

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Washington, May 4.—Forecast: Northern New England—Rain south, rain or snow north, Saturday; Sunday fair, except rain or snow in Maine; continued cool, increasing east winds becoming strong.

Toronto, May 4.—A moderate disturbance is centred tonight to the south of the Great Lakes, causing strong northeast winds and cool weather over the greater part of Ontario. The temperature has remained fairly high today in Manitoba and has risen in the northern districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Nelson, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax.

Around the City

Only Firecrackers. Several of the residents of Pond street were startled last night about 2:30 on hearing what appeared to be revolver shots. On investigation the shots turned out to be nothing but fire cracker explosions.

Grand Manan Off For Repairs. The steamer Grand Manan, which plys between the islands and St. John has been taken off the route for the annual overhauling. A large motor boat is carrying the mails for the present.

Will Visit Smugglers' Cove. The junior members of the Natural History Society will hold the first of a series of outings today with a trip out to Smugglers' Cove. Lunch will be taken and the day will be spent with games and in gathering natural history specimens.

Try to Float Tonight. An attempt will be made tonight to float the coal steamer which grounded in the harbor. Marine men claim that all the tugs available will be required to move the vessel on account of the spring tides. High tide tonight will be at 10:51. This will give seven more inches of water for the attempt.

Trades and Labor Council. The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last evening in the Odiford's hall on Union street, with Edward McGuinness in the chair. A resolution was passed concerning more stringent regulations regarding the installation of plumbing and the inspection of the same which will be forwarded to the New Brunswick Federation of Labor at Fredericton. Organizer Bruce of the Plumbers' Union was present and spoke a few words. A delegation of carpenters at the meeting reported that the carpenters had been successful in their demands for a raise in wages.

May Close at 5 O'Clock. The retail merchants of the city have under consideration at the present time the closing of the stores at five o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the months of June, July and August. Following the repeal of the daylight saving by-law some of the leading merchants got together and talked the matter over and decided that it could be arranged to do this it would be possible to give the clerks the benefit of the extra hour of daylight. A meeting of those interested will be held in the near future and it is hoped that enough of the retail merchants will agree to close at five o'clock with the co-operation of the shopping public to make the move a success.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Commissioner Wigmore will replace three of the old style hydrants on Mecklenburg street with new three-way hydrants this coming week and renew any stopcocks which are worn out preparatory to the paving which is to be done there. The plans are about completed now for the Lancaster extension and this work will be proceeded with at once. The public works department will start the asphalt plant at work on Monday making material for the street and sidewalk repair work which the programme calls for this summer. In addition to the usual repair work a considerable amount of semi-permanent paving will be done and it is expected to start on this work about the tenth of the month.

K. PEDERSEN, LTD., HAVE OPENED IN THE PRIMECREST STORE

K. Pedersen Ltd., are open today for business in the Primecrest store, 37 Charlotte St., where their customers will find a good assortment of roses, carnations and other blossoms.

WANTED—A first class electrician. Apply F. E. Jones, 124 Germain St.

238th KILTIES CLOSE OFFICE IN ST. JOHN

Hut in King Square Removed Today—Men Ordered Back to Capital—Band Likely to Go Overseas.

Bright and early this morning the Kilties Battalion recruiting hut in King Square will be taken down. A crew of carpenters from the Kilties headquarters in Fredericton will do the work. Last night the interior of the hut was dismantled by the recruiting officers so that no time will be lost this morning. Since this office was opened the results have not been as good as was expected, nevertheless several worthy sons of Canada have passed through its portals and signed up with the battalion.

The officers and men, who have been in St. John in connection with recruiting for this battalion will leave tonight for Fredericton to report for duty.

Although the exact date of the sailing of the battalion has not been announced by the authorities, it is generally understood that their stay in the province is limited to a month at the outside.

Whether the brass band will accompany the battalion overseas or not is a matter which is causing considerable discussion among music loving people in the city. No official announcement has yet been made concerning this splendid musical organization, so it is probable that it is the intention of the authorities to permit it to accompany the battalion.

