

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong southerly winds; fair and mild, followed by showers at night.

Toronto, Mar. 25—A trough of low pressure extends from Lake Superior to the south-west states, while a pronounced high area with a northerly weather covers the western provinces. Showers have occurred in many parts of Ontario, but the weather from the Great Lakes eastward has been mostly fair and mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: Location, Min. Max. Includes Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

One Answer. In response to a question of a correspondent asking the meaning of the word "trait-scooler," a correspondent suggests "rathskellar."

Settlers Placed. The party of twenty-five new settlers which arrived on the Royal Edward the other day have all been placed in positions by the provincial immigration authorities.

Cleaning North End. Residents and merchants of the North End were glad yesterday to see a crew of men at work removing the ice from the roads and clearing away the mud. The clearing was sorely needed as horsemen can well testify.

Remanded to Jail. Three colored men, who were arrested one day last week for disorderly conduct and assault, on Brussels St., were before the Magistrate yesterday afternoon. William Scott gave evidence and the prisoners were again remanded to jail.

Scarlet Fever. Officials of the Board of Health say the health conditions in the city are about as usual at this time of the year, though there are more cases of scarlet fever in a mild form than there has been for some time. This disease is not confined to any particular district but is widely scattered about the city.

To Sell Fishing Lots. The dredging operations in Wellington slip, West St. John, will not be undertaken this year and as a result of this the city will be able to offer for sale three more harbor fishing lots. The arrangement was reached yesterday morning at a special meeting of the common council, sitting in committee of the whole, at which Mayor Frink, Commissioners Wigmore, McLellan and Agar, the common clerk and the city engineer were present.

Helped Himself. Yesterday afternoon some person entered the office of the Dominion Metal Works on Pond Street and while those in charge were out in the warehouse, the thief extracted ten or twelve dollars from the safe which had been left open. It was suspected that the theft was committed by some boy who happened to enter the office and finding no one in charge and the safe open helped himself to what cash was in view.

Police Court. In the police court before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday morning John McCafferty and John Melanson, charged with stealing from the C. P. R. at Sand Point, were sent up for trial. Seven prisoners were before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday morning on charges of drunkenness. Five were fined \$5 or thirty days in jail, and the other two, one of whom was a woman, were remanded. The woman holds the record for the number of times arrested in St. John.

Harbor Fisheries. The harbor fishermen are getting their wares erected ready to start operations for the season. The gasperaux fishing should begin in a week or two. What is generally called the ice run of gasperaux passed up the harbor some days ago, but the run was not large. For the greater part of the winter the fresh fish dealers have had difficulty getting supplies, and the scarcity is particularly pronounced at the present time. The dealers as well as the fishermen will welcome the opening of the spring fishing.

For Busy Summer. "Matters are quiet in St. George at present, but the prospects look good for a fairly busy summer," said Geo. E. Frauley, who is at the Victoria. "The pulp mill is closed down at present owing to lack of wood, but it will be started up again as soon as supplies are gotten out. The granite works are continuing operations on about the usual scale." Mr. Frauley, who has for some years been secretary of the Charlotte County Weavers and Workmen's Union, said that the fishermen were busy getting their wares in shape for the season's fishing, and they anticipated a good summer if the sardines turned up in any quantities. It was reported that the big plant of the Canadian Sardine Company located at Chathamook would resume operations in May.

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THEFT CASE UP IN COURT YESTERDAY

Myrtle Chedare Charged with Stealing Valuable Diamond Ring from H. N. M. Stanbury's Residence.

There was a large gathering in the police court yesterday afternoon, when the case of theft against the seventeen-year-old girl, Myrtle Chedare, was resumed. The girl had been a domestic in the residence of Harvey N. M. Stanbury on Parks street, and had only been employed in the residence two days when Mrs. Stanbury's engagement ring, with three diamond settings and valued at two hundred dollars had been stolen. It was suspected that the girl took the ring and although she denied the theft Mr. Stanbury laid information against her and she was arrested, but allowed out on bail.

E. S. Ritchie appeared on behalf of the accused and Daniel Mullin for the prosecution.

H. N. M. Stanbury.

Mr. Stanbury was the only witness examined yesterday afternoon. He told of Mrs. Stanbury frequently leaving the ring on a shelf in the kitchen. He said that there had been a nurse in his employ for the past eighteen months but that her integrity was unquestioned. The defendant was engaged on a Tuesday and that afternoon Mrs. Stanbury left her ring in the accustomed place in the kitchen, three hours later she found it missing. The nurse had been out of the room all the time, but the Chedare girl had been seen in the kitchen near where the ring had been left. Mr. Stanbury said that he had questioned the girl regarding the loss of the ring and told her that she must find it, but the girl claimed that she did not know anything about it. When the girl arrived at the house she was accompanied by a young fellow whom she claimed was her brother, but it was believed later that he was not her brother.

