

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northeasterly winds, fair, not much change in temperature. Toronto, April 14.—Showers have occurred in Eastern Nova Scotia but elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine. It has been comparatively cool from the Great Lakes eastward and quite warm in the Western Provinces.

Victoria	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	46	58
Kamloops	44	58
Edmonton	40	63
Calgary	38	44
Battleford	46	74
Moos Jaw	43	63
Qu'Appelle	40	72
Winnipeg	40	76
Port Arthur	24	36
London	28	37
Toronto	36	44
Kingston	36	44
Ottawa	32	50
Montreal	36	43
Quebec	40	54
St. John	40	54
Halifax	40	54

Washington.
Forecast: New England—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; moderate variable winds, mostly northeast.

AROUND THE CITY

Courtenay Bay Dredging.
Dredging in the vicinity of Courtenay Bay commenced yesterday when the big bucket dredge Denver of the Norton Griffiths Dredging Co. began operations of Partridge Island, clearing the channel which leads into the Bay.

Escaped from Chain Gang.
Yesterday afternoon when the gang were engaged excavating the General Public Hospital, William Lavine, one of the hard labor squad, made good his escape and his absence was not noticed by the guards until he had made a clean getaway. He is still at liberty.

The Corsican in Port.
With a total passenger list of 1,169, the big Allan liner Corsican arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Liverpool via Halifax and at 5.40 docked at No. 6 berth, Sand Point. On her voyage across the ocean the Corsican experienced the usual rough seas which have been prevalent in the Atlantic this year. She left Halifax 9 o'clock Saturday morning and besides a large passenger list, she carried to this port a large general cargo. The passengers included 36 saloon, 330 second class and 800 steerage. The majority of the passengers who arrived will make their homes in Canada.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Co.
The recently incorporated Cedar Hill Cemetery Company met last evening in Orange Hall, Falville, and elected directors as follows: A. C. Gregory, O. D. Hanson, L. H. Thorne, M. D. Brown, C. T. Jones, Wellington Erb, and Fred McIntyre. Arrangements have been completed whereby the adjacent land formerly the Connor property, has been acquired, and an act passed in the legislature early in March granted all the land included in the cemetery under the control of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Company. The report of the secretary W. H. Allingham, showed the company to be in a favorable condition financially.

TO ASK GOVERNMENT FOR NEW SERVICE TO NOVA SCOTIA COAST

Merchants and Manufacturers Met in Board of Trade Rooms Yesterday Afternoon—Goods Shipped Indirect.

In the rooms of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon a meeting of merchants and manufacturers was held to discuss the situation regarding the south shore of Nova Scotia, service. W. E. Foster presided and there was a representative gathering.

The meeting decided to communicate with the Dominion government to ascertain what steps have been taken to have the services resumed. A large number of local concerns are exporters to different points along the south coast and since the steamer Amelia has been taken off the route they have been obliged to ship their goods indirect by way of Digby and Yarmouth. There is at present no service to these places and local merchants are anxious to have the old one continued, or another established.

The company which operated the Amelia asked that the former subsidy be increased \$2,000 a year, and the meeting decided to find out what action had been taken. If the matter is still undecided they propose preparing a petition and memorializing the federal government to make some provision for renewing the service.

A most attractive item of interest at Dykeman's for Wednesday is a sale of house dresses at \$1.99 each. The biggest house dress bargain of the season. They are made from American percale, fast color and neat patterns and stylishly cut. These are wonderful garments for the price asked for them. Sizes from 34 to 44.

Bargains in Men's Hats.
A rare opportunity to secure mohawk hats in the smartest shapes at exactly half price is offered today and tomorrow by the Marr Millinery Co. These hats are of excellent quality, and the variety consists of about a dozen of the most popular models for the 1913 summer season. They were imported to sell at \$2.50, but for two days only are offered at \$1.25 each and will, doubtless, be picked up rapidly.

Another large body of agricultural settlers will be arriving here during the next ten days, married couples and single men. Farmers visiting here, please write James Gilchrist, 11 King Street.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

Wanneker's Restaurant removed from Charlotte street to 11 and 13 King Square.

CHIEF CLARK ARRESTS MAN ON INCENDIARISM CHARGE

William P. McFarlane Taken in North End for Setting Three Fires Yesterday—May Prove to be Much Wanted Fire Bug—Will Chief Clark get the \$250 Reward?

Chief of Police Clark performed a clever piece of work yesterday afternoon when, about 5.30 o'clock he arrested William P. McFarlane, aged 33 years of age, on suspicion of having set no less than three fires during the afternoon.

An auction sale was being held in the store recently occupied by the St. John Sign Company, at 168 Union street, and there were a large number of people in the store. It was shortly after 3 o'clock when the contents the paper was on fire, but being answered by McFarlane's description was seen to drop a lighted match among some paper on the floor, and then he left the store. In a few moments the paper was on fire, but being detected quickly, the fire was stamped out and no damage done.

