

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Westerly and southwesterly winds, fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

Toronto, Mar. 23—The weather today has been generally fair throughout Canada and temperature changes have been unimportant. Pressure changes are occurring with great rapidity.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Atlin	26	36
Prince Rupert	42	50
Victoria	42	50
Vancouver	42	50
Kamloops	44	50
Edmonton	23	36
Battleford	23	36
Prince Albert	20	26
Calgary	30	42
Medicine Hat	30	42
St. John's	14	35
Regina	12	32
Qu'Appelle	8	34
Winnipeg	8	34
Parry Sound	16	32
London	21	36
Toronto	23	36
Ottawa	23	36
Montreal	14	24
Quebec	10	22
St. John	10	22
Halifax	14	42

AROUND THE CITY

Labor Bills.
James L. Sargue, the labor candidate for city commissioner, will leave this morning for Fredericton where he will represent the labor organization in matters concerning several bills affecting labor which are now being considered by the local house.

Seamen's Institute Concert.
There was a good attendance at the Seamen's Institute last evening when the concert party from the steamship Royal Edward gave an entertainment. The programme was one of vocal and instrumental music and every selection was encored. A special feature of the programme was the appearance of the Foo-Foo Band from the ship which had instruments that are not heard in the bands of this city. The whole affair was greatly enjoyed.

St. David's Y. P. A.
The Young People's Association of St. David's Church met last evening when the members heard interesting papers on medicine read by prominent local physicians. The attendance was large and the lectures on medicine were listened to very attentively. A short musical programme also added interest to the meeting. A paper on the History of Medical Science was read by Dr. A. E. Macaulay. Dr. D. C. Malcolm in a well prepared paper discussed the Wonders of Medical Science as presented by the University of Medicine. Vocal numbers were contributed with good effect by Miss Ermine Climo and A. C. Smith, and Miss Edith Cochran was heard in a piano selection.

ASSYRIANS WILL FORM A SOCIETY
Understood they will Establish Branch of St. Raymond's Society—For Charitable Purposes.

As the result of a meeting held in the city on Sunday it is probable that the Assyrians of St. John will organize a branch of St. Raymond's Society to carry on charitable work among the destitute and needy of the city. In conversation with a Standard reporter yesterday afternoon Arthur Kakin, a prominent local Assyrian, said that a meeting was held on Sunday last with the view of organizing and that in the near future plans would be completed and a branch of St. Raymond's Society instituted here.

It appears that a few more active members of the Syrian Protective Association, which is a Yarmouth, N.S., organization, with the intention of organizing a branch of that society here. A meeting of the local Assyrians was called, and while a good number joined there were several who did not appear inclined to become members of the Syrian Protective Association.

However, those who did not enter the ranks of this society thought that they would like to join some society where they could work together as brother members and render assistance where assistance was needed, so a meeting was held on last Sunday with a large attendance of local Assyrians, and after a rather lengthy discussion on the idea of organization, it was decided to apply for papers granting the right to organize a local branch of St. Raymond's Society.

The meeting was then adjourned till next Sunday, when it is likely that the rules and regulations of the proposed new society will have been received from the headquarters at St. Louis.

The society is purely a charitable one, and in other cities has accomplished much good. It is believed that there is room for this work among local Assyrians and undoubtedly much good will be accomplished by the organization. Although an honorary member of the Syrian Protection Association, Arthur Watkins is keenly interested in the establishment of a branch of the St. Raymond's Society, and looks with favor on the idea.

Gas Ranges.
Select your gas range at McClary's—demonstration next week at their new showroom. No. 231-233 Prince William street.

STRENUOUS OPPOSITION TO THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC BILL

Big Delegation Left This Morning for Fredericton to Oppose Measure Before Corporations' Committee of Legislative Assembly—Believe Dam Would Injure Salmon Fisheries in Harbors Along Coast.

