

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong north and northwest winds, mostly fair and cold; a snow fall in Cape Breton.

Washington, Mar. 17.—Forecast: Northern New England Fair Thursday and Friday; fresh north winds.

Toronto, Mar. 17.—The southern storm has developed much energy, and is now moving northeastward towards Newfoundland. The weather continues mild in the western provinces and cold from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures.	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	42	50
Victoria	46	58
Vancouver	44	58
Kamloops	32	46
Calgary	32	46
Swift Current	24	48
Medicine Hat	24	44
Moose Jaw	19	44
Winnipeg	28	36
Port Arthur	13	34
Parry Sound	10	34
Toronto	20	32
Montreal	14	24
Quebec	13	28
St. John	18	30
Halifax	20	38

Around the City

Bought Cronin & Ward Stock.

The stock of Cronin & Ward was purchased by J. L. Thorne and it is understood that the business will be carried on by Mr. Thorne.

A Riotous Soldier.

William Collins, a soldier of the 26th Battalion, was the cause of considerable disturbance on Charlotte street last evening, about eight o'clock, and was placed under arrest. He is charged with causing a disturbance, dragging a man named Angus along the street, and with using profane, abusive and obscene language.

St. John Nurse in England.

Miss Florence Armstrong of St. John who was among the Canadian nurses taken to England, is attached to the hospital in which Capt. C. J. Morgan was placed when ill. This was the word received from England by members of Captain Morgan's family. Captain Morgan was said to be improving.

In Dublin Hospital.

Harry Bridgson of the Street Cleaning Department, has received a letter from his brother Pte. Joseph Bridgson who is now laid up at a hospital in Dublin suffering from severe frost bites sustained in the trenches where he has been practically since the outbreak of the war. Private Bridgson states that some of the men were obliged to march seven miles with frost bites on their feet and are suffering in consequence. He hopes soon to be restored to health sufficiently to rejoin his regiment at the front.

Digby Fishermen.

"Although the weather on shore this winter has been unusually mild, it has not been as favorable to fishing operations as might be supposed," said Captain Anderson of Digby, who was in the city yesterday. "The Digby fleet have made fair catches this winter, but did not do as well as last year. All the skippers report that the weather on the off-shore banks has been very windy, and that on many days it was too rough for fishing. Steam trawlers have done very well, as they can fish when the ordinary sailing vessel cannot put out her boats."

Sussex Man Quickly Captured.

Yesterday a telegram was received at police headquarters from Sheriff McLeod of Sussex asking that a man named Frank Foster be arrested and held on the charge of adultery. The case was handed over to Detective Kilgus who was not long in placing Foster under arrest. It is said that Foster arrived in the city on the early train yesterday morning and left the train at the Island Yard. Yesterday afternoon Sheriff McLeod arrived in the city and left again on the Maritime express, taking the prisoner with him to Sussex. Foster is about 28 years of age and presents the appearance of a laborer.

RED CROSS TEA.

The Lancaster Red Cross Society held a tea at the home of Mrs. J. V. Anglin yesterday afternoon, from 4 until 6 o'clock. Mrs. Hotherington was convener of the entertainment committee and the proceeds of the tea will go towards buying materials for the comfort of wounded soldier lads at the front. The decorations were all symbolic of St. Patrick's Day and the house was prettily decorated both outside and in. On the outside the decorations consisted chiefly of flags, while on the inside the trimmings were green and white. The amount realized was \$280, one hundred of this being contributed by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, E. L. Rising, W. E. Foster and Dr. Kenney. Mrs. Anglin and Mrs. Charles Coster presided. There was a sale of fancy goods and home-made candy. Mrs. Cecil McKel assisted by Mrs. Duffield, Miss Ready and Miss Douglass, had charge of the fancy table. Miss Jessie Compton, Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Dunlop conducted the candy table. Ice cream was sold by Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Halifax and Miss Perrie.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTING FISHERIES

Business Manager of Maritime Fish Corporation declares Department of Fisheries under administration of Hon. J. D. Hazen, is doing much to encourage development of fish business.

