

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate winds, becoming westerly, clearing and mild.

Toronto, April 6—The weather has been showery today in the Ottawa Valley and Maritime Provinces, and elsewhere fair, and throughout the west quite warm.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	42	48
Victoria	44	60
Vancouver	44	60
Kamloops	34	68
Edmonton	26	60
Battleford	26	60
Prince Albert	38	50
Calgary	24	60
Medicine Hat	28	64
Moose Jaw	24	64
Winnipeg	28	60
Port Arthur	32	56
Parry Sound	34	42
Toronto	38	50
Ottawa	34	38
Montreal	34	36
Quebec	28	36
St. John	30	44
Halifax	28	52

Around the City

Taken To Provincial Hospital
Deputy Chief Jenkins and Miss Ross, the police matron, were called on yesterday to convey an insane woman from Rockland Road to the Provincial Hospital.

Revue Company Arrives
The members of Mack's Musical Revue, including the irrepressible Nat "O'Brien" Farnum arrived in the city last night on the Boston boat. The company will put in the balance of the week renewing old acquaintanceships and rehearsing for their opening on Monday next.

Policeman Jones Resigns.
Police Officer Leonard Jones, who has been doing patrol duty in the northern division for the past ten years, handed in his resignation on Monday night. It was reported that Jones had been asked for his resignation, but Chief Simpson said that Jones's reason was that he could better himself financially in an occupation other than that of keeping the citizens of St. John in the strict path of righteousness.

Boys for Farm Work.
Five boys from the Royal Masonic Institute of London, England, have arrived in the city, and it is the intention of the superintendent of immigration to locate them on farms in the province. The boys are wards of the Masonic Institute, and came here for the purpose of learning farming and settling on the land. When they are old enough to take up land on their own account they will be assisted to acquire homesteads by the Royal Masons. When Mr. Glickstein was in England last year he interviewed the secretary of the Institute and pointed out the advantages New Brunswick had to offer.

Clan MacKenzie entertained.
An enjoyable entertainment was given in the Oddfellows' Hall last evening by Clan MacKenzie. After an address of welcome by the chief, Fred Fowler, a fine programme was carried out. A Highland fling was danced by Charles and Myrtle Ross, and Miss Myrtle Ross made a hit with a sword dance. Rev. D. J. McPherson sang a Gaelic song, and Mrs. McPherson gave a reading. There were bag pipe selections by Piper Cruikshanks, and songs by A. F. Belding, Mrs. Downey, John P. Kelley, Clausen Murdoch, Miss Gladys Ashe, Harry Shaw and Mr. Guy, with a reading by Master Ronald Shaw. Refreshments were served by a committee of ladies, and Auld Lang Syne concluded a pleasant evening.

MUCH INTEREST IN TWO CIVIC BILLS

Much interest is being exhibited in the fate of the petition before the municipalities committee of the legislature asking for a plebiscite on the commission system of government in St. John. Promoters of the petition are of the opinion that they will win out, the only question in their minds being when the plebiscite will be held.

The bill promoted by Commissioner Potts authorizing an increase in the income tax exemptions is also to be decided by the same committee. It is the opinion about the city that while the bill may not be adopted the commissioners obey the provisions of their charter and name a commission to consider the whole question of assessment in this city and prepare a new act.

PERSONAL.

Hon. John E. Wilson went to Fredericton last evening.
Hon. James A. Murray and George J. Jones, M. L. A., passed through the city last evening on their way to Fredericton, for the meeting of the legislature.

O. M. Melanson, M. L. A., went to Fredericton last evening.
L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., went to Fredericton for the session of the house last night.

His Honor Justice McKeown went out on the Montreal express last evening.

COMMISSIONERS WITHDRAW THE JUNK BILL FROM LEGISLATURE

By-Law Relating to Second-Hand Dealers Will Not be Approved—Proposal to Lease City Lands Laid Over.

The city commissioners at their meeting yesterday afternoon decided to withdraw the bill now before the legislature, to amend the police law in regard to second-hand dealers. The city will also insist that in future the St. John Railway Co. place only grooved rails in the city streets. The recommendation of Commissioner Russell to lease about 25,000 square feet of land, near the Fairville station, and his recommendation to lease a lot at the foot of St. James street for a brass foundry were left over for another meeting.

A communication from the provincial government was read. It said that Hon. J. B. M. Baxter had resigned his position as city recorder. The matter of a successor will be considered by the commissioners in a committee meeting.

T. McAvity & Sons Ltd. will be granted the use of the machinery hall in the exhibition building for the purpose of making shells for the Allied armies.

Other business of a routine nature was transacted.

