

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:
Maritime—Fresh winds, cool and showery.

Washington, May 29.—Forecast: Northern New England—Generally fair Wednesday except rain in eastern Maine; warmer in Vermont Thursday fair. Moderate variable winds.

Toronto, May 29.—Light local showers have occurred today in eastern Ontario and Quebec, and rain has been general in the western districts of the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fair, and in the western provinces it has been decidedly cool.

Temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	44	60
Vancouver	48	72
Calgary	30	40
Medicine Hat	34	52
Edmonton	30	50
Battleford	38	50
Prince Albert	30	46
Saskatoon	24	48
Winnipeg	40	58
Port Nelson	30	52
Port Arthur	42	58
Parry Sound	42	72
London	45	68
Toronto	48	61
Kingston	44	64
Ottawa	44	60
Montreal	44	54
Quebec	46	60
St. John	40	48
Halifax	38	44

Around the City

Ecclesiastical Conference.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc presided over the semi-annual ecclesiastical conference held in the Bishop's Palace yesterday morning. All the priests in the city were present besides Rev. Walter Donahue, Milltown, Rev. Michael O'Brien, Norton, and Rev. Joseph J. McDermott, Sussex.

Free Swimming at Y. M. C. A.

The second day of the free swimming campaign, being held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. opened yesterday with a total enrolment of 74 boys, 58 attending the afternoon session and 38 the evening session, a gain over Monday of 18 boys. Yesterday the boys used the water wings for the last time, and commencing today, they will do without their aid. During the last two sessions of both the afternoon and evening classes instruction will be given by Mr. Bonk in the holds and breaks that are used in lifesaving on the gym floor.

Slight Fire Yesterday.

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by an alarm from box 15, for a slight fire in the house of 249 Brussels street, occupied by Lewis D. Massie, a laborer. The fire started in a bed. The only damage done was the destruction of a mattress, a small trunk and slight damage to a small section of the bedroom floor. It was stated that Mr. Massie's wife, who works in his wife's in Montreal, and the flat was unoccupied when the fire was discovered. The bedroom window had been open and it is thought that a spark from the adjoining house chimney blew in the window and started the fire.

Manufacturers Meet Today.

The Maritime Branch of the Manufacturers' Association will be in session here today, and it is expected that about fifty delegates will be in attendance. There will be a reception in the Board of Trade rooms at nine o'clock this morning. A business session will be in progress from eleven to one o'clock. Luncheon will be served at the Manor House, and between two and four o'clock the delegates will visit many of the manufacturing plants and other points of interest. A business session will be held from four to six o'clock. In the evening the delegates will be addressed in the assembly room in the High School by Prof. Sexton. The members of the Board of Trade and others interested in educational matters are invited to be present.

THE POLICE COURT.

The case of Arthur Webber charged with illegally having liquor was to have been taken up in the police court yesterday but on application of the inspector Crawford the case was adjourned until Friday.

A young man was charged with being drunk on Union street Monday night. He pleaded not guilty, and said all he had to drink was considered a temperance drink. He was remanded pending some enquiries.

John Jones charged with obtaining money under false pretences was committed for trial.

A fine was struck but allowed to stand against L. J. Phillips, reported for not sounding his auto horn on the corner of Main and Mill streets May 17th.

Gundry's has received a fresh lot of Ladies' Wrist Watches. These are gold filled cases, the celebrated Champ movement, 15 jewelled and guaranteed, selling at \$15. This is an advance of \$1.00 due to the war tax of 7 1/2 per cent.

During June, July and August.

Our store will be open Friday evenings and close Saturdays at one p. m. Favor us by buying early as you have for many summers. Gilmour's, 68 King Street, Men's Clothing, Tailoring, Haberdashery.

Sunday, June 3 being the King's Birthday, the stores of W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., will be closed on Monday, the 4th in celebration of the event.

WATER RATES REDUCTION PASSES CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Wigmore Presents Programme of Water Main Renewals—Work on Clarendon Street to be Undertaken at Once — Market Will Close at Five o'clock for Summer Months.

