

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Northerly to northwest-erly winds, fine and cool.

Toronto, April 15.—The western depression is now centered over Lake St. Lawrence with diminishing energy. Showers are occurring this evening over the lake region and snow has occurred locally in Manitoba accompanied by high winds.

New England Forecast.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—Forecast for New England: Showers Saturday in west and south, fair in north-east portions; Sunday, showers and cooler; moderate winds, mostly north-east to east.

AROUND THE CITY

Sugar Drops Ten Cents. The Acadia Sugar Refinery, Halifax, issued a notice yesterday that all grades of sugar had declined 10 cents per 100 pounds.

Slight Fire.

Between five and six o'clock last evening an alarm was rung in 412, for a slight fire on the roof of a shed owned by Kimball & Son, Kimball street. The damage was slight.

Portland Lodge, S. of E.

Portland Lodge, Sons of England, met in the Temple of Honor building, Main street, last evening. The financial report shows a surplus for the present year. The lodge has a membership of 160, with several applications to be considered.

Fifty Horses for Newfoundland.

On a through freight which arrived about midnight, was a consignment of fifty horses from Perth, Ont., for the Reid Railway Company, Newfoundland. The animals will be used in construction work on the island. Owing to the Boston train being two and a half hours late a car was attached to the freight at Fredericton Junction for the accommodation of passengers from the capital.

Invitation to Remain.

At a meeting of the quarterly board of Centenary Church on Thursday evening, a resolution was unanimously adopted, inviting the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. R. Flanders, to remain for a fourth year. Dr. Flanders will not begin his third year in the diocese until June, but in the time he has been here his work has been so successful that the board took this early opportunity of placing on record its appreciation of his efforts.

Publicity for the Big Fair.

The response to the request of the publicity department of the exhibition bureau that the plastic signs be placed in exclusively conspicuous positions throughout the Maritime Provinces, Upper Canada and New England, has been most favorable. The leading merchants of the land, railway and steamboat companies, ticket agents, government officials and others are offering their co-operation. This assures a first-class showing of the art advertisement.

St. John River Commission.

Mr. A. P. Barnhill, K. C., and John Keeffe the Canadian members of the St. John river commission, left last evening for Calais where they will attend a meeting of the commission today. The meeting has been called to take the evidence of two engineers one representing Canada and the other the United States with regard to conditions on the upper St. John. Mr. Keeffe said last evening that the labors of the commission were by no means finished. Further meetings will be arranged at Calais today.

Dairy Inspection.

W. W. Hubbard, Secretary of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, was in the city yesterday. Speaking of the decision of the local Board of Health to recognize the certificate of inspection granted by the Provincial Dairy superintendent, he said the department was not in a position to carry on a system of inspection at the present time that would cover the dairies. It would, however, to employ a permanent inspector next year, who would be able to devote his whole time to the work of inspection.

Carmarthen Street Church.

At 9:30 Sunday morning, April 17, Carmarthen street class together with the classes of Centenary, Queen square and Exmouth Street will meet in German street Baptist church for a fellowship meeting. The meeting will be dismissed in time for the church service. Those who attend the meetings report that they are very helpful to the religious life. At 11 a. m. Rev. James Crisp preaches at Carmarthen street, Sunday school at 2:30, and the pastor, Rev. C. W. Squires will preach in the evening on the special work of the church, its comparative failure and the cause of such failure. There will be appropriate music at the services.

Sketch and Concert.

In the basement of St. John Presbyterian Church last evening the three act comedy, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard" was presented by the members of the Junior Mission Band of the congregation. A large audience was present, and the clever manner in which the piece was presented received much applause. Those taking part were Misses Lyle Kennedy, Greta Cunningham, Edna Hamm, Minnie Whitney, Hazel Smith, Bessie Dobson and Edward Dobson. Between the acts a chorus composed of members of the mission band, and a mixed quartet, contributed several numbers. The proceeds of the entertainment will go towards the general Foreign Mission fund.

Fox Hounds for Ottawa Hunt Club.

On the Montreal train which left here last evening were a large number of English passengers who arrived on the Empress of Ireland and were bound for points in Ontario and Quebec. In the baggage car were sixteen dogs belonging to different members of the party. In the lot were half a dozen fine fox hound bitches, which were being taken through by James Baker for the use of the Ottawa Hunt Club. Mr. Baker said he was employed by the club as a caretaker and while at work a few months ago had fallen and broken his arm. He was given holiday leave to go on a trip to England and was incidentally commissioned to bring over some fox hounds for breeding purposes. The hounds stood the ocean voyage very well and attracted much attention at the depot by their fine appearance and lively actions. They were said to be worth \$100 each.

PROBING INTO AFFAIRS OF D'ISRAEL ASBESTOS CO.

Sherbrooke Directors Arrive Here and Investigation Is Being Held—St. John Men On Board Resign or Are Retired—Much Reticence Being Observed—R. D. Isaacs Not in the City.

