

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, April 7.—The weather today has been somewhat milder in the Western Provinces, while from Ontario eastward it has been quite cold, with fresh westerly winds and snow flurries.

Dawson	26	80
Prince Rupert	32	42
Victoria	38	50
Vancouver	38	50
Kamloops	32	52
Calgary	4	34
Edmonton	2	34
Saskatoon	1	32
Battleford	2	32
Prince Albert	4	34
Moose Jaw	5	41
Winnipeg	6	25
Port Arthur	6	26
Parry Sound	2	24
London	23	34
Toronto	23	35
Kingston	26	38
Ottawa	22	36
Montreal	24	36
Quebec	26	38
St. John	26	40
Halifax	28	48

—Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime.—Strong westerly winds; cold, with snow flurries.

Northern New England.—Fair Thursday and Friday, continued cool.

AROUND THE CITY

BACK TO SCHOOL.
After the Easter vacation public schools re-opened yesterday morning.

ONLY ONE TENDER.
Only one tender has been received by the commissioners of the Lancaster-Indiantown ferry. The contract has not yet been let.

HAS RETURNED HOME.
Ben Smith, one of Hampton's popular young business men returned recently to his home after having undergone an operation for appendicitis in the General Public Hospital.

GREAT MARSH COMMISSION.
Councillor J. Donovan, a member of the Great Marsh Commission, is advocating the securing of legislation to better deal with the encroachments on the Marsh Creek.

MEETING YESTERDAY.
A meeting of the Tobique Log Driving Association was held in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday when matters in connection with the bill now before the Legislature were discussed.

FOR STEAMER PASSENGERS.
A train of eighteen cars passed through the city yesterday on its way to Halifax with deadhead equipment to meet the steamer Casandra, which has a large passenger list.

REPORTED STOLEN.
It is reported that a car loaded with liquor being shipped from St. John was broken into while enroute between here and Moncton and a quantity of the booze was stolen.

CONDITION STILL SERIOUS.
The condition of William Cunningham, the young lad who was accidentally shot last Sunday afternoon, was reported at the Public Hospital this morning to be much the same. His condition continues serious.

CAUSED EXCITEMENT.
Yesterday afternoon one automobile was towing another and rounded from Charlotte into Princess street at rather rapid speed, the car being towed colliding with the curbstone and the front wheels were badly damaged.

APPEAL DISMISSED.
The appeal of the steamer D. J. Purdy in the case of that steamer and the Premier has been dismissed by the Supreme Court of Canada. The Purdy to pay the cost of the appeal. J. M. Baxter, K. C., for the Purdy, and F. R. Taylor, K. C., for the Premier.

GET LONG SERVICE MEDAL.
Lt.-Col. C. J. Messeroux, 72d Regt., and Sergt. T. Nash, 62nd Regt., have been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal, under the provisions of the Royal Warrant, dated the 18th day of May, 1899, and General Order 132 of November, 1901.

POTATO SITUATION.
The potato situation in Annapolis county is acute, owing to a pronounced car shortage and bad roads. The price was quoted last week at 56 per barrel, and it is estimated that there are yet unsold \$500 car loads in the county. They must be moved soon or the stock will become of little market value.

AT THE INFIRMARY.
Among the passengers to arrive to the S.S. Empress of France on Tuesday from England were Major and Mrs. Archibald McLean and little daughter, of Montreal. Mrs. McLean (nee Joyce Wishart) of this city became ill during the voyage and is now receiving treatment at the St. John Infirmary.

MARTELLO BAND ASSOCIATION.
The Martello Band Association of West Side and Lancaster held a meeting last evening. The work of getting the band together has been placed entirely in the hands of Murray Loug and it is expected that, on his securing two or three more men whom he has in sight, the band will be able to give its initial performance within the next three or four weeks.

RAILWAY MATTERS.
Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the Railway Commission, passed through the city at noon yesterday from Woodstock on his way to New Carlisle, P. Q., on departmental business. He was in his private car "Acadia," attached to the Boston express. Mr. Carvell started over the Canada Eastern Tuesday night, but could get only as far as New Brunswick, when the train had to put back because of a washout. Asked concerning the proposed new station here, he said news of it had not reached the commission officially yet, nor had news of the proposed bridge to be built by the C. P. R. across the falls.

Machinists' Strike Still Unsettled

Has Been Running About Ten Weeks—Official Says Twenty Men Have Left the City—Not Encouraged by Union to Leave.

No effort has yet been made to settle the Machinists' strike which has been running on for about ten weeks. An official of the Union said at least twenty men have left the city on their own account, and found good jobs elsewhere. Some had gone to the railways which were offering better pay than the men here asked for. So far Union had not encouraged them to leave the city, he said, as they still hoped for a settlement.

"The general officers do not like to move men," he added, "because if the employers decided to negotiate they would not be in a position to guarantee a return of as many men as might be needed. They propose to let matters run as they are for three or four weeks more, and then if nothing happens they may call out all machinists in the city, and pay their way to other cities, where there is work for them. But that is a course they don't want to pursue if they can avoid it, because it will soon affect other classes of labor to their disadvantage. Of course most factories can run on two months, and maybe six months, without the attendance of skilled machinists, but when they finally break down they need a lot of overhauling before they can start up again."

