THE WEATHER

Toronto, Feb. 28. — The weather has been fair today throughout Canada. More moderate temperature in the West while it is colder in the Eastern Provinces.

St. John	24	32
Dawson	*24	6
Prince Rupert	32	46
Victoria	32	48
Vancouver	28	44
Kamloops	4	30
Calgary	14	44
Edmonton	0	44
Prince Albert	*12	16
Medicine Hat	*18	34
Moose Jaw	*12	20
Regina	*21	16
White River	*36	18
Parry Sound	0	10
London	18	30
Quebec	18	30
Halifax	*26	38
Toronto	18	30
Kingston	22	34
Ottawa	14	30
Montreal	22	34

*—Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Strong northwest and west winds, decreasing tonight, fair and colder.

Northern New England — Fair and cold Wednesday, Thursday unsettled, probably followed by snow. Strong northwest shifting to north and northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

JOHN JACKSON.

Postmaster Flagler said yesterday that he had some information of interest to John Jackson, whose last known address was 33 Carleton street, if he would call at the general delivery window.

TRANSFERRED TO HALIFAX

W. J. Ambrose, manager of the Bank of Montreal, yesterday confirmed the report that he had been transferred to Halifax and would leave for that city in a week or ten days. He will be succeeded here by A. C. Skelton, at present manager of the Dock street branch of the bank.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

A house on Park Avenue, East St. John, owned by Harvey A. Smith and occupied by Mr. Daigle and his family was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. It is understood the family escaped but most of their household goods were lost. The house was valued at $1,600 and Mr .Smith carried $800 insurance on it.

HELD CONFERENCE

The mayor and commissioners had a conference yesterday morning with Premier Foster in connection with the hydro matter. After the meeting the mayor said he had nothing to say about what had taken place but he did express the opinion that some further light had been thrown on the subject by their getting together.

AN ENJOYABLE PARTY

The senior boys and girls of the Y. M. C. I. celebrated Mardi Gras, last evening, when about fifty members journeyed to Lily Lake and enjoyed a skating and toboggan party, returning to the Y. M. C. I. at an early hour for music and refreshments. The party was chaperoned by Mesdames G. J. Sheehan, Louis Comeau and Joseph Tebo.

COMMERCIAL CLUB EXECUTIVE MET

A meeting of the executive of the Commercial Club was held yesterday afternoon at the Club rooms, Prince William street. Seventeen new members applied for admission and were recommended to the general meeting. It was decided to form a committee to gather up and arrange all the information available on the hydro question and this question will be taken up by the Club at an early date. The Club now has over 250 active members.

Narrow Escape From Fierce Fire

Building on Corner of Union and Coburg Streets Burned Early This Morning.

About 3.45 o'clock this morning a fierce fire was discovered by the police in the building on the corner of Union and Coburg streets, occupied on the ground floor as a fruit and refreshment store kept by Alex Dennison, who also resided in the upper floors of the building with an entrance at No 8 Coburg Street.

When the fire was discovered the flames were bursting through the Coburg street windows on the ground floor and the second story on the Coburg street side of the house. Mr. Dennison was first seen on the street having escaped in his night clothes. He immediately reported that there was a man sleeping on the top floor front, and there were also some women and children in the house. The police and a couple of other men found the three women and two children safe in the back of the house and they were escorted through the smoke to the street and given shelter in a neighboring home.

The man who was in the top of the building was W. M. Clifford, and he was soon out of the house and safe on the street. It was a wonder that any of those residing in the upper portion of the house got out safely, as the building was soon filled with a dense smoke.

It was not long before the fire was under control, but a couple of hours elapsed before the men were able to leave the scene.

The front section of the building from the ground to the third story, is badly gutted, but it is reported that the damage is covered by insurance.

Geology In and Around St. John

Interesting Paper by Dr. Geo. F. Matthew, Read and Discussed in Natural History Rooms.

The regular weekly meeting in connection with the winter programme of lectures for the Natural History Society and Art Club was held last evening, in the Natural History Museum, with the president of the society, Rev. David Hutchinson, in the chair. The address scheduled for the evening was to have been delivered by F. B. Ellis, on the subject, "Rome's First Colony," but, owing to the lecturer's inability to be present, it had to be postponed until a later date. The programme for the evening consisted in the reading and discussion of a paper, written by Dr. George F. Matthew, on "Geology in and around St. John."

