

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Moderate southerly winds fine and warmer.

Toronto, May 19.—In the western provinces the day has been cool with local showers, but in Ontario and Quebec it has been mostly fine and decidedly warm with a few local thunder showers in the Ottawa valley. Minimum and maximum temperatures:

- Victoria—46, 59. Vancouver—46, 59. Kamloops—52, 58. Edmonton—36, 60. Battleford—40, 46. Prince Albert—49, 42. Moosejaw—45, 51. Winnipeg—54, 64. London—62, 90. Toronto—53, 82. Ottawa—60, 75. Montreal—62, 82. Quebec—46, 84. St. John—44, 66. Halifax—36, 54. Gulf—Fresh to strong southwesterly winds, fair with higher temperatures.

AROUND THE CITY

Rev. Mr. Brewer To Preach. Rev. W. W. Brewer will preach Sunday evening.

Choice Confectionery. Frank White's choice confectionery in full assortment, at Vincent's Tea Room, 47 Germain street.

Cars to Seaside Park. The street cars will run to Seaside Park commencing on Sunday. The refreshment privileges have been provided by T. J. Phillips, caterer.

Spoon Match Today. The regular weekly spoon match will be shot on the range this afternoon by the City Rifle Club commencing at 2.30 o'clock.

Layman in the Pulpit. J. A. Birmingham, of Toronto, a prominent layman of the Church of England, will address the congregation of St. John's stone church on Sunday morning.

Socialist Meeting. "Socialism defined," is to be the subject for the lecture at the Socialist Hall, 141 Mill street, on Sunday at 8.15 p.m. The principal speaker will be F. Hyatt, the local organizer. All are invited.

St. Andrew's Anniversary. The 127th anniversary of St. Andrew's church will be observed tomorrow. Special services at which all will be welcomed, will be held morning and evening. At both services the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. Dr. McKinnon, D. D., of Halifax.

Strathcona Will Entertain. The mayor is in receipt of a cable message that Lord Strathcona extends his hospitality to His Worship during the Coronation celebration. Unfortunately His Worship will not be able to take advantage of the kind offer of His Excellency the High Commissioner.

Advice To Mariners. W. Frank Hatheway, French Consul here, received the following telegram yesterday: Please advise all mariners that the fog whistle on the southern coast of St. Pierre, being in a weakened condition, a bomb will be fired every half hour, in addition to the whistle emitted by the fog whistle, until further notice.

Boy Scouts and Coronation. None of the Boy Scouts of the province has signified his intention to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the coronation with the contingent of scouts which will sail from Montreal on June 10th. As only two scouts will be chosen from this province, those who can arrange to go should apply at an early date. Only those who have qualified as second class scouts will be eligible to try for a place.

Confirmation At St. Mary's. At the service held in St. Mary's church, last evening, the Bishop of Fredericton, confirmed 23 candidates, 9 males and 14 females. The regular service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Raymond assisted by Rev. E. B. Hooper, of St. Paul's church, and Rev. A. W. Daniel, of Rothesay. After the confirmation the bishop made an interesting address, full of good advice to those who had just been confirmed. The service was attended by a large congregation.

Exmouth St. Methodist Church. Class meetings Sunday morning at 9.45, preaching service at 11 a. m. Rev. Jacob Henney, Sunday school pastor's Bible class at 2.30 p. m. Preaching service at 7 p. m. Pastor, Rev. W. W. Brewer. The evening service will be of a special character. A special music program has been prepared, in which the children of the Sunday school will take part in solos, readings and choruses. The affair should prove a grand success, as a great deal of time has been spent in preparation. We extend a hearty welcome to all strangers.

Renovating Old Vault. In the old burying ground of this city there is an old vault which John E. Seaton is putting in order, having received the contract from E. C. Dufford of this city, one of the descendants of a once remarkable man. In this vault the Hon. Jonathan Sewall is at rest. Born in Boston, Mass., 1728, Attorney General of the province of Massachusetts, judge of the vice-admiralty court of Nova Scotia from 1768 to 1787, died in this city September 1796. Mr. Seaton is having the letters cut on the cover of the vault and will renovate the entire lot for the relatives.

Mysterious Investigations. The recent visit of Hazen Drury, C. E., to St. John, was marked by considerable quiet activity. Mr. Drury was discovered at 6 o'clock one morning making a careful survey of the north side of King Square, for what purpose is not known. Before his departure the engineer also paid a flying visit to Musquash and made a thorough inspection of the water powers on the river, which are owned and controlled by the Ingwood Pulp Company. He is understood to have expressed the opinion that the possibilities were much greater for power development than on either the Le-preux or Magaguadavic. Mr. Drury was assisted in his survey by Mr. Walsh, an engineer from Ottawa. The names of his principals were not disclosed.

