

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—A cold wave covers northern Manitoba and pressure is low over the Great Lakes and in British Columbia. A few light snow falls have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, otherwise the weather in the Dominion has been fair.

Forecast: Maritime—Winds gradually increase in force, cloudy and milder with some snow or rain.

Ontario—New England—Cloudy Thursday and Friday, probably light snow in interior Thursday, colder Friday; moderate to fresh southwest and west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

IN POLICE STATION.—One drunk and one protectionist shared honors at the central police station last evening.

UNDERWRITERS OBJECT.—The fire underwriters have filed an objection to the erection of a wireless trestle connecting the new baggage shed and No. 4.

SLIGHT BLAZE.—The fire department were called to the One Mile House yesterday morning by a slight blaze in the trestle work which spans the Marsh Creek near there. The fire was quickly put out.

ELECTED COUNCILLOR.—C. C. Kirby of this city, resident engineer for the C. P. R., was elected a councillor of the Engineering Institute of Canada at Toronto yesterday, where that body is holding its annual convention.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.—For the convenience of those who will be filing their income tax returns the assessors have arranged to use the committee room of the Council from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. and from 7 until 9 in the evening from now until February 11.

ACCIDENT AT SAND POINT.—John Kierstead, a longshoreman, while loading deals at No. 7 wharf yesterday morning, had the left hand caught among the deals, one of the fingers being badly cut. He was treated at the C. P. O. S. emergency hospital.

THREE SEEK SHELTER.—Three protectionists, who appeared at the police station at an early hour this morning were sheltered there for the night. One lone drunk was arrested at an early hour this morning, and he will appear before Police Magistrate Ritchie today.

HARDWARE CLERKS.—A meeting of the managing committee of the St. John Hardware Clerks' Association was held last night, when arrangements were made for a banquet in the near future. Other business of a routine nature was discussed. The secretary-treasurer showed that the recent sports held at Rockwood Park had added substantially to the funds of the Association.

POLICE COURT.—In the police court yesterday a case against Thomas Hebert charged with breaking a glass door on the Prince William Hotel, was resumed. The night porter, George Pawcett, stated the accused had committed the damage early Tuesday morning while under the influence of liquor. Hebert promised to make good the damage. Two drunks pleaded guilty and were remanded to jail.

Home Missions Subject Discussed

Women's Missionary Society of St. David's Church in Regular Session.—Home Missions was the subject discussed at the regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of St. David's church held yesterday afternoon. Mrs. T. H. Somerville and Mrs. J. T. MacGowan were in charge of the programme and read interesting papers. Mrs. Somerville referred to the history of missions, the pioneer work done in Canada and the heritage of the past. Mrs. MacGowan pointed out the obligation laid upon Christians to live up to the traditions of the church and told of ways in which home missions are being carried on. It was reported that garments sewed by the society at a recent meeting have been distributed through the Victorian Order, the Free Kindergarten and through the society.

Mrs. F. C. Cruikshank presided and the attendance was large.

PERSONALS

Justice Oswald Crockett, of Fredericton, is at the Dufferin. A. W. Hamblin and Mrs. Hamblin, of Hoyt Station, were in the city yesterday. F. M. Tweedie and J. W. Brankley, of Chatham, are at the Royal. A. D. Holyoke, of Woodstock, is in the city. G. H. King, of Chatham, spent yesterday in town.

Prices To Decline As Output Gains

So Declares Mr. F. A. Dykeman in Comprehensive Review of Trade Conditions.

In the refusal of retail merchants to buy goods at the prices now quoted by the large Canadian wholesalers and manufacturers lies the root of the abnormal conditions now being experienced, stated F. A. Dykeman last evening. Mr. Dykeman, who recently returned from Montreal, stated that abnormal conditions are now being experienced in the Canadian metropolis. The wholesalers and manufacturers with large supplies of high priced manufactured goods or raw materials on hand, are quoting prices at big sacrifices. In some cases their prices are actually twenty per cent less than the cost of the material. On the other hand, the retailers insist that the Spring prices should be based on the present price of the raw material. To accede to the retailers' wishes would mean "cases" where large stocks of raw material bought at high prices are still on hand, but commercial suicide. The manufacturers and jobbers under the circumstances refuse to alter their present prices.

