

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 14.—The disturbance mentioned last night is now centered over Michigan and very mild weather with showers in many localities has prevailed from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces and local thunderstorms are occurring in the lake region this evening. Colder weather is setting in in the rear of the disturbance.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Dawson, Atlin, Vancouver, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Moosejaw, Qu'Appelle, Winnipeg, Fort Arthur, Southampton, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Negotiations Still On. An evening paper yesterday stated that the negotiations for the purchase of Foster's corner (so called) corner of King and Germain streets were off. It was positively stated last evening that this was not the case; the negotiations are still in progress.

Commissioner Expresses Satisfaction. Commissioner McLellan returned from Fredericton last evening where he has been in connection with the Police Chief. Mr. McLellan expressed himself as being well satisfied with the result. He refused to say whether he would ask for a government investigation.

English Farmers Buy Farms. S. McDonald, a British farmer, who sailed for St. John yesterday, has purchased from W. W. Corfield, of the Canadian Farm Improvement Company, 3,000 acres of land near Moncton, embracing several farms.

Tribute to Father Davenport. At the close of the St. George's Society smoker on Thursday evening, the president, G. S. Mayes, spoke feelingly regarding the death of Rev. Father Davenport. For more than ten years the late Father Davenport and Mr. Mayes were closely associated in musical matters connected with the rendering of oratorios in St. John and also sang together in the different provinces. Mr. Mayes spoke in the highest terms of the late Father Davenport's religious and devotional temperament in his interpretation of oratorios, and of his kindly disposition, always ready to help those in need. His death, Mr. Mayes said, was a great loss to the musical fraternity in St. John.

PERSONAL. Inspector McLean has returned to the city after an inspection of schools in Charlotte county. Mr. McLean will remain in St. John for a few days.

THE COUNTRY MARKET

The country market for today has a surfeit of supplies for Saturday trade. The usual quantity of beef is to be found, but there is a scarcity of veal and lamb and mutton, and only a fair supply of fowl is to be had.

The high prices of last week for pork prevail again today. The condition of the roads owing to the thaw of the past week and the rains of yesterday will probably deter many of the farmers from bringing in produce today. On the whole, however, the supply for the day will be up to that of last week. Today quotations will be about as follows: beef (roast) 10 to 10 cents; steak, 16 to 24; corn beef, 10 to 12; pork (chops) 18 to 20; pork (roast) 16 to 18; veal, 12 to 16; lamb and mutton, 12 to 18; turkey, 30 to 33 per lb.; chickens, 25 to 30 per lb.; fowl, 25 and 28 per pound. Vegetables will be quite plentiful; squash will be quoted at 5 cents per lb.; lettuce at 7 cents; parsley, at 5 cents, and tomatoes at 20 cents a pound.

PRETTY ROMANCE

TERMINATES TODAY. Bride Coming from England on Empress of Britain—Groom Here from Saskatchewan to Meet Future Wife.

A very interesting romance which had its beginning in the picturesque spots and shady walks on the far-off shores of England, will be terminated here today, some time after the arrival of the Empress of Britain.

The participants in the happy event will be John F. Anderson, of Saskatchewan and Eleanor M. Remington, of England.

The groom-to-be, who left his home in England some years ago, and shared in the prosperity of western Canada, arrived in the city yesterday to meet his intended bride, who will arrive this morning on the Empress.

FIREMAN ON KANAWHA IS TERRIBLY INJURED AT SEA

Huge Wave Breaks Over Vessel Throwing Unfortunate Man Against Rail—Breastbone Smashed and Serious Face Wounds Sustained—Had Rough Trip.

After a passage marked by heavy weather and almost continuous gales, the Furness liner Kanawha, Captain Kellman, arrived in port yesterday from London via Halifax, and docked at her berth at Sand Point.

One of the officers of the ship, when seen yesterday afternoon, said that during his eleven years' experience at sea, he had never been out in weather as bad as that of the last trip. This was in his opinion the worst winter on the Atlantic ocean in many years.

Several icebergs were sighted during the voyage. While off Cape Sable the vessel ran into banks of dense fog.

