

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh to strong westerly winds; fair and cool.

Toronto, April 1.—The disturbance which was over the Maritime Provinces last night, has remained almost stationary and another disturbance is developing over the Southwest States.

Victoria	42	50
Vancouver	30	50
Kamloops	24	52
Calgary	22	44
Edmonton	26	44
Battleford	26	44
Prince Albert	24	48
Mooselaw	27	45
Winnipeg	30	42
Port Arthur	29	40
London	30	48
Toronto	30	42
Kingston	30	42
Ottawa	30	38
Montreal	30	38
Quebec	28	44
St. John	38	42
Halifax	36	50

Washington—New England, fair Wednesday; Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably rain; moderate west winds, becoming variable.

AROUND THE CITY

The North End Street Survey.
The city will start work today on the survey of the streets in the North End.

To Appraise Fire Loss.
F. S. Whittaker, of St. John, went to Fredericton yesterday to appraise the loss caused by the recent fire in the building owned by Currie Bros.

Machinists' Union.
The machinists' union held a largely attended meeting in Forester's hall, Coburg street last evening, when the wage schedule was discussed. It was decided to ask for a minimum wage scale.

Jup. Pluv. has Done Good Work.
The city authorities have not done much work cleaning streets this spring, but Jupiter Pluvius has been on the job a good deal, and some of the survey of the streets in the North might be.

Boys' Industrial Home.
The monthly meeting of the governors of the Boys' Industrial Home was held in the mayor's office yesterday afternoon and considerable routine business was transacted. It was reported that affairs in the institution were going smoothly.

Many Want to Come Back.
Enquiries for work continue to reach the Board of Trade from former New Brunswickers who think the time is ripe to come to St. John. Communications from manufacturers asking for special information about the city are also frequently received.

More Settlers Here.
A dozen new settlers for the province arrived on the Allan liner Tunisian yesterday and were placed in positions by Mr. Gilchrist, the superintendent of immigration. In the party were two men who brought their families with them, and four others who hope to bring out their families when they get settled.

Police Activities.
William Wilson was arrested yesterday on the charge of being profane. Four drunks were gathered in last evening and the call man at the central station was sent out for the fifth one about midnight. The police report that there are dangerous holes in the Clarence and Brunswick street sidewalks, also in front of the Park Drug store on Brussels street.

Pleasant Smoker.
The members of No. 1 Salvage Corps spent a pleasant time in their rooms, Union street, last evening when an excellent musical programme was carried through, many of these taking part being from the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland, now in port. The affair was the shape of a smoker, and it was greatly enjoyed by all present.

In the Police Court.
In the police court yesterday afternoon Edward Hogan was fined \$4 for allowing a wagon to remain standing on Paddock street all night. William Golding was charged with assaulting Stanley Davidson, a boy. A couple of witnesses were examined and Golding was remanded to jail. Charles Lannon, a Water street saloon keeper, was charged with selling liquor to a minor named Roy deWolfe. deWolfe was arrested Monday night for being drunk and stated that he is 51 years of age. His sister, however, claims that he is not yet 20 years of age. The case was adjourned until Thursday.

NO ONE WANTED TO BUY THE MUNICIPAL HOME

Special Meeting of County Council Yesterday Afternoon, to Open Tenders, but Tenders Failed to Arrive.

The county councillors held a special meeting yesterday for the main purpose which it turned out, of being April-fooled.

From the far corners of the county the councillors came posting into the city yesterday morning, and at 2:30 in the afternoon they met in solemn convocation in their chamber in the court house.

The Warden explained that the meeting had been called to open tenders for the purchase of the Municipal Home, and then he added: "But there has been no tenders to open." Somebody called attention to the appropriateness of the date of the meeting, and there was a mild disturbance while the county secretary hastily disclaimed any responsibility. However the joke was not wholly on the councillors; the people will have to pay the expense of the meeting. Then upon Councillor Schofield and several others to save the situation. They pointed out that anyway the meeting would clear the air. They had advertised their willingness to sell the Municipal Home, and had asked for bids. They had received no offers. The party who thought the home was worth \$400,000 had not justified his belief. Having given the public a chance to come in and bid for the home, they would have to conclude that the public was not interested. The council would now be in a position to deal with any proposition which might be made to them, and try to make a bargain with anybody who wanted the home.

