

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate easterly and southerly winds; mostly cloudy and cooler, with local showers.

Toronto, Ont., May 20.—Pressure is highest tonight over the eastern and northwestern states, while a trough of low pressure is approaching the Great Lakes from the west. Rain has fallen today in many parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, quite heavily in Northwestern Saskatchewan, and showers have occurred in Northern Ontario.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	52	78
Vancouver	43	75
Kamloops	40	76
Calgary	36	62
Medicine Hat	42	60
Battleford	44	60
Prince Albert	46	66
Swift Current	46	60
Moose Jaw	41	65
Regina	50	60
Winnipeg	50	76
Port Arthur	45	74
Parry Sound	48	73
London	50	84
Toronto	50	83
Kingston	46	66
Ottawa	50	82
Montreal	58	76
Quebec	52	80
St. John	42	58
Halifax	42	68

AROUND THE CITY

Price of Hay.
The Board of Trade received a letter from Winnipeg yesterday inquiring about the price of hay.

Oil Prices.
A party in Toronto has written the Board of Trade enquiring about the price of oil here.

Carpenters Meet.
The regular meeting of the Carpenters and Joiners' Union was held last evening and a good deal of routine business was transacted.

For a Dinner.
The St. John Motor Cycle Club will have a run to the Barker House May 25 for dinner, they will leave the city at two p. m. All aboard, Captain Jack Olive.

Boston Fisherman.
Allan H. Adams with his friend Dr. Liverpool of Boston are here on a fishing trip. Mr. Adams is a fisherman and his many friends are giving him the glad hand; also the doctor.

Keeping it Down.
A mixture of calcium chloride and water was being sprinkled over several of the city streets yesterday. In winter street coating applied during the afternoon was still damp at a late hour last evening and it was expected that there would be no dust for several days. The department of public works has made preparations for the oiling of several streets. Generally they think binding asphalt oil will be used with a sprinkling of sand.

Water Main Extension.
The new water main in Brunswick Place, off Douglas avenue, was finished yesterday. The extension was about two hundred feet from Douglas avenue and serves the district lately opened up for building purposes. Two dwellings are already under construction there and more are to be erected during the summer. Work on the mill road extension, which was authorized several days ago will be started immediately.

Kindergarten Closing.
In the school room of the Saint David's church yesterday afternoon a very interesting programme was carried out by a gathering of talented tots, when Mrs. Matthews held the formal closing of her private kindergarten. A good number witnessed the programme and the children showed the result of careful training. They sang choruses, played games and went through the regular work taught them in the kindergarten classes.

East St. John Tennis Court.
Through the efforts of the East St. John Gymnasium Club of which Miss Bertha E. Forbes is president an East St. John Tennis Association has been formed. The officers are as follows: Miss Olga Magee, president; Miss Annie Gillen, vice-president; Alexander Ross, secretary; Sterling Stackhouse, treasurer; Miss Bertha E. Forbes, Miss Edith Burditt, F. W. Russell and Sterling Stackhouse, members of the executive. H. B. Peck has kindly provided ground for the courts. The members look forward to a pleasant and successful season.

Valuators at Work.
The valuers for the city and county of St. John, who were appointed at a recent meeting of the municipal council, began work on Monday. It was proposed that a new valuation for all city and county property for assessment purposes be made and this work will be completed during the coming summer. It is expected that the new valuation will show an increase over that upon which the assessment has been made in the last fifteen years. At the present time the valuation of the city and county is only about \$22,000,000.

"Hands Across the Sea."
Fred J. Ney, honorary organizer of the "Hands Across the Sea" movement, has recently been on the Pacific coast in connection with the fifth annual visit of Canadian and Newfoundland school teachers to the Old Country. The party will leave Montreal on the morning of July 3, on the Tunisian and the return will be about the middle of August. It is not yet known how many teachers from St. John will make the trip, but it is understood that several have the matter under consideration. Another scheme besides the visit of the teachers to the Old Country is the exchange of teachers between different parts of the Empire. This has been done in connection with some of the schools in western Canada but only to a limited extent.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

SEES CHANGE FOR BETTER IN PROVINCES

T. Prentis, Well Known English Traveller, In City.

LOOKS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS HERE

Student of East, believes Turkey will regain territory lost in the Balkan war.

