

THE WEATHER

Toronto, March 25.—The weather has been mild today over the Dominion. It shows signs in the Maritime Provinces and light rain and snow in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

AROUND THE CITY

THE BOY SCOUTS—Everything is set for the Boy Scout display at the Armoury next Tuesday evening and it promises to be the best in St. John Scout history.

WANT NAVY HERE

The St. John branch of the Navy League of Canada have made request to the naval department that the Canadian fleet make a call at St. John on its return from the Pacific.

JEWEL CLUB

Members of Jewel Club, I. O. O. F., are completing plans for a contest to be held in City Hall next Wednesday, when some of the best local talent will perform.

IS RE-ORGANIZING

Arrangements for the re-organization of Greenalls Whistling Association were made at a meeting held Thursday morning at the Board of Trade, and the following provisional officers elected: President, Mrs. Walter Harrison; vice-president, Mrs. Murray MacLaren, sec'y, Miss Frances Stearns; assistant secretary, Miss Jean White.

RETAIL MERCHANTS' ANNUAL MEETING

F. W. Stewart of Montreal will be speaker on Retail Conditions. A telegram has been received by the committee in charge of the annual meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association to the effect that F. W. Stewart of the "Best Foot Forward" company of Montreal will speak on the occasion. The subject will be "Retail Conditions as they are and what to expect." The banquet will be held at Bond's Restaurant next Tuesday evening and it is expected that there will be a large gathering of merchants present.

Private Mills Dies In Hospital

Enlisted With 55th Battalion Early in the War and Saw Continuous Service. The death of Private Urville Mills, aged 22 of Goldington, P. E. I., took place at the Lancaster Military Hospital on Wednesday last after an illness of five weeks and three days. Heart disease was the cause of death. Private Mills enlisted early in the war with the 55th battalion and proceeded overseas with that unit. He saw continuous service on the front line throughout the rest of the war and received his discharge on returning to Canada in the latter part of 1918. Private Mills at first located in the West, where he has a brother and sister living in Calgary, but later returned East and was employed at the Atlantic Sugar Refinery when he became ill. His body was taken to the island home for burial by his father. He is survived by three brothers and one sister.

Celebration of Festival of Purim

In celebration of the Festival of Purim, a play entitled Queen Esther was given yesterday afternoon at the Jewish Synagogue, and an excellent performance held. The young people in the play were members of the Young Judean Club and were trained by Rabbi Press. Rose Budowitz had the principal part, as Queen Esther; Ben Cohen was King Ahasuerus; Joe Frankman had the role of Haman, and Ben Green was Mordecai. Others taking part were Ralph Isaac, Israel Cohen, Esther Cohen, Ben Gust, Mordecai Budowitz, Abe Guss, Nathan Deben, Esther Newfield, Thelma Fishman, Pearl Rubens, Helen Jacobson, Esther Grosswiler, Jake Garson, San Kunitzky.

Easter In The Institutions

Special Attention is Being Paid to Hospitals and Homes. Easter will be celebrated in the various institutions by special attention being paid to those at hospitals and homes. Arrangements have been made by various societies to send delicacies to patients, and the children will not be forgotten, but will have their Easter eggs on the Spring Holy Day. Through the kindness of Mayor Schofield, in addition to the usual good stew served at the Hosp Kitchens, each child in the families which attend will be given an Easter egg. 30 dozen of these having been cooked with candy dyes, colored and wrapped in tissue paper for this purpose. To A. B. Farmer's generosity, the children in the West Side Orphanage,

JOHN B. (LARRY) McLEAN SHOT TO DEATH IN BOSTON SALOON

Baseball Player Well Known in St. John Was Victim in Saloon—John J. Connor Arrested for Murder—John McCarthy, McLean's Chum, Dying from Wounds.

Boston, Mar. 24.—John B. (Larry) McLean, former major league catcher, and a native of Fredericton, N. B., was shot to death in a South End saloon today. His companion, John F. McCarthy, of the Roxbury district, is on the dangerous list at the City Hospital with a bullet in his stomach and John J. Connor, saloon manager, who fired the shot in held without bail charged with murder.

Self Defence Connor declared he fired in self defence when McLean started to climb the bar and attack the counter when Connor reached for a pistol and fired.

Transfusion of Blood Boston, Mar. 25.—John F. McCarthy, who was shot in the chest and brother after he had been seriously wounded in the bar room brawl in which John "Larry" McLean, native of Fredericton, N. B., and former baseball player, was killed yesterday, was at the point of death today. Physicians at the City Hospital held out little hope for his recovery.