At the council meeting yesterday the water rates were fixed for the same as last year with the exception of real estate and stocks, the rate on which was reduced from one quarter of one per cent. to one fifth of one per cent, which will result in a reduction of nearly \$18,000 in the amount those taxed on these items will have to pay. Commissioner Wigmore presented a programme of renewals of water mains calling for an expenditure of over \$18,000. It was decided to have the common clerk prepare an amendment to the market by-law permitting the market to be closed at 5 o'clock during the months of June, July and August. Commissioner Fisher's recommendation regarding Clarendon street was adopted and his recommendation regarding retaining walls was laid over until Thursday.

Mayor Hayes presided and all the commissioners were in attendance. The commissioner of water and sewerage recommended that the rates for water assessment for the city of St. John and the assessment district for the parish of Lancaster for the present year be fixed at the same rates as last year with the exception of schedule B and that the rates under schedule B be fixed as follows, namely:

Schedule B.
For every one hundred dollars of real estate on which buildings are erected, including the value of such buildings, on the line of any main pipe, or within seven hundred feet of any main pipe, one fifth of one per cent.

For every one hundred dollars of vacant land on which no building is erected, situate on the line of any main pipe, or within seven hundred feet of any main pipe, one fifth of one per cent.

For every one hundred dollars of all stock-trade, wares, merchandise and personal property (excepting household furniture and logs in timber ponds) situate, stored or being on the line of any main pipe, or within seven hundred feet of any main pipe, one fifth of one per cent; that the following water distribution mains be renewed, namely:

Drury Lane and North street, (60 years old), relay 4" with 8". Estimated cost \$1,075.20.

St. James street from Sidney street to Pitt street, (70 and 50 years old), relay 4" and 6" with 10". Estimated cost \$4,426.60.

Prince William street from St. James street to Queen street, (60 years old), relay 6" with 10". Estimated cost \$1,069.50.

Long Wharf, (25 and 16 years old), relay 4" with 8". Estimated cost \$1,461.50.

Queen street from Wentworth street to Pitt street, (50 years old), relay 4" with 12". Estimated cost \$1,894.00.

Pine Street Alley (so called), (70 years old), relay 4" with 6". Estimated cost \$427.40.

German street from King street to Union street, (70 years old), relay 4" with 10". Estimated cost \$1,731.40.

Prince William street from Queen street, (60 years old), relay 6" with 12". Estimated cost \$4,127.10.

Sheffield street from Carmarthen street to Wentworth street, (50 years old), relay 5" with 8". Estimated cost \$1,377.20.

Princess street from Sidney street to Carmarthen street, (60 years old), relay 6" with 10". Estimated cost \$1,847.30.

Payable from water maintenance fund; that Mr. Frank A. McNelis the acting engineer and superintendent be re-engaged for a further period of three months from the first day of June next at the same salary as now paid; that the city purchase from W. I. Penton for the sum of \$300, a lot of land on the southern side of St. Andrew's road, facing Ludgate Lake, the said lot having a frontage of 100 feet on the road and extending back 500 feet with summer camp building thereon, title to be satisfactory to the city solicitor.

The report was taken up section by section. That dealing with the rate under schedule B caused considerable discussion. The mayor was inclined to think the reduction should be greater, at least equal to the amount taken last year from the water department for general revenue and sewerage maintenance, and suggested that if a reduction could not be made in any other way a discount might be allowed of say ten per cent. when the bills were paid.

A Comparative Statement.

Commissioner Wigmore presented the following comparative statement for years 1916 and 1917 showing a reduction of \$18,963.10 in the assessment and the estimated receipts and expenditures for 1917:

Amount of 1916 Assessment.

\$23,009,100.00, from valuation real estate, \$57,548.75.

\$3,648,000.00, from valuation stocks, \$14,585.60.

From supply, \$97,618.75.

Total, \$169,763.10.

