

THE WEATHER

Toronto, May 24.—Pressure is high over the Atlantic and New England States and relatively low over the Upper Lake region and in Alberta. The weather has been fair today over the Dominion except in portions of Southern Ontario where it has been mostly cloudy. In the Western Provinces it has turned quite warm.

St. John 36 60
 Prince Rupert . . . 40 54
 Vancouver 46 63
 Calgary 40 52
 Edmonton 38 50
 Winnipeg 38 50
 White River 32 66
 London 49 71
 Toronto 48 63
 Ottawa 48 63
 Montreal 40 66
 Quebec 35 68
 Halifax 36 58

Forecast.
 Maritime—Moderate winds, fair; a little higher temperature.
 Northern New England—Increasing cloudiness and warmer Wednesday, followed by showers Wednesday night or Thursday; warmer Thursday.

Crop Conditions In The Province

Now Somewhat Backward for Lack of Rain—Conditions Worse in Quebec.

What looked like an early season for crops is being changed to a somewhat backward one by the drought that has prevailed since early spring, there having been no heavy rains so far, and the light snow melting quickly left the ground comparatively dry. The planting has been going on rapidly and, not having been interrupted by any rains, the farmers have their cropping nearly finished, but the growth has been slow and will continue to be unless rains relieve the situation at an early date. The rains of last week were only local showers and did not reach the northern part of the province in the same volume that characterized their visitations to the middle and southern regions. The big storm of last Friday night was comparatively light in the northern counties and did not touch some places at all. If wet weather does not soon set in the farmers in the potato districts fear that there will be a repetition of last year when the seed failed to sprout and was crusted by the fertilizing chemicals.

It appears that this province is not alone in suffering from a drought. A visitor in the city yesterday who came from Montreal after a trip through several points in Quebec stated that the conditions there were even worse than in this province. No rain has fallen there either and some of the crops were planted at an earlier date than here, consequently they have been suffering from the want of moisture longer.

Strike of Workers Seems Now Assured

Local of Street Railway and Electric Workers Reject Proposal of N. B. Power Co.

The Local Union of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway and Electric Workers was held Monday evening to discuss the situation growing out of the N. B. Power Company's notice of a 20 per cent. reduction in wages, the introduction of the "One Man" car, and the company's determination not to recognize the union in consideration of disputed questions after June 15th.

Nothing official has been given out from that meeting. It is understood, however, from a reliable source, that the question involved brought forth much discussion at times, and that a final decision, not unanimous, to reject the proposed wage reduction, pass up the "One Man" car and fight for the recognition of their union.

Recognition Chief Concern.

It is also understood that at this meeting many expressed a willingness, although reluctant to do so, to accept the wage reduction with the understanding that the union should be recognized by the company and the "One Man" car left over for further consideration. Our informant, not an official but it is known, stated that the strike of the union was practically decided upon at the meeting if the company fails to meet the workers in their contention.

The management of the N. B. Power Company could not be reached last night and no comment from the company's standpoint could be secured. The committee in the union will have a conference with the company today when their decision in reply to the company's proposals will be delivered.

Everybody Active In the Campaign

Most Encouraging Reports Received from Red Cross Membership Campaign.

Mrs. G. A. Kahring is most enthusiastic over the success of the work accomplished so far in the Red Cross campaign for membership most encouraging reports have come to her this week from all sections of the province showing a hearty disposition on the part of all classes and creeds to assist in the work.

Kent County Active

At Rexton a large and enthusiastic meeting was held on Monday evening, arranged by Mrs. A. D. Carson, organizer for Kent county. Dr. Girvan was chairman. Addresses on the peace programme of the Red Cross were given by Revs. Orman, of Richibucto; Lewis, of Buctouche, and Gardner, of Rexton. A very active committee is at work throughout Kent county in the charge of members.

Grand Falls is taking an active interest. At a big gathering held there recently the organizer was given an opportunity to make the work known. Mrs. H. A. Puddington is convener of the organizing committee in that part of the county, and has been making good use of every opportunity for furthering the cause of the Red Cross throughout the community.

