

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Strong southwesterly and west winds, showery. Toronto, Ont. — A disturbance which was north of Lake Superior last night has moved eastward with increasing energy to the province of Quebec and is now causing strong winds and showers in the Gulf and the Maritime Provinces. The weather continues fair and warm in the Western Provinces. Boston, May 9.—Forecast: Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday. Southwest to west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

New Turnstile Installed. One of the new turnstiles was installed in the west side toll house last night, after the ferry boat had stopped running.

A Linen Shower. Friends of Miss Catherine Stevens assembled at her home, 214 Charlotte street last evening and made her the recipient of a linen shower. Miss Stevens will be one of the principals in a nuptial event on June 7th.

Orangemen to Hold Memorial Service. St. John District Royal Orange Lodge met last evening in Orange Hall, Germain street, and decided to hold a memorial service on the evening of King Edward's funeral, May 20th. Rev. A. A. Riddout, Provincial Provincial Grand Master, will deliver an address and the hall will be draped in mourning garb.

Roads in Fair Condition. Joshua Cowan made an automobile run to Fredericton on Saturday with a party of friends, and returned to the city yesterday by way of Fredericton Junction. This is the first auto trip of the season to Fredericton. He reports that with the exception of a short section about the Junction, the roads were in fairly good condition.

Address On City Government. The Young Men's Guild of St. John Presbyterian church held their closing night in the church parlors last evening. The guests of the evening were the elders and trustees of the congregation and Rev. J. J. McCaskill. After a light supper, which was much enjoyed, Mr. McCaskill delivered an instructive and practical address on city government.

High Tide Covers Floats. Owing to the high wind blowing in to the harbor the high tide evening rose to an unusual height, covering the ferry floats on the West Side and making it necessary to put out a gangway for the accommodation of passengers. The water also rose over some of the other wharves, it was impossible to ascertain last evening whether any serious damage had been done.

Custom Tailors At Big Fair. A meeting of the Custom Tailors' Association was held in the Royal Hotel Sample Rooms last evening. Mr. A. Campbell presided, and among other business transacted a committee was appointed to make arrangements with the management of the Exhibition Association for space, for the exhibiting of custom made clothing. The association hopes to have a first class exhibit at the fair.

Recognize Provincial Milk Certificates. The board of health has made an important change in the regulations governing the supply of milk. Hereafter dairymen selling milk in this city had to have a certificate from a veterinary showing that they complied with the sanitary requirements. Hereafter the board will recognize certificates issued by the officials of the provincial dairy department or the provincial board of health. The health officials state that a great improvement in the milk supply of St. John has taken place in the last few years.

New Branch Of Garage Opened. Owing to lack of space, J. A. Pugsley and Co. are opening a new branch at 29 Dock street. The McInerney building has been leased and will be filled up for the storing of marine and stationary gas and engine and motor car equipment and fittings. The new branch, which was opened yesterday, will be under the supervision of Geo. H. Kaye. About 35 cars are kept in the garage at present, and half that number in the old place on Chipman Hill. It is said that the present building will probably be enlarged and extended to Prince William street.

Postal Service Examinations. Civil service examinations for the postal service will open in the upper room of the post office this morning. Candidates must be on hand at 9:30. Dr. G. U. Hay will be the examiner. The examinations will continue for 3 days. Today examinations will be held for the lower grade inside service and the preliminary outside service. There is one candidate for the inside service and three for the outside. Examinations to qualify for higher grades will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. There are 12 candidates for higher grades — two for the inside and ten for the outside service.

Call For Tenders Held Up. The city fathers will meet in general committee tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of considering the report of the city engineer upon the question of renewing and extending the water mains, and authorizing the engineer to call for tenders. The matter was dealt with at the last meeting of the Board of Public Works when the city engineer's specifications were approved and he was instructed to call for tenders to supply the water pipes. It developed later, however, that the board did not have the authority to call for tenders, as the council had referred the matter to the general committee.

Mr. Moorehead Leaves For Rangoon. M. K. Moorehead, who has filled the position of United States consul at St. John for some months, left last night for Boston, whence he will sail by one of the White Star boats for Rangoon in British India. It is not known yet who will succeed Mr. Moorehead here. It was reported that E. Carrigan, the vice-consul, might receive the appointment, but though Mr. Carrigan has passed all the examinations necessary to qualify as a consul, he does not think his first appointment will be to a consulate as important as that of St. John. There are many consuls in the United States service who would regard the St. John appointment as a promotion.

Always something new on the menu at White's Restaurant.

REFORM COUNCIL REPUDIATES REV. B. H. NOBLES' STATEMENT

Exception Taken to References to "Alien Element" etc., in Sermon on Recent Local Option Campaign -- Letter from Rev. A. A. Graham -- Mr. Nobles Refuses to Retract.

As the result of criticism—during the course of a sermon delivered on April 24 and reported in The Standard—on the attitude of the Moral and Social Reform Council in the recent local option campaign, Rev. B. H. Nobles and some of the members of the council are not exactly on friendly terms. Shortly after delivering his sermon criticizing the council, Mr. Nobles was requested to repudiate the report of it which appeared in The Standard. This Mr. Nobles declined to do, as the report was substantially correct. Mr. Nobles was then asked to retract his statements, and tender an apology but this he also refused.

