

THE WEATHER. Forecasts. Maritime - Easterly winds with occasional rain, then westerly winds and clearing. Washington, April 2 - Northern New England - Clearing Tuesday; Wednesday clear, fresh and southwest and west winds. Toronto, April 2 - The disturbance which was centered over Lake Erie this morning has passed to the St. Lawrence Valley. Rain has fallen today in the peninsula of Ontario and in Quebec; elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fine and cool.

Around the City

A New Hydrant. A new hydrant was installed in Erin street, opposite the Peters' tannery, yesterday. No Suburban Train. The C. P. R. as at present arranged, will not send out a suburban train on Good Friday. Break in Water Main. There was a break in a four-inch main in Stanley street, near the City Road, yesterday morning. Repairs were completed last night. Died at the Hospital. Albert Duthurich, a native of Golden Grove, passed away at the General Public Hospital last night. He was admitted to the hospital to undergo an operation. The deceased was sixty-nine years old. Boston Express Late. The Boston express was almost an hour late last night due to the fact that the airbrakes failed to work properly. The difficulty was overcome by attaching a second engine to the rear of the train at Fairville. To Improve Street. For some time residents on Protection street, West St. John, have been complaining about the bad condition of that section. The commissioner of public works stated yesterday that some action would be taken to improve the conditions in the near future. No Clue to Infant Case. There have been no developments in the case of the infant which was found on Sunday afternoon at Fairville. Dr. F. L. Kenney stated last night that an investigation would be held if any evidence at all could be obtained to throw light on the matter, but so far nothing had been heard. A Late Season. Two young men appeared on Lily Lake yesterday and enjoyed some excellent skating. The ice is reported thick in some places, but in others dangerous. The second day of April is, perhaps, a record for enjoying the pleasure of skimming about on the steel blades on the lake, but it might be stated that the practice is dangerous and should not be copied, as the venturers one stands a fairly good chance of taking a dip in the cold water, and, perhaps, lose his life. Out On a Flurry. A man who was in the employ of Dr. George Baxter, obtained enough liquor yesterday to cause him to perform stunts that he will be sorry for today. He took the doctor's automobile from the garage, and from his point of view was enjoying himself, until he was arrested by Police Sergeant George Baxter, on the South Market Wharf about 6.20 o'clock in the afternoon. He was given a ride in the patrol wagon to the police headquarters where he was locked up and the automobile was handed over to the owner. The Rotary Club. At the Rotary Club luncheon held yesterday the subject of vacant land gardening was introduced by R. E. Armstrong, who presented a resolution that the club express approval of the idea and refer the formulation of a policy to the executive. This motion was unanimously adopted after a discussion participated in by Com. Wigmore, W. F. Burditt, A. M. Belding and others. Mr. Armstrong, in his introduction, pointed out the importance of doing everything possible to prepare for a probable food shortage next winter. The River Weakening. There was a large quantity of ice in Indiantown harbor yesterday which had come down river. It is said to have been from the coves, and from the mouth of the Kennebecas river. Some of the up river residents were seen driving over the Kennebecas on Saturday, but this practice is considered as dangerous. Some men who have been fishing through the ice at the mouth of the Kennebecas are reported to have lost nets on account of the ice breaking up. Workmen are rushing their work on the river steamers, and the managers of each steamer will be ready to start in the season's work just as soon as the ice runs out. So far there is only a slight freshet at Indiantown, but the water will soon rise, as the ice melts in the river.

THE BOARD OF TRADE TAXATION COMMITTEE REPORT REFERRED BACK

W. F. Hatheway's Resolution Re Disclosure Fails to Find a Second - Special Meeting to Discuss Compulsory Militia Service.