"The Maritime Fish Corporation has done more business this winter than it did last season, and fresh and mild cured fish are selling lower in Ontario and Quebec and points west today than this time last year," said A. H. Brittain of Montreal, business manager of the big fish company, who was at the Royal yesterday. "People cannot complain about the high cost of living so far as fish are concerned.

"The Dominion government by its efforts to provide cold storage for the shipment of fish to the interior of Canada has done a great deal to encourage the fish business," said Mr. Brittain. "In the last few years there has been a rapid and steady increase in the quantity of fresh fish being shipped from the Atlantic seaboard to interior points, and there is no doubt that the encouragement given by the Dominion Department of Fisheries has been an important factor in this development.

"Now in order to keep up this development we need a publicity campaign to bring to the attention of the people in the interior the value and importance of fish as food for the people. Notwithstanding Canada has off its shores the greatest fishing grounds in the world, the people of this country do not consume as much fish per capita as less favored countries. With the increased cost of other articles of food fish should come more into demand, and this should be of great benefit to the fishing industry of the lower provinces.

"This winter," added Mr. Brittain, "we have had a steam trawler operating out of Canoe all winter. This is the first time in history that fishing operations have been carried on from Canoe in the winter. We have demonstrated that fishing can be done from Canoe the year round, and this should have considerable influence upon the fish business there. We have shown the fishermen need not lay up their boats in winter, as they have been accustomed to do."

RECRUITS FOR RAILWAY CORPS ARRIVE HERE

H. A. Brennan enrolling men for Railway construction corps—Quarters will be ready on Saturday—Mounted rifles leave for Amherst on Friday.

Recruiting for the Railway Construction Corps is proceeding. Yesterday H. A. Brennan of the C. P. R. who has opened recruiting offices at the C. P. R. central offices here enrolled quite a number of men. Nine men arrived here from Montreal yesterday, and it is expected others will be sent nearly every day from now on. Arrangements for quartering the men on the west side will probably be completed by the end of the week. Kitchen cars are being fitted up and colonist cars equipped with sleeping accommodation. It is said that already the number of volunteers is such that the C. P. R. officials will be able to pick and choose the men who are to be sent to Europe to aid in keeping railway lines open when the Allies start their forward drive.

The Mounted Rifles will leave St. John for Amherst on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. They will go by special train. B. Squadron has already been mobilized here preparatory to leaving for Amherst, and members of Major Markham's squadron will be picked up en route.

Yesterday when the 26th Battalion lined up for a route march the officers and men displayed a bit of shamrock in their caps, the remembrance being presented by Mrs. J. L. McAvity, wife of the commanding officer.

As he was a South African veteran John Casey will be given a military funeral, attended by B Company of the 26th.

AND THE MAN AT THE OTHER END OF THE LINE MAY BE WAITING YET

An Interrupted Telephone Conversation Between the Standard and a Business Man.

Yesterday afternoon a business man called up The Standard office. He was in the middle of a rather important conversation when "Central" decided to take a hand, and did so to the extent of cutting the connection. This happened in the course of a sentence and the final import of the conversation was lost. In a few seconds the Central operator kindly enquired of The Standard "Number?" On explaining that the connection had been cut in the midst of a conversation the operator asked: "What number were you talking to?" Nobody in this office knows from memory the numbers of all the people who call and the enquiry failed to elicit a definite response. In fact The Standard man said he didn't know. "Well, haven't you got a directory?" came the voice from Central.

"What has that to do with the case when you cut the connection?" asked The Standard.

"I'll connect you with 'Information,' and you can find your number there," the operator kindly answered.

The Standard asked for the manager's office.

"What number," this mildly from Central.

"The manager?"—This in some excitement from The Standard.

"I will connect you with 'Information,'" from the operator.

