THE WEATHER

Toronto, May 26.—Pressure is high over Ontario and Quebec and in the North Pacific States and British Columbia. The widespread depression which was in Alberta last night has become unimportant Showers have occurred in parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan and in the Maritime Provinces, elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fine and for the most part warm.

St. John	46	58
Prince Rupert	40	50
Victoria	44	56
Vancouver	40	56
Kamloops	40	—
Calgary	44	60
Edmonton	44	62
Prince Albert	42	86
Medicine Hat	54	58
Moose Jaw	40	88
Regina	38	86
Saskatoon	42	87
Winnipeg	52	82
Port Arthur	52	70
White River	32	70
Parry Sound	48	68
London	55	82
Toronto	52	78
Kingston	58	70
Ottawa	52	72
Montreal	58	72
Quebec	54	64
Halifax	48	58

Forecast

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northerly winds, a little higher temperature.

Northern New England — Fair Saturday and Sunday; slightly cooler Saturday. Fresh northeast winds.

AROUND THE CITY

VETERAN DIES.

The death of the oldest member of Pioneer Lodge, I. O. O. F., that of David A. Sinclair, took place in this city yesterday morning. His going will be mourned by many Oddfellows as well as friends in all walks of life.

RETIRES FROM FORCE.

The resignation of Police Constable Lewis from the city police force has been received by Chief of Police Smith. The retiring officer has been on the force about two years, and is a returned soldier. No successor has been appointed to the vacancy as yet.

GIRL RETURNS HOME

Edith May Donald, the seventeen year-old girl, of No. 30 Albion street, returned to her home yesterday, after having been missing since May 24th. Her father informed the police authorities, that the girl on returning home, said she had not left town, but had spent the nights, sleeping in a box car at a railway siding. The girl ran away from her home on another occasion last summer, and spent the night near Brookville.

FOR TRUCKS AND TAXIES.

New brass license tags are being issued to all trucks and taxies operating in this city, and may be had on application at City Hall. The city by-laws call for the display of these tags on all licensed vehicles, and a distinct tag is issued for each class. Robert Harris, the city inspector, is now busy checking up these licenses, which must be taken out May 1 each year.

REQUESTS RECEIVED.

The Commissioner of Harbors has received from a company dealing in pulpwood a request for information concerning the port charges on a steamer of 1,600 tons gross. The information has been forwarded. Commissioner Bullock has also been asked by Building Inspector A. J. Bird, Vancouver, for information concerning the operation here of the Housing Act. Both requests have been attended to.

CAPTAIN'S WIFE DIES

Many friends in St. John will learn with regret of the death of the wife of Captain Sharpe of the C.G.M.M., steamer Canadian Trooper, which occurred at their home in England a few days ago. The late Mrs. Sharpe is survived in addition to her husband by one son and two daughters. Captain Sharp sailed with his command on Thursday from Campbellton with a cargo of lumber for Birkenhead. Captain Sharp was at one time in command of the Canadian Voyageur.

STAFF REDUCTION COMING

Owing to the rapid shrinkage in the public works appropriation, Commissioner Frink stated yesterday he would, notwithstanding the unemployment situation, be obliged to curtail the staff of workmen employed by his department. He said the sum of $15,000 a month was being expended on public works. Work now being done by this department includes grading on Princess street sidewalks, between Charlotte and Germain and new walks will be laid. Curbing is being reset on Prince William street and on Main street in front of the new retaining wall built there last year.

WILL PROVIDE WORK.

In reply to a request for relief from the unemployment prevailing in the districts of Milford and Fairville, which has been made to the Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, it is possible that tenders will be called for the removal of the South Bay bridge and its replacement by an embankment and culvert. Such work would afford considerable employment to the unemployed of that district. To the deputation from Lancaster which waited on the minister Thursday, Mr. Veniot said he would give the matter his careful consideration.

REMEMBERED BY FRIENDS

Mrs. Mary Gallagher has removed from Sussex and taken up her residence in this city. Prior to leaving Sussex, a number of her friends gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Joyce in Sussex, where Mrs. Gallagher was presented with an address, a piece of gold, and a handsome collar and cuff set of lace, as a mark of the esteem in which she was held by the ladies of St. Francis Xavier church. Mrs. Gallagher was also remembered by the St. Francis Guild, who presented her with a handsomely embroidered dinner scarf.

