon in the case of LeBlanc, defendant, appellant and Laporte Martin and Company, Limited, plaintiff, respondent, W. G. Wallace, K. C., supported the appeal from the St. John county court. A. A. Wilson, contra. Court considers. In the Windsor Lumber Company vs. Rudie et al, M. G. Teed, K. C., for defendant supported an appeal from the order of Mr. Justice McKeown made March 6th so far as fixing the place of trial for St. John. P. R. Taylor contra for plaintiff. The appeal was dismissed. The case of Campbell vs. Donaldson et al and the same vs. the same in the King's bench division paper, was stood over till tomorrow. Court will probably give judgment in Crown case reserved of King vs. John Speredakes tomorrow. The court found that the sentence of two years in the penitentiary and the fine of \$1,000 was erroneous and will pronounce sentence tomorrow.

Statue Donated.

A large statue of St. Anne de Beauport has been donated to St. John the Baptist church by Mrs. P. J. Denahue, in memory of her late husband. This beautiful work of art has been placed in position over the Carmarthen street door inside the church. The blessing of the statue will take place on Sunday, May 7th.

Open Today.

The Tuberculosis Association Dispensary will be open this afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, instead of on Friday, get promotions.

KEITH MANAGER HERE FOR INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THEATRE

H. L. Watkins in City, Yesterday, Acquiring Data in Connection with the Proposed New Picture House.

H. L. Watkins, general manager of the Keith Moving Picture Company, who has been in the city securing data in regard to the property on King square, upon which it is proposed to erect a new theatre, left for Boston yesterday with all the information necessary for the architects who will draw the plans of the building.

M. J. Barry who occupies a portion of the property acquired by the Keith interests will sell his horses and carriages by auction today and will vacate shortly afterwards. Emerson and Fisher and G. S. Fisher who occupy other positions will vacate on the first of May. It is probable the buildings will be sold at auction and demolished. Considerable excavation work will be done and a concrete cellar will be constructed which will be utilized for the installation of the heating apparatus, vacuum machinery and other facilities. The building which will occupy a frontage of 73 feet between the Dufferin hotel and the Landowne House and have a depth of 18 feet, will be modern in every respect and constructed in the most approved principles in regard to protection from fire.

It will probably contain a number of stores and a large ballroom suite, and it is planned to make the roof available for a roof garden either for entertainment or sight seeing purposes.

As soon as the architect's plans are ready the contract for construction will be let and the work pushed along rapidly. It is hoped to have the building ready for show purposes by the time the new law files. The Keith interests intend to erect a similar building in Bangor, Maine.

WEST END FREIGHT HANDLERS IN UNION

Organization was Effected Last Night with a Membership of 121 Men—Will Seek Higher Wages.

For some time past the truckers and freight handlers about the sheds in the West End have not been satisfied with the money they have been receiving for their work and the matter of organizing a union has been the topic among them for some weeks. About a week ago a petition was circulated among the freight handlers and it was readily signed by nearly all of the men.

The matter came to a head last night at a meeting held in the Temperance Hall, Carleton, and a freight handlers' union was organized with a charter list of 121 members. The winter port season is fast drawing to a close, but the new union expect that by working in a body next winter there will be a better rate for their work.

ONE YEAR IN JAIL WITH HARD LABOR

George Forester Sentenced by Magistrate Ritchie for Stealing from House where he was Kindly Treated.

In the police court yesterday afternoon George Forester was found guilty of theft and was sentenced to a term of one year in jail with hard labor.

About a week ago Forester visited a house on Brussels street and begged for food. While he was being kindly entertained he stole a \$12 watch and a knife from Gordon Gates, a boarder in the house. Forester sold the watch for ten dollars and gave the knife away. He informed the court that he would not have stolen the articles only that he had been under the influence of liquor.

PERSONAL.

Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., arrived on the Boston Express last night from Ottawa via Fredericton.

Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., was a passenger on the express last night from Fredericton.

M. G. Teed arrived from Fredericton on the express last night.

Recorder Baxter, K. C., leaves for Fredericton this morning to attend the supreme court.

Geo. F. Cochrane will spend the holiday with his parents at Marysville.

Mrs. S. Willis left yesterday morning for Dorchester, Mass., where she will spend the Easter holidays with her brother.

Promotion For W. B. Bamford. W. R. MacInnes, freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., has announced the reorganization of the company's freight traffic department. W. B. Bamford will continue to hold the position of assistant freight traffic manager over rates, etc. W. M. Kirkpatrick, general freight agent at Toronto, will take up a new office at Montreal, in charge of the solicitation and freight traffic, and of interchange with connecting lines. H. Brown of the freight department, Toronto, has been promoted to take Mr. Kirkpatrick's place there. W. B. Bamford, general freight agent at St. John, becomes division freight agent. Several other officials get promotions.

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