

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong southerly winds, fair and mild.

Toronto, Mar. 19.—There has been little change in weather conditions over Canada. The cold has continued in the west and it has been mild from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The disturbance from the West is now approaching the lake region and is being followed by much colder weather.

	Min.	Max.
Atlin	16	10
Victoria	26	34
Vancouver	24	32
Kamloops	24	32
Edmonton	18	12
Battleford	0	6
Prince Albert	0	6
Calgary	10	12
Moose Jaw	10	12
Regina	4	5
Winnipeg	2	8
Fort Arthur	18	18
Perry Sound	38	50
London	36	60
Toronto	27	57
Kingston	34	48
Ottawa	39	43
Montreal	34	56
Quebec	28	50
St. John	32	52
Halifax	32	52
Below zero		

Washington Forecast.

Washington, Mar. 19.—Forecast: North—New England: Fair Thursday followed by rain by night on Friday; moderate south winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Merely Times Fiction.

When asked about the story in the Times last evening to the effect that he was considered a candidate for the position of police clerk or police magistrate, J. A. Barry said that the Frederickson correspondent of that journal, having no news of any interest from the opposition point of view to send in had been including his rather peculiar ideas of humor. "I am not looking for the police magistrate's job, nor that of Mr. Henderson's either," added Mr. Barry.

Dominion L. O. L. Bazaar.

The bazaar being conducted by Dominion L. O. L., No. 141 was opened last evening in Orange Hall, Simonds street with a good attendance. The booths which were tastefully decorated and the different games were well patronized. The prize winners for last evening were: door prize, case of Quaker Oats, Mrs. W. G. Vanburen; ladies' bean board, silver castor, Mrs. H. C. Green; gent's bean board, G. Cook; ladies' bowling, bottle of perfume, Mrs. Angel; gent's bowling, a hat, George Chase.

ACTIVITY AT INDIANTOWN

Indiantown gives promise of being the centre of much activity this summer.

The steamer service on the river will be understood to be improved considerably, affording better accommodations. Already some of the boats have been repaired, painted, remodelled and the engines overhauled and put in first class condition in anticipation of an early opening of the river.

Jarvis Purdy who, in company with Joseph Williams, steamboat engineer, has been in the States looking over a steamer which he is contemplating purchasing, returned to the city Tuesday, but as yet has not selected a new steamer to be placed on the river service. It is reported, however, that there will be a rearrangement of the boats giving the people much better accommodation.

A delegation of residents from Baywater and Summerside interviewed the government at Fredericton last week for the purpose of arranging for a larger and more modern ferry boat to be put on the route to replace the present Maggie Miller, and it is reported they received much encouragement.

Although the river ice is still being crossed by horse and team, this will probably end about the last of the week and in about three weeks time the ice will probably break up.

In three weeks time it is expected that all the lumber mills operating within a short distance of the city will be reopened. On next Saturday the two mills operated by the Boston Cutler Co. at Indiantown and Pleasant Point will be reopened, employing about 300 men. This will shortly be followed by the opening of the Randolph and Baker mill at the Randolph, employing about 200 men.

As soon as conditions in the river permit the Moore and Miller mills will also commence operations. Altogether this will give employment to about 1,000 men.

NEW BRUNSWICK DEST OF ALL PROVINCES

After spending the winter in British Columbia, during which time the Bas had an opportunity to judge the possibilities which that province holds out as compared with New Brunswick, A. S. P. Marshall, of England, who came to the Dominion last fall to study conditions in this country, with a view to locating in Canada, returned here from the west yesterday, and will probably settle in New Brunswick.

He is accompanied by D. Johnston, who also proposes to locate here. Mr. Marshall has had an opportunity to study conditions in the western province, and finds that after stating the situation New Brunswick can stand the test with any. There are in British Columbia many other old country settlers, and there is a bright possibility that some of these will come east to take up farming.

MAGNIFICENT SUITES READY FOR CONNAUGHTS ON EMPRESS

Special Staterooms have been Prepared for Royal Travellers and Arrangements Made to Maintain an Exceptional Degree of Luxury During Voyage.

The homeward journey of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia will be attended by all luxury, special preparation having been made to this end. The C. P. R. royal mail liner Empress of Britain, on which the royal party will sail for Europe, is at present lying at Sand Point, and is a scene of bustle and activity, many changes being made with a view to adding to their comfort. Partitions have been removed; the most luxurious staterooms enlarged; special furniture installed, sitting room fitted up in an exceptional high degree of elegance, a special telephone system installed and indeed everything that the ingenuity of the C. P. R. officials can devise is being done to add to the pleasure of the voyage.

The Duke and Duchess and the Princess occupy two separate suites, that of the Princess being situated about amidships on the port side of the vessel. The entrance leads off the main alleyway into an alcove, which in turn leads to the royal stateroom. Here a high degree of elegance, and solid comfort combined has been secured. A magnificent brass bedstead occupies one corner of the cabin. The bed clothing is also so conducive to comfort, high grade linen sheets and elder down quilts being much in evidence. The furniture of the room includes an especially comfortable looking arm chair, a turned oak writing desk and dresser, a chair of less comfortable variety and a most inviting cosy corner complete the furnishings.

