

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, May 20.—The pressure is below normal over the greater part of the continent, with the lowest barometer in the Western Provinces and Northern Ontario. A few scattered showers have occurred in Ontario, but the weather has been generally fair and moderately warm.

Dawson	26	58
Victoria	42	68
Vancouver	42	62
Kamloops	40	64
Calgary	38	68
Montreal	38	62
Prince Albert	34	60
Regina	36	62
Port Arthur	40	62
Parry Sound	52	76
Toronto	52	73
Kingston	52	70
Ottawa	56	74
Montreal	60	74
Quebec	60	74
St. John	40	66
Halifax	46	64

Forecast.
Maritime—Moderate winds; mostly easterly; fair with much the same temperature.
Northern New England—Local showers Friday; Saturday partly cloudy, moderate variable winds.

AROUND THE CITY

ASPHALT PLANT READY.
The new city sand drier is now ready for operation and the whole asphalt plant of the city will commence work about the first of next week.

G. W. V. A. FAIR
A meeting of the Fair Committee of the G. W. V. A. was held last evening at St. Andrew's Hall, J. G. Dryden presiding. Final arrangements were made for many of the booths and attractions and everything points to another successful fair.

MAY RETURN EAST
Harry Vall, formerly of St. John and Gagetown, who has been rowing coach at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., for the past three years, may come east next year. Vall was formerly coach at the Weld Club on the Charles River, Boston.

SANCTION ARRIVES
F. J. Pughant, secretary of the Maritime branch of the Amateur Athletic Union, announces that sanction has been granted to the St. John and Nova Scotia Baseball League to play during the summer months, and to the M. A. A. of Moncton to hold inter-collegiate sports today.

NOVELTY-SHOWER
A number of friends of Miss Lottie Popham gathered at the home of Miss Henegar, 28 Orange street, last night and tendered her a novelty shower in honor of an event in which she is soon to be a principal. A very pleasant evening was spent by all.

WILL BE HERE MONDAY
The Board of Trade has been advised that Messrs. Reid, of Demarest, Ferguson, of Grenada, Phillips of Barbados and McDonald of Antigua, delegates to the Ottawa conference, will arrive here on May 24. The Jamaica and Bermuda delegates appear to have gone via New York.

SURPRISE PARTY
A very pleasant surprise was tendered Miss Myrtle McAfee on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James McAfee, No. 12 Princess street, West St. John, when a large number of friends tendered her a novelty shower. Many dainty gifts bespeaking the esteem in which the guests of the evening were held, music, dancing and games were enjoyed during the evening. A dainty luncheon was served toward the midnight hour.

FOUND THE GOODS
Liquor inspectors Saunders and McAtosh, paid a "fish" visit to E. W. Pivickin yesterday morning and raided a store owned by George Thorne. After a diligent search, it is reported, they located a quantity of gin in the cellar and after confiscating it placed the proprietor under arrest. He was before Magistrate Kirkpatrick and was fined \$50. Both inspectors returned to the city on the Montreal train in the afternoon.

CITY HALL PAY DAY
Yesterday was pay day at City Hall for officials and members of the permanent staff of the departments. The following amounts are on the pay roll:
Officials \$2,108.40
Police 3,324.06
Market 276.48
Fire 1,489.61
Sundry 1,518.49
Total \$11,299.78

EAST ST. JOHN SCHOOL BOARD UP IN THE AIR
Meeting Called to Select a Site for School Was Illegal.

A meeting of the East St. John School Board, at which the chairman W. F. Burdett presided, was held in the Edith Avenue Mission Hall last evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of authorizing the trustees to acquire land and erect a school house. It is found that the meeting had been called in an irregular manner and for that reason no action could be taken.

Considerable discussion ensued, however, on the choice of a site. A committee consisting of R. D. Magee, chairman; S. E. Joseph, J. W. Pivickin and R. O. Black, which had been appointed for the purpose of selecting a site and securing information as to the possible cost of the land, and the building of a school, reported that they had approached the Governors of the Industrial School regarding a lot of land containing about five acres. The Governors said the Government controlled the land. Then the committee reported on various other lots.