DELAYED BY ICE FIELDS

S. S. Inishowen Head Held Up Five Days by Vast Stretches of Floating Ice.—Is Unusual.

The steamer Inishowen Head, Capt. Pickford, from Glasgow, arrived in port yesterday and docked at Long Wharf.

She came here from Louisburg, N. S., where she discharged a general cargo, and arriving outside the island yesterday morning, came into her berth and tied up to the wharf about four o'clock in the afternoon.

The weather, while coming across the ocean was fairly good, no heavy gales or obstructions being encountered, and good time would have been made had not the vessel run into immense ice fields, which obstructed her passage and caused considerable delay.

The Inishowen Head left Glasgow on February 13th, with a large cargo, including a quantity of fire brick and fire brick clay for Louisburg, N. S.

Under the favorable weather conditions which prevailed, the vessel proceeded at a fairly rapid rate, until off the coast of Newfoundland, when vast fields of ice stretching hundreds of miles were encountered.

The encountering of such immense fields of floating ice in this vicinity during this time of the year, the officers of the Inishowen Head say, is very uncommon, and consequently they were unprepared to meet with any such obstruction.

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It is expected the Inishowen Head will leave this port Tuesday direct for Belfast with a general cargo, the greater part of which will consist of a consignment of grain.

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PREMIER FLEMING'S CROWN LAND BILL PROVES POPULAR

Lumbermen Unite in Praise of Advanced Legislation—John E. Moore Says it will be Boon to Province—Hon. Mr Fleming Receives Congratulations.

"One of the most fair and equitable measures that has yet been adopted in connection with the lumber business of this province," was the way John E. Moore, of the J. E. Moore Co., Ltd., characterized the Crown Lands bill, introduced in the Legislature on Thursday by Premier Fleming.

Mr. Moore stated that the extension of the leases would tend to place the lumber business upon a much more stable footing, and would, in addition, serve to foster every department of the industry. "The measure," he said, "is a very fair one, if, indeed, the bonuses are not too large. It also tends to safeguard the interests of posterity and looks to the future. In just the way the pulp and paper industry will derive a great benefit."

H. W. Schofield, of the Edward Partington Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd., was reluctant to discuss the probable results of the bill upon his business, beyond stating that its effect would be far-reaching and would be felt for a long time to come.

Other lumbermen would not discuss the bill from the newspaper accounts. A Fredericton despatch says: Premier Fleming is already in receipt of messages by telegraph, telephone and mail from various sections of the province warmly commending the new policy for the administration of the crown timber lands of the province.

The messages which have come to the Premier are all of the one opinion, viz., that the bill as introduced Thursday meets the various diverse interests as well as could reasonably be expected. The bill is also recognized as a measure which will do much for the future industrial development of the province as the result of the new was reluctant to discuss the probable results of the bill upon his business.

MAY WORK UP CORN TRADE

St. John Board of Trade Joins with Montreal Corn Exchange in Protest to Canadian Grain Commissioners.

A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held yesterday, at which the principal matter discussed was the corn trade of the Montreal Corn Exchange to the Canadian Grain Commissioners, protesting against certain regulations which, it is said, prevent the shipment of American corn through Canadian ports.

According to the regulation the commissioners have to refuse to pass for export, corn having a moisture content of not more than 16 or 18 per cent, according to the variety. The Montreal Corn Exchange claims that no Canadian corn is exported, and that this provision merely operates to prevent the shipment of American corn through Canadian ports.

It was pointed out that there was no such restriction at American ports, and that big American corn shippers content of not more than 16 or 18 per cent, according to the variety.

The council decided to write to the Grain Commissioners supporting the demand of the Montreal Corn Exchange that the clause be repealed, in the hope that an export in corn might be developed through this port.

Mr. P. Robinson and E. Massey were appointed a committee to interview the I. C. R. people and urge that No. 2 and No. 3 trains connecting the city with the Montreal Corn Exchange be discontinued.

The council put the names of the new members in nomination, and they will be balloted on at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday at 4.30 p. m. The new by-laws were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

A short session of the town planning committee was held before the meeting of the council, but nothing of interest was done.

