

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Southwest and west winds; fair, not much change in temperature. Toronto, April 9.—The distribution of pressure has changed considerably since last night. The high area is situated over the Southern States while the low temperatures which was over the Atlantic coast has moved to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and another is moving across the Province of Manitoba. The weather has been milder in the west but has continued cold in Ontario and Quebec.

## Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	40	64
Kamloops	36	68
Calgary	26	64
Edmonton	30	42
Winnipeg	20	48
Port Arthur	18	42
London	18	38
Toronto	22	34
Ottawa	28	34
Montreal	32	34
Quebec	30	38
St. John	30	38
Halifax	34	52

## AROUND THE CITY

**Queen Square Church.** Services in Queen Square Methodist church today at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Next Sunday is "Go to Church Sunday" in Queen Square Methodist church. This church is the church of Methodism in St. John and all old friends are invited.

**Forty Converted.** Rev. Dr. Burrows preached to another large audience in the West Side City Hall last evening. He spoke on the value of more Christianity in all walks of life. About forty people confessed conversion. Special services will take place today.

**Wants Local Investors.** The Board of Trade received another letter from H. G. Freeman of North Framingham, Mass., yesterday, in reference to his proposition to establish a factory for the manufacture of labels, tags and novelties, provided local people would invest \$12,000. Mr. Freeman writes that St. John people are missing an opportunity, as there is no other factory of the same kind in Eastern Canada, and his proposition would pay big profits.

**Will Not Amalgamate.** The advisability of amalgamating the Brussels street and Waterloo St. Baptist churches has been under consideration for some time, but owing to certain conditions which it has been found difficult to deal with it has been decided not to amalgamate or at least not at the present time. Committees which were appointed to investigate the matter and in whose hands was left power to act in the case, held much discussion on the idea of uniting, but with all points considered it was felt that it would not be wise to amalgamate at the present time.

**Efficiency Test.** It is expected that at the last of the present month the boys of the Y. M. C. A. will be called upon to qualify in the Canadian standard efficiency test for boys. The test has not yet been given at any point in Canada east of Montreal and the result here is sure to prove interesting. In the efficiency test all qualities in the boy or young man are taken into consideration, and a certain degree in each is called for. An official of the Y. M. C. A. will be the judge in the test but two outside parties, possibly a doctor and a lawyer, will also see that the requirements of the test are met. The boys are now training for the annual exhibition on the gymnasium floor.

**Several Stung.** The Standard was informed yesterday that four or five merchants in the city were "bitten" by those who were last week working in the city, alleged to be representatives of the Chicago Pinkerton Agency. The men who claimed that they were connected with the famous Pinkerton Agency solicited merchants and business men of the city to place their accounts with them for collection, and they were successful in getting the business of four or five firms. Several other business men on whom they called, however, hand their accounts over to the alleged representatives of the Pinkerton Agency. The warning which was received in the city prevented some of the prospects of the swindlers from being "bitten."

## PERSONAL.

W. Fraher Grant, the young son of J. A. Grant, left yesterday on the Donaldson liner "Athenia" for Glasgow for a trip.

Joseph Mary of Douglas Avenue has arrived from Halifax and will spend some time in the city.

## OBITUARY.

**Mrs. John Major.** Frederickton, April 9.—Mrs. John Major died in Upper Queensbury, Tuesday. About twenty years ago, Mr. Major married Miss Matilda Ketch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ketch. He was about 50 years old, and friends say that his wife was then only 17 years. The wedding created somewhat of a sensation at the time because of the difference in age, but they lived together very happily and prospered. Mr. Major, who was near 70 years, had lately been in poor health, and his wife was nursing him until a little more than a week ago, when she also became ill with measles. Then pneumonia developed, and she passed away. The old man grieved deeply, and finally he died, too, from a broken heart.

**Mrs. John Matthews.** The death of Mary Olivia, wife of John Matthews, took place yesterday at her home. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. F. J. McConaghy of Winnipeg, and one son Allan at home. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, Falmouth street. Interment will be in the Methodist burying ground.

