

THE WEATHER.
 Toronto, May 18.—Pressure remains low in the Western Provinces and Northwest States and it is highest over Newfoundland. Showers were fairly general today in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, also in the southwestern counties of Ontario. Otherwise the weather in the Dominion was fair, and in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys quite warm.

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| Dawson | 56 | 62 |
| Prince Rupert | 44 | 60 |
| Victoria | 48 | 64 |
| Vancouver | 46 | 66 |
| Edmonton | 46 | 60 |
| Calgary | 40 | 64 |
| Edmonton | 44 | 68 |
| Moose Jaw | 46 | 60 |
| Fort Arthur | 38 | 60 |
| Parry Sound | 50 | 66 |
| Toronto | 46 | 67 |
| Kingston | 50 | 66 |
| Ottawa | 52 | 62 |
| Montreal | 52 | 70 |
| Quebec | 50 | 76 |
| St. John | 42 | 66 |
| Halifax | 44 | 70 |

Forecasts.
 Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fair to much change in temperature.
 Northern New England—Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday; gentle to moderate winds, mostly south.

AROUND THE CITY

OLYMPIC FUND
 A contribution of \$17.80 was received yesterday by Mayor Schofield for the Olympic Fund.

RATIFIED AGREEMENT.
 The city has ratified the agreement to supply the St. John County Housing Commission with water for cottages on McKell Street, Fairville.

LUMBER INVESTIGATION
 The investigation into the alleged cutting of lumber on city lands will be held this afternoon at 3:30 in City Hall. The enquiry will be conducted by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, city solicitor.

NO MONTHLY SERVICE
 The Canadian Government Merchant Marine has notified the Board of Trade that it will not be able to provide a monthly service between St. John and Jamaica boats not being available for the service.

THE EASTERN LINE
 The oil-burner, Governor Dingley, of the Eastern Line will arrive from Boston and Maine ports on Tuesday next. The warehouse is almost full of freight awaiting shipment to Boston.

LAND FOR PLAYGROUNDS.
 The offer of Armstrong & Bruce to sell the city land for a playground in the North End at a price of \$250 for 48 lots, or about \$12,000 has been referred to the committee of the whole for consideration.

ON INSPECTION TOUR
 The executive of the Provincial Government were in private session last evening. This morning they will inspect the proposed water power site at Lepreau. On their return a visit will be made to the Provincial Hospital.

INSPECTION TRIP
 F. P. Brady, general manager of the eastern lines of the Canadian National Railways; and L. S. Brown, general superintendent of maritime division, left for Fredericton yesterday afternoon in their private cars, which were attached to the Valley train. They will inspect the line and look into the requirements, service, etc.

WILL SEND NOTICE
 The secretary of the Board of Trade has been notified by the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce that on the arrival of the S. S. Chaudiere at Bermuda, a notice of the number of men in the party of West India delegates coming to Canada and the name of the port at which they would land would be cable here.

CABLE SERVICE UNINTERRUPTED
 The St. John superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company stated yesterday that there was no truth in the report that the cable service to P. E. I. had been interrupted. He said the Western Union controlled the only cable service to the island, and they had no trouble. The item referred to was taken from a Moncton paper.

PASSED ELECTRICAL EXAMS.
 Four journeymen electricians passed their examinations before the board of examiners at City Hall yesterday morning. The successful candidates were Charles Hyson, Carroll L. May, E. P. Carr and Allan B. McKinney. Four others were granted licenses on their five years' experience in the business. The board consisted of Charles R. Clarke, chairman; G. G. Hare, city engineer, and Barry Wilson, city electrician.

BY-LAW MATTERS.
 Two Main street second hand storekeepers were before the police court yesterday for keeping their stores open after nine o'clock, contrary to a city by-law. Policeman O'Dell gave evidence and a fine of \$40.00 each was imposed but allowed to stand.

