

THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Moderate winds, fair, not much change in temperature.
Washington, Feb. 21 - Forecast: Northern New England - Fair Monday; Tuesday cloudy, probably rain; moderate variable winds, mostly east.

Toronto, Feb. 21 - The weather today has been fair and comparatively mild in nearly all parts of the Dominion. A shallow depression is now slowly approaching the Great Lakes, from the south-east states.

Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max.
Victoria 44 46
Vancouver 42 44
Kamloops 34 40
Calgary 10 18
Edmonton 4 22
Battleford 14 16
Prince Albert 12 18
Medicine Hat 10 22
Winnipeg 24 28
Parry Sound 20 44
London 22 48
Toronto 22 42
Kingston 22 42
Ottawa 12 36
Montreal 20 34
Quebec 22 30
Halifax 20 39

Around the City

Smoker Tonight
Attorney General J. B. M. Baxter will address the St. John Conservative Club at a smoker to be held in their rooms this evening. All members are invited to be present.

Police Activities.
Early yesterday morning the police found a horse attached to a carriage roaming about near the corner of Sydney and Orange streets. It was returned to Worden's stable where it belonged. Saturday afternoon the police was called into John Murphy's house on North street to quell a disturbance.

Wenk-End Drunks.
Two drunks yesterday and three on Saturday was the number gathered in the police. Two of the Saturday jams were allowed out on leaving deposits of eight dollars each. On Saturday Peter Russell, a soldier in the 26th Battalion was given in charge of the police by Captain Keefe who requested that the man be detained for being drunk and disorderly in the army.

HALF BILLION FOR RUSSIA'S WAR EXPENSES

Imperial Ukase Orders Issuance of Two New Series of 5 per cent. Treasury Bills.

London, Feb. 22 - An Imperial Ukase, according to a Petrograd despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company orders the issuance of two new series of five per cent treasury bills. Each series amounts to \$250,000,000 to provide for war expenditures.

WILL HEAR DISPUTES OF MEN IN SHOPS WHERE WAR SUPPLIES ARE MADE

London, Feb. 21 - With a view to preventing interruptions of work in the trades which supply war materials the government has appointed a committee to consider all disputes which the parties directly concerned are unable to settle. The committee consists of Sir George Asquith, of the Board of Trade; Sir Francis Hopwood, of the Admiralty, and Sir George Gibb of the War Office.

INTERESTING ITEMS FOR LADIES
There will be two lines on special sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store for Tuesday that will interest every lady of St. John. One is a very large lot of fine quality flannelized night gowns which are to be placed on sale at 75 cents each. The values run up as high as \$1.25. They come in white, pink and stripes and are very prettily trimmed. The other line is a lot of brassiere. This is a bone corset cover, and best support combined. The prices for this special sale are 25, 37 and 45 cents each.

DIED.

HAMM - At the General Public Hospital, after a short illness, Ada E. wife of James W. Hamm, leaving her husband, seven children, father, four brothers and one sister to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral Monday afternoon from her late residence, corner King and Ludlow streets, West St. John. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock.

ROBINSON - At St. John on the 20th inst, George A. Robinson, aged seventy-one years.

Funeral at Digby on Tuesday.

SKINNER - On Saturday, the 20th inst., Mary Manning Skinner.

Funeral on Monday afternoon at 2.30 from her late residence, 223 King street.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF K. OF P. LODGES

Elloquent sermon by Rev. W. H. Barraclough - Declared St. John citizens should stop wrangling and work together.

The annual church service of the Knights of Pythias was held yesterday afternoon in Centenary Methodist Church, when Rev. W. H. Barraclough addressed the Knights on the ideals of brotherhood. About six hundred members of the order were in attendance, as well as a large number of their friends.

The three lodges represented were New Brunswick Lodge No. 1, the first lodge of the order to be organized outside of the United States; Union Lodge No. 2 and St. John Lodge No. 3. Among the past grand officers who attended the service were Dr. Godson and Col. James Moulson.

Members of the lodges had the central seats reserved for them and the rest of the pews were well filled. The service was of a most impressive character. After an organ prelude by D. Arnold Fox, the Pythian male quartet sang "Lead Kindly Light" and this was followed by the national anthem sung by a choir of about fifty voices and the congregation.

