

THE WEATHER

Toronto, March 4. — The weather has been fair and cold today from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The temperature has been a little higher in Manitoba and somewhat lower in Alberta.

—Below zero. —Fair and moderate winds fair and moderately cold. —Northern New England —Cloudy and warmer Saturday probably followed by snow in New Hampshire and Vermont, Sunday fair and warmer; moderate variable winds becoming west and southeast.

AROUND THE CITY

INQUEST NOT NECESSARY Coroner F. L. Kenney has decided that an inquest into the death of Robert Johnston, from the S. S. Corcoran, by falling into a hold of the vessel on Thursday evening, will not be necessary, death having been accidental.

SEAMAN INJURED Peter Becker, a seaman of the C. G. M. S. Canadian Otter, was severely injured yesterday morning when he fell from the rigging to the deck, about thirty feet. He was taken to the General Public Hospital. It is thought his leg may be broken.

POSITION FOR GORMAN H. R. McLellan, secretary of the Commercial Club, is in receipt of a wire from R. W. Wigmore, minister of Customs and Inland Revenue, saying that he has arranged for the temporary employment of Charles Gorman in the Customs House, and that it will be made permanent later.

PREMISES INSPECTED An inspection of the Leinster street office of the water and sewerage department and of the city land and buildings nearby was made yesterday by the mayor and commissioners to inform themselves of the ground on which it is proposed by the water and sewerage department to carry on considerable improvements.

BREAK IN WATER MAIN A break in the 10-inch water main at the corner of Erin street and Marsh Road was reported yesterday morning and a crew was put to work immediately, repairing the break. Repairs were made in the afternoon, and only a comparatively small area was affected by the accident.

NO. 5 TRESTLE The old agreement with the C. P. R. about use of the railway of No. 5 trestle will not be renewed, Commissioner Bullock said yesterday. Negotiations will be entered into at one's looking towards a new agreement, and in any event the city will benefit by the new arrangements. An official of the C. P. R. stated that the company would not undertake the maintenance of the structure.

BROKEN RAIL The Sussex express was held up a few minutes yesterday morning by a broken rail between Hampton and New Brunswick, but the short delay did not prevent the train from reaching the city on time. A serious run-out might have resulted by reason of the break had the section men not been on the job early yesterday morning and flagged all trains. It was said that about one foot of the rail was gone, caused by the frost coming out of the ground.

DISPLAY OF PRIZES Twenty-four cups and eight medals were won by Charles Gorman, speed skater and are on display in Charles Gorman's window, King street. The lot includes those won at the Canadian championships at Montreal, the national championships at St. John's, the Lake, and the international championships at Lake Placid, also cups won since his return in the maritime championships. The window is tastefully decorated and is attracting considerable attention.

COURTNEY BAY WORK Alexander Gray, chief engineer of the department of public works, returned from Courtney Bay yesterday afternoon. He said that work at Courtney Bay would be resumed when further appropriations were made. The work being done there was by contract and there was no question but that it would be renewed with the voting of money. The engineer said that it had been decided to go ahead with the extension of the Negrotown breakwater.

WINTER PICNIC MUCH ENJOYED A largely attended and very enjoyable winter picnic was given last evening at Charlotte street Baptist School room by the St. John's Glee Club, as are usually carried on at summer picnics were adapted for indoors and were enjoyed into with great interest. Arrangements were made for the sale of ice cream and candy and these booths were well patronized.

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Empress of Britain Docked Friday

Brought Many Notables Among Passengers—Canadian Curlers Return. The Empress of Britain, from Liverpool, docked at Nos. 2 and 3 berths Friday forenoon at 11.30. She brought 1,180 passengers, 100 first, 432 second cabin and 646 steerage. The Empress had 1,200 tons of general cargo, in addition 1,700 bags of mail, of which 285 are for the Maritime Provinces and 860 pieces of parcel post. A large proportion of the cabin passengers are returning Canadians, and about the whole list of passengers are on their way to Canadian points.

Three Special Trains Three special trains were despatched by the C. P. R. for the accommodation of ship's passengers in reaching their destinations. The first train carried passengers to Montreal and Toronto. The second special was for points in Western Canada, while the third had passengers for various Canadian points.

Curlers Return Among the passengers arriving on the Empress of Britain were members of the Canadian Curling team, which made a triumphal tour of Scotland. There were twenty-six of them in the party, and each and all speaking most highly of the treatment accorded them while away.

Distinguished Passengers A number of distinguished passengers disembarked from the Empress of Britain when she docked yesterday at the west side. They included Lieut. Michael O'Leary, V.C., of Kanturk, Ireland, the first Canadian V.C. of the great war; Lord Charles Cavendish, one of the younger sons of the Duke of Devonshire; Major H. R. Northover, M.C., Winnipeg, and late of the Aerial Gun Service, Royal Air Force; Alderman H. Purford, wife and daughter, of Winnipeg. Alderman Purford, who was a member of the All-Canadian Curling party which arrived on the Empress after a visit to the land of curlers, Scotland, has also the distinction to be the only member of the 1921 city council of Winnipeg to have been elected by acclamation. L. Kempf, the new German Consul-General for Canada, his wife, children and secretaries, were also passengers on the boat.