Those present were: Mayor Frink, Commissioners Wigmore, McLellan, Potts and Russell with the common clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The recommendation of Commissioner Russell was adopted as follows: That the lease formerly issued to the Star Line Steamship Co. Ltd. of a piece of wharf adjoining the steamboat wharf, which lease expires May 11 next, be now renewed to Daniel J. Purdy, the present lessee of the said steamboat wharf for a term of four years from May 1, at an annual rental of \$35, being an increase of \$10 over present rental.

It was decided to renew the lease of lot No. 959 Guys Ward to the governing council of the Salvation Army in Canada for seven years from May 1 at an annual rental of \$21. Commissioner Russell also moved that the Fenton Land Co. be granted a lease of a certain parcel of land in Lancaster at \$25 a year.

Commissioner Potts asked for information and Commissioner Russell announced that the plot of land in question contained about 25,000 square feet and fronted 300 feet on the railway. There was a twenty foot front on Station street. He understood that the Fenton Co. wished to build a warehouse on the property. There had never been any applicants for it before.

Commissioner Potts moved that the commissioners see the land before entering into any agreement concerning it. Commissioner McLellan thought the matter should be considered further and more information given. The matter was left over for consideration at another meeting.

Leases Laid Over

The resolution of Commissioner Russell for the granting of a lease of a city lot at the foot of St. James street to the Sterling people for a brass foundry was also laid over till later.

Commissioner Potts thought no land in this section should be leased. The new harbor improvements would probably be on that site and the land would be required.

Commissioner Russell thought that lots had already been leased to the brush factory people and now this industry needed a site. He felt the request should be granted. A short term lease could be issued.

Commissioner Potts suggested that the terms of the lease be submitted to the council before the matter was approved. At the present time there was nothing to show what the company was to do in return for the lease of the land.

Commissioner McLellan pointed out that if a seven year lease were issued it would be a renewable lease and the city in order to get the land back would have to pay for improvements. Commissioner Russell then withdrew the motion and will take the matter up later when a lease can be approved.

The Commissioner of Water and Sewerage was authorized to enter into an agreement with the Intercolonial Railway on behalf of the city to grant to the city the right and privilege to lay and maintain sewer pipes across right of way and under the Intercolonial Railway tracks at St. John in the vicinity of Wall and Stanley streets. A sewer had already been laid in that section on Intercolonial property and the new agreement will give the city the privilege of entering on the ground and making repairs when necessary.

On motion of Commissioner Potts it was decided that in future all street railway rails laid in the city must be of the grooved type. At the present time the T type rail is used and Commissioner Potts said this made it difficult and expensive to keep the streets in proper repair. Several letters were read from other places and it was said that the grooved rail was preferred in almost every instance.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Water and Sewerage was received and ordered printed with the other reports.

Junk Bill Withdrawn

M. B. Whitman on behalf of the junk dealers in the city protested against the bill at present before the legislature, for the amendment of the Police Act so that all second-hand dealers must make a report to the police every morning.

Commissioner Wigmore moved that the bill be withdrawn from the legislature. He thought it would be a hardship on the dealers to pass such a by-law particularly when they would have to go to the chief of police every morning with a detailed report of their purchases during the previous twenty-four hours.

Commissioner McLellan explained that the by-law only applied to second-hand dealers and not to junk dealers. Commissioner Potts opposed the bill and had voted against it at the previous meeting. He would second the motion of Commissioner Wigmore for its withdrawal. If the by-law only applied to three or four dealers he did not believe it was necessary to pass special legislation for them. The by-law, if approved, would only be an instrument in the hands of the police for by it any merchant who sold anything second-hand would be required to report to the police. The motion to withdraw the bill was carried.

On motion of the Commissioner of Finance it was decided to pay the following departmental accounts as certified by the comptroller: Treasury Department, \$53.20; Public Safety, \$2,923.48; Public Works, \$2,056.43; Water and Sewerage, \$2,106.74; Harbors, Ferries and Public Lands, \$1,933.55.

The Commissioner of Finance reported that the payments in March amounted to \$46,731.20.

The meeting then adjourned.

MAJOR POWERS ON FIRING LINE

German Shell Burst Within Fifteen Feet of Him, but He was Uninjured.

The signallers who left St. John with the first contingent have been having a rather strenuous time. In a letter received from Major Powers yesterday he describes some phases of the life in the trenches. On the day the letter was written he and his signallers had been in the trenches for twenty-four days. They were to be given a rest for a few days before another advance was made.

Major Powers' men were keeping up the communication between trenches and other parts of the battle line. Most of their work was at night. German snipers were at work all the time and the men had to be very careful about exposing themselves. All the St. John signallers were well.

Major Powers said that on the day previous to writing the letter, he with five others were sitting in the trench eating their lunch. They had cups of coffee in their hands when a shell burst within fifteen feet of them. The coffee cups were dashed from their hands, but all escaped injury.