Presentation of "Mr. Bob" Enjoyed

Young People of St. David's Church Delighted Large Audience Last Evening in the Presentation of a Two-Act Comedy.

The presentation of "Mr. Bob" by the Young People of St. David's Church in Centenary Hall last evening delighted an audience that taxed the seating accommodation to capacity.

The presentation of this amusing two-act comedy was exceptionally well done. The various members of the cast performed their roles quite creditably and received their "meed of applause." The excellent manner in which they went through their parts is highly creditable to themselves and their director, A. S. Gardner.

Between the acts Ronald Shaw gave some clever interpretative sketches from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," while Harry Lauder imitations by A. S. Gardner added greatly to the interest of the evening.

Excellent music was rendered by the Exmouth Street Sunday School orchestra.

During the intermission A. R. Cruickshanks on behalf of the Young People expressed thanks to the people of Centenary Church for loaning the Hall to the Exmouth Street Orchestra for their kindness in furnishing music, and to the audience for their generous patronage.

Home-made candy was on sale and a very good sum was realized. The following was the cast of character:
Jenkins, the butler—Alan McGowan
Miss Rebecca Luke, maiden lady—Miss Edith McAllister
Patty, the maid—Miss Kathleen Shaw
Katharine Rogers, Miss Luke's niece—Miss Elizabeth Campbell
Philip Royson, Miss Luke's nephew—Kenneth Nelson
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend—Miss Dorothy Sinclair
Robt. Brown, clerk with Benson & Benson—Murray Lawson.

The synopsis of the play was:
Act I—Living Room in Home of Miss Rebecca Luke. Time, morning; Act II—Same as Act I. Time, afternoon.

Rifle Range For N. E. Playground

Suggestion Made by City Commissioner, Who Thinks \$12,000 Too Much for Shamrock Grounds.

It is being suggested that the Government be approached with a view to securing the use of the rifle range as a playground for the North End. It is pointed out that the rifle range has not been used much lately, and that it could probably be rented from the Government for a very small sum. One of the city fathers said last evening: "I don't feel like voting to pay \$12,000 for the old Shamrock Grounds for a playground. That is a considerable sum, and the city is confronted with all sorts of demands."

The Mayor and Commissioners Bullock, Jones and Frink looked over the Shamrock Grounds yesterday, considering its claims to become a North End playground, but in the absence of Com. Thornton, who was not well, they did not decide what to do.

The Mayor and Commissioners also went to Fairville, and looked over the grounds on the Manswainish Road, belonging to the city, which the Lancaster people want for a playground. They will discuss the question later.

From Lancaster they went to East St. John where a dozen families want the pipe line running down to the County Hospital.

Sons of England Entertain Sailors

Marlborough Lodge Puts on Entertaining Programme at Seamen's Institute — Mr. Brindle Occupies Chair.

An excellent entertainment was given by Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England, at the Seamen's Institute last evening. The varied programme rendered proved most interesting and was heartily enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience.

Mrs. Smith's solos, "The Pride of the World is the British Navy," and "Have We Got Our Wind Up, No!" proved very popular. The lack of joining her in the swinging chorus with splendid effect. The applause testified to the popularity of the songs and showed that the gallant sailors of the war are not entirely forgotten as yet. One half the proceeds of last night's concert are to be devoted to the work of the St. John Boys' Club.

The programme follows:
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Southouse.
Dancing, Juggling and Cornet—Rogan and Cromwell.
Vocal and Piano Solo—Miss McAllister.
Reading—Miss Roberts.
Band Selection—G. Davidson.
Solo—Mrs. Smith.
Musical Duet and Club Singing—Fred Orr, Mr. Wetmore and Mr. Whitther.
Solo—F. Punter.
Vocal Solo—Mr. Dennison.
Accordion Solo—Mr. Niddin.
Vocal Solo—Victor Rogan.
Piano Selection—Mr. Halseall.
Vocal Solo—Mr. Smith.
Vocal Solo—Mr. Parker.
Vocal Solo—Mr. Brindle.
Comedy Act—Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Shears and Milton.
Step Dancing—Roland Isard.