It has been rumored that the band would remain in St. John for recruiting purposes for the 62nd Regiment, but no foundation for this could be obtained last night.

NEWFOUNDLAND GIRL UNABLE TO PAY TAX COULD NOT ENTER U. S.

Arrived in City Tuesday—Had But Six Dollars—Secures Employment in Local Establishment.

Through Miss Hoyt, representing the Travellers' Aid Society, the young Newfoundland girl who arrived in St. John on Tuesday night, en route to Boston, has secured employment in a local establishment. This is the first case where the head tax has caused inconvenience as well as anxiety to a party going into the United States. The young lady arrived in St. John on Tuesday night, and not knowing of the head tax provision did not have sufficient money to pay it. She was turned back at McAdam, as she had but six dollars besides her ticket. The emigration officers will not permit a person to enter unless they have some cash besides their ticket, therefore she was unable to proceed further.

Miss Hoyt, whose work at the depot is worthy of commendation, approached the girl and after ascertaining her plight took the case up. The result is that the girl has secured employment in the city and will likely remain here for some time.

A GALA EVENT TO MUSIC LOVERS

Mme. Maria Barrientos, Supreme Coloratura Soprano of the World, Heard Exclusively in Columbia Records.

The operatic successes of Madam Barrientos in London, Paris, Milan, Petrograd, Buenos Ayres, Barcelona and New York have cast about her a halo of immortal fame in music's realm. She was, undeniably, the operatic sensation of the Metropolitan season of 1915-16. Praised by critics, worshipped by the public, she is universally admitted to be the supreme coloratura soprano of the present day, and her Columbia contract is, decidedly, a gala event for music's ardent devotees. The infinite music in the clear soprano of Madam Barrientos, its delicate charm, flawless assurance, sensational range, perfect intonation, with powers of modulation almost unbelievable, constitute a voice such as music lovers have seldom, if ever heard for many a long year. The latest Columbia Records by Madam Barrientos may now be heard at the music rooms of Ambert, Francis, Limited, in Market Square.

Regarding "Pinafore" The Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E., wish to express their thanks and appreciation to F. C. McNeil, the cast, Mr. Fox, the conductor, Mrs. J. M. Barnes the accompanist, the orchestra, and all those who kindly helped and made the opera "Pinafore" given under their auspices, such a real success. The Chapter will entertain those taking part in "Pinafore" and their friends on Thursday evening, at the Bungalow.

SCARCITY OF HELP SCOURING EVERYWHERE

Industries, Railways and Farmers Calling for Men by Tens of Thousands—Help Scarce in St. John Also.

The market scarcity of male help on the North American continent is more pronounced than ever this month, due to a variety of causes. In New Brunswick, and even in St. John, men are scarce and many employers are unable to find sufficient help. The entry of so many Canadians into the great west, the remarkable prosperity of industrial establishments, the rush at shipping ports and the reopening of farm work in the country districts are some of the reasons why men are scarce. Farmers who come to St. John weekly have been unable to find but few men who were available. France is in the market for 10,000 men to man trains in that country and has asked the United States and Canada to help her, as she has nearly all her own men of suitable age on the battle line.

Advertisements in Maine papers yesterday calling for nearly eight thousand men. Seven thousand are wanted to cut pulpwood and lumber or work in pulp and lumber mills. The Great Northern Paper Co. alone wants two thousand men. Quite a number of its former employees have enlisted in Canadian forestry battalions.

The managers of the big cotton mills in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario state that they have not been able to obtain sufficient help, notwithstanding they are paying the highest wages in their history. The same is true of the Ontario mining district, while in Cape Breton and other coal mining sections of Nova Scotia some of the pits are little more than half manned. Many of the miners went to the front sometime ago.

The Dominion Iron and Steel Co., at Sydney is also short of help. Several months ago it was obliged to bring hundreds of men from the West Indies to help out. A contracting firm which has large contracts in St. John, has a placard posted conspicuously: "Help Wanted."