Debate on Valley Railway Route. On Thursday evening a debate took place between members of Council Loyalist and Quanzony on the question: "Resolved that the best interests of the city would be served by having the Valley Railway enter by the Kennebecasis route." J. Clarkson, W. A. Erb, L. P. Wetmore and J. M. Laakey supported the affirmative and L. W. Mowry, T. A. Armour, J. T. McKay and Geo. E. Chase, appeared for the west side route. D. L. Lingley, the judge, ruled that the advocates of the west side route had put up the best arguments. Next month the courts will debate on the question of women's suffrage.

Wagon Damaged by Runaway. A horse owned by O'Neill Brothers, ran away on Charlotte street yesterday and the wagon was considerably damaged before the animal was stopped.

Raincoats. On Monday morning F. A. Dykeman and Co. will place on sale fifty ladies' and Misses' raincoats at the extraordinary price of \$2.98. Do not think because the price is low the garments are not good. They are worth ordinary double the price. They have secured this lot at an extraordinary figure and are handing them along to advertise their raincoat department. They come in two colors, fawn and grey, and in sizes to fit young ladies from fifteen, to the largest sized women. As there are only 60 coats, they advise you to come early if you want one.

SUFFRAGETTES HELD SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Large Numbers Turned Out in Rainy Weather, Last Evening—Mrs. Currey Makes Strong Address.

The disagreeable weather of last evening did not prevent the upholders of the woman's suffrage cause in the city from turning out in strong numbers to assert their firm adherence to the expressed opinion of the more active workers of their numbers.

The occasion last evening was an entertainment, open to the public, held in the rooms of the St. John Art Club by the Woman Suffrage Association of the city.

The programme consisted of brief addresses by a number of those present, including members of the opposing sex. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

The president of the association, Miss Fiske, was unable to be present on account of the death of a member of the family, and the chair was occupied by Mrs. L. A. Currey.

The greater part of the evening was taken up with an address by Mrs. Currey, who chose for her subject "Women in Politics," and in a clear manner related the stand taken by the women here and in the mother country, to uphold the interests of the weaker sex.

The speaker discussed the active part played by women, in both political and worldly affairs to effect the great achievements of the past fifty years and declared that at present the important position occupied by them in the world was being manifested more clearly.

Contrasting with theirs, the means adopted by the women of England to secure their rights, the speaker said that the politicians of the latter country had resorted to low and deceptive means in order to prevent the women from gaining the franchise, and the conditions prevalent in the mother country were much worse than those existing in Canada.

Rev. D. Patterson, who during the winter, has been looking after the interests of the Presbyterian Association, made a few remarks, as did also Mr. Taylor of the Socialist party of the city.

LAST NIGHT'S CAR SERVICE A JOKE

In Midst of Pelting Rain, Street Railway Company Gave Citizens Particularly Bad Service Last Evening.

Noah's ark could have navigated with little difficulty on the sidewalks of King street last night. Launched at the head of the street and with a master hand at the helm it would have glided gently through the rivulets to foot of the hill. But if Noah and his family decided to take a car the rest of the way, they would have met with another proposition, and especially if they had to wait as long for a car as one citizen who stood within the meagre shelter of a window in the Western Union office and from 11.15 to 11.50 counted the raindrops that trickled from his hat before a car home in sight.

Nor was he the only one who was heard to voice his lamentations. Many complaints were heard concerning the irregularity of the car service, and the need of a more up-to-date system in coping with a situation such as offered last night. The weather was such as to make pedestrianism, if not an impossibility, at least a difficult undertaking, and in a city which prides itself on its modernity, a more adequate service than that of last night could be provided.

Scarlet Chapter Anniversary. The St. John Royal Scarlet Chapter was organized on March 14th, 1865, and its 48th anniversary was celebrated in the Orange Hall, Germain street, last night. Wm. M. Campbell, W. C. in C., presided and opened the festivities, with an address in which he spoke on the early history of the chapter and the progress made since its organization.

The chapter started with twelve members and at the present time there are between two and three hundred members. At the next regular meeting, which will be on the 21st, over fifteen applications for membership will be received. There was a good attendance at the anniversary and during the evening solos were rendered by D. D. McArthur, Miss White, Mrs. Downey, Miss Cox, Miss Eril, Miss and Miss Bridon. Recitations were given by Miss Brittain and Mr. McArthur and there were also selections by the Glee orchestra. Those present spent a most enjoyable time.

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