"Thanks," from The Standard.

"Whom do you want, please," the gentle voice of Information.

"Give me the manager, and get him quick!"—The Standard.

"This is the manager's office."

The Standard—"Is Mr. Fraser in?"

"O-o-o-h, No, Mr. Fraser is out of the city."

"Well, get me Mr. Nesbitt."

"I'll connect you with 'Information.'"

"To H— with information." Surely The Standard man never said this, but it would seem to be the case.

Information—"What number would you like?"

"Get me Mr. Nesbitt and get him before supper time."

Soon a ladylike voice answered: "This is the local manager's office."

"For Heaven's sake, is Mr. Nesbitt in?"

"He is in the building somewhere. If you will leave your number I will have him ring you when he comes in."

Meantime at the other end of the wire an indignant citizen waited in vain for the answer to a question which he had asked and which was of some importance to him.

He is still waiting, waiting until Mr. Nesbitt returns to his office and the clerk there remembers to have him call up The Standard.

HOW VICTORIA, B. C., LEVIES CITY TAXES

Does not tax improvements, but has a number of special taxes.

Mayor Stewart of Victoria, B. C., writing to the Board of Trade on the assessment laws of that city, says: "I beg to state that we have the following sources of revenue, viz.:

- Sewer frontage tax of 3 cents per foot.
- Water frontage tax of 2 cents per foot.
- Water rate (minimum) \$1.00 per month.
- Business license \$10.00 per year.
- Liquor license (hotel) \$325.00 per six months.
- Liquor license (bottle license) \$200 per six months.
- Liquor license (restaurant) \$200.00 per six months.
- Liquor license (wholesale) \$150.00 per six months.
- Tax on real estate (land values only).

We have no revenue coming in from railway or other franchises.

I may say that there is no tax on improvements in this city, the burden of taxation having been removed from improvements and placed on land values instead.

We have a population approximating 55,000 in Victoria.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK QUIETLY OBSERVED

Shamrock in evidence, but celebrations were of quiet nature.

St. Patrick's Day was passed quietly in St. John. On account of the unsettled conditions throughout the Empire demonstrations were on a much smaller scale than usual. Those of Irish descent here decided that any unusual celebration should not be held. Some of the Irish societies spent a quiet evening in their rooms and there were entertainments in aid of the different charities.

In the Cathedral yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Wm. M. Duker, rector. The Rev. C. J. McLaughlin was deacon, Rev. M. O'Brien, subdeacon, and Rev. F. A. Bourgeois, master of ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc presided, and was assisted by Rev. M. P. Howland and Rev. H. Belliveau. An excellent sermon, appropriate to the festival, was delivered by Rev. M. P. Howland.

In St. Peter's church, North End, the Rev. S. Grogan, C. S. S. R., celebrated Mass at 9 o'clock. A splendid sermon on the Life of St. Patrick was preached by Rev. E. Walsh, C. S. S. R. In Holy Trinity church, Very Rev. John J. Walsh, V. G., celebrated Mass at 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

In St. John the Baptist church, Lower Cove, Rev. Walter M. Donohoe sang Mass at 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

In the Church of the Assumption, Carleton, Rev. J. J. O'Donovan sang Mass at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He preached on Sunday a sermon on St. Patrick.

Sprigs of shamrock were much in evidence about the streets and some of the stores adopted green and Irish harps as a scheme of decoration for the windows.

An excellent musical entertainment was given under the auspices of St. Peter's Y. M. A. in St. Peter's Hall, Elm street, last evening. This was well attended.

IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IN ST. JOHN

Board of Trade receiving encouraging reports on business conditions from manufacturers and others

The Board of Trade's enquiries into business conditions at St. John have elicited a number of most encouraging letters, from manufacturers and others, showing that the reports of improved conditions here are not without justification.