A dramatic turn was given to the affairs of the D'Israel Asbestos Co. yesterday, when at a stormy meeting of the directors, the treasurer tendered his resignation and two other St. John directors were asked to resign. Owing to rumors that the management of the company which has its headquarters in St. John had not been conducting affairs in a satisfactory manner and that the managing director, R. D. Isaacs has been absent from the city about three weeks, the directors residing in Sherbrooke, Quebec, became uneasy, and determined to come down to St. John and hold an investigation into the affairs of the company. On Thursday morning, a party of five, including the managing director, accompanied by their legal advisors Wm. Banks, F. Campbell and A. W. Warrel, who have considerable interest in the concern, arrived in the city, and, after holding several meetings, and examining the books, came to the conclusion that the interest of the shareholders demanded the resignation of Mr. Isaacs, the managing director, and other members of the board residing in St. John.

No License to Do Business. Their investigation revealed, it is said, the fact that the company which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona, U.S., had not taken out a license to do business either in New Brunswick or in the Province of Quebec, where its mining properties are located. It is also rumored that the management had neglected to comply with conditions under which the sherbrooke directors and shareholders when interviewed last evening, would neither deny nor confirm this rumor. It was said, however, that the shareholders had no occasion to worry on that score, as the irregularities, if any, in that connection, were of a purely technical character, and the titles could be made good. Another meeting of the directors will be held today at which it is said a new manager will be selected and a committee appointed to make a formal examination of the books. Mr. Isaacs left St. John about three weeks ago and the directors who have decided to discontinue his services whereabout. Inquiries at his residence last evening also failed to elicit any information regarding his whereabouts beyond the statement that he was expected back in St. John in about two weeks. The directors declined to say whether or not they had found any irregularities. They declared, however, that the shareholders had no particular occasion for alarm. The irregularities in regard to the incorporation of the company could easily be straightened out, and its properties were undoubtedly valuable and with energetic management could be easily made to yield large returns. The company has an authorized capital stock of \$900,000, divided into 180,000 non-assessable shares of a par value of \$5 each.

Officers and Directors. The officers and directors elected at the last regular meeting were: Hon. A. T. Dunn, St. John, president; R. D. Isaacs, St. John, vice-president; and John, secretary; J. M. Healy, St. John, treasurer; Roch Gagne, F. X. Le Branche, L. A. Colere, Sherbrooke, and H. Leslie Coombs, St. John, directors.

Mr. Dunn, collector of customs of St. John, resigned from the directorate shortly after his election to the position of president. The company has a paid-up capital of about \$100,000; and it is said that the majority of the shareholders belong to Sherbrooke, Quebec, and this city.

The prospectus of the company states that its property is located about two and a half miles from D'Israel, in the township of Garthby, in the county of Wolfe, Province of Quebec, on the serpentine belt, better known as the asbestos belt, extending from East Broughton to Asbestos, the latter town being situated three miles distant from Danville and comprises two hundred and fifty acres underlain with the highest grade asbestos ore. This property in the very heart of the asbestos district that ranks first in the world, is more valuable than thousands of acres of prospective territory. The company was organized in June 1908 and last year had a considerable force of men employed constructing a railway and preparing for the installation of a mining plant. No development work has been carried on this winter owing to the fact that the intense cold practically prohibited outdoor operations in that locality.

It is rumored that the new manager who is to be selected will have his headquarters in Sherbrooke, and that as soon as the affairs of the company are straightened out the work of developing the mines will be pushed forward as speedily as possible.

At one of the largest and most representative meetings ever held by the congregation of St. John's (Stone) church, last evening, a motion in favor of a surpliced choir was defeated. Rev. G. A. Kuhring presided, and upon the meeting being called to order, a resolution was moved to the effect that a two-thirds vote of the congregation would be necessary to carry the adoption of a vested choir.

An amendment to the motion that a three-fourths vote would be necessary was carried. Upon a ballot being taken it was found that 119 had voted in favor of the surpliced choir and 113 had cast their ballots against it. As a three-fourths vote was necessary to carry through the proposal the motion was declared lost.

There was considerable discussion before the vote was taken upon the question and several stormy arguments were presented by both sides. The opponents of the scheme argued that the movement was simply a step towards high church ritual. The advocates of the innovation denied this, saying that they simply wished to have a uniform dress for the members of the choir.

During the evening it was announced that a lady of the congregation had offered to donate \$1,000 towards purchasing a new organ, should a fund for such a purpose be opened. The thanks of the congregation were tendered for the generous offer, which will likely be accepted.

Sale of Property Today. Three fine properties will be sold at noon today at Chubb's corner, a brick and stone dwelling house and lot on Princess street, near Pitt; a wooden dwelling house on Paradise Row, next the Mission Church, and a leasehold property on King street, West End. All the properties are yielding good returns. The sales are made for the purpose of closing the estate of the late John McDonald and afford a splendid opportunity for investments that cannot fail to be profitable.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS. The case of the Cream Separator Company vs. Willie McAllister was up on review before Judge Forbes in County Court Chambers yesterday afternoon at three o'clock from the civil court of the Parish of Chipman, Queens Co., presided over by Justice Wilson. The plaintiff recovered a judgment in the lower court against the defendant. The matter was reviewed on questions of law and after hearing arguments of counsel, his honor ordered a new trial but without costs. Scott E. Morrell appeared for the defendant and appellant, and Ralph St. J. Fessenden appeared for the plaintiff, the respondents.

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