## SEVEN DESPERADOES ATTACK THE MARSH ROAD STREET CAR

Only Driven off after Short but Fierce Fight in which Motorman Woods Uses Iron Switching Bar to Protect Cash Box and Passengers—Bear Marks of Encounter.

Apparently an organized gang of ruffians are at work in the vicinity of the Marsh Road and along the route of the new street railway extension. For some time reports have been current of conduct not at all keeping with the community, but a serious stage in the matter of conduct on the part of young men was reached when at a late hour in the evening the street car travelling on that belt was held up by a gang of desperadoes who fought desperately to overpower the motorman and get control of the car. Only the prompt action of those in charge prevented the hold-up gang from succeeding and clearing away with whatever money it contained. It was about 10:30 in the evening when the car travelling on the Marsh road extension belt was making one of her regular trips that the passengers and those in charge were startled by the sound of a disorderly gang of men near the line, and before they could determine what it all was about seven strapping men, prepared to take over control of the car, boarded the vehicle and only through persistent efforts on the part of the motorman were they successfully driven off. Motorman Woods was running the

car and when the seven able bodied fellows started to enter, presumably with only one purpose in view, to relieve the car of whatever money it contained including that which was carried by the passengers, Mr. Woods seized the heavy lever which is used for switching and by swinging this at his assailants he with difficulty managed to ward off the man. This, however, was not accomplished without some blows being struck and some of the men bear marks of the struggle.

It is believed that the attack on the car was planned by the gang and that the late hour was chosen as a most opportune time for a big haul. It is not known whether the fare box would not be apt to leave the car without first having relieved the passengers of whatever money they were carrying. The attack on the car aroused the indignation of those living in the vicinity of the car line on the Marsh road and a vigilant watch is now being kept in an effort to detect and prevent such conduct in the future.

## CONSIDERING THE CAR LINE EXTENSIONS

H. M. Hopper and City Engineer will go over Proposed Route Today—Survey Soon.

It is possible that this week will see something definite done in the matter of determining the location of the line of street railway which it is proposed to run out from the city, according to the company's plans of extension in East St. John. It is intended to start at an early date. Further steps in the matter of arranging for the car line extension were taken on Saturday when H. M. Hopper, manager of the St. John Street Railway Company, discussed the subject with a committee from the county council. The matter which was taken up with the committee was that of route, and it was decided to consider carefully which route would be the most advantageous and suitable from every consideration. At the present time there are two possible routes which the car line extension may take and Mr. Hopper and the city engineer will today go over the lines with the intention of learning the most advisable location for the extension. One route which has been planned for the proposed extension is straight out the Marsh Road to the Three Mile House with a further extension or loop in view, and the other possible location of the tracks is from Kane's Corner out to Crouville. It is felt by the residents living in East St. John that the road to Crouville would open up that section, and that the route would be preferable. It is thought also that the Courtenay Bay works ought to warrant the extension in this direction. A survey of the proposed lines of extension is planned for today.

## ST. JOHN GIRL GOOD JUDGE OF BOOKS

Miss Mary Campbell Flett Captures Prize in Publishing House Contest—Receives Congratulations

Miss Mary Campbell Flett, of E. G. Nelson and Company's book store, has just received word from Boston that she has won a prize in a letter writing contest given by the publishing house of Small, Maynard and Company. This contest which publishes a large list of general books, offered a series of prizes for the best letters on the subject: What the Average Book-store Customer Likes Best in Fiction. Among a very large number of contestants Miss Flett's letter was considered by the judges to be one of the three best, and she is receiving the congratulations of her friends on this tangible acknowledgment of her skill in the judgment of books and her cleverness in expressing her opinion.

Gundry's jewelry display is worth while.

## DEATHS.

**SPEARIN.**—At her residence, 19 Hammond street, on the 8th inst., after a short illness, Blanche P., wife of F. A. Spearin, in her 47th year, leaving her husband, two sons and one daughter to mourn. Funeral on Friday, the 10th inst., from her late residence, Service begins at 3 o'clock.

**MATTHEWS.**—In this city on the 9th inst., Mary Olivia Matthews, wife of John Matthews, in the 57th year of her age. Funeral from the late residence on Saturday afternoon. Service at 2:30. Friends invited to attend.

