

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Feb. 3—Pressure is low over the Maritime and Western Provinces, and no where much above the normal. Light snowfalls have occurred in Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime Provinces also in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

AROUND THE CITY

ST. JOHN BANK CLEARINGS—The weekly bank clearings for St. John were \$2,900,884; for the same time one year ago, they were \$2,437,788.

TRAINS LATE—The Halifax express due yesterday morning was five hours late, due to a derailment of a freight train between Napiah and Amherst. The Valley train was derailed near Sego-tava and was about four hours late.

SURE SIGN OF SPRING—Cody residents are sure that spring is not far off. During the last few days of January several bunches of pussy willows were discovered almost as far advanced as they are in the late spring.

SALT TURBOT—A new edible in the fish line has made its appearance in the local fish market, just in time for Lent. Salt turbot is its name. It is caught off the banks of Newfoundland, resembles the halibut in taste and appearance, and is rated an excellent fish in either its fresh or salted state.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR COMING—Lieut. General Sir Henry Bursell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., is expected to arrive in the city Sunday evening from Halifax, where he has been inspecting the military forces. The inspection of No. 1 district will be carried out next week. While here the general will be entertained by General MacDonnell.

FEBRUARY BUTTERFLY—Signs of an early spring are not wanting in St. John. Mrs. George Swanson, of 21 Paddock street, on entering her parlor yesterday morning was surprised to see a beautiful large butterfly of a brilliant yellow hue, flying about the room. The butterfly evidently preferred the drawing room to a fall trip to Florida, or wherever butterflies go in the winter time.

TUXIS BOYS SLEIGH DRIVE—The Tuxis Boys of the Main Street Baptist Square, with a large number of their young lady friends, held a most enjoyable drive yesterday evening. The party drove as far as Torryburn and on returning to the city a delightful supper was served at the church. The weather was ideal for the drive, and all the members of the happy crowd enjoyed themselves immensely.

Retail Grocers' Annual Meeting

The grocery section of the St. John Branch of the Retail Merchants' Association held their annual meeting last evening. J. H. MacPherson was in the chair. Reports for the year were read. The following officers were elected:— J. H. MacPherson—Honorary chairman. M. E. Grass—Chairman. F. R. McLaughlin—Vice-chairman. W. A. Porter—Second vice-chairman. Robin Vanward—Secretary. J. T. McVay—Treasurer. A. C. L. Topley, manager of the Burroughs' Adding Machine Co., gave a most interesting and instructive address on the cost and selling of goods, pointing out the advantages of the adoption of a system. A vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Topley by M. E. Grass and seconded by A. A. McIntyre.

CASES DEALT WITH IN POLICE COURT

In the police court yesterday morning Charles Ackleson pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying a loaded revolver and not guilty to the charge of being drunk. Officer Quinlan, who made the arrest, stated that at about 12 o'clock on Wednesday evening he arrested the accused on King street for drunkenness and on searching him found a revolver loaded with four shells. The case was postponed. James Fayton, arrested by Officers Grant and Saunders about one o'clock for wandering about and not giving a satisfactory account of himself, stated he had not been well lately. Officer Grant told of making the arrest and stated that the accused had been unable to answer a number of questions put to him. He had a pair of handkerchiefs in his possession and a C.N.R. police badge. He was sent below for medical examination. One drink pleaded guilty and was remanded to jail. Five protectionists spent the night in the police station.

Midnight Fire On Charlotte Street

Building Owned by George A. Cameron Damaged to Extent of \$3,000.

Shortly before midnight a wicked fire broke out in the apartment house owned by George A. Cameron, druggist, at 64 Charlotte street, which is near the corner of Prince. It is estimated that the total damage, as a result amounting to approximately \$3,000 or more.

