

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate winds; a few scattered showers but mostly fair; stationary or higher temperature.
Washington, May 18.—Forecast: Northern New England—Saturday probably showery; Sunday fair; moderate variable winds with showers.

Toronto, May 18.—Showers have occurred in the southwestern counties of Ontario and in the vicinity of Montreal, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fair.

Around the City

Will Call for Tenders. Commissioner Wigmore will call for the Lancaster extension next week tender to close June 11.

No Change in Flour Prices. No change was recorded in the flour market yesterday. Ontario flours are practically off the market and quotations are made as higher than Manitoba.

Opening of New Rooms. The formal opening of the new rooms of the Prentice Boys, of King Edward Lodge No. 30, took place last night. The rooms, which are a decided improvement over those recently vacated, are situated on Guilford street, St. John West. Worthy Master, William Price, presided. At the conclusion of a choice programme of music, consisting of vocal and instrumental numbers, refreshments were served.

Y. M. C. A. Notes. About 30 members of the Y. M. C. A. fully equipped with fishing lines and lunch set out for Hanson River yesterday for an all day fishing trip. Herbert Markham by catching the largest number of fish (100) won a prize of a half pound box of chocolates. H. Harwitz came in second by catching 14 fish. In all 130 fish were hooked. The boys were accompanied by Messrs. Gregg and Bonk of the Y. M. C. A.

LONDON MARKET FAIRLY ACTIVE AND CHEERFUL

British Shares Inclined to Dullness, Probably Because of Irish Deadlock and Holiday.

Special to The Standard. London, May 18.—The stock market was fairly active and cheerful today with Russian issues the feature during the forenoon, but they closed below the best. British shares were inclined to dullness, probably on account of the Irish deadlock and the holiday tomorrow. International Mercantiles were in good demand. Speculative issues and American securities were quiet. Money was plentiful owing to government disbursements. Discount rates were quiet. Consols for money, 5 1/4; bar silver, 37 7/8; money 3 1/2 as 4 p. c.; discount rates, short bills 4 1/16 per cent. 3 month bills 4 5/4 per cent.

HONDURAS BREAKS WITH THE GERMANS

Information Conveyed to Washington by United States Minister at Tegucigalpa.

Washington, May 18.—Honduras has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, according to information received here from the United States minister at Tegucigalpa.

FATHER OF 14 HANGED

Edmonton, May 18.—Matus Kehl, a Russian, father of 14 children, was hanged at Fort Saskatchewan jail this morning for the murder on December 18, 1916, of N. W. Lay, an Assyrian pedlar.

Scarce Goods. White Broadcloth and Tweed Suitings have been very scarce on the St. John market, but just recently F. A. Dykeman and Co. received an express shipment from England, and they are able to supply their customers with the above goods and at the same time they can say that the quality is up to the usual standard of British made goods.

Covert Cloths. Run from \$2.25 to \$4.50 per yard in price. Broadcloth runs from \$2.50 to \$3.75 per yard. Tweed Suitings run from \$1.25 to \$2.75 per yard.

FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH.—Being unfit for overseas service, will sell officer's uniform absolutely new cheap for cash. Write on card. Officer, care Standard.

Toronto, May 18.—Further changes in the board of the Massey Harney Company are announced as follows: A. S. Patterson, sales manager for Australia, and Lieut.-Col. Vincent Massey joining the board. The latter is a son of Mr. Chester D. Massey. Mr. Patterson is likely to become general sales manager. The changes are the outcome of the death of the President, Sir Lyman Melvin Jones.

BIG CROWD AT KING SQUARE LAST NIGHT

Number Gather on King Square to Hear Labor Men on High Cost of Living.

A large number of citizens gathered on the King Square last night and listened with interest to a number of addresses on the high cost of living and some suggestions as to the remedy to be applied. The speakers placed the blame on the federal parliament claiming that they should have followed the lead of other parts of the Empire and appointed a food controller at the opening of the war. Two resolutions were adopted, one calling for a federal commission to control food supplies and fix a maximum price, and the other the establishment of a national council with labor representatives on it.

Mr. O'Brien, president of the I.L.O., occupied the chair and the speakers were J. T. O'Brien, J. E. Tighe, J. L. Sugrue and J. W. Bruce. A few minutes after eight o'clock Mr. Deley called the gathering to order and stated that the meeting had been called to voice a protest against the high cost of living and called on John T. O'Brien as the first speaker. Mr. O'Brien claimed that the increase in the cost of food necessities was due to the manipulators and the government should take steps to stop speculation.

J. E. Tighe was the next speaker. He said that while the cost of living had increased 60 per cent., wages had increased only 20 per cent., and the problem of living today was an acute one. He moved the following resolution: "Whereas, the present enormous increase in the cost of living is producing severe hardship among the citizens of St. John, with the prospects of many coming to the verge of starvation, if no attempt is made by the government to control same."

