

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 10. — The weather has been mostly fair and mild today over the Dominion, except in Northern Saskatchewan, where it has been a little colder, with light local snow.

Dawson	8	20
Prince Rupert	8	28
Victoria	10	40
Vancouver	10	48
Kemloops	10	42
Edmonton	10	38
Battleford	10	32
Saskatoon	10	34
Prince Albert	10	31
Moose Jaw	10	30
Regina	10	31
Winnipeg	10	30
Fort Arthur	10	34
Parry Sound	10	38
London	10	46
Toronto	10	47
Kingston	10	49
Montreal	10	38
Quebec	10	34
St. John	10	34
Halifax	10	40

Maritime — Moderate south-west and west winds; fair and mild.

Northern New England — Fair Thursday; rain or snow Friday or Friday night.

AROUND THE CITY

TO RETIRED LIST.
Captain C. G. Main, of St. Stephen, C. A. M. C., has been appointed to the retired list of officers of M. I. No. 1.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.
The regular meeting of the Commercial Club of St. John due to be held on Friday, March 12th, is postponed until Friday, March 26th.

WILL ARRIVE SATURDAY.
His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, will arrive here on Saturday to take passage on the S.S. Empress of France for England.

LOST WOMAN RETURNS.
A young woman named Clothie Comary was reported to the police as having disappeared from her home on Friday afternoon. A search was made and a wire was sent to the Halifax police. It was stated that she returned to her home on Sewell street yesterday.

THE PUBLIC DUMP.
The city public works department is considering the advisability of closing the dump in Queen square, West St. John, which was opened some time ago for the deposit of ashes in order to assist in the filling of some of the marsh portions. It is said that it has been found that while the dump was open refuse was being dumped there and there was a possibility of contamination.

READY FOR SPRING.
Matters are brisk about Indian town, these days, when steamers and tugs are being made ready for the spring opening.

G. L. Tapley, manager of the St. John River Log Driving Company, stated yesterday that the company's fleet of log boats had been overhauled and are in readiness for the opening of the river. He stated that the lumber cut had been extensive in all sections of the province, and would probably average more than twenty per cent. over last year's cut. In the river districts lumber had been all hauled out and lumbermen now were only waiting for free water before starting the towing operations.

DISCUSSION OF PLANS.
Discussion of plans for the entertainment of the members of parliament who are due here this week-end to inspect the harbor, was carried on yesterday morning in the mayor's office by the mayor, S. E. Ellis, M. P., and representatives of the Board of Trade, Rotary and Commercial clubs. Another meeting will be held next week. It has been decided that the visitors will be entertained by the city at dinner Saturday night, and by the Rotary club at noon on Monday.

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, instructed the members to learn definitely who are coming and report back. Besides those already mentioned, there were present R. B. Emerson, C. H. Peters, A. H. Wetmore and J. Royden Thomson.

THE NEW BRIDGE.
H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick district, said yesterday that he expects work on the new bridge over the reversing falls to be started in a very few weeks. Asked if contracts had been let, he said he had not received any official confirmation regarding them and therefore was not in a position to say. He said the location of the large piers to support the spans had not as yet been definitely established, as some preliminary borings, etc., would have to be made to determine the character of the foundations. He said that the western approach would be of solid reinforced concrete and not of steel like the approach to the present bridge. The new bridge is expected to be ready for traffic for the fall of 1921.

SITS HERE TODAY.
A court-martial convened in Toronto will sit here today to take the evidence of some of the officers on board the S. S. Minnedosa in connection with the trial of Captain H. F. Preston, of Toronto. The court will sit in the offices of the Bank of Montreal building, King street. The officers of the court are: Colonel H. C. Bickford, C. M. G., acting general staff officer for M. N. No. 1, as president, with Lieut.-Colonel Geo. F. McFarland; Lieut.-Colonel Eric Poplar, D. S. O.; Major H. J. Alley, M. C.; Major R. V. Corey and Major Allan R. Lawrence as members; Major L. C. Sey, Major J. R. McGowan, Major A. N. Ashton and Major A. H. Jucksch, D. S. O., as waiting members. Major L. G. O'Connell, D. S. O., will be appointed judge advocate, while Lieut.-Colonel N. M. Young will act as prosecutor.

Miss Hazel McCain, Fredericton, Supervisor of Women's Institutes, is in the city at present, returning from Sussex to Fredericton.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF COMMERCIAL CLUB SESSION

Matters of Important Interest Were Discussed Last Evening — Will Strive to Increase Tourist Travel Eastward — Will Obtain Information Regarding St. John River Hotel Accommodation — Delegation to Ottawa — Manufacturing Opportunities in St. John.

