

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong, west and north-west winds; March 15.—The storm is now centred in the lower St. Lawrence Valley, and the western cold wave is spreading across Ontario and Quebec. The temperature which was decidedly low this morning in Manitoba and Saskatchewan is now rising rapidly throughout the west. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Upper Lawrence, Ottawa Valley, Lower Lawrence and Gulf—Strong westerly winds; fine and much colder.

AROUND THE CITY

Knights' Natural B. T. Soap. Teamsters Meet Tonight. Big meeting of teamsters tonight in room in the Opera House.

Nickel's Irish Music Today. Read the Nickel's advt for particulars of a superb programme of special St. Patrick's day music to start today.

To Hold Afternoon Tea. The King's Messenger Mission Band will hold an afternoon tea in the parlor of Centenary church this afternoon from four to six o'clock.

Appointed a J. P. The Quebec Official Bulletin announces that W. H. Olive, general freight agent for the C. P. R., has been made a justice of the peace for Montreal district. Mr. Olive is a former St. John man.

Please Bring Back That Hat! The gentleman who took the wrong hat by mistake, after the lecture in the Natural History rooms on Tuesday evening, will receive his own by calling at the reportorial department of this paper.

The Torrey Campaign Funds. It is reported that the finance committee of the Torrey campaign have succeeded in getting in all bills and squaring all accounts and that a meeting of the general committee will be called shortly to deal with their reports.

Will Open Office Here. H. J. Micklejohn, of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company is at the Royal. It is understood the company intends to open an office of its own in St. John, and that Mr. Micklejohn who has represented the company in this district previously, will be the local manager.

Real Irish Turf. On board the steamer Virginian which arrived in St. John a few days ago was a case of real Irish turf shipped from Portrush. The turf has been forwarded to and will blaze on the hearth of the Irish Club's room on St. Patrick's night.

Times Was in Error. Percy Thomson, W. E. Foster and C. H. Eason have returned from a trip to Fredericton in the interest of the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Company. Mr. Foster said the report in the Times that they had been inspecting some of the sites where it is proposed to develop water powers is incorrect.

The Sheffield Choir. The big festival on Saturday afternoon and evening, March 25, by the famous Sheffield Choir of 200, and 9 soloists will be a red letter day for this city, and will spread the name of St. John, N. B., all over the world. Subscription lists close Friday night. Seat sale to subscribers only opens Saturday, 9 a. m.

Bills and By-Laws Postponed. Owing to a meeting of the building committee of the county council the meeting of the city's bill and by-laws committee called for yesterday afternoon was postponed till Friday, and in the meantime it is likely the recorder and J. A. Belyea of the citizens' committee will try to arrange a basis of agreement in regard to the form in which the plebiscite bills will be presented to the legislature.

A Chimney Fire. An alarm from box 33 yesterday afternoon, about 3.30 o'clock, called the fire department to the large brick building on Carmarthen street near Duke street, and owned by the St. John Real Estate Co. It was a chimney fire and was put out by a free use of some salt. About half an hour after the apparatus returned, a still alarm was it was thought there was more fire but the department's services were not needed.

Appointed a Janitor. A meeting of the building committee of the municipal council was held yesterday afternoon in the county secretary's office, in compliance with an order of the county council passed at its last meeting the committee appointed Mr. Clifford to the position of janitor of the county buildings. A number of small accounts for repairs and paintings were passed, and it was decided to recommend that some more painting be done in the spring. Councillor McGoldrick presided and among those present were Coun. White, Vauwart and Sprout.

Preaching and Practice. Although the Boosters' Club, whose slogan is "Patronize Home Industries," is responsible for the commission movement, friends of the commission are distributing "Vote for Commission" buttons made in New York. Yesterday these buttons were the subject of a good deal of sarcastic comment upon the civic patriotism of the boosters of the commission form of government, and it is not likely they will serve the purpose for which they are being distributed, as the "Yankee invention" as some people call the commission is likely to get some undesirable advertisement on their account.

