

THE WEATHER

Toronto, May 11.—Pressure continues relatively low in the Upper Mississippi Valley and in Manitoba, and it is now highest over the New England States. Rain has been almost general today in the Western Provinces, and quite heavy in some localities, and a few light scattered showers have occurred in the extreme south-western portion of Ontario.

AROUND THE CITY

Y. W. C. A. Gymnasium exhibition repeated at Imperial 4 p. m. today. Annie Laurie Chocolates just received 80c. pound. Imperial Pharmacy, King Square.

Working Agreement Terminates June 14

Street Railway Workers Notified Present Wage Schedule Will Not be Renewed.

According to the statement of General Manager P. W. Thomson, of the N. B. Power Company, there were no new developments yesterday in the warfare that gives promise of springing up between the company and its employees. It is said that the two men discharged, members of the union, were discharged for the best interests of the company and others of its employees, and there will be no backing down from the position taken by the management.

Have To Be Shown. A leader of the street railway employees said last night that the union had not yet decided on what action they would take regarding the men discharged. He expressed the opinion that the management would have to prove that the men were agitators, as claimed, and having an influence on others detrimental to the best interests of the company. He said it was far from the policy of the union to countenance any acts on the part of its members that could in any way be construed as detrimental to the company's interests.

Agreement Ends June 14th. It is understood that letters were issued to the employees, yesterday notifying them that the working agreement which terminates on June 14th would not be renewed. As stated in The Standard, two weeks ago, the company will cause a reduction in wages, a move not unlooked for by the employees, and just what its effect will be is conjectural.

Employees approached on the subject and asked what they would do on a reduced wage, tell you to wait until June 14 and see what happens.

Special Addresses At Anniversary

Rev. Canon Kuhring, Rev. Canon Daniel and Rev. W. B. Armstrong at St. Mary's.

Three special addresses of great interest were delivered at the Anniversary Mid-week Service at St. Mary's last evening. The church was crowded and the hearty singing of choir and congregation made the service one to be long remembered.

Rev. Canon Kuhring, representing the Mother Church of St. John's (St. Peter's), referred to the firm foundations laid by Archdeacon Raymond in the parish of St. Mary's, and said that it was a matter of great rejoicing that the present rector had been able to complete so much good work. Canon Kuhring then mentioned Mr. McKim's encouragement of interest in missions, the increased numbers in the Sunday school and the formation of Young People's Societies. He urged the congregation not to be too critical, but to give their rector every support in his work for the church.

Rev. W. B. Armstrong. The address of Rev. W. B. Armstrong dealt with former rectors of St. Mary's, he having known them all personally. Mr. Armstrong gave an interesting account of each one and relating characteristic incidents of their lives while in St. John.

Rev. Canon Daniel. Rev. Canon Daniel, Rothery, told of the old times when teachers from other churches taught in St. Mary's Sunday school, and spoke of the fact that his father and mother, his sister, brother and himself had all had classes there. Canon Daniel referred to the firm friendship which exists between himself and Archdeacon Raymond and paid his tribute to the high place St. Mary's church has in the diocese.

The venerable Archdeacon Raymond, asked by Mr. McKim to say a few words, spoke of the success of the church under its present rector and of his happy memories of the past when he, himself, worked among the congregation of St. Mary's. The Benediction was pronounced by Archdeacon Raymond.

Sales Tax Effect On Retail Prices

Few Days Yet Before Definite Idea Can be Formed—Simplifying the Collection.

J. Hunter White, secretary of the Wholesale Grocers' Association, stated yesterday that it would be some few days before any definite idea could be formed of the effect the new sales tax would have on retail prices. He was of the opinion that it would hardly be noticeable in the majority of articles, and would not have the effect the luxury tax had in upsetting retail prices.

Difference of Opinion. There was considerable difference of opinion amongst the wholesalers, he said, as to the manner in which the tax was to be collected, but the majority were following the practice pursued under the old law, with the difference that one and a half per cent. instead of one per cent. was added, as a separate item to the foot of the invoice.

Mr. White expressed surprise at the fact that the tax had been put on 24 lb. bags of flour, while larger quantities were exempted. He thought it would have been preferable to have reversed the system.

Much Confusion. The retail grocers of the province are all at sea now over the new sales taxes imposed under the budget changes. It is reported by the secretary of the Wholesale Grocers' Guild that many lines formerly exempt, are now subject to a tax ranging from one and a half per cent. to three per cent.

As an official information of the details of the changes have yet reached the merchant there is much concern when their new bills arrive with the tax added. Wholesalers are finding a great deal of difficulty, too, in making out their accounts to customers at the present time and a great deal of confusion is resulting.

Unemployment And Destitute Families

Reports Received at Associated Charities Meeting—Favor Prison Farm.

W. E. Fisher presided at the regular meeting of the Associated Charities, which was held in the association's rooms on Germain street yesterday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended.

The secretary, Miss Grace Robertson, submitted her report for the month as follows, applications received 162, applications for employment 37, employment found for 27, recommended 41, seeking relief, 21, relief granted, 20, records given, 20, visits made 85, cases investigated 13, clothing given 7.

