

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—The weather has been fair throughout the Dominion. The temperature has been a little higher in Ontario, but continues very low in the western provinces.

AROUND THE CITY

CASE OF LIQUOR SEIZED. A case of liquor arrived by express yesterday consigned to a resident who had more than three boarders in his house.

INTERESTING LECTURE. Rev. Canon Armstrong presided in the Church of England Institute rooms last evening, when G. Ernest Fairweather gave an interesting illustrated lecture on Print Collecting.

RUNAWAY LOCOMOTIVE. It was reported last night that a C. P. R. locomotive started away from the Bay Shore without the crew and ran all the way down to Union street and Point where she was stopped by one of the shunting engines before any damage was caused.

ARTILLERY LECTURE. This evening Colonel S. Boyd Anderson, C. M. D. S. O. of Moncton, will deliver the second in the series of lectures to be delivered at the armory this winter. His subject is "The Canadian Artillery During the War."

THE CANADIAN CLUB. The Public Utilities and the Public will be the title of an address before the Canadian Club the latter part of next week by its guest, Hon. Frederick A. McLeod.

WANT DISCARDED SHOES. Furnish material for soldiers' work in shoe repairing by sending your discarded shoes between 10 and 4 o'clock Saturday, 24th inst., to the following places: Free Kindergarten Rooms, Union street; the Library, North End; and Mrs. Young, 194 Guilford street, West St. John.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING. Last evening about one hundred and fifty employees of the N. B. Telephone Company partied down at the Hotel and entertainment tendered them by the management of the Company.

ST. JOHN LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY. The members of the St. John Law Students' Society assembled at the Chocolate Shop on King street, last evening, and had as their principal guest at a banquet, Rev. Dr. Boyle, President of King's College, Windsor.

HOME NURSING CLASSES OPENED. The first of a series of Home Nursing Classes held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association opened yesterday afternoon in the Red Cross Depot, Chippman Place.

VICTORIA RINK. Skating this afternoon. Band and skating tonight.

WOMEN'S OVERCOATS. At 1000 than cost prices: Coats worth \$45.00 for... \$35.00 Coats worth \$38.00 for... \$28.00 Coats worth \$30.00 for... \$22.00 Coats worth \$25.00 for... \$18.00 Coats worth \$22.00 for... \$16.00

The Playgrounds Association Met

Resolution Adopted Last Evening Calling on Every Local Athletic Organization to Appoint Delegates on Enlarged Playgrounds Association.

An enlargement of the scope of the work of the Playgrounds Association is to be one of the developments of the year. At a meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening a resolution was adopted to the effect that every local athletic organization affiliated with the A. A. U. of Canada, along with the Rotary Club and the Commercial Club, name each two delegates to become members of an enlarged Playgrounds Association to coordinate playground and amateur athletic activities in St. John.

N. B. Tourist Assn. Important Meeting

An important meeting of the N. B. Tourist Association Executive was held last evening in their rooms, Germain street, E. A. Schofield presiding. The president gave an address, telling of the work accomplished by the Association during the year.

Officers were then chosen as follows: N. R. Desbrières—President. L. P. D. Tilley—First Vice-President. J. H. Marr—Second Vice-President. A. C. Currie—Treasurer.

The treasurer reported receipts (including balance on hand from 1918 of \$1,745.89), \$3,592.32; expenditures, \$2,294.17, leaving a balance of \$3,043.06. It was decided to ask the City and Province for the usual grants. The executive was authorized to arrange for rooms for the Association.

Messrs. Hayes and Melanson, of the proposed visit of the United States editors to this Province. The visitors are expected to arrive in St. John on the 27th inst. They will go to Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Moncton, St. John (June 14th) up the river to Fredericton, thence to Newcastle, Campbellton, and on to Quebec, Montreal, Cobalt, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Windsor.

THE THIRD DEGREE WELL PRESENTED. Last evening the I. L. and B. Dramatic Club presented the four-act drama "The Third Degree" to a large and appreciative audience in St. Vincent's Auditorium, Cliff street. Much credit is due to the efficient director, John R. McCloskey for the successful way in which the production was carried through.

GOLDEN RULE LODGE. The Golden Rule Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., gave an At Home last evening for their brothers and friends, which was voted a most enjoyable affair.

LADIES. Looking for a Coat should see our window display which is part of our many styles now in stock to clear at prices from 20 to 40 per cent. less than regular.

Coats worth \$16.00 to \$60.00 to clear at prices from \$10.98 to \$50.00 Wilcox's, Charlotte Cor. Union street.

The Protection Of St. John Harbor

F. W. Holt Delivered Interesting Address Last Evening Before St. John Branch of Canadian Engineers' Society—Discussion Followed.

An interesting address on the protection of St. John harbor was given by F. W. Holt before the meeting of the St. John branch of the Canadian Engineers' Society last evening and the discussion which followed led by G. S. Mayes seemed to develop the opinion that the sooner the breakwater was extended from Negro Point to Partridge Island the better it would be.

Mr. Holt took the view that the Western Channel should not be closed, but that a breakwater should be built from the western end of Partridge Island towards Sheldon Point. He argued that such a breakwater 2,500 feet long would shut off the southwest swell from the harbor and that eventually it should be extended to Sheldon Point and that a new harbor should be dredged behind it.

Mr. Holt said that Courtenay Bay should be filled in instead of being dredged out, as that section of the city would be more valuable for industrial sites than for the transshipment of goods. The site of the parent city was adapted for mercantile purposes, and office buildings would eventually crowd out residences.