Retailers Shoulder Burden

The situation is being faced by the retailer shouldering the burden of the loss and selling out his stock at considerably below the replacement values.

This applies especially to cotton goods. There is a strong feeling now over that a reaction is not far off; the retailers tired of waiting will book orders, and as they have been long deferred they will come in a bunch, thus boosting the market for higher prices. The advance is coming and the wise man is he who buys during the present period of stock taking sales.

The change has already been felt in the silk market and notices have been issued of a from 15 to 20 per cent advance in prices.

Clothing Manufacturers

Manufacturers of clothing have shown the most marked tendency to meet the popular demand for new styles and to sell their goods this year on a practically cost basis. At the same time the retailers are selling out their stocks at a less than wholesale price.

Boot and Shoe Trade

In the boot and shoe trade the manufacturers have not reduced their prices to any marked extent, but the retailers, heavily overstocked, are disposing of their wares at less than replacement values. The bargains being quoted by the Upper Canadian boot and shoe retailers are a revelation; good boots may be bought for a mere song.

Manufacturers have an optimistic view; they claim that the whole chain of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, must be prepared to face a year in which goods will be sold at little more than cost price. Profits this year will be at a minimum, but the turn in the road is not far off, and when the public begins to buy, all will be well.

Canada Prosperous

One thing is certain, if lower prices are to prevail, Labor must follow raw material, wages must come down. Shorter hours and a minimum output must be replaced by it not longer hours, at least a decided increase in output.

Women Who Are Wise Will Buy a New Coat Now.

The season is late and rather than carry stock over into another year some stores are willing to accept considerable loss today. A remarkable sample of this is found at F. A. Dykeman's, where heavy cloth coats worth up to \$30.00 are selling for \$14.95. These are to be had in several attractive colors. Fur coats, too, such as genuine Hudson Seal as well as the popular Black Pony have been cut to one-half their original price. Women who buy at this stage now while such bargain prices last will be smartly dressed for the balance of the season and have a new coat ready for wear next Fall.

FOR THE MOUNT ALLISON CAMPAIGN

FOR THE MOUNT Allison campaign R. T. Hayes is leader for group 13, zone E. Church chairmen for churches in St. John circuit are as follows: Queen Square—Dan Smith, Centenary—W. Grant Smith, Esplanade St.—J. King Kelley, Portland—J. A. Kennedy, Carlton—E. D'Arcy, Fairville—David Linton, Zion—F. S. Purdy, Garmarthen—Walter Brindle, Silver Falls—B. B. Jordan, Brookville—Geo. Breen, Mispac, Red Head, Golden Grove—Rev. J. B. Gough.

ST. JOHN FUSILIERS

A full battalion parade of all ranks with band, is required on Thursday Evening, February 3rd, at 8 P. M., to rehearse for the inspection by Major General Sir Henry Buxton, K. C. D., K. C. M. G., A. D. C., which takes place on Monday Evening, February 7th. Capt. H. G. ASHPOUND, Capt. and Adjutant.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c. Y. W. P. A. special meeting tonight, G. W. V. A. special, 7.30. Important.

Work of Methodist Church in Japan

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, General Superintendent, Delivered Inspiring Address.

In the Centenary church yesterday evening, Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, delivered a most inspiring and illuminating address on the work of that church in Japan.

Japan Methodist Church

After thanking the large audience for the reception which had been accorded to him earlier in the day, the speaker referred to the organization of the Japan Methodist Church in the year 1907, which consisted in bringing together the missionary workers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, both north and south, and the Methodist Church in Canada.

Forward Movement

The Forward Movement in Japan had done noble work, and up to Nov. 26 last had secured over 615,400 yen, or over \$300,000. In addition, one of the Japanese laymen, a Mr. Kobayashi, gave voluntarily an extraordinary amount of money, at least \$30,000 recently. This gift was to the mission, and he also contributed a most up-to-date library valued at approximately two thousand dollars; and he further has promised to supply periodicals for five years for the Central Tabernacle in Tokyo and will pay a man to take care of it.

