

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Strong northwesterly winds, cold with snow flurries. Toronto, March 16.—High winds and cold weather have prevailed from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces with light snowfall in the east. Ontario and snow flurries in that province. In the western provinces it has been generally fair and comparatively mild.

AROUND THE CITY

Not The Man. Ernest Cannon, of 237 Tower street, West End, is not the man of the same name charged in the police court with stealing pipes at Sand Point.

A Chimney Fire. An alarm was sent in last night about nine o'clock from box 154 for a chimney that was on fire in W. A. Stolper's house on Mill street. There was no damage.

Acknowledgment. The managers desire to acknowledge the sum of \$26.40 from purser Carruthers, of S. S. Lake Champlain, also \$5 from Captain McNeil, of S. S. Athena, per Purser Wotherspoon.

Arrested In The Depot. Alex Almon, a Finlander, was arrested yesterday morning by Police man Smith for lying and lurking about the I. C. R. depot. He was taken before the police magistrate and was allowed to go.

A Lively Runaway. Shortly after noon yesterday a horse attached to an express wagon and owned by Hutchinson and Co. ran away on Dock street and was captured on Mill street, but not before the wagon was somewhat damaged.

Prince Rupert Man Here. Thos. Callout, of Prince Rupert, was in the city yesterday on his way home to the old country. He says Prince Rupert is still growing rapidly, and that the Grand Trunk Pacific is proceeding with its work of constructing harbor facilities.

Scarlet Chapter Tonight. The St. John Co. Royal Scarlet Chapter will meet at 8 o'clock tonight. There will be exaltation of candidates as well as a friendly debate on one of the live questions of the day, led by two prominent members of the legal fraternity.

Boy Scouts And Coronation. When spoken to regarding the sending of a number of the Boy Scouts to the Coronation in June, Mr. Moore, the provincial secretary, stated that the scouts have an invitation to attend but as yet nothing has been done in the matter. It will cost a large sum of money for a boy to make the trip, and so far there have been no applications from the boys.

Life In Burmah and the East. Before a meeting held in the school room of Trinity church last evening under the auspices of the Young Women's Guild, Mrs. Geoghegan delivered an interesting lecture on life in Burmah and the far east. Mrs. Geoghegan, who is a daughter of J. K. Scammell, has spent some years in the east and her lecture, which was illustrated by a number of fine slides, took her audience through various parts of Burmah, China and Japan. Miss Patton, president of the guild, presided and there was a large attendance.

Hod Carriers Elect Officers. A meeting of the Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' Union was held in the Opera House last evening. There was a large attendance, and it was reported that the charter from the International Union would be received next week. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Michael Donovan; Vice President, John Halden; Treasurer, J. Corbett; Financial Secretary, J. Currie; Corresponding Secretary, J. Wickham; Recording Secretary, Thomas Madden; Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Osborne; Guard, J. Coyne. Another meeting will be held next Thursday evening.

Driving Accident. About two o'clock yesterday afternoon while John A. Barry and his brother Edmund were driving along Union street, a team of horses driven by William Daley, collided with Mr. Barry's carriage with the result that the occupants of the carriage were thrown out and the horse ran away. After making a circuit of Union, Dock, Prince William to Brittain, up Wentworth to Union, thence to Brussels, up Richmond to Waterloo, the horse was finally captured on Cliff street. The carriage was badly broken up and the horse had only a small portion of the harness on when he was captured. Mr. Barry and his brother escaped with slight injuries.

Entertainment in N. H. Rooms. The Thursday afternoon lecture course was closed yesterday in the Natural History rooms with a pleasing little entertainment was given by the children. The songs, choruses and recitations were chosen from Robert Louis Stephenson's Child's Garden of Verses, and the various items of the programme reflected credit on the children and the ladies who prepared them, Miss De Soyres and Miss Penety. Those taking part in the entertainment were, Elsie Nevins, Nora Doodly, Nora Wetmore, Marjorie Wetmore, Elsie Lee, Ruth Hooper, Frances Jordan, Dorothy Lee, Douglas Foster, Norman Bowen, Robert Casson, Weston Currie, Ernest Till. After the concert, refreshments were served those taking part by Mrs. Charles Lowe, and Mrs. A. B. Gilmore.

