

THE WEATHER

Toronto, May 4.—Pressure is lowest over the Middle Atlantic coast, and continues high over Manitoba and the Upper Lake region. The weather has been fair throughout the Dominion with the exception of a few light scattered showers in Alberta.

AROUND THE CITY

DOG LICENSES. Up to last night there had been taken out 38 dog licenses. Last year 1,124 were taken out.

HOSPITAL MATTERS. A meeting of the staff and board of hospital commissioners will be held this afternoon at the hospital at 415, when the matter of extension will be further considered.

TRADE INQUIRY. The secretary of the board of trade yesterday morning received a letter from a firm of exporters in Italy owning a pumice mine and asking for information regarding the pumice business in this locality.

HAVE ACCEPTED TENDER. The government has approved of the acceptance of the New Brunswick Contracting Company's tender for the construction of the hydro power house at Musquash. The price is somewhat in excess of \$70,000. This tender was the lowest of three submitted.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE COMMITTEE. The municipal finance committee will meet Friday afternoon at the office of the county secretary to consider several matters which are to be dealt with at the meeting of the municipal council on Tuesday next. Among them will be the proposed extensions to the General Public Hospital.

PREPARING FOR CENSUS. W. S. Clawson, who has been appointed commissioner for St. John, is preparing for the taking of the census which begins on June 1. He will have a staff of 32 for the city and the balance for the rest of the district. He expects an instructor from Ottawa about May 15, who will tour the province giving instructions to the commissioners.

DON'T WANT TO MOVE. The Anti-Tuberculosis Society, which has had rooms in the water and sewerage building, Carleton street, for some years free of rent, has been notified to vacate as the commissioner proposes to use the offices himself. Yesterday a delegation met the mayor and commissioner and asked that they be allowed to remain where they were.

WILL ASSIST PAGEANT. DeMonts Chapter I. O. D. E. at its monthly meeting yesterday morning decided to take part in a pageant to be held on Emory Day, Mrs. S. A. M. Skinner, the vice-regent, was in the chair. Mrs. W. J. Ambrose reported on the annual meeting held in Fredericton recently. A paper from the national chapter in Toronto on "Buying in Canada" was read. It was decided to hold a sale in the fall.

FREE LUNCH. Persons on Prince William Street last evening were amused while looking in a window where some excellent omelets, peas, barley and flax were exhibited setting forth the fine crop that is gathered in the West. Five tables were grouped on the top of the flax and oat bags enjoying a free lunch. The presence of a number of people looking in the window did not disturb them, they just proceeded to eat and grow fat.

FERRY REVENUE SMALLER. Another slight falling off in ferry revenues is noted in the superintendent's report for April, as compared with the same month last year. The figures are: Passengers 1920, 1921. Revenue \$3,767.60 \$3,543.53. Increase in passengers, 6,650; decrease in revenue, \$194.08.

RECEIVED FREE BAIT. A few days ago a few men went on a fishing trip. One of the party borrowed a pair of hip rubber boots from a friend so he could wade in the stream with the comfort of having dry feet. Arriving at the fishing grounds a delightful surprise awaited him. While trying to put his foot in one of the boots he found an obstruction. On investigation located a full bottle of gin. Needless to say this expensive boot resulted in a fair number of speckled beauties being captured. The owner of the boots no doubt took it for granted that no looking at home would ever think of peering into the bag of a boot for "Old John DeLoper."

Forty-Four Hour Week Situation

St. John Employers Refuse to Grant Printers' Demand in the Job Printing Offices.

While in many other towns and cities in Canada and the United States printers and pressmen are on strike for the forty-four hour week, the situation in St. John has not yet reached such an acute stage, although there is no knowing what the next few days may bring.

Put in Demand. In common with union members elsewhere, the members of the Typographical and Pressmen's Unions in this city put in their demand for the reduced time some weeks ago. This is the outcome of a vote taken by members of the International Union upwards of two years ago when conditions of employment were very different from what they are today.

Possible Agreement. Apparently the reduced time will not be granted in this city. Halifax has a strike on its hands, and many other Canadian cities are in the same condition, while others will be added to the list as fast as existing union contracts expire. In this city, however, there is a natural desire to avoid a break in the friendly relations which have for so long existed, and both sides are displaying a willingness to reach some basis of agreement.

