

## THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.  
Maritime—Moderate winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, April 19.—A moderate disturbance is moving toward the Great Lakes from the southwest and showers are occurring tonight in western Ontario. From Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and also in the western provinces the weather has been fair with a tendency toward higher temperatures.

Temperatures:	Min.	Max.
Dawson	30	48
Prince Rupert	40	46
Victoria	42	53
Vancouver	43	48
Kamloops	42	54
Calgary	20	54
Medicine Hat	24	58
Edmonton	20	48
Battleford	30	40
Saskatoon	30	41
Moose Jaw	30	48
Regina	32	45
Winnipeg	32	42
Port Nelson	32	42
Port Arthur	34	38
Parry Sound	44	62
London	49	68
Toronto	43	55
Kingston	44	59
Ottawa	38	62
Montreal	40	58
Quebec	34	54
St. John	34	54
Halifax	34	62

## Around the City

**A Sextette.**  
Six drunks spent last night at Central Station and will face the police magistrate this morning.

**Tracing Edward McMillin.**  
Mayor Hayes has received an inquiry from Lynn for information regarding Edward McMillin, who is supposed to have enlisted in St. John in 1915.

**War on Loafers.**  
Chief of Police Simpson states that there is plenty of work for men in St. John, and there is no need of men loafing about the streets. A general order was given to constables to arrest all habitual loafers found in the city. As a result of the order John Sharp and John Given were arrested and charged with being loafers.

**The Fish Market.**  
The mild weather is having a beneficial effect on the fish market, and in consequence prices have been lowered on some varieties. Gasperaux are selling for 40c. dozen; haddock and cod 15c. a pound; halibut 20c. a pound; finnan haddock 18c. a pound; hoppers and bladders 15c. a pound; lobsters 15c. to 20c. each; clams 25c. a quart; oysters 30c. a quart and mackerel 25c. to 35c. a pound.

**Twelve Thousand Tons.**  
Hon. B. Frank Smith returned Tuesday night from a business trip to river. Speaking of the potato trade in Carleton and Victoria he says that the stock is already well shipped, with the exception of a few cars that are yet left in the dealers' hands. The government hay plant at Woodstock will finish compressing this week. About twelve thousand tons have been compressed this season in the war bale.—Frederick Gleason.

THIRTY-FIVE HEROES  
PASS THROUGH ST. JOHN

Men from Quebec and Newfoundland Have Done Their Bit and Come Home—Two Wear French War Cross.

Thirty-five Allied veterans returned to Canada yesterday afternoon on a trans-Atlantic liner which docked about three o'clock. The steamer had a fairly large passenger list, many of whom were women returning from England. She also had on board an exceptionally heavy mail.

The only New Brunswick man to return was Henry, son of Moncton. He had the misfortune to lose the sight of one eye. He was wounded in one of the heavy engagements on the western front.

In the party were twenty-five Frenchmen, who left last night for Quebec. Two of the party were the French War Cross, although they each had to sacrifice a limb, rather than permit the Germans to advance and recover a position taken by them. The two men stood side by side and defied several times their number of the best troops in the German army.

Among the members of the Newfoundland party, who were passengers, was a lad, who lost his right arm and was badly wounded in the foot. There were about ten in the party for Newfoundland. They were for the most part members of the 1st Battalion and saw service at the Gallipoli and Suvla Bay. When the troops were withdrawn from this position they were sent to the western front, where they received the welcome hand of the Allied troops for their heroic work on the east.

Private Walter Calne, a native of St. John's, was forced to leave the trenches on account of shell shock and shrapnel wounds.

## MARRIED.

**KEEFE-RICHARD.**—In St. Edward's Church, Dorchester, April 18th, 1917, by the Rev. Paul Dufour, C. S. C., Captain George Keefe, of the 26th Battalion, was united in marriage to Carmelita H. E. elder daughter of the Hon. A. D. and Mrs. Richard.

QUOTATIONS JUMP SKYWARD;  
GREAT ADVANCE IN FLOUR,  
HIGHEST IN THIRTY YEARS

Flour Advanced Ninety Cents Per Barrel Yesterday—Wholesale Price Today \$13.60. With No Outlook of Easing Off—Sugar Takes Rise—Remarkable Increase in Food-stuff Prices Since Beginning of War.

As the quotations in the wheat market rise, so do the wholesale and retail prices of flour, with the result that, at the present time, the price of a barrel of flour is over double the figure that it could be purchased for in August, 1914. On the latter date a barrel of Ontario flour, wholesale, cost \$5.75, and hard wheat flour \$6.45. This morning the wholesale quotation is: Ontario, \$12.65, with Manitoba (hard wheat) at \$13.60.