Leading from the other side of the suite, and is furnished in a most complete manner, with all accessories. Here, too, the high standard has been maintained. The suite also contains a private bath. The rooms of the lady in waiting are in the same section, and are connected with those of the Princess by a private telephone. A soft, yielding carpet completes the furnishings, and leaves nothing to be desired.

On the starboard side of the ship, and almost opposite those of the Princess, is the suite of the Duke and Duchess. Here, too, those who have in charge the furnishing of the rooms have left nothing to be desired. Electric lights and fans, private telephones and all the latest inventions of civilization will add to the comfort of the royal travellers.

In the sleeping room of the Duke of Connaught is the bed made especially for the Queen of England, when Her Royal Highness and His Majesty sailed from England to India on the S.S. Medina, to attend the great Indian Durbar. This bed is practically the last word in comfort on shipboard, and was brought out on the Empress expressly for the use of the Duke whose falling Lench makes it necessary that great care be taken. Unlike the other beds to be occupied by their Highnesses, it is so arranged on springs as to swing in the motion of the ship, always remaining in an upright position.

The items of furniture in this room correspond with those of the Princess. Opening off the sleeping room is the sitting room to be used both by the Duke and Duchess. Several staterooms went to make up this large room, which is tastefully decorated with attractively arranged paintings and pictures. Several large and comfortable chairs and a cosy corner, together with oak writing desks and magnificent rugs complete the furnishings.

In the sleeping room of the Duke of Connaught the equipment is much the same as that of the other members of the family, with the exception that a folding basin is fitted neatly into the wall of the suite, having their private baths.

Special preparations are also being made in the dining saloon, and while a private saloon will not be used, one corner of the main saloon is being especially arranged for the occasion. A special service will be inaugurated for the Royal travellers, and indeed the C. P. R. have engaged themselves in their efforts to make the homeward journey of the Governor-General and his family attended by every comfort possible on a modern western ocean passenger ship.

Great credit is due not only the managing heads of the departments in control of the work, but also to those directly engaged in carrying it out. The chief steward and his helpers are busily engaged, while all on board from the captain down are looking forward to making the trip a memorable one.

The ship will be especially decorated with flags and bunting at Halifax, and bunches of pretty flowers and other tasteful decorations will be used in the suites.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE TO POLICE COURT AUDIENCE

Magistrate Ritchie Takes Another Fall Out of "The Demon Rum"—Gives Good Advice to Drunks and an Interdict.

Three drunks and an interdict were taken from jail yesterday afternoon and each one received advice from Magistrate Ritchie in the police court. One of the drunks was an abashed, well dressed young man, who said that he was not in the habit of drinking liquor. On Tuesday, however, he did take too much and got in trouble.

His Honor told the prisoner to think for a moment what a fool he had made of himself through strong drink and then to cut it out. The big fellow took the advice to heart and promised to take the pledge for six months.

The magistrate imposed a fine of eight dollars but allowed it to stand against the prisoner and told him to go to his work, and do better, as he was too decent a looking fellow to be sent back into the jail.

The next drunk was a middle aged, grey haired man, who said: "Your Honor, please give me a chance, and I'll take the pledge for a year."

The magistrate said he would not give "three pence" for some of the pledges that men take, for after they take them they are not clear of the court more than five minutes when they have broken their pledge and are drinking rum again.

He was allowed to go on suspended sentence and told if he appeared in court again and was sent to jail without a fine he had no one to blame but himself.

The next prisoner was a youth who gave his age as 22 years, but in appearance looked younger. In answer to questions he told the court how he commenced his career in drinking. He said at first he used to drink "soft" beer, he had never tackled ale or lager, but one day he found part of a square face of gin in a yard and he drank it. Since then he had been drinking "hard" liquor.

He said if allowed to go he would never drink again.

He was fined \$5 or a month in jail but the sentence was suspended on provision that he would call on a clergyman, take the pledge to abstain from liquor and return to the court and show the officials that he had taken the pledge. The youth promised and was allowed to go.

The last of the quartette was the interdict who had persisted in entering a King square saloon and after

being thrown out a couple of times, was arrested. After looking over the man for a few seconds the magistrate said: "Well, you look somewhat better since you were arrested. You are almost as clean as a looking chap to be in jail. You should be ashamed of yourself. You know your name is on the interdict list, but you persist in entering the saloons to attempt to obtain liquor. You are liable to a fine of \$10 or a month in jail. How would you like to go to jail again for a term?"

Prisoner—"No sir, I have had enough of that place."

Magistrate—"Where are you employed?"

Prisoner—"I was working for —, but I lost my job."

Magistrate—"Are you married?"

Prisoner—"No sir, I live with my mother who is a widow, and I would like to get out to look after her."

