

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Strong east and north winds; unsettled and cooler, with occasional falls of sleet.

Toronto, April 20.—Unsettled weather has prevailed today from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, accompanied by sleet and snow from the Ottawa Valley to Northern New Brunswick. Warm weather with thunder storms has prevailed in Manitoba, while in other parts of the western provinces it has been somewhat cooler with local showers.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	40	54
Kamloops	38	56
Edmonton	30	48
Battleford	30	42
Prince Albert	34	42
Calgary	34	48
Medicine Hat	38	55
Moose Jaw	34	44
Regina	28	57
Qu'Appelle	34	60
Winnipeg	32	58
London	41	50
Toronto	40	47
Kingston	34	48
Montreal	34	38
Ottawa	34	38
Quebec	26	32
St. John	34	42
Halifax	42	60

AROUND THE CITY

Florist Business

A letter was received by the Board of Trade yesterday from an Englishman in Bathurst who wants information about the possibilities of the florist business here.

May Come Here

A man in West Virginia has written to the Board of Trade asking for information about the climate, population and business conditions in New Brunswick. He is thinking about coming here.

Excellent Recital

An interesting musical recital was given in the old York Theatre last evening by Miss Helen Dunne and Guy Holly Taylor. The programme was opened by Mrs. Gordon Dickie who rendered the Barcarolle Venetienne very acceptably. The rest of the entertainment was provided by Miss Dunne and Mr. Taylor, who gave a variety of selections. There was a good attendance and the audience was very appreciative.

Should Go Behind the Screen.

Commissioner Agar, at the meeting of the city commissioners yesterday pointed out that the complaint had been made to him that at the voting places during the preliminary election that voters were not required to go behind the screen in order to mark their ballot. He thought that every voter should be compelled to go behind the screen whether he had his ballot marked previous to entering the booth or not. It was pointed out that this was necessary for the proper carrying out of the spirit of the election law.

An Interesting Address.

Rev. Frederick Ross lectured before the members of Johnston L. O. No. 24, in the Orange Hall, Gormley street last evening. His subject was "The Scarlet Woman," and he urged on Orangemen and Protestants their duties in regard to spreading the truth among those who were in ignorance. He strongly upheld the teaching of the Bible and pointed to the necessity of having it more widely read. There was a large attendance at the meeting, and at the close of the address a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

At City's Expense.

The commissioners, scrutineers and constables engaged in the different polling booths about the city on election day are to be fed. At the meeting of the city commissioners it was decided to allow each commissioner the amount of \$1 per man for supplying meals during the polling hours. Up to the present time the men engaged by the city at the polling booths had to go hungry or else feed at the expense of the commissioners. Some of the commissioners brought the matter up yesterday and it was decided to allow enough money for two meals. One dollar a day per man was the amount agreed upon.

I. L. and B. Assembly.

An informal assembly was held in the rooms of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society last evening and proved one of the most enjoyable functions in local circles since the passing of the Lenten season. The weather was most unfavorable, for such an event, but despite the disagreeable conditions, the attendance was large and all present passed a thoroughly pleasant and enjoyable evening. The assembly was held under the auspices of the society, and this was sufficient to insure all a good time. The following committee was in charge: Frederick Hazel, Frank J. Casey, James McManus, Edward Pratt, Urban Kelly, William George Stafford, John H. Daley, Martin O'Leary and Frank Cronin. The chaperons were Mrs. R. E. Fitzgerald, Mrs. M. T. Morris, Mrs. John Daley, Mrs. Leo Callahan, Mrs. Robert Doherty and Mrs. John A. Barry.

SALE OF GIRLS' RAINCOATS AT M. R. A.'S THIS MORNING.

There are only a few of these coats so that mothers who want to share in the unusual bargains which they represent should be on hand immediately the doors open. The raincoats are in poplin with rubberized lining, are olive, fawn, navy and grey. Ages 4, 6 and 8 years, special sale price each \$3.30; ages 10, 12 and 14, special sale price, each \$3.90. Rubberized Rain Capes for kiddies, fawn and navy, tartan lined hood. Sale price, each \$2.60. Sale will start this morning at sharp eight o'clock in Costume Section, second floor.

PROMINENT NORTH END MAN PASSED AWAY

James Morgan, well known dry goods merchant, died last evening — Citizens express regret.