Rev. Dr. McShane Honored. On the occasion of his national feast day, Rev. Dr. Gerald McShane, pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Montreal, was on Monday the recipient of three presentations. The St. Patrick's Amateur Athletic Association, of which he is spiritual adviser, presented him with a testimonial of their appreciation; the pupils of St. Patrick's Academy gave a concert and musicale in honor of the occasion, and later in the evening the united choirs of the parish presented him with a pair of gold mounted opera glasses and a portable reading lamp. Rev. Dr. McShane visited St. John frequently, and his friends in this city will be pleased to hear of the honors paid him.

R. W. W. FRINK VERY ILL AT THE HOSPITAL

Popular Salvage Corps Captain and Insurance Man was Operated Upon for Appendicitis, Late Yesterday Afternoon

The very many friends of R. Walker W. Frink, captain of No. 1 Salvage Corps and Fire Police, and branch manager of the Western Assurance Company, and agent of other fire insurance companies, will learn with regret that he is present ill in the General Public Hospital. Yesterday afternoon he was conveyed to the hospital, and about five o'clock he was operated on for appendicitis. At a late hour last night reports from the hospital were to the effect that the operation had been successful, while the prospect of his recovery would be better known this morning.

Captain Frink was taken ill a couple of days ago, and it is sincerely hoped that he will soon recover.

SUGGESTS CIVIC BANQUET HALL

Architect Wilson Has Brand New Idea in Connection with Remodelling of the City Market Building.

Architect Garnett Wilson is apparently of the opinion that his workshop and his councillors should follow the example of the Corporation of London and other British cities and give a civic banquet once in a while. At any rate in plans he has submitted for remodelling the market building he has made provision for a banquet hall in the upper story, which would seat a large number of guests. The plans, which were on exhibition at the mayor's office yesterday, were very favorably commented upon by the city officials, though in view of the possibility of the adoption of the commission form of government, they did not seem to regard a banquet hall as a necessity. Mr. Wilson says however, that he only offers this as a suggestion and that if the city does not want a large hall for any purpose, the upper story can be divided into offices.

One set of his plans provides for an entrance from the archway opening on Charlotte street, with a stairway and an elevator, and another set for an entrance from South Market street with a broader stairway than that at present in use and also an elevator. In accordance with the suggestion of the market committee the plans provide for offices for business and professional men on the first and second floors.

It is understood that several other architects have signified their interest in the building, and that the city authorities will purchase what they consider to be the best plans. It is the opinion of the market committee that if the building was remodelled and offices rented on a commercial basis, the city would be able to get a large revenue, as it is centrally located.

MORE MEN CHOSEN FOR THE CORONATION TRIP

Army Service Corps and 62nd St. John Fusiliers Have Selected the Men to Represent Them in England.

Major A. E. Mannie, of the No. 7 Canadian Army Service Corps, has picked on Sergt. Major Alfred Carlsson to represent the corps on the continent to the Coronation in June. Sergt. Major Carlsson was for 14 years a member of the 3rd Regt. Canadian Artillery and has been in the Army Service Corps here since it was organized about six years ago. He is the most popular choice to represent the corps on the trip to England. There were to have been 11 applicants to the Coronation parade last evening when three were to have been picked for the Coronation continent and the majority of them were somewhat surprised to learn that the three men had been picked and their names sent to the papers yesterday morning. Those who were chosen are Sergt. Major Walter Lamb, Corporal Minard G. Foster, of G. Company, and Corporal Joseph Addison, of C. Company.

NORTH END SALVAGE CORPS MEN THE HOSTS

No. 2 Company S. C. & F. P., Entertained their South End Colleagues at a Pleasant Smoker Last Evening.

Last night No. 1 Salvage Corps and Fire Police members were entertained by No. 2 Company in their rooms, Main street, North End. There was a large gathering which was presided over by Captain Wm. H. Turner of No. 2 Co. The evening's entertainment was opened with a brief speech of welcome by Captain Turner. John Kerr, chief of the fire department, was called on and in the course of his address the chief announced the regrettable illness of Capt. R. W. W. Frink of No. 1 company and also spoke of the regret thereof of the fire department and the two salvage corps companies. J. Fred Shaw, Lieut. of No. 1 Co., gave a brief address in the absence of Capt. Frink and thanked the members of No. 2 Co. for the enjoyable re-

CARPENTERS HELD A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Question of Higher Wages Discussed by Peter Sharkey Last Evening — Many New Members Added to Union.