DR. J. H. BARTON, OF LANCASTER, IS OPPOSITION CANDIDATE

Convention in Seamen's Institute Most Representative Ever Met for a Selection—Every Parish and Polling District Represented—Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and J. D. Palmer Enthusiastically Received With Other Speakers.

Dr. J. H. Barton, of the Parish of Lancaster, was the unanimous choice of the Opposition convention, held last evening at the Seamen's Institute, Prince William street, to choose a candidate to contest the constituency in the by-election made necessary by the resignation of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, M. P., and judging from the enthusiasm shown he will have no difficulty in carrying the banner of the local Opposition party to victory.

The convention was one of the best attended and most representative that ever met to select a candidate for the county, every parish and polling district being represented, and each and every delegate was full to the brim with the feeling that victory was in the air and the people were only waiting for an opportunity to register their protest against the wasteful administration of the Foster-Veniot combination, who have been misgoverning the Province for far too long. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, M. P., and J. D. Palmer, leader of the Provincial Opposition party, were present and were given a most enthusiastic welcome. Perhaps the proudest man in the room was Thomas B. Carson, and the words of commendation uttered by his colleague in the local House, Hon. Dr. Baxter, were such as would make any man proud. Mr. Carson was given a most flattering reception by the delegates.

Dr. Barton, the candidate, is a man well known and highly respected in the city and county. He was born in the city and for the past few years has made his home in Lancaster. He has always taken an active interest in community matters, and at the present time is president of the Rotary Club and commodore of the St. John Power Boat Club. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity and in the order of Knights of Pythias.

The convention was called to order by Thomas B. Carson, who asked for nominations for the office of chairman, and William Golding was chosen to fill that office, with Theodore Banks as secretary.

G. Earle Logan proposed a resolution endorsing the leadership of J. D. Palmer, and expressing appreciation of the work of Charles D. Richards as House leader in the past session. This was seconded by Thomas B. Carson and carried unanimously.

The chairman then called for nominations for a candidate to contest the constituency and named as scrutineers G. Earle Logan, Thomas Kilpatrick and Robert Bowland.

Councillor Robert Crossman, of St. Martins, nominated Dr. J. H. Barton, and Fred. Stephensen nominated G. Earle Logan. Mr. Logan thanked Mr. Stephenson for the honor, but said he had come to the convention to stand behind one man, and that man was his friend, Dr. Barton, and he must withdraw his name from the contest. He then moved the nominations close and the chairman declared Dr. Barton the candidate.

Dr. Barton was then called to the platform, and as he walked up the room three hearty cheers were given by the delegates. He thanked them for the honor conferred on him. He had not sought the nomination and only accepted it as a part of his duty to the community in which he lived, and in the spirit of citizenship which should animate every man. He had been taught in Rotary that it was part of the duty of every citizen not to "let George do it," but to do his share in carrying on the affairs of the country. They were going into a hard fight and every man must take off his coat and work to the utmost, and then success would crown their efforts. (Just at this juncture Hon. J. B. M. Baxter came into the hall and he was given three rousing cheers.) Continuing his address, the candidate said it was his intention to make a thorough canvass of the county, and he urged all the workers to keep hard at work until the close of the polls on June 13.

G. Earle Logan moved that the meeting express its deep appreciation of the services of Thomas B. Carson, "the old war horse" of the party in the county, who had expressed his wish that a younger man take up the battle in this campaign. This was seconded by Dr. Barton.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said before the motion was put, he wanted to say a few words on the subject. In all the years that he had been in the local legislature with Mr. Carson he found him a loyal and true hearted colleague and one who could always be depended on. Mr. Carson could never know, for words could not express, the feelings of kindness he entertained toward "Tom" Carson for the loyal support received from him.

M. E. Agar said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without adding his meed of praise to the work of Mr. Carson. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Carson in reply thanked them for the kind words of appreciation and said he had only done his duty as he saw it, and he was still ready to do all he could for the party.