Well Known Here The death of "Big Jack McLean" will be read with great interest by the older baseball fans in St. John, for it was in Fredericton and this city that he was first known as a wonderful player. In 1901 he was a valuable

George Drew Found Guilty of Assault

Charged With Criminally Assaulting Six Year Old Girl—Crime of Shocking Nature.

A verdict of guilty was returned against George Drew in the circuit court Thursday afternoon, on the charge of criminally assaulting six-year-old Evelyn Northrup.

Witnesses for Defence The witnesses who testified for the defence were: Drew's father and mother who made statements to the effect that the accused was in the house from time to time during the afternoon in question. John Hayes, Leo Hayes, Robert Shortt and Edward O'Brien said the accused was in Knox's pool room in Brunswick street all the afternoon. Mrs. Mary Halliday also gave evidence and the accused went on the stand and denied all the evidence the crown had produced against him.

Jury Out An Hour When the court opened, after the noon recess, Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., delivered the address for the prosecution, and Judge Crockett charged the jury in an exhaustive summing up, in which he reviewed all the evidence produced. The jury retired at a little after four o'clock and after an hour's deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty on the first count in the indictment, that of criminally assaulting Evelyn Northrup.

The Nearin Case Court then adjourned until Tuesday at 10.30 when the case of William Nearin, charged with a similar offence on the persons of Janis Morris, aged eight and Beatrice Morris, aged ten, will be taken up. Scott E. Morrell will conduct the defence in the Nearin trial.

A Shocking Case The crime which Drew is found guilty of is one of the most shocking that has ever taken place in the City of St. John. This two little Northrup girls were playing with a framer in front of their home when a hand came along, spoke to the children, was next seen hauling them through the street on their framer, and as one man who witnessed the occurrence said: "I thought it was some kind of father who was giving his children a sleigh ride." The head was next seen hauling the children over the railway tracks towards a passenger car. It was not until the little girls arrived home that their mother learned they had been frightfully outraged. A doctor was called and on examination ordered their immediate removal to the hospital. The six-year-old child was in one time in a critical state, and as the dreadful news spread about the city, fathers of children and in fact every right-thinking man used strong language, and it was believed when an arrest was made that the prisoner might be taken from the officers and dealt with as an excited mob thought best.

Thirty Candidates For Third Rank Carleton Tower Lodge No. 37 K. of P. Held Interesting Session Yesterday.

Carleton Tower Lodge, No. 37, the baby K. of P. lodge of the maritime provinces, at a largely attended meeting yesterday afternoon put thirty candidates through for the third rank, that of Master. The third rank in long form was given and the team did excellent work. It was the first time the lodge had put on the rank in this form.

After the ceremony supper was served downstairs following which the evening was devoted to a pleasant social time.

Tower Lodge was founded but a little over a year ago but at the present time has attained a membership of one hundred and twenty.

The lodge is composed of nothing but live wires and its progress is being watched with interest by the other organizations. Yesterday's meeting was held in the "Prentice Boys Hall, West Side.

ADVERTISED NEW BRUNSWICK Guide Harry Allen, who has just returned from the United States, was the guest of Mayor Schofield at lunch Thursday. Others present were: E. J. Terry, E. L. Bising, W. S. Fisher, C. E. Allan, L. P. D. Tiley and R. E. Armstrong. Mr. Allen gave a most interesting account of his tour, which included Columbus, Cleveland, Chicago, New York, Albany, Fayetteville, Utica and Greenville. At all these cities he found the sportsmen interested in New Brunswick and expects a large influx of visitors the coming autumn.

CIVIC EMPLOYEES' UNION No. 1122 met in the Trades and Labor Hall, O'Connell's building, Union street, Thursday night. President James McCarthy was in the chair and the meeting was addressed by O. G. W. Versey, Thomas Tighe and F. A. Campbell. There was a large attendance and several new members were admitted to the union.

Investigation Into Wreck of Steamer

Dominion Wreck Commissioner L. A. Demers Here—Captain and Crew Arrive.

Captain L. A. Demers, Dominion Wreck Commissioner, has arrived in the city to begin the investigation into the stranding and subsequent loss of the stranded "City of Colombo" which drove ashore on the Nova Scotia Bay of Fundy coast. When the hearing will start has not yet been decided yet but it will probably start on Monday or Tuesday. The delay is caused by the fact that the underwriters have not yet accepted the wrecked ship although the vessel has been abandoned by her owners. As soon as word of her acceptance is received from the insurance people the inquiry will be begun.

Latest Reports. The latest reports are to the effect that the City of Colombo is a total wreck. The mere fact that the Captain and remainder of his crew has abandoned the ship and are now in St. John is evidence enough to show that any chance of saving the steamer is gone.