The Boston Street Railway is short several hundred men, and may employ women.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BY NORTH END BOY SCOUTS

Main Street Baptist Church Troop Give Splendid Concert—Large and Appreciative Audience Present.

Seldom has a better entertainment been given by the City Boy Scouts than that held in the school room of Main Street Baptist church last evening, under the auspices of the church's Boy Scout Troop, and at which nearly four hundred people were present. Not only was the programme well arranged and varied, but the talent gathered together of a high order. B. C. Waring, the district scout master, acted as chairman and was supported by A. C. Skelton, and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson. After Mr. Waring had explained the object and aim of the scout movement, in a most comprehensive manner, the orchestra, composed of H. F. Black and family, played a march. Mrs. Ferris then rendered a solo very sweetly, and C. Alaby gave an interesting recitation. The James' church bugle band played several airs and six scouts were heard to advantage in the singing of "The Maple Leaf Forever."

A splendid address delivered by the president of the Local Council was much enjoyed by those present, after which the remainder of the programme, as follows, was carried out: Piano solo, R. Roberts; address, Rev. D. Hutchinson; reading, Miss V. Roberts; duet, the Misses Hutchinson and Dykeman; song, Wallace Forger; musical selection, orchestra; song and chorus, three little girls; piano duet, Misses Parkinson and Hawker; recitations, Messrs. G. Turnbull and H. Hyalop; piano solo, Miss Dykeman; first aid demonstration, Main St. Boy Scouts; song, Scouts; reading, L. McDonald; signalling, Patrol Leaders, McKensie and Turner, read by S. M. Hamm. God Save the King.

As the concert was such a success, it was hoped by many of those who were present that an opportunity may be given to the public to hear a repeat of the performance. By means of the entertainment nearly forty dollars was raised for the purpose of buying instruments for a bugle band to be organized by the troop.

New Spring Coatings Just received at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s, some new spring coatings which are very scarce, and are so much in demand.

The English Cheviot Coatings can be had 60 inches wide, in all wool quality, in sand color, Russian green, blue, and old rose, at \$1.25 to \$2.50 per yard. Covert Cloths at \$2.25 and \$2.50 per yard. White Coatings in stripes and checks, 54 inches wide at \$2.00 per yard. Samples sent on application.

Valuable Horse Dead. William Kierwin of Main street, met with a loss Thursday evening when one of his large draft horses died. The animal weighed about 1,500 pounds and was valued at \$200.

TWO MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Canadian Engineers Secure Both—No More Officers to Be Appointed in 62nd at Present.

HONOR ROLL. Theodore Sabean, Annapolis, N. S. Fred Sabean, Annapolis, N.S. Canadian Engineers.

Recruiting in St. John yesterday again descended to a low plane, when but two men saw fit to sign on for overseas service. The Canadian Engineers were fortunate enough to secure both men. The other units recruiting in the city did not secure a man, although several applications were made. With the Kilties Battalion out of the field it is expected that the 62nd Regiment will take first place in recruiting circles. So far the enlistments in this unit has been far from encouraging, but it is hoped that next week will see a rush to the office of this unit, which is situated on Prince William street. The quarters at the exhibition building will soon be ready for the housing of a thousand men, as well as the storing of military equipment for the home defence battalion. No official announcement has yet been made regarding the other officers of the 62nd, and it is not likely that any others will be appointed until the first company has been recruited.

PTE. JOHN RICHARDS KILLED IN ACTION

St. John Boy Fell on Saturday—Only Eighteen When He Enlisted—Formerly on Pilot Boat.

Private John Edward Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Richards of 23 Friesland street, was killed in action according to official word received by his parents, Peter Richards, father of the deceased soldier, used to be the proprietor of the old Ben Leonard House.

Prior to enlistment the deceased soldier was employed on the pilot boat David Lynch. He had but one more year to serve before he was entitled to a pilot's license. He enlisted in the 116th Battalion at the age of 18 and after reaching England he was transferred to the "original" and while in action with this battalion he was killed. He had only returned to the trenches about two weeks, having been out on account of trench fever.

