

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Westerly and northwest-erly winds, fair, much the same tem-perature.

Toronto, Mar. 20.—The disturbance mentioned last night is centered over the Gulf of St. Lawrence this evening and has been accompanied by light falls of snow and rain in Que-ber and the Maritime Provinces. Fair mild weather has prevailed else-where in Canada and in some parts of Alberta maximum temperatures of 70 were recorded.

- Alb—14, 23.
Prince Rupert—32, 42.
Victoria—36, 52.
Vancouver—32, 52.
Kamloops—30, 50.
Edmonton—30, 46.
Battledore—28, 50.
Prince Albert—30, 54.
Calgary—30, 62.
Moosejaw—28, 50.
Qu'Appelle—28, 40.
Winnipeg—28, 42.
Port Arthur—30, 46.
Parry Sound—28, 38.
London—35, 48.
Toronto—35, 46.
Ottawa—28, 40.
Montreal—32, 50.
Quebec—26, 36.
St. John—28, 42.
Halifax—26, 32.
Lower Lawrence and Gulf—Westerly winds; fair, much the same tem-perature.

AROUND THE CITY

Knight's Natural B. T. Soap.

Natural History Lecture. Dr. L. W. Bailey, of Fredericton, will deliver a lecture at the Natural History Society rooms this evening. His subject will be "What the Rocks Have To Tell Us. The public are in- vited. The lecture is free.

Indian Missions in B. C. Last night Rev. Wm. Lawson was the speaker in the Carleton Methodist church and spoke of the Indian Mis- sions in British Columbia. He spoke of the Indians in their social, moral and home life. There was a large attendance and the address was most interesting.

Public Meeting For Carpenters. A public meeting for carpenters will be held in the Temperance Hall, West End, on Friday evening under the auspices of the local carpenters' union. A number of well known speakers will address the gathering. The meeting is being held in connection with the carpenters' campaign for higher wages to go into effect on the first of May.

C. M. B. A.'s New Branch. The new branch of the C. M. B. A., recently established in the North End held a meeting in their rooms last night. The society has now passed the organization stage. The list of chartered members has been com- pleted and as new members are being initiated at each regular meeting, the rapid growth of the society is assured.

Concert in West End. The concert held last night in the Carleton Presbyterian church was a pronounced success. A large num- ber attended the entertainment and the programme carried out was ap- preciatedly received. One of the most pleasing features of the enter- tainment was the representation of "The Family Album"; the idea was both novel and well carried out. Miss Mary Cougle gave the reading ex- planatory of the story.

A "Fraternal Visit." The members of the Christian En- deavor Society of Waterloo street vi- sited their sister society of Tabernacle Church last night and a pleasant evening was passed. The meeting was conducted by the Waterloo street so- ciety and was presided over by Miss Amy Parlee. Miss Parlee gave a very interesting address during the evening. A duet by Miss Lawson and Miss Coates was sung, and Mr. Swan- ton sang an excellent solo. At the close of the evening refreshments were served by the members of Tabernacle Church.

The Finest in The World. A distinctive feature of the remark- able Sheffield Choir of 200 voices and soloists, who will commence their Empire tour in this city next Satur- day, is that they do not have one note of music in front of them. Every- thing is memorized. St. John is for- tunate in having such an opportunity of hearing what is generally admitted to be the finest mixed choir in the world today. The erection of the special tier platform to accommodate the 200 singers was commenced at the Opera House today. The public sale commences this morning.

Church Associations in Joint Meeting. In the Sunday school of St. David's church last evening the members of the Y. P. A. of the church entertain- ed the Young People's Association of Germain street church. A very pleasing programme was carried out. A short devotional exercise opened the proceedings, and was conducted by L. G. Sinclair; the prayer was led by W. E. Cross. A musical programme consisting of solos by Master Maurice Watson, Miss E. Cochran and L. F. Archibald was carried out, after which Rev. F. S. Porter, pastor of Germain street church, gave an interesting lecture on the place of the prophet in the history of the Old Testament. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Mr. Porter. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Wileox's millinery opening on Tues- day, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, is an event of annual impor- tance to the ladies of St. John. A fine showing of hats in all the latest styles will be on view for their in- spection. No better display from the standpoint of design, quality and price will be shown in this city. Seeing is believing, however.