The Unemployed. In the general discussion of the board the opinion was expressed that there was still a great deal to be done to secure work for the unemployed and to give relief to needy cases. Several members stated that notwithstanding the distressing cases presented for the board's consideration, they were glad to find that conditions in St. John were not as bad as those in other cities they had recently visited.

The Secretary was given authority to give relief to three cases in urgent need.

Destitute Families. Considerable discussion was caused by the case of two families reported to the board to be in very destitute circumstances owing to the fact that the husband and father had been imprisoned and the family had thus been deprived of its principal bread winner. The view was expressed that a prison farm should be provided, so that the wages of the malefactor might still be devoted to the family needs while he himself was expiating his crime. It was not felt that the present system whereby the innocent were made to suffer for the crimes of the guilty was at all equitable.

Public Hospital Invites Inspection

National Hospital Day to be Observed This Afternoon—All Citizens Invited.

May 12th throughout Canada and the United States is now known as Hospital Day, and today the General Public Hospital of St. John joins with similar institutions in the observance of "National Hospital Day." There are Fire Prevention days, Arbor Day, Labor Day, Mothers' Day, Clean-up Day, etc., but this marks the first organized effort to have a day for the 8,000 hospitals that are caring for the 3,000,000 people who, according to the American Public Health Association, are sick every day.

May 12th was chosen as National Hospital Day because it is the birthday anniversary of Florence Nightingale, pioneer in modern hospital and nursing methods. On this day the General Public Hospital cordially invites the men and women of the community to call and see for themselves how it cares for the sick of the community. Any and all who are interested will be given an opportunity to inspect the various departments, such as kitchen, operating room, X-ray house, X-ray department, etc. It was hoped to have had the new Home for Nurses for inspection today, but that was found to be impossible. However, when it is completed and furnished it is proposed to have a public opening of the Nurses' Home.

The hospital will be open to visitors from two to four p. m. today and any one desiring to visit any department will be provided with a guide on applying to the office.

Resolutions To Maritime Gov'ts

Approve of Maritime Board of Industry and Commerce.

The following resolution, decided upon at the joint meeting of the Board of Trade and kindred commercial bodies of the city, on Monday evening last, has been forwarded to Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, acting premier of New Brunswick, and to the Boards of Trade of Halifax and Charlottetown, to be presented through them to the governments of the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island respectively.

RESOLVED that this joint meeting of the Commercial organizations of the City of St. John, held under the auspices of the Board of Trade, does hereby approve the proposal to establish a Maritime Board of Industry and Commerce, with a permanent paid Secretary, to be supported jointly by the Provincial Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the purpose of such Board being to study all matters relating to the Industrial and Commercial interests of the Maritime Provinces, including policies relating to immigration and agricultural development; to obtain statistical information bearing upon these subjects; to advise and officially confer with the respective Provincial Governments and to promote uniform, harmonious and combined action for the development and furtherance of the interest of the Maritime Provinces as a whole, in whatever way may seem expedient.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the Premier and members of the Government of each of the three Maritime Provinces be furnished with a copy of this resolution and requested to consider the appointment of such a Board as herein suggested.

SILK DRESS SALE

When we offer you Tricotee, Satin, Taffeta, and soft Silk Dresses at \$24.50, when they are regularly up to \$40.00, you should at least make an extra effort to be present on the first morning of the sale. These Dresses are regular stock and late arrivals. Some have just been taken out of the paper. Styles are the very newest, and altogether there are many new and pleasing effects to be seen. Almost every shade is represented, and sizes Misses 16, 18, 20; Women's, 36 to 46. This is the greatest offer of Silk Dresses at such a price that we have ever made.

A Special Window Display is arranged and Dresses go on sale this morning. A special feature of the Opening Day Sale will be a few odd Dresses, slightly soiled or mended at \$10. A special line of Georgettes, too, for those who want them. The Big Three Day Dress Sale, Dykemans.

Liquor Cases Are Again Postponed

Alexander Demmerson Charged With Doing Business on Sunday Last.

Liquor cases against Emmet Burke of Main street, Matthew Ramsey of Long Wharf, and Albert Doherty of Union street, were taken up in the police court yesterday afternoon and postponed to Friday at 10 a. m. for judgment.

The Burke case. The Burke case is one in which the defendant is charged with suffering liquor to be kept on his premises, and arose out of the arrest of Theodore Saunders in Burke's shop with a bottle of liquor in his possession. The maximum penalty is one month in jail. He was not in the shop at the time and knew nothing of Saunders' presence there. He further stated that the shop had been closed so that the defendant is charged with suffering liquor to be kept on his premises, and arose out of the arrest of Theodore Saunders in Burke's shop with a bottle of liquor in his possession.

Ramsey Pleaded Guilty. Matthew Ramsey pleaded guilty of having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling, and Inspector Thompson was called to give evidence. E. S. Ritchie strenuously contended for the defense, that there was no necessity of the inspector giving sworn testimony after a plea of guilty had been entered. The magistrate ruled that the prosecution were within their rights in showing the maximum penalty with sense so that the enormity of the offence was obtained.

