

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—A depression is developing rapidly tonight off the southern coast of Florida and another one of minor importance covers the western provinces. A few light snow falls have occurred today in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec, but the weather over the whole in Canada is fair.

Prince Rupert . . . 42 42  
Vancouver . . . 34 38  
Victoria . . . 28 34  
Kamloops . . . 20 24  
Parry Sound . . . 20 24  
London . . . 4 22  
Toronto . . . 2 18  
Kingston . . . 12 20  
Montreal . . . 18 20  
Quebec . . . 12 20  
St. John . . . 28 38  
Halifax . . . 28 46  
Saskatoon . . . 24 38  
—Below zero

Forecast.  
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 Lily Vincent, of 22 Millidge avenue, 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 for trial, elected to be tried 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 was to have come up yesterday morning in the Provincial 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 Army, 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, in a 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. Barr, K. C., city solicitor, has reported on the matter of the request of the city to the N. B. 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 that both he and their protest to the Municipal Council and to the Hospital Commissioners, and that they intend, if necessary, to secure an injunction to prevent further action.

CAVE WRONG INFORMATION.  
Miss 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 this 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, Commissioner 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 from Ottawa in regard to the proposed increase. Should the report be favorable, as expected, the contract for the erection of fifteen dwellings on Douglas Court will then be let.

TODAY, THE DAY OF DAYS.  
DOLLAR DAY AT DYKEMAN'S  
Let the breakfast dishes "bide a wee" this morning, and join the early crowd of economy shoppers. There will be many a fair bargain offered to share in the many bargains offered. The pleasant knowledge of having saved considerable money on needed spring wearables is certainly worth an extra effort.

Amongst the many bargains offered at Dykeman's are some wonderful House Dresses for \$2.00. Vellie Walsby \$1.89; Raincoats, \$10.00; Hose 3 pair 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. 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 afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms at which thirty or forty 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 principle of commission 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. The city had some time ago 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 speaker and Mr. Bullock went to Ottawa. There they had conferences with Hon. Mr. Carvell, Mr. A. K. MacLean and others. A price 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 bond liability, to charges on shipping and otherwise. But the chief objection today is that we should either accept or reject the offer of the government as it stands. An attempt to force matters would not be productive of desirable results, for the present government is in such a condition that threats of resignations of members have no terrors for it.

Money, of course, is scarce and public estimates are being reduced, but the government's own ships are lying idle in St. John harbor unable to obtain accommodation. Mr. Hayes feels there is little hope of obtaining better terms from Ottawa and expressed the opinion that it is better for the city to accept the present offer than to let the matter stand over for years. If we take this now our chances for nationalization may be just as good later as though the transfer were never made.

F. B. Ellis, of the Globe, had favored commission until Mr. Ballantyne's attitude made it impossible. The latter's assurances are utterly worthless, for what is not embodied in the legislation covering this transfer is useless.

C. H. Peters pointed out that if commission is accepted on this Act, the Act must stand as the contract. In this proposal the city, he pointed out, is not relieved of liability for interest on outstanding bonds. Mr. Ballantyne according to Mr. Wigmore, and confirmed by Mr. Hayes, has stated that after commission goes through the government will take over such bonds covering harbor extensions as may be issued by the commissioners. This is not in the Act, but the proposal now before the people distinctly provides the contrary and Mr. Ballantyne said that if commission goes through St. John must pay its own way. There is no promise that the bonds will be taken. We must finance ourselves, if anything different is intended it should be embodied in the Act.

Desultory discussion followed regarding the advisability of a plebiscite vote. It was also intimated that the Canadian National is not planning any wharf construction just now, but that its expenditures will be confined chiefly to yard extensions and a new dock.

G. Fred Fisher expressed himself in favor of harbor commission, but not of submitting the matter as it stands today. We should obtain assurances covering the bond liability, the operation of the ferry and equalization of rates. As it stands today, the submission of the proposal to a plebiscite would be merely an annoyance.

A. P. Peterson considered the Act impossible without a clause covering the ferry, for it is important that St. John shall keep faith with the West Side. In giving to the government absolute control of our harbor we must most carefully protect our own interests against the possibility of later complications.

A. H. Wetmore thought perhaps he himself was a little too hopeful, but he was prepared to accept the Act as it stands in view of Mr. Ballantyne's assurances. If the transfer is made we will be relieved of all further responsibility. The government takes over our property and assumes all liability. Operation of the harbor in the hands of the government will be perfectly safe and to the interest of St. John. Shipping men who know what has happened elsewhere are unanimous in desiring the change, but there is no use in taking the votes of the people unless the business men of the community to whom the majority look for advice express their approval of the plan. Some folks think that under commission rates will be so high as to drive away business, while others fear these rates will fall so low that private wharf owners will suffer. So, we have both sides. Yet as a matter of fact the commissioners

will be merely expected to administer the harbor as a business proposition and to make this a truly national port. All should get together, formulate the needed amendments and work as a united body for what everybody wants.

H. W. Frank approved Mr. Wetmore's plan and moved that a small committee be appointed by the chairman to prepare the desired amendments to the Harbor Act and report back to a later meeting. This was seconded by W. S. Allison and carried, the committee to be appointed by Mr. Emerson today.

R. W. Wigmore believed St. John was in favor of harbor commission. Our people cannot carry the burden any longer, he said. We have spent a great deal of money and have reached our limit. He and Mr. Edwin with Mr. Carvell had worked on this plan day and night, and in June last a proposed agreement was submitted to the Board of Trade and to others in this city. No objection was heard and the Act was passed in July. Now, six or eight months afterwards, opposition develops, and after lengthy discussion we do not seem to be getting any where. 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 this being due to the suggestion that the East Side ferry might be moved to the foot of King street. However, in view of representations made an amendment covering this was prepared and put on the order paper where it stayed until the close of the session. The Minister of Marine had objected to this amendment on the ground that assurances previously given were sufficient. The commissioners will appointed can lease the ferry and approach to the city for a nominal sum, certainly the policy which has been pursued by the government in respect to the harbor facilities in other cities will be pursued here. The question is whether we will accept the offer now made or try to carry on as in the past. We have today an opportunity to develop our harbor by handing it over to the government and we should pin our faith to the government's willingness to approve all necessary work in this harbor and to assume the financial liability. For years we have been trying to expand in a hit-or-miss manner, but Mr. Ballantyne proposes that one of the best harbor engineers in the world shall appointed can lease the ferry and develop which is what we need. And the government will be interested in providing the necessary facilities for business which must find an outlet. This is a real business enterprise, yet there are some in this city who oppose harbor commission from political or other motives. St. John has been cursed with too much politics. Let us get away from this and work together for the common good. Mr. Wigmore intimated that he may not be representative at Ottawa for very much longer, but while he holds that position he will continue to think only of St. John's best interests.

F. W. McCready suggested that the committee report when ready be presented at a public meeting. Mr. Aear thought that the report should first come to this meeting and then be submitted to the public, and this plan will be followed.

THE MILD WEATHER CAUSED BAD WALKING

Sidewalks Yesterday Covered With Slush and Water — Street Car Lines in Many Places Were Flooded.

The mild weather yesterday, after the excessive fall of snow and rain which caused an inconvenience to pedestrians who were compelled to wend their way through the slush and water. The street car lines throughout the main route and others were in many places covered with puddles, caused by the melting snow.

Many of the city employees were occupied cleaning the drains to allow the water to run in freely and to unblock those which had become blocked up. Fortunately considerable snow had been cleaned off the streets, although there is still some large banks to be seen here and there, which will doubtless make walking very disagreeable when it melts.

Although notice has been given by the Commissioner of Public Safety to keep walks clear it was noticeable yesterday that many citizens had not complied with the act so far.

THE MEDICAL ACT

At the approaching session of the Provincial Legislature one of the new matters which will be dealt with will be a consolidation of the various amendments to the Medical Act, Chapter 73, of the Consolidated Statutes with the various acts of assembly which have from time to time been passed pertaining to it. These are now considerably scattered and it is felt to be to the advantage of all concerned that they be collected and embraced in one.

The bill in connection with the proposal will seek to provide for the incorporation of the Council of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick. It will also provide for increased penalties for practicing medicine contrary to law, for an increase in fees at the direction of the council, for registration and examination, for a course of study of five years to qualify as a medical practitioner, for a properly published medical register, and other matters pertaining to the interests of the profession in this province.

Forward Movement Reports Received

Great Many Increases Over Objectives Reported — Strong Plea to Help the Weaker Sections — Latest Reports Received.

Reports received from the Financial Campaign of the Forward Movement show that in a great many cases the objectives set have been over-subscribed. In other places, owing to circumstances perhaps, the amounts have not as yet reached the allotment. It is confidently expected, however, that the totals will far surpass the objective for each denomination.

Methodist Campaign.  
While the Methodist Church of Canada have reached their objective of four million dollars in relation to the Forward Movement Campaign, it must not be considered that they have in any way placed a limit on this fund. In fact it has been their hope from the first that it would be over-subscribed at least a million dollars, and already it is over-subscribed upward of a quarter of a million.

The effort will not have been considered a success unless the further objective of "Every Methodist a Subscriber" is attained. The great importance of having the fund as large as possible, and the very large measure of success so far attained, and the fact that it would be over-subscribed at least a million dollars, and already it is over-subscribed upward of a quarter of a million.

Presbyterian.  
A telegram received from Rev. F. W. Thompson, of Loggville, convener of the Forward Movement of the Presbytery of Miramichi, reports the following returns:

Table with 2 columns: Parish Name and Amount. Includes Anglican, Baptist, and other denominations.

The latest returns from the Baptist Financial Campaign are as follows:  
St. John Churches:  
Germain Street . . . \$14,471  
Main Street . . . 7,175  
St. John's, St. John, West . . . 7,225  
St. George's, West Side . . . 4,452  
Trinity, St. Stephen . . . 2,530  
St. Andrews-by-the-Sea . . . 2,359  
Woodstock and Jacksonville . . . 1,801  
Andover . . . 1,501  
Shediac . . . 936  
Rothsay College . . . 320  
Gagetown . . . 493.50  
Dalhousie . . . 493.50  
Richibucto . . . 226.50  
Springfield . . . 125.00

RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSN. MEETING HELD

Provincial Executive in Session Yesterday — Reports Received from Delegates to Dominion Conference — Donaldson Hunt Elected on Board.

A meeting of the Provincial Executive of the Retail Merchants' Association was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Rooms, Germain street, with P. L. Higgins of Moncton presiding.

The two delegates to the Dominion Conference held at Ottawa in January W. G. DeWolfe of St. Stephens and A. McIntyre of St. John gave interesting reports.

The treasurer stated that the financial standing of the Association is good and an increase of members was reported with subscriptions coming in well.

Donaldson Hunt was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the absence of T. F. Drummie.

The N. B. Provincial Red Cross will meet this (Thursday) afternoon in the Mayor's Office at three o'clock for the reception of reports and election of officers. All members of the Red Cross are privileged to attend.

Y. W. P. A. meeting postponed until March 4.

Women's Hospital Aid, regular meeting, Board of Trade, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

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