

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Some light snow falls or flurries have occurred today in many parts of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, and a change to much colder weather is now taking place from the lake region to the Atlantic. The temperature has risen a little in Alberta, but remains extremely low over Manitoba.

AROUND THE CITY

Doors Open. The police report the finding of doors open in two warehouses on Saturday night.

Thistle Curlers. A special meeting of the Thistle curling club is called for this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Men's Bible Class. The Men's Bible Class of St. John's (Stone) church will meet this evening at eight o'clock.

Women's Council. A special meeting of the Women's Local Council will be held this afternoon. Important business will be dealt with.

Ole Martin's Again. Saturday afternoon the police were called into Ole Martin's boarding house on Bixby street to eject two undesirable men.

S. S. Manchester Trader Arrives. Steamship Manchester Trader, Capt. Musgrove, arrived last night from Manchester via Halifax with a general cargo.

Vital Statistics. The reports to the registrar of births, marriages and death for the week ending on Saturday showed seven marriages and eight births, seven of them males.

Speaks on Heredity. Yesterday afternoon, H. A. Powell, R. C., delivered a most interesting lecture to the young men in the Portland Y. M. A. rooms. The subject of the lecture was Heredity.

Prayer Book Found. Policeman Gardner found a prayer book on Charlotte street, yesterday afternoon, and the owner can procure the same on application at the central police station.

Pressmen's Meeting. A special meeting of the printing pressmen and assistants union will be held in their hall, in the Opera House, at 7:30 tomorrow evening. A full attendance is requested.

Petitions in Circulation. Lansdowne ward residents are circulating petitions against the granting of a liquor license to M. J. Nugent on Douglas avenue. The petitions will be presented to the license commissioners.

S. S. Granpian in Port. Allan line steamship Granpian arrived yesterday from Liverpool via Halifax. Most of her passengers were landed at Halifax. Three saloons, 50 second cabin and 25 steerage passengers came here.

Sailors Celebrating. Sergt. Baxter was called to the East Side ferry house on Saturday on account of a disturbance that was being created by some drunken sailors. When the officer arrived the disorderly tars had left the building.

Retreat in St. Peter's. Yesterday a retreat was inaugurated in St. Peter's church, North End, conducted by Rev. Patrick Sheehan, C. S. S. R., of Brookline. The retreat is divided into periods of 3 days, for the men and the women of the parish.

Bank Meeting Today. The annual meeting of the Bank of New Brunswick will be held at noon today in the office of the bank. Reports of the year will be submitted, and the directors elected. The bank has had a very successful year.

Wandering About. Early yesterday morning Policeman James Ross arrested Thomas Smith, a young Englishman, on the charge of wandering about in Water street, and the Market Square and not being able to give a satisfactory account of himself.

Art Club Reading. The afternoon reading in connection with the course of the St. John Art Club will be held this afternoon, when a lecture on Ford Maddox Brown and Pre-Raphaelitism will be read by Miss Josephine Suter. Afternoon tea will be served by a committee of ladies.

Out of Misery. Yesterday afternoon a dog captured a cat in a yard off Leinster street and with one shake broke the cat's back. Policeman Gosline was summoned from the central station and killed the injured animal with a shot from his revolver.

Traveller promoted. E. R. Fenwick has been appointed manager of the St. John branch of the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Goods Company in place of P. R. Hanson, who is now manager at Montreal. Mr. Fenwick was a traveller for the company, and his promotion from the road to the management is the cause of many congratulations from his friends.

Good News by Cipher. When the Donaldson line steamer Indrani arrived in port Saturday morning a cablegram awaited chief officer J. S. Houston. The message had but one code word on it, which was "official." The code book was quickly brought into play, and when the word was found it was a happy smile which came over the chief's face as official message "Twins, boy and girl, all well." Mr. Houston is receiving the hearty congratulations from the other officers of the ship and his many friends in port. The Indrani left Glasgow on Hogmanay, which in Scotland is known as the last day of the year, and had one of the regular winter passages. She brought a large cargo and is docked at the McLeod wharf.

DELEGATES CHOSEN BY THREE LIBERALS

Not Very Representative Gathering at Musquash Primaries—Meeting Harmonious in Every Way.

