

THE WEATHER.

Martime—Variable winds, fine and moderately cold. Toronto, Ont., March 10.—Unseasonably mild weather prevails throughout the western provinces, while from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces conditions are very nearly normal. Rain has fallen today in eastern Manitoba but elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., March 10.—Forecast for New England: Partly cloudy, possibly snow on the south coast on Friday; Saturday, partly cloudy and warmer; light to moderate variable winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Meetings Well Attended. The united meetings in Calvin Presbyterian church have been well attended during the week. The last service will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Song service at 7.45. Rev. Gordon Dickie will be the speaker.

Fined \$5 and Costs. In the Fairville police court yesterday afternoon Michael Ryan was charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5 and costs by Magistrate Mason. The fine was allowed to stand upon Ryan's promise of good conduct in the future.

Slight Fire in North End. About one o'clock this morning an alarm was rung in from box 132 for a slight fire in a house on the Strait Shore road owned by Mr. John McEachern. The North End department responded and the blaze was quickly extinguished. The damage was slight.

Cricket Club Meeting. The annual meeting of the St. John Cricket Club will be held this evening in White's Restaurant at 8 o'clock. The executive will give a smoker and refreshments in connection with the meeting and they hope that not only the members, but all those interested in cricket will attend. The business includes the election of officers for the ensuing year and arranging a programme of matches.

Badly Needed Repairs. The dome of the West Side post office has been in bad repair for some time past and is now receiving the attention it should have had some time ago. The old lead covering is being removed, the wood repaired and a new copper covering will be substituted. Mr. M. J. Slinney is doing the copper work and the carpenter work is under the supervision of Mr. C. J. Kohr. It is not the intention to have the clock bell hung at the present time.

Many Attend Clinic for Consumptives. Dr. Stewart Skinner conducted the regular weekly clinic for consumptive patients held in the Board of Health rooms on Princess street yesterday afternoon. Owing to the increasing number of people who are taking advantage of the opportunity of securing expert advice, it has been decided to have a trained nurse in attendance during the consultations in future. It is expected that Miss Rogers, of the Victorian Order of Nurses will be chosen for this service. The medical authorities are also making arrangements to hold free consultations in the evening for the benefit of those not able to attend Thursday afternoon.

A. O. H. Fair Opens Easter Monday. At a meeting of the A. O. H. in the McLean building last evening arrangements were completed for opening a fair on Easter Monday, March 28. Both of the large halls in McLean's building will be used, and carpenters will start erecting booths today. There will be booths representing the different provinces of Ireland, Ulster, Leinster, Munster and Connaught; a raffle; a fortune teller, Rebecca at the well, fish ponds, bowling alleys, bean boards, and other games will be the amusements provided. A voting contest for the most popular president of the Catholic societies of the city is being arranged and household, foreign and members lotteries will be conducted.

Art Club to Take Charge. There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of the St. John Art Club in their rooms, Union street, last evening. In the absence of the president, Mr. W. S. Fisher, Mr. Alex. Watson was in the chair. It was decided to take charge of the exhibit at the Dominion Fair. The club will take steps to strongly urge upon the directors of the association the necessity of erecting new concrete building for the purpose. It was pointed out that unless a new building was erected, it would be found difficult to secure a first class exhibit for the reason that owners of good paintings would be unwilling to risk them in the present building. On motion it was decided that membership fees should be reduced from \$2 to \$1. Miss Jack read a paper on "Art in the home."

ST. STEPHEN'S BANK Deposits Made Day Before Suspension Will Be Repaid—R. B. Kesson, Home, Says Hopeful Feeling Prevails. Matters generally in connection with the failure of the St. Stephen's Bank have improved. It is understood that the Canadian Bankers' Association has decided to repay all deposits made on Saturday last, the day before the suspension was announced. Mr. R. B. Kesson, general manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, who has been in charge of the suspended bank as curator since Monday morning, returned to the city last evening. When asked when the investigation would be concluded, Mr. Kesson said that his statement would be ready next week, the Bankers' Association would then take any action which they saw fit to make in public. With regard to the feeling at St. Stephen, Mr. Kesson said that the people were more hopeful and that no more failures were reported. It was now thought that the failure of the bank would not be such a blow to the town as was thought at first.

Socialism Not Bogey It Is Represented

Miss Muskat In Characteristic Address at Meeting Last Evening—Capital Has Many Sins Laid to Its Door—Robert Sharkey Speaks on Trade Unionism—Scores Telephone Company.