T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd., brush manufacturers, say: "We are pleased to advise that business as far as we are concerned has decidedly improved in the last six or eight weeks; so much so in fact that we are now busier than we have been since this time two years ago and from running short time in most of our departments, are running full time throughout and have been forced to run over time in some sections in an endeavor to catch up with orders.

"We are also pleased to advise that this improvement in trade is to a very, very small extent due to any unusual business arising from the war and the requirements of the Militia Department; the business referred to coming mainly from Canada east of Winnipeg, and our export business.

"We have no way of tracing the direct results of the 'Made-in-Canada' campaign as regards the sale of our line; but from our general observations have no doubt that this has been an influential factor in stimulating trade with us. The fact that our business is exceeding the trade done last year is a pleasing indication to us that we are succeeding in bringing some trade to St. John that hitherto was going elsewhere.

Waterbury & Rising, Ltd., shoe dealers, remark: "Business is about as usual, in fact our shipments were considerably ahead of February last year. Our retail shows a slight increase also, therefore as far as our business is concerned we feel that it is about normal. As to the Made-in-Canada movement, we do not know that there is a very noticeable difference as yet, although quite a few of our customers ask if the goods are made in Canada."

W. H. Thorne & Co., hardware dealers, say that they found conditions for last month fairly satisfactory. They do not note any particular effect from the Made-in-Canada movement.

MANTEL CLOCKS

In our King street store we exhibit a most attractive line of Mantel Clocks in modernly designed cases richly finished in Oak, Mahogany, Chromed Walnut and other popular effects. They are shown in various sizes, all being fitted with good, reliable movements and are accurate time keepers.

Our display also includes a well varied range of the smaller styles in Gold Plate and Brass, and a nice line of Alarm Clocks, including the famous "Big Ben."

Prices:
Mantel Clocks \$1.25 to \$30.00
Gold-Plated Clocks \$1.25 to \$6.50
Alarm Clocks \$1.00 to \$3.00

See Our (Upper) King Street Window Display

W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE AND KING STREET

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.
Our Stores Open 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Each Evening During January, February, March.

New Cloth Skirts for Spring

Our new spring stocks of Cloth Skirts are now in our fixtures awaiting your approval. Numerous charming styles have lately been added to our assortments, which depict every desired effect, from the wide pleated styles to the narrower shapes, many of which have the popular flare bottom. Wonderfully low prices will be found attached to each and every garment, considering quality, that are displayed in this exhibit.

Here you can become acquainted with skirts of FINE SERGES in Navy or Black, exquisite qualities, most stylish shapes, many trimmed with braid in military or other effects. All are new and charming. Prices from \$2.49 to \$9.50 each.

PLAIDS and SHEPHERD'S CHECKS in many new and most becoming styles, with high waist band effects, frilled or semi-frilled, some have flare bottom, others pleated and several in plain styles. Prices from \$3.49 to \$12.00.

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Nearly all the household expense goes through the kitchen. The largest items are food and fuel. It is easier to waste a penny in the kitchen than anywhere else.

The truth is that owners of an **Enterprise Monarch Range** pay for the range from its savings in two or three years, and keep on saving for many years after.

The name Enterprise on a Stove insures Satisfaction

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

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Continued Today in the Costume Section

Men's Spring Suits

The Celebrated "Society Brand" and Styles by Other Leading Makers in Nobby Patterns and Shades

It is an exceptionally fine assortment of the new spring models we have ready for inspection of men who admire and like to wear good clothes.

Included in this showing are suits of the celebrated "Society Brand," which, together with styles by other leading makers, represents a grand gathering of the most fashionable effects the season affords.

These suits will provide all the appearance the most particular person can demand and the superiority of designing and finishing places them in the class of clothes the exacting dresser insists upon having.

Inspection will show that every spring need has been thought of and provided for in this largest and choicest display of suits we have ever made.

Prices from \$10.00 to \$30.00
CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

See the Window Displays of New Spring Garments for Men and Boys
Three Windows on King Street and Two on Germain Street

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited