

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.
Maritime—Fine, a little higher temperature.
Washington, April 21—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Thursday; Friday partly cloudy. Moderate variable winds, becoming fresh south-west.

Toronto, April 21.—Pressure is low tonight over Manitoba and in the southwestern states, and high throughout the eastern portion of the continent. Showers and thunderstorms have occurred in several portions of the west; elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	30	56
Prince Rupert	40	52
Victoria	42	60
Vancouver	36	56
Kamloops	42	64
Edmonton	30	48
Winnipeg	46	82
Port Arthur	28	50
Parry Sound	24	60
London	36	60
Toronto	34	51
Ottawa	30	52
Quebec	24	50
St. John	32	44
Halifax	40	50

Around the City

New Woodstock Company
Messrs. W. Jack Dibblee, George A. Dibblee of Woodstock, and Hugh Bruce of St. John. Mrs. Marion G. Dibblee of Woodstock and Mrs. Nora Bruce of St. John are applying for incorporation as W. F. Dibblee & Sons, Ltd., with an authorized capitalization of \$20,000 to carry on a general wholesale business at Woodstock.

A Pleasing Entertainment.
A pretty song-play entitled "Flowerdom," was presented last evening by about thirty girls in the school room of Exmouth street Methodist church, the arrangements being in charge of Miss Miles and Miss Magee. Each girl was dressed to represent a flower. Solos, dances and drills formed incidents leading up to the crowning of the flower queen. As an added feature a little boy played a violin solo very creditably. The room was crowded by an audience which expressed its pleasure by frequent applause. So successful was the entertainment that it may be repeated.

SPAIN WANTS BIGGER TRADE WITH CANADA

Senor Ramon Tey looking into establishment of direct Steamship Service.

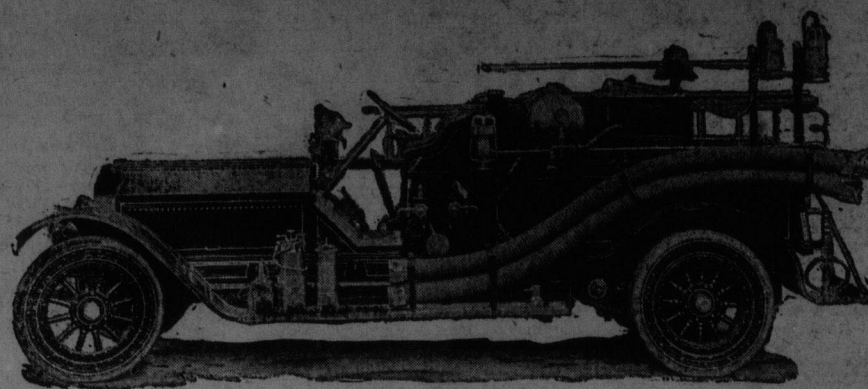
Senor Ramon Tey of Toronto, Spain, is in the city on a mission to Canada in connection with the possibility of developing trade between Spain and Canada. He will spend some time in this country, visiting the principal cities.

Mr. Tey was sent here by several prominent trade associations of Spain, backed by his government. "Our idea," he said to a reporter, "is to start a direct steamship service between Spain and Canada, a line which would call at St. John and Halifax. In the present disturbed conditions in Europe a satisfactory steamship service between this country and France, or even Great Britain, is difficult. Shipping is very scarce and freight rates abnormal, because the belligerent governments have commandeered so many ships. In this situation Spain looks to the possibility of establishing direct steamship communication with this country. My country will offer a good market for Canadian fish of all kinds, wood pulp, and wood of various kinds for construction purposes. On the other hand Spain is looking for a market here for its champagne, red wines, cognac, oranges and other fruits, particularly fruits. Many other products of the two countries might be exchanged to mutual advantage.

