

May Day Finds No Labor Unrest in St. John

Reports From Other Cities — The Halifax Plumbers — Socialist Demonstration in Montreal

May day found St. John in a particularly pleasing state as regards labor conditions. Regarding the labor situation, one of the local leaders in the labor world said that there was apparently no sign of trouble in any of the city bodies. Thus far there had been no word of a strike in any of the unions, the men being satisfied with existing conditions, or at least thinking that the time was inopportune for making any new demands.

Halifax, N. S., May 1—This morning the plumbers of the city ceased work pending adjustment of the matter at issue between them and the employers. The president of the union said today that the men have not gone out on strike, and he strongly resented suggestion of any such intention. They are simply awaiting a reply from the employers to a communication as to an increase of pay. "In the meantime," he said, "we have offered our services to the board of health in order that the public may not suffer."

Montreal, May 1—The Socialists here started their principal holiday with every apparent intention of impressing its importance to them upon the public. Early this morning several socialist orators appeared upon the Champ de Mars to address the 1500 men gathered there to seek work from Mayor Mercier Martin. After haranguing the crowd for a time, the speakers led the men off to Auditorium Hall, where a mass meeting was in progress. This evening 6,000 Socialists, of twenty nations, will march through the principal streets, led by Mrs. Gerick, a German woman, who will carry a large banner of red cotton. Each member of the parade also will wear a miniature red lapel flag, and several will wear red arm bands. It is not known whether the national colors will be in the parade or not.

An Italian band will lead the procession. Those of each nationality will march together, so that there may be no confusion of orders. The police have promised not to interfere unless there is disorder, but the Socialists speak defiantly of what will happen if the constables do find it necessary to halt the parade. Following the parade, there will be speaking in Auditorium Hall. The Socialists are also conducting a "rag" day to raise funds to meet the expenses of the celebration, but apparently public response is not generous. Circles are quiet in this city, there are threats of coming "May Day" demonstrations without a "rag" day. N. Y., May 1—May Day today was signified by an unusual large number of parades and demonstrations by Socialists and their allied trade unions as International Day. These parades, in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx, found thousands of garment workers in line, and each ended with park mass meetings, at which the speakers discussed the eight hour law and demanded better working conditions for factory employees.

Rome, May 1—May 1 was observed throughout Italy by an almost complete cessation of work. In several cities, workmen's processions were held and speeches were made.

Paris, May 1—"May Day," the observance of which in the past has been characterized by violent conflicts between workmen and the police, passed without disorder today. Only a small percentage of the laboring classes quit work. Premier Doumergue gave orders that the employees of the government arsenals who desired to celebrate the day by not working should be paid for the day. When this became known, the labor unions announced their decision not to take the day off with pay. The reason ascribed for this action is that the government desired, by its ruling, to win the approval of organized labor. In other government establishments the employees consented to take the day off without pay.

Fort William, Ont., May 1—One hundred and fifty bartenders employed in local hotels will go on strike today as the result of the refusal of eleven out of twelve local hotels to recognize the employees' union.

SEVERELY HURT John Stewart injured on Schooner at Ballast Wharf. John Stewart, employed by Swanton Brothers, unloading hard pine from the schooner David Ritchie at the Ballast wharf, is in the hospital with two severe wounds on his face and a broken nose, the result of an accident between ten and eleven o'clock this morning. He was working on the cars handling the lumber as it was being unloaded from the vessel. He left the car to go aboard the schooner to get a drink of water. While he was crossing the deck, a heavy sling swung around, striking him full in the face and knocking him heavily against the rail. He was taken to the hospital, where his injuries were attended to.

A slight accident occurred at Courtenay Bay this morning. Demitrio Kay, a Bulgarian, received painful injuries to one of his feet by a heavy piece of stone falling on it. Dr. F. T. Dunlop, after dressing the wound, brought the injured man to the city and he is now being looked after in the General Public Hospital. Although it is not thought that any bones are broken, his injuries are painful.

RECENT DEATHS Mrs. R. G. Thompson, of Woodstock received word Wednesday of the death of her uncle, R. M. J. McGill, of Ottawa. Mr. McGill was well known in railway circles, being at one time in the C. P. R. offices in St. John, later assistant manager of the Nova Scotia Central Railway and at the time of his death was chief accountant of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

The death took place recently in Plainville, Mass., of Mrs. Oscar Herring, the daughter of the late Elijah Ayer of Dorchester, N. B., and besides her husband leaves one son, her mother, Mrs. E. Ayer, of Dorchester and three sisters.