Among the visitors to the city is T. Prentis of Rochdale, England, the birthplace of John Bright, and the town in which the co-operative movement which now has such a foothold in the north of England, was started many years ago. Mr. Prentis represents the firm established by the Bright family over a century ago and which is at present mainly controlled by a son of John Bright, the famous apostle of free trade, and one of the most eloquent speakers of his time. This firm at present employs about 2,000 hands. Rochdale today is a city of about 100,000 people.

First Co-operative Society.
It was here that the Rochdale weavers founded the first co-operative society in Great Britain and nearly every year parties of people interested in the co-operative movement, in various countries, make pilgrimages to Rochdale to visit the old store of the original Rochdale co-operators. The movement initiated there has spread over Great Britain and European countries and even to the United States and Canada, and today the co-operative societies of Great Britain do a business aggregating several hundreds of millions of dollars a year. It is interesting to note that Rochdale a generation or so ago was one of the most important seats of woolen manufacture in Great Britain, its fannels being famous world over. Today Rochdale which is about nine miles from Manchester, is mainly concerned with the production of cotton fabrics.

Our Future Bright.
Mr. Prentis has been visiting Canada in the interests of his firm for nine or ten years. To a reporter he said he had noticed a great change in the Maritime Provinces since he first came here, and that he looked for even greater developments in the near future in Eastern Canada.

On his present trip he has been as far west as Winnipeg, and found that while business was suffering somewhat from the effects of the recent depression there were evidences of an improvement in most lines.

Mr. Prentis has made many trips to Turkey and countries on the western Mediterranean. "When the war in the Balkans broke out most English people sympathized with Greece and the Balkan States," he said. "The people in the Balkans professed to be Christians, and that of course had a lot to do with forming people's sympathies. But latterly people have had an opportunity of judging what kind of Christians these people in the Balkans are; only today I was reading an account of how some of them had crucified 120 Turks. The co-called Christians of the Balkans have committed greater atrocities than could ever be laid at the doors of the Turks."

Says Turks are Gentlemen.
"The Turks are the gentlemen of Eastern Europe. The Turkish business is absolutely honest. I don't say that when the war broke out many Greeks living in Constantinople fought willingly on the Turkish side. I don't say that the Turks have not committed crimes against humanity, but they have been accused of many things which they never did. The Turks are abnormally proud and regard a Christian as you would a dog, and they would no more think of trying to renege a shanty against them, put in circulation by alleged Christians, than you would notice the barking of a dog."

A Friend Soldier.
"A friend of mine, an Englishman, living near Constantinople told me of a large party of Turkish soldiers returning from the war, who went five days without food because they were too proud to beg and too honest to loot the residences which they passed."

"One thing you can say about the Old Sultan was that while he was on the throne nobody was allowed to starve in Turkey. After he was deposed the dissensions among the Turkish forces, and they did not show up during the war very well. But unless the powers intervene Turkey will re-establish its authority over all the territory it has lost, for the army has been re-organized and the Turks are great fighters. You noticed that the allied states captured Adrianople, and talked of marching on to Constantinople. But one fine day the Turks re-occupied Adrianople and they are there yet."

Looking for Farms.
Jas. Gilchrist, secretary of the Farm Settlement Board, was in Albert County yesterday looking for farms to take over and reserve for new settlers.

Nordin-Babbitt.
A pretty wedding took place in German street Baptist church yesterday afternoon when Rev. J. H. MacDonald, D. D. united in marriage Oscar William Nordin of Nordin, Wis., and Miss Helen Babbitt of St. John. The bride was given in marriage by F. R. Ellis and after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of H. A. Powell, Queen square. Mr. and Mrs. Nordin left on the 6:35 Intercolonial express for Quebec where they will take steamer for Europe on their wedding trip. They have the best wishes of a large circle of friends in the province.

THE DREADED TWENTIETH IS SAFELY PAST

North End Squaw Threw Big Scare Into Residents.