What the organs of the dredging contractors will probably call "A most enthusiastic and harmonious gathering of the Liberal ratepayers of the parish of Musquash," was held on Saturday evening in the office of the Inglewood Pulp and Paper Company. It was a harmonious gathering all right as there were but three men present and they had nowhere else to go. Consequently they held a meeting.

In order that these men, who had the temerity to stand forth as Liberal ratepayers of the parish of Musquash may receive the proper recognition from the powers that run the Liberal party in this constituency, The Standard publishes their names herewith. They were John McLean, Charles Spinney and George Read. At one time it looked as if the attendance of the meeting might be doubled as three other men passed the building while the meeting was in progress, but they did not stop.

As an evidence of the harmony which prevailed, it may be stated that John McLean was elected chairman. When the time came to fill this important office, Mr. McLean was nominated by one of the three and the nomination was seconded by the other. Mr. McLean put the motion to the meeting and it was declared carried unanimously.

The question of electing a secretary arose, but on looking around the chairman decided that the election of this officer should be postponed until a more propitious occasion. A careful survey in all directions failed to disclose any more of the Liberal ratepayers of the parish of Musquash hurrying to the gathering, so no action was taken, and the Liberal ratepayers of the parish of Musquash are without a secretary.

The meeting was more fortunate in the election of delegates to the nominating convention, although even in this case the regular quota was not chosen. The parish was entitled to send three delegates to the convention, but only two were chosen. The fortunate two are Charles Spinney and Herbert Mawhinney. No substitutes were elected.

It will be seen from this that although the meeting was attended only by Mr. McLean, Mr. Spinney and Mr. Read, the first named gentlemen will represent their parish, one as chairman and the other in the list of delegates. What position Mr. Read will fill is as yet unknown. Further advices from Musquash will be awaited with interest.

At the St. Martin's Liberal primaries Saturday night, the following were elected delegates to the convention: F. M. Cochrane, chairman; A. E. Bentley, M. P.; Robert Conolly, John A. Howard and Patrick Nugent.

INCENDIARY FIRE IN MOLE CORN MILL

Building on Celebration Street, Owned by J. Willard Smith, Slightly Damaged—Fully Covered by Insurance

Shortly after eight o'clock, Saturday night, fire was discovered in the cornmeal mill at 60 Celebration St., owned by J. Willard Smith. An alarm was sent in from box 241 and the department were soon on the scene. The fire was mostly about the rear of the building where the machinery is and worked along the second floor and shutters. A couple of good streams of water were poured on the flames and after about an hour's work the fire was extinguished. The building and machinery were quite badly damaged, but it is thought the loss will not exceed \$500, and is covered by insurance on the Equity Fire Insurance Co. While the building is owned by J. Willard Smith, the machinery is only stored in the mill and is owned by Greer & Company, the manufacturers, of Toronto, the representatives being E. Leonard & Sons in this city. Mr. Smith had the sale of the mill about completed to outside parties who intended putting it in operation. The mill was built about two years ago by Ford & Darling and has been idle since its completion. It is thought that the fire was incendiary as the doors and windows were boarded up and there was nothing in the mill from which a fire could take place accidentally.

Grand Falls Rector Here. Rev. A.H. Crowfoot, rector of Grand Falls and Andover, preached in St. Paul's church, yesterday morning, and in Trinity church last evening. Rev. Mr. Crowfoot has been in the city for the past few days attending the meetings of the synod committees and endeavoring to interest his friends in the building of a new church at Grand Falls, which it is expected will be commenced as soon as the weather permits. Rev. Mr. Crowfoot came to this province from England two years ago. He is a young man, a fluent speaker, and his sermons yesterday were much appreciated by those who heard him.

Eastern Canada Best. There was a spirited debate in the rooms of the St. Peter's Y. M. A. rooms, Douglas avenue, yesterday afternoon, the subject being "Resolved, that Eastern Canada affords better opportunities to a young man than the West." James B. Dever led the affirmative and was assisted by Bernard McCovern and Chipman Olive. Frank Cotter led the negative, assisted by Messrs. Coll and McDonald. V. Shea was the judge and awarded the victory to the affirmative side.