The paper, which proved most interesting and instructive, was read by Geoffrey Stead, who, in his boyhood days, was associated with Dr. Matthew in natural history work in this province. The discussion of the subject matter of the paper was lead by Hon. R. J. Ritchie, and many took part.

In the first part of the paper, Dr. Matthew mentions some of the early geologists, Fred Hartt, W. D. Matthew and others, who collected specimens in the vicinity of St. John. He then goes on to deal with the abundance of fossils in this vicinity, and their extremely interesting character. He describes the rocks, in which the Tribolites are found in such immense numbers, and refers to the profusion of plant remains in the rocks at Red Shore. He also mentions the great interest taken in the work of our local men by eminent geologists all over the world.

After these topics had been discussed by several of the members present, a number of specimens of local rocks were exhibited, and discussed by Dr. William McIntosh and A. Gordon Leavitt. Dr. McIntosh also showed lantern slides of the Tribolites and other fossil forms, described in Dr. Matthew's paper.

Main Street Church W. M. S. Meeting

Surprise Programme Delighted Large Attendance at Special Meeting Last Evening.

The surprise programme for the special meeting of the W. M. S. of the Main Street Baptist Church, held last evening, delighted the large number who attended, every number being a gem of its kind.

After a hymn and prayer, a scripture exercise was conducted by Mrs. F. W. McAlary; this was followed by a vocal duet by Mrs. Lee Hunter and Miss Eva Lottney; the next number was a reading in costume, "The King's Sacrifice Girl," an African story, by Mrs. H. Belyea; following this came a dialogue dealing with the Grand Ligne Mission, by Mrs. F. E. Flewwelling and Mrs. H. K. Olmstead; then came an instrumental duet, by Mrs. Lee Hunter and Miss Hazel Flewwelling; two readings in costume, dealing with India, were next on the programme, the first, "An Indian Woman's Story," by Mrs. E. C. Cowan and the second, "The Lady Doctor," by Mrs. W. Perry; these were followed by a trio by Mrs. L. McLennan, Mrs. W. F. Roberts and Mrs. D. Hutchinson; next was a monologue by Mrs Prince after which the offering was taken and prayer offered; the session closed with a number of missionary conundrums.

Boys and Girls Will Race Today

Special Events for the Youngsters on Carleton Rink—Moccasin Dance at Night.

There will be plenty of activity on the Carleton open air rink this afternoon and evening. At 4.30 o'clock the West St. John girls of twelve years and under, also the boys ten years and under, will take part in races. A silver cup for first, gold ring second, and manicure set third, are the prizes for the girls. The prizes for boys are silver cup, silver mounted fountain pen and pen knife.

The much talked of Moccasin dance will be held tonight in the centre of the rink, while skating will be allowed on the outside circle.

The rink band has taken a keen interest in this event having procured special music from New York for the occasion. Hilton Belyea, the rink proprietor, has taken considerable interest in the boys' and girls' skating this season and the numerous events have not only proved enjoyable to all, but quite a few fast skaters have been developed to represent the West End.

JUNIOR FIRST AID EXAMINATION

The second examination in the Wallace Nesbitt Junior First Aid Competition was held last evening at Trinity school room, the team from Trinity Boy Scouts being examined by Dr. Stewart Skinner and Dr. E. S. Bridges. The boys made a good showing. The team, which was trained by their scout master, Charles Upham is: Reginald Whelpley, (Captain); Leslie Lock, John Mybarg, Victor Regan, Robert Kelley. These examinations are conducted under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Common Council Regular Meeting

Decided to Negotiate Further With Maritime Construction Co.—Business Session Was Short.

The City Council yesterday decided to negotiate further with the Maritime Construction Co. before selling them the lot of land which they asked for in Fairville. It was a short session, the only business dealt with being the report of the committee of the whole.

Mayor Schofield presided and Commissioners Frink, Jones and Bullock were in attendance.