McFarlane was shortly afterwards seen on Charlotte street, and at 3.40 o'clock a fire was discovered burning briskly in an old bureau on the second floor of the Market Building. The fire was discovered by Bandmaster McNicol, who sent in an alarm from box 27. When the firemen arrived on the scene they found that the fire had been kindled under the table and the bureau was destroyed and the fire burned a portion of the wall which divided the hallway from Manson's millinery establishment. The fire was quickly extinguished but not until considerable damage had been done.

The next place McFarlane was seen was in the vicinity of the court house on King square, and it was about the time the firemen were returning from the Market Building fire that a blaze was discovered in the court room used by the municipal council and the coroner. A fire had been started in one of the drawers of the long table in the centre of the room, another fire had been kindled under the table and a third fire had been started in the constable's desk in another section of the room. The blaze in the court room was quickly extinguished before much damage had been done.

The matter was reported to Chief Clark and a description of the man who had been seen about the places just before the fires were discovered was given the chief. He immediately sent out a call to the officers on the beats to keep a sharp watch for the man, as he suspected him of being the culprit.

Who Gets the Reward?

The arrest of the "firebug" was the principal topic of conversation on the streets last evening and more than one quiet smile followed a moment's reflection on what will come after the arrest.

In the first place it has been pointed out that the city council, some days ago, authorized the payment of a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the incendiary.

If McFarlane should prove to be the guilty party it would seem that the \$250 must be paid to the Chief of Police.

Another interesting feature is the action taken by the council yesterday afternoon when Commissioner McLellan was given full power to make any arrangements he deemed necessary to capture the person responsible for the fires.

A coincidence, tinged with irony is the fact that even while Commissioner McLellan was securing power to deal with the incendiary problem, Chief Clark was on the job and the arrest followed a few minutes later.

SAND POINT IS CROWDED UP IN COURT

Congestion Clearly Shows Need of Enlarged Accommodations—Steamers Held Up at Island through Lack of Berths

The urgent need of better accommodation for the winter port traffic was clearly shown yesterday at Sand Point, when with all the berths filled two steamers were compelled to wait outside the island until dock room could be provided, by two of the steamers putting to sea. The Allan liner Corsican, which arrived at Partridge Island yesterday morning, and was held up until late yesterday afternoon when the C. P. R. steamer Montreal sailed. The steamer Ruben was also held up until No. 6 berth to No. 1 after which the Corsican tied up at No. 6.

The C. P. R. steamer Montfort from London and Antwerp also arrived outside the island yesterday morning, and as a berth could not be provided she was forced to lie outside. It is the opinion of several of the C. P. R. officials that she will be held here for two or three days. The Montfort has over 1,000 passengers on board.

On account of the congestion at Sand Point a wireless message was sent to the C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple, which at present is about half way across, to finish the run at slow speed, as it would be impossible to give her a berth should she arrive on schedule time.

Included in the cargo of the steamer Montfort which sailed yesterday afternoon was 11,000 bushels of wheat.

Boot and Shoe Factory May Come.
Since the "no called" boom began a year ago inquiries as to industrial possibilities have been numerous. Some of these have been followed by actual achievement while others have either remained in the nebular state or failed to bring results. Among the latest prospects is a boot and shoe industry. The secretary of the Board of Trade has received an inquiry for suitable building for the establishment of a shoe factory. Whether the concern is a local one or is from an out-of-town firm is not made public.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Thomas Merritt, aged 33 years, was arrested yesterday having been given in charge by Norman R. McLeod for assaulting and beating him on Water street. Merritt was liberated last evening on leaving a deposit of twenty dollars for his appearance in the police court this morning.

James W. Kindred.

The funeral of James W. Kindred took place yesterday morning from the Fairview station on the arrival of the Boston train. The remains were conveyed to Cedar Hill cemetery where interment took place. Burial services were conducted by Rev. H. B. Thomas.

SCHOOL BOARD RECEIVE MANY APPLICATIONS

Regular Monthly Meeting Held Last Evening—Reports Show Progressive Work—But One Truant During March

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held last evening in their offices, Prince William street. The chairman, R. H. Emerson, presided and there were present M. S. Aar, C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A. George, E. Day, D. H. Nass, M. Call, W. Dwyer, Dr. H. S. Bridges, A. D. Leavitt and Truant Officer McMann.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting had been read and confirmed, Dr. H. S. Bridges stated that the board had the power to give medical inspection to the school.

The chairman then read applications from Miss Vera J. Smith and Miss Gladys W. Smith of Hampton, and Miss Marion Piers for positions on the local teaching staff. The applications were referred to the teachers' committee.

A letter from George W. Mullin was then read asking the trustees to move his daughter, Audrey, from the Sandy Point school to the city. The letter explained that the expense attached to travelling to and from the school was such as to make the position undesirable.

A communication from Dr. G. U. Hay was read asking permission to use the Centennial School for a week in May and November, for the purpose of holding civil service examinations. On motion of Mr. Lockhart, seconded by Mr. Day, the petition was granted.