"Although Spain has for years been a good customer for Canadian fish, our trade interests in Eastern Canada have been neglected. My country has no consul here. But we propose to do what we can to establish a direct trade between Canada and Spain. I will remain in this country for years if necessary. We are having sent out a large quantity of the products of Spain which we propose to place on exhibition in the principal cities of Canada. We shall be glad to receive enquiries about the markets for Canadian products in Spain, and do what we can to promote Canadian trade with us."

Senor Tey speaks Italian and German as well as Spanish and English. He left France about three weeks ago. He spent some time there. To the reporter he said business conditions in France were rather disorganized. He thought even if the war was ended this year France would not do a great deal of business with other countries for some time to come.

Fine New Piece of Apparatus For the Local Fire Fighters



The Motor-Driven Combination Pumping and Chemical Engine, Hose and Ladder Wagon Passes Difficult Tests With Ease.

The new combination piece of fire apparatus purchased by the city from the La France Company is attracting considerable attention about the streets and has so far passed all tests most satisfactorily, the only test it yet has to go under is that of pumping ability, which it is expected may take place today. When everything is found to work satisfactorily it will no doubt then be taken over for the city by Commissioner McLellan of the safety department.

The machine is large and capable,

having a tank for chemical, a powerful engine for pumping water, and carries an extension ladder and twenty joints of fire hose. The engine arrived in the city last week and on Saturday was taken from the car to the King street station. On Tuesday it was given a spin about the city by the demonstrator and found to work well. Yesterday morning the mayor and commissioners were given a ride about the city and the large engine climbed the hills without difficulty, taking the Princess street hill from Water street to Prince William with ease. Other hills that were climbed in an equally

satisfactory manner were Carmarthen street and Garden street. In the afternoon Chief Blake with the district engineers and a couple of the department were taken about the city on another test.

Including the demonstrator there were eight men taken along and even with the additional weight the engine climbed hills and made excellent speed on all occasions. It is the first piece of motor fire apparatus that has ever come to St. John and its advantages over the horse engines are plainly shown.

"FLY COP" A WELCOME GUEST AT DOCK STREET CARD GAME

Chief Simpson's "Specials" are doing good work—A Sunday night visit to a gambling resort followed by arrests.

The special police officers, who are unknown to the breakers of the law, have been getting in some very successful work during the past few weeks. Sunday beer and liquor sellers have been gathered in, as well as ice cream parlor proprietors and pocket peddlars have fallen into the hands of the specials.

For some time the police have kept their eyes on a number of places where it was supposed gambling was indulged in by men playing the "innocent" game of poker for money, but success was not obtained until a new special officer unknown to the card players got in his work last Sunday. This special became acquainted with a frequenter of a place where gambling was supposed to have been carried on and the frequenter, not knowing that he was in company with a police officer, invited him to the place on Dock street, in the building where Mr. Martin conducts a tailoring store.

As the officer and his newly made friend entered the place the officer saw a sign at the door which read "Clear Makers' Union."

The officer's companion said that he had the sign placed there as a blind to baffle the officers who, seeing the sign would think it was merely the Union rooms, and not a place where cards were being played for money. When the two entered the rooms there were

fifteen or twenty men there and two tables surrounded by card players were going full blast. All in the room were playing for money or looking on. The officer, who was not suspected, was introduced to the men in the room and remained there for some time watching the unsuspecting gamblers.

It being Sunday warrants could not be secured by the police and the officer had to wait until Monday before he could lay information against the law breakers. Tuesday night, the police visited the resort but did not find any persons playing cards, but they found the card tables, the cards and the poker chips and this paraphernalia was gathered in and conveyed to police headquarters.

Last evening Special Officers Barrett and McBride armed with warrants were sent out and arrested John Breen on the charge of being the proprietor of the gambling house, and Charles Stevens for being a player or onlooker at the games last Sunday. In addition to these two warrants have been issued for eight or ten others who will be asked to appear in the police court to give an account of themselves. The two men arrested last night were not locked up in a cell as Breen left a deposit of one hundred dollars for his appearance in the police court this morning, and Stevens left a deposit of fifty dollars.