Then the invocation was made, followed by the singing of the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past," after which there was a scriptural reading by Rev. D. J. MacPherson. Another hymn was then sung, and the Rev. Ralph J. Houghton, a past chancellor of the order, made an appropriate prayer. After another hymn Rev. Mr. Barraclough made a special plea on behalf of the Protestant Orphans' Home, and the collection which was taken up in aid of the home was a very large and gratifying one.

A solo entitled "Waft Her Angels" was then rendered by C. Brooker Skelton. Rev. Mr. Barraclough then preached an able sermon, dealing with the ideals which were the inspiration of the Knights of Pythias. He took his text from St. Peter: "Finally be ye all of one mind, having compassion, etc." He began by congratulating the order on the attainment of another birthday, and expressing his pleasure at the privilege of addressing members of an order which had done so much good in the world.

Speaking of the ideals of brotherhood and the development of conditions which emphasized the unity of the race, he said it took a blockade to show us how closely the interests of men of different nations are bound together, and what folly it was for people having common interests to engage in war. There were no independent men in the world. The one thing that made personal effort worth while was the sharing of the fruits of such effort with others. Society by its very constitution is based on the principles of brotherhood. All through the Bible there ran a protest against selfishness; man was not made to live alone. It was a physiological fact that all people were of one blood, and in the shadow of the days which were passing there was being revealed the consciousness of the spirit. We might thank God for the kinship of sorrow. Perhaps the horrors of this war were destined to teach us we are something to our fellows. Christianity was the core of social responsibility. The conception of the family should embrace all who need us.

Continuing the pastor said the gathering of the Knights of Pythias was an illustration of the principles of true brotherhood. In the last hundred years men had been getting together in all sorts of societies.

"We are we scrapping about in this city?" added the speaker. "A conviction is growing that we are doing too much scrapping. We do not realize the need of forgetting our differences and working together. When we are scrapping it is the common enemy who succeeds, the enemy against whom our forces should be directed.

In this city there is a sore need of leadership. The difficulty in St. John is that too many men have the ambition to lead, without possessing the qualifications of leadership, and will not aid in movements of importance if they can not themselves be leaders. We need to be more united in our efforts for the common well-being.

Continuing the speaker emphasized the importance of the principles upon which the order is founded, the virtues of unity, friendship, benevolence and charity, and pointed out the many ways in which these principles were exemplified.

The first Knights of Pythias lodge was formed in Washington in 1864, and six years later New Brunswick Lodge No. 1 was organized in St. John by John Beamish, D. H. Waterbury, E. J. Mahoney, James Moulson and others. Last year the order paid out in relief benefits the sum of \$1,780,400. Since its organization it has paid out in insurance the sum of \$57,000,000. The order has at present about 750,000 members, scattered over North America and other countries.

Mr. Barraclough in the course of his remarks to the members of the order relative to the offertory declared that owing to the action of the city council nearly all organizations of a charitable and worthy character were unable to carry their work as usual. The collection for the Protestant Orphans' Home amounted to \$258.28. The large male choir was under the direction of A. Chipman Ritchie.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. John Stevenson and Miss Stevenson of New Brunswick, have arrived in the city and are the guests of Mrs. W. W. Carte, 1230 Cornet street, -Yamouchev Sun.

Samuel London was arrested Saturday evening on the charge of being drunk and using obscene language in Brussels street. He is also charged with assaulting Miss Gladys Graham by catching hold of her and tearing her coat.

CROP REPORTING IN UNITED STATES

Methods That Should Prove of Interest to Our Farmers.

"Circular 17" of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, gives an interesting description of the methods adopted by the Bureau for estimating crop reports and statistics. The circular is one that should interest New Brunswick agriculturists, as there is an increasing demand for reliable official statistics as to the progress of crops throughout the province during the growing season. The United States crop estimates are based upon reports of farmers and others in every country and township in the United States and upon reports of trained field agents in each state; they are made monthly during the crop season; they are checked up from every possible source of information; the final reports are prepared and issued by a crop-reporting board of experts.

