THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Gales, northeasterly shifting to westerly with snow. Colder tonight and on Sunday.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Saturday, except snow on the coast. Sunday fair; moderate to brisk north winds.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Pressure is highest tonight over Western Canada and the middle states while an important depression, accompanied by stormy conditions, is situated off the United States Atlantic coast. Generally fine weather has prevailed today throughout Canada, with somewhat lower temperature from Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and more moderate temperatures in the west.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	54
Vancouver	36	54
Kamloops	20	34
Calgary	22	42
Medicine Hat	*10	22
Battleford	*20	10
Moosejaw	* 8	32
Winnipeg	*26	14
Parry Sound	* 2	16
Toronto	3	16
Ottawa	*12	6
Montreal	* 6	2
Quebec	* 8	6
St. John	6	18
Halifax	12	30

*—Below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Kindergarten Petition

A delegation from the Free Kindergarten Association appeared before the city commissioners yesterday and asked that the council adopt a resolution approving of an amendment to the School Act providing that the work of the kindergartens be recognized as a part of the public school system. The commissioners wanted further information before taking action on this petition, as they felt it would require a considerable additional expenditure to carry on the work of the kindergartens in St. John.

Knights To Attend Church

The Knights of Pythias of this city will terminate their celebration of the golden jubilee of the order by attending divine service in St. David's church Sunday afternoon. The knights will assemble in the school-room of the edifice at 3.30 and will enter the church in a body. Seats will be reserved for the Pythians and there will be plenty of additional accommodation for the general public. Rev. Ralph Haughton, pastor of the Congregational church, this city, will speak on the subject, "Fifty Years of Pythianism" and an augmented choir will render special music. It is expected the service will be very largely attended. The collection will be donated, as usual, to the Protestant Orphans' Home.

EVANGELIST DELIVERS A FORCEFUL SERMON

"The Keeping Power of the Holy Spirit" Subject of Inspiring Address — Manhood Selfish.

Last evening, at the Coburg street Christian church, Evangelist McPherson preached on the subject "The Keeping Power of the Holy Spirit." He took Acts 19:2 as a text and said in part:

"Last night I preached on the subject 'The Converting of the Holy Spirit.' Tonight I declare that the Holy Spirit not only converts, but can keep one saved. In Ephesus we find twelve disciples of John the Baptist who had not heard of the descent of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem and had not been baptized into Christ. They were Baptists whom Paul taught to be baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. When they were baptized they received the Holy Spirit as did the 3,000 converts on Pentecost, and then Paul laid his hands on them and conferred on them the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit as the disciples had received before Peter's sermon on Penticost.

"The power of Penticost was what should be perpetuated in the churches of Christ now. Not the power of miracles, but the power of prayer and unity and preaching and converting. Too many point to Penticost impractically expecting secndary things—miracles—and forgetting the primary things—the power of the Holy Spirit through preaching the Gospel which results in converting thousands. Such influence kept those Christians through the worst prosecutions, almost the world has ever known.

"We may say that we are converted, that we believe in Christ, in the church, but have we the spirit of prayer and unity and constancy and faith and fortitude and determination as had the one hundred and twenty disciples of Christ who met in that upper room for ten days and through whose prayers of faith the Church of Jesus Christ was ushered into existence? If not, why not? Because of our selfishness and lack of faith."

Pie Social and Dance Postponed

The pie social and dance to be held in Nauwigewauk hall Monday evening, February 23, under auspices of Temple Band, will be held Tuesday evening, February 24. Special excursion train leaves Union Depot at seven p. m. For a good time, come. Return tickets fifty cents.

Turkey Supper At Bond's

Special turkey supper from five to seven at Bond's tonight.

Your only Safeguard when you are making an expenditure for a typewriter is to deal with those firms who have a high reputation and who offer an A 1 machine. What do you think of the Remington and Smith Premier machines? A. Milne Fraser (J. A. Little, Mgr.), 37 Dock street, St. John, N. B.

J. V. TROOP PASSES AWAY

Member of Famous Shipping Firm Dies Suddenly —News Cause of General Regret.

The many friends of J. V. Troop were given a shock yesterday, when they learned of his sudden death. Mr. Troop had been in fair health the day before and his death was unexpected. Just what time he passed away is not known, as he was found dead in his bed yesterday morning.

Mr. Troop was formerly identified with the famous firm of Troop & Sons at one time one of the most important shipping companies in the Maritime Provinces, owning a large fleet of sailing vessels and some steamships.

After the death of his brother, Howard Troop, the deceased retired from business. He was a bachelor, sixty-five years of age, and latterly had been living with his sister, Mrs. Charles McLauchlan, 193 Princess street.