In order not to waste the day the council then went into committee and ratified the plans of the Parish of Lancaster for making a survey of its proposed sewerage extensions and

UNION PAINTERS AND THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

Members of Local Union Claim of Inaccurate and Misleading Reports Published in The Times.

A committee from the local Painters and Decorators' Union called at the Standard office last evening to complain about the report in the Times of yesterday regarding the result of the movement for an eight hour day. The committee stated that every shop in the city employing union men had granted the eight hour day, with the old rate of pay of \$3.00 a day.

The union was in no way responsible for the strike of the employees of McCowan Brothers, as the men in that shop were not connected with the union, and had gone on strike on their own initiative. The following master painters who employ the painters of the city have granted the eight hour day:—Joseph Craig, Robert Craig, V. A. Denison, Charles Barbour, A. G. Staples, Wm. Lambert, E. G. Geller, E. W. Paul and Robert Nage.

BUSY SUMMER IS EXPECTED IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Every Day Sees Increasing Activity—Hundreds of Additional Workmen Will Find Employment before Summer is Over—Some of the Biggest Contracts.

Now that the weather is getting milder, increasing activity in construction work is becoming evident. Everyday the Rhodes, Curry Company, the contractors for the new post office, are adding to the force of men engaged in the demolition of the Bayard building and the excavation for the foundation of the new building. The contractors have two years in which to complete the post office, but they intend to rush the work as much as possible.

The New Army.
The outside work of the army is about completed, but there is a great deal of work still to be done on the interior. The heating plant is practically finished, and the plasterers have started work. Yesterday the contractors began work pouring concrete for the main floor.

Ground Broken for K. of C. Home.
Ground was broken yesterday in connection with the excavation work for the foundation of the new home of the Knights of Columbus on Coburg street. The Knights will have a building 80 x 50 feet. It will only be of one story, but the walls will be so constructed that more stories can be added any time. H. H. Mott is the architect.

On Douglas Avenue.
The New Brunswick Realty Company has started the work of grading and levelling the property recently acquired by them on Douglas avenue. James Kane is doing this work, and has a large crew of men engaged blasting rock. As soon as the property is graded it is the intention of the Realty Company to lay out streets and building lots, and to commence the building of a number of up-to-date houses.

The New Banks.
The old building at the corner of Dock street and Market square has been torn down, and work is being started on the foundation of the handsome new building to be erected there for the Bank of British North America. The Merchants' Bank of Canada will start remodeling the building at the corner of Church and Prince William streets, immediately after the first of May.

The C. P. R. Elevator.
The Metcalf Construction Company has made good progress with the work of preparing the foundation and lifts for the C. P. R. elevator, and are getting the forms in shape for making the concrete walls. This concern

WIFE BEATERS MORE ACTIVE THAN USUAL

Police Round Up Three Cases in Last Two or Three Days—They are in Jail.

During the past few days, a wife beating epidemic has apparently struck certain sections of the city. A few nights ago Mrs. Fred Loupe called the police station with her face swollen and her arm cut, and claimed that the injuries were received in a beating she received at the hands of her husband in their home, Union Alley. Loupe was arrested and was remanded to jail.

Yesterday afternoon "Beaver" Boyd was before the police magistrate and was charged with beating his wife. Boyd was fined \$20 or two months in jail.

Last evening the police were called to Union Alley again, and this time Philip Bushman was given in charge by his wife, Hattie, who charged him with beating her.

A policeman remarked yesterday that these strong armed fellows mentioned above are rarely seen in a conflict with a man, but the easiest proposition they appear to find is a woman.

Arrested in Rockwood Park.
Yesterday afternoon while Mounted Policeman Pitt was patrolling Rockwood Park he arrested a young woman who gives her name as May Petter, and has charged her with disorderly conduct. The prisoner will be given a hearing in the police court this morning.

Complained of Disorderly House.
A telephone message was sent to the central police station last night complaining about a disorderly house on Dorchester street.

agreed at the next meeting to vote that the Parish be permitted to make the necessary expenditures for sewer extension.

COST OF LIVING IN ST. JOHN COMPARED WITH OTHER CITIES

The following table sets forth the retail prices of various commodities as furnished by correspondents of the Labor Gazette, and throw some light on the cost of living in different Canadian cities. The prices are those prevailing on the first day of February of this year.