The voyage across was a pleasant one, excellent weather prevailing, there being no storm or gales encountered to mar the serenity of the trip. The Empress was near establishing a record trip from Liverpool to this port. The officials commented very highly on the prepossessing appearance of the steerage passengers. It is doubtful if a finer looking class was ever landed at this port. There were many children in the party, and the head Cross workers were kept busy providing entertainment for the tots while their mothers were given an opportunity securing a little rest in the room so admirably fitted out and provided with comforts for the wearied traveler.

Sub-Inspectors Have Merry Time Arrested Two Suspected Bootleggers, Seize Liquors, But Men Buck on Arrest. Sub-Inspectors Thompson and Henderson had a merry tussle last night with two men suspected of being pocket peddlers. They came upon the men, back of the General Public Hospital, where it was believed, they were awaiting the arrival of prospective customers.

Seize Liquors. The inspectors proceeded to search the men and took three quart bottles of liquor from each. They placed these in their pockets and started with their prisoners for the police station. The men under arrest decided they didn't want to go to the station and put up a fight for freedom. Each officer grappled with his man and to the ground they went in general mix up.

Roll Over Embankment. Henderson and his man rolled over the embankment bringing up on a rubbish pile. In the shoot down the hill there was a smashing of bottles, the men were moving over to Main street from Spar Cove Road and Robinson offered to sell him some household goods, as he was breaking up housekeeping. Robinson brought the articles to the defendant's room and he bought an oil stove and the bedding that had been produced in court.

Former Statements Untrue. Questioned by J. A. Barry for the defense, the witness said the statements made by a former witness were untrue. He had not taken the articles from the C. N. R. He worked for that system, but the blankets seized were not the kind he had seen. He worked on the road for two or three years, about that time witness had seen such blankets on collector cars.

Cruselly Case. Lovet Cowan was before the court charged with working a horse unit for service. The charge was preferred by S. M. Watmore, secretary of S.P.C.A. which was represented by J. King Kealey. A. Barry conducts the defense. The case was adjourned to Tuesday.

THOMAS STEARS DIED FROM INJURY As a result of injuries sustained on Tuesday in a fall from the C. P. R. trestle near Acadia street, Thomas Stears, of Fairville, died in the General Public Hospital yesterday morning about nine o'clock. He was employed as section foreman between the city and Fairville and had been in the employ of the C. P. R. a great many years. Mr. Stears was fifty-nine years of age and leaves, besides his wife, five sons, two daughters, three sisters and one brother. The sons are Harold, Kenneth, Jack, George and Robert, and the daughters are Mrs. R. Laidlaw and Miss E. Stears. Mrs. E. Pittmore are the sisters surviving, and John Stears a brother. All the relatives are in the city.

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First Canadian V. C. Winner Arrives

Lieut. Michael O'Leary Charged German Machine Gun Nest Single-Handed. The first Canadian V.C. winner of the Great War, Lieut. Michael O'Leary of Kanturk, Ireland, late of the Irish Guards, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on the C. P. O. S. Empress of Britain and left last evening for Ottawa. The Council adopted the recommendation of the Committee that upon the surrender of Lots Nos. 1073 and 1074, Brooks Ward, by Mr. Jarvis Wilson, and upon payment of the rental up to May next, renewal leases of these lots be issued to J. Harry Robson and Eva Robson, for a term of seven years from May 1st next at \$10 per annum rental for each lot, they having purchased the improvements from Mr. Wilson.

A Modest Hero Tall and fair, with roush blue eyes, not brown hair and a smiling boyish face, modest and unassuming, there were few of the boat's passengers who were aware that the soldierly passenger in mufti, who spoke with an unmistakable soft Irish brogue, was the first Canadian to win the most coveted distinction in the British Empire, the Victoria Cross for valor.

Irish Reservist Fortunately the press had been tipped off to the modest hero's arrival and he was immediately submitted to a volley of questions by reporters. O'Leary stated that he was an Irish Reservist, and on the outbreak of war was serving with the North West Mounted Police. As soon as hostilities had been declared, he enlisted with the 1st Canadian contingent and proceeded overseas with them. On arrival in England he transferred to his old regiment, the Irish Guards.

How He Won It As to his further experiences he had little to say; but it will be remembered that O'Leary, during the battle of Givency in February, 1916, single-handedly charged a German machine gun nest and slew some eighteen of the Fritzies and then turned the gun on the Hun. It was one of the most daring acts of the war and O'Leary was called back to Blighty, where King George himself plumed the Victoria Cross on the Irish guardsman's tunic in recognition of his gallantry. He was not only decorated but awarded a commission with the Connaught Rangers, and the Cross of St. George of Russia.