He was the second son of the late Jacob E. Troop. Although connected with a firm whose ships were known on every sea, and whose activities did much to enhance the importance of St. John as a shipping port, Mr. Troop took little part in the public life of the city, being a man of modest character and retiring disposition.

His only immediate surviving relatives are two sisters, Mrs. A. Chipman Smith and Mrs Charles McLauchlan.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his brother-in-law, Charles McLauchlan, 193 Princess street, on Sunday afternoon.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF JOHN GILCHRIST

Much Sympathy from Relatives, Friends and Public to Bereaved Family — Numerousfloral Tributes

The funeral of John Gilchrist, son of James Gilchrist, who was accidently killed near Bloomfield on the I. C. R. Wednesday afternoon, was held yesterday from his father's home in Bloomfield. The funeral was one of the largest that ever took place in Kings county, and was attended by people from every part of the county as well as from St. John.

The funeral services were conducted at the house and church by Rev. Mr. Hannington, and interment was in the Church of England burying ground.

The circumstaces surounding the accident were peculiarly sad and the bereaved parents received many expressions of sympathy from friends in all parts of the province. Communications of regret and sympathy were received from Hon. J. K. Flemming, George B. Jones, M. L. A., Hon. J. A. Murray, J. B. Daggett and others.

The floral tributes were particularly handsome. Some of those who sent floral expressions of sympathy were: Bloomfield lodge, I. O. G. T., a prism; Corinthian Lodge, Hampton, a sheath of tulips and carnations; class mates in St. John High school, wreath; Teachers, St. John High school, roses; Hon. J. A. Murray, crescent; H. A. Gould, sheath of carnations; Norman Wetmore, roses; Mrs. Hans Ballie and family, sheath of lilies of the valley; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cochrane, sheath of carnations; Father, Mother and Louise, a wreath; Grandfather Taylor and Uncle Charles Taylor, Sheffield, anchor and cross; Uncle Joe, Margery and Maud Henderson, a sheath; Consolidated school, Hampton sheath of tulips; Mr. and Mrs. Jewett, Sheffield, a wreath.

MERCHANTS TRY TO IMPROVE SERVICE

South Shore Steamer Line Subject of Discussion at Board of Trade — Invite Managers.

About twenty merchants interested in the trade with the south shore of Nova Scotia gathered in the Board of Trade room yesterday afternoon to discuss the proposition relative to the steamship service between St. John and the South Shore. Percy Thomson was chairman of the Board of Trade Committee which has the matter in charge. The manager of the company controlling the steamer Amelia has offered to resume the service between St. John and Halifax touching at points on the South Shore, if given a subsidy. At present the John L. Cann, owned in Yarmouth, is operating a semi-weekly service between St. John and Yarmouth, while the Halifax and Southwestern Railway is giving rates from Yarmouth to south shore ports, which it is said enables St. John merchants to send goods on as favorable terms as when the Amelia was running. Under the old arrangement the Amelia laid off for a time in the winter when St. John does a large trade with south shore ports.

At the meeting there were advocates of the proposition of having the Amelia placed on the run, while others expressed satisfaction with the present service. The Amelia would only be able to give a weekly service.

After some discussion it was decided to ask the managers of both boats to come to St. John on Wednesday next and discuss their proposition before a meeting of the merchants interested to be held at three o'clock.

MAY AMEND PAVING ACT AND AND CHANGE CITY ELECTION LAW

Commissioners Confer with Recorder Baxter Regarding Bills to be Presented to Legislature — Labor Council Representations — Amendments to City Charter.

The city commissioners held a conference with the Recorder yesterday afternoon and gave consideration to a number of bills which it is proposed to submit to the legislature. The proposed Paving Act was up for consideration, and was discussed at length. After the meeting Com. Agar stated that in view of the opposition to certain clauses of the act, it was likely some amendment would be made to the original draft. In all probability the clause providing that property owners representing 60 percentage of the frontage on a street must sign a petition of protest in order to stop the council going ahead with the paving of any street, it may deem desirable to pave, will be so amended as to place the power of holding up the city in the hands of property owners representing fifty per cent. of the frontage. It is also probable that the commissioners will consent to amend the bill so as to provide that the city shall bear the expense of renewing permanent paving.

The original bill provided that the city when it renewed a strip of permanent paving might require abutters to pay half the cost, as was done when the paving was first laid. This clause was particularly objected to by property owners, as it was felt it was equivalent to placing a permanent mortgage on property along paved streets.

Labor Matters.

The commissioners discussed the request of the Trades and Labor Council that during civic elections the poll be kept open till seven o'clock in the evening, and decided to submit a bill to the legislature, empowering the city to keep the polls open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. They also approved a bill to amend the city charter, providing that at special elections everybody should have the right to vote who has his taxes paid within 21 days of the election.