Other Places Busy

Reports from Campbellton show the people hustling there. The organizing committee is in charge of Mrs. John Collier. Efficient conveners for the various sections were found in Mrs. J. D. Sargeant, Mrs. E. A. Gillis, Mrs. B. Rosborough, Mrs. V. Currie, Mrs. B. McLaughlin, Mrs. J. C. Ferguson, Mrs. Robt. Baird, Mrs. E. E. Richards, Mrs. H. B. Anslow, and others.

Rev. Father Melanson is the centre of another strong group and is being assisted by Mrs. A. Martin. Managers of banks and the clergy in all towns are joining in the work to boost it along to a successful finish.

AROUND THE CITY

COUNCIL MEETS TODAY.
 The regular meeting of the council will be held this afternoon at three o'clock.

BEER LICENSES ISSUED.
 The number of beer licenses issued to date is 281 for the province. Of this number forty-seven are for the city and eighteen for the county of St. John.

HARBOR COMMISSION.
 The mayor has set Friday afternoon as the time when the city council will take up the matter of a plebiscite on the matter of harbor commissioner for St. John.

A BUSY DAY.
 Monday was a banner one at city hall in the issuing of dog licenses, forty-five having been issued up to noon. This makes a total of 624 issued for this season.

RED CROSS DRIVE
 A meeting of the local Red Cross was held at the home of Mrs. Richard O'Brien, the convener, on Monday afternoon to organize the members for the drive which starts on Thursday.

A CHAFING REGULATION
 A juvenile fisherman was heard to say on Monday night: "It's hard luck that the law allows us to catch only ten pounds of fish and tomorrow's holiday."

TO MEET THIS MORNING.
 A conference will be held at the office of the mayor between representatives of the Power Co., the West Side Improvement League and the city in regard to the removal of the rails from Queen Square, West.

TO ATTEND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 Rev. J. A. MacKeegan, of St. David's church, will leave here the latter part of the week to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Synod at Toronto. He expects to be away three Sundays, supplies having been arranged for his pulpit.

WILL VISIT EUROPE.
 Dr. Sexton, principal of the Halifax Technical College, accompanied by Mrs. Sexton, will sail for Europe this week. They will spend considerable time in the mother country, attend the Rotary conference, and then take a tour of the continent, going down to Italy, and enroute will visit the battlefields of France.

SURVEYING PARTY
 A survey party on which several St. John boys are employed has begun work for the Provincial Government at Bathurst Mines, about forty miles from the town of Bathurst. The party left Fredericton a week ago yesterday. They expect to operate in that vicinity for the greater part of the summer.

FROM RHODE ISLAND
 A large auto truck covered over with canvas and bearing Rhode Island number plates and a party of men, was stopped Monday night at Bathurst by an officer and searched for contraband, but as nothing suspicious was found, the driver was allowed to go on his way along the road to Moncton and then to Buctouche, which is their destination, where the men are to be employed.

T'WAS DONE IN THE EAST
 An energetic group of admirers of the out-door life yesterday raised the flagpole and surmounting gilded ball, on the East End grounds. The ceremony although not given publicity was attended by a rather select and exclusive group of audacious visionaries who applauded Mr. Harry Short, not only for the effort made to please the kiddies, but for his wholehearted sacrifice during all the Spring days.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES.
 The Board of Trade has received a communication from a Japanese firm in Winnipeg telling of the great demand for United States goods in Japan and saying that many lines of Canadian goods could favorably compete with the United States in this business. The firm asked for the support of exporting and importing firms here in building up business with Japan. An enquiry was received also from a firm in Quebec asking for the name of a wholesale firm that would handle a line of wooden crates, baskets and such articles.

Mr. and Mrs. Reverdy Steeves announce the engagement of their daughter, Sallie, to Mr. J. L. MacCoubrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. MacCoubrey, of St. Andrews. The marriage to take place the latter part of June.

Sudden Death of Miss Alice Melvin

Eldest Daughter of Dr. George G. Melvin Died at Lawrence, Kan.

