

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair, not much change in temperature.
Washington, May 20.—Forecast: Northern New England—Local rains Friday; Saturday, rain; moderate variable winds.
Toronto, May 20.—The high pressure is passing to the westward over the St. Lawrence Valley, while the southwestern low area is moving slowly northeastward towards the Great Lakes. The weather today has been mostly cloudy in Western Ontario and fine in other parts of the Dominion.
Temperatures.
Min. Max.
Dawson 32 58
Victoria 50 58
Vancouver 50 62
Kamloops 50 63
Calgary 30 62
Edmonton 46 65
Medicine Hat 38 64
Moose Jaw 31 67
Regina 34 63
Winnipeg 36 70
Port Arthur 32 64
Perry Sound 34 62
Toronto 41 64
Ottawa 36 58
Montreal 42 60
Quebec 38 64
St. John 40 62
Halifax 36 66

Around the City

Captures Big Trout

The biggest trout of the season has been landed in Sussex. The fish tipped the scales at two pounds and thirteen ounces and was landed by Walter Small. It was caught at the forks of the river within a stone's throw of the town.

Small Profit in Shad Fishing

The harbor fishermen reported yesterday that the catch of shad is scarce so far this season, and that the profit they receive for the fish is small. One fisherman yesterday afternoon had a catch of about sixty fish, but said that all he could get from the wholesale dealers was fourteen cents a fish.

Increase Hospital Rates

It has been announced that owing to increased expenses, the Chipman Memorial Hospital, of St. Stephen, will increase its rates for private rooms. The price will now be \$17.50 and \$15.00 a week, instead of \$15.00 and \$12.50. There will also be a slight increase in rates for patients in the semi-private wards. Rates in the public wards will remain as before.

Methodist Luncheon

In the Esmouth street Methodist church a luncheon was held on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, for the purpose of encouraging the movement in that church. After a short musical programme had been carried out speeches were given by the Rev. Hammond Johnson, R. T. Hayes, Jas. Myles, E. E. Thomas, R. S. Stevens and W. Adams.

I. O. O. F. To Visit Watt Lodge

The members of Golden Rule Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, have arranged for a fraternal visit to Watt Lodge, McAdam Junction, on Saturday evening. About fifty members of the lodge will leave on the Montreal express Saturday and will return to the city Sunday at noon. The degree team of Golden Rule Lodge will exemplify the second degree at McAdam.

W. C. T. U. Meets

A meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held yesterday afternoon in the Methodist church Fairville with Mrs. Mary McAuliffe presiding. Mrs. Crowe gave a fine reading and Miss Stevens rendered a solo. Rev. Mr. Hayward gave an address. A discussion on scientific instruction in the schools in the hope that such instruction might be introduced in our city schools was one of the principal features of the meeting. The meeting was largely attended.

R. C. C. To Have Field Day

The men of the Railway Construction Corps have arranged for a field day. Starting early this morning they will have a route march and tonight will sleep in the open after night manoeuvres. The men were engaged in preparing for the manoeuvres yesterday. On Monday the corps will hold a day of sports.

26th Battalion Carried on Trench

The 26th Battalion carried on trenches in the open yesterday and trench work was carried on by one company in the field near Kane's Corner. Early morning physical drill was carried on in some of the streets near the armory.

St. George Reaches England

The C. P. R. steamer St. George, Captain Cardiff, arrived at Southampton, England, on Monday afternoon, after a voyage of two weeks from this port. The steamship left St. John May third and was taken in tow by the C. P. R. steamship Montfort as she could not carry enough coal to proceed across the Atlantic under her own steam. The Montfort towed the ship for twelve hundred miles and from there the St. George continued the voyage alone. She will be fitted out in England as a hospital ship. Among the officers who left here on the steamship is Collie McKay, of The Standard staff who will perform special correspondence work in the Old Country for this paper.

PROSECUTION FUND WOULD BE BENEFICIAL

T. H. Somerville thinks it would be a protection and have good effect in business transactions.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Men's Trust Association, Ltd. (Maritime Division) was held yesterday evening in the Brown Betty tea rooms, Charlotte street, the president J. G. Harrison, being in the chair. The secretary, T. H. Somerville, read the report for 1914-15 which contained a brief summary of the work of the organization. Attention was directed to the clearing house report which is increasing in volume and importance.

The report showed that during the year 23,469 reports had been issued and 7,894 enquiries received in the office of the maritime branch. The financial statement showed that there was a profit of \$78.52, which sum was carried to the head office account in Winnipeg. The report urged that discrimination and careful investigation be observed so as not to unduly press an honest debtor. Greater uniformity of laws in the provinces in connection with the control of the credit system was advocated. The board of directors for the ensuing year was elected as follows: J. G. Harrison, W. E. Foster, F. W. Roach, E. J. Murphy (to hold office for two years); F. C. Smith, F. A. Campbell, J. F. Edgett, G. E. Barbour, H. W. Rising, T. S. Pattilo and A. P. Paterson (to hold office for one year). There was a discussion as to the advisability of establishing a prosecution fund for the protection of traders. T. H. Somerville was in favor of the formation of such a fund, and expressed the view that its presence would have a wholesome effect in business transactions. On motion of Mr. Roach it was agreed to open up an office in Halifax in connection with the association's activities.