Annual Fur Sale. F. S. Thomas's annual January clearance sale starts at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. These are all bonafide price reductions in fashionable and seasonable furs, including mink, Persian lamb, grey squirrel and martin.

POULTRY MEN PLEASED WITH APPOINTMENT

Seth Jones of Sussex Will Fill Position of New Inspector—Will Begin Duties on February 1st

The action of the provincial government in appointing Seth Jones, of Sussex, as poultry inspector for the province, has met with the strong approval of poultry raisers. Mr. Jones, who is at present giving a course of lectures at the Agricultural College at Truro, will lecture in different parts of the province, and do other work for the encouragement of poultry raising in New Brunswick.

The appointment will take effect on February 1st. The appointment is evidence of the expansion of the work of the Agricultural Department under the present provincial administration. Mr. Jones is a well known poultry expert and speaks with authority on all matters connected with the raising of poultry. His services have been much in demand at exhibitions as a judge.

SOCIALISTS AGAINST COMMISSION IDEA

J. W. Eastwood Says Board of Trade Offer No Guarantee That Property Qualification Will Not be Required

At a meeting of the Socialists last evening, J. W. Eastwood spoke on the commission form of government as advocated by the Board of Trade. The speaker said the proposition as put forward was likely to be opposed by the workers, because the Board of Trade had given no guarantee that the commissioners would not be required to have a large property qualification, and further that no provision for the creation of civic machinery that would make the initiative and referendum effective.

"Socialists," said the speaker, "believe in direct legislation, but we would like to see the advocates of the referendum in city affairs acting a little more consistently. When R. L. Borden proposed a referendum on the navy question, the Liberal leaders and their local organs repudiated the idea that the people should be consulted directly."

Continuing, the speaker said that if the Board of Trade endeavored to form a citizen's association embracing all classes, and to devise a policy or select candidates satisfactory to all classes, it would be found that the expedient of reducing the size of the council was not at all likely to prove a panacea for all ills. It was a matter of history that the Board of Trade some time ago had elected a reform council, composed of business men fashioned after its hearts' desire, but it was well known that the reform council had turned out no better than the reform councils in other cities, where the movement was the result of spasmodic interest in civic affairs.

The advocates of the commission made much of the idea that the city was a sort of club. The implication was that they wanted to restrict the franchise to property owners.

In conclusion, the speaker said that St. John was deficient in inspiring civic ideals, and until the schools taught the duties of citizenship, no particular form of government would produce the results expected by the Board of Trade.

An interesting discussion followed, the tenor of which was that the Board of Trade could not run the city.

ALD. WIGMORE TO STAND BY MARKET

No Intention of Resigning and Other Members May Reconsider Decision—Charges to be Dealt With at Meeting

Ald. Wigmore, who arrived home on Saturday, declares that notwithstanding the action of the council in reinstating Mr. Dunham, and the charge made by Aldermen Pettit and Vanwart that he had canvassed for the position of Director of Public Safety, he has no intention of resigning from the market committee. "The fact that Ald. White has tendered his resignation to the mayor does not influence me," he said. "I was appointed along with the others to try to straighten out the affairs of the market and I see no reason to resign. No doubt the matter will be thrashed out at the special meeting of the council which the mayor intends to call in a day or so. The charge made by Ald. Vanwart will have to be dealt with also. I never sought the position of director in any way. Ald. White when seen last night said he would not withdraw his resignation and would refuse to serve on the market committee again."

Ald. Jones said that his first intention had been to resign, but that he proposed to consult with the mayor and Ald. Wigmore before deciding what he would do.

Materials at M. R. A's. Choice fabric ends will be sold at very low figures—furniture coverings, cretonnes, art tickings, felts, denims, colored madras, printed serim art silks, art silkolines, etc. Sale starts promptly at 8:30 in housefurnishing department. Another interesting sale commencing Tuesday will be the offering of hundreds of yards of colored suitings and dress goods; announcement in this evening's papers.

Coat Lost

A reward will be given for the return to 43 Sewell Street, of a man's heavy Black Cloth Overcoat, removed from the north bank of Lily Lake on Saturday afternoon, while the owner was skating.

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