His Honor said, "That's it, drink rum and lose your position; get arrested and then ask to get out to look after your widowed mother. A lot of you could have been thinking of your mother when you were drinking rum."

"Last evening I was in jail and I met one man by the name of —. I mentioned his name here in court and would say, oh, that old drunken bum. I asked that unfortunate fellow how old he was, and he said fifty years, and that he had been in and out of jail for the last thirty years for drinking rum; that means that he commenced his drinking when he was but twenty years of age."

"As I went through the jail and looked at the unfortunate I thought it was an awful object lesson. There is one poor fellow there who has to be watched day and night all through rum, but it is said that just as soon as he gets out of jail he will go at the drink again."

There are at present in jail 84 prisoners, which is a record number. If it was only four who were there for drinking liquor the other eighty could say, well, there are four fools in the world, but the majority of the 84 are there on account of drinking liquor. Of course all persons who drink liquor are not fools, but a very large majority of them are."

The interdict was allowed to go on suspended sentence on promising to keep clear of liquor.

PERSONAL

W. H. G. to Magistrate Ritchie.

The government steamer Stanley, which has finished repairs here will proceed to Sydney in a day or so, and passengers also will go to the Magdalen Islands with the mails.

Easter White Waists.

Easter white waists are shown in abundance at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. They have thousands of the latest lawn, Marquise and net waists that were brought especially for the early spring and Easter trade.

Their store is known as the waist store of St. John, and their one dollar waists which they make a specialty of will compare favorably with waists found in other stores at \$1.50.

IMPORTS SHOW RAPID GROWTH

Steamers Coming to St. John Bringing Vastly More Cargo Than Previously — Exports also Increase.

That Canada as a whole as well as St. John is enjoying a period of expansion is made evident by the increase of import traffic to this port this winter as well as by the increase in the export trade. Owing to the fact that the local custom house does not have a record of the imports at St. John, destined for places outside of the province, it is impossible to secure statistics in regard to the import business past or present. But the steamship people say that most of the boats coming here this winter have had unusually heavy inward cargoes, and some lines have had about half the inward freight they could handle.

As it is not so long ago that complaints were made that it was difficult for the steamship companies to get cargoes on the trip to St. John, the increase in imports affords another indication of the growing importance of St. John as a winter port. With the additional number of boats coming here this winter, some of which have had to wait for berths, and the general increase in both exports and imports there has been considerable congestion in the warehouses along the water front, and the railway companies have had their work cut out to keep the traffic moving.

TO PRESS FOR PAVED STREETS

Citizens' Committee May be Revived to Develop Greater Amount of Public Spirit Among Property Owners.

It is understood the old Citizens' Committee, which revolutionized many things in St. John two years ago, will be resurrected for the purpose of developing a greater amount of public spirit among the property holders than is apparent at the present time. The attitude of the property holders on some streets toward the programme of paving the city and with paved streets to provide St. John with paved streets has been a source of surprise to those who recognize that the property owners are the most to gain from the general progress of the city, and there is a group of young men, active in the commission movement, who say the Citizens' Committee should get together and co-operate with the Board of Trade and City Council in the work of promoting the forward movement in the city.

While no new protests against the street paving programme were received at City Hall yesterday, it was said a petition was being circulated among the property owners on Germain St. between Prince and King opposing the idea of having that section paved under the act requiring the abutters to pay half the cost.

The city will, no doubt, be able to proceed with its programme on some streets, as the intimation of the commissioners that they will seek legislation empowering them to assess half the cost of the permanent paving as in other cities, is having an effect upon the property owners. The commission believe that public opinion would justify them in seeking such legislation, as the property owners would gain much from improved streets. St. John consists of about half a small proportion of the taxpayers who have the right to vote.

BUCKETS ARE FAST IN MUD

Sixteen Buckets Lost from Dredge Fielding have been Recovered—Others Still at Bottom of Harbor.

The dredge Fielding which as a result of an accident, lost her buckets in the harbor, quite a while ago, is still laid up. An old set of buckets is being fixed up for her, and it is hoped she will be able to get to work again in a short time. About sixteen of the buckets lost in the harbor have been recovered with considerable difficulty.

Owing to the bad weather it has been impossible on most days to work at all at the task of raising the buckets and as they sank deep into the mud, it has been very difficult to get hold of them.

About half the buckets are still in the mud at the bottom of the harbor. Nearly every day when it was possible a gang of men with the Stenographer has been put out of commission many times. At present the buckets have got so far into the mud that it is necessary to make all the buckets fast to the derrick at low water and let the tide as it rises drag the buckets out of their resting place. The string of buckets has been broken up into sections.

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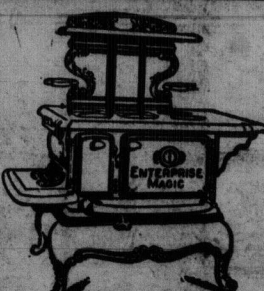
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