

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, May 19.—Pressure is relatively low throughout the greater portion of the continent, and nowhere much above the normal. Showers have been fairly general in Ontario and they have also occurred locally along the Nova Scotia coast. Otherwise fair weather has prevailed in the Dominion and in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys. It has continued quite warm. It has continued quite warm.

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| Prince Rupert | 40 | 50 |
| Vancouver | 44 | 53 |
| Kamloops | 44 | 53 |
| Calgary | 49 | 60 |
| Edmonton | 42 | 58 |
| Moose Jaw | 38 | 52 |
| Regina | 37 | 50 |
| Prince Albert | 36 | 52 |
| Winnipeg | 34 | 52 |
| Port Arthur | 42 | 52 |
| Parry Sound | 37 | 49 |
| London | 55 | 68 |
| Toronto | 50 | 73 |
| Kingston | 53 | 72 |
| Ottawa | 50 | 68 |
| Montreal | 58 | 80 |
| St. John | 44 | 66 |
| Halifax | 42 | 62 |

Maritime.—Moderate variable winds; a few scattered showers, but for the most part fair. Northern New England.—Cloudy Thursday, showers at night or Friday; moderate southwest and south winds.

AROUND THE CITY

A SLIGHT FIRE.

An alarm was rung in at 8:10 last evening from box 125, Main street, to extinguish a blaze in an old barn in the rear of J. Holder's, 104 Main street. Little damage was done.

ARRESTS YESTERDAY.

Four drunks were arrested by the police last night, another was arrested by Inspector Merryfield, and is also charged with creating a disturbance. One juvenile was arrested for stealing lumber from Haley's lumber yard, Broad street.

DOES NOT APPROVE.

F. A. Campbell, president of the Trades and Labor Council, stated yesterday that organized labor in St. John had nothing to do with the strike visit of the Winnipeg strike leaders, and had not hired a hall or made any arrangements for their reception.

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS

C. B. Leckhart, Collector of Customs, has received the following telegram from Ottawa:

"Until further instructed take all import entries subject to amendment."

R. R. FARROW, Commissioner.

THE NO. 1 BERTH.

Frederick Doyle and Son, divers, will commence work this morning inspecting the front of No. 1 berth at Sand Point. The portion of the wharf underwater appears to be badly bulged out, and the necessary repairs will not be known until the divers finish their inspection and make a report.

A LOST CHILD.

Little Grace Lawlor was found wandering about Haymarket Square yesterday morning by police matron Ross. The kiddie was completely lost but was soon made happy by being returned to her home on Waterloo Street by the kindly official.

GROCERY STORE ROBBERED

The grocery store of Peter Mahoney, Main street, was broken into on Tuesday night and between \$16 and \$20 carried off, with a quantity of cigarettes. The break was made around midnight, and the thieves were apparently frightened away, for a quantity of goods was found in the rear of the shop piled together ready to be taken away. An entrance was made by removing a rear window.

Ont. Motor League Census of Traffic

In Ten Hours on Three Highways 8,234 Vehicles Passed and Only 47 Were Horse Drawn.

A recent census of the traffic by the Ontario Motor League reveals some interesting information and shows the wonderful increase in motor transport. The census was taken on the three main highways radiating Toronto—the Hamilton-Toronto highway, Yonge street and the Kingston Road. The three highways are the best that Ontario can boast, and they cost the people of Ontario millions. It was frequently alleged, too, that though the people of Ontario had built them, they had only proved speed-ways for Yankee tourists.

The census covered ten hours' traffic, between 9 in the morning to 7 in the evening. This would roughly catch seventy-five per cent of the traffic of that day. The following notes were tabulated: 8,234 vehicles passed the checkers. Of this number, only 47 were horse-drawn; all the rest—8,187, in fact—were motor vehicles of some kind. Included in this number of motor vehicles were 12 different trucks. The day in question happened to be a Sunday. It did not seem to affect heavy traffic at all. Moreover, out of that 8,000 odd motor vehicles, only 52 were owned outside the Province of Ontario. This is a sufficient refutation of the above-mentioned allegation against Yankee tourists and Ontario highways.

Mrs. Owen G. Cull, of Montreal, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burns, Exmouth street.

Mrs. Wesley Vawter, of Fredericton, is spending a few days in the city.

Mrs. G. B. MacKay, of Sussex, was in St. John yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Otis, of Fredericton, are at the Royal.

FATAL ACCIDENT HAPPENED IN MARKET SLIP LAST NIGHT

Maurice Downing of Victoria Street Fell from North Market Wharf—Companion, Patrick Mariner, Jumped After Him—Policeman Young Rescued Both—Downing Died in Hospital Shortly After.

The North Wharf and Market Slip was the scene of a fatal accident last evening about nine o'clock which resulted in the death of Maurice Downing, a longshoreman who resided at Victoria Street, North End, the narrow escape of Patrick Mariner of Water Street, West St. John and the plucky rescue of the two men from the water by Police Constable Harry Young.