William Helt reported for soliciting passengers inside the railing at the C. N. R. depot May 11 pleaded guilty and said he had been driving a coach for only a short time and was not aware of the rule. A fine of \$2 was imposed.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SERVICE ON VALLEY RAILWAY
 For the convenience of those who wish to visit Fredericton over the week-end holiday of May 24th or spend Victoria Day at the Capital, the Canadian National Railways have arranged that train No. 241 on the Valley Railway will run on Monday May 24th as a regular passenger train, leaving St. John at 8:00 a. m., Atlantic Time. Train No. 242 on the same day will leave Fredericton at 7:00 p. m. This will allow holiday excursionists the opportunity of a day at Fredericton or at points along the River.

HAMMOND RIVER CHURCH AND LANGSTROTH DWELLING BURNED

Serious Fire at Model Farm Last Evening—Buildings With Two Barns Totally Destroyed—Other Houses in Danger—Caused by Forest Fires Supposed to Have Caught from Locomotive Sparks.

The Hammond River Church of England, and the dwelling owned by Dr. L. E. Langstroth, of St. John, and occupied by Joseph Munde along with two barns and the frame of a third barn were destroyed by fire at Model Farm early last evening.

On Monday afternoon the residents in that vicinity stated that the forest was set on fire by sparks from a locomotive hauling the suburban train coming to St. John Monday afternoon. In a short time the fire was raging through the woods and fire wardens L. B. Evans and Adams of Nauwigauk soon assembled a party of about thirty men who worked hard and long in fighting the fire which was then near the Hammond River bridge. The men worked until late Monday night and apparently had the fire beaten out and at one time there was fear that the fire would reach the residence of John Porter.

Yesterday morning the fire started out again and was worse than ever. The party of men under the direction of the fire wardens worked hard but were driven back by the intense heat. Late in the afternoon it was near the Hammond River church and the Langstroth dwelling occupied by Joseph Munde, which was near the church. These buildings were situated on an elevation on one side of the main road and close to the woods. As the fire came closer to the buildings it was seen that they were doomed to destruction and the fire fighters then set to work in carrying the furniture from the dwelling, also the contents of the two barns, while the chancel, lamps, etc., were taken from the church and carried to a safe distance down the road. This work had hardly been completed when the flames caught the church, and the fire was driven away by the heat. It was only a few minutes when the church was a mass of flames, and almost at the same time the Langstroth house and the two barns along with the frame of a third barn proved a prey to the fire. There was nothing left for the residents to do but stand back and witness the place of worship and a very comfortable dwelling quickly burn to the ground. It is said there is some small insurance on the church.

Pieces of burning shingles and sparks were swept about the surrounding district and the party of fire fighters were kept busy all round putting out fires as quickly as they started and at one time it was feared that the fire might reach the home of Thomas Gilliland, but fortunately this building was saved from destruction.

Beyond the church the fire ran into swampy ground on one side, and Otter's Brook on the other, when it further progress in that direction was stayed. The wardens and other men will get on the job at daybreak this morning and will see that no small fires that may be found in the vicinity.

Last night when a Standard reporter reached the scene by automobile there was nothing left of the church, dwelling or barns but piles of burning timbers and ashes, and although there was no steam out any small fire could be seen along the side of the road to the west.

The church that was destroyed was at one time the parish church of Hammond River, which takes in French River, Smith Town and other districts was formed some years ago. It was made the parish church of the new parish. The church was built 80 or 90 years ago through the efforts of the late Canon Walker, when he was rector of Hampton. It was a pretty structure, set upon a hill, and its destruction will be a considerable loss to the parish. It was only partly insured.

For a time the parish church has been without a rector, and Canon A. W. Daniels, of Robbsey, has been supplying. When notified that the church was in danger, Canon Daniels proceeded to Hammond River by automobile. The Canon here to arrange for service next Sunday in the Nauwigauk Hall for the parishioners who have been deprived of a church.

Mr. Munde, who occupied the Langstroth's house, has a family of several dependent children. He is a small farmer, who does day's labor.

High Cost of Plans For City Assessors

City Fathers Worried by Vagaries of Engineer's Estimates—St. John's Plans Worth Twice as Much as Halifax's.