The many friends of James Morgan, the well known dry goods merchant of the North End, will regret the loss of his death which took place at 11:30 last evening. Mr. Morgan, who was fifty-eight years of age, had been ill for about ten months. He leaves one son, Cuthbert Morgan, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank O'Regan. One brother, Thomas Morgan, who is in the employ of M. R. A., and three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Hannington, Mrs. Frank Foster and Mrs. Thomas Callahan also survive.

In religion, Mr. Morgan was a Roman Catholic and he had long been a prominent member of the C. M. B. A. He was a son of the late Patrick Morgan, who after being engaged in mercantile business in Durham, England, for some years, came to St. John in 1855, and started business in the North End, then known as Portland.

Mr. Morgan started in business with his father, and has for many years been one of the leading merchants of the North End. He has many friends all over the city who will be grieved by his death.

In 1887 he was married to Fannie C. Hayes, daughter of the late Edward Hayes of St. John. His wife died in 1894.

RIVER ICE GRADUALLY BEGINNING TO RUN OUT; HEAVY RAIN EFFECTIVE

Lumbermen Preparing to Bring Drives Out—Water Steadily Rising and Ice May Break Up Any Time—Navigation Next Week?

The river men can at last see the beginning of the end as far as the river tie-up with ice is concerned, and if the weather this week remains moderately warm, the steamship men are looking forward to being able to start summer navigation by the first of next week. All day yesterday and up till last evening the ice in the Reach remained firm, but it is believed that the warm weather and heavy rain of last night will complete the work of breaking up and melting the ice. It is thought altogether probable that there will be a general run-out today.

Lumbermen in the city received word yesterday that the water at different points up the river was steadily rising but showed no signs of a heavy flow. They, however, felt confident that today the ice would start to leave the Reach and run out of the river.

Yesterday the ice, which during the week had held about the coves in the vicinity of Millidgeville, broke up and ran out.

NO. 2 SALVAGE CORPS AND FIRE POLICE IN ANNUAL MEETING; THE OFFICERS

But One Change in Staff—Hold Informal Reception and Enjoy Excellent Programme of Speeches and Musical Numbers—Refreshments.

The annual meeting of No. 2 Salvage Corps and Fire Police was held last evening in their rooms in No. 5, Sprague room on Main street, when the officers were elected for the new year as follows: John Thornton, captain; J. C. Purdy, lieutenant; W. H. White, treasurer; William Brown, secretary; George F. Carvell, foreman No. 1; Louis B. Foreman No. 2; Fred Campbell, foreman No. 3; Walter Logan, foreman No. 4; Dr. C. M. Pratt was elected surgeon of the corps.

The officers will take office immediately and serve until 1915. The former secretary, A. L. Chappell, tendered his resignation and this was practically the only change that was made in the staff of officers.

After the election and regular business an informal evening was spent. Refreshments were served. Com. Wignmore and others in the civic light were in attendance during the evening and the boys were favored with splendid addresses outlining matters of civic interest and of vital importance to the community. The remarks of the speakers were much appreciated and the entire evening was much enjoyed.

GASPEREAUX NOW BEING CAUGHT ALONG COAST; SARDINES SCARCE YET.

Lobster Prices High But Catches Very Small—Dull Period for Grand Manan Fishermen Says Scott Gupitell.

"Gasperdeaux are being caught along the coast," said Scott Gupitell, M. L. A., who came up from Grand Manan yesterday. "But sardines have not put in appearance yet, though they usually do about the middle of April. The fishermen have not been doing much lately. Lobster prices have been high, but that has not been of any use to our fishermen recently, for lobsters have been scarce for some time."

Arthur Mitchell, one of the fishery officers for Charlotte county, who came to the city yesterday, said some cod were being caught, but the weather had been bad for fishing operations and the sardine fishing was likely to be late in opening.

Notice to Foresters

Independent Order of Foresters, members of Court Loyalist 121 and sister courts are requested to meet in the Temple building, Main street, on Wednesday, April 22nd at two o'clock to attend the funeral of our late brother J. M. Laskie.

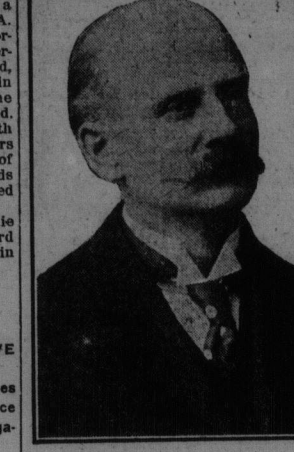
PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

R. E. ARMSTRONG ENTERS UPON NEW DUTIES

Says Much Confidence Shown in East in Spite of the Financial Depression.