Gaspereaux Fishing Absolute Failure. Fishermen Losing Money—Prices Jumped Forty-Cents Yesterday.

Speaking to The Standard last night one of the harbor fishermen stated that the 1921 gaspereaux fishing was an absolute failure, and the prospects look very bad for any success in the near future. The catch has been remarkably small, and the majority of men who have made a considerable outlay of money will be considerably at a financial loss.

Sea Dog Menace. Never in the history of the harbor has there been so many sea dogs as this season, and they are causing considerable damage to nets, as well as chasing the fish away. In one weir yesterday morning no less than three large dogs were found, while around the weir were many others with the result that fishing, as far as the fishermen are concerned, was very meagre. One fisherman stated that he saw a dog that weighed easily between three and four hundred pounds, which was so large that it could not enter the mouth of the weir. To prevent the destruction of the fish an owner last night was obliged to place a salmon net across the weir's mouth for the purpose of keeping the sea dogs out, and at the same time allow the gaspereaux to enter.

Good News. When informed by The Standard that fishing of shad would be allowed from May 16 to June 20 this year, the fisherman said that this was certainly good news, some shad are making appearance at the present time but are liberated, but some revenue will be received during the time allowed to catch these fish.

CAR DITCHED AND TWO MEN INJURED. While riding in an automobile which was travelling at a rapid rate of speed two men were quite badly injured last Tuesday night on the Golden Grove Road. The car left the road and went into the ditch. The men were thrown violently through the wind shield. One of them received a bad cut on the hip requiring about eight stitches to close the wound and two of his teeth were knocked out. His companion was also cut about the face from the broken glass, and severely bruised. The car was only slightly damaged.

DR. EMERY IN HOSPITAL. Dr. A. F. Emery who for a week has been suffering from blood poisoning in his hand was yesterday afternoon taken to the General Public Hospital.

Excellent News For Fishermen

Limited Amount of Shad Can be Caught from May 16 to June 20.

Last evening Hon. J. B. M. Baxter received a telegram from Hon. R. W. Wignior which certifies it is good news for the fishermen. The minister of Customs and Inland Revenue gives out the statement that it has been decided to allow fishermen to catch a limited amount of shad for this year from 16th May to 20th June both days included. For some time past shad fishing has been prohibited, but the people have been pressing so hard to have the privilege resumed that the department has granted the request.

Advances of City In Twenty Years. Tax Rate in 1900 Was \$1.53 Per Hundred; Last Year \$2.98—Valuations Doubled.

In the last twenty years the city has made advances in many lines and in one at least the advance is very noticeable, that is the tax rate and amount collected. In 1900 the tax rate was \$1.53 per hundred dollars, last year it was \$2.98 and it is expected it will be about the same figure this year. The total valuations in 1900 were \$26,320,100 and the amount of taxes assessed was \$413,245.53, last year the valuations were \$50,709,300 and the taxes assessed \$1,512,545.30. Thus it will be seen that the tax rate and valuations have practically doubled and the amount assessed has more than quadrupled. In 1900 9,238 persons paid a poll tax of \$1, but the number of rate payers would be somewhat larger as some were assessed on income who did not have a vote in the city; last year the number of rate payers was 17,443, a great increase.

Table showing tax rates and valuations for various departments like Contingencies, County Hospital, Police, etc.

Comparison for the valuations for the two years shows the following: For 1900, real estate, \$18,177,800; personal, \$8,498,800; income \$3,643,500; for 1919, land, \$9,033,550; buildings, \$17,566,350; personal, \$7,562,950; income \$16,575,690.

City May Lose Its Leading Pathologist

Neither Confirmation or Denial of Report Dr. Abramson Was to Leave St. John.

There is a possibility that St. John and the Province of New Brunswick may soon lose the services of Dr. Abramson, Chief of Laboratories at the Public Hospital and Provincial Pathologist. Rumors were current yesterday that this noted specialist had tendered his resignation to accept a position in a laboratory at Des Moines, Iowa, (U. S. A.).

Dr. Abramson could not be reached last night so no confirmation or denial of the report could be secured from him. Hon. Dr. Roberts, Minister of Public Health when queried on the rumor, said that Dr. Abramson had recently placed before him a statement to the effect that business interests would require his departure to the Western States before long. Just what would be the outcome as far as Dr. Abramson and New Brunswick's interests are concerned the Hon. Dr. Roberts was unable to say.