The report of the committee of the whole was read as follows:

The committee of the whole recommended that the application of William Collison to be appointed a constable for the City of Saint John, be referred to His Worship the Mayor with power to act; that the application of H. W. Parlee for permission to install an inside gasoline and oil tank on his premises, No. 455 and 457 Main street, be referred to the Commissioner of Public Safety; that tenders be called for 1,664 lineal feet of granite curbing for the purpose of placing the same on both sides of Princess street, from Sydney to Carmarthen street, and upon both sides of Duke street, from Charlotte street to Sydney street, and that the above named areas be paved with asphalt as provided for in the appropriations of 1922, the payment of the said curbstone and setting of same to be paid for from an unexpended balance of a bond issue made in 1919, and your committee further recommend that The New Brunswick Power Company be advised that such pavement is to be undertaken and that concrete base under track ties will be required as set forth in The New Brunswick Power Company Act 1920; and further that the said New Brunswick Power Company be given permission to put down steel ties, and that such ties and the laying thereof shall be subject to the approval of the Road Engineer; that joint report of the road engineer and the superintendent of streets be printed with the City Accounts; that the order of Common Council of 9th August 1921, authorizing a lease to issue to Alexander L. Fowler of a lot of land fronting on Hill street in the Parish of Lancaster be rescinded; that the lot of land fronting on Hill street in the Parish of Lancaster and formerly under lease to Henry Atkins and Ernest A. Atkins be sold to the Maritime Construction Company for the sum of $1,000.

The report was adopted, with the exception of the clause relating to the sale of land to the Maritime Construction Company.

Mayor Schofield said he had inspected the site with Commissioner Bullock. Commissioner Bullock said he thought there should be a clause in any deed of sale requiring the company to start operations within twelve months and moved the clause be referred back for further negotiations with the company.

Commissioner Frink expressed the opinion that the land should be put up at public sale and go to the highest bidder. The price offered $1,000 was not in his opinion nearly enough for the property.

The motion to refer back passed.

The common clerk read a letter from C. A. McDonald acknowledging receipt of a communication from the Mayor conveying the assurance that no steps toward the establishing of an overhead crossing at the western end of Douglas Avenue would be taken until the case now pending before the courts was settled. The Mayor stated in this connection the matter was to come before the Supreme Court on April 3.

THE WAR VETERANS' BUILDING CO., LTD.

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday—Directors' Report Received — Old Board Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the War Veterans' Building Co., Ltd., was held yesterday morning in the building, Wellington Row, in the absence of the president, Mayor Schofield, the chair was occupied by M. E. Agar, vice-president.

The G. W. V. A. was represented by A. L. Machum and G. Y. Ganong. The old board of directors was re-elected as follows: Mayor Schofield, M. E. Agar, R. T. Hayes, F. C. Beatteay, G. L. Warwick.

The report of the directors was as follows:

Your directors have met from time to time during the past year, giving careful consideration to all matters pertaining to the property and conferring on different occasions with the executive of the War Veterans' Association in furthering the interest of the Association in the city.

In our opinion the future of the Great War Veterans' Association in this city depends entirely upon its membership. To carry on successfully in the present quarters the membership must be increased and with the beautiful home placed at their disposal every effort should be made to treble the membership. This in our minds can only be done by a united effort on the part of not only the present members but all returned men joining in a membership drive.

For the incoming directors we solicit the same hearty co-operation between directors and executive as in the past.

E. A. SCHOFIELD,
President.

Clifton House, all meals 60c.

Chief Liquor Inspector J. B. Newthorne, of Fredericton, was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Victoria.

British Israel World Federation

Rev. W. W. P. Geard of Vancouver Has Spent Six Months in Old Country Giving Lectures.

Rev. W. W. P. Geard, of Vancouver, B. C., arrived Monday from Liverpool aboard the C. P. R. liner Minnedosa. The Rev Mr. Geard has been spending six months among the Anglo-Saxon countries across the seas, giving lectures in the interest of the British Israel World Federation. This society, said Mr. Geard, is a semi-religious movement sending forth a special message of the Bible as regards the Anglo-Saxon people. Lord Disborough is president of the society, and Lord St. John, of Lesco, is vice-president.

A most vigorous campaign was carried on in behalf of the society's objective, which is to bring the people back to the Bible. The movement deals wholly with the layman's message of the Bible. "The strongest men of the Empire," he says, "are interested in this work, and all are of the one opinion that before material conditions can be improved there must be a stimulating religious revival."