"A good time for a merchant to advertise is when business is dull, and I should say it is the same for a city," said R. E. Armstrong, the new secretary of the Board of Trade, who took up the duties of his office yesterday.

"One thing the recent depression has done has been to direct attention to the essential soundness of business conditions in the east. When the Cana-



R. E. ARMSTRONG.

dian manufacturers were in St. John last year I talked with many of them, and all agreed that the depression had increased their faith in the Maritime Provinces. Many told me their drafts were coming back from the west unheeded; but they had no such trouble in the east. Attention is being directed to New Brunswick as a field for new settlers as never before, and in spite of the financial depression the feeling about the future is optimistic.

Mr. Armstrong said that the scope of the work of the St. John Board of Trade had been greatly enlarged since he lived here, and that it tried to deal with matters of general welfare as well as questions of purely business interest.

ROYAL EDWARD BAND IN GOOD CONCERT

The Royal Edward "Poo Poo" band gave an interesting entertainment in the Seamen's Mission Institute last evening and despite the bad weather there was a large audience. T. W. Cooper was chairman and the programme was as follows:

The "Royal Edward" Poo-Poo Band, opening selection, "Old Favorites"; Mrs. A. Dunn, song, "The Song that Reached My Heart"; A. Ambury, humorous song at the piano; J. Clarke, humorous monologue; Messrs. Lax and Pugsley, mandolin duet; Messrs. Skimming and Skrine, the Irish swells; O. Perry, comic song; A. Rigby, song; Messrs. Wheeler and Gill, the K'nuts; the "Royal Edward" Poo-Poo Band, selection, "Bagtime Reminiscences"; Miss G. Mills, song, "Daddy"; G. Jones, comic song, "There are Nice Girls Everywhere"; Mr. Pugsley, mandolin solo; J. Wade, song "P. C. 49"; S. J. Gill, recitation; A. Done, selection on l-string fiddle; J. Weeks, comic song; the "Royal Edward" Poo-Poo Band, finale, "The Maple Leaf"; "Rule Britannia"; "God Save the King".

Accompanists, Messrs. A. Ambury, C. Dunster and A. Shepley.

PERSONAL.

H. W. Woods, of Welsford, was at the Victoria yesterday.

A. M. Danna, of Hampton, was in the city yesterday.

A. R. Wetmore, of Clifton, was in the city yesterday.

F. Ingersoll, of Grand Manan, is at the Victoria.

Scott D. Gupitell, M. L. A., for Charlotte county, was at the Victoria yesterday.

P. G. Adams is appointed commercial agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, at Winnipeg, Man., vice W. J. Hunter, deceased.

William McLean, who has been in the city for the past three months, connected with the Canadian Northern Steamship Company, will leave on Thursday for Montreal.

Pocket Peddler.

William Morris was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of illegally selling liquor. It is claimed that Morris is another of the pocket peddlers.

Another sale of English made sat in petticoats at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. A very excellent quality of sat in is used in the making of these skirts, they have the correct cut so that the article skirt will hang well. They are going to sell this lot at \$1.39 each. Colors are cerise, light blue, pink, brown, navy, grey, black and white. Only about one hundred and fifty of them so if you want one of these condescending cheap skirts you will have to get them quick. They also have a lot of English more underwear in all the leading colors that are now on sale at \$1.00 each.

THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL.

WEDDED FIFTY YEARS, WILL CELEBRATE

Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney of 87 Broad St. Are Receiving Many Hearty Congratulations

Looking strong and healthy after completing fifty years of married life Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney of 87 Broad street, will today celebrate their golden jubilee, when showers of good wishes will be poured on the popular couple, who will have about them, in memory if not in person, three generations including nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. A resident of this city for many years Mr. McKinney is well known here, and on completing fifty years of married life he and his wife will receive many hearty congratulations.

Born in the county of Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1836, James McKinney came to St. John in the year 1858. In the year 1864 he was married to Susan Dixon, daughter of Richard Dixon, a native of this city. Six sons and one daughter, all of St. John except C. H. McKinney of Calgary, will today join in celebrating the occasion.