Inspector Thompson was then called and stated that in company with Inspector Henderson he went to the defendant's place of business which is a few doors above the Main Entrance to Long Wharf.

He went to the front door and Inspector Henderson to the rear. On his approach Wallace Stephens who was at the entrance called to Ramsey inside, "damp it," and Ramsey threw something into a pail of water and creolin placed behind the counter. The witness jumped the counter and after a tussle with Ramsey, took the bottle of liquor produced in court from him.

During the struggle Stephens cried "Spill it" and Ramsey succeeded in getting the cork out of the bottle and emptying part of the contents.

J. A. Barry continued the argument for the defense in the Doherty case. E. S. Ritchie appeared for the defendants in the other cases, and W. M. Ryan prosecuted in all of them.

Settling on Sunday. Alexander Demmerson, the proprietor of a confectionery and fruit store

Get Ready Now for Your Fishing Trip on the 24th. The trip you've looked forward to for months; and now barely two weeks remain in which to look over your FISHING TACKLE. To find out what you'll need, and you might as well have the kind that lucky old anglers swear by; the kind you'll find in our Sporting Department where we've assembled THE MOST COMPLETE LINE IN EASTERN CANADA, the range including Malloch's Trout and Salmon Reels; Wood and Steel Rods, Furthest's Famous Trout and Salmon Flies, the celebrated South Bend Trout Oresis, and other Artificial Baits, Spinners, Leading Nests, Fly Books and Boxes, Camp Cots and Cooking Kits. SEE OUR BIG LINE OF ANGLERS' SUPPLIES. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. — HARDWARE MERCHANTS. STORE HOURS:—8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open Saturdays till 10 p.m.

JAPALAC. There are many kinds of Japalac to produce a variety of colors and effects. JAPALAC is easy to use, and provides BEAUTY, PROTECTION and WEAR to new surfaces or to worn, discolored surfaces about the house, whether furniture, floors, woodwork, metal or other surfaces. SELECT THE COLORS YOU WANT GIVE YOUR HOME A NEW DRESS. Emerson & Fisher Ltd 25 Germain St.

Beginning This Morning Our Annual May Whitewear Sale. Offering manufacturers' samples and odd garments selected from regular stocks—at remarkable bargain prices. Wise women will buy all summer underwear supplies now for themselves and children. Below is a partial list of what you may expect to find:

WOMEN'S NIGHT GOWNS—A big variety of favorite styles for your choosing. High and low necks; long and short sleeves. Trimmings include lace and embroidery edges, tucks and ribbon inserts. Sale Prices, 75, 90, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 up to \$3.00. CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' NIGHT DRESSES—Very dainty and practical styles. Infants' Gowns (one size only). Sale 50 and 75. Children's Gowns, 2 and 4 year sizes. Sale .60 and .75. Girls' Gowns—6, 8 and 10 year sizes. Sale .90. Misses' Gowns—2, 14 and 16 yr. sizes. Sale \$1.10. WOMEN'S ENVELOPE CHEMISES, TWO BIG BARGAINS at 95 and \$1.19 ea. These are plain tailored styles, made from flesh nainsook. Shoulder straps and hems are hemstitched. Other styles more elaborately trimmed. Sale \$1.25 to \$2.00. WOMEN'S UNDERSKIRTS—Made in correct widths for Summer Skirts. Trimmed with lace or embroidery edges and groups of tuckings. Sale .75, .90, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$2.00. GIRLS' UNDERSKIRTS—Sizes 6 to 16 years. These are also prettily trimmed with tucks and lace or embroidery edges. Sale .50 and .60. Sale in Whitewear Section (Second Floor). LAWN APRONS—Made with or without bibs. Also Ten Apron styles. Sale 15, 25, 50 and 65 each.

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. KING STREET - GERMAIN STREET - MARKET SQUARE. AT THE CORNER OF UNION AND COBURG STREETS, charged with doing business on Sunday contrary to the Lord's Day Act, pleaded not guilty. Sergeant McLeese was called, and stated that the defendant's store had been open between the hours of 8 and 10 p. m. on Sunday to his knowledge. He said he entered the store at 9:30 and took the names of some thirteen witnesses who were being served at the time. He asked the girl waitresses their names, and the defendant told them not to give them, so they did not. Edward Evans, the only other witness called, stated he had been served with an ice cream which he was eating when the sergeant came in. The case was allowed to stand over to Friday morning in order to permit the calling of additional witnesses. Two drunks from the North End were charged and sent below. One appeared to answer the charge. AT THE NARROWS. The traveling public will be glad to know that the hotel at the Narrows, for some years conducted by Mrs. T. A. Black, will be re-opened this summer by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones and that after May 20 they will be glad to receive guests. Ice cream with the real taste and the delicate flavor can be made with Borden's St. Charles or Jersey Milk.—the best for sixty-three years. AT YOURS. In the United Cafe Charlotte Street or between there and the Princess Garage, a bill fold containing a sum of money. Finder leave with manager of Princess Garage and receive reward. LOST.