Two subjects were under discussion at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade, held last night in the board rooms, Prince William street; the report of the taxation committee of the board, and the resolution of the Montreal Board re enforcement of the Militia Act. The attendance was not very large and it was decided to continue the discussion on both subjects at subsequent meetings. The report of the taxation committee was referred back to the committee for further consideration by them and a fuller report on certain sections of the act, and the resolution re enforcement of the Militia Act will be taken up at a meeting to be held next Monday night in the board rooms, and the mayor and commissioners will be asked to attend and take part in the discussion. A. H. Wetmore, president of the board, was in the chair and after the reading of the minutes called on W. F. Hatheway to present his resolution in regard to the taxation committee of the Council of the board.

Mr. Hatheway's Resolution. Mr. Hatheway presented the following resolution: Whereas, by the present St. John Assessment Law, all employers are forced to give a list stating yearly income of each employe by which the assessors are able to assess on the full income of employes (except where very small incomes are exempt) and whereas, employers are not by law forced to give any statement as to their own yearly income; Therefore resolved that in the opinion of this board such form of discrimination is unjust; and Further resolved, that in any new or amended assessment law, all clauses which refer to disclosure of income, wealth, profit, etc., should apply to all classes of taxpayers or should not become law. In speaking to his motion he dealt with the report quite fully. In regard to renewal leases the act seemed to be in favor of continuing these and the report of the committee practically endorsed it. Personally he is in favor of legislation which would terminate all leases in say ten years, but he believed that this would have a beneficial effect on the growth of the city. In regard to real estate, the act asked to have the railway act of 1870 repealed so that it would be possible to tax the real estate of the C.P.R., and was also in favor of reducing the present exemptions on real estate. This was endorsed by the committee but the report of the commission in regard to the utility companies in the city. He was of the opinion that real estate in the city was not properly valued and if this were done the value could be increased by 2 or 3 million dollars without hurting anyone, and the rate could be cut down. It was better to have a low rate and a high valuation than high rate and low valuation. Halifax had a real estate valuation of \$38,000,000 while St. John had only \$21,000,000 on a much larger acreage.

The committee rather favored the report of the commission on intangibles, although they expressed the opinion that the law in this respect would be hard to enforce. The committee criticized very strongly the clause relating to viable stocks and claimed that it would be an easy matter to get very nearly the correct valuations in every case. In reference to manufacturers he pointed out that under the proposed act the machinery would be exempt and this he claimed was a splendid feature and one which should tend to increase manufacturing in the city. Disclosure Should Apply to All. Dealing with the question of incomes Mr. Hatheway contended that it was only a matter of simple justice that if the disclosure feature was to be a part of the act it should apply to all and not only to the employes. The committee had endorsed the principle of ability to pay and the only way to get at the matter was by taxing on rental basis or by the disclosure system. The speaker stated that there were in the city 8,000 persons who paid on incomes of from \$500 to \$1,500 and who should apply to the act. No seconder was found for Mr. Hatheway's resolution and after some discussion participated in by F. W. Daniel, R. E. Emerson, E. A. Schofield and A. M. Rowan, Mr. Hatheway moved that the report of the taxation committee be referred back to them for a fuller report on some of the sections of the proposed act. This was carried. Present Law Explicited. A. M. Rowan expressed the opinion that if the present assessment law were carried out by a competent board of assessors there would not be any need of a new law. Montreal Board Resolution. The secretary of the board read the resolution of the Montreal Board of Trade re the putting into effect of the Militia Act, which had been sent to the local board with a request that they endorse it. A. M. Rowan thought that the idea was a good one and if some such act had been in force Canada would have redeemed her promise of 600,000 men by this time. E. A. Schofield said the proposition was a big one and one which wanted lots of consideration for they did not want to vote for it unless they were prepared to back it up. Several of the members expressed themselves as not familiar with the Militia Act and felt that more information should be available before any expression of opinion was given. R. B. Emerson asked if the matter had been before the Common Council and was told by Commissioner Fisher that it had not been. On motion of E. A. Schofield it was decided to lay the matter over for one week when the mayor and commissioners will be asked to meet with the board. The Militia Act will be taken up section by section in order that an intelligent vote might be recorded on the matter.