Led Active Life.

When he first arrived in this city Mr. McKinney served his apprenticeship with James Armstrong in the bakery business and later went into business for himself conducting a meat and grocery store. In the year 1883 he joined Wellington No. 1 fire brigade and for nine or ten years he was associated with the volunteer company of fire fighters, during which time he was considered one of the most active and foremost in the city. He was also lieutenant in the artillery, serving under Captain King and at the age of seventy-eight, he today looks back with pride to the distinction afforded him in the year 1880, when he was among those lined up in the procession on the occasion of the visit to the city of the late King Edward.

Mr. McKinney is one of the oldest active Orangemen in the city. In the year 1857 he entered the ranks of Lodge No. 1, L. O. L., and is to this day an active member of that body. He is also a member of the Sons of Temperance and at the present time holds an office with Gurney Dixon in his early life he was a boxer and all-round athlete, and in politics he has been a life-long Conservative.

The Family.

The sons of Mr. McKinney, five of which are in the city, are all well known. The only daughter is the wife of George McKellar, contractor. The sons are Charles, conductor in the employ of the Canadian Northern, running between Calgary and Saskatoon, James, Jr., of the city, apartment in the Custom House, Richard in the baking business, William B., city manager for the McCormick Blacuit Company, George in the Chamberlain's office, and Daniel, traveller for M. R. A. Ltd. The one great grand child, which brings the family tree to the fourth generation, is the child of A. L. Nason, station agent at Ruth, Mrs. Nason is a daughter of James McKinney, Jr.

The happy couple were married in the Saint John Presbyterian church by the late Rev. James Bennett. A rather unique feature in this nuptial union is that Mr. and Mrs. McKinney were both born in the same month of the same year, and there is only a difference of five days in their ages. Both are in good health and will live to enjoy many more years of happiness.

ARBORICULTURAL ASS'N.

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING; MANY TREES IN PLACE

Reports Show Organization has Done Much to Beautify the City—Re-elect the Same Officers—The Financial Statement.

The officers of the St. John Arboricultural Association were re-elected at the annual meeting, which took place yesterday afternoon. The report of the forester, H. E. Gould, showed that 784 trees had been planted by the association and that 1,498 trees were now under care. Several old trees have been replaced. Mr. Gould found that the damage to trees was decreasing and that drivers of horses took greater precautions in their use, by keeping their charges from damaging the shrubs and trees. Sixty-five tree guards had been placed in position and all the trees in the city had been overhauled.

The financial statement showed that \$818.44 had been received during the year and that \$815.11 had been expended.

The officers of the association are as follows: W. E. Foster, president; Mayor Prink, vice-president. The members of the council are as follows: Lt. Col. Sturdee, T. H. Estabrooke, Dr. W. A. Christie, W. F. Burditt, W. H. White, M. E. Agar, William Hawker, W. C. Allison, David Masee, J. B. Jones, Judge J. G. Forbes and R. T. Hayes.

BUY IN CANADA

C. P. R. officials have directed the attention of the Board of Trade to an article in Industrial Canada, pointing out the advisability of having Canadian manufacturers of furniture and woodwork buy their raw material at home. The article states that furniture manufacturers in Ontario spent \$2,000,000 on imported woods, practically all of which could be obtained in this country. Attention is directed to the fact that in the Tobique valley on New Brunswick's north shore, there are all kinds of hardwoods used by Canadian furniture manufacturers.

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These are just the coats to wear to school through showery weather and are offered at substantial enough reductions to make them interesting bargains. A few only at these sale figures.

GIRLS' RAINCOATS in Poplin with rubberized lining. The coats are full length, single breasted, slash pockets, high button up collars, seams stitched and cemented. The colors are olive, fawn, navy, grey.

Ages 4, 6 and 8 years. Sale price, each - - - \$3.30

Ages 10, 12 and 14 years. Sale price, each - - - 3.90

RUBBERIZED RAIN CAPES FOR KIDDIES. These are special Rain Capes, effectively rubberized and suitable for little tots. The capes are in fawn and navy and have Tartan lined hoods. Sale price, each 2.60

Sale This Morning at 8 o'clock sharp in Costume Section—Ground Floor

Sale of White and Ecru Shadow Lace Flouncings in Lace Department Again Today

17 to 18 in. widths 22c, 27c, 39c, 43c, 64c yard
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