Major Bartlett Speaks of City Which Became an Autocracy and Failed to Realize Its Opportunities.

An illustrated lecture on Venice, the beautiful city, whose history reads like a romance was given by Major Bartlett, of Charlottetown, at the Art Club last evening. A large audience listened enthralled to the story of the development of the city and the description of the wonderful buildings which are famed in art and literature.

W. S. Fisher, who presided, spoke of the appeal of the S. P. C. A. and told of their offer of a prize of \$5 for the best poster depicting humane work. Miss Holt's pupils were praised for excellent posters.

Major Bartlett told of sea-girt Venice, which was a vast metropolis, the light and glory of the centuries. He spoke of its architectural beauties, including the glorious St. Mark's Cathedral, the Doges' Palace, and stated that one could walk all over Venice on foot, although there are twenty-seven canals and bridges. There are 112 islands and the cry of the world against the introduction of steamships which would supersede the romantic gondola was graphically described.

At the close a vote of thanks was passed and the National Anthem was played by Miss Alice Hen.

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Police Court Cases Yesterday

In the police court yesterday morning the case of Mrs. Matilda White, nee, also known as Mrs. Francis Woodford Fulton, was taken up. Artfully evicted by Thomas Whitcomb and Rev. G. F. Dawson the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

A juvenile, charged with stealing lumber from the yard of Haley Bros., Broad street, was sentenced to an indefinite term in the Boys' Industrial Home.

Four men and one woman, charged with drunkenness, pleaded guilty and were remanded.

Aristotle believed selection of public officers by lot would give popular government.

America Anglers Held Back Home

Many Have Abandoned Contemplated Trips to New Brunswick, Owing to Uncertain Business Conditions—Signs of Industrial Depression in the U. S.

While there have been a considerable number of Americans passing through St. John on the way to the fishing streams in various parts of the Province, disturbed business conditions is said to have held back many who might otherwise have spent some weeks at the fishing game. "The business outlook in the States is uncertain—that is about all you can say about it," said J. Bacon, a Boston business man and sportsman who was in the city yesterday.

"We are in for a depression evidently, but I don't expect a panic. The Federal Reserve system offers a bulwark which we did not have some years ago, when joint action by our numerous and isolated small banks was difficult. At present it is possible to stretch credit to meet an emergency as it was not years ago, and this should prove a steady factor in the situation. Then the Government is interested in maintaining credit in a way it never was before. Besides in the present temper of the country both the Government and big business are bound to do everything in their power to prevent any violent depression, which would throw millions out of work. That would put the trade unions which stand for American democracy in an awkward position; their funds would go to maintain the unemployed. And without funds, the conservative type of trade union leaders would lose their power, and there would be danger of the revolutionary elements obtaining control of the best unions."

"In any case there are difficulties ahead. America for years has been increasing production at a great rate, and she has given a tremendous impetus to production of all sorts. Our politicians with their usual fatuity have been telling us that the thing needed was increased production. But we are confronted with over production today. Last fiscal year we produced over ten billion dollars worth of stuff more than we could consume. Now our exports are falling off because Europe is too poor to buy or is beginning to produce on her own account. Consequently we have an immense production capacity we cannot utilize because we cannot find a market for the surplus product. Business is bound to slow down and prices to fall. In one way or another arises from the fact that we have heavily over-capitalized our increased power of production. Through over-capitalization wealth has been diverted to the top, and towards luxury trades. Many classes of workers, have, it is true, been receiving high wages; the condition of the working class has been vastly improved in some respects. Nevertheless the workers were never more dissatisfied, feeling that they have not reaped the benefits which flow from the general increase in the nation's productive power. They know very well that the increases in prices are not by any means due to increased wages."