"Be it resolved, that this meeting of the citizens emphatically protest against such conditions and demand that the federal government immediately take measures to mobilize all food supplies, and place same under the direct control of a representative federal commission with power to set a maximum price based on the cost of production." This was carried and the next speaker, James L. Sugrue, said the government had attempted to put the responsibility for the control of food prices on the municipality but he contended that it began and ended with the Dominion government. He moved the following resolution: "Whereas, the present situation in Canada demands a readjustment of all policies so as to give the people a greater measure of protection from exploitations and bring about a more united people; and

"Whereas, the present government are carrying out policies which are calculated to bring about disruption among the people of this Dominion; Be it resolved, that we demand of the federal government the establishment of a national council with representatives of the workers contained therein; and

"Be it further resolved, that unless the government respond to same that we place ourselves on record as being opposed to any extension of the life of the present parliament, and demand a general election." This was adopted. The last speaker was John W. Bruce, who claimed that the government in the war measure adopted in 1914, had the power to deal with this matter of high prices but had failed to avail themselves of it, and now it was time for the workers of the country to get together and demand that some action be taken along these lines.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

SENSATIONAL BURGLARY AT CAPITAL

Professional Safe-Crackers Visit Big Apohaqui Store and Blow Safe.

MADE THEIR GET-AWAY WITH \$1046.92

Burglars Made Every Preparation for "Successful Job"—No Clue to Guilty Parties. As the result of the operations of professional "cracksmen" the big safe in Jones Bros. general store, Apohaqui, was blown early yesterday morning and cash to the amount of \$1,046.92 taken. Cheques to the value of more than \$600 were also removed by the burglars, but these were later found where the thieves had discarded them. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

The operators were professional burglars in the minds of the police by the manner in which they worked and the precautions taken to ensure that the "soup" pumped into the massive floor of the safe would do its work. The burglary was perpetrated between one and two o'clock on Friday morning. At that hour, in fact, after the last train has passed Apohaqui for the night, the little Kings county village is as quiet as the tomb and the nocturnal visitors were not interrupted, nothing being known of the burglary until Mr. Harley Jones visited the store on Friday morning. He discovered that the front door had been practically torn off and, on entering, found the safe doors open with books and papers scattered about on the floor. Search revealed that a steel cash box containing \$1,046.92 in cash as well as bundles of cheques and other commercial paper was missing. Mr. Jones at once telephoned to George B. Jones, M. P., who was in Fredericton, and the matter was referred to the police authorities of St. John, Moncton, Sussex and other points in the province got to work at once. Up to last night there had been no established clue, although one suspect arrested was found to have no connection with the case and allowed to go.

Thieves Were Bold. The boldness of the thieves can be seen from the fact that they first broke open the I. C. R. section man's shanty near the Apohaqui station and removed the cash box, peevish, striking hammer and saw. With these they tackled the front door of the store, having first attempted to effect an entrance from the rear. The safe, recognized as belonging to the Intercolonial Railway, were found outside the front door.

In addition to the ordinary lock door was secured by means of a heavy brass clasp, bolted to the woodwork and locked with a Yale padlock. These fastenings the burglars smashed, practically tearing the door off its hinges, then went to the safe, knocked it handle off it and finding that opening did not give access to the key-holes, chiselled away the combination through the opening thus made. It produced a pump and pumped a mixture of nitro-glycerine, first "packing" the safe with the mixture to make sure that the work would be satisfactory in its results.

Two Heard Muffled Noise. The hour of the night and the knowledge that none of the villagers were about emboldened the thieves to the extent that they did not "cover" the safe to prevent the explosion from being heard. Thus it was that Mrs. G. B. Jones, living near the store, heard a muffled sound about two o'clock while Mrs. Edward White, wife of the I. C. R. section man at Apohaqui, had a similar experience. The thieves then made their get-away. Taking the cash-box with them they proceeded up the track in the direction of Sussex, entered the section-man's shed, commandeered the railway "speeder," and ran it to within a few hundred yards of Sussex, where it was afterwards found. From that point there is no trace of the culprits.

Cheques Recovered. When Mr. Harley Jones visited the store about 6:15 in the morning he found the condition as described and notified George B. Jones, the head of the firm. It was at first thought that the commercial paper in the cash-box, to a very considerable value, also formed part of the burglars' booty, but about eleven o'clock Sectionman White, while patrolling his section found the cash-box and the bundle of papers lying beside the railway track. Checking them over it was found that the parcel was intact. This is believed to be due to the fact that the cheques were all stamped "for deposit only at the Bank of Nova Scotia" and could not be successfully negotiated by the thieves.

The money taken included two American \$5 gold pieces and a half sovereign. The remainder of the money was in small bills and more than half of it in \$5 notes. Consequently it is difficult to trace the thieves through the denominations of the bills. The police of St. John, Moncton, Sussex and other centres are at work on the case, but so far without successful result. As may be supposed the affair caused a great sensation yesterday when it became generally known. An opinion current was to the effect that the guilty parties must have been well acquainted with the interior of the store as it was said they used tools taken from the hardware department, but Mr. George B. Jones said last night that he had no doubt the visitors were professionals and carried the implements of their trade with them. This is also evidenced by the fact that a nitro-glycerine mixture was used in blowing the safe, and nitro-glycerine is not included in Jones Bros. stock.