Beginning with planting, data are gathered and reports made as to the condition and acreage of each of the principal agricultural products, such as corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, potatoes, hay, cotton, tobacco, rice, etc. At harvest time the yields per acre are ascertained, which being multiplied by the acreage figures already ascertained, give the production. The utmost secrecy is maintained in the collection of the reports, so as to guard against stock speculators using the information for their advantage. So with other crops. Farmers could get more for their products if they were put up more attractively, and it would enhance the agricultural reputation of the province. Apples, particularly the red-cheeked, juicy varieties that we raise in many parts of our province, can be most attractively boxed for market. An improvement in the method of handling eggs is noticeable among our farmers, but there is room for still greater improvement. The same remark applies to the preparation of butter, of poultry, and of many other farm products. Make the packages more attractive to the buyer, put in the best quality possible, not on the top alone, but the whole way through, and results will soon follow. Now that we are reaching out for outside markets, and coming in competition with other agricultural communities, we cannot afford to be careless either with respect to quality or the appearance of the product that we have to sell.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

Some Suggestions Made Through the Board of Trade.

We have reached a point in agricultural development in New Brunswick when more attention should be given to the packing and shipping of products that are to be placed on the market. Special care should be given to the form of packages. The old practice of marketing potatoes and turnips without culling or without cleaning, in dirty barrels and bags, should be relegated to the limbo of the obsolete. So with other crops. Farmers could get more for their products if they were put up more attractively, and it would enhance the agricultural reputation of the province. Apples, particularly the red-cheeked, juicy varieties that we raise in many parts of our province, can be most attractively boxed for market. An improvement in the method of handling eggs is noticeable among our farmers, but there is room for still greater improvement. The same remark applies to the preparation of butter, of poultry, and of many other farm products. Make the packages more attractive to the buyer, put in the best quality possible, not on the top alone, but the whole way through, and results will soon follow. Now that we are reaching out for outside markets, and coming in competition with other agricultural communities, we cannot afford to be careless either with respect to quality or the appearance of the product that we have to sell.

RIDING SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS AT CAPITAL

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, Feb. 21 - Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald, who was assigned to duty with the 23rd and 24th overseas battalions, returned to the city on Saturday and later transferred to Divisional Ammunition Column mobilized here, arrived in Fredericton on Saturday evening and joined his new unit. Major W. H. Harrison, officer commanding of the column, as well as all officers and men of unit feel very fortunate in having Rev. Dr. MacDonald with them as chaplain and he has been very warmly welcomed. Today he took part in the ammunition column's church parade, marching out with the men and taking part in service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church this morning.

The first serious accident to any member of the military units that have been mobilized here occurred on Saturday when Gunner Alexander McNeill of the ammunition column had his leg broken. He enlisted at Halifax and was exercising one of the horses at the trotting park when the animal shied, throwing him to the ground and dragging him for a short distance. He was driven to the military hospital and the leg set by Lieut. W. H. Eager, A. M. C.

A riding school for officers of the Divisional Ammunition Column has been established with Sergeant-instructor Mons of the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, Quebec, as instructor. Officers are given instructions every afternoon at three o'clock at the trotting park and Sergeant-instructor Mons will remain here until the ammunition column leaves. Members of the ammunition column are also being given daily lectures now by Lt. W. H. Eager, A. M. C. on first aid to the injured, and by Lt. Church, A. V. C., the veterinary, on care of horses. Dr. Church has an office at the trotting park.

UNION EFFORT FOR CITIZENS

Rev. Ralph J. Houghton urges spirit of brotherhood in civic affairs.

"Any man who is content with the economic, social and religious conditions as they exist in St. John at the present time must be easily satisfied," said Rev. Ralph J. Houghton during his sermon in Congregational Church, Union street, last night. Rev. Mr. Houghton spoke of the conditions and the need of a "get-together" movement.

"Any Christian man who is satisfied with existing conditions in our city today," continued he, "must have a very meagre conception of the claims and demands and responsibilities of Christianity and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

These are the conditions in St. John that the Christ might well weep over, as He wept over Jerusalem in His day. The fact that there are similar conditions in large cities does not exonerate from responsibility for conditions existing in our city.

"I have been coming to St. John for a good many years and spending weeks at a time. During the last year and four months I have been trying honestly to find the best elements are not in control of our city at the present time. There are many reasons for this statement; and there are many proofs of that statement I could offer if necessary."

Rev. Mr. Houghton endorsed the message delivered by Bishop LeBlanc and commended it to both Protestants and Catholics. "The people of St. John," continued the preacher, "must get together. We must get together and put aside our class distinctions and make up our minds that with the help of God we are going to have things better."

