















THE WEATHER.

Maritime—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 buildings 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 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. 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.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS A RIDICULOUS STATEMENT Factory Inspector Replies to A. B. Copp's Attempt to Make Party Capital Out of Boiler Inspection.

When asked last evening with reference to statements made by Mr. A. B. Copp in his speech in the budget debate, concerning inspection of the boiler in the plant of the Daily Mail, new Liberal organ, Fredericton, Mr. John Kenney, factory inspector, said that the member for Westmorland had gone a long way out of his road to make a very unfair attack upon him.

Mr. Copp stated that Mr. Kenney had gone to the office on the day the paper was announced to appear and demanded to see the certificate of inspection of the boiler on the premises. "Such a man as this," says a report of the work by "the right man to hold such an office."

Mr. Kenney states that he is required to see that all boilers are inspected and stamped in the same way that he had previously visited the Gleaner. He was received with courtesy, shown the certificate and left the office without any trouble.

From Mr. Copp's remarks it would appear that Liberals should be exempted from any inspection.

COURT ROCKWOOD I.O.F. 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.

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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.