

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Occasional showers. Washington, April 26.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Tuesday, warmer in Maine, Wednesday probably fair, moderate southwest and west winds.

Toronto, April 26.—Local thunderstorms have occurred today in Saskatchewan and showers have been almost general in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Moose Jaw, Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Engineer Back. William Murdock, city engineer, returned to the city yesterday after an extended tour through the west. Mr. Murdock visited Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and other cities. In Toronto he attended the Good Roads Convention.

Aged Hampton Man Dead. The death took place at Fairmount, Hampton, yesterday of Hubert Fairweather, in the 86th year of his age. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from his late residence.

Would Not Pay For Meal. Shortly after six o'clock yesterday afternoon Special Officer Barrett arrested Manning Haley, who was given in charge by Miles Carroll for refusing to pay for food he had eaten in Carroll's restaurant on Union street.

Wrong Man Got Trunk. On Saturday night an expressman in delivering a trunk, placed it in the hallway of Albert Hay's house, 46 Wright street, instead of leaving it at another house where it was supposed to have been delivered. Mr. Hay notified the police and the trunk was taken to the central police station and yesterday the rightful owner was found.

More Thefts Charged. James Hargie was arrested on Saturday on the charge of stealing articles from the C. P. R. steamer St. George. Yesterday the police made additional charges of theft against the prisoner, stating that he is supposed to have stolen one silver cream jug, four silver dessert knives, three silver-plated table spoons, one silver-plated dinner knife, two forks, two laundry bags and one towel. Between November 12th and December 4th he is charged with having stolen twelve silver-plated dinner forks.

HOBBO DE LUXE AT CENTRAL STATION

James Bath Had No Money but was Well Equipped for Travelling.

A real live hobbo arrived at the central police station last evening about seven o'clock and was given protection for the night. He gave his name as James Bath, and stated that he hailed from Nova Scotia. Bath was a good talker and wore a peg leg, saying that he had his leg cut off in Minas about eight years ago. He carried on his back, when he entered the police station, a box in the shape of a knapsack, and in answer to the officer in charge regarding its contents said that because a man was on the tramp there was no reason why he could not keep himself clean. In the box he carried a tin can in which to make tea over a fire, a bottle of sugar, another containing tea, a razor, some soap, toilet powder, comb, towel and soap, as well as an extra pair of boots and a pair of clean socks. James Bath certainly knows how to travel and while attired rather poorly had a clean appearance.

SPECIAL SALE OF HOUSE DRESSES

There will be an opportunity for every lady in St. John to supply herself with a new house dress at a very small outlay. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are putting on sale Wednesday morning five hundred house dresses at most extraordinary prices. Everyone of these house dresses are made from fast colored cambric, and are made in neat attractive styles; good fitting garments. The sizes run from 34 to 44, and the colors are from the real dark shades up to the lightest summery colors. The prices will be from 69 cents to \$1.25. The regular prices would be from \$1.25 to \$2.00.

ST. JOHN EXPORT TRADE \$18,000,000 GREATER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS

Export traffic through St. John for last fiscal year valued at \$43,872,932—Imports about the same as in former years.

That the export trade through the port of St. John was \$18,000,000 greater than during the banner year of 1913, was the information given out by the St. John Board of Trade yesterday. The St. John Board of Trade received its figures from the Dominion Department of Customs. These figures showed that in the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1915, the export traffic through the port of St. John was valued at \$43,872,932. This export traffic was \$18,278,211 more than for the banner year of this port, 1913. While the export trade through St. John has shown a great increase the imports, in spite of the war situation, have not shown much change. The imports for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1915, were, according to the Customs officials, valued at \$9,112,916, as against \$9,373,676 for 1914, and \$9,873,036 for 1913, the banner year for imports as well as exports. According to information given the St. John Board of Trade the sum of

\$40,000 or thereabouts was paid out last week to men engaged in loading or discharging steamers in ports or coaling them.

Hon. A. T. Dunn, collector of customs, when interviewed last evening, said he could not give offhand the value of the exports through St. John during the past fiscal year. "I know," he said, "that the exports through St. John have been much greater than in previous years, and the returns issued from Ottawa should be correct. Exports have been larger, but I should judge imports have been about the same as last year."

H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., he said, "The export traffic," he said, "has been much greater than usual, but I would not pretend to give you the exact figures. Was it \$18,000,000 more? I cannot say now. As regards the import traffic through St. John, it was pretty much the same as in previous years."

