

## THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 28.—An area of high pressure has come in over the Lake region from the northwest and the weather has turned colder. In Ontario and Quebec, it has been milder in the west with light showers in Alberta.

St. John's	33	50
Victoria	40	62
Calgary	28	58
Edmonton	28	52
Prince Albert	23	38
Saskatoon	24	42
Regina	23	43
Winnipeg	19	36
White River	16	31
Toronto	30	50
Ottawa	32	43
Montreal	34	50
Quebec	44	53
Halifax	33	54
Below zero		

Forecast  
Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales from south-west, occasional rain, followed by strong northwest winds and colder with snow flurries.  
Northern New England—Partly cloudy and much colder with cold wave Tuesday; Wednesday fair with rising temperature, strong northwest winds to gales.

## AROUND THE CITY

**BUSINESS PICKS UP**  
Four drunks and six protectionists had their names entered at the Police Station last night.

**FOR SOUP KITCHEN**  
Mayor Schofield yesterday received for the soup kitchen fund the following sums: Capt. Elliott \$25; Mrs. Caldwell \$2 and John Bond \$1.

**WILL ARBITRATE**  
The dispute between the shipping men and longshoremen about Easter Monday being a statutory holiday will be submitted to arbitration and the men went to work yesterday afternoon on that understanding.

**PROMPT ACTION SAVED LIVES**  
Prompt action by the engineer of the incoming Montreal train at noon yesterday probably saved the lives of a man and woman who crossed the track ahead of the engine. When he saw them the engineer brought the train to a standstill in time to clear striking them.

**UP FOR TRIAL**  
The preliminary trial of P. W. F. Brewster, Hamilton, was concluded on Saturday and the accused sent up for trial by Magistrate Fred M. Sproul. The evidence showed that the Royal Bank of Canada, at Sussex, had paid to the accused last April, for Hatfield & Scott Company Limited, the sum of \$1,500.00, with which he was to buy potatoes for the company, and that \$274.00 had been converted by the accused to his own use. M. B. T. Inis conducted the prosecution; Dr. J. B. Baxter, K. C., the defence.

## Easter Assembly Greatly Enjoyed

Programme of Dances Held in Masonic Hall Under Auspices of Union Lodge.

A very successful Easter assembly was held at the Masonic Hall, West St. John, last evening, under the auspices of Carleton Union Lodge No. 8. The rooms were prettily decorated with spring flowers. Black's orchestra furnished music for a good programme of dances, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the one hundred and thirty persons present.

Hedley F. Bissett was general convener, and those on the committee, to whom credit is due for the delightful affair, were: Glendon H. Allan, Hedley F. Bissett, Percy F. Brown, J. W. Myles and J. S. Brittain. In charge of the supper were: William Doberty and E. T. Bissett. Ladies assisting in arrangements for the dance were: Mrs. Hedley F. Bissett, Mrs. Glendon H. Allan and Mrs. A. Burns.

## Cases Dealt With In Police Court

Ten Drunks Headed the List—Liquor Case, and Wanderer Among Others.

A variety shower awaited Magistrate Ritchie on the opening of the police court yesterday afternoon, following his return from St. Stephen, where he spent the holiday, the guest of friends. A very generous contingent of drunks, augmented by several prisoners charged with other crimes and misdemeanors were lined up, to receive his attention.

**Ten Drunks**  
In addition to ten drunks, George Cox was charged with having liquor unlawfully in his possession; Angus McLaughlin, for wandering about without sufficient reason; Arthur Revey, for interfering with the police in discharge of their duty; and George Oram, for using profane and obscene language on Simonds street. All the accused were remanded, with the exception of Cox and Revey, who had previously been let out on deposit and did not appear.

**LOST**—Between Dufferin Hotel and Macaulay Bros. gold top of umbrella handle, bearing initials M. A. J. Finder owner a favor by leaving at Standard office.