The chairman then called on the provincial leader for an address.

Mr. Palmer said this was not a time for speaking, they had a minister in the campaign. The meeting was for the purpose of organization, and he did not propose to take up very much time in talking. He congratulated the convention on being so large and representative, and on the choice of a candidate.

The man they had chosen was a young man of sterling worth and ability and one who would well and worthily represent the county in the Legislature. They were entering into a battle with a foe who was unscrupulous and unscrupulous and who had all "the resources of civilization", at his disposal, but he believed from the spirit manifested at the meeting, that they were going to win the fight despite that fact. The friends of the Foster-Veniot administration were fond of saying on all occasions that they had no apology to offer for the government but if they had any regard for public decency and any sense of moral responsibility, let they must surely feel that they should apologize for many things. Take for instance their method of enforcing the Prohibition Act, surely some apology was needed here. Then in the matter of carrying the Prohibition act, [illegible] ges, particularly with respect to deficits. Premier Foster had exclaimed with holy horror that the late Government had not lived within its income and they would do so when they came into power, yet last year the deficit was about half a million dollars. There was some apology for this state of affairs was needed. In closing he made an appeal for a united effort from now until polling day on the part of all the workers.

The next business taken up was the formation of an executive. Harold Mayes was elected chairman, Frank Josslyn, vice chairman and Paul Quinn secretary. The executive will be composed of the officers and the following additional members: Fairville, P. J. McMurray, H. M. Stout; Rexsensfield, G. Earle Logan, W. T. Nillson; Lorneville, W. Galbraith, R. W. Dean; Milford, Edward Cunningham, Arthur Scott; Glen Falls, Walter Drake, A. H. Patterson; East St. John, J. A. Robertson, Fred Foley; Loch Lomond, Fred Stephenson, J. Johnston; Black River, A. R. Moore, William Cunningham; St. Martins, No. 1, T. B. Carson, Walter Miller; No. 2, Robert Crossman, William Black; No. 3, Richard Hosford; Musquash, No. 1, Burton Wenn; No. 2, Fred Thompson; No. 3, D. Mawhinney.

There was also an auxiliary committee appointed by the city executive and these with the executive went into secret session to organize. While they were out short addresses were delivered by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, M. P., who dealt with some of the issues of the campaign in a most forceful manner; F. L. Potts, who took up the "efficient" enforcement of the Prohibition Act and referred to some of the drug stores which had recently been opened in St. John and Commissioner Thornton, who dwelt on the necessity for a thorough organization.

The convention closed with the National Anthem.

Four Women Were Before The Court

Charged With Destroying Trees in Rockwood Park—Fine Allowed to Stand—Other Cases.

A sequel to the proceedings, which occurred in the police court on Thursday as the result of the destruction of trees in Rockwood Park, took place at noon yesterday before Sitting Magistrate Henderson, when four more ladies appeared on a similar charge. The situation in regard to the observance of the by-laws governing the park was explained to the defendants, and a fine was struck and allowed to stand.

Several matters relating to breaches of the traffic regulations were dealt with in the police court yesterday morning. Hyman Tasse pleaded not guilty to a charge of allowing his horse to stand on Charlotte street unattended and without a foot strap. A fine of $10 was imposed. Sergeant McLeese testified for the prosecution.

H. Kingston, reported by Policeman Bottle for driving a truck of the Imperial Oil Co. in the centre of Main street on May 23, was fined $10.

John Day, reported for speeding on Main street; James Rogers charged with speeding on Pond street, and Edward McDonald, reported for a similar offence, were each fined $10.

Five men, charged with drunkenness, were given the option of paying $8 or spending two months in jail.

REV. JOHN HARDWICK ACCEPTS CALL

Will Be Invited to Charge of Presbyterian Church, Edmundston, May 31.

Edmundston, May 25—The call of St. Paul's church, Edmundston, in favor of the Rev. John Hardwick, which was dealt with by the St. John Presbytery on May 16, has been accepted by him, and the induction is to take place on Wednesday, May 31. The Rev. A. J. W. Mack, of Fort Kent, will preside, the Rev. J. J. Graham, of Grand Falls, and the Rev. Gordon Pringle, of Kincardine, taking other parts in the service. The call was signed by all the communicant members, and a great number of adherents.