"Progress is never automatic. If things are not right, we must get together and strive earnestly to put them right. It is not high time for us to cease our criticisms and get down to real constructive work. The spirit of strife, enmity and abuse, which has taken hold of the very life of our city just now, will accomplish no good purpose. What is needed is a willingness on the part of every man who is concerned for the welfare of St. John to put aside his own selfish purposes and interests as far as possible and touch shoulders with the other fellow, to make our city a better city, and to rid it as much as possible of the domination of evil and sinister influences."

Mr. Houghton made a strong plea for every citizen to get down to business and see if co-operation would not make things better.

"If the men who are in power are not the right men," said he, "then in place of this wholesale vituperation put men in power who will work together. We need a spirit of brotherhood in place of the spirit of envy, contention and strife."

NO GROUNDS FOR FEARS OVER APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEAD OF JESUITS

Catholic authorities in London and France do not fear any difficulties.
London, Feb. 21 - (Gazette Cable) - The Catholic authorities, both in London and France, see no ground for the fears expressed in France regarding the political sympathies of Father Vladimir Ledochowski, the new Superior General of the Jesuits. It is pointed out that his late office, Assistant Superior-General of Germany, was a purely administrative one. It is remembered that Holland and Belgium are grouped under the same territorial jurisdiction with Germany, Austria and Galicia, and that the new General belongs to Galicia. The strenuous resistance offered by his uncle, Count Wiclasas Ledochowski, to the Prussian government in connection with lingual and religious questions in Poland, was also a matter of showing good reason for hoping that the new General of the order will not bend before Kaiserism.

OBITUARY.

Miss Mary M. Skinner
The death of Miss Mary M. Skinner, which occurred on Saturday at her home, 223 King street east, removes from St. John a lady who, during a long and busy life, was ever active in all good works and in the promotion of all objects looking to the improvement of conditions in this city. Among these were the Free Public Library, in which she for years took a very keen interest. Of more recent years falling health caused her to manifest less activity in these objects but to her death she had her well-being at heart.

The late Miss Skinner is survived by two brothers, Messrs. A. O. Skinner and F. S. Skinner, and a large circle of friends who will hear of her death with regret. The funeral will take place from her late residence this afternoon at 2.30.

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40 inches wide. Yard \$1.60, \$1.90, \$2.00, \$2.20, \$2.75, \$2.95, \$3.50
Black Bengaline or Poplin, a fine corded silk and wool mixed material for costumes, coats, etc., 45 inches wide. Yard \$2.65
48 inches wide. Yard \$3.00 and \$3.40
Black Charmeuse Satin, a soft make of satin suitable for draped costumes, blouses, etc., 40 to 42 inches wide. Yard \$1.95, \$2.00, \$3.85, \$4.85
Black Faillie Francais, an all silk corded material used especially for blouses, costumes, millinery and trimmings. Widths 21 to 22 in. Yard \$1.45, \$1.60, \$1.75
Black Chiffon Taffeta, a soft, rich finished fabric suitable for dresses, blouses, costumes, slips, etc., 36 to 43 inches wide. Yard \$1.20, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.45
Fleur de Velour, a rich, dull finished silk, especially suitable for costumes, dresses, coats, blouse waists, etc. Width 40 inches. Yard \$2.50, \$3.15
Fleur de Nice, a bright satin finished silk for costumes, dresses, blouses, etc. Widths 39 to 43 inches. Yard \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.20, \$2.75, \$2.95, \$3.50
Black Radzimir Silk for costumes, coats, etc., 49 inches wide. Yard \$2.40
Black Peau de Soie, a heavy satin dull finished silk, alike on both sides, used for blouses, dresses, millinery and trimmings. Width 20 to 21 in. Yard 70c to \$1.75
Black Moire Silk, for trimmings, etc. Widths 20 to 22 inches. Yard \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00
Black Tamaline, for linings, trimmings, millinery, blouses, etc. Width 20 in. Yd 50c
Black Corded Silk, a heavy material for collars and cuffs and other trimmings. Width 20 inches. Yard \$1.00
Black Maxim Satin, guaranteed for two seasons. 27 inches. Yard \$1.10
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