There was a hurry call sent into police headquarters about nine o'clock for the ambulance and the police patrol, and the information given over the telephone was that two men had fallen from the North wharf into the waters of the Market Slip and were in a drowning condition.

Detectives Biddiscombe and Donohue who were in the station at the time the message was received went to the scene in the patrol wagon and on arrival at the wharf they found Michael Cogswell of the City Road in a drunken condition standing on the wharf flourishing a rope and insisting that he effect the rescue of Mariner and Downing who were in the water below between the wharf and a coal scow, while four or five men stood by apparently prevented by the drunken man's actions from helping the two companions. The detectives placed Cogswell in the patrol wagon and then took steps to assist Policeman Harry Young who had arrived on the scene a few minutes before them, in making a rescue.

Policeman Young was on the scow and had been attempting to drag Mariner and Downing up the scow. Finding this about impossible, Officer Young lowered himself down a rope into the cold water which was about five feet deep and up to his shoulders. The officers waded up to the men and found Mariner supporting Downing who was unconscious. The policeman relieved Mariner of his burden and passed the unconscious form up to the detectives on the scow. Young then took hold of Mariner who was also in a critical condition, and waded ashore with him.

The detective applied artificial respiration to Downing as first aid, placed him in the ambulance and worked over him all the way to the General Public Hospital.

Although Downing's condition on admission to the hospital was critical and he was still in an unconscious state, some hope was held out for his recovery. He failed to rally, however, and passed away about half an hour after he had been admitted.

Mariner who was taken to the police station in a patrol wagon was admitted in a critical condition, but after Desman Thomas and Detective Saunders had worked over him for some time, they succeeded in bringing him back to normal.

According to the story told by the two men taken to the police station, all three were sitting on the cap of the North wharf drinking, when Downing suddenly fell over into the water down between a coal scow and the wharf. Mariner jumped in after him and attempted to hold him above the water until help arrived. The tide was coming in at the time but the depth of water was not more than from four to five feet. As Mariner was not very tall he was only successful in keeping his companion and himself above water for a part of the time.

In view of the nature of the surroundings, and the height from the top of the wharf to the water, it is believed that Downing's death was due to injuries received in his fall, as he must have struck both the side of the wharf and the scow before reaching the water.

Spectator spoke highly of the conduct of Policeman Young, who showed considerable presence of mind in effecting the rescue, the plan he adopted being the only one possible under the circumstances. After landing this man he went to his home and after changing his uniform returned to duty at his beat.

Both Mariner and Cogswell are held at the police station on a charge of drunkenness.

Last night it was stated by a detective that when he arrived at the hospital with the unconscious man he did not see any doctor present, and Downing was looked after by the nurses, who done all possible for the unfortunate victim.

It was further stated that when the ambulance arrived the doctor who was on duty was absent for a short time, but that he was quickly communicated with on the telephone and gave instructions what to do with the man until he arrived to attend the case himself.

While Downing was in the water for some little time before he was rescued by Policeman Young, it is believed that he was not drowned, although he must have swallowed considerable water, but the belief is that when he fell from the wharf he struck the side of the coal scow and was badly injured and when found in the water by his companion Mariner he was unconscious.

The coroner was notified and an inquest will undoubtedly be held.

Maurice Downing who lost his life was a single man aged 35 years, and resided with his mother on Victoria street. Patrick Mariner is aged 33 years, and Michael Cogswell is aged 34 years, and like their unfortunate companion are single men and have been engaged in longshore work.

Police Court Cases Yesterday

In the police court yesterday afternoon, J. Herbert Crockett, of the Crockett and MacMillan Co. was charged with selling Wilson's Invalid Port Wine to Bertha Johnson. He pleaded not guilty.

Mrs. Johnson took the stand and stated that she had secured a bottle of wine from the Crockett and MacMillan drug store on Main Street on May 9th, and another before Christmas. Mr. Crockett did not supply her on either occasion. The case was postponed, and the Johnson woman remanded to the Home of the Good Shepherd. Inspector McInish laid the charge.

Mrs. Thomas C. Whittebeck, charged with bigamy and remanded. William Matteson, charged with stealing a horse the property of John Kelly, Somerset Street was committed for trial.

Two juveniles charged with stealing coal from J. S. Gibson were allowed to go with a warning after promising to make restitution.

In the morning five drunks were remanded, and Emory Vaughan was fined \$50 for having liquor in his possession. E. E. Wetmore and W. A. Simonds were fined \$8 each for driving their cars without rear lights. The fines were allowed to stand.

THE ROTARY CLUB MAKING A CANVASS

Business Men Being Asked to Aid Salvation Army—House to House Canvass Starts Tonight—Plans for Saturday's Tag Day.