SURPRISE NOVELTY SHOWER

Some seventy-five young lady friends of Miss Annie Lee, gathered at the home of her father John Lee, 26 St. George street, West St. John, last evening and tendered her an agreeable surprise novelty shower. After the many pretty gifts had been presented, the remainder of the evening was given over to games, dancing and music. Refreshments were served towards the close of the evening. Miss Lee is to be the principal in an interesting event early in June.

SCHOONER FLOATED.

The schooner Ada A. McIntyre was floated from her position on the rocks at Point Prim, Grand Manan, Thursday night by the tug Springhill, which went to her assistance from this port on Thursday at noon. The vessel, in tow of the tug, is expected to make this port this afternoon, according to information received last night.

WESTFIELD OUTING ASSN.

Matters of routine business were transacted at a meeting of the Westfield Outing Association, which was held in the city yesterday afternoon.

POPULAR WRITER COMING

The Rev. Charles Gordon, who is well known to the Canadian reading public under his pen name "Ralph Connor," is to speak in St. Andrew's church, Sunday morning. The popular novelist, is the Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Want Connection With N. B. Phone Co.

Arguments Heard at Special Meeting of Utilities Commission—Three Rural Companies May Amalgamate.

After arguments had been heard on all sides at a special meeting of the N. B. Public Utilities Commission, called yesterday in connection with the application of the Cambridge Farmers' Rural Telephone Company for long distance connection with the N. B. Telephone Company, it was decided yesterday afternoon that the three companies operating on the Cambridge peninsula should get together with the idea of forming one company, and S. H. Mildram, of Boston, was appointed to investigate conditions there and report back to another meeting of the commission.

The meeting opened in the morning with A. B. Connell, K. C., in the chair, and Commissioners J. D. P. Lewin and Felix Michaud also present. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared in the interests of the N. B. Telephone Company; Dr. A. B. Walter and A. W. Thorne for the Cambridge Farmers' Rural Telephone Company; J. R. Gale for the Young's Cove Telephone Company, and H. M. Hopper, H. H. Mott and Morris Seovil for the Cambridge Telephone Company. A number of officials of the different companies interested in the matter were also present.

Maps and plans showed that all three telephone companies on the Cambridge peninsula were operating in the district bounded by the St. John river, Washademoak and Grand Lakes. Evidence was given by several witnesses, including A. W. Thorne, president of the company applying.

Dr. Baxter stated that the N. B. Telephone Company were placed in a position similar to stakeholders, and were content to abide by any decision which the board might deem to be in the best interests of the general public.

The meeting continued, with adjournment, until the afternoon, and arguments on behalf of all the interested companies were heard. The representatives of the Cambridge companies then held a consultation, and it was finally decided that the three would get together in the matter, and the board appointed S. H. Mildram, who is in the city at present on other business, to go on the ground and report back on the matter at another meeting of the commission.

Bargain Basement To Be Started By OAK HALL

The Oak Hall management announce that just as soon as the contractors get their basement in shape they intend to open the first Bargain Basement in St. John; this will probably be some time next week.

H. H. Scovil and S. G. Young, members of the firm of Oak Hall, have just returned from Boston and New York, where they have been studying this question in such places as Filene's of Boston, who have made this new method of merchandising such a wonderful success. They also spent much time in Wanamaker's, Gimbles and other stores of New York.

Anyone who has ever visited these Bargain Basement Departments fully appreciate the wonderful advantages that the people of those towns enjoy in procuring quality merchandise at very low prices, for it is a well recognized fact that merchandise can be sold through the medium of a bargain basement department at a much lower cost than in any other known way; and now these advantages are being brought right to St. John residents by Oak Hall.

While in New York and Montreal, Mr. Scovil and Mr. Young made extensive purchases with which to start this new department. They procured thousands of dollars' worth of high quality merchandise at such exceptionally low prices that when the new bargain basement is opened the public will be astonished at the purchases they will be able to make for only a fraction of what they would believe possible.