New Discovery

Another Japanese, a Mr. Furuhashi, member of a firm that is manufacturing a new discovery called Iovirite, which will be made into all colors of beads, pens and other goods, has taken a great interest in the work of the missionaries. This firm has formally dedicated in its instrument of co-partnership ten per cent. of its profits for the Methodist church in Japan.

The Enthusiasm

The enthusiasm of the missionaries in Japan was undaunted and unbounded, and this applied to both men and women. On Dr. Chown's recent trip to Japan, many missionaries gathered at Yokohama to meet him, and they took him to every point of vantage, where they could show the great amount of work that was being accomplished and point out the urgent needs for extensive and further efforts, and the necessity for broadening out the work in many directions.

Native Pastors

At several of the meetings attended with his visit recently to Japan, native pastors had led in prayer and poured out their heartfelt thanks for the work by the Canadian Methodist church in Japan.

He also particularly mentioned the contribution of Mount Allison University to the missionary work of the church in the Orient. The university's financial aid was most generous, and he expressed the sincere hope that the campaign which is now being conducted for an increased endowment will be successful one.

Japan Mission Council

The speaker also testified to the great capabilities of the members of the Mission Council of Japan, and declared that he was never in any missionary house wherein the missionary tea had not worked from 6.30 in the morning until 11 at night for seven days each week. They did this because of their great faith in the doctrine of Christ and their large expectations concerning the history of Japan, which they believed to be the greatest nation in the Orient, and that it will eventually receive its power throughout that part of the world.

Important Matters At Hospital Board

Two Additional Interns Engaged in Compliance With Request of Staff.

At a meeting of the Board of Hospital Commissioners held yesterday afternoon a number of important matters came up for discussion and were thoroughly talked over with the result that action will be taken in several instances. The engaging of two in addition to the number at the Hospital four, is a step towards standardization of the hospital, and is in compliance with one of the requests of the staff. Time did not permit of hearing all reports at the meeting adjourned till February 11th.

Change Authorized

F. Nell Brodie appeared before the Board asking if one set of book shelves could be eliminated from the library at the Nurses' Home to make the room larger. The contract calls for both sides of the room to be shelved, but one set of shelves will hold one thousand books. On motion the architect was authorized to make the change.

New Sterilizer

It was reported that the new sterilizer had been ordered and will have shortly. There has been no necessity to remove patients from the Epidemic Isolation Hospital as the cleaning is going on steadily and the epidemic and it was thought best not to move patients unless it was absolutely necessary.

Examination of Throats

It was stated that a weekly examination of throats is being arranged for at the hospital. In discussion it was brought out that if the wards are full, a ward patient would have a right to a private room if such were available. There never is a private room available so taxed is the accommodation. In answer to a question, Dr. Hodges said that no discrimination is used with regard to the admission of doctors' patients and absolutely no favoritism shown.

The physician notified to appear before the board in regard to a matter of irregular practice was unable to be present yesterday. As the complaint from the staff did not name the doctor,

Expert Engineer To Study Power

H. E. M. Kensit Will be Secured to Investigate Cost of Producing Energy.

At a conference held yesterday afternoon at the City Hall, between the members of the council, C. O. Foss, engineer for the New Brunswick Hydro-electric Commission, and G. S. Hare, city engineer, it was decided to secure the services of H. E. M. Kensit to make the proposed investigation into the cost of developing power by the New Brunswick Power Co. under present conditions.

During the conference Mr. Foss rather startled the commissioners by stating his belief that if the city would take the entire output of the Musquash development it could be sold to them for one cent per thousand kilowatts.

Securing An Expert

Mayor Schofield said it had been left with Mr. Foss and the city engineer to propose the name of a man to make the investigation and report on the cost of producing power, and Power Company had agreed, if the distribution of the hydro-power was placed in their hands, to give the users the benefit of any saving over the cost of developing from coal. He understood the Power Company were willing to pay all or a share of the cost of the expert, but he would suggest that the city pay the bill and have the reports made to them, as there would then be no question of the report being colored to suit the company, which might be raised if the company paid any part of the bill for the work.