## Much Damage By Fire And Water

M. Lampert & Co. Second-Hand Store, Main Street, Scarcely a Blaze.

An alarm from box 145 at 6.50 last night called the fire department to the building on Main street owned by M. Lampert and Co. The ground floor houses two business establishments, a second-hand store and a general merchandise store, both owned and operated by Mr. Lampert and Co. The second story of the building is devoted to tenement purposes.

**Lively Blaze**  
The firemen were promptly on the scene and found a lively blaze progressing in the general merchandise store. The chemicals and gas line of hose were employed in quenching the blaze. The fire started from an overloaded stove, the pipe expanding by the heat, breaking open and igniting the ceiling woodwork. The flames ran along the woodwork to clothing, etc., on the shelves. The damage to stock was estimated at \$1,000 and about \$700 to building. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The apartments over the store were not damaged, except from annoyance by smoke. The fire was discovered by Sergeant Scott, who was passing at the time.

## Longshoremen Stood "Pat" Yesterday

Refused to Work on Ships Unless Assured of Double Pay for Holiday.

The Longshoremen stood pat on their working agreement with the shipping companies relative to Easter Monday as a statutory holiday and refused to work yesterday unless they received double pay.

In their agreements signed last fall the shipping companies agreed to pay double time for work on statutory holidays and Sundays, but the shippers claim that Easter Monday is not a statutory holiday, that it had never before been recognized as such, and they could not see their way clear to accept it.

**Refused to Work**  
Yesterday the men refused to work unless guaranteed their double time, and this the shippers, in most cases, refused to do. Work was, however, continued throughout the day on the C. P. O. S. liners Pretorian and Scandinavia, the company agreeing under protest to pay the double time. Work was suspended on all other steamers at the west side.

## Auto Driver Took Dangerous Chance

Drove Car Under Mill Street Crossing Gates—Narrowly Escaped Moving Train.

"Fools rush in," and they do it in automobiles. A motor car whizzing along Mill street from the direction of Paradise Row and Main and headed for uptown. Just as it neared the railway crossing the gates began to slowly fall. The motorist, at some motorists do, left everything to the engine, the car got under the first gate by inches, the steel leg just grazing the top of the hood. Continuing on to the next gate, he was actually wide enough awake to perceive a switching engine with a long string of cars approaching the crossing. It was but a dozen feet away and the crossing gate was all the way down, but then the train was a dozen feet away and with a perverted sense of what is clever the driver took the chance. The engine gave a start, and the car dashed on over the track just clearing the oncoming shunter by a few feet. Realizing that the gate would be shattered the crossing man lifted it, but did not have time to get it up far enough to avoid grazing the windshield of the insane driver's car. The car dashed into the fog and on up town, accompanied by the curses of the gateman and a good many bystanders who witnessed his wantonly careless and criminal act.

## Not Surprised At The Announcement

Local Civil Service Employees Prepared for Decrease in Living Cost Bonus.

The announcement that a reduction of 25 per cent. in the cost of living bonus to civil service employees would soon become effective, caused no surprise to the civil service employees in this city who had expected it and were prepared for it.

The employees are disappointed that such is to occur, but can see nothing to be gained by petitioning the government with remonstrances. The bonus, it appears, was given shortly after the outbreak of the war and was intended to offset the increased cost of living. It is now proposed to decrease the bonus on the grounds that the cost of living is reducing.

When the question of decrease was first considered, it was understood that a 50 per cent. cut was proposed; but after some discussion, a decrease of 25 per cent. was agreed upon as just and equitable.

The highest bonus received here last year was \$420. That will be reduced under the new scale \$105 this year.

## CANTATA GIVEN IN BROOKVILLE

Large Audience in Methodist Church Delighted With "The Easter Lily."

A Cantata "The Easter Lily," conducted by Mrs. V. Pederson was well rendered at the Brookville Methodist Church last evening. A large audience was present and the fine music was greatly enjoyed. George Brown was chairman. In the presentation of the cantata, Mrs. Pederson was ably assisted by Miss Willett and Mrs. Hayes. Much pleasure was given by a solo rendered by Donald McPhail of the Y. M. C. A. Trio.