MAYOR HAYES PRESENTS HIS FIRST REPORT

As Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs - City Finances in Good Shape.

Mayor Hayes yesterday presented his first annual report as commissioner of finance and public affairs to the city council. He pays tribute to the faithful work of the employees of the department, and sounds a note of warning in regard to expenditure. The report follows: To the commissioners of the city of St. John, Gentlemen: I have the pleasure in submitting a report of the department over which for eight months of the year just ended I have had the honor to preside. The routine work of the department has been conducted without any radical departure from the usual methods pursued by the officials and I heartily commend them for the manner in which they have performed their duties and the interest they have at all times manifested in the city's welfare. The chamberlain and comptroller cooperating with me at all times in a joint endeavor to guard expenditure, to collect the income from taxes and other sources and to carry on the affairs of the department in accord with the directions of the common council. The total tax levy for the past year was \$837,610.00, the largest in the history of the city. Of this amount \$706,545.00 has been paid after allowing for discounts and abatements, the unpaid balance still due the city is 10.1 per cent. of the total assessment. Bonds amounting to \$29,440 matured and were retired with sinking funds. Bonds lost in the S.S. Hesperian and redeemed by the city amounted to \$9,733.33 along with \$4,400 due in 1915 and not presented, aggregating \$43,573.33, is the total reduction in our bonded indebtedness, not any bonds were issued during the year. The total bonded debt at the close of the year amounted to \$4,884,797.18 against which are held sinking funds amounting to \$1,612,898.50, leaving a net debt of \$3,271,898.68. Bonds mature in 1917 to the amount of \$165,020.52 and will be retired with sinking funds. While the war continues the policy of the council should be against any large expenditure involving the issuing of bonds in order that we may be in the best possible position to meet with the largest measure of success after the war conditions. Capital expenditures for which we have not been issued amount to \$17,412.00, \$3,744.00 was authorized in 1916, the balance during previous years. Adjustment of this will have to be made at a future date. General account for the year shows a deficit of \$18,853.54 and a further falling off in receipts of about \$12,000 will appear during the coming year, which amount came in as the city's share of the Municipal Council's grant for charitable, philanthropic, patriotic and other purposes last year amounted to \$21,426 not including the city's share, the valuation of the municipal council's grant of \$40,000 to the Patriotic Fund for dependents of the soldiers. Owing to the depletion of our general revenue account \$3,000, the limit permitted by Act of Legislature for grants, is being assessed for, the balance required for grants will have to, if necessary, be assessed for next year. Patriotic Fund. The voluntary system of raising money for this fund having become burdensome to the few generous contributors upon whom the responsibility for its maintenance fell, it was the general consensus of opinion that the amount required should be raised by a direct assessment as authorized by the special Act of the Legislature. In this way the burden will be shared by all citizens alike according to their respective ability. The amount to be raised by the city in this way is \$150,000. Assessment. The commission appointed by the council in 1914 to prepare a new assessment law has completed their labors. Their report has been presented to council and has been favorably received by the majority of the taxpayers who deem that way is provided for a more equitable distribution of the burden of taxation and it is sincerely desired that the report will meet with the approval of the Legislature when it comes before that body. Citizens demand larger expenditures for schools, hospitals, streets, fire and police protection and other services and to the extent these demands are met the burden of taxation will increase. There is a material increase in the assessment for the coming year caused in part by large appropriation for the year, by reduction of taxation in previous years, by water and other balances available for the reduction of the levy and by a decrease in the net revenue from the harbors and wharves account. Respectfully submitted, R. T. HAYES, Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs.

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ELEVEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Week Opened Well for Recruiting in St. John - General Military Notes.

- HONOR ROLL. Ralph Dean, St. John. Fred Sommonds, St. John. Edward Sealey, St. John. Clyde Manning, St. John. Harry Maskell, St. John. Joseph J. Allen, St. John. C. A. S. C. Harry Stonewood, Prince of Wales, N. B. 236th Battalion. William Brawley, St. John. 3rd C. E. A. Fred J. Damon, St. Stephen. Canadian Engineers. Charles J. Murphy, Cork, Ire. 25th Battalion. Wm. N. McDougall, Fredericton, N. B. 62nd Regiment.