Wm. E. Golding Was Elected President

Westfield Country Club Annual Meeting—Great Activity Planned for This Season

At the annual meeting of the Westfield Country Club, held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening, very gratifying reports were heard. Those included reviews of the year's work by the president, the statements of the secretary-treasurer, auditors, golf committee and others. It appeared from all running expenses had been met, but a substantial balance of some four hundred dollars remained on hand, though the outlay during the present season will undoubtedly require additional funds.

Land Purchased. In the past few months the club has purchased a large tract of land adjoining the present golf course and are now employed in laying out the new course, which, when completed, will be among the finest in these eastern provinces. By Saturday of this week five holes will be ready for play, and work on the remainder of the course will be pushed along with all reasonable speed. The new land was secured by means of a bond issue, most of these bonds being taken up by members of the club. Yet, despite this liability, the balance sheet shows a credit of upwards of \$3,000 after all allowances are made for depreciation.

Minor Changes. At last evening's meeting several minor changes were made in the by-laws. Membership conditions will hereafter, to co-operation in the matter, permit the admission of non-residents to a total not exceeding seventy-five, and the age limit for junior members raised from sixteen to eighteen years.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Wm. E. Golding. Vice-President—Frank J. Likely. Directors—Fred G. Spencer, H. F. Rankin, Geo. L. Warwick, S. Norman Sanction, D. W. Leasingham. Secretary (appointed)—Horace Black. Treasurer (appointed)—F. N. Robertson.

NEW ADVERTISING STUNT. It is reported that an energetic Main Street grocer with the belief that it pays to advertise, expended a sum of money and had a number of circulars printed and delivered, showing prices of different articles that he had for sale in his store. Another grocer took advantage of the circular scheme without cost to himself. He procured a few of the said circulars, cut the grocer's name from the top and pasted the printed price list in his store window, thus saving himself the printing bill or the labor of making out a list.

TEAMSTER INJURED. George Kincaide, a teamster of 185 Brunswick street, received painful injuries while unloading lumber from the motor Drury's lumber yard on Waterloo street at about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. A heavy piece of timber slid off the cart and fell on his leg. He was taken to the hospital for treatment where it was found that an X-Ray will be necessary before it can be definitely ascertained if the leg is broken or not.

NOVELTY SHOWER. A delightful surprise was given Miss Fay Johnson last evening when about twenty-five of her friends gathered at the home of Miss Helen Webb, 34 Adelaide Street and tendered her a novelty shower in honor of her approaching marriage. She was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. The evening was pleasantly spent in music and games. A delectable luncheon was served by the hostess and the happy party broke up about midnight.

HAD ARM BROKEN. Robert Cohen, a young lad of 45 High street had the misfortune to break one of his arms yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the Hospital where the bone was set and was reported to be resting comfortably last night.

A HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

Doing its best to serve you well at DYKEMAN'S, of course. Fancy Bordered Scrims. The attractive looking border shows stripes and imitation drawn work. Will give the utmost satisfaction when made into Curtains for bedrooms, dining rooms or sitting-rooms. It is 26 inches wide, in colors of White Cream or Ecru, 35 cents per yard.

NORWAY'S SEAMEN STRIKE. Christiania, Norway, May 4.—A strike of sailors and stokers, members of the seamen's union, has been called and will become effective May 5. The strike is the result of the refusal of the men by a referendum to accept wage reductions.

The Hudson Nuptial Gifts in Stately Silver. Of the wedding gifts most cherished, stately silverware, for the dining room or toilet table, is especially favored.

The Heart of a Refrigerator. The food compartments are the most vital, hence they are the "heart of a refrigerator." The enamelled compartments of the "La Favorite" make it so easy to clean, so easy to wipe out, no corners or cracks to fill up with particles of food.

Beginning This Morning a Big May Sale of Summer Headwear for Small Children. Offering you really astonishing bargains in hundreds of the daintiest and most becoming Hats and Bonnets for infants and tots up to three or four years of age.

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. Sale of Slightly Damaged Table Cloths and Napkins. Sale of Navy Blue and Black All Wool Serges.

FAIR VALE OUTING CLUB ASSEMBLY. Large Party of Members and Friends Opened Season With Enjoyable Dance Program. members of the club by train and automobile enthused with the idea of again starting their summer dances and of being able to meet one another in their splendid club quarters once more.