You can get Gibson and Co.'s char- coal from your grocer today.

Cameron's Millinery Opening. Millinery opening on Wednesday and Thursday, March 22 and 23. Chas. K. Cameron and Co., 60 King street.

Miss Josephine Coughlan, who has been on a visit to the Sacred Heart convent, Memramcook, returned home yesterday.

COMMISSIONER REES HOLDS CONFERENCES

Head of Salvation Army Forces in Canada Meets Of- ficers from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Yesterday Commissioner Rees held two conferences with the Salvation Army officers of the city and from various parts of the province and the Annapolis valley. As a result of the conferences it is expected that some changes in the distribution of the of- ficers in this district will be announced next week.

Among those attending the confer- ences besides the local officers, were (Mrs.) A. J. Ritchie, of Moncton; Capt. Miller and Lieut. Barclay, of Amherst; Capt. Goodlaw, of Chatham; Capt. and Mrs. Howland, of Frederic- ton; Capt. Squarebrige, of Annapolis; Capt. McKeever, of Bear Riv- er; Capt. Bowring, of Bridgetown, and Rix, of Sussex.

UNFORTUNATE AGAIN IN HANDS OF POLICE

Finlander Arrested Charged with Vagrancy—His Case is Said to be an Extremely Pitiful One.

The Finlander who has been arrest- ed a couple of times for wandering about the city and not being able to give a satisfactory account of himself was again arrested on Water street last night on the same old charge, and is also charged with being a common vagrant with no means of support. This morning he will appear before Magistrate Ritchie again and this time something will be done to get the un- fortunate off the streets.

It is stated that the man has a wife and family in Montreal and was found beating his way to St. John on a C. P. R. train and the conductor not wishing to put him off at a way station, on a cold night, brought him in to the city.

A WORKMAN INJURED IN FOWLER'S FACTORY

George Sandbrooks, the Vic- tim of a Peculiar Accident in Josiah Fowler's Axe Fac- tory Yesterday Morning.

George Sandbrooks, aged 22, while at work yesterday in the axe factory of Josiah Fowler, met with a seri- ous accident. Sandbrooks was em- ployed in the factory as axemaker and was at work about 10 o'clock yesterday morning on a grindstone, when a por- tion of it, weighing about 250 pounds fell off, and the decrease in weight caused him to lose his balance on the seat adjoining the stone and hurled him up to the ceiling. The piece of stone, when it rolled off, came within two inches of striking the foot of Wm. Hazlett, who was at work near by.

Sandbrooks had been employed in the factory for about four years, and was considered a very capable and careful workman. The stone has been only two days in use.

As the result of the accident he was severely shaken up, a scalp wound and a slight concussion of the brain ren- dered him unconscious for a time. Dr. C. M. Kelly attended the injured man and had him removed to his home, 39 Lombard street. It is believed he will recover despite the serious na- ture of his injuries.

Mr. Sandbrooks Doing Well. Mr. Sandbrooks was reported as do- ing as well as could be expected at the General Public Hospital early this morning.

Injured His Hand. James Irvine, of Fairville, while em- ployed yesterday morning in the Part- ington pulp mill, came near losing his right hand by its being caught in a part of the machinery. Dr. M. L. Mac- farland dressed the wound. Irvine, as it was, lost a portion of his right hand.

CONCERT TONIGHT IN SEAMEN'S MISSION. The following is the programme of the grand concert in aid of the Sea- men's Mission tonight, at eight o'clock by the full City Cornet band, assisted by Mrs. E. L. Gerow, Miss Grace Cheyne and Hew Walker vocalists:

- Part I.
March—"Canton Lafayette," (Clark) Band.
Solos—(a) "The Little Irish Girl" (Lohr)
(b) "The Sweetest Flower," (Hawley) Hew Walker
Cornet Solo—"La Canadienne," (Deschamps)
D. J. Gallagher.
Solo—"Mammy Song," (Ware) Miss Grace Cheyne.
Selection—"The Merry Widow," (Lehar)Band
Part II.
Selection—"Polish Airs"Band
Solo—"On the Adrian Sea," Gordon
People's Mrs. G. L. Gerow; violin obligato, W. C. Bowden.
Selection—Tone poem "Apple Blossoms, Roberts.