CANADIANS NOT AFRAID OF GERMANS

Rev. M. E. Fletcher has received an interesting letter from his son, E. Durlin Fletcher, with No. 1 Field Corps, under Dr. J. L. Duval. The letter was written before Dr. Duval had received a slight wound on April 16. The letter from Mr. Fletcher is as follows: April 7th, 1915.

Dear Father and Mother:—I received your last letter and was delighted to hear that my last letter to you had arrived so quickly. We have moved again and yesterday marched fourteen miles to our present billet. As usual it is another small school house with paved floors. All the boys are well and we are having a fine time touring France on foot. This morning with two of my chums I visited the church which is situated in the centre of the town. It is a very beautiful building and is finished in pure white. The statues and the carving on the wood work are magnificent. It must have cost a great amount of money to build such a structure.

Now I must not forget to thank you for the bat and ball which arrived safely. The ball is a dandy and we are going to have a game in about a week with the company Jack is in. I will now answer your questions as far as I can. We have a regular course we follow every day. At seven a.m. we have roll call, then wash and clean our billet before breakfast, which is served at eight o'clock. At nine we have roll call again, when the order of the day is read to us by our N. C. O. Dinner is served at twelve o'clock, and then a march into the country at two o'clock, lead by one of the officers. The morning is free to us, but we are to do any little work if needed. Yesterday we had the most interesting march of the season. We went in a circle back to our billet in two hours. During that time we passed through several villages and also passed many Belgians working on the roads. They are battle stained men who have done their share in this terrible war.

We climbed a high hill on which a huge church was located and from there we could see Belgium in the distance. The children in this village are very bright and seem to want to be with the soldiers all the time. Nearly all I have met can talk a little English. I suppose the soldiers have been teaching them. When a town is shelled by the Germans the people just keep to their houses and remain down cellar until after it is all over. Wine cavers are very much in evidence here. Yes, a number of the wounded Canadians have passed through our hands and they do not seem to mind being hit in the least. They speak of being very lucky in not being killed. They are in fine condition which will aid them in making a good recovery. All the boys I have spoken with prefer to be in the trenches than in their billets, so you see they are not afraid of the Germans.

The boys who are seriously hit are fed on a milk diet and soft boiled rice. Those who have slight wounds get bacon, bread and jam, tea with milk for their breakfast and for dinner they get beef, vegetables and some light pudding. For supper they have bread, cheese and jam with tea and milk. Later on in the evening they have a

PREFERRED CANADIAN MADE BOOTS

St. John Signaller found British boots not equal to Canadian—From the trenches.

Arthur Olive, formerly of Moore street, but now with the signallers under Major Powers in France, favored the Canadian boot to that of the English. In a letter received by his parents last week, Signaller Olive said:

"We have been in the trenches for three days and my feet have been wet all the time. I wish I had a pair of the Canadian boots again, then my feet would be dry. The English boots were issued to us but they are hard and soak up the water." He reported that all the boys in the St. John unit were well but that the work in the trenches was made uncomfortable on account of the water. He hoped that within a short time the water would be dried up and conditions thereby improved.

An interesting letter has also been received from Major Powers of the signallers. He says that his men have been placed in a new billet. While located there two French regiments marched past. They carried about twice as much equipment as the British.

TO DEMONSTRATE FIELD KITCHENS

An opportunity will be given the citizens of St. John today (Tuesday) to have explained to them the manner by which our troops on the firing line are supplied with hot meals by means of army field kitchens. All persons interested in this should avail themselves of the opportunity of viewing one of these kitchens which will be on exhibit near the Free Public Library from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30.

cup of cocoa. On this they will soon get well and strong.

A large number of the boys get wounded in the head. One chap had a bullet graze his head so as to remove the hair, giving him a beautiful hair-part. The hospital we are running only keeps the patients twenty-four hours, then they are sent to the base hospitals. The dead are buried some distance back of the trenches. In the evening when the stretcher bearers, accompanied by their chaplain arrive, the body is taken on a stretcher (usually by the chums of the dead) to the grave followed by their chaplain who gives a short suitable service. The chaplains are a fine lot of earnest men who visit the trenches many times to give the boys a cheering word. The motor ambulances carry the wounded, from our clearing hospital to the base. The horse ambulance go to within a quarter of a mile of the dressing station. The bearers carry from the first aid post to the ambulance. I have been transferred to the stretcher bearers which I like better, than hospital work. I have charge of a medical kit. This is used in case anything is needed on the way to the ambulances, or in case we go on the field to gather the wounded.