The tug Murray Stewart along with government steamers have also left the scene of the wreck. All that is left are rats, fishermen and wreckers.

Leaving On Melita This Afternoon

Prominent Local People Will Be Passengers on Big C. P. O. S. Liner.

A number of St. John people will be passengers on the C. P. O. S. Melita when she sails this afternoon at three o'clock for Liverpool and England.

The local party will include Dr. G. A. Addy and Dr. J. H. Allingham, who are to visit the hospitals of London and Edinburgh, and will study the most modern methods used by the surgeons there. Mr. and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith and Mrs. W. W. White and her daughters Miss Edith and Mary are leaving on a continental tour. They will visit France and Belgium, including a tour of the battlefields, from there they are to proceed to Monte Carlo, the Riviera, Switzerland and Rome. From Italy they have been invited to join a private yachting party on a trip to Gibraltar. From Gibraltar the party will proceed to England and tour the British Isles before returning to Canada. A. C. Skilton, manager of the Bank of Montreal, B.N.A. branch, and his daughter, Miss K. K. are going to England where Mr. Skilton will visit his old home in Surrey, as well as other points. All the St. John passengers contemplate an absence of two or three months.

Would-Be Suicides Are Now In Custody

Mrs. Emma Pelkey and Arthur J. Thomas Taken from Hospital to the Cells.

The two would-be suicides, Mrs. Emma Pelkey and Arthur J. Thomas, who both essayed to voyage out into the Great Beyond by drinking iodine, have been discharged from the public hospital quite recovered from the ill-effects of the poison they imbibed.

In Hands of Police The police were all ready to receive Thomas and he is now lodged in the Central Police Station and will have to answer the charge of attempting to take his life.

Mrs. Pelkey has returned over the border to the land from whence she came, namely, the U. S. A. She was accompanied by her husband, Arthur J. Pelkey, who was released from goal on a two years' suspended sentence by Judge Armstrong, after \$150 was produced to cover the articles stolen by the two Pelkeys from a local board-house mistress, and she could be involved in bringing them back from Fredericton, Me., to which place they made their get-away after the theft, and were found by Detective Biddenscombe who brought the pair to St. John.

Wright street Home and Children's Aid will be holding a St. Easter egg hunt of eggs which have been colored and wrapped attractively by Mrs. Alice McGilley and will be distributed today

From Oven to Table—You Cook and Serve Food in the Same Dish when You Use PYREX Transparent Glass Oven Ware. MUCH BETTER COOKING RESULTS. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Store Hours—8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m., Close at 1 p. m., Saturdays of This Month.

DUST—and the Housewife. Women are continually at war with dirt and dust—dust is perhaps the greatest nuisance. We know of no better way of combatting dust than by the use of O-Cedar Polish. Your home can easily be kept clean and bright by frequently rubbing over furniture with a cloth and O-Cedar Polish. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd. 25 GERMAIN STREET.

Easter Frocks and Coats For Growing Girls. Perhaps "Dressing up at Easter" means more to the school age girl than to anyone else. One sees delightful new Spring styles in Our Children's Shop. Frocks and Coats that will exactly meet the ideas of the particular Miss from 4 to 12 years. Latest arrivals include Reefers and other Coats in Velours, Tweeds, Serges and Gabardines. Fine White Dresses and Dainty Crepe-de-Chines. Pretty New Rompers, for little tots (1 to 6).

CRISP NEW NECKWEAR For the Easter Suit. Any of these pieces would add a modern touch to last Spring's clothes, too. Smart beyond words are the many fascinating pieces, indubitably feminine in every exquisite detail. Here are just a few of the latest creations for Spring, 1921: Net and Lace Collars and Sets in white and light ecru. Fancy Lace Collars in shape for Frocks or Suits. White Fritted Organdy Collars in two very smart shapes. Plain and Lace Trimmed Organdy Collars. Handsome Vests and Vestettes in Silk, Batiste and Georgette Crepe. Novelty Silk Scarfs, plain colors and in fashionable Roman Stripes. Crepe-de-Chines Ties, in all colors. Silk Ties.

Manchester Robertson Allison & Co. KING STREET, GERMAIN STREET, ARMY SQUARE.

New Gloves, New Bags, New Hose for Easter Sunday. \$3.50, pure silk hose at \$1.19 and fancy neckwear moderately priced. Shop early.

For Your Easter Flowers. The M. R. A. Ltd., stores are showing some very attractive fern stands in willow, brown rattan and old English oak.

YARMOUTH CREAMERY BUTTER. Try it once and use it always. Fred Bryden, City Market.

SUGAR-CURED. Hams and bacon, rolled bacon, breakfast bacon, shoulders. Fred Bryden, City Market.