There was a large attendance at the meeting held under the auspices of the Carpenters' Union in the Market Building last evening. Peter Sharkey was the principal speaker. He gave an interesting historic sketch of the rise and development of trade unions, dealing with the various uprisings of the people since the days of Rome. He made particular reference to the growth of the American Federation of Labor, and the International Carpenters' Union, which now has a membership of over 200,000 men. He gave figures to show that this union had done for its membership in the way of increasing wages, shortening hours, establishing the legal rights of the workers and assisting them by the payment of funeral and sick benefits, etc.

Turning to conditions in St. John he presented statistics showing that the wages of carpenters here were lower than in any city of its size in Canada, and that the cost of living was as high here as in most of the large cities. He said that owing to the fact that few carpenters in this city had regular employment, the great majority only averaged between \$8 and \$10 a week the year round, and he contended that this was not sufficient for a man with a family, and that the grocers and merchants lost money on this account, as the workers often ran up a larger bill than they were able to pay.

An informal discussion followed in which some of those present took part, and later a business meeting of the union was held, at which quite a number of new members were initiated.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR COMMISSION BOOSTERS

"A Working Man" Wants More Information and Fewer Promises From Those Who are Promoting Commission.

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir,—As there has been a great deal of talk about commission of late, and the friends of it are having meetings to promote the scheme, I would like to ask them a few questions which they should explain to the public. First, have you not got too many commissions at the present time? Are not the School Board, the Hospital and the Municipal Home, all three, nothing more or less than commissions, and do not the three combined control about 65 per cent. of the total assessment of the city? Now, in the last ten years, do these commissioners have invariably doubled their expenditures, over which the Common Council has no control. How or in what way is this new commission going to save anything to the taxpayers out of 35 per cent. and do all that they are promising to do?

They had a meeting in the City Hall, Carleton, Friday, the 10th inst., and they even promised to build a bridge. Now isn't that like one of the promises of our old friend Sweet William? They had better come out and fight square, and let it be known where they are at. They have never attempted to argue this question on its merits. Let them offer something. Let us know what they intend to do. Let the gentlemen friends of commission come out and take the people into their confidence, then they will receive their answer, but at the present time, nobody knows what they mean to do.

Now, Mr. Editor, I suppose the Times will get after me, but if they do I am able to stand it, and perhaps I will have something more to say soon on this question. Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain yours, A WORKING MAN. St. John, March 14, 1911.

CONSTABLE GIBBONS GOT MAN AND MONEY

Local Officer Exhibited Detective Ability and Collected \$85 from Visitor at the Union Depot.

Constable Thomas X. Gibbons showed that he had considerable detective ability last night when he captured a man in the Union depot. It was nearly 11.30 o'clock and the Halifax express was about to depart. Constable Gibbons had papers to serve on a Hebrew named Allen who was en route for Amherst, and who was sued by Kaplin & Shaw for the sum of \$85. The constable did not know his man, other than that he was described as having a peckmarked face. Three Hebrews were at the station and Allen was one of the trio. His marked face was seen by the constable, who, with his ready smile, pounced on the man. There was not a great deal of talk. Allen wished to catch the train and after some heat-lancy he produced a large roll of money and paid the \$85. Constable Gibbons is still smiling.

Speeches were also given by Robert Wiley, Director of Public Safety, Aid. Wm. White and Aid. H. Wigmore. An orchestra led by F. Wallace rendered a number of selections, and there were vocal solos by Edward Bonnell, Elmer Holder, and John Tonge; selections by No. 2 Co. quartette, a duet by H. E. Holder and Elmer Holder, and other enjoyable numbers. Prof. E. Wilbur was the accompanist. Refreshments were served during the evening and the smoker was a most enjoyable one.

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