Well, I must draw this letter to a close. Remember me kindly to all of my friends. With very best love to you all. Your son, R. DURLIN FLETCHER.

"DOPE" FOUND IN HOP LEE'S WAS OPIUM

Analyst Testifies as to Contents of Pipes, Tin and Jar—Interesting Evidence.

In the police court yesterday the cases were continued in which Hop Lee is charged with being the proprietor of a place where opium is kept, and six other Chinese charged with being inmates. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the defendants and H. O. McInerney for the prosecution. Patrick Killen, who found a tin containing opium in a stove in Hop Lee's place on the night of March 13th, continued his evidence and stated that he took the tin to M. V. Paddock and the latter took some of the contents for the purpose of analysis.

To Mr. Mullin witness said he laid the information on the 17th of March after the preliminary examination of ex-Police Commissioner Jeffrey had been commenced. J. J. Jeffrey was recalled and identified the pipes in court as those he took from Hop Lee's premises on the night of March 13th. He identified Hum Ging as one of the Chinese smoking one of the pipes.

Morris V. Paddock was called and testified that he was the provincial analyst. Witness said he had scraped some of the contents from the bowls of the two pipes and found they contained morphine. Witness examined the pipes and said he never saw pipes like them before. Morphine is the constituent of opium and in looking for opium you necessarily find morphine. The tin can found by Killen was produced and witness said that he had analysed some of the contents and found morphine and meconic acid and they are constituents of opium; having found these substances witness said he would pronounce the contents of the can to be opium.

A small white jar found in Hop Lee's place by Deputy Chief Jenkins was then produced and witness said he found it contained small pills, and on making an analysis of the contents found it to be opium. To Mr. Mullin witness said that the stems of the pipe had the smell of nicotine, also of a burned odor. There was a trace of morphine in the pipes but he could not say just what percentage. He would not swear that the pellets could not be used for medicinal purposes; it might be taken to make one sleep. Morphine is frequently used for medicinal purposes and opium is frequently used in compounding drugs for medicinal purposes. Opium is a compound of other things. Crude opium comes from the poppy. Speaking of the contents of the can found by Killen and said by the witness to be opium, he stated it would be worth about three dollars. Morphine is not a principal of tobacco.

Deputy Chief Jenkins was called and told about entering Hop Lee's place on Mill street on the night of March 13th and there saw Jeffrey and Hop Lee. Witness said that he found a small jar upon a scaffold bed in the centre room. He took the contents of the jar to M. V. Paddock. In answer to Mr. Mullin witness said that on the night in question he considered Jeffrey to be under the influence of liquor and excited. In his opinion Jeffrey could do certain things, but in making the raid while in such a condition he was liable to be rash. He was not fit for that particular work. The case was adjourned until this afternoon at 2.15 o'clock.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fenton, who have been visiting in Boston, Toronto and other western cities, arrived home yesterday.

Brother Mark, C. S. R., arrived yesterday on the Boston train and will spend several weeks at St. Peter's Rectory. He is a St. John boy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Daley, residing on Adelaide street.

Mrs. W. L. Grimmer, president of Trinity W. A., St. Stephen, is in the city attending the annual meetings of the Women's Auxiliary.

Friends will be sorry to learn that J. B. Wilson, St. Andrew's street, is being confined to his home on account of illness.

Mrs. F. E. Jones (nee Woods) will receive her friends for the first time since her wedding on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, April 28, at Welsford.

BORN.

LANNIGAN—At Springhill Cottage Hospital, Springhill, N. S., on April 23, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lannigan, a daughter.

DIED.

FAIRWEATHER—At Fairmount, Hampton, on Monday, April 26th, Humbert Fairweather, in the 86th year of his age. Funeral Wednesday, April 28th, at two p.m. from his late residence to the Church of the Messiah.

Lawn and Garden Hose advertisement featuring an image of a hose and text describing various types of hoses and lawn sprayers.

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. advertisement for Japanese Silk, 500 Yards Extra Heavy Natural White Wash, and other textile products.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd. advertisement for "Enterprise Monarch" Steel Range, featuring an image of a stove and text describing its features.

Sale of Silk Poppins in Popular Color at Only \$1.00 a Yard Continued Today advertisement.

Oilcloths, Linoleums and Cork Carpets advertisement listing various products and prices.

New Handkerchiefs For Ladies and Children advertisement listing various styles and prices.

New Spring Ribbons advertisement listing various styles and prices, including Taffeta Silk Ribbons and Fancy Silk Ribbons.