This Bargain Basement will be conducted along the same lines as the large New York departments. It will have its own buyers, its own method of merchandising. It will positively not be a clearing house for any of the other departments of the business, but will be stocked with fresh, clean merchandise that has been bought in the open market at very much lower prices than usually prevail; brought in and marked very low, because every lot must be a bargain to sell quickly, and by Oak Hall's special Merchandising System, the cost of selling in this new Bargain Basement will be much lower than in ordinary stores, and this saving goes straight to the customer.

This Bargain Basement Department will be conducted along different lines than the other departments. It will be a strictly cash business. There will be no credit to anyone. There will be no merchandise go out on approval. No returns will be allowed. All these things tend to bring down the cost of doing business which is directly reflected in the marking of the merchandise.

The slogan of the Bargain Basement Store will be "Quality at a Price." No inferior merchandise will be offered. Every article must be of real quality, but the price will be so low for this quality that every article will be a real bargain.

The Oak Hall management are very enthusiastic over this new Bargain Basement idea, and have great hopes of its success from the very first day. They have just put in a wide spacious stairway to make access easy, and is so located as to be conveniently reached from their three entrances, King street, Germain street, and Market street.

EVIDENCE AGAINST PARIS

Sergeant Detective Power left yesterday for points in Nova Scotia, in connection with the securing of additional evidence to be brought forward by the crown in the fourth trial of John Paris, the negro who is charged with the murder of Sadie Blakeley. The trial is to take place late in June, with Judge Chandler presiding.

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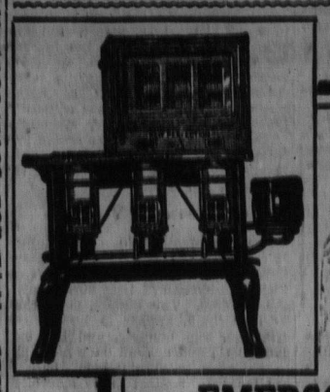

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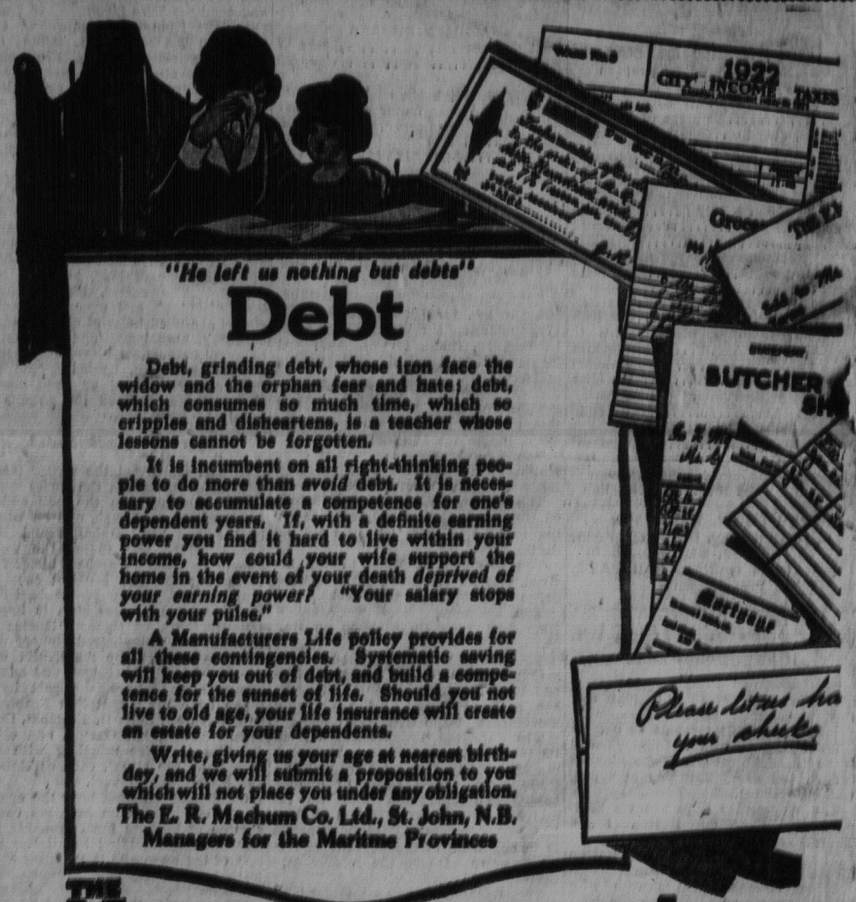

"He left us nothing but debts"

Debt

Debt, grinding debt, whose iron face the widow and the orphan fear and hate; debt, which consumes so much time, which so cripples and disheartens, is a teacher whose lessons cannot be forgotten.