FLOUR STILL GOING UP—WHEAT FALLING

Flour took another jump yesterday. Manitoba advanced sixty cents a barrel and Ontario fifty cents, making the price \$18 and \$15.15, respectively, wholesale. Wheat declined in price due to the announcement of action by the governments of Canada and the United States looking toward regulation of the price but in spite of that fact flour went up. In Winnipeg May and July wheat were withdrawn from the market altogether, the first time in the history of the stock exchange.

WILL GROW FEW POTATOES

The Great Northern Paper Co. of Millinocket and Madison, Me., is planning to raise 50,000 bushels of potatoes this year. Its employees consume 25,000 bushels each year and the company has been raising but from 15,000 to 18,000. The other farm products of the corporation will also be increased. The company raises nearly 2,000 hogs yearly.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Transfers of real estate in St. John county have been recorded as follows: Peter Devine et al to Gorham Elliott property in Musquash. E. N. Davis et al to H. S. Wamsucker property in Elliot row. Mary F. Driscoll to J. D. Driscoll property in Broad street. E. H. Ewing et al to Margaret Wood property in Lancaster. S. H. Ewing et al to H. A. Kelly, property in Lancaster. Philip Goldstein to H. L. McKnight, property in Charles street. J. A. McGiverty to E. B. Jordan, property in Somerset street. E. H. J. Ruel to Royal Trust Company, properties in Germain, King, Prince William and Sydney streets. W. A. Tipton to William Parkinson, property in Somerset street. City and County of St. John to William Parkinson, property in Simonds, Lesseholds. Mrs. Annie Dion to Mary E. Driscoll property in Brussels street. A. C. Miller et al to W. D. Moore, property in Metcalf street.

THE POLICE COURT.

A by-law report which promises to county have been recorded as follows:

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Three Saturday Bargains IN LINEN ROOM. Bath Towels—Large size, plain ecru; regular value, 60c. pair. Sale price, 40c. pair. Linen Huck Towels—White or red borders. Sale price, 35c. pair. Damask Tray Cloths—Hemstitched assorted patterns. Sale price, 40c. each.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

In the police court yesterday when Frank Gannon was reported by Sgt. O'Neill, of the West Side division, for allowing a quantity of nails and tacks to stream from his wagon on Rodney wharf, thereby doing damage to automobile and bicycle tires.

Harold Mayes, whose auto tire was damaged, was in court. The matter was thought to be of more than a by-law report and the case was further adjourned until it is found out whether the case comes under the criminal code or the city by-law regulations.

The by-law in respect to this matter says that no one shall allow ashes, coal or any such matter to fall from a team in the public street which would endanger property or persons. Whether tacks and nails come under the head of "any such matter" will be decided at a future hearing of the case. It is set for next Wednesday.

The case of Elias Guizard, charged with selling liquor to Dolph Christie a minor, was resumed. Evidence was given by prosecution and defence and the prisoner was fined \$50.

THE BANK CLEARINGS. The St. John bank clearings in April were \$9,950,441; in April of last year, \$6,698,503. In March of the present year they were \$8,325,619. The St. John bank clearings for the week ended May 3, were \$2,094,562; corresponding week last year \$1,992,110.

The funeral of Mrs. Owen McCann took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 66 Erin street to the Cathedral, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Francis Walker. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

To Form Audobon Society. A meeting of young people was held yesterday afternoon in the Natural History rooms to discuss plans for formation of an Audobon Society which would be composed of those who were interested in bird life and bird culture. The meeting opened with Mrs. J. D. Ellis in the chair, Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond as secretary. About fifty of the young people present joined the society during the meeting. Another session of the society will be held on May 17 to complete organization.

FOURTEEN KT. GOLD WATCHES FINE MOVEMENTS AT \$25. These are heavy cases and are same goods generally sold at \$35.00 to \$40.00. A brief examination will convince you with H. GUNDRY'S will be pleased to show you and give you information about watches you desire.