After a breeze the City Council decided to have a plan of the city made at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, and the work will be given to G. G. Murdoch who has private plans of the city city engineer to work on. It was said the city engineers would need \$35,000 or more to do the work.

Com. Frink moved that a complete survey and plans of the city including a detailed plan of Stanley Ward, be made under the direction of the city engineer at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, and the work to extend over three years. The assessor's department needed the plan for \$13,000 three years ago. The assessor's department needed the plan for \$13,000 three years ago. The assessor's department needed the plan for \$13,000 three years ago.

Mayor—The difference of cost in three years is in the difference of the value of money; just about double.

Com. Jones—Not long ago we were told the cost would be \$8,000 or \$9,000.

Com. Thornton—The city engineer, Mr. Hare, told me it would cost \$35,000 to make the survey.

Com. Jones—He said \$8,000.

Com. Frink—I think the amount mentioned was \$10,000.

Com. Frink—I presume that commissioners can corroborate such statements. Will you advertise that we propose to spend \$25,000 for work the city engineer said would cost \$8,000?

Com. Thornton said that when the engineers first reported they were basing their estimate on the cost of the Halifax survey.

Mayor—That was three years ago.

Com. Thornton—Afterwards when the engineers really looked into the matter they were astonished at the cost.

A String of Speckled Beauties

That's the luck you've hoped for on the 24th, and there's no reason why you shouldn't have it, with the right kind of

FISHING TACKLE

of which our sporting department presents a large general supply, including Rods, Reels, Gut Hooks, Landing Nets, Artificial Baits, including the far-famed Sough Band "Orino," which anglers have named as the "most wonderful fish-gutter ever made." Also we have a nice line of Fishing Baskets.

SEE OUR KING STREET WINDOW.

W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED

Store Hours:—8 a. m. to 6 p. m.—Open Saturdays till 10 p. m.

Lucky Purchase Sale

Offering the St. John Ladies the Most Wonderful Bargains in the Newest Style Millinery for Summer Wear.

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| TODAY'S EXTRA SPECIAL | Children's Sport Hats Sale price \$1.25 |
| A large variety of Imported Model Hats of Maline and Mohair in black and colors; most pleasing styles trimmed with flowers and ribbons. | Ladies' Sport Hats Sale price \$2.50 |
| See window display—\$5 to \$10 Sale Prices. | Ladies' Tailored Sailors Sale price \$3. |

Our large showroom was filled all day yesterday with delighted ladies.

Marr Millinery Co., Limited

"NEW PERFECTION" OIL COOK STOVE

Makes Cooking a Pleasure in Summer Heat

This all season cook stove insures a cool kitchen in summer, and tidiness, convenience and economy all the year round.

Its heat is always under the perfect control of the housewife. Gives exactly the degree of heat desired for every purpose. Free abundant circulation of heat through the oven.

See our line of Screen Doors and Window Screens.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Stores Open 8.30 a.m. Close 6 p.m. Saturday 10 p.m.

Beautiful New Summer Fabrics

To the Woman Handy with Her Needle these interesting fabrics suggest many ideas for a

SUMMER FROCK, SKIRTS and other garments.

Plenty of lovely materials for Children's Clothes too. It's time to plan all their vacation clothes needs now.

VOILES—The most effective patterns you could imagine for dainty, hot day frocks. You can choose from checks, stripes, small neat patterns and larger designs—and in colorings that are delightful.

36 to 40 in wide... \$3 to \$2.25 yd.

White Voiles are in many fancy patterns.

GENUINE ANDERSON GINGHAMS—The delightful vogue for these meets with everyone's approval. For Tub Frocks, for Grows-ups or Children they are unequalled. Many people are using these Gingham for slips for porch pillows as well as many other household uses. They are in large fancy plaids.

55 yard Other Plaid Gingham... \$5 to 45 yd. Striped Gingham 29, 42 and 45 yd. CREPES with woven stripes and checks. New and very practical and pretty for Summer garments.