German aeroplanes were seen at times but they were usually chased by British airships and had little chance to do much damage.

The weather had been cloudy but the British troops were all in good spirits.

MACHINERY HALL AS SHELL FACTORY

Part of Exhibition Building will be utilized as foundry for shells.

The machinery hall at the exhibition building is to be fitted up for the manufacture of shell cases for the Allied armies. Arrangements for the lease of the hall has been underway for several days and at the meeting of the city commissioners yesterday afternoon, T. McAvity & Sons Ltd. were granted a lease of the hall with the boiler and engine at the rate of \$500 a year.

The matter came before the meeting as a resolution from Commissioner McLellan as follows:

That the machinery hall on the exhibition grounds be rented to T. McAvity & Sons Ltd. for the term of one year or portion thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of manufacturing shells, such tenancy to be terminated at any time by one month's notice on either side. Rental will be at the rate of \$500 per annum, payable monthly. Messrs. McAvity are to make all necessary repairs to the boiler and engine at their own expense and to pay any extra insurance premium which may be required.

Commissioner McLellan announced that machinery for the shaping up and smoothing of the shells would be placed in position and the plant would be operated night and day. It was the intention to employ 160 hands at first. Afterward it was likely that the number of men would be increased to 300. The commissioner pointed out that the armies of the Empire needed shell and the plan to utilize the machinery hall in this way should commend itself to all. It is understood that the machines will be installed at once.

Illustrated Lecture

By Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A., "Asia in America," in Centenary schoolroom this evening at 8 o'clock. Silver collection at the door.

The ladies of the French Club will hold a tea in aid of the Allies' Hospital on Wednesday, April 7th, from 4 to 6 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. A. O. Skinner, 34 Coburg street. Admission, tea 25c.

Italian Silk Undershirts.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are placing on sale Thursday morning another lot consisting of two hundred of those very handsome Italian silk undershirts which they were selling at one dollar each. They have the appearance of silk, very soft and light but will wear much better than silk. Of course the material is cotton, but it is highly mercerized and the colors are fast, clean and clear looking, and will remain so as long as the shirt lasts. They are shown in a large assortment of colors including the American Beauty Rose.

George W. Fowler to Speak.

The North End Conservative Club is planning for a big meeting on the evening of April 12th, when George W. Fowler, M.P., for Kings-Albert, will deliver an address dealing with the political questions of the day. The public are invited to attend. Mr. Fowler is one of the most interesting speakers in the Canadian House of Commons, and is thoroughly well qualified to deal with his subject.

Grand Sailors' Concert

Seamen's Institute tonight at eight the "Metagame Entertainers" in great variety programme. Admission 20 cents.

BAPTISTS FAVOR PROHIBITION, TOO

Will Ask Government to Pass Necessary Legislation.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the United Baptist Association of New Brunswick in Leinster street Baptist church yesterday the following resolution was adopted: That the executive committee of the United Baptist Association of New Brunswick unite with the churches and other religious bodies of the province in requesting our provincial government to pass such legislation as speedily as possible that will bring about the suppression of the traffic in alcoholic liquors during the present war, and we appoint the president, Rev. J. E. Wilson; the vice president, Rev. A. F. Newcombe, and R. B. Wallace to bring this resolution before the government.

Building Concrete Culvert.

The Water and Sewerage department is constructing a concrete culvert for the pipes under the I. C. R. tracks at Gilbert's Lane. Heretofore the constant vibration caused by the passing trains has damaged the pipes and it has been necessary to make an annual expenditure of \$200 to \$500 to keep them in repair. The pipes will now be sunk in the centre of the culvert and when damage occurs workmen can easily reach them to make repairs and the expense will be in consequence greatly reduced. The culvert is to be six feet in diameter.

EX-POLICEMAN GETS AN HONORABLE ACQUITTAL

Joseph Jeffery Discharged by Judge Landry in Supreme Court Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon in the Supreme Court Joseph Jeffery, an ex-policeman, was acquitted by Judge Landry. Jeffery had been charged with attempting to kill, with robbery and doing bodily harm to a Chinese in Hop Lee's store on Mill street some few weeks ago. Jeffery was off duty at the time and entered the store on a raid looking for women who he claimed to have seen entering the place, also for opium which he suspected was being smoked there. When a Chinese made a rush at him Jeffery discharged his revolver. He managed to secure two women which the police claim were being used for the smoking of opium. The Chinese charged the ex-policeman with firing a revolver shot at one of their number, causing the bullet to pass through the Chinaman's coat and trousers. They also claimed that he robbed two of their number of some money.

May Get Two Years

Last fall James Boyd made his escape from the chain gang. Boyd managed to keep out of the city until a few days ago when he returned and yesterday County Officer Saunders placed him under arrest. The man now runs a chance of being sent to Dorchester Penitentiary for a term of two years.

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