

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, June 16.—The depression which was over Iowa this morning now covers the Ohio Valley, while another one is over the New England States. Rain has fallen today in portions of Alberta and Saskatchewan and in Ontario over Lakes Huron, Erie and the Western part of Ontario. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fine.

Prince Rupert	46
Victoria	66
Vancouver	48
Saskatoon	55
Kamloops	50
Calgary	52
Medicine Hat	58
Winnipeg	56
Port Arthur	48
Parry Sound	54
London	66
Toronto	69
Kingston	70
Ottawa	58
Montreal	56
Quebec	65
St. John	46
Halifax	46

Forecasts.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds; mostly fair; showers in some localities, chiefly on Friday.

Northern New England—Cloudy, probably local showers Thursday; Friday fair.

AROUND THE CITY

Rev. Canon Kuhling is expected to return today from a visit to the Parish of Cambridge where he has delivered two lectures on his war work.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

I. Soskin who was for four years general manager of the Famous Players and a frequent visitor to St. John arrived in the city yesterday from Toronto. He is here in the interests of the moral uplift picture "Enlighten Thy Daughter," being in charge of this film for Ontario and the Maritime Provinces.

AGAIN ADJOURNED

In chambers yesterday morning hearing was resumed in the case against Wm. H. Sharpe, arising from his three children being sent to the States before the completion of court proceedings as to their being finally ordered to his custody. Some evidence was taken and the matter was further adjourned. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., appeared for Sharpe and C. F. Inches for his wife.

Arrests Made In Chipman

Prohibition Inspector Saunders Worked With Effect on Tuesday — Seized Lemon Extract and Made Arrests.

Prohibition Inspector Saunders arrived in the city yesterday from Chipman, where he spent Tuesday, during which time a circus was attracting a large crowd there. During the day the inspector reported Samuel Taylor, a grocer, for selling lemon extract, and the officer seized thirty cases of the goods. Another man was taken in custody for being drunk and having forty bottles of lemon in his possession, and was fined eight dollars for being drunk and fifty dollars, with costs, on the lemon charge. Still another man was taken into custody by the inspector. He was fined eight dollars for being drunk, and fifty dollars for three months for resisting arrest. He took three months in Galetown jail.

The inspector reports that there appeared to be considerable Jamaica finger drinking going on, but other than the arrests mentioned above, Chipman was very quiet.

CASES BEFORE RENFORTH COURT

Number of Speeding Cases Dealt With by Magistrate Dalton Last Evening — Other Cases to be Heard in Brookville Court.

Owing to a great number of automobiles being brought to court for speeding on the highway through the activity of constable Robert Crawford, the Rothesay Avenue and Westfield road is becoming quite safe to travel on, and the careful driver is no more frightened. Last evening in the court at Renfirth, before Magistrate Dalton, Thomas Hooper pleaded guilty to speeding on the Rothesay Avenue and was fined five dollars and costs. Herman Hoyt was fined a similar amount for speeding. Donaldson Hunt pleaded not guilty of speeding round a corner in Rothesay village and after evidence was taken he was fined five dollars. William Titus was charged with encumbering the highway with his car, allowing it to stand for a longer time than allowed by law. He was fined two dollars and costs.

There are several other cases to come up before Magistrate Adams in the Brookville court, mostly for speeding, reckless driving and for not dimming lights.

Word From Ottawa Regarding Station

H. R. McLellan, secretary to the Commercial Club received a wire last night from Stanley Elkin, M. P., who is in Ottawa, stating that he had seen the minister regarding the railway station, and has every assurance that as soon as the estimates are passed the work will be rushed to completion.

KINGS CO. MILK PRODUCERS' ASSN. CUT OFF THE LOCAL MILK SUPPLY

Won't Send One Pint of Milk or Cream to City Until Sussex Train is Run on Atlantic Time—Daily Supply Received Here is Over Twelve Thousand Quarts—Secretary Huggard Gives Producers' Reasons.