ASK COUNCIL FOR ROYAL COMMISSION

Independent Body to Decide Details After Plebiscite on Form of City Government—Hydro-Electric Bill.

At a meeting of the bills and by- laws committee yesterday afternoon it was decided to recommend the Common Council to withdraw the bill providing for the taking of a plebiscite on the question of reducing the number of aldermen to nine, and to let the citizens decide whether they want a commission to govern the city or not.

The committee also decided to re- commend the council to ask the legis- lature to appoint a Royal Commission to draw up a charter in accordance with the needs and the requirements of the commission principle if the citizens vote for its adoption, and if not to consider and report on the ad- visability of making such changes in the present form of civic government, as may commend themselves to the committee after a careful study of local conditions and local needs.

The bill now before the legislature to incorporate the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Company was consid- ered at some length but nothing defi- nite was accomplished. Questions of compensation for the use of the streets and to provide for the use of the present poles were taken up.

The Hydro-Electric Bill. H. A. Powell, K. C., W. E. Foster and Percy Thomson were present at the meeting, and were heard in con- nection with the bill which asks that the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Company be given the privilege to en- ter cities and municipalities and run their wires through the streets. They said that unless they secured the priv- ilege of entering and doing business in St. John they would have to with- draw the bill, as it would be idle to attempt to develop any neighboring waterpowers unless they could sell power and lighting in the city. They expressed a willingness to accept am- endments to the bill calculated to protect any legitimate rights.

A special meeting of the council will be held on Thursday to consider the bills which were discussed by the bills committee yesterday.

CACOUNA SIGHTS DERELICT SCHOONER

Coal Boat From St. John Pass- es Vessel Believed to be Eila M. Goodwin, with 10 Corpses Aboard.

Louisburg, C. B., March 20.—A derelict schooner, resembling a fisherman, drifting without riding lights and under storm-rigged canvas, off the Nova Scotia coast between Canoe and St. Saspit, may be the Gloucester fishing schooner Eila M. Goodwin, missing with her captain and crew of nine men since Jan. 21, when she was last seen off the Newfoundland coast in a driv- ing gale.

Report of sighting the schooner last Friday night was brought here last night by Captain Marsters of the steamer Cacouna, on his arrival from St. John, N. B.

The schooner was sighted standing to the south-south-east, showing no lights, but its drifting form clearly outlined in the moonlight, Captain Marsters said. Short of her topmasts the schooner still had a sort of fore- sail and storm trysail set. This is the ordinary rig of a fishing schooner, and strengthens the belief that the vessel may be the Goodwin.

It may be that the schooner report- ed tonight by Captain Marsters is the same recently reported from Curling, N. F., as being imprisoned in the ice off the Newfoundland coast, and that she drifted to where she was seen on Friday. It was while on her way home from the Grand Banks that the Goodwin was lost in a gale.

BOND OFFER SHOWS THE CITY IS PROSPEROUS

Price at Which City Bonds Were Sold a "Compliment to City Administration", Says R. B. Kessen.

In view of the present condition of the bond market the general opinion in financial circles is that the city in accepting the offer of 98.84 for its bonds from Amelias Jarvis & Co. made an exceptionally good bargain. The city fathers are naturally gratified at the result of the tenders, as they show that the public administra- tion is held in somewhat higher esti- mation in financial circles than it ap- pears to be regarded in some news- paper circles.

R. B. Kessen, general manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, when asked what he thought of the offer accepted by the city, said he consid- ered the city had secured a very good price indeed for its bonds.

"Do you think it speaks well for the administration?" Mr. Kessen was asked.

"I think it is quite a compliment to the city administration," was the re- ply.

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