Fire Discovered

The blaze was first observed by W. Martin, an employee of the Modern Garage, which is conducted by Vincent McGraw, in the rear of the apartments and Chas. Ingraham, a friend of the proprietor, immediately put in an alarm. Almost simultaneously Mr. McGraw ran across the street to the drug store where Mr. Cameron was occupied at the time. The latter upon hearing the news of the conflagration rushed to his apartments and woke up his father and mother who were fast asleep in their beds. He also awakened Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCarley, who in addition to himself, were the only other regular occupants of the building.

Firemen Arrive

In response to the alarm No. 1 and No. 2 ladders with Nos. 2 and 3 hose wagons, also No. 1 Salvage Corps and the new aerial truck shortly afterwards appeared on the scene, and it was found that the fire had originated in the vicinity of the furnace. Streams were played on the fire in its basement in the rear of the building.

Fears Entertained

It was feared for a time that the blaze might extend to the garage which had forty-two cars in it when the fire first started. Of this total number of motors, however, all but ten were rushed on to the street inside of approximately seven minutes; while the remainder were locked. Some of the frame work in connection with the garage stalls was torn down in the haste of those who with the assistance of many others removed their automobiles.

The Sample Rooms

The sample rooms numbering ten, connected with the Dufferin House, and which are over the garage, were unharmed, but filled with smoke and this was very fortunate as a quantity of goods were stored there at the time. It is understood that there was a quantity of gasoline and oil in the garage but that they were baled.

Four Apartments

There were four apartments in the house, but arrangements were being made to add two more, thereby making a total number of six. To the rear of the building is the Modern Garage and overhead ten sample rooms connected with the Dufferin Hotel. Both of the latter, however, suffered little or no damage.

Fully Covered

Mr. Cameron when seen early this morning, stated that only last Monday he had cancelled \$9,000 worth of insurance on the part of the building occupied by apartments, owing to the increased premiums quoted to him by the insurance people. At the present time, he stated that he had about \$12,000 insurance on that part of the premises and about the same amount on the garage building, making a total of \$24,000.

Committees For Tag Day Appointed

Free Kindergarten Assn. Completed Arrangements at Meeting Yesterday.

At a meeting of the Free Kindergarten Assn. held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms, final arrangements for the tag day to be held February 12th were made. Mrs. F. E. McKenna presided and the following committees were appointed: Publicity, Mrs. J. S. Plagor; convenor, Miss Rowley; Mrs. W. F. Hathaway; Mrs. F. E. McKenna; Mrs. H. L. Spangler; boxes, Mrs. Alice Estey; convenor, Mrs. E. J. Terry; Mrs. W. C. Clark; Mrs. K. E. Peterson; ward committee, Mrs. A. W. Estey; convenor, Mrs. S. C. Fols; Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson; tags, Mrs. E. E. Holman; refreshments, Mrs. A. E. Bullock; convenor, Mrs. E. L. Corbett; gifts, Mrs. H. L. Spangler; convenor, Mrs. Mary Gunn; telegrams, Mrs. E. Secord; rooms, Mrs. W. F. Hathaway; finance, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin; Miss Rowley; Mrs. E. H. Taylor.

GENERAL TOUR OF INSPECTION

B. Johnston, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Passenger Department, at Montreal, is now in St. John on a general tour of inspection. He is accompanied by D. R. Kennedy, Assistant District Passenger Agent and Alan Burke and Frank Higgins, Train Passenger Agents. These gentlemen were on board to meet the C. P. O.'s Metagama yesterday afternoon and it is understood that Mr. Johnston will return to Montreal on Saturday.

ORIGINAL CASES—\$9,000 as criminal cases are currently on more will be dealt with in the present sitting of the circuit court. Judge Chandler dismissed the grand jury's indictment against the accused against Drew and others now awaiting trial will not come up until March.

Baptist Pastor To Be Ordained

Mr. L. B. Gray, Waterloo St. Church to be Formally Set Aside for Ministry.