A Successful Tea. The King's Messenger Mission Band held a successful tea in the parlors of Centenary church yesterday afternoon. The tables were artistically decorated with yellow and pink chrysanthemums, and the little waitresses made a very pretty appearance attired in Japanese costumes. The following children took part: Misses Hilda and Dorothy Kee, Lottie Poppin, Ethel Sparks, Beatrice and Elizabeth Flanders, Dorothy Whittaker, Nora Blaine, Enid Macaulay, Hilda Brittain, Winnie Macaulay, Alicia McCavour, Mary Marnie, Mildred Macaulay, Mabel Watson, Julia and Gertrude Henniger, Mary and Gertrude Alexander, Margaret White, Annie McMichael, Helen Armstrong, and Jessie McLean.

Chamberlain Exposes Times' False Charges

Duncan G. Lingley Refutes Commission Organ's Attack on Appeals Committee—Insinuation That Aldermen Gave Relief to Help Election Shown to be Untrue—Every Case Investigated.

Interviewed with reference to an article in the Times, charging the Appeals Committee with giving relief without investigation and insinuating that "as the date of the civic elections draws nearer the generosity of the aldermen increases." Duncan G. Lingley, the city chamberlain, told The Standard last evening that such statements were nothing short of scandalous, and that it was surprising they should appear in a professionally respectable newspaper. "The Times," he continued, "evidently has no knowledge of the system under which appeals are heard, and the care which is taken to see that only deserving cases are given relief. In justice to my department, through which all appeals are made, I think it is only right that the citizens should know the facts."

"In the first place the Times infers that because in less than three months the Appeals Committee of the city council has wiped out, or greatly reduced, the taxes of some eighty-five persons, there should be some complaint for the man who is not anxious to pay his taxes? Further on in its editorial The Times adds: 'It appears that as the date of the civic elections draws nearer the generosity of the aldermen increases.'

Reducing Arrears. "In reply to this insinuation I may state that for the past twelve months a special effort has been made by the chamberlain's department to wipe out arrears of taxes, which have been standing on the books for many years. Relief has only been granted when the defaulters were unable to pay, and there was no prospect of a payment in the future. We have cleared our books, and I do not believe the statement will be so doing. "The Times also says," continued Mr. Lingley, "that this system does not appear to be an ideal one. A group of aldermen meet and with little or no knowledge proceed to wipe out the indebtedness of appealing taxpayers. Perhaps the publication of the statement will encourage timid persons, who would like to get relief, to call upon the Appeals Committee and ask for their share of what is going on."

RECIPROCITY AND CANADIAN MILLERS

Flour Man in City Yesterday, Believes Passage of Reciprocity Agreement will Close Small Canadian Mills.

That the statements that the farmers of the West are overwhelmingly in favor of reciprocity are misleading, is the opinion of A. H. Balfour, a representative of the V. C. Omand and Company, of Toronto, who was at the Royal yesterday. "Canadian flour is well known and favorably regarded in the Old Country," said Mr. Balfour to a Standard reporter. "Our Canadian flour mills are increasing their sales in the Old Country and the prospects of increasing markets for our flour in the old world and elsewhere are bright. Moreover Canada sells a very large quantity of fall wheat to the British millers who use it for blending purposes—to whiten the flour made up from wheat obtained from other sources. "If the reciprocity arrangement is put into effect, it is going to force the smaller Canadian flour mills out of business, because the big American millers will buy Canadian wheat, mill it across the border, and boost it in the British market as flour made from Canadian wheat, and thus beat our own millers out of the British trade."

Mr. Balfour who has travelled a good deal in the West, said that so far as he had had opportunity to judge the reports that the Western farmers were strongly in favor of reciprocity were not correct. "At present, he added, "the Western farmers have a natural pride in the fact that Canadian flour has such a high reputation in the British markets, and many of them entertain the opinion that if the American millers get a chance to buy Canadian wheat, mix it with inferior brands of American wheat, and boost the product in the British markets as flour made from Canadian wheat, it will tend to destroy the reputation of both Canadian flour and wheat, and so lead the British people to increase their purchases from Russia—a departure which, by limiting our markets, would tend to retard the development of the West. "A very large proportion of farmers would sooner not sell to American millers than run the risk of losing the British market. Moreover they feel that they would not get any better prices from the American millers than from the Canadian millers, and they would prefer to sell to the small Canadian mills which are located nearer to the wheat fields, and assist in developing the country, upon the prosperity of which as a whole depends the development and improvement of the transportation facilities which enable the Western farmers to make money out of the wheat fields."