The Rotary Club are busily making a canvass of the business men of the city in aid of the work of the Salvation Army appeal. The House to House canvass which is under the direction of Adjutant Trask begins tonight and envelopes will be collected on Friday. A number of societies are assisting. Plans for Saturday's Tag Day are perfected. The St. John's Rotary Club is in charge of Mrs. Charles Clark, President of The King's Daughters. Volunteers for this work, it is understood, will be welcomed and the King's Daughters should be assisted in this undertaking.

On the West Side, Mrs. E. A. Young is at the head of affairs for Saturday.

Mrs. Young is experienced in this work and with her usual excellent teams will no doubt have the same success as has marked her former efforts.

Y. W. H. A. Poultry Sale Thursday

Development of Lepreaux River

Government Members Visited the Falls Yesterday—Premier Foster Says Project is Being Proceeded With as Fast as Possible.

Plans for the development of Lepreaux River, under the Water Power Act, passed at the last session of the Legislature, are being worked out. The general lay-out of the dams and plant at the Big Falls and the power to be generated there, and the project has been approved by Mr. Holgate, the well known hydro-electric engineer of Montreal. After a visit to both falls with members of the Government yesterday Premier Foster said the project was being proceeded with as fast as possible, and he hoped next month to be in a position to make an announcement of some interest to St. John.

Premier Foster, Hon. J. P. Byrne, Hon. Smith, Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. Robert Murray, Hon. C. W. Robb, Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, with Fred Magee and Frank J. Sweeney, members of Westmorland county went to Lepreaux in company with G. O. Foss of the N. B. Water Power Commission. They had to leave their autocar on the St. George Road about a mile and a half from the site of the proposed power developments and march in by an old wood road. As the day was warm the Government were soon feeling like Moses on the rocky road to Jordan, and Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Magee were protesting that the miles thereabouts were twice as long as in the beautiful valley around Moncton, and to add to their troubles Mr. Veniot seized the occasion to deliver a lecture on the need of good roads.

When the pilgrims arrived at the Big Falls the layout was explained to them, and when they arrived at the Lower Falls the plan for the development there was also pointed out. After which they admired the scenery and had lunch.

At the Big Falls, where there is a head of 100 feet, the plans call for the development of 2250 horse power for a twenty-four hour day, 5,000 h. p. for a ten hour day. At the Lower Falls, where there is a head of 70 feet at low tide, about two-thirds of the power of the Big Falls is available. Up the river there is the Ragged Falls with a head of 90 feet, making for the three falls a total head of 260 feet.

At the Big Falls the dam would be about 300 feet long on the bottom and six hundred feet long at the top. This dam would give a pondage six miles long by an average breadth of 350 feet. Maurice Downing who lost his life in 1911 reported that there were 12 possible sites for storage dams on the river. Six of these he estimated would give a storage capacity of 1,750,000,000 cu. ft. of water. The Water Power Commission has records of the run-off of the river for practically four years. On the basis of the driest year experienced the storage capacity of six dams would keep the plants going to full capacity and leave a reserve of 200,000,000 cubic feet of water. Mr. Foss thinks a storage capacity of 2,000,000,000 cubic feet can be obtained without any trouble. The Water Power Commission is arranging for a more extended survey of the storage possibilities, as it is the intention to secure the maximum of power available on the Lepreaux twenty-four hours a day in order to supply St. John with energy that is necessary to its industrial development and general well-being.

According to Mr. Foss it would take about two seasons to complete the work of harnessing the Lepreaux and it is unlikely that power will be had on to St. John before the end of next year. The canals will have to be excavated through solid rock. As regards the cost Mr. Whitney in 1911 estimated that the City of St. John could develop a low figure at the time. Since then the cost of everything has about doubled.

Before machinery can be got in to the development sites roads will have to be built. They have already been laid out.

In regard to the construction of transmission lines there would be no difficulty, as they would run over rocky hills, there is a territory which has been swept by forest fires.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AID. Regular meeting Thursday, 8 o'clock. Board of Trade.

Clifton House—All meals 60c.

VICTORIA DAY EXCURSION. Steamer Hampton will leave Indian-town 2 p. m. on Victoria Day for an afternoon sail. Come and see the Long Beach at Freshwater Bay returning about 7 p. m. Tickets \$1.00.

The Last Days Of Oak Hall's Back Home Sale

Saturday will be the last day for you to take advantage of the savings to be had at the Oak Hall Back Home Sale now in full swing at the corner of King and Germain Sts. This only leaves a short time in which to do your shopping and the wise shopper will profit by this sale now and avoid the big rush that is bound to take place during the last day.

Those who have already been to this Sale at Oak Hall have not only been pleased with the low prices at which they were able to purchase, but more particularly have they been pleased with the high qualities of merchandise offered at these low prices because they fully realize that today quality apparel takes precedence over merely a low price.

And furthermore, the shoppers of the last few days will find just as many real bargains of quality merchandise as did those of the first few days because Oak Hall has prepared for this event in a big way and have been able to replenish their stocks every day. But the end is now at hand and you must decide for yourself quickly or you will lose the opportunity of saving many dollars on your wearing apparel.



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