Mr. L. B. Gray, student pastor of the Waterloo street Baptist church, St. John, will be ordained to the Baptist ministry in that church next Thursday. That was decided yesterday at a council of ministers and laymen of the St. John district held in Hampton. The Rev. W. H. Johnson, of Hampton, was chosen chairman of the permanent ordaining committee, and Rev. D. H. MacPherson, of Sussex, secretary, shortly after the opening of the meeting by the president, Rev. W. H. Johnson. Rev. Dr. Park, of Sussex, was elected an examiner.

After the candidate had given a statement of his Christian experience, his call to the ministry, and his views on doctrine and church policy, he was questioned by the majority of those present. The examination proved highly satisfactory.

Accepted by Council

At the conclusion the candidate retired, and it was unanimously passed that the church proceed immediately with the ordination. A committee was appointed to make arrangements of that end, and it was decided that the ordination take place in the Waterloo street Baptist church here next Thursday. Mr. Gray is a B. A., of Acadia University, Wolfville. He received his primary education in the schools of his native town of Amherst. It is his intention to take up his studies in Theology at a later date.

Provincial Scouts Are Flourishing

Thirteen Troops in the City of St. John—Increase in Proficiency Badges Awarded.

The Provincial Boy Scout Commissioners held their annual conference at the Boy Scout headquarters in the Ritchie building, Princess street, last evening. A. C. Skilton, the provincial commissioner, reported the Boy Scout organization to be in a healthy and flourishing condition, with thirty troops located throughout the province, as well as eleven packs of Wolf Cubs. The assistant secretary gave the location of the troops as:—St. John, 13, with other troops located in Hamilton, Lower Jemseg, Devon, Chatham, Robbsey, St. Andrews, Woodstock, Sussex, Belmore, Beaver Harbor, Clifton, Edmundston, Moncton, two troops; Stanley, St. Martins, Upper Kent, Wolford, McAdam, Williamsburg, Hillsboro, Fredericton and Hampton.

Of the Wolf Cub packs, seven are located in St. John. A marked increase in the number of scouts qualifying for proficiency badges was reported, and a corresponding increase in the number of King Scouts and First-class Scouts. The provincial treasurer, E. H. Turnbull, reported receipts as \$4,883.12; expenditures, \$4,179.78. The year started with a deficit of \$667.50, and ended with a debit of \$389.17. As scouts' expenses for uniforms and supplies amounted to \$1,165.83, thus showing an amount of \$176.60 to the good.

The New Officers

Officers were elected as follows:—Thomas E. Simpson, president; A. C. Skilton, commissioner; Iak vice-president, John D. Tothill, Fredericton; 2nd vice-president, J. P. Albertson, Sussex; 3rd vice-president, E. J. Terry; secretary, V. C. Timberley; treasurer, E. H. Turnbull.

Members to the council were appointed, with representatives from St. John, as well as every county in the province. A special meeting of the camp committee was held after the meeting, and Grand Lake was selected as the site of the provincial camp next summer. The date was not set, and will be announced later, after conferring with other bodies, whose schedule for the summer might interfere with the plan. The camp will be for two weeks.

Other members present at last night's meeting were:—A. C. Skilton, Dr. Murray MacLaren, C. H. Peters, J. A. Tilton, E. H. Holder, T. E. Simpson, J. D. Tothill, Fredericton; J. H. Kimball, S. G. Olive and V. C. Timberley.

H. F. LINGLEY WAS BADLY INJURED

Had Leg Crushed Between Railway Track and Passenger Gangway at Sand Point.

H. F. Lingley of 202 Main Street, had his leg broken at Sand Point on Wednesday afternoon while shipping a passenger gangway aboard the steamer New Georgia loading for South Africa. Mr. Lingley, who is a son of G. S. Lingley, caught his foot in the railway track and the gangway crushed against his leg. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital and from there to his home in the ambulance. Yesterday it was found necessary to take him to the Infirmary to have an X-ray taken. The leg was found to be badly broken, and set, and put in a plaster cast.