Yesterday morning when the wholesale merchants opened for business they were notified that Manitoba flour had advanced forty cents and Ontario twenty cents a barrel, making the wholesale prices \$13.10 for Manitoba and \$12.15 for Ontario. Just before closing business yesterday afternoon merchants were notified that Manitoba had advanced another fifty cents a barrel. This means that the wholesale quotations in the city this morning will be: Manitoba, \$13.60, Ontario, \$12.65.

Speaking of the effect on the retailer the head of one of the large wholesale houses said last night that it cost the retailer 18 per cent. to do business and that gave him only about five per cent. profit. The retailer should, on business principles, charge the consumer two dollars a barrel over the wholesale price, but generally they only charged a dollar more; at that the retailer's profit was small.

With the retail advance over the wholesale price it means that citizens this morning will have to pay about \$14.60 a barrel for Manitoba flour and \$13.65 for Ontario.

## Profits Very Small.

One retailer speaking on the price he had to ask his customers for flour, and the small profit he received from the sale, said it hardly paid to handle flour, and in fact in some cases he lost money. One instance was in the sale of a barrel of flour made yesterday. The flour had to be delivered to a family that resided up three flights of stairs and accordingly he had to send two men to deliver the purchase. The extra cost of delivery more than consumed his profit over the whole sale quotation.

The head of a large wholesale business house stated that in the thirty years he had been in business flour is now at its highest price. There is not, at present, any bright outlook for the future and it is more likely that quotations will further advance.

The following is the schedule of prices as they have advanced since the commencement of the war:

August 1st, 1914:	
Ontario	\$5.75
Manitoba	\$6.45
January 1st, 1915:	
Ontario	\$6.50
Manitoba	\$7.25

WONDERFUL GROWTH OF  
CANADA'S WINTER PORT

Eleven Months of Present Year Show Increase of Over Ten Million Dollars Over Figures for Previous Year—Total Exceeds That of Seven of the Provinces for Same Period.

Few people in walking around the streets realize the wonderful growth of this port as a distributing factor in the present war. Last year this port exported more goods than did the port of Boston, a city of ten times the size. This growth has continued during the present year and for the eleven months of 1916-17 there has been an increase of over \$10,000,000 in the total business for the year 1915-16.

The following statement submitted by the secretary of the Board of Trade and taken from the trade and navigation report of February will prove most interesting reading and bring home to the public the growing importance of St. John as a shipping port.

This report shows that for the eleven months ending February, 1917, the total value of domestic and foreign exports through this port reached the

enormous total of \$127,984,844, an increase of \$7,842,254 over the whole of the previous fiscal year.

When it is considered that during the eleven months the combined exports of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, Manitoba, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, with the Yukon, thrown in, only reached a total of \$120,476,015, a better idea can be obtained of the marvellous accomplishment of St. John.

The totals for the provinces above referred to were as follows: Nova Scotia, (including \$31,061,013 exported through the paper, more than \$1,000,000); P. E. Island, \$1,225,252; Saskatchewan, \$11,925,469; Yukon, \$3,410,068; P. E. Island, \$689,218; Alberta, \$217,801.

St. John's imports during the eleven months were \$13,762,554, a sum \$2,537,095 greater than the imports during the fiscal year 1915-16.

ROTHESAY YOUNG LADY  
WEDS AT WINNIPEG

A wedding of interest to the many friends of the bride in this city was solemnized at the Holy Trinity church, Winnipeg, on April 14 at five p.m., when the marriage of Miss Beatrice Elizabeth Dobbin, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dobbin of Rothesay and John Gibson Walker of Toronto took place, Archdeacon Fortin officiating. Prof. H. Martel presided at the organ and played softly during the whole service.

The church was beautifully decorated with palms and Easter lilies. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her brother-in-law, G. W. Gramham, looked very pretty in an imported suit of deep blue velvet, the coat opening over a blouse of white lace and decorative crepe, beaded and embroidered in blue. Her hat was in French design of black mohair lace and maline, evolved in combined

shades of rose and blue. She wore a set of white fox furs and a corsage bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley centered with violets. The young couple were unattended.

The groom's gift to the bride was a platinum pin set with diamonds. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party drove to the Union Station, Mr. and Mrs. Walker leaving for an extended western trip. The many beautiful and costly presents received spoke eloquently of the esteem in which the young couple are held. They will reside in Winnipeg.

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PAVING FOR  
MAIN STREET  
TURNED DOWN

Council Refuses to Issue Bonds for the Work—Freight Handlers Ask for Repairs to Sheds.