Many took matter seriously—Police watched closely for fire bugs—Suspense now over.

Although the age of superstition has long since passed, and the public of today is credited with being too much enlightened to place any faith in the predictions of those reputed to possess supernatural powers, it is remarkable what interest and terror can be aroused through the prophecy of a mere individual. This fact could not be made more apparent than it was last evening in the North End, when everywhere about the streets the residents were looking forward to seeing a fire sweep Indian town, simply because a squaw had persistently predicted that yesterday that section of the city would be demolished in a great conflagration. Some seemed to take the matter very seriously, and during the day many anxious hours were spent by those living in the vicinity.

The day was not only dreaded by many over-credulous women, but some of the prominent business men took the matter seriously enough to place a few extra hundred dollars insurance on their property. Every individual on the street in the North End was ready to discuss the prospects of fire, and while many scoffed at the idea, still the same individuals were interested enough to see the prediction come true.

There seemed to be general interest in the matter through the city, and fear that a serious fire would break out was not confined to the superstitions, for the fire department was on the alert the whole day and evening. Last night Chief Blake drove through the North End and made a close inspection of the back street districts. The police officers were also advised to keep a sharp lookout during the evening. Some feared that incendiary artists might be at work, and a general dread appeared to prevail throughout the North End until the twentieth day of the month had passed.

LUMBERMEN OPTIMISTIC

Believe practically all of cut will be brought out—Need heavy rain for driving.

Rain is what is mostly needed throughout the country, and the lumbermen are particularly desirous of seeing the province visited with heavy rains. Reports received from the north of the province are to the effect that the streams are low, and it is expected that the continued dry spell will result in the tying up of much of the lumber cut and prevent the logs from being rafted to the mills.

The local mill owners, however, do not expect that any great portion of the lumber cut will be held up on account of dry weather. They report that good progress is being made, and unless there is a long dry spell practically all will be brought out. It was reported by the local mill men that John Dickie had already succeeded in rafting three and a half million feet of logs on the Black River. Three million more have been brought down on Green river.

In the Keweenaw River the water is now low, and it is thought that some of the logs may be held up there unless the province is visited with heavy rain. It is generally believed, however, that the lumbermen will succeed in getting out the greater portion of the cut this year.

WEEK-END SALE OF TRIMMED HATS

A millinery bargain event of more than ordinary interest opened this morning at the showrooms of the Marr Millinery Company, who have placed on sale one thousand smartly modelled trimmed hats, made to sell at \$3.50 to \$5.00, at the uniform figure of \$2.00 each, the majority being regular \$5.00 values.

These hats, without exception, represent the very latest fashions in summer headwear, and extraordinary bargain values, which even the most casual inspection will prove beyond question.

INTERESTING WINDOW DISPLAY OF LADIES' NOVELTY HATS

This interesting window exhibit displays the handsomest of the summer novelties, among which are featured hand bags in black, moire, Persian silks, embroidered net, leather and suede, also a great variety of purses and card cases, in all a display well worth seeing.

A large party of experienced farm help, married couples and single men arriving Saturday 23rd inst. Farmers or others in need of help apply to Jas. Gilchrist, Supr., 102 Prince Wm. Street, immediately.

THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL

MAYOR FRINK ARRANGING TO SEE MINISTER

Writes to Hon. Robert Rogers to Ascertain Date of Visit.

WORKING FOR SHEDS ON NEW WHARVES

If Minister cannot come by first week in June, delegation will go to Ottawa.

Mayor Frink has written to Hon. Robert Rogers, asking him if he will be in St. John the first week of June and if not to fix a date when he would be prepared to receive a delegation from the city council of St. John, and give it an opportunity to present its views as to what should be done to assure that the work on the west side would be sufficiently advanced to provide more berths for steamers next winter. His Worship said he understood Mr. Rogers planned on coming to St. John the first week in June to make an inspection of the public works in progress here. If the minister replied that he would not be able to come to St. John in a week or thereabouts the Mayor stated that he and the Commissioner of Harbors, J. Y. Russell, planned on going to Ottawa and taking up with Hon. Mr. Rogers the matter of letting contracts for the construction of sheds on the new wharf which will be ready for next winter.