His Honor Judge McKeown in the course of an instructive address traced the growth of the credit system which had for its backing the machinery of the courts of law which made it possible for a creditor to follow a debtor to secure payment for goods supplied and proper fulfillment of contracts. He explained that it is only possible to get after men by the proper application of the routine of common law. "Legal process," he said, "is often slow, but in the end will be sure to prove effective." This speaker remarked that the Canadian laws respecting the control of the credit system all depended on two statutes, one dating back to the time of Charles II, and the other to Queen Elizabeth's time. In conclusion His Honor pointed out that the most important points concerning the positions of creditor and debtor had been decided satisfactorily by the judges of the courts who had to form conclusions such as would not conflict with old laws that have never been re-enacted.

SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT IS MADE IN MOVING DREDGE LEACONFIELD

With the assistance of holsting scows, lighters and four steam tugs, the contractor, Captain Lahey, made a successful attempt yesterday in moving the sunken dredge Leaconfield, which has rested on Navy Island Bar for a number of months. The dredge was moved over one hundred feet and placed further up on the bar so the work can be more easily accomplished at low tides. It is the intention of the contractor to get the dredge far enough up on the bar so the hole that is punctured in her bottom can be patched. She will then be pumped out and will be more easily floated at high water.

The contract of floating the Leaconfield has been a big one, and so far quite successful. A year ago last November while the dredge was at work at the mouth of the harbor, it is supposed the anchor pierced her hull. The crew nearly drowned. Contractor Lahey was successful in swinging chains under the hull which were fastened to large lighters and she was lifted from the bottom and towed to the Navy Island Bar. For some months past the work was difficult in righting the vessel on her bottom and this was only accomplished a few weeks ago. The work is hard and slow, but is proving successful, and it is expected that in a short time she will be moved to the blocks where she can be thoroughly examined, repaired and made fit to start in on her work again. The cost of operations in raising the dredge has amounted to considerable, but it has been stated the sum of about thirty thousand dollars will be paid the contractor when he is able to place the dredge on the blocks.

Track Team in Training. The different members of the St. John High school track team are hard at work training on the Barrack Green for the coming interscholastic track meet between St. John High, Rotherham Collegiate and Moncton High school. The St. John boys, captained by Ellis Taylor, are to be

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO NEW BRUNSWICK'S POST OFFICE SERVICE?

Has the war demoralized the New Brunswick post office service? On Thursday of last week The Standard mailed to Moncton a package of some value which was received in Moncton on Wednesday of this week, only seven days being required for transmission over a distance of ninety miles with three or four mail trains per day. On Wednesday of last week The Standard's correspondent in Moncton mailed to this office a package which should have been received on the same evening inasmuch as it was delivered at the post office in time for the mail which would bring it to St. John the same evening. It failed to arrive that night. Every mail on the following day was watched but without result, and finally on Friday forenoon the parcel turned up in St. John, having been received that morning. A letter from The Standard to a correspondent in Sussex, mailed from here on Saturday of last week has still failed to appear, but will no doubt be heard from within the course of the next ten days or so, as the distance is fully forty-five miles.

EMPIRE DAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN CITY TODAY

Excellent programmes have been arranged for pupils in all the schools.

Empire Day will be observed in the schools of this city on Friday, owing to the fact that May 23 falls on Sunday. The programmes will be carried out in the usual manner. In the morning the children will be instructed in the geography and history of the Empire. Prominent citizens will address the pupils on appropriate subjects. The speakers at the Victoria school will be Rev. A. J. MacKelgan and Rev. W. H. B. Barraclough.

The programme of the High School follows: H. S. Orchestra, "The Great Divide"—Maurice. Recitation—"The Way of the British", Glen Cunningham, IX. Chorus of Girls—"His Majesty the King." Reading—"Empire Day," Robert McDade, XI. H. S. Orchestra—"When You Work a Tulip," Weirich. Recitation—"The Call of the Blood," Rhema Whipple, IX. Duet—Clarinet and Saxophone, Wm. Weddington, IX, Percy Belyes, IX. Essay—"The Effect of the War on Canada," Jean Somerville, XI. Flute Solo—National Airs, Howard Jamieson, XI. Chorus of Girls—"Brit Britannia." Addresses by Rev. Hammond Johnson and Mayor Frink. H. S. Orchestra—Intermezzo—Phyllis Flagg Salutation. God Save the King.