The sudden death of Miss Alice Melvin, eldest daughter of Dr. George G. Melvin, provincial health officer, will be learned with the deepest of regret by a wide circle of friends.

Miss Melvin was a teacher in a college at Lawrence, Kansas, about twenty miles from Kansas city, and on Monday morning she was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis and underwent an operation. Her father, Dr. Melvin, now residing in Fredericton, received a telegram Monday evening that his daughter was progressing favorably and was shocked yesterday morning on receiving another telegram announcing her death.

Besides her father, the deceased leaves one sister, Miss George Melvin, to mourn. Her mother died ten years ago.

The late Miss Melvin has many friends in St. John and deepest sympathy is expressed to her bereaved father and sister.

Miss Melvin after graduating from the St. John High School was graduated in arts from McGill, and later took a course in English at Bryn Mawr. She then accepted a position as teacher in a college in Philadelphia from which she went to the college at Lawrence, Kansas, where her death occurred.

Erin Street Fire Last Evening

House Occupied by Frederick Rooney and William Cameron Considerably Damaged.

An alarm was sounded from box 10 at 8:15 last evening by Police Officer Store for a fire in the second story of a house at 60 Erin street, occupied by Fred Rooney and owned by Mrs. Lucy Downing of 99 Brussels street. The fire caught in the front living room and an adjoining bedroom, but was not allowed to spread. Considerable damage was done to the furniture and clothing in the two rooms, amounting to about \$200. The loss was not covered by insurance. William Cameron, the occupant of the lower flat, also suffered some slight loss through the damage. The occupant of the upper flat, Ralph Kelly, was not affected by the blaze.

Will Hold Inquest On Friday Evening

Jury Empanelled by Coroner Kenney to Enquire into Death of Ivison Graham.

The inquest into the death of Ivison Graham, the nine-year-old lad who shot himself with a .22 calibre rifle at Spruce Lake Saturday, will be conducted by Coroner F. L. Kenney, in the Temperance Hall at Fairville, at 8 o'clock sharp Friday night.

The jury empanelled by Dr. Kenney consists of W. A. Nelson, foreman; C. L. Doherty, A. W. Cartin, A. C. Lawrence, S. Doyle, J. C. Maxwell and C. E. M. deGosse.

The remains of the deceased at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Almely Graham, at South Bay, Monday, and adjourned till Friday evening, when the presence of Ronald, his twelve-year-old brother, and the only witness of the tragic happening, will be heard.

The two boys went fishing at Spruce Lake on Saturday, taking with them a rifle. Ivison took up the gun and turning to his brother said: "Watch me shoot myself." He then pulled the trigger and, receiving the discharge from the rifle in the head, fell down dead.

Community Club Made Good Start

East St. John Residents on Campaign to Provide Needed Improvements.

The newly organized Community Club of East St. John, held a meeting Monday evening with President Magee presiding, and a large number were present. Many new members were enrolled, and a general spirit of interest prevailed which augurs well for the success of the club.

The club decided at this meeting to begin a series of entertainments in that vicinity for the purpose of providing shelter at the car stops. After this has been accomplished other undertakings will be taken up.

Following the business of the meeting there was a short musical programme contributed to by Miss Edith Magee, Mr. John Sampson and Mr. John Tonge.

The ladies of the club provided refreshments and a general social hour followed.

Lumber Business Seriously Affected

Large Part of Winter's Cut Being Left in Woods—No Drive Below Plaster Rock.

In the world-wide lethargy in industrial conditions possibly few lines of business have been more seriously affected than lumbering. This province being historically great lumbering centre has been so affected that very little is now going on in places where other years this season was the busiest of the year. Small as last winter's cut was a large part of it is being left in the woods, the operators preferring to let it stay there rather than tie up more money when the bottom of the market is out.

On The Tobique.