According to official report from the Kings County Milk Producers' Association no milk or cream will be shipped into St. John today, with the result that the city will be short of about one thousand six hundred eight-quart cans of milk which on previous days arrived in the City of St. John on the so-called Sussex train in the early morning. This means that the residents of St. John will be cut off of no less than twelve thousand eight hundred quarts of milk, and while the dealers have a small supply on hand from yesterday the amount will not go very far.

Serious Situation

The milk producers from farms in the close vicinity of the city have their regular customers and, of course, these customers will undoubtedly be fortunate, as each milkman who arrives in the city during the day with one wagon partly loaded means that his supply is for practically only a few customers. The greater majority of dealers who supply grocery stores, creameries, and householders, receive their milk from Kings county, and now that this great supply has been cut off there will be many a home without milk, if not today, the bottles, pitchers or other receptacles will be dry tomorrow.

As far as could be learned last night nothing much has been done to cope with such an emergency, and while the dealer will suffer as far as his earnings are concerned, the consumer will be badly handicapped for the usual portion of milk in the tea, or coffee, and then the children must be thought of. It is a question which will no doubt be taken hold of today by the mayor and commissioners as something must be accomplished immediately in the interests of the citizens.

The Supply For Today.

It was stated to The Standard last night that quite a number of the dealers who have anticipated the cutting off of the supply from Kings County have laid in an extra supply in order that their customers will not be left without milk this morning, but this is looking out for today, and there will be nothing left for tomorrow providing the demands of the Kings County Association is not met favorable to that body.

The Producer's View.

Last night The Standard got into telephone communication with one of the producers who resides near Norton, and when asked what he knew of the situation he replied that it was indeed too much of a hardship on the producer to get the milk ready in time to send to St. John on the Daylight time. He states that the cows are put out to pasture during the night, and in Daylight time it is necessary that the farmers and their hands get up at 3.30 o'clock in the morning, bring the cows in, and after the milking is finished and the cans are filled it is hauled to the Norton Station for shipment on the St. John bound Sussex train, just an hour earlier than it would be if the train was run on the Atlantic time. He further stated that there were from two hundred to two hundred and fifty cans of milk shipped from the Norton station to St. John every morning, and that this train was due to leave Norton at 6.28 o'clock, Daylight time.

When asked how much of this shipment of milk was taken from the city, he replied that the quantity was early morning milking, and the remainder was the milk received from the evening before.

No Milk Today.

The Standard was unable to get in direct communication with Secretary Huggard, of the Kings County Milk Producers' Association, at his home outside of Norton last night, but one of the members of the family, who is perhaps aware of the proceedings of the Association, stated at a late hour last night that he knew the C. N. R. Superintendent had not changed the time of the train from Daylight to Atlantic time, and further, it was a fact that not one pint of milk or cream would be shipped to St. John this morning by the members of the Association, and would not be shipped until such time as the train is shifted back to the old time.

The Local Dealers

In speaking to one of the local dealers who handles a very large supply of this King's County milk daily, he informed The Standard that he had not been informed by the Association that the milk supply was to be cut off today and all that he knew about the situation was what he had read in the papers and what was told him by the Standard. He stated that he would be at the station as usual this morning looking for his usual consignment of milk, and while he had enough to supply his customers today in case there was none to arrive on the train, he could not say what would be the result tomorrow. Further the dealer stated that he did not believe that every one of the Kings County producers would stop sending their milk to St. John but he believed that there would be some who would continue shipping here.

There is an additional supply of milk that comes to the city on the Maritime Express arriving here at noon, this milk being picked up all along the line.

Substitute for Milk

A prominent citizen is discussing the situation last night said that he did not really believe that the greater portion of the milk that arrives on the early morning train is milked on that morning but he believed that the larger percentage was the milk of the evening before. He pointed out that in great many cases the milk being received by the consumer in the city (Continued on page three.)

Wholesalers Were Before The Court

Nine Firms Charged Yesterday With Keeping Intoxicating Liquor For Sale, to Wit: Lemon Extract—Interesting Evidence Heard.