The proceeds of the concert are for a piano for the church.

## Death Claims A Prominent Citizen

George A. Knodell, Well Known Printer, Succumbed from Pneumonia.

Very general regret will be felt at the news of the death of George A. Knodell, which took place last evening at his residence, 125 Elliott Row.

Mr. Knodell had reached the advanced age of eighty-six years and was thought to be recovering from an attack of pneumonia but succumbed to the disease.

**In Printing Business**  
Although born in Halifax, Mr. Knodell has been a resident of St. John for a very long period. He was in the office of The News in this city where he was associated with the late Senator Ellis and Edward Willis. His printing business has been a well established one and he was universally known and respected as a man of sterling character and integrity.

**Prominent Citizen**  
Mr. Knodell was at one time member of the City Council. For thirty years he has been chairman of the Municipal Home in which he took the deepest personal interest. He was a faithful member of St. John's (Stone) Church and will be greatly missed from that congregation.

His wife, who preceded him seventeen years ago, was Miss Jane Hoyt of Bridgetown, N. S.

There survive four daughters, Miss Elizabeth, Miss Georgianna, Miss Jennie, and Mrs. P. R. Dearborn, also two sons, C. H. Knodell of the Bowser Company, and J. William Knodell, of George A. Knodell & Sons, all of St. John.

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## LUXOR TEMPLE COMPLETE PLANS

Big Shrine Meeting to be Held April 14—Tablet in Honor of Nobles in Great War.

A meeting of the executive of Luxor Temple was held at the Potentate's office Sunday when arrangements were completed for the big shrine meeting of Luxor to take place on Thursday, April 14 commencing at four o'clock in the afternoon. At two o'clock in the afternoon a tablet will be unveiled in honor of the Nobles who enlisted and served in the Great War.

## SUPPER SERVED TO 228 BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts held rehearsals yesterday afternoon and evening in preparation for their big display at the Armistice. Supper was served to 228 boys last evening at 6.30 by the following committee from the Fundy Chapter, I. O. D. E.: Miss Ethel Mellick, Miss Winifred Upham, Miss Colston, Miss Miller, Miss Jennie McKay, Miss Frisbee. The use of the Boy's Club was granted to the ladies and great assistance was given by Mr. Penley, who is caretaker there.

## Minnedosa Held At Partridge Island

Colonization Party Included in Large Passenger List—Domestic for West.

The C.P.O.S. liner Minnedosa arrived off Partridge Island at 12.30 yesterday afternoon, coming direct from Liverpool, and at Partridge Island the big liner was held until 3 o'clock this morning because of the heavy fog which prevented her reaching her berth on yesterday afternoon's tide.

The Minnedosa has 508 cabin passengers and 1,270 in the steerage. She also brings 4,000 tons of general cargo, 1,170 tons of mail, and 250 packages of parcel post. Among the cabin passengers are J. Fraser Gregory and wife, of this city, and the Hon. Manning Doherty, commissioner of agriculture for the Province of Ontario.

**Colonization Party.**  
When the passengers disembarked this morning Capt. Andrew Macdougall, travelling colonization agent of the Department of Colonization and Development of the C. P. R., will be on hand to receive a party of ninety farmers who are to be distributed through the Western Provinces by the department. These men intend going into the farming and fruit raising business. Many of the men are married and have their families with them ready to establish homes.

**For Western Provinces.**  
These farmers are to be distributed among the various provinces of the West, as follows:—Winnipeg, nineteen; Saskatchewan, fourteen; Calgary, twenty; Edmonton, ten; Ontario, nineteen; British Columbia, eight.

The Minnedosa also brought to this country a Saskatchewan government party of thirty-four women from the Williams Settlement Society enroute to Saskatchewan.

Four special trains will be despatched this forenoon to convey the ship's passengers to their various destinations. The first two will be for the accommodation of cabin passengers, the other two for steerage.

## Evidence Heard In Akerley Case

Women Lodge Members Testify—Signed Confession and Letter.