"With our great use of machinery, the cost of labor is a comparatively small item in production. For instance an investigation conducted by Washington showed that in 1917 the entire cost of manufacturing a pair of shoes for which the consumer paid \$5.50 was only \$5.46. It was further shown that a wage increase of 100 per cent would only add 45 cents to the labor cost of a pair of boots."

Common Council Met In Committee

Delegation from Lancaster Present Yesterday in Support of Site for Playgrounds—Letter from N. B. Power Company.

The city council yesterday morning in committee heard a delegation from the Parish of Lancaster in support of their petition for a site for playgrounds. After hearing the arguments of the delegation the council promised consideration of the matter. During the discussion Mayor Schofield suggested a long lease of the land and the delegation said they would be willing to accept this if they could not get a deed. It was also suggested by Commissioner Bullock that this site might be used for exhibition grounds.

On motion of Commissioner Frink permission for the N. B. Telephone Co. to lay lateral conduits in Waterloo street opposite Cliff street and in Brussels street at Haymarket square, subject to the approval of the road engineer, was recommended. He also recommended that application of the company to erect nineteen new poles in Gullford, Lancaster, Ladlow and Middle streets, West St. John, and Wentworth and Crown streets and Elliot row be referred to the city engineer for report.

A letter was read from Armstrong & Bruce making a formal offer to the city of the land proposed for a playground in the North End at \$12,000. It was referred to the commissioner of public works.

On account of Monday being a holiday the regular committee meeting of the common council has been postponed to Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The following letter was received from the New Brunswick Power Co.: "With a view of generally improving the street railway system for the public convenience we desire to place loops on all lines and operate our cars on a single end with the intention of routing all cars to north King and Charlotte street at the city market. To carry out this we would ask permission to construct the following tracks:
1st—To place a branch off from north King street north on Charlotte street with the intention of bringing cars from Union street to north King street via Sydney, north King square, Charlotte and out on Union street.
2nd—Extend our line with a branch off Mill street up Union street connecting east on Charlotte street with the intention of routing West St. John, Fairville and Seaside Park cars along Rodney street to Market place, Charlotte to King street and out, instead of as at present looking out via Union, Sydney and north King streets, which would cause too much congestion at the head of King street.
3rd—Construct a loop at West St. John off Union street to Rodney street along Rodney street to Market place, along such other route as may be determined as satisfactory to the city and company.
Plans will be submitted if necessary and it is understood that all work will be carried out and paved and replaced satisfactory to your engineer.
We will be pleased at any time to provide a car and go over the proposed extensions with you and your engineer.
(Sgd.) T. H. McCauley, General Manager.

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Oak Hall Back Home Sale Ends Tomorrow

LUXURY TAX DOES NOT AFFECT PRICES HERE

Tomorrow offers the final opportunity for you to take advantage of the most successful sale Oak Hall has ever undertaken, three weeks of continued success because of the unusually high quality of the merchandise offered at prices much lower than one expects to find these days.

It is a relief that prices will be considerably higher next fall than they are today and that on top of these high prices will be a Government luxury tax of ten per cent. This luxury tax is now in force, but Oak Hall were so fortunate in procuring for this sale high quality merchandise at such low prices that in almost every instance the selling price comes below that set by the Government as a luxury, so one need have no fear of having to pay more than the price actually marked.

But most assuredly, after Saturday most of these same qualities will come within the luxury class and will therefore cost the purchaser considerably more than they will today or Saturday. It is consequently the wise shopper that will take advantage of the Oak Hall Back Home Sale now before it is too late.

Chilton House—All meals 60c.

VICTORIA DAY EXCURSION

Steamer Hampton will leave Indian town 2 p. m. on Victoria Day for an afternoon sail. Come and see the Long Reach at freshet height, returning about 7 p. m. Tickets \$1.00.

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