When the committee of the Board of Trade inspected the work on the west side the other day there was some talk of sending another delegation to Ottawa to urge the government to lose no time in letting contracts for the work which requires to be done in order to make the new berths available for steamers next winter, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the matter might very well be left to the Mayor and city commissioners, and that they should arrange for presenting the needs of the port to the Minister of Public Works as soon as possible.

FAREWELL EVENING FOR Y.M.C.A. MEN WHO ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE

Presentations to D. D. Milligan, boys' secretary, and Harold Wetmore—Musical programme.

A very pleasant social evening and a general good time was had last evening in the rooms of the local Y. M. C. A. when a farewell reception was tendered D. D. Milligan, past secretary of the boys' department and Harold Wetmore of this city, who is about to leave Saint John to take up Y. M. C. A. work. The evening's programme was planned by the members of the boys' department and the occasion was indeed an interesting and enjoyable one. The evening was marked by two presentations. The members of the boys' department, with which the retiring secretary has worked hard and faithfully, presented Mr. Milligan with a handsome set of cuff links and scarf pin and the different group of leaders presented Mr. Wetmore with a beautiful gold Y. M. C. A. pin. Both marks of appreciation were received with appropriate replies.

A very nicely gotten up musical programme was carried out and refreshments were served. J. Hunter White was present and in addressing the assemblage spoke of the valuable work done by the retiring secretary, D. D. Milligan. General Secretary S. Watt was also present and spoke of the painstaking and valuable work of Mr. Milligan in the boys' department. Mr. Milligan will leave at the close of this week for New York and will be there temporarily. Harold Wetmore of this city, who is about to enter Y. M. C. A. work will also leave at the close of this week. He is to be assistant physical director in the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. at Bedford branch, Brooklyn.

Sent Up for Trial.
The two women arrested a couple of weeks ago for being inmates of a Brussels street house of shady character were before the Police Magistrate yesterday afternoon and remanded to jail again. Mark Allen charged with assaulting and robbing Richard Parker was before the court. Sgt. Scott gave evidence of arresting Allen and of finding a watch that had been stolen from Parker in the possession of Allen. Allen was sent up for trial.

Popular Cloths.
There has been a great demand this Spring for large size shepherd check, in fact, the demand has exceeded the supply, but F. A. Dykeman & Co. are in a position to supply all wants from a recent importation consisting of these popular plaid goods. They are suitable for separate shirts or suits and the special price during the Alteration Sale will be 45, 55 and 85 cents. They also have blue and white plaid at \$1.20 in 56 inch goods.

Victoria Day Special.
The Intercolonial Railway will run a special suburban train on May 25, leaving St. John at 9 a. m., arriving at Hampton at 9.55, making all intermediate stops. Returning will leave Hampton at 10.15 a. m.

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Clearance Sale of Ladies' Summer Blouses

Oddments and Manufacturers' Samples in This Season's Styles at Much Reduced Prices Commencing This Morning

Lot 1.—White Blouses in lawns, also tailored styles, Dutch and Peter Pan effects; a great variety of trimming of insertions, laces and ribbons. Button front and back three-quarter and long sleeves, high and low necks. Sale prices, each 40c., 50c., 75c., 95c., \$1.25

Lot 2.—Colored Waists in Gingham, Prints and Ducks in stripes, dots and figures. Fancy trimming in contrasting shades. These waists are suitable for both house and street wear. Long and three-quarter sleeves, the majority are sailor collar and V neck styles. Sale prices, each 35c., 50c., 65c., 75c., 95c.

Lot 3.—Black Satene and Black Lawn Waists.—Plain styles in good quality materials, high neck and long sleeves, button front. Sale prices, each 50c., 60c., 75c., 95c., \$1.25

Lot 4.—Silk and Net Waists.—A variety of silks in black, white and popular colors, plain and neat stripe effects. Net Waists are in white and ecru with fancy self-trimmings. A great variety of pretty styles to choose from. Sale prices, each \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.75

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Curtain Sorims, with pretty colored borders, 36 inches wide. Sale price, yard 12c.

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