ENGINEERS SECRETE MEN AT CAPITAL

Recruiting in City Not Encouraging—Active Campaign for Ambulance Corps Begins Today.

HONOR ROLL. R. G. Lewis, Portland 62nd Regiment, C. D. F. B. R. McNeil, Wales, England. Divisional Signalling Company.

But two men were signed on in St. John yesterday, one for an overseas unit and the other for the Canadian Defence Force. Neither the Ambulance nor the Seige Battery secured a man. The members of the 5th Field Ambulance will start a real live campaign this morning and the officer commanding the unit, Captain McVey, expects to enrol the number of men necessary for the establishment of the unit.

Good Results at Fredericton. Lieut. McBeath, of the Canadian Engineers, returned to St. John yesterday from Fredericton where he secured several stalwart recruits. The following are the men who signed on with the Engineers:—Harold K. Bate, Newcastle; Hector Johnson, Durham Bridge; Edward Ballyvaun, Fredericton, formerly a lieutenant with the 16th Battalion, and Edward W. Dobson and Frank C. Garcelon, Normal students at Fredericton.

Will Have Picture Taken. All the return men in St. John as well as the officers who have seen active service will assemble at King Square tomorrow to have their picture taken. It is expected that over one hundred and fifty men will be in the group. The camera man will be ready to snap the boys about 10.30.

NATHAN ASHKINS, C. G., FORMER ST. JOHN BOY, ENLISTS IN U. S. ARMY

Resided in City—Attended Dalhousie—Graduated From Michigan University—Nephew of Max Ross.

It will be of interest to St. John people to learn that Nathan Ashkins, a nephew of Max Ross, and who resided in St. John with his parents several years ago, has enlisted in the American army. He signed up with an engineering corps. This will be one of the first branches of the American army to leave for Europe. He was born in St. John and after residing here he went to Waymouth. He attended Dalhousie University for several years, but left that institution before he received his degree. He afterwards went to the United States and graduated from the University of Michigan as a civil engineer. Mr. Ashkins is twenty-four years of age, and at the time of enlisting was employed as general manager of the Jefferson Cement and Tile Company of Louisville, Kentucky.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of St. John Doolittle Preceptor, No. 3 A, Knights Templars, held in the Masonic Hall last evening the following staff of officers were duly installed: W. E. White, Preceptor; W. J. McClavery, Constable; F. S. Savage, Marshal; A. E. Frick, Registrar; A. R. Campbell, Treasurer; Roy E. Crawford, Sub-Marshal; D. B. Betts, Captain of Guard; Robert Thorne, Sword Bearer; H. Colby-Smith, Standard Bearer; Pearl Jordan, Standard Bearer; E. G. Horne, Almoner; Dr. Barton, Organist; Geo. T. Hay, Guard.

At the close of the ceremony refreshments were served and a pleasant hour was spent by those present. This body, since its amalgamation has gone forward in a very satisfactory manner. The membership has been materially increased and financially it is in a most satisfactory condition.

Alex. Grey Milne. Many friends will hear with regret of the death at Springfield (Mass.), of Alex. Grey Milne. Mr. Milne had resided at Revere (Mass.), for a number of years. He had been in poor health some time, and went to Springfield two weeks before his death in hope that the change of climate would benefit him. He seemed improved at first, but a change for the worst came and in spite of all that skilled physicians could do, he passed peacefully away on May 12.

PERSONALS. George W. Dalton, inspector of steam boats, arrived in the city last night from Boston. H. W. Robinson left last night on the Boston for the United States. He will visit Boston and New York before returning to the city.

Ship Axes and Adzes. CAMPBELL'S XXX SHIP AXES, ADZES AND SLICES are used by the best workmen in Canadian and American shipyards from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They are made by skilled men, from the best materials, under rigid inspection. Shipbuilding will boom in the Maritime Provinces this summer, and orders for Ship Tools should be placed at once, thus avoiding delays that might otherwise occur. W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. Market Square and King Street

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INCREASED PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN. Employment Notice. Farmers can secure the help of boys for the season by writing (giving age and wages) to James Ghehrst, Supt. of Immigration, 108 Prince William street, St. John, N. B. HELP FOR THE FARMERS' WIVES. Farmers' Wives can secure the help of teachers or stenographers during the summer holidays by applying to James Ghehrst, Provincial Immigration office, 108-Prince William street, St. John, N. B. Names of Relatives Wanted. The naval recruiting secretary, St. John, is desirous of obtaining the names of either wives, mothers or sisters of all New Brunswickers who have enlisted for overseas divisions in the R.N.C.V.R. from this province. Kindly communicate with Naval Transport Officer, St. John.