PERSONAL.

James C. Hutchison, of Bridge street, accompanied by his wife and family, left on Wednesday evening for Chillivac, B. C., where they will make their future home. Mr. Hutchison is an engineer and there is a good possibility of his being in a good position when he returns to Chillivac.

"I would like to give some information regarding the system which this Times thinks does not appear to be an ideal one. Every appeal for relief as it is received is checked up by Mr. McKinney, the clerk in charge of this work in my office. Each case is then handed to a city marshal with instructions to report who the people are and what their home is like, and to obtain all information about them. He also reports as to his opinion of their ability to pay. And I would point out that it is no advantage to a marshal to report what is not true, as he sees his costs and commission if no execution is served."

Full Knowledge. These reports are placed before the Appeals Committee. Each applicant is given a private hearing and on his retiring the officials supply the committee with any further information they may have of his case. With the full knowledge of all the facts before them the committee decides on the appeal and I can honestly say that it is a most rare thing for an undeserving applicant to escape an order for payment.

In my experience," concluded the chamberlain, "the majority of the applications are genuine cases of hard luck. The great majority of the applicants are the very poor who cannot possibly pay. I could give instances in which the aldermen have sent food to their houses after hearing evidence of their distress. There is nothing wrong with the system under which the Appeals Committee do their work. Justice is tempered with mercy as I believe it should be. It is regrettable that the Times did not seek to secure accurate information before making such scandalous and uncalled-for charges."

The Times is a vehement advocate of a commission to study this city, and, as has been proved by The Standard, will go to any lengths to vilify the common council and the present system. It would be interesting to know how the Times would apply the much advertised "business principles" of commission in hearing the appeals of indigent and unfortunate citizens. Business principles would sell them up and turn them out into the street.—Ed. Standard.]

THE WORKING MEN WILL HOLD PUBLIC MEETING

Matters of Importance to be Discussed at Mass Meeting, on Thursday Next—Letter Concerning Peter Sharkey.

A largely attended meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last evening, with President W. Allingham in the chair. The committee appointed to arrange for a mass meeting of workmen to discuss trade conditions and civic affairs, reported that they had made arrangements to call a public meeting in Keith's Assembly Rooms on Thursday evening, the 23rd inst. It was said that speakers for the evening would be the A.P.F. of L. Alfred Dever is the only organizer of the A.P.F. in St. John. (Signed) FRANK MORRISON.

REV. J. L. BATTY HEARD IN LECTURE ON ENGLAND

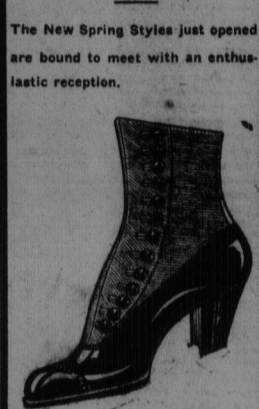
His Interesting Address on "John Bull and His Neighbor" Contained Much Valuable Information.

The lecture delivered last evening in Zion church by Rev. J. L. Batty, of Moncton, was attended by a large audience and his remarks on the subject of John Bull and His Neighbor, were received with appreciation by his hearers. The lecturer spoke of England's position in the field of invention and her railway systems, mentioning that while in England the railways carried more freight and passengers per mile than those of any other country, fewer accidents occurred. The social and political life in England was referred to and the cause of the marked change attributed to the spread of democracy and to the fact that the workmen are at last coming into their inheritance. Describing a brief visit made to gay Paris, Mr. Batty spoke of the wealth of art to be found there, its historic monuments, besides citing a few of his personal experiences while visiting.

He concluded his lecture by a reference to Canada's resources and possibilities and her trade relations with Britain. F. A. Dykeman and Co. received their ladies' new spring raincoats on Wednesday just in time for the wet weather. The styles shown in this lot are particularly attractive.

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