FANCY CHECKED and STRIPED SKIRTINGS reveal several very attractive varieties.

NAVY DRILL—Just the thing for Children's clothes or trimmings.

For White Skirts or Suits we are showing **BEDFORD CORDS, GABARDINES, TWILLS, DUCKS, INDIANHEADS, DUKO DYE SHIRTING**

Just Arrived.
 (Wash Goods Section, Ground Floor.)

A TIMELY SALE OF EMBROIDERED COVERS.

Very suitable for freshening up Summer Homes or for Town Uses. Pure White embroidered in China blue. All one pattern. These are Bargain Prices

Centre Pieces, 18 in. round... Only \$1.00

Oval Tray Cloths, 16x24... Only \$1.00

Oblong Tray Cloths... Only \$1.25

Oblong Cloths, 14x24... Only \$1.00

Square Tea Cloths, 35x35... \$3.00

Better get what you will need now!
 (Linen Room, Ground Floor.)

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited

KING STREET • GERMAN STREET • MARKET SQUARE

Heavy Fine For Taking Car

Six Young Men Were Fined Five Hundred Dollars for Taking Automobile—Then Served With Warrant and Charged With Manslaughter.

A fine of five hundred dollars was struck against Charles Beverley, John Ross, John Kennedy, Jack Wilkinson, Allen Currie and Max Dean charged with taking the car of W. E. Ginter from in front of the Imperial Theatre on the night of April the 29th without the owner's consent or knowledge. Only the first four named of the accused were able to appear in court yesterday afternoon.

Currie is still undergoing treatment at the hospital, and Dean is confined to his bed because of injuries incurred in the unfortunate accident. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared on behalf of two of the accused, the others were not represented by counsel yesterday. W. B. Wallace, K. C., represented the Crown.

Following the striking of the fine a warrant was served on the boys by the Kings county authorities charging them with manslaughter. They were remanded to jail, and will be taken to Hampton Thursday afternoon, where a preliminary examination will be held in the Kings county court house before Stipendiary Magistrate Beverley.

The Kings County Circuit Court, to which the case will probably be sent after the preliminary examination does not meet until September.

The City And The Pilot Service

Wants Information as to Where City Fits in Under New Deal—One Pilot Said to be Annoyed.

The position of the St. John Pilot Service was discussed at the City Council meeting yesterday, but nothing came of it.

Com. Jones said it was reported the Dominion Government had taken over the pilot system in 1914 when the city was founded. It took control of pilotage, and he understood that the control till Premier Mackenzie's time when the Dominion became represented on the commission.

He thought St. John was in a unique position, and should find out what the transfer meant. The city owned the harbor and that was not the case elsewhere.

Com. Frink—Has there been any protest from the pilots?

Com. Jones—Not in writing. But I heard one pilot express dissatisfaction. The Common Clerk said that since confederation there had been Dominion regulations with respect to pilotage. When the city appointed representatives on the St. John Pilot Commission they notified the Dominion authorities.

Thinks East St. John Should Join The City

By Doing So Commissioner Frink Said Yesterday Improvements Would be Made and Proper Development Facilitated.

Com. Frink suggested yesterday that if residents of East St. John would further water facilities they should come into the city, and join the movement for a greater St. John. At present, it is said, the developments at East St. John which are considerable are proceeding in a rather haphazard way. If the city annexed the East side, it would apply the Town Planning Act, and provide for the proper development of the streets and sewerage systems of that section. At present the ideas of trunk sewers has not been considered, and no provision has been made for right of way of sewers to Courtenay Bay, which may become a serious matter when the railway runs around East St. John.

ROCKWOOD COMFORT CLUB MEETING

A meeting of the Rockwood Comfort Club was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Ora Fisher, Stanley street. Arrangement for the play to be given for the Soldiers' Memorial Fund were completed. Mrs. Louis LeLacheur is assisting the members in the preparation of this entertainment.