Mr. Robert Sharkey, president of the Carpenters' Union, and Miss Muskat, the "Mother Jones" of the Canadian Socialist movement, were the principal speakers at a meeting of the Socialists in McLean's Hall last evening. Mr. Sharkey spoke on trade unionism, explaining its purposes and methods of operations and its influence upon the conditions of labor in St. John and elsewhere. Miss Muskat, her sleeves rolled up to the elbow vigorously pummeled the various bogeys created, as she intimated by the capitalistic papers to frighten people from taking part in the greatest movement in the history of the world—a movement that, she said, would abolish all the evils from which the world suffers today and make it possible for men to live in a Christian life. Mr. R. Peterson presided, and there was a fair attendance. Rev. T. Hunter Boyd being among the interested listeners.

Mr. Sharkey said that 75 years ago there was no great need of trade unionism, because industries were carried on by small individual enterprises and there was a close personal relation between the master and his employees. But the development of steam moved machinery, and the growth of the big impersonal corporations had reduced the average worker to a condition of unendurable dependence.

Big Corporations in Control. Control of enterprises being vested in big corporations, it was impossible for the worker to start business on his own account with any assurance of success. Whatever the conditions of labor the corporations sought to impose, the worker had to accept under penalty of losing his opportunity of earning a livelihood.

Officials were appointed to see that horses and other animals were protected from cruelty; but a working man out of a job had no guarantee of protection in his elementary right to life. He had to commit a crime to secure the protection of the law. In St. John the workers seemed to be fortunate in some respects. No great corporations were doing business here, and bending every effort to grind them down, and there was no dire poverty such as existed in other cities. At any rate he judged from their inaction that the workers were content with their condition. At the same time all the corporations here were not as good as they ought to be. The telephone monopoly didn't treat its employees fairly. Girls should not have to work ten hours a day in the exchange.

Mr. Sharkey declared that trade unionism afforded the only hope of improving the conditions of the workers. In his time he had seen a great improvement in this respect among the workers of St. John. But he pointed out that what had been gained was due to the growth of trade organizations here.

Miss Muskat.

Miss Muskat in an interesting address, said there were many erroneous ideas about socialism. When she was a young lass in Russia and started reading the papers there, she believed that all socialists carried bombs in their pockets. When later she came to this free country of ours she learned from the Canadian papers that socialists though they didn't carry bombs were pretty bad chaps, atheists, agnostics, destroyers of homes, advocates of free love and so on.

But when she grew up and began to study socialism as expounded by the prophets whose fulminations did not meet with the approval of the newspapers, she had learned that it was not the terrible thing she had supposed. It was no more responsible for the ills of the world than the well-developed and scientific conception of political economy, and had come to the conclusion that it must be the next stage in the evolution of society.

Socialism was not the bogey, the church, the fourth estate, and "our ex-President Roosevelt" represented it to be. It was no more responsible for atheism than the Liberal or Conservative party. It wouldn't break up homes, as much as the present capitalist system of society, which by compelling a man to work for a wage that wouldn't let him keep a wife and family made it necessary for the wife to go out to work by the hour, leaving the home and children without proper care. Besides under the present system few workers could afford a success. Whatever the conditions of labor the corporations sought to impose, the worker had to accept under penalty of losing his opportunity of earning a livelihood.

Most homes, the speaker remarked, had well ventilated stables, and telephones handy. How many workers had telephones in the house, or any ventilation, except what rained in through the roof? Capitalism, she continued, not only kept a man out of a job but kept the home and children from the home. Capitalism thus reversed the law of nature, and as its tendency was to render man a useful creature, it would cause man to disappear from the face of the earth.

Miss Muskat sketched the historical evolution of society from serfdom up through feudalism and chattel slavery to what she called the wage slavery, and concluded with an appeal to those present to hand together and send a telegram to parliament.

The addresses were followed by a discussion in which a number of those present took part. Another meeting under the auspices of the Socialists will be held in McLean's hall, this evening, to hear the address of St. John. But she pointed out that the question of starting a co-operative store here. Rev. J. J. McCaskill will preside.

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NEW HARBOR LINE BILL Property Owners in Courtenay Bay Arranged Yesterday to Fight Proposed Legislation—Meetings Hurriedly Called.