"That is the difficulty of a machinist strike. When we are forced to drastic action, and putting a town on the black list, we have to injure other industries that employ our fellow workers."

Good Concert At Seamen's Institute

Newly Formed Social and Athletic Club of S.S. Grampian Presented Most Pleasing Programme to Large Audience Last Evening.

An enjoyable evening and a packed house marked the first concert of the newly formed Social and Athletic Club of the R. M. S. Grampian given at the Seamen's Institute last evening.

One of the features of the interesting programme was the piano and vocal selections given by little Miss Rita McMahon. This young lady, although but eight years of age, both played and sang, and was brought back a number of times to play other popular songs, the Jack Tars joining in with her in each chorus. The programme of the evening followed in the order:

Humorous Song—H. Hineck.
Humorous Song—H. Denton.
Cornet Solo—R. C. Ashley.
Song—Rita McMahon.
Recitation, "Execution of Montrose"—Felix Robinson.
Humorous Song—J. Whyte.
Song—E. T. O'Connell.
Chairman's Remarks—George Cameron.
Song—J. McAlene.
Humorous Song—J. McDermott.
Cornet Solo—R. C. Ashley.
Song—Murdock Stewart.
Recitation "Fra Jacomo"—Felix Robinson.
Song—E. Webb.
Song—W. Maddocks.
God Save The King.
Accompanist—Mrs. Thomson.

The Labor Party Met Last Evening

Several Addresses and Opinion of Majority Was That Supporters Should Plump Their Candidate—Not to Take Stand on Pavement Question.

That labor should plump for Fred Campbell appeared to be the majority opinion as voiced at the meeting of the supporters of the Labor Party last evening. Some of the ward chairmen said other candidates had expressed a desire to work with the Labor Party, and Mr. Campbell said the promoters of the bill on which a plebiscite will be taken, had suggested co-operation with his party on a fifty-fifty basis in the hire of conveniences to take the voters to the polls. Peter Sharkey thought it might be left to the ward committees to decide if they would make a deal with other candidates, as each voter had the privilege of voting for two candidates. A lot of speakers opposed this idea. They said the workers should plump for the Labor candidate. If they voted for other candidates they would only increase the number of their votes and lessen the chances of the election of a Labor candidate.

Mr. Campbell said he was personally against the shunter's tax.

A vote—All the other candidates are on the fence.

Peter Sharkey said the question was to be submitted to a referendum. It was, therefore, not the business of the candidate to decide the issue. The public would do that. J. E. Tighe moved that the Labor candidate be instructed by the Labor Party not to take a stand on the pavement question during the elections. This was carried unanimously. All the ward chairmen submitted reports, claiming that the prospect of electing the Labor candidate was satisfactory.

Recognizes The Features of Hall

St. John Lady Thinks Photo of Unidentified Soldier in Standard Looks Like Frank Hall of B. C. — Toronto Man Thinks He is F. C. Gullen.

The publication in the Standard of the photo of the unidentified soldier who arrived from England on the Grampian has created a great deal of interest and has in all probability led to his identification.

Yesterday morning a lady called at the Standard with the interesting information that she was sure she recognized in the photo the features of a Frank Hall, with whom she was formerly acquainted and who had for some years been living in British Columbia.

The father's name was C. H. Hall and in addition to the brother, Frank, the family consisted of four daughters, Florrie, Blanche, Gerlie and Grace. The latter having been called by her friends "Tin." Some years ago the family removed to Ashcroft, B. C., the address being 160 House Street.

This lady said the photo, which is an excellent likeness of the man, not only recalled the Frank Hall whom she used to know but it also looked very much like his sister Florrie.

This information will be forwarded to the soldier and may assist him in recalling to his memory happenings of the pre-war days and in finding himself once more with loved ones in his own home.

May Be W. R. Gullen

Toronto, April 7.—The unknown soldier who landed at St. John from the steamship Grampian, and who says he is Frank Hall, is believed by F. C. Gullen of this city to be his brother W. R. Gullen, a member of the 1st Battalion. W. R. Gullen was last seen lying wounded in a shell hole near Freney, on May 1, 1917, and for all most three years has been listed as "missing." He enlisted at Brantford, where "Frank Hall" says he joined, and was formerly employed by the Massey Harris Company, the firm for which "Hall" remembers having worked.

Trouble Before Leaving England

Waiters on Empress of France Complained of Shortage—Received Extra Money and Strike Was Averted—Passengers Delighted With Ship.

That a strike which would have been perhaps unique in the countless number of Labor troubles which the world has been confronted since the passing of the Great War was narrowly averted when the Empress of France left England on her last voyage, was the statement made to a Standard reporter yesterday by one of the ship's passengers.

He said that shortly before the ship was to sail the second-class waiters and third-class stewards complained that the number was short of that usually required to serve this portion of the ship's passengers. As members of the National Union of Stewards they announced their intention of leaving the ship and going ashore, refusing to work under such conditions. The men were promised that the matter would be remedied before the boat sailed.