Proposed Assessment 1917.

Estimated \$23,400,000.00, From valuation real estate, \$46,800.03.

Estimated \$3,500,000.00, From valuation stocks, \$7,000.00.

From supply, \$97,000.00.

Total, \$150,800.00.

Decrease, \$18,963.10.

Total Estimated Revenue for 1917.

Interest and sinking funds, \$112,000.

Lake Latimer and Lancaster renewals, \$40,000.

Other renewals, \$10,800.

Total renewals, \$250,800.

Last year the department had an actual surplus of \$23,510.18, of this amount \$11,042.16 was spent on sewers, \$5,601.72 on hydrants; a total of \$17,643.88, leaving a net surplus of \$4,866.30.

It was finally decided to pass the rates with the understanding that the commissioner would present a proposal along the lines of a discount at the Thursday meeting.

The remaining sections were passed without discussion.

On the recommendation of the commissioner of public lands, the leases were issued to Clinton A. Kilham and Grace St. John Spears.

Market to Close Early.

Commissioner McLellan presented a petition from the stall holders of the market asking that it be closed for the summer months at 5 o'clock instead of six. He had been informed by the city solicitor that in order to do this it would be necessary to amend the market by-law and the common clerk was instructed to prepare the necessary by-law permitting this to be done. Commissioner McLellan announced that as Monday next was a holiday the market would be closed.

The mayor said Monday was a statutory holiday and he presumed the schools would be closed, city hall and the banks would also be closed, but it was not known what action the business men would take.

William R. Scott, wrote asking that his expenses in connection with the Lucas-Lalocque case be paid. This was filed.

A communication was read from Pickett & Lewis asking that an amount of \$400 due Corey & Stevens from the city be paid to them when due, as the firm of Corey & Stevens had assigned to them. This was referred to the commissioner of safety.

Commissioner Deane presented the following resolution:

That cement retaining walls be built by the public works department by day's work, and that payments for same be provided temporarily by the treasury department, and eventually by an issue of bonds covering also the cost of walls built by order of the council in 1916.

Broad street, corner Pitt street, estimated cost, \$974.

Brussels street, at vacant lots, estimated cost, \$2,000.

St. James street, St. John West, from Ludlow to Watson street. Estimated cost, \$3,500.

Clarendon street, north side from Douglas avenue westward. Estimated cost, \$270.

Clarendon street, south side, same as above. Estimated cost, \$270.

This was laid over until Thursday. He then presented the following resolution in regard to Clarendon street:

Clarendon Street Work.
That work in the eastern block on Clarendon street be undertaken by the public works department as early as possible and that payment for same be provided temporarily by the treasury department until an appropriation for same can be made. Estimated cost be:

Rock excavating and cartage, \$316.50

Earth excavating and cartage, 68.00

Grading and rolling roadway

walk

Engineering, incidentals, etc., 100.00

Total \$784.50

This was adopted.

MAJOR L. L. KENNEDY

FORESTRY COMMANDER

Letter to Son, Russell, Tells

of Promotion—Lieut. Frank

Courtney is With the Com-

pany.

Friends of Major L. L. Kennedy, formerly colonel of the 67th Battalion, and who crossed to England as major in command of D Company of the 15th Battalion, will be pleased to learn of his further activities as made known in a letter received by his son Russell, who is a student at the U.N.B. Major Kennedy's home is in Tracey's Mills, Carleton county, but he has many friends in St. John.

Word came the other day that he is now in France. Writing from a base depot at Smith's Lawn, England, under date of May 6, he said he had been getting along very well. He had been placed in command of a forestry company and had been getting it together—180 men, 75 horses, 5 transport wagons, 2 field kitchens, 2 water carts, 2 dump carts.

It is quite a job to get the men, as you have to get the kind of men you want, such as two rotary sawyers, two engineers, two saw fliers, two firemen, foreman, millwrights and a lot of men.