It is incumbent on all right-thinking people to do more than avoid debt. It is necessary to accumulate a competence for one's dependent years. If, with a definite earning power you find it hard to live within your income, how could your wife support the home in the event of your death deprived of your earning power? "Your salary stops with your pulse."

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Council Of Women Undertake Tag Day

Thursday, June 1, Decided On—Proceeds to Help Defray Belyea's Expenses at Philadelphia.

The Local Council of Women yesterday decided to undertake a Tag Day to help defray the expenses of St. John's premier oarsman, Hilton Belyea, while he is away attempting to capture the sculling championship of the world for his native city. They decided on Thursday June 1, as the day and an energetic committee have started at work to make it a big success. Every person who desires to aid, and that is every red blooded man, woman and child in the city, is urged to keep this date in mind and when the young lady with the box and tag approaches greet her with a smile and drop the offering in the box.

L. A. Gregory, of the St. John Rowing Club, under whose auspices Hilton is rowing, appeared before the Council and asked for their assistance. Hilton, he said was rowing for the honor of St. John and it was up to the citizens to see that his expenses were paid. It was thought that a tag day would give those who felt they could not subscribe any large amount an opportunity to add their mite to the fund and all the ladies would be asked to do was to place collectors at the principal street points and solicit contributions from the citizens passing.

Thomas O'Leary explained that 10,000 tags had been ordered and Mr. Gregory said the consent of the mayor had already been obtained for the tag day. After some little discussion it was decided on motion of Miss Estey and Mrs. J. H. Doody, that the request of the Rowing Club be acceded to and a tag day held on Thursday June 1.

The following conveners were named and these will select their own workers: Mrs. W. C. Good, foot of King St.; Mrs. E. A. Young, Mrs. J. E. King street; Mrs. E. A. Young, and Mrs. J. Ernest Waring, West Side and ferry boat; Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, head of King street; Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Waterloo and Union streets; Mrs. G. W. Campbell, Douglas Avenue and Main street; Mrs. L. N. Harris, Union Depot.

The Board of Trade rooms will be headquarters for the taggers on Thursday.

FERNHILL CEMETERY DIRECTORS' MEETING

At a special meeting of the directors of Fernhill Cemetery, held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms it was decided to open up a section of land near the south entrance, Westmorland Road, for moderate priced lots and work on this development will be commenced at once. There has been a big demand for this class of lots and the opening up of this section will enable the directors to meet it.

Clifton House, all meals, 50c.

PERSONALS

Miss Annie Stewart has arrived home after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. John G. Moore, of New York city.

Daniel Mullin, K. C., arrived home yesterday from Montreal, where he was on business. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Constance.

Mrs. C. H. Coburn, of Chicago, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the summer with her brother, Walter H. Golding, 16 Sydney street.

Woodstock Press: Mrs. Reginald Wright and son, Thomas, of St. John, are guests of Mrs. and R. W. [illegible]. Mrs. George Lutz, of Moncton, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hay. Mrs. Frank L. Thompson, accompanied by her sister, Miss Nellie Dent, left on Friday for New York.

Fredericton Gleaner: Mrs. H. W. Folkins, of Sussex, who came to Fredericton for X-ray treatment at the Victoria Public Hospital, is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fort Smith. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Brown, of California, are in the city for a few days, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Crocket. They will spend a few days at Dalhousie, which is Mrs. Brown's native home, and will also visit Campbellton.

WELCOME VISITOR.

James McLaughlin arrived in the city on the Boston train yesterday en route to his home in Halifax. He is a motion picture operating cameraman and is a frequent visitor to this city. Last year he took pictures at the regatta at Kentville.