One of the stewards told The Standard that an official of the National Stewards' Union was sent ashore to secure the men required to begin work, but in the meantime the Empress sailed off with neither he nor the men he was sent to get. It was finally arranged that the stewards were to be paid extra money for the extra work they did, and the matter was thus settled. Otherwise the ship would have sailed without the necessary members.

In speaking to the chief officer of the ship, yesterday, the reporter was told that there was nothing to the story at all as far as the Empress was concerned. The voyage had not been as fast as some, owing to poor coal, all the passengers seemed well pleased with the voyage. Several of the passengers on board who have crossed the Atlantic by way of New York a great number of times said that their last voyage was the most pleasant of any they had ever experienced.

The chief steward of the steamship on being questioned in regard to the matter admitted that there had been some complaints from the men, but that on the promise being made of extra pay for extra work everything was satisfactorily arranged, and the voyage passed without the slightest hitch.

MONCTON NAVY LEAGUE

The meeting of the Moncton Branch of the Navy League, which was called for Tuesday evening in the City Hall, did not materialize because of the lack of a quorum. It was decided to issue a call for a meeting on Wednesday next in the City Hall at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Owing to the fact that dependents of sailors both of the navy and merchant marine who lost their lives in the war, are not provided for by government allowance, and realizing that the present degree of safety enjoyed by all is due more to this class of men than to any other, those interested in Navy League branches feel that the organization formed in Moncton with such success some time ago, ought not to be allowed to become dormant. It is for this reason that the officers wish to re-organize and it is hoped that the call for a meeting on Wednesday of next week will not go unheeded.

LEFT FOR TRURO.

Matron Ross, of the police department, left yesterday on the Halifax train for Truro with Ethel Greer and Jennie Bell, the two young girls convicted of street walking and sentenced to five years in the Maritime Home for Delinquent Girls.

Alleged Thieves On The Increase

John Williams Arrested Yesterday for Stealing Petticoats and Cashmere Hose — Boy Charged With Breaking and Entering.

William Carr was arrested at 4.30 yesterday afternoon on a warrant for assault prepared by his wife. The arrest was made by detective Biddlecombe.

John Williams was arrested by C. P. R. policeman Winters for stealing three black petticoats, two pairs of ladies' black cashmere hose, and one grey cap, valued at \$20, the property of the C. P. O. S. Empress of France.

William Lynch was arrested for being drunk on Clarendon St., and also for having liquor in his possession. He was arrested by policeman Lindmay and Gibbs. A juvenile spent the night in the cells. In addition to escaping from the City Industrial Home, he is also charged with breaking and entering a store on Main St. Fred Vincent was arrested late last night for vagrancy. James Elliot was arrested for being drunk and for having liquor in his possession on Mill street by Liquor Inspectors Kerr, Merrield and McAlain. Five drunks were gathered in by the police.

Word Comes From Vancouver B. of T.

Promoting Bill Before Parliament for Establishment of Free Zone on Foreign Trade Area—Ask Other Ports to Join Movement.

Word has been received here that the Vancouver Board of Trade is promoting a bill before Parliament to provide for the establishment of a free zone or foreign trade area in the port of Vancouver, and that it is suggesting that all other ports doing a foreign trade should join in the movement. Following the European example, legislation has been proposed at Washington to provide for free zones in American ports, and the Vancouver business men think Canada should get in line without delay. The establishment of free zones is said to be a great convenience, as special customs regulations are provided for which save a good deal of trouble and expense.

Prospects For House Building

Not Very Bright in St. John at Present — Slack Month for Longshoremen Owing to Slow Freight Movement.

The prospects for house building in St. John are not very bright at present, though Moncton has plans for the erection of a large number of dwellings. The houses, The Yarmouth Union have had more men out of work during the past month than for years past at the same season. This is not due to the lack of shipping, for the port has been pretty well crowded. There has been a certain slackness in the movement of freight, but that has not been the main cause of the unemployment on the harbor front. Usually a lot of men are drawn away from the winter port early to begin preparations for building, and summer work generally.

MOST SUCCESSFUL BRIDGE PARTY

A most successful bridge party was held by the Brunswick Chapter, I. O. D. at the residence of Mrs. Harold Mayes, Lancaster Heights. The house was beautifully decorated with Spring flowers and potted plants. Members of the Chapter proved excellent hostesses. There were numerous tables of bridge and at the close of the card-playing, an impromptu dance was enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served. Prizes were won by Miss Donovan and Mr. Morris. The proceeds are for the educational work of the Chapter.

HOW TO VOTE.

In response to inquiries concerning balloting in the preliminary elections on Monday next, and the final the following week, the Common Clerk states that the voting for mayor would take place at the final on the 26th, and there are only two candidates.

In the preliminary elections ballots may be cast for the office of commissioner and voters have choice of two names, as there are two positions to be filled. That is, according to the commission act, only two names can be voted for as commissioners, and the other names "must be ruled, erased or struck out."

The voter must not mark an X or a cross after the name or names he selects, as this will spoil the ballot. The voter should draw a line through the names he wishes eliminated and leave no more than two names untouched.

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