My officers are Lieut. Courtney from St. John, Lieut. Blaudon from middle west, chief engineer from some great works out there—he is my adjutant, Lieut. Laughlin from St. Stephen's son of Major Laughlin of the 104th is transport officer, and Lieut. Gordon, who has been over at the front for nearly two years. I had to get the company ready for inspection

Wednesday by Hon. R. L. Borden, Sir Walter Long, British Home Secretary, Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. J. D. Hazen, Sir George Perley and others.

SIX MEN ON HONOR

ROLL YESTERDAY

Men Offering Were Mostly for

Siege Battery and Com-

posite Company—Kilties Got

One.

HONOR ROLL.

C. R. Dickey, Eastigouche Co.
G. H. Dawson, Moncton.
Siege Battery.

J. Clark, Rogersville, N. B.
A. Doucet, Rogersville, N. B.
Composite Battery.

H. E. Chasson, Chipman, N. B.
Forestry Company.
W. Burke, St. John.
Kilties Battalion.

Six men were secured for overseas service at the central recruiting office yesterday. The Siege Battery and Composite Battery divided honors, in addition to the above four applications were rejected.

Recruiting sergeants as well as the medical examining staffs that the class of men applying for enlistment today are a better class in physique than those applying earlier in the war.

Out of a total of forty-two men who applied last week but six of the number were turned down as unfit for overseas service. This probably establishes a record in recruiting circles.

Moncton Boy Wounded.

Eugene Bourque, nephew of Mrs. Louis Comeau, of St. John, has been wounded at the front. Private Bourque is a son of Dr. L. N. Bourque of Moncton. The doctor has two other sons on the firing line.

62nd Regiment.

62nd Regiment (St. John Fusiliers)—To be provisional lieutenant (superannuated): Wilmot Walter Marsh, gentleman, 21st March, 1917.

Lieut. Col. Hanson.

Temporary Capt. P. R. Hanson has been appointed temporary lieutenant colonel, while in charge of the Canadian Discharge Depot in England.

Is Lieutenant in Artillery.

Advice has been received here that A. E. Stephenson, son of Mr. E. S. Stephenson, Orange street, is now a lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery and is at present attached to the Reserve Brigade at Preston, England.

Lieut. Stephenson went across to France with the Ammunition Column under Major Harrison as a bombardier, and served more than a year on the firing line. Previous to the war he was a sergeant in the local artillery.

Brother John, is sergeant in the Canadian Ordnance Corps in France.

PROHIBITION HAS MADE

A GREAT DIFFERENCE IN

AMOUNT OF DRUNKENNESS

Police Statistics for May Show

Big Decrease in Arrests

Since Same Month Last

Year.

Prohibition is given as the cause for so little drunkenness around the city. Never in the history of present day police officials have there been so few arrests for intoxication as during this present month.

Previous to May 1, when the prohibition act went into effect, there was scarcely a day that the police did not arrest someone for drunkenness, and some mornings, the pen in the police court, was not large enough to hold the large number of prisoners and extra seats had to be provided.

Any liquor that might be in the city at present is pretty well guarded by the owner. Many persons have had in a stock of "On Be Joyful," but they are not giving much of it away and are partaking of it themselves in small quantities. If there is a resort in the city where a citizen can purchase a drink, that place is being kept very quiet, and the favored person who can procure the booze must, necessarily, be a particular friend of the "seller."

During May 1916, there were 101 arrests for drunkenness. The number arrested on a similar charge this month is but twelve, and prohibition has been in effect but twenty-nine days.

A look at the county jail register shows that prohibition has almost wiped out the bulk of its inmates, and the figures given here are as remarkable as in police headquarters.

On May 1st this year, there were 85 persons occupying the cells under sentences or charges. Yesterday there were but fifteen.

Chief Constable D. W. Simpson's report for 1916, which was printed in The Standard last January, shows that during 1916 the total number of arrests was 1,587, and of that number 1,316 were drunks.

With only a dozen drunks arrested this month, and officials think this will prove a large number over the months to come. The yearly arrests

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