A letter from Mrs. John A. McAvilly on behalf of the Women's Canadian Club was read. The letter directed attention to the poster sent by the club, a copy of which they desired to supply each schoolroom in the city. As the poster dealt with the best manner in which to combat the fly pest, the donation was accepted. The secretary was authorized to write a letter of thanks to the Women's Canadian Club.

According to the resolution passed at the last meeting, Mr. Emerson had had a bill prepared for the local legislature to increase the school grant from \$100,000 to \$125,000. This bill had been presented to the legislature by Mr. Lockhart and passed.

C. B. Lockhart reported for the committee on manual training schools. George E. Day made application to the board for a fence for the western side of the Alexander School lot, with a view to further guard the children from danger. It was explained that at this point a ditch of about five feet made it dangerous for the children playing in the yard. After discussion the board authorized the purchase of the lot, and secured that the ditch be filled.

Dr. H. S. Bridges, on behalf of the President of the High School Alumni, Miss Lawson, asked the use of the High School Assembly Hall for the evening of the first Thursday in May, on which date it is intended to hold a large meeting of the Reading Club. On motion of Mr. Day the request was granted.

The report of the secretary for the month of March showed the number of pupils enrolled to be 7,320, belonging 7,041. The average daily attendance was 6,141. During the month the Board of Health reported twenty cases of measles, eight of scarlet fever and seven of diphtheria.

The report of Truant Officer McMann was received and showed that there had been absent for different causes there had been one case of truancy. Mr. McMann went on to relate some of his experiences while attending to his duties.

He said that on one occasion he had gone to a home to inquire why a certain boy was not at school. It was told the lad was seriously ill. On being shown into the bedroom he found the patient in bed with a towel wrapped around his head and two bottles of medicine on the dresser. He was, however, horrified to observe that the lad, who seemed nearly at the point of death, had gone to bed with his boots on, and that they were covered with mud.

On motion the Board then went into committee and considered private business.

UNCLE SAM HOLDS AN UNPLEASANT LEAD IN FIRES

Did you know we lose more, per capita, by fire every year than do France, Ireland, England, Norway and Germany combined? Note the per capita loss through fire in European cities as compared with that in 300 cities in the United States having a population of over 20,000 in 1910:

United States	\$2.39
Germany	\$0.19
England	.44
Ireland	.45
France	.92
Norway	.35

In provision for fighting fires we lead the world and yet our annual fire loss exceeds \$200,000,000.00. The greatest annual fire waste of any country in the world. It has been due only to good luck and the heroism of the members of our fire departments that more serious conflagrations have been avoided in our American cities.

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All commercial men in the city are requested to meet at St. Andrew's Rink, Charlotte St., at 3 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, to attend, in a body, the funeral of the late Arthur F. DeForest.

MAIL COLLECTOR CHARGED WITH DRIVING HORSE UNFIT FOR DUTY—NORTH END TEAMSTER FINED FOR OVER LOADING

There were two cases of cruelty to animals dealt with in the police court yesterday afternoon. George Strayhorn, a young teamster, employed by Fraser Johnson, was charged with attempting to make a 900 pound horse haul 3,600 pounds of iron junk and a wagon up Main street, and when the horse was doing his best to draw the heavy load, the animal was beaten with a whip.

William Lord, who weighed the load of iron when it arrived at the rolling mills, testified to the weight as given above.

Frank Grason, who gave the iron to Strayhorn, gave evidence of the class of iron, but he did not know how much it weighed. \$5 and told that he was getting off rather easily, as he was liable to a fine of \$50.

Howard Phinney, who has the contract for collecting the mail about the city, was charged with having a horse that was being overdriven and unfit for use.

Mrs. Charles Coster testified that the horse was some months ago a good looking animal, but from overwork it now looked as if it was only fit to go to Carr's factory. It is now about ruined, and she believes that its hard set run is out to the One Mills House and back in addition to the hard usage it receives about the city. On Friday she saw the horse standing in front of the Union Club, and when she spoke to the boy who was driving and told him that the horse was unfit for use he laughed at her and made some nasty remarks. Some men who were there at the time also laughed as if it was a joke. "It is a disgrace," she said, "that the Royal mail is being gathered up by using such a skate and the mail should be gathered up by an automobile. She felt sure that Dr. Colter, the Inspector, and Postmaster Sears were not aware of the fact of what they would have done something to remedy it."

Mrs. Coster said that there were some who went like to purchase the horse and give it good usage for a time. Then Mr. Phinney could buy it back again if he wished.

Mrs. George Patterson also gave evidence of having seen the horse being overdriven, it had sore feet, and she had seen rides on his sides where it had been beaten with a whip. She had seen the rig leave with a good whip in the socket, and when it returned after the mails were collected the whip was broken. Its present poor condition was due to cruel treatment.

Postmaster Sears said he was unaware that the horse had been ill-treated and had been known, it would have been his duty to have the matter investigated.

J. King Kelly appeared for the prosecution and Sheriff Skinner for Mr. Phinney.

The case was adjourned until Monday next, and on the condition that Phinney would give the horse a rest the S. P. O. said that they would not prosecute.

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