POWER BOAT CLUB ACTIVE IN ARRANGING FOR GRAND OPENING

During the past week great activity has been taking place at the St. John Power Boat Club quarters on Marble Cove. About thirty new boats have been added to the fleet and members of the club are preparing their boats for the coming season. Already the greater part of the fleet are in the water, including Commodore Geary's yacht Elizabeth and Dr. A. Pierce Crockett's Meredith. A considerable amount of money has been spent this year repairing the boats, building new berths and repainting the boats. In order to avoid trouble at docking and the difficulty of the using of wrong berths, each boat of the fleet will be designated with brass numbers of a neat pattern showing the berth to which they belong. This, it is hoped, will do away with a great deal of the trouble which was experienced last year in docking. The work, this year, also has been divided up among the members and different committees, namely the harbor, home and gasoline committees have been appointed, each looking after their respective phases of the work. The squadron list now numbers about 460 members and 260 boats.

Everything will be in readiness for the grand opening on Victoria Day at nine o'clock. A salute of seven guns will be fired, flags will be hoisted on the club house and boats, thus marking the opening of season 1915. After the official opening the boats will leave for a short cruise up the river headed by the Commodore's yacht, congratulated on securing the valuable aid of H. O. Bonk as trainer. The sports take place at Rotherham, June 5.

OFFICIALS HAVE ARRIVAL FROM UNITED STATES

City Commissioners who have been in Boston on inspection tour returned yesterday.

City Commissioners Wigmore and Potts returned yesterday from Boston, where they spent the last ten days viewing civic public works and looking for new ideas which could be applied to the working of their departments here. Commissioner Wigmore was given every opportunity of viewing the Boston water system by Mr. Goldsmith, the water expert there. He went over the water and sewerage systems. An immense amount of work was being done in connection with the installation of the new high pressure system in the Hub. This commissioner took particular interest in the manner of carrying on the work. Electric power and telephone conduits were cut wherever necessary and the companies operating them had to stand the cost of repairs. Boston is supplied with water by the Metropolitan Water company and pumps are necessary to give the supply. The chief pumping station is an immense affair with the most modern pumps. During the last few years St. John has been adopting many of the Boston ideas in its water and sewerage systems. Mr. Goldsmith was in St. John recently and at that time made many suggestions for the improvement of the service. Many of these ideas have been adopted under the direction of Commissioner Wigmore.

The commissioner also investigated the accounting systems of the different water departments and received copies of the rules governing them. In Chelsea and Malden he found practically every home supplied through a meter, and the experts seemed to think that eventually this would be the plan adopted in all cities. Commissioner Potts was in touch with the public works department of Boston and was given ample opportunity of examining the systems there. Many of the streets of Boston are in poor condition and there has been a suggestion that a bond issue of \$500,000 be made in order to carry on necessary repairs. Some of the papers have strongly opposed the idea. The street railways are using only the grooved rails in the streets. The "T" rail is only used on the elevated and subways.

It has been stated that the order of Terminal Agent Ross which excludes local police officials from the I. C. R. station is causing considerable friction between the railway official and the police. While the railway claims he is right, the police think different, and the matter is not settled yet as far as the police department is concerned. The police claim that the railway station is a place to be used for the public, going to and from trains or for the waiting of persons intending to meet or farewell passengers and that if a person is wanted by the police for any criminal offense the officers have a perfect right to enter the building and make an arrest. It has been intimated that by the interference of I. C. R. Policeman Roberts on Wednesday evening, Detective Worrell was greatly hindered in the performance of his duty and prevented from arresting a person who he believed was a law-breaker.

ORDER WHICH EXCLUDES POLICE FROM DEPOT MAY CAUSE FRICTION

In connection with the A. O. H. Division No. 1 literary and dramatic society has been organized called "The Thomas Davis Literary and Dramatic Club." Last evening in the society's rooms an enjoyable and interesting lecture was given by the Rev. M. O'Brien on Thomas Osborne Davis, Irish national and poet. In addition a fine programme was carried out consisting of readings by Jas. Martin and John Sheehan, solo by the Rev. Mr. Myles Howland and addresses by Rev. C. McLaughlin and Rev. M. Maloney. A large audience was present and enjoyed the lecture.

If you want a serge skirt you can buy it at F. A. Dykeman & Co's store at the manufacturer's price. They have forty-five skirts which are "traveler's" samples, to be sold from \$2.75 to \$5.50 each, and which are worth from \$4.50 to \$8.00. They are all this season's styles and made from pure wool serge. The samples come in two colors only, navy blue and black, and are in assorted sizes.

I. C. R. special suburban Victoria Day, making all stops, leaving St. John nine a.m., arriving at Hampton 3:55 a.m., leaving Hampton 10:15 a.m., arriving St. John 11:15 a.m.

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