As was anticipated in The Standard yesterday, the property owners on the west side of Courtenay Bay, have taken prompt action to prevent the city carrying out its purpose of establishing a harbor line through what they consider to be their property. Early yesterday morning a meeting of the directors of the Cornwall and York Cotton Mills Company, Ltd., was hastily convened and after the directors had satisfied themselves that the proposed bill would transfer a considerable section of their property to the city, they decided to fight it tooth and nail. It was arranged that Mr. S. P. Gerow should go to Fredericton last evening and safeguard the company's interests. A joint meeting of representatives of C. H. Peters, Sons, Ltd., and the J. L. McAvity Company was also held. It was decided to interview Mr. H. E. Wardroper, the common clerk, and Mr. Wm. Murdoch, the city engineer. After hearing the city's side of the case, the firms' representatives became more than ever convinced that the proposed harbor line would seriously affect their existing rights. After going carefully over the bill, it was discovered that the proposed harbor line would cut off 200 feet from the McAvity lot, and a considerable portion of land from the lot owned by C. H. Peters' Sons. It was decided to oppose the passage of the bill to the bitter end. They accordingly wired to Fredericton, asking that the introduction of the bill be postponed until their case could be presented, and were informed that the introduction of the bill would not take place till the first of next week. A member of the legislature, whose interest has been called by the property owners expressed the opinion that the proposed bill was the most outrageous piece of legislation he had ever heard of.

DEATHS Haslam—In this city on the 10th inst., Isabella Jane, daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Haslam, Mount Middleton, Kings Co., N. B. Funeral on Saturday, 12th inst., at 2.30 p. m. from the residence of her brother, J. J. Haslam Esq., Sussex.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS A RIDICULOUS STATEMENT

Mr. Dunham Replies to Director Wisely—Was Asked to Drop His Tender—Charges Discrimination.

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir:—In reply to Director Wisely's letter in this morning's Standard, I would ask why the director, if he knew that the specifications for wiring the city buildings required a deposit, recommended any tender, also why did he send for me and ask me to drop out and say nothing, and why when I refused, did he say that I would not get the job anyway, that I would not see by the letter of Mr. F. E. Jones that he sought information regarding my tender. Now by what right should he secure that information? I found it impossible to obtain the information to which I was entitled, yet Mr. Jones was successful in getting information which I do not consider he has any right to. Yours truly, R. DUNHAM.

DOG SHOW AT EXHIBITION

Kennel Club Appoint Committee to Meet Executive and Make Arrangements—Special Building Will Be Provided.

At a largely attended meeting of the New Brunswick Kennel Club last evening a committee was appointed to meet the executive of the exhibition association and make arrangements for the biggest dog show ever held in St. John.

If the details can be worked out the show will be held on the exhibition grounds in a special building governed by C. K. C. rules.

The committee consists of Mr. H. J. Sheehan, the president, Mr. L. B. Wilson, vice-president, Mr. T. McCullough, Mr. H. T. Bailey, Mr. J. C. McLellan and Mr. J. LeLacheur.

Lecture On Wiesbaden. In the Natural History Society rooms, yesterday afternoon, Miss J. H. Barlow gave an interesting lecture on Wiesbaden, Germany. Miss Barlow referred to the pleasant trip on the White Star liner Canopic, and showed views of the beautiful gardens in Panza del Gada, the town on St. Michael's Island. Scenes were also shown of Otravari, Naples, Genoa, Milan, and Luccerne and its lakes. Several views of Wiesbaden and its environs were also thrown on the screen. At the close a vote of thanks moved by Mrs. R. Thomson and tendered by Miss Sedgwick was tendered the lecturer.

16th Anniversary Celebrated By Concert and Social Last Evening—The Charter Members—Those Taking Part. Court Rockwood, I. O. F., celebrated its 16th anniversary by holding a concert and social in the Foresters' Hall last evening. Chief Ranger W. H. Collins, in a brief address, gave an interesting account of the history of the court, and expressed the hope that a year hence it would be the largest and best court in the city of St. John. The charter members of this court were: J. K. Hamm, J. B. Hayward, F. L. Thurber, W. Meargity, A. N. Collins, Fran' Fales, J. B. McLean and S. B. Whetmore. The programme, which had been prepared for the occasion was an extensive one, and was well received. Among those who took part were the following: Miss Tobin, Miss McIlarg, Alex. Gunn, Miss E. McFarlane, Master H. McFarlane, J. A. Stephenson, Miss B. Hill, Master E. Hill, Mr. Harding, J. A. Brooks, E. C. Todd, D. S. C. R. John Wood, Miss Haywood, F. B. Harwood, court deputy.

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