Car No. 1567 attached to the Boston train left this morning for Fredericton and contains a large delegation of St. John and Charlotte County people, who will appear before the Corporations' Committee in the Legislative Assembly at half past ten this morning in opposition to the St. John River Hydro-Electric Company bill. If this bill is enacted those opposed to it say that the dam erected across the St. John river between Woodstock and Fredericton, near Meductic will injure the salmon fisheries of St. John harbor, Lorneville, and other harbors along the coast.

The delegation is headed by G. Earle Logan, counsel for the fishermen of the harbor and St. John and Charlotte Counties and Dr. H. L. Taylor, M. L. A., of Charlotte County; Thomas B. Carson, M. L. A., of St. John County; Oscar Hanson of Lorneville; Councillor Fred Thomson of Chance Harbor; Anthony Thomson of Dipper Harbor; Charles Abbotts, of Chance Harbor; Samuel Gregory, Jos. Galbraith, Geo. H. Galbraith, Wm. J. Wilson, Alexander McAllister, Wm.

COMMISSIONERS TRANSACTED MUCH BUSINESS YESTERDAY

Resolution Passed Asking that Bill on Suffrage Question be Dealt with as Soon as Possible—Tenders for Supplies Received—Other Matters.

The city council met yesterday afternoon, and passed a resolution instructing the mayor to write to the attorney general to try and have the city's bill providing for a plebiscite at the next city election on the question of granting married women owning property the right to vote put through as soon as possible, so that the city could make the necessary arrangements for the plebiscite. This action was taken as a result of letters received from members of the Women's Suffrage Association.

G. B. Brundage wrote offering to purchase 3 acres of land with buildings at Elbow Corner, Millford Road. This matter was referred to the commissioner of lands.

A letter was received from Fire Chief Frederick, of Halifax, requesting the city to allow the local chief to attend a meeting at Halifax on August 5th and 6th for the purpose of organizing a Maritime Fire Chiefs' Union.

Wm. Lewis wrote complaining that sand scows injured a wharf in Sydney slip under lease to him, and the matter was referred to the commissioner of harbors.

The Women's Society of Calvin church and the University Women's Clubs wrote commending the action of the authorities in closing road houses.

Dredging.
F. G. Goodspeed, engineer of the Public Works Department, wrote, asking what the city wanted done in the way of dredging Wellington and Gunn slips.

The Mayor said last year the Dominion government was requested to undertake the dredging of the tail of Navy Island bar and of Gunn and Wellington slips. This work had been started, but complaints were made that as a result of dredging scows could not lie there. John E. Moore said if the dredging was continued it would put the lumber industry out of business.

The dredging work had been undertaken at the suggestion of the harbor master, who wanted a berth for schooners.

His Worship suggested that the commissioners grant a hearing to the lumber men so they could state their views and a date for this purpose was fixed.

John Kimball and Sons wrote asking permission to erect another tower on their present building. This was referred to the Safety Department.

WILL INVESTIGATE TRADE CONDITIONS
Dominion Royal Commission will Come to Canada this Summer—May Visit St. John.

The Board of Trade has received a letter from the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce referring to the visit of the Dominion Royal Commission, appointed by the Imperial Council to Canada this summer. The commission which numbers among its members Sir Edgar Vincent and Hon. R. E. Foster, will start at Sydney and make a trip through Canada, enquiring into the natural resources of the country, developments going on and possibilities, etc. Mr. Hara writes to the board that the Dominion commission would be glad to deal with suggestions or communications supplied by St. John business men. It is not known whether the commission will come to St. John, but it is expected that it will do if the business men here show enough interest in its purposes.

COMING BY BANQUET

Tendered to those Interested in the Meteorology Campaign by Woman's Canadian Club.