The charter provides that only those who were qualified to vote at the preceding general election have the right to vote at special elections, which may mean the disenfranchisement of many voters for a period of nearly two years.

Another matter discussed was the demand of the labor organization that all incomes up to $1,000 a year be exempted from taxation except for a poll tax of $2.00. The commissioners decided that they could not approve of such a proposition.

In regard to the demand of the Trades and Labor Council that the city council prepare a bill providing that members of the School Board, the Alms House Commission and Public Hospital Commission be elected by popular vote, the commissioners ruled that as the provincial government controlled most of these appointments, that body should be asked to deal with the matter.

The Trades and Labor Council, in asking for a revision of the building by-laws, objected to a clause providing that only a master builder should be eligible for the appointment of building inspector on the ground that it was a legal expression of the class struggle. The commissioners decided that this matter could be dealt with by a civic by-law without going to Fredericton for permission to do so.

On Thursday the city commissioners had under consideration a bill to amend the city charter so as to provide for an exchange or redistribution of departments at any time at the discretion of the commissioners. But the majority of the commissioners declined to approve this bill.

KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION ASKS CHANGE

Wants Kindergartens Incorporated in Public School Systems — Many Delegates wait on Premier

A delegation from the Free Kindergarten Association waited on Premier Flemming and Hon. John E. Wilson yesterday afternoon and urged the importance of having the work of the kindergartens incorporated into the public school system of the province. What the delegation specifically asked was that the government make such amendment to the School Act as would provide for the recognition of the kindergarten schools, and thus enable teachers of kindergarten schools to share in the government grant to teachers.

Among those in the delegation were Mrs. W. C. Mathews, Mrs. F. C. Holman, Mrs. Flagler, W. F. Burditt, A. M. Belding, W. Frank Hatheway, Rev. F. S. Porter and others.

The general petition of the delegation was that the kindergarten work be made a part of the curriculum of the public school system of the province. It was pointed out that the association in St. John had been carrying on this work for a period of ten years. Starting here with one school and twenty pupils, the association is now conducting four schools with 140 pupils, and could find opportunities for extending the work if funds were available.

The Premier and the President of the council, who heard the delegation on behalf of the government, said they would bring the representations made to them before the meeting of the government next week.

A delegation including T. H. Somerville, T. E. G. Armstrong, J. G. Harrison, W. E. Foster, Charles H. Peters, E. Z. Jack, W. C. Rising, G. E. Barbour, F. W. Roach and Frank Smith, representing the wholesale firms of the city, requested that the Bulk Sales Act which was before the house at the last session but not passed should be adopted at the coming session.

The bill provides safeguards against merchants who wish to defraud their creditors by selling their stock in bulk and leaving the country, by requiring that all agreements for such sales shall be registered within ten days and that no money or other consideration shall pass until thirty days after the date of the agreement. The publication of an inventory and a statement of all liabilities with notice to the creditors are required. The Premier expressed his approval of the principle of the bill but was not prepared to go as far as some of the sections demanded. When properly amended he promised to introduce it as a government measure. Steps will be taken to meet his wishes.

J. H. Sugrue, J. E. Tighe, F. Hyatt, J. B. Smith and J. Morrow, representing the Trades and Labor Council, asked for amendments to various acts affecting labor. Their requests included an amendment to the workmen's compensation act to provide a maximum of $2,500 and a minimum of $1,500 for the death of a worker; the establishment of a bureau of labor; the adoption of the fair wage clause in all provincial contracts; permitting a mechanic as well as a master workman to be building inspector; the appointment of a scaffolding inspector; that the polls for provincial elections be kept open until seven o'clock p. m., and other matters along similar lines. They also announced that a representative of labor would be in Fredericton during the coming session to look after their interests. Consideration of their requests was promised.

WEST INDIAN SERVICE IS BIG SUCCESS

P. W. Thomson Says Much Freight being Handled Through St. John—Carry Many Passengers.

The new steamship service to the West Indies, inaugurated by the Royal Mail Packet Company, bids fair to be a success. When interviewed yesterday, P. W. Thomson, of Wm. Thomson and Co., local agents of the line, said that the amount of traffic going to the West Indies by the new boats was encouraging, and that there were prospects of a considerable increase in the trade handled through St. John. "Under the old service," said Mr. Thomson, "we seldom had as much space as we wanted, but now we can ship a large quantity of freight from St. John."

According to reports from Halifax, the Royal Mail Packet boats leaving for the West Indies have carried a large number of passengers this winter.