LOCAL NEWS OFFICIALS LEAVING William Showers, of the Allan Line staff, left last evening on his return to Montreal. R. B. Teakle, local superintendent, and J. P. Doherty will leave tomorrow evening, the former for Montreal, and the latter for Quebec.

ASKED TO MEET HERE An invitation has been extended by the St. John Board of Trade to the Canadian Forestry Association to hold their annual meeting in St. John next year. The convention will assemble this year in Halifax in August, and the invitation will then be considered.

MARBLE COVE SEWER The work on the Marble Cove sewer is progressing steadily although it has been delayed somewhat by the cold weather, which has made concrete work slow. The main pipe has been laid from the boat club to Kennedy street and is now being carried down from Cedar street.

Almost Record for Late Opening of Navigation

Not Since 1854 Has it Been so Late—Still Word Comes That One Farmer Has Potatoes Planted

The Coonoc, which went up river on Monday, arrived at Indiantown yesterday afternoon after having been held up by the ice at Hampstead for several days. Captain Flewelling reports that there is much floating ice in the river and navigation is anything but pleasant, as the weather is so cold. The water is rising rapidly and it is now well up in the Alps at Indiantown. The Champlain, which left yesterday for the morning, did not get away until it was not able to reach Nutter's wharf. The D. J. Purdy left this morning for Oranoc and it is expected that she will be able to reach that place today. The Hampstead, which has been here for the winter, left this morning for Gagetown and is ready to go on the Gagetown-Fredericton route as soon as possible. She has undergone extensive repairs this spring. The D. J. Purdy will leave on May 6 for Fredericton, which will be almost a record for late inauguration of steamer service between the two places. According to the New Brunswick almanac for this year, which gives the dates for the opening of navigation every year since 1825, the latest date on record for the opening was on May 7, 1884, and since that year it has always been open before May 1, until this year. Although previous to 1854 there were several years in which navigation was not started till May 1, 2 or 3. In 1802 the river was clear as early as March 29.

Word comes from up river that a few of the farmers have begun plowing and on Wednesday, Alfred Vanart at Gagetown's wharf planted a field of potatoes. This is very early seeding. In many places however, there is still frost in the ground.

LOCAL NEWS SNOW FALL ON MOVING DAY Many People Away Before Last Day But Still This Was Busy One. May 1, moving day, was ushered in keen and cold and actually a few flakes of snow fell about 8.30 o'clock. While today the activity in moving was pronounced, the greater share of it had already taken place during the earlier part of the week and it was generally only the finishing touches to the moving that were given today.

The express companies say that there have been more families moving than for many years. There are many weary homes in the city this week for they have been working from early morn till late into the evening, and last night on the eve of May 1, many people were busily engaged in moving even up to well after midnight. Fortunately the rain of yesterday had his store in position in his new home for the weather was too cool for comfort without it.

MRS. E. J. SHELDON IS DEAD IN WALLISTON News Will be Learned of With Regret by Many Old Friends Here. The death of Mrs. Eliza Jane Sheldon, wife of Edward J. Sheldon, occurred yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. Hall, in Walliston, Mass., where she had resided since leaving St. John, her old home. She was a daughter of the late James Stewart of West St. John, where her husband also belonged. They were married in 1842, about twenty years ago, but still have many friends in this city.

Mrs. Sheldon, who was about sixty-five years of age, had visited her old home several times renewing her old acquaintances and the news of her death will be heard of with regret by many, by whom she was much respected. Sincere sympathy will be felt for her husband and the other members of her family. Besides Mr. Sheldon, she is survived by one son, C. Parker, and three daughters, Mrs. S. F. Hall, and Mrs. Gilbert Schenk, all of Walliston, Mass., and Mrs. Raymond Gillette of Montreal. Two sisters also survive—Mrs. J. B. Richards, of West St. John and Mrs. E. A. Allaby, of Victoria street, North End. The funeral will be held tomorrow in Walliston, Mass.