Responsibility Repudiated. Several representatives of the Moral and Social Reform Council then decided to repudiate responsibility for the utterances of Mr. Nobles and yesterday Rev. A. A. Graham sent the following letter to The Standard: To the Editor of The Standard. Sir:—Several of the representatives in the Moral and Social Reform Council of New Brunswick, who were present at the meeting on November 25th, have very justly taken serious offence at certain false statements and groundless charges contained in a report in The Standard of a sermon delivered by Rev. B. H. Nobles in Victoria Street Baptist Church on April 24th. Although contending that the said report conveys a wrong impression of what he said in his address, Mr. Nobles refuses to make in the press the necessary correction or explanation. In the interests of truth and the work of moral reform it is therefore necessary for me to state that the Reform Council does not hold itself responsible for his reported utterances. He was not actively connected with the campaign on polling day and did nothing to bring out voters to the poll, and so also does not speak for the workers. This report evidently represents the views of that extreme element in every community, whose harsh words and ungenerous spirit have so often alienated public sympathy from many a good cause, and who have always been a hindrance to the progress of true reform. I trust that those brethren whose

honour has been questioned in this newspaper report will understand that the attack is represented as having come from one who does not express the sentiments of the Moral and Social Reform Council or of the workers at the poll. Yours very sincerely, ANGUS A. GRAHAM. St. John, N. B., May 9, 1910. Mr. Nobles Stands His Ground. Mr. Nobles was interviewed last evening, and stated that after the report of his sermon appeared in The Standard, Mr. Graham had approached him and taken him to task for saying that the presence of an "alien element" in the council had been responsible for their defeat, and had claimed that by alien element he meant their Roman Catholic friends. "To this I replied," said Mr. Nobles, "that I was casting no insinuations upon any religious body—that there were other factors, besides our Catholic friends in the council, and that I meant any who were not favorable to prohibition. Mr. Graham then wrote me a letter explaining his objections more fully, and referring to my statements that the liquor dealers instead of being treated with dignity and respect should be branded, and ostracized socially, religiously and politically, and that the temperance men were guilty of deception when they shook hands with them. "Subsequently I had a conversation with Mr. Graham over the telephone and told him that I still entertained the opinions to which I had given expression but that I would not hold him responsible for my utterances. "Then Mr. Graham asked me to repudiate the report of my address which appeared in The Standard, especially the statement that the action of council in confining the fight to two wards was to give warning to the vested interests to prepare for the conflict in advance. "As the report was a fair summary of what I said, I declined to do this, and advise him if he couldn't accept my statement to discontinue the course of correspondence, and that I would keep the matter out of the press. "I also received a letter, demanding prompt and ample apology for what I said, but it is no use to try that sort of thing with me."

D. L. HUTCHINSON, A LITTLE SHY ON COMETS

Recent Rather Startling Utterances Attributed to Observatory Director Make Him Reticent. "Information about the comet? Why don't you read the newspapers?" said D. L. Hutchinson, the director of the St. John observatory yesterday. "I have been giving out some rather startling information about the comet through the newspapers of late. "I have been reported as saying that the comet's tail was behind its head—no doubt a very interesting contribution to the fund of useful knowledge, if the public happened to be under the impression that comets were in the habit of carrying their tails in their teeth. I was also reported as saying that you could see the comet with the naked eye, if you had a telescope—a saying which probably had a great illuminating effect upon the public mind. "So you can imagine I am rather chary of talking for publication, lest I be made the sponsor of some more information calculated to convulse the city with amusement. "We are not losing sleep over the comet; we have enough to do keeping tabs on the time. We have no equatorial telescope and so have no better means of observing the visit than other people. I hope however, to get some photographs of it later on. "The comet rises now about three in the morning, and if you get up early enough you might, if the sky is clear, get a glimpse of it. My own acquaintance with comets is limited, and judging from the reports in the astronomical journals the astronomers seem rather at sea. I am not clear whether its tail will hit the earth during the daytime, or in the night, or whether it will miss us altogether. "In justice to The Standard it may be mentioned that the "rather startling information about the comet" to which Mr. Hutchinson refers, did not appear in this journal.

PERSONAL J. W. Clark and W. P. Hoyt left on last night's Halifax train for Truro, where they will purchase a large five passenger 15 h. p. touring car in which they will make the return trip. Mr. Robert Thomson and Col. J. R. Armstrong arrived at Boston yesterday from Naples, and left last evening for St. John. E. W. Barlow has returned from Providence, R. I. where he has been visiting his son, Dr. C. W. Barlow, and has taken up his residence in the house of Mrs. E. R. W. Ingraham on West Side. S. L. Gorbil, manager of the Seaman's Institute, will leave for Toronto in a few days in the interest of the local mission. Mr. Gorbil has not yet decided to accept the position offered him by the Seaman's Mission Society on the Great Lakes. Rev. Dr. Wilson, who was seriously ill in the early part of last week, is now steadily improving in health. Furness steamship Rappahannock, Captain Buckingham, sailed from London for St. John via Halifax last Friday.

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