The preliminaries in what may be a very interesting test case, were set in motion yesterday afternoon when representatives of nine of the leading wholesale grocers and drug companies in the city appeared in the police court to answer to a charge stating: "That they did each of them keep intoxicating liquor for sale, to wit: Lemon Extract, contrary to the Provincial Prohibition Act of 1916, in their respective places of business in the said city of St. John on Tuesday, the 15th of June, A. D. 1920."

The firms charged and their representatives who appeared in court were: O. E. Barbour & Co., J. E. Barbour; Jones & Schofield, F. B. Schofield; Puddington, Wetmore & Smith, A. H. Wetmore; Northrup & Co., H. A. Lynam; Baird & Peters, C. H. Peters; Wilson Chemical Co., H. W. Wilson; Brayley Drug, L. A. Conlon; Vanwart Bros., John W. Vanwart; F. E. Williams, J. Williams.

At the outset some of the grocers advanced the plea of not guilty, while others pleaded guilty of selling lemon extract, but not guilty of selling intoxicating liquor. After hearing further particulars in the case, the whole party pleaded not guilty to the charge.

What Defendants Said.

The grocers admitted that they sold lemon extract, but maintained that they did not sell it for beverage purposes. H. A. Wetmore read a permit issued to firms manufacturing extracts, essences and tinctures, authorizing the companies to have in their possession alcohol to be used for the manufacture of the said extracts.

C. H. Peters claimed that the law was very inconsistent when it gave firms permission to manufacture the extracts and then arrested them for selling the manufactured article. Lemon extract was pretty bad, but not as bad as some of the whiskey that was being brought into the city from Montreal.

The party declared that there had been no intentional violation of the law, and the lemon extract had been an article of trade for years. If the law was that lemon extract could not be sold, then they would let it go out of business all together and cease to deal in it.

One of the party stated that if it was unlawful to keep lemon extract for sale the inspectors had been violating their oath for the last three years every time they passed a grocery store.

The magistrate took exception to L. A. Conlon appearing for the Bayley Drug Co. Mr. Conlon quoted a section of the Summary Conviction Statutes authorizing a firm being represented by an attorney.

Inspector McAlinh.

Inspector McAlinh took the stand and said that he had visited the places of business of each of the accused Tuesday afternoon, taken a bottle of lemon and a bottle of vanilla extract and notified the firms to appear in court in answer to the charge of violating the Prohibition Act. He did not secure an analysis of the extract seized, but a recent analysis of similar lemon extract showed it to contain 15 per cent of alcohol by weight of from 36 to 42 per cent.

Some of the grocers said that they had not intentionally violated the law and asked the magistrate's advice as to what they had better do. "Give the clerk a check for \$200," said the magistrate.

About The Law.

When interviewed by The Standard one of the grocers who had appeared in the police court, said that they had no complaint against the law, although they thought it was being wrongly interpreted. As to appealing the case nothing had yet been done in the matter. There was no desire on the part of the grocers to sell lemon extract for anything but household use. It was said that the "beverage" extract had less cut in it and more kick, as far as his firm was concerned, every bottle was identical. The grocers were fully alive to the way some were abusing the trade and had appealed to parliament with the purpose of limiting the manufacture of the extract to the small size bottle of 2 1/2 oz. The government refused to do this, and the sale of the large bottles was perfectly legitimate trade and commerce.

Contradictory Law.

It would certainly appear that the law is to say the least, contradictory, and there is a possibility of an appeal against the decision of the Chief Justice. The appeal would go to the Supreme Court of Canada and finally to the Privy Council.

Yesterday's case followed a declaration of the police magistrate in court Monday, that if all were as willing as he to see the Prohibition Act enforced, the court room would be filled to the ceiling with seized bottles of extracts. Only two bottles were taken from each firm who appeared yesterday, but the spectators left little room for many lemon cases in the court room as it was crowded with citizens watching the proceedings.

Mr. Martin Olsen and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness extended to them on the occasion of their recent bereavement.

A. S. White of Sussex was in the city yesterday. Walter B. Snowball of Chatham is registered at the Victoria.

QUARTETTE OF DRUNKS. Four drunks were arrested by the police yesterday afternoon and evening. The condition of two of the inmates was such that the patrol was called to remove them to the General Hospital where they received medical treatment.



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