	Steak	Pork	Eggs	Butter	Bread
St. John, N. B.	24	16	25	27	5 1-3
Halifax, N. B.	24	16	25	27	4 3-4
Moncton	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Fredricton	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Montreal	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Quebec	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Toronto	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Hamilton	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Winnipeg	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Regina	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Vancouver	20	16	25	27	4 3-4
Nasau	20	16	25	27	4 3-4

DIG GOOD AT MOTOR SHOW

Yesterday's Attendance was Largest Since Show's Opening—Citizens Night, Tonight and Military Night Tomorrow

The attendance at the Maritime Motor Show yesterday proved to be the largest since the opening and the show went with more of a swing. The show is now complete and every foot of space on the large floor is being utilized by the exhibitors. The manufacturers and dealers who have exhibits at the show are being made happy by the number of sales they are making and with the large number of good prospects which they are getting. In addition to the sales announced on Monday a couple more were mentioned as having taken place yesterday.

Yesterday's attendance showed a greater number of visitors from different parts throughout the province. Many of the delegates who were in the city on the Good Roads matter were in attendance at the show last evening and were highly pleased with what they saw of the special Good Roads exhibit. Members of the Good Roads Association held a meeting yesterday and planned out a course for today and tomorrow. This evening at 7:30 o'clock the members will meet at the Board of Trade rooms where a few brief addresses will be delivered on the good roads questions and some members of the legislature will tell of the excellent results they had.

Tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock arrangements have been made to have a man competent in road making address the members and all who are interested in the subject are invited. This meeting will also be held in the Board of Trade rooms.

Tonight will be citizens night at the show and tomorrow night there promises to be a very large attendance as it is military night. The officers of the regiments will attend in uniform and the 62nd regimental band will furnish a choice programme of music. Friday night it will be society night when another large attendance may be expected to be present.

VAUDEVILLE IN I. C. R. JAIL

Six Prisoners Gave Programme that put the Merry Maid Dope on the Blink—Irish Songs a Speciality.

Judging from the sounds that were heard issuing from the I. C. R. lockup last night, it would seem that a first-class vaudeville show was going on within. About eleven o'clock there was sparring, wrestling, dancing, singing and every other imaginable stunt taking place within the cells of this station and Officers Gibbs and Addison who were on the York Point beat were given a class of entertainment which any theatrical company would find difficult to beat.

The actors of the night certainly showed their versatility for they engaged in everything from low comedy to grand opera. When one big husky fellow of French descent was put into a cell with two Irish boys they engaged just like oil and water and when the Frenchman's continual clamor became obnoxious to the Irishman, the latter started the operatic selections of the husky chap with the sing-song of Annie Laurie.

The prisoners, who were six in number, were all landed behind the bars for drunkenness and when placed in the lockup it was a case of double up. Four were lodged in one cell and two in another. The prisoners evidently did not feel disturbed in their congested quarters for they kept up a continuous programme of card games. One fellow wanted the other prisoner, a Dutchman, to be put in his cell till he "licked him." A talented trio contributed to the musical end of the programme which included Annie Laurie, Somebody Else is Getting It, and Take Me Back to Dixie.

In the meantime a static bout was going on in the other corner. At length one soloist tired of singing and said he could sing better if released and "I can't sing in a cage," said he. It was suggested to him that a bird could sing very well in a cage, but he evidently did not consider himself a jail bird as yet.

PERSONAL

Dr. and Mrs. Case, who have been visiting Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa, are expected home Friday or Saturday.

W. R. Bamford, of St. John, was in Fredericton yesterday.

Wm. Downie, general superintendent Atlantic division C. P. R., will leave this morning for Fort Fairfield. His private car Rosemore will be attached to the Boston express.

W. H. Ruddock, of St. John, was in Halifax yesterday.

W. K. McKean, of St. John, was in Halifax yesterday.

A. S. Curry, of Amherst, is in the city and is registered at the Royal.

The Island Boat.
Both government steamers crossed between Pictou and Prince Edward Island yesterday.

White Counterpanes.
A sale of white counterpanes is announced to take place at F. A. Dykeman and Co.'s starting Thursday morning and will continue until the goods are all sold out. Their buyer had the good fortune to happen into a factory where these goods are made just at a time when they were willing to clear up the season's special prices at a great sacrifice. The special prices on these good counterpanes will run from \$1 to \$2.15.

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