The case of Johnston Lodge L. O. B. A. vs. Mrs. George O. Akerley, Worthy Grand Mistress of the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association for British North America, was continued before His Honor Chief Justice MacKinnon in the circuit court rooms, Masonic building, yesterday.

**Lodge Members Testify.**  
A number of women, members of Johnston Lodge testified to having worked at the exhibition tea rooms conducted by the lodge. They described the methods used in carrying out the work, the number of days they worked, what they sold, and the prices they charged. They also stated that money they received was turned over to Mrs. Akerley, her husband or son.

The witnesses who testified were Josephine Woodcock, Mrs. Clara Ivers, Mrs. Mary Duff, Mrs. Emma Ivers, Mrs. James Hatfield, Mrs. Lydia Magee, Mrs. Kathleen Rossence, Miss Elizabeth Cummings, Mrs. Chas. Woodard, Mrs. Florence Brown, Mrs. Catherine Ellingwood. Mrs. Ivers stated that she solicited \$100 towards furniture for the L. O. B. A. put in the Memorial Home, and Mrs. Cummings said she solicited \$30 for the same purpose. Both ladies testified that the money had been turned over to Mrs. Akerley.

**A Confession.**  
Mr. Teed placed in evidence a confession written by Mrs. Akerley in the presence of Dr. James Manning, Mr. W. R. Robinson and H. C. Lawton on the 20th of November, to the effect that she had placed a dining room suite belonging to herself in the Provincial Memorial Home and reimbursement in her own name for \$72.50 from the funds of the lodge. Also that she had put in a bill in the name of Mrs. Curtis and forged Mrs. Curtis' name to the receipt.

**Burned Up Money.**  
Mr. Teed also put in evidence a letter from Mrs. Akerley to Francis Kerr in which Mrs. Akerley stated that she had burned up \$500 belonging to the lodge while burning up some old papers, and promising to pay back the money.

Chief Justice MacKinnon appointed G. Percy Leonard, court stenographer, as commissioner to take the evidence of Mrs. Lily Moore, treasurer of Johnston Lodge, and that of Mrs. Ida Blair both of whom are ill and unable to appear in court.

The hearing was adjourned to Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

## EMPIRE LEAGUE ELECT NEW MEMBERS

Decide on Holding Mass Meeting April 17—New Quarters in Market Building.

A meeting of the executive of the Canadian Imperial League Ltd., was held at the office of the president last evening. Important business in connection with the league was transacted and arrangements made for a mass meeting in the Queen's Theatre on April 17th to be addressed by a prominent speaker. The following new members were elected: James E. Jordan, Wm. J. Brown, Gilbert C. Jordan, Mrs. G. Ring, Herbert W. Jones, Harry E. Jones.

New quarters have been arranged for in room 27 Market building and will be opened Tuesday evening, April 12, when an interesting meeting will be held.

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We wish particularly to acknowledge the splendid services rendered by the women of the village who so valiantly assisted in confining the spread of the fire and without whose help much valuable property would have undoubtedly been destroyed.

We wish to announce that a neighboring building has been secured and the business will be continued at this stand until such time as a new building is erected.

Cody, N. B., March 29, 1921.

A special meeting of the Letter Carriers' Association was held Monday to discuss the proposed reduction in the Civil Service Bonuses. It was the opinion of all present that the cost of the necessities of life had come down sufficiently to warrant a reduction of 25 per cent. as proposed, and a wire to that effect was dispatched to Premier Meighen, also asking that the bonus be continued as at present until living costs are materially lower.

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**CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that a Bill will be presented for enactment at the next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick to amend 2 George V.—Chapter 53. The purpose of the Bill is to permit the Municipal Council to issue Bonds and fix rate of interest on bonds to be issued for improvements at the General Public Hospital in Saint John.

Dated this 7th day of March, 1921.  
James King Kelley, R.C.M., K.C.  
County Secretary.

**NOTICE.**  
My wife, Agnes Demaine having left my bed and board I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

**JAMES DEMAIN.**  
March 28, 1921.