Valley Railway Will Not Be a Branch Line

Conference Yesterday Between New York Capitalists and Representatives of the Local Government -- Line Expected to Furnish Shortest and Most Direct Road from St. John to Quebec

Interest in the Valley Railroad project has been renewed by the presence in this city yesterday of Hon. J. K. Fleming, provincial secretary, and Hon. H. F. McLeod, solicitor general, of the New Brunswick government, and A. B. Gould, president of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, and Col. J. McNaught of New York, who is also identified with Mr. Gould's company. While nothing definite is known, and all those interested declined to talk for publication, it was announced that a conference between the parties was held, and that the construction of the proposed Valley Railway, under the terms of Part 3 of the Act passed by the Legislature in 1910 considered. This is the section of the bill that provides for the construction and operation of the railway by a private company.

Scope of Company Enlarged. From what could be learned it is evident that Mr. Gould has greatly enlarged the scope of his company and that instead of a merely local road the proposition is now to construct a line of railway, not only through this province, but across the State of Maine to connect with existing railroads in the Province of Quebec, and furnish a short and direct line from St. John to the ancient city. The completion of transcontinental railways centering at Quebec will bring large quantities of freight to that city, and on the completion of the Quebec bridge it is evidently the belief of the promoters of the new route that they will be able to secure a portion of the trade which will naturally centre at Quebec in the next few years.

The section of the act under which the St. John Valley Railway would be constructed, in order to secure the provincial guarantee of \$25,000 a mile

OPINION IS DIVIDED AS TO EARLY CLOSING BY-LAW

It Went into Effect Last Evening, and Opposition to it has Already Developed -- D. B. Pidgeon Says it will Ruin His Business, but Other Shopkeepers Favor it.

There will be vigorous opposition to the new early closing by-law which went into effect last evening. A petition asking that the time of closing be extended to 8 o'clock, is being circulated, and already about one hundred shopkeepers have signed it. This petition will be presented to the city authorities before the next meeting of the common council, and if the prayer of it is not complied with, it is likely legal action will be taken with a view to testing the legality of the measure, as in the opinion of many it is an act in restraint of trade, and therefore unconstitutional.

D. B. Pidgeon, of Indiantown, when interviewed last evening declared the by-law was the most iniquitous piece of legislation he ever heard of, and added that it would ruin his business and that of every shop keeper in Indiantown.

"Most of our business is done in the summer when the boats are running and the mills are in operation," he continued, "and if we have to close at seven o'clock we might as well shut up shop altogether. I don't intend to do a profitable business in the winter time. Most of our trade is with the people who come in on the boats or work in the mills. Very often the boats don't get in before seven, and the people who come in to do their shopping want to make their purchases the same evening so they can get away on the boats next morning. I do about 50 per cent of my business after seven o'clock."

"This bill is going to seriously affect the small grocers and others who do the bulk of their business with the working people. In some districts the grocers' clerk comes around early in the morning and groceries are delivered by nine o'clock. But where the housewife makes her purchases directly from the store she does nearly all her buying in the evening. This is the case with other lines of purchases made by the workingman's family. The wife of the workingman does not have a maid whom she can leave in charge of the house while she goes out shopping. She has to wait till her husband gets home, and as she has to get his supper after he comes home she has little chance of getting to a store before seven o'clock."

"Why did not the merchants who were opposed to the early closing movement organize opposition before the by-law was adopted?" Mr. Pidgeon was asked. "Because we did not think it would be railroaded through the council without giving us a chance to express our views," was the answer.

"About a year ago two of the promoters of the early closing movement came to me and talked over the matter. I said that 7 o'clock was too early and would prove very disadvantageous to a large number of shopkeepers. For my business I thought 9 o'clock was early enough, but I was willing to compromise, if they would agree to 8 o'clock. I thought they were going to do so, and I have been closing at 8 o'clock almost every evening since they came to me. Last winter the promoters of the early closing movement appeared before the bill and by-laws committee of the city council and stated their case. Later I wrote to the committee and asked that the opponents of early closing be given a hearing. At that hearing I was the only gentle present though I know that there were others who would have attended if they had been notified in time. The committee only gave me 5 minutes to state my



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