St. John was on the meridian which passed through the greatest length of land, including the backbone of the South American continent as far as Cape Horn, and on the other side of the world passing through Asia and Australia. St. John was the natural point for manufacturing, assembling and distributing. It was nearer to the West Indies and the Caribbean than Halifax, as well as being nearer the Canadian center of population.

Machinist Union Strike On Monday

Five Local Shops Will Be Affected — Strike Vote Was Sanctioned at Meeting Held Last Evening.

At the meeting of the Machinist Union held last evening the strike vote taken some time ago was sanctioned by the International Union, and a strike was ordered for Monday morning, affecting the St. John Works, the Union Foundry, the Phoenix Foundry, J. Fred Williamson and E. S. Stephenson.

Mr. McClelland, the Canadian Vice-President of the International, who has been looking into the situation here issued a statement last evening in which he said the employers declined to discuss the question of wages or hours with officers of the Union or committees of the employees, and that there was nothing to do except to order a strike.

"St. John," he said, "is the lowest paid city for mechanics in Canada. In Halifax firms doing competing work with St. John have been paying the machinists 67 1/2 cents per hour since last May, and they will be asked to sign a new agreement, at higher pay this May. In St. John the machinists are asking 68 cents an hour and an eight hour day, though on all the railways of Canada machinists receive 72 cents. The men here organized themselves, and decided what they would ask for. The International has now to stand by them. We did not want a strike; it is a bad thing anyway. But when the employers take the attitude that they have nothing to discuss, they will have to run their shops without the help of union men."

Mrs. Wm. H. O'Keefe Was Badly Burned

Found Lying in Hallway of Her Residence Last Night With Clothing on Fire — Rushed to Hospital in Very Serious Condition.

With her clothes in flames Mrs. William H. O'Keefe, of 394 Union street, was found in a pitiable condition last night lying in the hall of her residence by James Collins, a young lad of 16, who smashed in the rear door of the house and dragged Mrs. O'Keefe into the back yard where he extinguished the remains of her burning clothes with snow.

Collins, who lives in the flat above the victim of the fire said he was in the kitchen about 10:15 o'clock when he smelled smoke. After making sure that the smoke was not coming from his flat he went downstairs, where he met Mrs. James McInerney, who also resides at 394 Union street on the third floor, who said she heard someone groaning in the O'Keefe house and was going in to see what the trouble was.

ENJOYABLE SMOKER. The Pulp Mill Workers held an enjoyable smoker in their rooms in Fairbairn street last evening and there was a large attendance. The members endorsed everything done by the Labor Council re Juvenile Court. An excellent program was carried through.

St. John's Greatest Mercantile Event

Tomorrow, the Last Day, Doors Close at 10 p.m.

The last hours of St. John's Greatest Mercantile Event, which is the Oak Hall's 31st Anniversary Sale, are fast closing in. This great event ends tomorrow night at ten o'clock, but before now and then much advantageous programs can be done.

Knowing all this and being well aware of the fact that this is not an ordinary sale, but is a unique event whereby Oak Hall offer not only the odds and ends of a season's selling at drastically reduced prices, but go further and offer every piece of merchandise in their store at a substantial reduction, even when they know it will be necessary for them to pay a lot more money for the same lines when they go back into the market to replenish their stocks—then, knowing these facts, it is not simply a matter of practical common sense to visit Oak Hall before closing time Saturday, reaping your wardrobe with all wearing apparel necessities and save much money in the doing.

IF YOU ARE A MOTORIST. You'll be interested to know that at F. A. Dyckman's are some of the real old country travelling Rugs that we used to see before the war. You know the kind, those fringed woolen Rugs in Scotch Plaid designs, very heavy, very warm, and very durable. Just the thing for Motorists, and useful every day in the year.

GIRLS' COATS. To fit from 6 to 14 years, regular price \$16.00. Sale price \$10.98; also a few small sizes to clear at \$5.98. Baby's White Bear Coats at \$2.98 and \$3.98. Wilcox's January Sale, Cor. Charlotte and Union streets.

Oil Stoves, P. Campbell & Co.

Protect Your Family Valuables. In every home are valuables, such as wills, contracts and other documents; jewelry, guns, family plate, and many priceless treasures, which should be carefully protected from theft and fire in one of the stout little HOUSEHOLD SAFES. They come in various sizes, ranging in price from \$40.60 to \$58.25. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Stores Open at 8.30 a. m., Close at 6 p. m., Close at 1 p. m., Saturdays during January, February, and March.

For Your Inspection Today The Newest in Satin Hats. These were personally selected by our Mr. H. G. Marr while in New York last week. They are large Satin and Gold and Silver Lace Hats, trimmed with fur, floss and flowers. They will prove most popular for present and early Spring wear. Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Cold Weather Needs. We invite your attention to our particularly large assortment of winter goods at prices that should be attractive to all. Ash Barrels Ash Sifters Coal Hods Stove Boards Weather Strip Dampers Mica Stovepipe Collars Stovepipe and Elbows. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Look carefully over the list below and you will undoubtedly find something of interest to you, marked at special reductions for the week-end. SMART VOILE BLOUSES AT SPECIAL PRICES. WOMEN'S SHORT UNDERSKIRTS. BARGAINS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FREE HEMMING SALE OF HOUSEHOLD COTTONS AND LINENS. FRESH NEW WHITEWEAR AT SPECIAL VALUES. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED. KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE.

Wise Shoppers. Since January 2nd thousands of them have been convinced that they can save time, shop economically and purchase apparel they desire—the uncommon kind here. Fine Furs, Betty Wales Dresses, Knox Hats and Woollen Coats alike have been liberally discounted. Page 5 has some detailed information. D. Magee's Sons, Limited—Saint John, N.B.