Writing to St. John, J. H. Doody, who went out to the West Indies on one of these boats, states that the service is all that could be desired, and expresses the view that Canada should be able to greatly develop its trade with the West Indies.

A recent issue of the Argosy, published at Georgetown, British Guiana, says:

"Mr. James H. Doody, the delegate of the St. John Board of Trade, has visited Georgetown for the purpose of trying to stimulate trade between Canada and this colony, and has met with a very favorable reception by the merchants.

"In a chat yesterday with a representative of this paper he stated that Canada had as good articles to show as any other place and what was more the freight rates were lower as there was a subsidised line of steamers to bring the goods down.

"Canada," he proceeded, 'is improving every day as a manufacturing country, and she is bound to get on."

Mr. Doody is trying to introduce some special lines in manufactures and farm products.

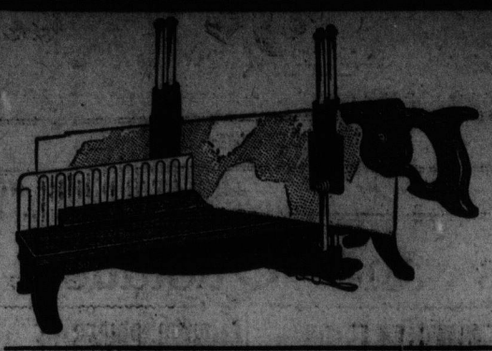
Mr. Doody may go to Panamas before returning to St. John.

Beauties from Antwerp.

I have just received the most satisfactory lot of diamonds for value and quality direct from Antwerp that I have ever handled. These stones are unset and can be mounted to your order at once. Allan Gundry, 79 King street.

A most extraordinary sale of dress serges at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. They have been fortunate in securing a very large lot of fine quality English Bradford serges. They were bought much under the regular price, and they intend to put these on sale Saturday morning at the following prices:—The 75 cent quality will be sold at 49 cents. The colors are black, light and dark navy, cardinal, garnet and cream. This is an extra good weight of pure wool serge with a very soft finish, and excellent soft quality of wool is used in its making. The colors are positively fast. They will sell a large quantity of 90 cent serges at 69 cents. This is a very wide serge of the finest quality of wool, extra heavy weight. Colors are light and dark navy and black.

THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL.



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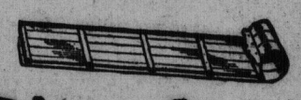

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Annual Spring Sale of Men's Colored Shirts

Remarkable Values Represented at 65c., 85c., $1.15—Men's Furnishings Department.

February Sale of Clothing

Wonderful Bargains in Stylish, Dependable Garments for Men and Boys

Bargains for men and boys in ultra-fashionable attire for present wear are attracting a great rush of buyers to this annual February Sale of Clothing. It may be mentioned that assortments are still desirable, and everyone who has new garments to buy is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to get stylish and dependable clothes at worth while reductions. Come and study the exceptional values:

Boys' Two-Piece Suits—Ages 7 to 10, some with two pair bloomer pants. February Sale prices, $2.90, $3.90, $4.25, $4.75, $4.95, to $9.00.

Boys' Two and Three-Piece Suits with bloomer pants; ages 13 to 16. February Sale prices, $4.25, $4.75, $4.95, $5.95 $6.50, to $9.00

Boys' Two and Three-Piece Suits with straight pants; ages 13 to 16. February Sale prices, $2.25, $2.90, $3.60 $4.10

Boys' Plain and Bloomer Pants —In Tweeds and Homespuns; ages 6 to 17. February Sale price, pair 70c.

Boys' Fancy Overcoats—Ages 2 1-2 to 10 years. February Sale prices, $3.20, $4.20, $5.20, $6.20.

Boys' Convertible and Shawl Collar Overcoats — February Sale prices, $4.25, $4.90, $6.00, $6.50, $7.75, $8.50.

Men's Overcoats—In Cheviots, Tweeds, Meltons, Naps. February Sale prices, $8.00, $9.60, $10.80, $13.00, $14.60, $17.00, $18.40, $20.80, $24.00.

Men's Overcoats—A special lot in Fancy Tweeds. February Sale price, $4.35.

Men's Trousers—In dressy Tweeds, also Fancy Worsteds. February Sale prices, $1.15, $1.90, $2.10, $3.15, $3.60, $3.90, $4.25.

Men's Navy Blue Suits—In fine French Twill Serges. February Sale prices, $11.70, $12.15, $17.55, $18.90, to $21.60.

Men's Navy Blue Suits—In Cheviots. February Sale prices, $11.25, $13.50, $16.80.

Men's Navy Blue Suits—In Diagonal Serges. February Sale price, $14.85.

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