WANT GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TO COME HERE

St. John Board of Trade will co-operate with Quebec Board in effort to induce G. T. P. to operate Eastern Section of Trans-Continental.

A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held last evening at which a letter from the Quebec board dealing with the question of the operation of the Transcontinental between Winnipeg and Atlantic ports was dealt with. The board resolved to co-operate with the Quebec board in an effort to induce the Grand Trunk Pacific to carry out its contract with the Laurier government and use Quebec and St. John as terminals.

A. H. Wetmore reported for the committee of the board which is dealing with the question of assessment and gave an account of the work done so far and indicated the lines on which the committee proposed to continue its work. This led to some discussion, the purport of which was that the committee should collect information about assessment systems in as many cities as possible, before making a report.

NEW BATTALION MEN HAVE FIRST MARCH

Other Corps Hard at Work Preparing for Duty at the Front.

The soldiers in training in the city were kept busy yesterday with the usual work. The members of the 55th Battalion had their first route march through the city yesterday morning. About fifty men took part and they were out for about two hours.

The 26th Battalion was out for a part of the day, and it is expected that during the week, if weather conditions permit, some night manoeuvres will be carried on. Several of the companies went to the rifle range for practice. In the evening the sergeants of the 26th were engaged at the indoor rifle range.

The Railway Construction Corps spent the day in drill. These men are fast rounding into shape and have established at their camp at Christopher's Pit all the conditions of guard duty usually maintained on active service and in an enemy's country.

The other corps were engaged in marching and drilling. Recruiting for the 55th is progressing well in the provincial centres, and well up to eight hundred men have already been enlisted. No word has yet been received as to the time of mobilization, but the men in the different centres will be kept in training and ready for mobilization. So far none of the men have been placed in barracks, but have been living at home,

HOP LEE CASE BEFORE COURT

Joseph Jeffrey and Patrick Killen the witnesses at yesterday's hearing.

Yesterday afternoon in the Police Court the case against Hop Lee, charged with keeping opium in his possession in his place of business on Mill street, was heard. Six other Chinese have been charged with being inmates. Daniel Mullin, K. C. appeared for the defendants, while H. O. McInerney appeared for the prosecution.

Joseph Jeffrey was the first witness. He testified that on the night of March 13th last he was a police officer, and about ten o'clock, while passing Hop Lee's place he noticed three women rapping on the window. He watched the women go in the place, after which a Chinese came out and looked up and down the street. Witness thought it suspicious and after he had rapped at the window in the manner the women did he was admitted. He inquired for the proprietor, and Hop Lee, who opened the door, said it was he. Witness then informed Lee that he was a policeman and asked where the women were who entered the store. Lee said he did not know. Witness then went into a rear room to search and found about twenty Chinese there. Hum Ling came and another selected a seat at a table smoking what witness suspected were opium pipes. Ling laid his pipe on the table and then crawled into a bunk and appeared sleepy. Witness took the pipes in charge and said that he saw Hum Bon coming from a rear door through which about nine Chinese had escaped. Hum Ling made a run towards witness and the latter fired a shot from his revolver to the chief of police. Since Jeffrey was honorably acquitted by Judge Landry in the Circuit Court on the charge of stealing from the Chinese, he has been reinstated on the police force.

For over two hours he was kept on the stand undergoing a severe cross-examination by Mr. Mullin.

Patrick Killen gave evidence that on the night in question he visited the place shortly after eleven o'clock and in making a search found in a back room a stove with a coke fire in it. One of the covers of the stove was slightly off the hole, and in searching in this section of the stove witness found on the hot coals a small tin box containing a substance, which he afterwards was ordered to take to M. V. Paddock for analysis.

In answer to Mr. Mullin, witness said that when he entered the place kept by Hop Lee he saw Jeffrey there. The latter was not sober and very much excited. Witness did not consider Jeffrey was in a fit condition to go in that place. He made a mistake that he was not now connected with the police force, having resigned, but was a provincial constable.

The case was adjourned until Monday afternoon at 2.15 o'clock.

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