CHARLIE BURKMAN GOING STRONG

Charlie Burkman, who is on the strength from Halifax to Vancouver, and who called at The Standard office Sunday night, is reported to be going strong. He made forty miles on Wednesday leaving Fredericton in the morning, and reached the junction at 3 o'clock in the morning, lunch at the Brunswick house, Harvey, left there at 3 o'clock and reached St. John at 8 o'clock last night. Yesterday he struck into the State of Maine.

C.P.O.S. Metagama Had Good Voyage

Brought 1,286 Passengers, 1,600 Bags Mail, 980 Parcel Post, 1,300 Tons Cargo.

C. P. O. S. Liner Metagama arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Liverpool and Le Havre and docked at Nos. 2 and 3 berths. She carried a total number of 1,286 passengers, 1,600 bags of mail, 980 parcel post and 1,300 tons of general cargo. Captain G. W. Hodder is in command. The passengers were composed of 350 cabin and 936 third class; and of the total number 29 cabin and 753 third class passengers embarked at Le Havre, while the others went on board at Liverpool. The cargo consisted of silks, cottons, woollens and spirits.

Many Italians Over 750 of those who travelled third class were Italians who have come to establish homes in this country; and at least ninety per cent of this class are listed for points in the United States. Many of them state that they purport to work in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, while others are destined for Philadelphia, Lowell, Mass., New York and other cities.

Enroute to China

About one dozen Englishmen also arrived and they are en route to Shanghai and Hong Kong, where they are in service of the British Government. Some are engaged there as municipal policemen, and two others are customs officials. Over three hundred and twenty-five of the cabin passengers left at nine o'clock last night by special train for Montreal and West-ern points. It is expected that the greater majority of the third class passengers will be on their way from St. John by this evening.

Favorable Weather

Commander Hodder stated that the steamer sailed from Liverpool on Saturday, January 22nd, and arrived at Le Havre on the following Sunday. She left the latter port on January 24th, and encountered very favorable weather on the voyage across the Atlantic, especially at this time of the season. Nothing eventful occurred during the trip.

Knights of Pythias' Social Reunion

Second of Series Proved Delightful Event—Knights Propose Reception to Skater

The second of a series of social reunions held last evening by the Knights of Pythias in the Pythian Castle. The evening was a delightful one. There were four hundred present, who enjoyed dancing, music for which was furnished by Black's orchestra. Supper was served at eleven to accommodate those living at a distance. The table decorations were excellent in many varieties, and the pretty effect was much admired. Mrs. N. L. Brennan and Mrs. H. Kinners presided at the supper table.

An Announcement

During the evening announcement was made of the splendid show made by Charlie Gorman, who is a Knight of Pythias, a member of New Brunswick Lodge. The news of his success was received with great enthusiasm, and it is proposed to tender the skater a reception on his return to St. John.

The ladies' committee was composed of the following: Mrs. W. H. Hodder, Mrs. W. H. Golding, Mrs. E. A. Kinrade, Mrs. E. J. Fleetwood, Mrs. K. D. Spear, Mrs. Jack Vaughan. The men's committee was headed by N. L. Brennan and K. D. Spear, secretary.

Empress of Britain Here This Evening

Rev. J. H. Ritson, London, General Secretary of B. & F. Bible Society, a Passenger

The Empress of Britain will in all likelihood dock here this evening from Liverpool on the evening steamer Empress is Rev. John H. Ritson, D. D. of London, England, general secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This is his first visit to Canada in fifteen years and is expected that he will remain in the city over Sunday. He has just returned from the Continent of Europe where he has been re-establishing the work of the society in the war-devastated regions. Rev. W. B. Cooper, D. D., of Toronto, general secretary of the Canadian Bible Society is in the city to meet Rev. Mr. Ritson.

Monthly meeting of the N. B. Automobile Association, Board of Trade rooms, at 8 o'clock tonight.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL MEMORIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

All citizens, who have contributed \$1.00 or more, to the above Home are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock in the Market Building, entrance North Market Street.

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