Denied the Theft.

The girl's aunt was brought to the house and the defendant stated to her that she had not taken the ring. Detective Killen was also summoned to talk matters over with her and still she maintained her innocence. The witness said that when he spoke to the girl regarding the disappearance of the ring she did not appear to be agitated.

Mr. Ritchie asked for a dismissal of the case on the ground that there was not enough evidence to hold the defendant. Mr. Mullin reviewed the case for some time and the Magistrate decided to adjourn until Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and allowed the defendant out on bail.

WILL RENEW WATER PIPES

Department of Water and Sewerage Preparing for Busy Season—Eight Inch Pipes.

As soon as the weather permits, the department of water and sewerage will continue the work of renewing water mains in many of the streets. No pipe smaller than eight inches will be used and this is expected to make quite a difference in the volume of water available.

When the water system was first introduced here mains as small as two inches were used, but it has been found that many of these were almost completely filled up by corrosion and amount of water trickling through the apertures was scanty indeed. During last summer, when renewals were being made, it was found that several four inch pipes were practically closed and of no use as a means of carrying water. The smaller pipes were particularly common in the eastern end of the city below Duke street, but it is expected to have the greater portion of these small pipes replaced by those with an eight inch aperture.

The work of renewal will be started as soon as the frost has gone out of the ground.

NORTH END AND WEST SIDE COMMITTEES

The following gentlemen are collecting in connection with the Metroplex campaign in the West End: E. R. Taylor, Sergt. Wm. Finlay, Enoch Thompson, W. L. Stewart, Clinton D'Arcy, S. M. Wetmore, Alfred Burley, Stanley Olive, John Myles, Jas. McLennan, F. T. Waters, O. D. Turner, E. T. Howard, H. Blissett, H. Parsons, Herbert Mayes, J. T. Wilcox, Thos. Rippy, Harold Mayes, J. F. Brittain.

The following are working in the North End of the city: Geo. Warwick, A. J. Armstrong, Fred Colwell, D. J. Carr, Harry Fales.

LACE CURTAIN SALE AT M. R. A.'S. A great opportunity for housekeepers to save will be afforded at this big sale of Lace Curtains to commence at 8.30 this morning in the House Furnishing Department. Just the kind of curtains that will be needed for spring fitting up of apartments and all at remarkably low prices.

THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL.

ROYAL LINER STEAMS FOR OLD COUNTRY

The Royal Edward Lway, Royal George Sails from Bristol for this port, on Last Trip.

Last night about 9.30 o'clock the Royal Mail steamship Royal Edward, Captain P. M. Wotton, R. N. R., left her berth at the Long wharf and steamed for Avonmouth and Bristol. The passenger list included 18 first, 27 second and 278 third class passengers. Among the first cabin passengers on board were: E. G. Appleby, St. John; M. J. Ketchum, Toronto; Leydet de Montigny and Miss Laydet de Montigny, Paris, France; Miss Mason, Halifax; E. L. Stewart, Patterson, Toronto, and G. Thorpe, Toronto.

Among the provincialists in the second cabin are Mrs. W. DeBolla, Miss Emily Powell, Mr. Larson of Charlotte, P. E. I., Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Parnell and Master J. P. Parnell, of Brighton, N. S.

The ship has on board one thousand tons of cargo and the mail shipment amounts to 934 bags and 245 packages parcel post. The Royal Edward will make one more voyage to this port this season, leaving Bristol April 8th.

The steamer Royal George of the C. N. R. line, left Bristol yesterday at 6 p. m. Greenwich mean time, for this port and is bringing the first of the spring rush of passengers. The passenger list includes 28 first, 208 second and 739 third class passengers. She has on board 1,500 feet of general cargo and the mail on board amounts to 1,724 bags and 247 packages parcel post. This will be the last trip of the Royal George for this season as her next trip will be up the St. Lawrence to Montreal.

The Royal Line boats have proved very popular ships here this season.

PORCUPINE IS NOT YET EXPOSED

G. H. F. Adams Tells of Conditions in Noted Mining Camp and District—Gold is there.

"Life in the Porcupine mining camp is a quiet affair mostly," said G. H. F. Adams of that place, who was in the city yesterday on his return from a visit to Glasgow, Scotland. "Of course there was some excitement during the big strike which swept that region some time ago, but fortunately it turned out that the first reports about the loss of life were grossly exaggerated. "Nobody can tell just what kind of proposition the Porcupine district will prove. At the present time there are two companies carrying on mining operations on an extensive scale. These are the Hollinger and Dome. The Hollinger has been paying big profits from the start, and perhaps you know that a St. John man, Mr. Alexander Globe, is the manager. He went to South Africa with one of the Canadian contingents, and after the war got into the mining game there with the De-Beer's people. Later he came to Ontario, and has been manager of the Hollinger mines.