Will Settle in Canada O'Leary has now come to the Canada he quit on the outbreak of war to settle in Ottawa, but had not made any definite plans as to his future. He lived in the west before the war and will now have a try at the east. He did not think he would sign up with the Mounted Police again.

The pretty Irish colleen, whom he married shortly after his furlough after Givency, is waiting for him in Ireland along with two bonny twins, full of a finer looking class was ever landed at this port. There were many children in the party, and the head Cross workers were kept busy providing entertainment for the tots while their mothers were given an opportunity securing a little rest in the room so admirably fitted out and provided with comforts for the wearied traveler.

Police Court Cases Dealt With

Evidence in Case of Dixon Robbing C. P. R.—Cruelty to Horse Proves Interesting. The case of Ernest Dixon, a colored porter of the C. N. R., charged with theft of bedding and towels from the railway, was resumed in the police court yesterday afternoon. The defendant took the stand and stated that he had leased the room where the goods had been discovered from George E. Hope, and had intended taking possession. In March, in the meantime he had sub-let the room to the Mabey and Lacey girls for two weeks.

The furnishings in the room had been purchased by witnesses at Ritchie's second hand store, and the rest he had purchased from a man named Robinson, whom he met near Long Wind. The witness told him that he was moving over to Main street from Spar Cove Road and Robinson offered to sell him some household goods, as he was breaking up housekeeping. Robinson brought the articles to the defendant's room and he bought an oil stove and the bedding that had been produced in court.

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Sand Point Wrangle Becomes Wearisome

Commissioner Frink Thinks It Is Time for Showdown on Part of Officials. At a meeting of the Common Council yesterday afternoon, Mayor Schofield presiding and all commissioners present, matters of routine were discussed and the report of the Committee of the Whole acted upon. The Council adopted the recommendation of the Committee that upon the surrender of Lots Nos. 1073 and 1074, Brooks Ward, by Mr. Jarvis Wilson, and upon payment of the rental up to May next, renewal leases of these lots be issued to J. Harry Robson and Eva Robson, for a term of seven years from May 1st next at \$10 per annum rental for each lot, they having purchased the improvements from Mr. Wilson.

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Don't Depend on the Uncertain Hen Many a housewife's high hopes have gone glimmering just because an erratic Biddy went worm-bumling when thirteen costly eggs were almost due to hatch. That doesn't pay. Put a BUCKEYE INCUBATOR on the job and get results. The Buckeye hatches every hatchable egg and attends strictly to business the whole 21 days. So sure are we of this that we guarantee the Buckeye to hatch more and better chicks than any other incubator, regardless of price. Seven sizes, 60 eggs to 600 eggs. Come in and see how they work, or we will send you a catalogue. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED Store Hours:—8.30, a. m. to 6, p. m., Close at 1 p. m., Saturdays of This Month.

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STORES OPEN 9 A. M. CLOSE 6 P. M. A Fascinating Display of Taffeta and Satin Dresses Good Looking Frocks of Recognized Quality and Authoritative Styles at Prices Strikingly Moderate We are also showing a variety of Dresses featuring combinations of Tricotine and Satin, Plain Tricotine and Serge. The styles are widely divergent, the Tunic effect seems to be a favorite. There is a great use of Henna on Navy, Burnt Orange on Brown and Burnt Orange on Navy, in both Embroidery and Applique and it is a strikingly effective method of trimming. The prices range from \$37.75 to \$65.00 IN COSTUME SECTION Manchester Robertson Allison Gages KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

GOES TO MONCTON Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson leaves today for Moncton where he will conduct Sunday services in the First Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Bowley Green of Moncton will open a series of services at Main Street Baptist Church, St. John, on Sunday, Dr. Hutchinson returns home on Monday.

LECTURE IN IMPERIAL THEATRE TOMORROW As previously announced a lecture on the Imperial Theatre tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Willis F. Gross, C. S. B., a member of the Board of Lectureship of The First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Mass. An opportunity is therefore afforded the public to learn about Christian Science by one qualified and authorized to lecture on this subject. There will be no collection, seats free and the public cordially invited.

APPLICATION WITHOUT MEDICAL EXAMINATION In accordance with the progressive policy of The National Life Assurance Company of Canada it has been decided to receive applications for \$1,000.00 or less without the applicant being obliged to undergo a medical examination. The New Brunswick office of this company is in the Union Bank Building, St. John, N. B., W. W. Titus, Provincial Manager.

HELD THEATRE PARTY The Victoria street Baptist church Philistea class held a theatre party to the Imperial last evening, and at the close of the performance enjoyed a bean supper in the church school-room.

The King's Daughters wish to thank the merchants and all others who so generously donated to the Sale recently held by the Order.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY Blue serge trousers, \$7.50—regular \$11.50—Gilmour's, 68 King Street.

"Are you going to the Grand Carnival at Victoria Park Tuesday, March the 5th?" "What are you going to wear?" These are the prevailing questions about the Grand Carnival. CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.