A visitor to the city yesterday said that on the Tobique river for the first time in upwards of fifty years there has been no drive below the town of Plaster Rock. In all former years besides a general drive there has been considerable rafting done by the small operators, but this season only a few rafts have come from that district. The same is true of most of the other tributaries of the St. John, and the total logs in the river now being driven by the St. John River Log Driving Corporation, who have charge of all the lumber in the main river south of Grand Falls, is considerably smaller than in any year since that company has been organized.

The General Drive.

The general drive of the river which started from Grand Falls about two weeks ago was this morning at Hartland and expect to reach the booms above Fredericton in about two weeks. Another drive started from Woodstock a week ago and is now at Long's Creek. They expect to reach the booms before the end of this week.

Some rafts have been brought to this city from up river points but none of them have contained logs driven from north of Fredericton. Rafting is now going on there, and some will soon be towed here. The Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Co. have insisted their driving operations on the Nashwaak river and now have their men employed at rafting the whole cut.

Operators report that men are being obtained in plentiful numbers at wages varying from \$10 a week to \$12 a week. The prevailing rate now being paid is \$2.00 per day and board, a wage that last year would have been raised at. In some cases the rate is lower than that.

Four Prisoners Sent Up For Trial

Owens and Cameron Attempted to Break Jail—Two for Stealing Bicycles.

In the police court Monday, Ronald Owens and Charles Cameron were sent up for trial on the charge of attempting to break jail. Owens was also committed for escaping from the Boys Industrial Home.

Lawrence Burke and Charles Brownell, two prisoners who were confined in jail with the accused, gave evidence of having seen Cameron and Owens working with wooden keys made from the handle of a broom. Owens, they said, opened one of the cell doors and asking for the keys to the police. Each was fined \$5 for being drunk and \$10 for using profane language.

In the W. H. Sharpe contempt of court case, W. R. Scott, for the prisoner, moved that the order under which Mr. Sharpe was being held had been issued without jurisdiction, the prisoner be released. The Magistrate refused to interfere in Supreme Court matters and laid the case over until Friday morning.

Thos. Ramsey pleaded not guilty to having liquor in his possession for an unlawful purpose and was remanded until Friday at 2 o'clock.

Chas. Crawford and James Levine, two of the boys arrested at Masquesne,

WAR VETERANS' FAIR OPENED

Good Attendance at St. Andrew's Rink — Various Booths Nicely Decorated.

St. Andrew's rink was in gala attire last night on the occasion of the opening of the annual G. W. V. A. fair. In spite of the fact that it was a holiday and many people were out of the city the attendance was large. The various booths were tastefully decorated and thoughtfully arranged and the committee in charge had ingeniously directed their efforts to amuse and entertain the patrons of the fair, which will continue until the evening of the third of June. Door prizes and lottery prizes are given each night. The city cornet band was in attendance.

COLD FOR FISHING.

A number of citizens who went to the country lakes and streams for a holiday fishing trip report only a few catches owing to the weather being rather cold.

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RED CROSS MATINEE IMPERIAL TODAY, 4.30

The Imperial will have its own big programme with Will Rogers, Buster Keaton comedy and other features today from 2 to 4.30. The usual admission will be charged. However, at 4.30 the grand Red Cross children's matinee will commence at which a special programme arranged by the Red Cross Society will be rendered. Admission to this show will be by Red Cross flag, which may be procured at the theatre during the forenoon and afterwards. Persons attending the first show will be seated already for the special entertainment.

Out Door Play Days for the Kiddies Are Here

In joyful anticipation of the days ahead, the Beach, the Sands, days when mother may rest with no thought of worry for fear the wee ones may ruin their dresses. Our display of Children's Wear is exceptionally interesting. We pride ourselves upon this fact. Such a glorious array of Gingham Dresses, Rompers, Pull-overs, Stockings and Underwear. Just the kind like Mother and Dad wear, only in miniature size. The range of Dresses, etc., we are showing this week is too great to attempt to describe in print. Our only wish is that you will avail yourself of the opportunity to inspect our stock of Children's wear.—Dykeman's.

NOTICE
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Dr. J. D. Maher returned on Monday after a visit to Halifax.