The matter of providing information for travellers and tourists was taken up by the Public Information Committee of the Commercial Club last evening, and there seemed to be an opinion that as a result of the agitation of Canadian Manufacturers' Association to induce Canadians to spend their summer holidays in "seeing Canada" jaunts there may be a big migration of people from the hot cities of the interior to the maritime provinces, where "the cooling sea breezes" blow. It is pointed out that in years gone by great numbers of summer tourists from Montreal and other Canadian cities spent their holidays at Old Orchard Beach and other resorts on the Maine coast, and even if the sentiment to which the Canadian manufacturers are appealing is not operative the exchange rate will have a strong tendency to keep Canadian tourists this side of the border. On the other hand the fact that the American dollar will go farther here is likely to increase the number of American tourists coming to the maritime provinces this year. A Toronto Magazine recently published a story to the effect that the value of the boose landed at the port of St. John this winter would pay off one-quarter of the national debt of Canada, and if this interesting information gets abroad in the arid cities of the United States, the scenery of this part of the world may develop an unusual lure for Uncle Sam's thirsty citizens. This phase of the tourist question was not, however, discussed by the Public Information Committee.

The committee did, however, appoint a sub-committee to obtain information regarding the hotel accommodation along the St. John river, and to consider means of diverting tourist traffic in that direction, believing that if tourists spent a few weeks there they would be anxious to return every summer.

Latterly Montreal people have been going to resorts on the lower St. Lawrence, in some cases travelling longer than they would on a journey to the St. John river, and not always finding the cool nights they might enjoy in the maritime provinces.

Other matters discussed by the Information Committee had to do with gathering information about the manufacturing opportunities available with a view to inducing new enterprises to locate here.

A meeting of the executive of the Commercial Club will be held this evening, when the question of appointing a permanent secretary for the club comes up. A large number of applications and nominations for the position have been received, and the decision of the executive is awaited with interest.

The Club proposes to send a delegation to Ottawa to urge the Government to proceed with the development here. This delegation will have instructions to ask for the extension of the Negro Point breakwater to Partridge Island, and to urge the building of a breakwater from the Eastern end of the island towards the Bell Buoy, a work which has from time to time been recommended by engineers.

Women Arrested For Shop Lifting

Iva McColgan and Myrtle Chappin Gathered in by Detectives Last Night — Alleged They Stole Over Six Thousand Dollars' Worth of Goods.

The dry goods firms in the city have a large quantity of articles stolen from their counters every year by light-fingered persons, who while looking over goods use their muffs or some other handy receptacle for the stowing away of articles that are not paid for. As a result hundreds of dollars' worth of goods are stolen yearly and the thefts generally happen while the clerks are busy during a rush and it is impossible to keep watch. It is a fact that the class of shop lifters in St. John is not numerous, but there are undoubtedly enough to cause no little uneasiness, and in nearly every case the guilty persons are female.

Tuesday last the police detective department were notified of a couple of stores being robbed, and Sergeant Detective Power and Detective Bid-discombe lost no time in successfully working up a case. From information the officers received they were able to make two arrests last night, when they took into custody two women, Iva McColgan and Myrtle Chappin; at least these are the names that the prisoners give. They were conveyed to police headquarters and looked up in their cells, there to think matters over until they appear before the magistrate in the police court this morning. The women are charged with shop lifting from the stores of Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited, and F. W. Daniel, and the amount of goods they are alleged to have stolen is valued at upwards of six and seven hundred dollars. The two women were placed under arrest after the detectives were successful in recovering a trunkful of goods.

Good Work of County W.C.T.U. Was Praised

Quarterly Meeting Held on Wednesday — Addressed by Rev. George D. Hudson — Pass Resolution Approving Woman Factory Inspector.

The Quarterly Meeting of the County W. C. T. U. was held in Union Hall, Main street, North End, March 10, Mrs. R. D. Christie, County President, presided. The meeting opened with devotional service led by Mrs. Steele. After the singing of the hymn, prayer was offered and Mrs. Steele gave a very interesting Bible reading on the "Comes" of the Bible and spoke of the joys and blessedness to those who accept Jesus. Mrs. Steele closed this part of the service with prayer.

The business meeting was opened by Mrs. Christie. Letters were read from Mrs. L. Hetherington of Riverview, and Mrs. C. Lawlor of Fredericton. Mrs. Hansonparker gave a report of the resolutions passed at last meeting.

Reports from St. John, St. John North, Fairville, and Carleton unions were received.