## PUT TO MAKE THE EXHIBITION THE BEST EVER

Securing New Features—Educational Committee to have good Exhibits—Farming department busy

Although St. John has had some very good exhibitions in the past, H. A. Porter, secretary of the Exhibition Association, is of the opinion that the exhibition to be held this year will eclipse all previous shows. When seen by a reporter yesterday, Mr. Porter was very enthusiastic about the outlook for the exhibition this year, and predicted that it would be a success in every way, and more particularly from an educational standpoint. The executive of the Exhibition Association are planning on their part to put on an exhibition of a standard never attained before, and the interest which has already been evoked augurs well for the achievement of their ambition.

**Demand for Space.** So far the demand for space from industrial exhibitors has been very strong; in fact unprecedented at this time of the year, when the exhibition is still a long way off. Quite a number of new exhibitors have made applications for space, and others who have not made exhibits for some years have signified their intention of making displays this year.

The educational committee met yesterday and discussed ways and means of making the exhibit in this department the best ever put on here. The committee will take some time to work out its programme, but its intention is to put on an exhibit which will give those attending the exhibition a comprehensive view of the natural resources of the province. Their idea is to make a demonstration of the minerals and forest products of the province, together with practical demonstration of photographs of the uses to which they are put.

**Experimental Farm.** A special feature of the exhibition will, it is expected, be the exhibits arranged by Dominion Experimental Farm system, which plans on making subjects as animal husbandry, entomology, poultry raising, bee-keeping and other lines of endeavor of industrial interest to the agricultural population. In connection with this exhibit it is planned to have the provincial government officials conduct a course of lectures on topics germane to the various features of the exhibit.

It is also expected that the Dominion Department of Agriculture will range for an exhibit of the various processes of milling eggs, including the handling of eggs and the methods of putting them on the market in a hurry. The special exhibit which the St. John Association asked for was destroyed by an exhibition in Ottawa some time ago, but the Dominion Department of Agriculture hope to get together another exhibit to send to St. John.

**Of Educational Value.** All the exhibits which the executive are trying to arrange for this year will tend to make the show of greater educational value than any exhibition put on in St. John heretofore. In the matter of amusement features the executive intend to set a new standard by substituting, in as far as possible, big tent shows of undoubted interest for the well-known pike features. Those who will still have a chance to hit the con, but a large part of the space formerly given over to the pike, will this year be assigned to standard shows. Before the grand stand there will be a good programme of free shows, the headline being auto polo, a game of two halves of 15 minutes each, played each afternoon and evening. In this game there will be two teams, one of auto polo, and the other of the most modern and exciting of games, and should prove a great attraction.

**Ice Breaking Up.** The mild weather accompanied by the heavy rains of yesterday caused the ice in the river to break up considerably, and it was reported yesterday that as far up the main river as the Public Landing the river was open for navigation. A complete breaking up of the ice is looked for by the first of next week.

Wonderful silk undershirts made from brocade Tosea silk at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. The trade is wondering how this shirt can be made and sold for \$1.25. The silk is soft, will wear well and is just the style of undershirt that you will want to wear with your new Easter suit. They come in a large range of colors. They have an immense collection of very pretty and attractive waists for Easter trade, in lawn, silk or wool material. They are also showing a big range of new style lawn waists at 98 cents which are very attractive.

Vote for Brown and free tolls on the ferry.

A gorgeous display of high class gems at Gundry's, 79 King street.

## THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL

Civic Election. See Candidate Fisher's card on another page. Examine his platform. Vote for him.

## CHEAP FARES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.

For the Easter holidays the usual holiday excursion rates will prevail on the Intercolonial Railway between station on the line. Round trip tickets at the one way fare for round trip will be issued April 9th and 10th, good for return April 10th. There will be a special excursion rate also between stations on the line, and to points on connecting lines, and beyond Montreal, from April 9th to 12th, good for return April 14th.

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Boys' Three-Piece Suits, from	\$5.50 to \$12.00
Boys' Overcoats, Topper and Chesterfield models, from	\$4.50 to \$10.00
Boys' Overcoats, fancy, ages 2-12 to 10 years, from	\$3.25 to \$7.50

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