EIGHTY YEARS OLD; GOES TO JAIL FOR TWO MONTHS "You would think the run came down from heaven and all these people had to do was to lapp it up," said Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning when a full bench of prisoners were up for sentence. "I do all I can to assist the police by remanding the prisoners to give the police a chance to find out where they get their rum but it is no use."

A man eighty years of age who was arrested a few days ago for drunkenness with a boy nineteen years of age was allowed to go at the time but he did not take advantage of the chance given him and was sentenced this morning to two months in jail for a like offence. Another man who has been arrested several times during twenty-four years was given the same sentence for being drunk. Louis Rogers, who pleaded guilty yesterday to assaulting George Kelly, was sentenced this morning to \$20 or two months with hard labor.

ALARMED BY INCREASE OF CANCER DEATH RATE

New York Society For Prevention of Cancer Calls Attention To Need For National Movement. New York, May 1—In a statement just issued showing the death rate from cancer in 1913, the American Society for the prevention of cancer calls attention to the need of a national movement to check the death rate from this source. For New York city the rate was 22 in each 100,000 of the population, against an average of 19 for the last five years. For Boston, the rate was 118 against an average of 79 for the last five years, and for Chicago, 86, against an average of 41. Other cities showed similar increases in the last five years.

CUSTOMS GAIN HERE \$20,000 The customs returns for April have shown a handsome increase of nearly \$20,000 over the corresponding month last year. The following is the statement for the month, both this year and last: 1914 1913 Duties . . . \$180,278.90 \$160,645.49 Marine dues . . . 1,221.26 1,233.63 Total . . . \$181,500.16 \$161,799.17 Increase for 1914 \$19,995.99.

BANK RETURNS The returns from the Dominion Government Savings Bank for April show deposits of \$66,400.12, and withdrawals of \$16,229.79.

Macaulay Bros. & Co. King Street, St. John, N. B.

TIME NOW FOR SPRING CLEANING! Your home will surely require new curtain materials whether you are moving or just cleaning your present abode after the fires and furnaces are laid aside for summer. If you view our showing of these house embellishments you will find it so easy to procure just what you require in the most exclusive patterns or designs, finest fabrics and lowest prices.

Plain Scrims with hemstitched borders in white, cream or ecru, 36 inches wide. 20c. a yard. Mercerized Marquisettes, plain centres with hemstitched edge, double border, and ideal material for dining or sitting room curtains, in white Arab, 40 inches wide. 45c. a yard. Plain Scrims or Mercerized Plain Scrims in white or cream for all classes of curtains. 36 inches wide, 18c. a yard; 40 inches wide, 25c. and 35c. a yard. Fancy Nets for curtains, numerous new designs, double borders, in Ivory or Arab. 45 inches wide. 40c. a yard. Scrims—Plain centres with fancy colored borders, also in a variety of mercerized effects, plain. 40 inches wide, 25c. a yard. Mercerized, 40 inches wide, 45c. and 60c. a yard. Mercerized Scrims—Plain centres with hemstitched edge, also a large variety of stripe scrims with hemstitched or drawn work borders in white, cream or ecru. 38 inches wide. 35c. a yard. Mercerized Scrim in white, cream or ecru, scalloped double borders or in hemstitched effects. 40 inches wide. 50c. a yard. Fancy Madras for parlor, drawing or sitting room curtains, handsome new spring designs with double scalloped borders. 45 inches wide. 28c. to 38c. a yard. Casement Cloth, cream ground with Bulgarian colored borders, suitable for the suburban home or city house. 80 inches wide. 16c. a yard.

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"SAFETY FIRST" ON THE INTERCOLONIAL Make up of General Committee—Lee Dalton Station Agent at Coldbrook (Special to Times) Moncton, N. B., May 1—A circular issued from the I. C. R. general manager's office says the organization of the safety first department will be proceeded with at once. The committee will consist of the general manager as chairman; general superintendent, chief engineer, general solicitor, general claims agent, superintendent of rolling stock, safety engineer and secretary. In addition to the general safety committee there will be a district safety committee and car shop committee. Moncton is about the only place on the line to have a shop committee. Willard P. Hutchinson, train despatcher, and William Crockett, conductor, both of Moncton, have been appointed additional instructors in standard rules. The standard rules will go into effect on the I. C. R. on June 1. Lee Dalton, a former Moncton policeman, and well-known athlete, has been appointed station agent at Coldbrook.

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