Rev. Mr. Geo. D. Hudson, pastor of the Victoria Street Baptist Church was present and addressed the meeting. In his remarks Mr. Hudson said he did not think it was too much to say that it was mainly due to the determined effort of the W. C. T. U. that so much had been accomplished in the temperance cause. Referring to the reports submitted of work done during Christmas Mr. Hudson suggested that it would be a good thing if all the Churches and Christian Societies instituted a clearing house to prevent overlapping in some cases and neglect in others.

Mrs. D. Hipwell reported the Social service meetings being held and regretted that this county meeting conflicted and prevented some from attending the afternoon session.

The members of the W. C. T. U. appointed to serve on the executive of the Social Service Council are Mrs. D. Hipwell, Mrs. R. D. Christie, Mrs. R. Scott, Miss Fullerton, Mrs. C. D. Hanson, Mrs. H. Desmar, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Ellison.

Some matters of interest in reference to the registration of women to enable them to exercise the franchise were brought before the meeting. Mrs. Hipwell spoke of a resolution that has been passed at the Social Service Council saying that all women may have an opportunity to vote.

Mrs. E. Fiewelling spoke of her work of visiting the factories where women and girls are employed. Conditions in some of these are far from satisfactory and Mrs. Hipwell moved that we, the W. C. T. U., of the county of St. John, place themselves on record as being in favor of the appointment of a woman factory inspector. This was seconded by Mrs. C. D. Hanson and passed. This concluded the business of the afternoon and the convention was entertained at supper by the ladies of the North End Union.

Empress of France Concert Party

Seamen's Institute Packed to the Doors Last Night — Programme of Eighteen Numbers Was Greatly Enjoyed.

One of the largest audiences that ever attended the Seamen's Institute on Prince William street was present last night and all were thoroughly delighted with the entertainment. The lower floor, balcony and outer hall were packed and many late arrivals were unable to gain admittance.

The programme consisted of eight-teen choice numbers and the St. John audience was surprised at the excellent talent that is produced by the C. P. O. S. Liner Empress of France Concert Party. W. Brindle was chairman and was ably assisted by H. Cosgrove. The programme, which proved so delightful follows:

Orchestral Selection — "Empress" Orchestra.

Song — Mr. Lawson.

Violin Solo — Mr. Hammond.

Song — Miss Haddfield.

Humorous Song — Mr. Tucker.

Song — Mr. Goffen.

Some Rags — Messrs. Shevlin and Wilmot.

Selection — "Lancaster" Ladies' Quartette.

Orchestral Selection — "Empress" Orchestra.

Song — Mr. Goffen.

Humorous Song — Mr. Tucker.

Violin Solo — Mr. Hammond.

Quartet — "Lancaster" Ladies' Quartette.

Humorous Song — Mr. Neary.

Song and Dance — Mr. Langley.

More Rags — Messrs. Shevlin and Wilmot.

Comic Song — Mr. Barry.

Accompanist — C. Sorensen.

God Save the King.

A Tablet Unveiled In Trinity Church

Impressive Service Last Evening — Was to Memory of Charles Edward Kingdon Jones Who Fell in Battle During the Great War.

During the regular weekly Lenten service at Trinity Church last night, a tablet was unveiled to the memory of the late Charles Edward Kingdon Jones, who fell on the field of honor during the Great War.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon Armstrong, assisted by Rev. H. A. Cody. It consisted of a passage from the Scripture, a special prayer for the fallen, and the words of dedication by the rector, following which the hymn "For all the Saints who from their Labors Rest" was sung. The preacher of the evening, the Rev. J. V. Young, in the course of his sermon, made reference to the gallant sacrifice of the young soldier.

Mr. Jones served with the 38th Royal Ottawa, and was killed during the battle of Bourlon Wood, near Cambrai, September 25, 1918.

THEIR FIRST REHEARSAL.
The chorus of the St. John Music Club held their first rehearsal in the King Edward School last night. There were nearly fifty present, with the females voices in the majority. Owing to the short notice given of the meeting, the attendance was considered very good for the first practice and the officers of the club are much encouraged by the results attained.

The entire practice was given over to part songs, the singers being conducted by J. S. Ford, while Mrs. Louis Levesque acted as accompanist. The next meeting will be held Wednesday at eight in the King Edward School.

COLORED MAN WAS HIT WITH CHOWDER

Two colored men, Robert and Harold Bushan, were arrested last night, having been given in charge of the police by J. Allan Turner for creating a disturbance in the latter's restaurant on Charlotte street. It is said that the two men entered the place, and after they had received bowls of nice hot clam chowder they got into an altercation, with the result that one struck the other over the head with a bowl of chowder, scrambling real nice white milk and cream all over a round, black woolly head.

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