Mr. Foss reported that he had taken the matter up with K. H. Smith, chief engineer for the Maritime District of the Water Power branch of the Department of the Interior, and Mr. Smith had recommended the name of H. E. M. Kensit, the steam expert of the department, and who could be secured under the agreement in force between the department and the Maritime Provinces Premier. The cost of bringing Mr. Kensit would be his salary and expenses while here, and to Japan, many estimates amount to over \$300.

Mr. Smith had also given him a form of letter to write Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of interior, asking for the services of Mr. Kensit, and it was decided to engage him he was ready to send the application at once.

Satisfied With Mr. Kensit

He had taken the matter up with L. R. Ross, president of the Power Co., and Mr. Ross was satisfied with Mr. Kensit, and had also expressed a willingness to pay the cost of the investigation, but in his opinion it would be better for the city to bear the cost themselves. Commissioner Thornton suggested that a letter be obtained from Mr. Ross stating his willingness to accept the report of Mr. Kensit, and with this understanding it was left with the mayor to bring the matter before the committee meeting of the council today.

Answering a question as to the cost of the work at Musquash, Mr. Foss said when the work was completed the books would be laid on the table and all would be invited to come and examine them. He also stated that if the city would take the entire output they could get the power at one cent per thousand kilowatts, and also expressed the opinion that if the city wanted the whole output the province would sell the entire works to them at cost.

C.P.O.S. Liner Arrives Today

Metagama Reaches Port This Afternoon — Empress of Britain Here Tomorrow.

Wireless messages were received last yesterday from two incoming C. P. O. S. liners, the Metagama from Liverpool and Havre and the Empress of Britain from Liverpool. The captain of the former said that he expected to arrive at Partridge Island at noon today and would dock during the afternoon, according to the tide. The Empress is expected to dock at Sand Point about 7 P. M. Friday which will be one day ahead of her schedule. Both boats have large passenger lists.

for the matter was laid on the table until next month.

On motion the superintendent was asked to engage two interns at a salary of \$50 and maintenance. This brings the number of interns up to four.

Miss Belding, the anaesthetist has gone to Montreal to take a course of instruction, and it was reported that, while no one had been appointed to take her place an intern was giving satisfaction. Dr. Roberts and Mrs. McLellan spoke of the importance of this department, saying that every case should be exercised, motion was passed that the superintendent be asked to engage the best man possible for the position.

The Insurance

The report of the insurance committee was read stating that they recommended placing insurance of \$75,000 on the Nurses' Home. J. King Kelley said that he thought the proposed amount should be doubled and moved that the Home be insured to its full insurable value while under construction. This was passed and the insurance committee met later, deciding on \$125,000 as the amount.

Bills to the amount of \$16,202.02 were passed including pay checks. Adjournment was made until Friday afternoon February 11th.

Commissioners present were M. E. Agar, chairman; F. F. McNeill, Hon. Dr. Roberts, Dr. G. R. J. Crawford, J. King Kelley, Alexander McMillan, Dr. Henry Hodges, superintendent.

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Sale of Girls' Winter Coats. All these Winter Coats must go. Prices already lowered have been cut so sharply that every woman wanting to buy a warm Winter Coat for a school girl can select one now at surprisingly low cost. Coats are all made from warm, serviceable materials; many are lined to the waist or comfortably lined throughout. Fabrics include Chevots, Tweeds, Blankets and others equally favored by girls and their mothers. Among the colors are: navys, browns of various shades, burgundys, tans, etc. Big convertible collars, pockets and belts of different widths are all featured. All sizes from 3 to 13 years. Sale Prices \$5.00 to \$14.00. INFANTS' WHITE COATS SPECIALLY PRICED. BARGAINS IN GIRLS' KIMONOS. These are in corduroys, Cashmeres and Chinchillas. Winter weight Velours in light and dark colors; fashioned with belt and pockets. Sizes 8 to 14 years. They are lined throughout and some are prettily embroidered. Sale Prices \$3.98 to \$5.98. Sale Prices \$3.00 and \$4.00. QUILTED JAP SILK KIMONOS. Light blue only. Sizes 8 to 14 yrs. Sale Prices \$3.75 to \$5.00. Sale Commences This Morning in Children's Shop, Second Floor. Manchester Robertson Allison & Co. KING STREET - GERMAIN STREET - MARKET STREET

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