Rev. Mr. Geard returns to Canada enthusiastic over the progress being made by the British Israel World Federation in Anglo-Saxon countries. Men of high standing have become thoroughly interested in the work, and Mr. Geard feels convinced that the world is to be better from the layman's message of the Bible, as it is being disseminated through the medium of this organization.

Entertainment Was Greatly Enjoyed

Excellent Programme Given in Community Hall, East St. John in Aid of Boy Scout Troop 6.

A very successful entertainment in aid of the Boy Scout Troop, No. 6, under the direction of Lieut. Oswald T. Lawson, their popular and efficient scout master, and a veteran of the great war, was given last evening in the Community Hall, East St. John. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and the enthusiastic audience was delighted with the splendid literary and musical programme, which represented some of the best talent in the city. Every number was heartily encored.

The programme was as follows:

Dance and Song.
Misses M. Calthness and M. Bailey
Accompanist, Mrs. Chas. Robinson
Recitation . . . . . Norman Magnusson
Vocal Solo—"O Dry Those Tears"
Mrs. Walter Millican
Comedy Sketch—"The Grecian Band"
Susy Folleigh . . . . . A. Blair
Kitty Fields . . . . . E. Recker
Jenny . . . . . M. McKenzie
Bessie Fields . . . . . E. Parlee
Mrs. Fields . . . . . Mrs. Stackhouse
Aunt Dibby . . . . . Mrs. Patriquin
Norah . . . . . B. Patterson
Clarinet Solo . . . . Major Thomas Pugh
a "Spring Song" by Mendelssohn
b "Consolation" by Mendelssohn
With Piano accompaniment
by Miss Heales
Vocal Duet—"Love's Dream is O'er"
Percy Flewelling and Mrs. Millican
Dance . . . . Pupils of Miss Littlefield
Solo—"Love's Spring Song"
Miss Jessie McKay
Comedy Sketch—"Old Gooseberry"
Mr. Fizzington Corker, a retired Wine Merchant . . . . J. H. McKenzie
Simon Snapshot, a Sportsman from Town . . . . . T. D. Owens
Laura, Corker's Daughter
Marjorie Beyea
Matty, a Discontented House Maid
M. McKenzie
Scene—Mr. Fizzington Corker's County Villa.
Song—"Sunny Tennessee"
Miss M. Bailey
Dance—Scotch Reel
Miss M. Calthness
Poem—Composed by East St. John Scouts . . . . . Clarence Taylor
Song and Dance—"Shadows Are Falling" . . . . . Miss M. Calthness
Vocal Solo . . . . Miss Ermine Olmo
God Save the King
Miss Alicia Heales, accompanist of the evening.

County Court Opened Yesterday

Two Criminal and Eight Civil Cases on the Docket—Evidence in Trufon Charge.

The County Court opened yesterday morning, with His Honor, Judge Armstrong, presiding. On the docket were two criminal and eight civil cases. The grand jury were unable to find a true bill in the case of the King vs. Henry Wilson, Archie Smith, J. Erickson, and Neil Flynn, charged with attempting to steal liquor and with the theft of a horse.

A true bill was found in the case of the King vs. Trufon, charged with the theft of seven pieces of chamois. The evidence of several witnesses for the prosecution was taken yesterday, and the hearing was adjourned until this morning at ten o'clock. W. M. Ryan is conducting the case for the prosecution, and J. F. H. Teed for the defence.

The following non-jury cases were entered on the docket:

Cain vs Mackie—J. A. Barry, solicitor.

Elliott vs Wiley—Inches, Weyman and Hazen.

St. John Hotel Company vs. Gaudry—McRae and Sinclair.

Dean vs. Palmer—Kelly and Ross.

Sorinsky vs. Raymond—K. A. Wilson.

Strang vs. Parry—E. A. Davidson.

Thomas vs. Stone—E. J. Henneberry.

Burley vs. Thorne—G. Earle Logan.

The petitions of the following parties for naturalization were read yesterday morning and pronounced by the court to be in do order: Herman Michaelson, William Chas. Stone, Samuel Robinson, Max Marcus, Herman Marcus, Jack Bukovitch, Leo Gilbert, and Nicholas A. Vasela. The petitions were presented by the following solicitors: W. A. Ross, H. Weyman, S. Palmer, E. D. Bustin and J. B. Dever.

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