All of the commissioners at yesterday's meeting were willing to subscribe to the necessity for the Main street paving, but the mayor announced that until the water and sewerage department turned all the surplus over actual working expenses into general revenue, or reduced the rates, he was not going to vote for any bond issues, and Commissioner Fisher refused to consider the Main street paving unless Union street was also included in the vote.

It was decided not to proceed with the work of placing granite monuments for the North End survey owing to the lack of funds. A delegation from the freight handlers was heard in reference to the sheds on the West Side.

As he had not received any further communication from the Street Railway Co. in reference to the Union street West matter, Commissioner Fisher announced that he would proceed with the paving of that street at once.

## Ask Shed Improvement.

A delegation consisting of the president, Edward McGinnis, J. A. Brittain, J. A. Taylor and John McDonald, representing the Freight Handlers' Union, claiming a membership of 1,200 men, asked for an improvement in conditions in the city warehouses at West St. John.

They asked that the floors be replanked, as unless the floors were in good condition the trucks were liable to accidents. They also suggested that the open spaces between the sheds be enclosed and local freight stored there in order to relieve the congestion which at times existed and in which water taps be installed in all the sheds.

## No Paving for Main Street.

Commissioner Fisher said he was prepared to recommend that Main St. be paved, provided the council would at the same time vote for bond issue for the Union street paving. Unless both were included he would vote against any work being done and submitted the following estimates:

Main street, Adelaide to Cedar streets, \$32,540, less allowance from street railway of \$2,500	\$30,040
Union, Prince William to Charlotte	11,980
Union, Waterloo to Brussels, less street railway allowance of \$600	6,912
Total	\$48,882

Commissioner Wigmore supported the motion but thought the Union street work could wait and moved that bonds be issued for the paving of Main street.

Commissioner Russell seconded the motion.

Commissioner McLellan supported the motion and thought that the Commissioner of Public Works should not hold up this work which was necessary because he could not get a vote for some other section.

The mayor objected to the issuing of bonds and said the Commissioner of Water and Sewerage was prepared to reduce the water rates, or leave a balance for general revenue, he would not vote for any bonds.

On the motion being put it was lost, Commissioners Wigmore, McLellan and Russell voting in favor.

Commissioner Fisher presented a report of the city engineer on the placing of granite monuments in the North End streets to record the result of the survey and moved that an expenditure of \$2,000 be authorized for the purpose, bonds to be issued for the amount. As the motion was not seconded the monuments will not be erected.

In reply to Commissioner Wigmore, the Commissioner of Public Works said that he would see that the city engineer did not go ahead with the work.

Commissioner Fisher reported that he had received no further word from the street railway people regarding the work in Union street, West St. John, and it was his intention to go ahead with the work of laying the pavement provided for in the appropriations.

KNIGHTS KNEEL  
IN PRAYER FOR  
LIEUT. MULLANEY

At the regular meeting of the St. John Council, Knights of Columbus, last evening, the grand knight, Dr. W. P. Broderick, spoke feelingly in regard to the death in action of Lieut. M. McLaney, who had been an active member of the local council. Dr. Broderick paid a high tribute to the worth of the young officer, declaring that he lived up to the principles of the order and had gone forth to fight for the most sacred cause that men ever fought or died for. Lieut. McLaney, who was one of the city's most promising young men, had died well as a true knight, with his face to the enemy after having done his bit for the cause of civilization.

Following the eloquent remarks of Dr. Broderick, the members present at the meeting knelt and offered prayer for the repose of the soul of their departed brother.

**RIVER ICE RUNNING.**  
The St. John River will soon be clear of ice, as the last field was reported on the run yesterday in the Reach and at Fredericton. Steamers will soon expect to commence navigation.



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tion the first of the week.

At Fredericton.

Fredericton, April 19.—The ice in the St. John river, opposite this city, ran out early this morning. Some little damage was done by the run. The channel is clear, but on the northern side of the river ice is hanging on the piers of the highway bridge. This is the second run of ice since the river closed on November 15. On Dec. 2, as the result of mild weather, the ice ran and jammed. Reports from the points above the city are that the jam, which had formed there, broke last night and the river is now pretty clear of ice. Loose ice is jammed at the head of Oromocto Island.

York L. O. L. Entertains Soldiers.

York L. O. L. No. 3 entertained a number of the members of the but-

Concert in Portland St. Church.

A fine concert was given last night at the Portland Methodist church in aid of the orphans fund. A choice programme was rendered including songs by Miss Corbett, Mrs. Ring, Mr. Smith and others.