"It is all quartz mining in the Porcupine. A good deal of prospecting is still going on, and there is vast area which has not yet been explored. The gold is there in some places in heavy veins, but whether the camp will be a permanent one nobody knows. There is no such doubt about the Cobalt; that is the greatest nickel and silver camp in the world, and mining operations can be carried on indefinitely." Mr. Adams has a number of interesting stories to tell about the luck of some of the men who have made big fortunes in Cobalt and the Porcupine.

LIFTON DISMISSED; LACK OF EVIDENCE

Arrested on December 3rd, has long been a Familiar Figure in Police Court Circles.

On December 3rd, George J. Lifton, an Englishman, was arrested on the charge of assault and was found guilty and sent to jail for a term of two months. When his term expired he was arrested again on a warrant sworn out by Abraham Saltzman for obtaining money under false pretences. Evidence had been given to show that the defendant had obtained an amount of money on a set of medical instruments claiming the instruments were his property, but later on the instruments were shipped away and the persons who loaned the money did not receive money or the instruments.

It was shown by the Magistrate in his address that the prosecution did not prove that any other person owned the instruments and that he had raised the money on the instruments, which as far as the evidence went had been his property. There was not enough evidence to send the defendant up for trial and he was dismissed and allowed to leave the court.

NEW SEWER WILL PROVE A BENEFIT

Will Switch Drainage from Marble Cove to Main Channel of River—Improve Health.

The new sewer, which is being constructed in order to divert the sewage from the Marble Cove, should prove a great benefit to the northern part of the city. Up to the present the sewage from practically the whole section of the city west of Douglas avenue and south of Victoria street has been deposited in the Marble Cove, and from a sanitary point of view has been very unsatisfactory. The water in the cove is very shallow and at low tide the flats are left bare. Much of the material carried down by the sewers was left exposed between tides and this was said to be liable to affect the health of people living in that vicinity.

The new arrangements of the Board of Health whereby all houses were compelled to have proper sewerage connections tended to increase the amount of filth deposited in the Marble Cove and people residing near this body of water have long been agitating for the continuation of the sewer to the main channel of the river.

Arrangements for the construction of the main trunk sewer were completed last summer and the work of excavation was started early in the new year. The new stretch of sewer will be about 1,500 feet in length and will be of concrete construction with brick lining. The inside diameter of the tube will be thirty inches. The line will tap the present main in the field at the rear of the St. John Railway Company's car barns and will cut across the side of the hill above the St. John Power Boat Club house and then will follow the shore to a point in the channel of the main river at Rowan's wharf. The boy's field sewer or which was one of the problems of former councils, will enter the new trunk.

In several places the trench is cut through solid rock to a depth of twenty feet but the greater part of the line runs through earth. The new sewer will care for all the sewage that now empties into the Marble Cove, and will serve Douglas avenue, Victoria, Metcalfe, Clarence, St. John, Durham, Douglas, Kennedy, Cedar, Main and Harvey streets.

The utilizing of this new sewer line will be a great help towards cleaning up the Marble Cove and making it much more pleasant for those who use it for their boats. The stretch from the fifth emptied into the cove has been a great nuisance to the St. John Power Boat Club, who have considered the building of this new sewer as a very important undertaking. The new sewer will likely be in use before the season of the boat club is well underway.

PREPARE TO CLEAN PIPES

Start will be Made Within the Next Few Weeks—Will Increase Efficiency of Mains.

Within the next few weeks a start will be made in the work of cleaning the big water mains that carry the city's supply from the source to the distributing valves at Marsh Bridge. It is expected that when the pipes are cleared of all accumulations caused by corrosion that the supply at the householders will be increased. In order to insert the cleaning apparatus in the pipes manholes will be necessary, and these will be cut at various places and will be arranged so that they will always be available for cleaning purposes.

The apparatus for cleaning the pipes has the general appearance of two railway car wheels on an axle, with a rotary plow arrangement ahead. The contrivance passes through the pipes end on, and the apparatus is capable of being expanded or contracted to fit different sized pipes. In order to place the machine in the pipe the water is shut off and the manhole cover removed. After the cleaner is in place and the covers placed in position the water is turned on and the force of the stream forces the cleaner along. Should the apparatus become stalled all that is necessary is to open up the pipe and give it another start.

It is expected that several weeks will be necessary for the thorough cleaning of the mains, but there will be no noticeable reduction of the water supply while the work is under way.

Waterways of St. John.

In St. Michael's Hall, Main street, tonight, Com. Wigmore will address the members of St. Peter's Y. M. A. on "The Waterways of St. John."

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