Permission has been given by the Horticultural Society for the erection of a monument in the Rockwood Park Gardens and plans will be submitted to that society when they have been fully decided upon by the Club. During the war those young ladies kept the boys from Wright street and the vicinity well supplied with socks and some comforts and this tribute of a monument to those who gave their lives for the cause of righteousness and freedom is their special work at the present time.

FIVE DRUNKS ARRESTED.

Five arrests, all for drunkenness, were made by the police last evening, while Henry Vaughan was arrested on the charge of having liquor in his possession by Liquor Inspector Mo-Aish, on King Square, at near midnight.

Mrs. B. A. Taylor and Miss Gladys Janson, of Moncton, and Mrs. J. H. Irving, of Buxcoche, are spending a few days in town.

Old May 13, str. Dominion, for Montreal; Canadian Miner, for Sydney; Turret Cape, for Sydney.

The S.S. Major Wheeler is due to arrive here tomorrow from Montserrat with a load of sugar.

The S.S. Montezuma will arrive this morning from the U. K. and will dock at the Long Wharf.

Oak Hall's Back Home Sale Fast Coming To Close

There must be an end to all good things, and so with the Oak Hall Back Home Sale. After more than two weeks of the greatest money saving opportunities ever offered by Oak Hall the great Back Home Celebration must end Saturday, as the contractors are ready to start remodeling the building next week.

These last few days will find even greater bargains than have heretofore been offered, and they do not present merely the left-overs of two big selling weeks, because every day has found fresh new stock added, and it will be no right to let this closing hour, so that those who make a visit to the Oak Hall Back Home Sale this week will find practically as large assortment of choice merchandise as were available during the opening days. Many at even more drastic reduction than formerly. For instance, Men's Neutige Shirts, worth \$2.50 and \$3.00, that have been marked at \$1.98, are now marked \$1.59, and so with other lines, so that even those who have already visited this Sale will find it worth while making another visit.

As Saturday is nearly here it behooves you to make up your mind at once, or the opportunity will be gone. See another page of this paper for more detailed information.

Taken to Hospital.

William Dwyer, a fireman on the S. S. Hochelaga, was taken to the General Public Hospital in the ambulance at about 4.30 yesterday afternoon, as the result of injuries received while in an altercation with a fellow stoker. His injuries were confined largely to the head, and after his wounds had been dressed he returned to his ship.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AID.

Regular meeting Thursday, 8 o'clock. Board of Trade.

Last chance to see Rivoli Comedy Company in "Back Again" will be at matinee and evening shows today. Tomorrow entire new programme both in musical numbers, costumes and comedy will be offered in bright musical comedy, "Oh Girls."

THIS STORE HAS SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are celebrating many years' successful business by a unique SUCCESS SALE, starting tomorrow.

This sale, which is really a series of sales, is, at a time like this when prices are constantly advancing, a most practical way of inviting the public to take a share in the firm's celebration at a very great advantage to themselves.

The first offer is certainly startling—being nothing less than a straight 30 p. c. reduction on every Dress they have in stock with no reservations.

This is advertised as being only good for three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Next week, however, they promise to announce another offer of different price scale, bringing equally remarkable savings—the hat is dropped, however, that those who pursue a policy of "watchful waiting" for the next week or two, will have reason to congratulate themselves.

LAST DAY FOR "EYES OF YOUTH"

The remarkable play dealing with the occult science of crystal gazing "Eyes of Youth" will receive its final presentation on the Imperial's screen today when the special price scale will rule. More large crowds attended yesterday. This is Clara Kimball York's highest achievement, and a most compelling film fiction with much wholesome truth in it.

Clifton House—All meals 60c.

WANTED

Girl to run Passenger Elevator afternoons only from one to six o'clock (Saturdays excepted). Apply The Standard Office.

A Full Programme

Full of excellent "selections" will be found on page 5.

You will appreciate these selections, we're sure, because they are of the kind that keep your interest the more you read them and investigate.

Hats for \$3.25

For illustration Summer Fur For \$3.50 It's true!

D. Magee's Sons, Limited—Saint John, N.B.