

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—A depression is developing rapidly round off the southern coast of Florida and another one of minor importance covers the western coast. Thus far little snow falls have occurred today in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec, but the weather on the whole in Canada is fair.

Prince Rupert	42
Vancouver	34
Victoria	36
Kamloops	28
Parry Sound	20
Toronto	4
Kingston	12
Montreal	18
Quebec	12
St. John	28
Halifax	28
Saskatoon	24
—Below zero.	33

Forecasts.

Maritime—South and east winds likely to gradually increase in force, rain during the night or on Friday.

Northern New England—Fair and much colder Thursday; Friday partly cloudy; moderate northwest to west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

ACCEPTED POSITION
Miss Lidy Vincent, of 28 Main Street, left last evening for Bethlehem, Pa., where she has accepted a position as nurse in the Bethlehem Steel Plant. She will reside with her sister, Mrs. Walter N. Vincent, of that city.

THE COUNTY COURT

Before Judge Armstrong yesterday morning, Thos. Peters, who was sent up from Ottawa to represent him by Speedy Trials Act and Geo. White, who was found guilty of assault some time ago and has been confined to jail for nearly two months, was allowed out on suspended sentence.

COLD COURT ROOM

A case against Charles Gillis charged with having liquor on his premises illegally which he had been serving yesterday in the Fairville court before Magistrate Allingham, was postponed until Friday on account of the cold and damp condition of the court room.

LECTURES TOMORROW.

Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonell, C. M. G., D. S. O., will be the lecturer at the Armory, tomorrow evening, on "Tactics Previous to and During the War." This lecture will not be a technical one, but of such a nature as to be of interest to both civilians and military men.

WEST ST. JOHN FIRE

An alarm was rung in yesterday morning at 4:30 from box 31 for a fire at the head of Duke street, West St. John. The building owned and occupied by Benjamin Riley. It is thought that the fire started from some hot ashes. The fire department quickly responded. Considerable damage was done.

HAVE FILED BRIEFS

Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., city solicitor, filed yesterday the answer to the request of the city to the N. R. Power Company to resume their main line street car service down the west side floats. He says that both he and Fred R. Taylor, K. C., had filed briefs on the question and will bring the matter before the Public Utilities Commission.

POPULAR PROMOTION

Roy Fenwick, who was promoted from the local branch of the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Goods Company, Ltd., in Montreal, has received another promotion and is now sales manager for branches in Canada which takes in the territory from coast to coast. Mr. Fenwick was in the city yesterday on a business trip and received a warm welcome from his many friends.

ARE PROTESTING.

John Flood & Sons, contractors, are protesting against the award of the Nurses' Home by the Municipal Council to B. Mooney & Sons, on the ground that their tender was \$1,525 lower. They say they are acting in their protest. The Municipal Council, however, has the Hospital Commissioners, and that they intend, if necessary, to secure an injunction to prevent further action.

GAVE WRONG INFORMATION.

Mrs. Lucy M. Hayes, arrested in Boston on a charge of theft, was reported yesterday as having told The Standard's correspondent in Boston that she had been employed with the Cornwall & York Cotton Mills in the city. The management of these mills wish to state that the young woman is in error in making this assertion. She was not employed with the Cornwall Mills as a stenographer nor in any other capacity.

HOUSING MATTER.

Speaking of the operation of the housing scheme, Mr. Bullock states that Premier Foster had recommended to Ottawa that the limit of \$3,500 at present fixed for frame houses under the housing act be increased to \$4,500, to meet local requirements, and that word was expected soon from Ottawa in regard to the proposed increase. Should the report be favorable, as expected, the contract for the erection of fifteen dwellings at Douglass Court will then be let.

TODAY THE DAY OF DAYS.

DOLLAR DAY AT DYKEMAN'S
Let the breakfast dishes "ride a 'wee'" this morning, and join the early crowd of economy shoppers. There will be many astir this forenoon eager to share in the many bargains offered. The pleasant knowledge of having saved considerable money on needed supplies makes it certainly worth an extra effort.

Amongst the many bargains offered at Dykeman's are some wonderful House Dresses for \$2.00. Voile Waists \$1.50; Raincoats, \$1.00; Hose 3 pairs for \$1.00, and lots of other good things.

The doors open at 9 a.m. Be there on time.

CITY BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS WILL SEEK A SOLUTION OF THE DEADLOCK ON HARBOR MATTER

Meeting of B. of T., Commercial Club and Shipping Men Yesterday Authorized Appointment of Committee to Prepare Amendments to the Harbor Act—Action Urged to Induce Government to Immediately Assume Obligation of Port Development—Too Much Politics, Says R. W. Wigmore.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. R. B. Emerson, will today appoint a committee of three or five citizens who will be requested to prepare such amendments to, or changes in, the St. John Harbor Act, as will meet the wishes of those opposing harbor commission as provided by that Act in its existing form. This is the result of a meeting held yesterday at the Board of Trade, at which thirty-four men representing the Board of Trade, the Commercial Club, shipping interests, the Press and other activities, were present. The meeting was the second of its kind and naturally followed along the lines of the one held a week or two ago.

Mr. Emerson presided, and in introducing the subject, expressed his own support of the principal of the harbor commission, but in view of the fact that no action should be taken at an early date, pointed out that large expenditures will be necessary in the immediate future for harbor extension, and asked for a full and free discussion of the problem as it stands today.

Mayor Hayes reviewed at some length the incidents of the past two years leading up to a definite proposal for harbor commission, and several speakers followed the suggestion made by Mr. Ballantyne and put through a resolution urging the transfer of the harbor to the Government for the purpose of placing it under commission. A price of two and one-half million was suggested and the speakers and Mr. Bullock went to Ottawa. Then they had conferences with Hon. Mr. Carvell, Mr. K. M. Leam and others. A bill was set by government accountants and by a firm of engineers, and eventually a bill was introduced in Parliament and passed. Although the amount to be paid St. John was not as large as had been expected, compensation was not regarded as the most important feature.

There have been other objections taken to this measure, notably in the matter of the ferry and also with reference to the transfer to the government of the port. In this connection, it is urged that the government buy our property and takes over the mortgage. In the matter of the ferry the reservation was omitted from the bill for the purpose of being considered later by the commissioners that being due to the suggestion that the East Side ferry might be sold. Personally, he could see no cause whatever for anxiety. The government buys our property and takes over the mortgage. In the matter of the ferry the reservation was omitted from the bill for the purpose of being considered later by the commissioners that being due to the suggestion that the East Side ferry might be sold. Personally, he could see no cause whatever for anxiety. The government buys our property and takes over the mortgage. 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