The banquet in the York assembly rooms last evening tendered by the Woman's Canadian Club to those taking part in the Meteorology campaign was largely attended and was a success in every way. Mrs. E. A. Smith presided and after the good things had been received full justice His Worship delivered a short address in which he complimented the Woman's Canadian Club and the president, Mrs. E. A. Smith, for the excellent dinner. Sir Frederic Barker then moved a vote of thanks to the Woman's Canadian Club. This was seconded by Chief Justice McLeod and carried with three ringing cheers and a cheer and the singing of "For They are Jolly Good Fellows."

Mrs. Smith responded on behalf of the club and said that although the Woman's Canadian Club stood for the development of the brain, it also stood for the development of the heart, and believed in helping every good cause. In concluding Mrs. Smith wished that every success would attend the forthcoming campaign for the purpose of securing \$20,000 toward the erection of a new Meteorology.

Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan was the next speaker. In opening he said that all was ready for the campaign and he felt sure that success would attend the efforts of the citizens' committee. Concluding Rev. Mr. MacKeigan pointed out that the Salvation Army was doing much for humanity, how much so it would not be able to approach the people in this matter. Mr. Moore also remarked that Mrs. E. A. Smith, president of the Woman's Canadian Club, would make a great captain in the Salvation Army and was sure it was doing a great work.

Orange Street Lot.
The matter of the offer of Dr. Broderrick to purchase a leasehold lot on Orange street for \$600 was taken up. The Mayor said the lot sold on Leinster street went for \$600, but the lot on Orange street was probably worth \$1,000.

Com. McLellan said it would be better to renew the lease. In seven years the land would be more valuable, while the building would depreciate.

Com. Agar moved that the lot be sold for \$800, otherwise lease to be renewed. This was carried.

On motion of Com. Wilmore it was decided to purchase 40 hydrants at \$55 each from T. McAvity and Sons.

The Common Council was instructed to notify Mrs. George Whitcomb that the city was not liable for damages she received through slipping on St. Patrick street.

Tenders for Supplies.
Tenders for supplies were received as follows: Loose and pressed hay, W. A. Quinlan, \$14 per ton; Jas. S. Gregory, \$14.75 per ton; W. A. Quinlan, tender was accepted.

The amount required is 60 tons of pressed and 70 tons of loose hay. Oats—A. C. Smith and Co., 48 1/2¢ a bushel; C. H. Peters and Sons 47 1/2¢ a bushel. Messrs. Peters' tender was accepted.

Bray—A. C. Smith and Co., \$26.45 per ton; C. H. Peters and Sons, \$28 per ton. A. C. Smith's tender was accepted.

A. C. Smith tendered to supply 5 tons of straw at \$9.48 per ton, and be the only tenderer the offer was accepted.

Com. McLellan read a letter from the Woman's Suffrage Association and action was taken as reported above.

Picture of Steamer Bear River in Ice at Annapolis Used Against St. John.
The secretary of the Board of Trade received word yesterday that a picture of the steamer Bear River taken while she was in the ice in Annapolis Basin was being displayed in Boston under the caption "steamer in ice in St. John harbor." The picture shows the steamer surrounded by heavy ice and her bows sticking up at an angle of thirty degrees, her forefoot being above the ice.

The secretary wrote to the party displaying the photograph, pointing out that the picture was taken in the Annapolis Basin, and that the St. John harbor had never been frozen over.

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Dresses for Misses

BALKAN DRESSES FOR MISSES—Ages 12 to 14, very smart white linen skirt with colored Balkan waist, trimmed black crocheted buttons, white applique collar with velvet bow. These dresses are in cadet blue, Alice blue and pink. Each \$4.30

DRESSES FOR MISSES—10, 12 and 14, in rose, reseau and pink. This style is pleated skirt with belt, piped with white, daintily buttoned with white down front and sleeves, rolling white collar and dicky, trimmed with small black velvet buttons. Each \$2.90

MISSES' DRESSES—In plain pink and cadet Indian head, Peter Pan collar and cuffs of white ratine, trimmed with large and small pearl buttons. Age 14 only. Each \$3.50

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