The different recruiting officers carrying on in the city reported good results for yesterday. The Canadian Army Service Corps with the big factor six of the total enlisting in that unit. Canadian to the Front. For the last half of March 328 men enlisted in New Brunswick. In connection with this splendid showing out of the total 290 were Canadian born. One hundred and fourteen Canadians enlisted in the Forestry Company. The classification of the different nationalities is as follows: 165th Battalion, 2 Canadians; 216th Battalion, 12 Canadians, 1 English; 236th Battalion, 25 Canadians, 8 English, 1 Irish, 1 other; 9th Siege Battery, 10 Canadians; 6th Field Battery, 6 Cana-

Military Notes.

Sergt. A. E. McNeil of the 16th Field Ambulance Base has been promoted to the rank of acting quartermaster sergeant. Lieut. McBeath of the Canadian Engineers is leaving this morning for Montreal and other provincial points in connection with recruiting for the Canadian Engineers. Lieut. C. A. Moffatt of Campbellton, who went overseas with the 26th Battalion, but on account of wounds received at Ypres was invalided home, will again cross the Atlantic to continue the fight. He will proceed to Toronto this morning to undergo the physical test for the Royal Flying Corps. Pte. Jack Beateay, son of W. S. Beateay of West St. John, arrived home yesterday. He was wounded on Sept. 15th at the battle of Courcette. Lieut. G. Pierce, who has been attached to the New Brunswick command will leave for Yarmouth this week in connection with the organization of the Forestry Company which is to be recruited in Nova Scotia, and to be commanded by Major Stehelin. Lieut. Pierce is the second officer in command.

Easter Kid Gloves.

You will find lots of them at F. A. Dykeman & Co's., not as cheap as formerly, but they have paid more attention to securing a reliable kind for which they had to pay a price in keeping with the quality and condition of the market, however, having the contract for these gloves about 8 months ago they are selling the best gloves obtainable in French and Cape kids at 25c. less than the prevailing price today. Kid gloves in all the staple colors of white, black, greys, tans, slate and navy, also the pastel shades at \$1.35 to \$2.50 a pair.

Commissioner May Attend.

The New England Foresters Association will have its quarterly meeting in Boston about the middle of this month and Commissioner Wigmore is planning to attend these sessions.

FOREST SURVEY PARTY BACK IN FREDERICTON

During Two Months Work it Completed a Strip of Crown Lands Containing 140,000 Acres. The forest survey party, which has been working during the past two months along the Transcontinental Railway between Chipman and Moncton, has discontinued its work, owing to the spring break-up, and returned to Fredericton. During the two months this party was out, it completed 140,000 acres of the crown lands, this being a strip twelve miles in width extending from Bronson to North Branch. The report of the party shows that, while there is not much timber of merchantable size owing to the fact that the area was largely burned over about seventy-five years ago, there is a large volume of small spruce, reaching up to ten inches in diameter, which, if protected and allowed to grow during the next few years, will produce large quantities of saw material. Owing to the poorly drained, heathy nature of the ground, nothing can be expected from this site in the way of agricultural lands, and the entire area should be reserved for forest purposes. The party was in charge of Mr. G. H. Prince, and consisted of twelve men, and the 140,000 acres covered, together with the thorough manner and the detail in which the notes are kept, is a very creditable showing indeed. More Re Gundry's Auction Block. In introducing this system of moving goods, Gundry's assures the public that it is just what it is, A CUT PRICE BLOCK. Anything shown on it will be at a reduced price. Only one article will be shown at a time. A daily peep at the window will tell you as much as anything can.

Judge Carleton and Judge Barry came in on the Boston express last night from Fredericton. Sir George Toulmin, M. P., has accepted the trusteeship of the Preston, England, branch of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society.