

THE WEATHER.
 Toronto May 9.—A depression covers Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and another one is centered in Dakota. Rain has fallen today throughout Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and a few scattered showers or thunder storms have occurred in the western provinces.
 Minimum and maximum temperatures: Prince Rupert, 34, 54; Vancouver, 44, 64; Kamloops, 46, 65; Pince Albert, 38, 64; Calgary, 36, 64; Swift Current, 42, 72; Winnipeg, 45, 72; Fort Arthur, 32, 54; Parry Sound, 38, 58; London, 48, 62; Toronto, 46, 67; Ottawa, 52, 62; Montreal, 62, 64; Quebec, 48, 54; St. John, 42, 48; Halifax, 40, 48.
 Lower Lawrence and Gulf—Fresh to strong winds, shifting to westerly; clearing, stationary or a little higher temperature today. Saturday warmer.
 Maritime—Fresh to strong winds, westerly, generally fair. Stationary or a little higher temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

Right of Way Purchased.
 Messrs. Merrilish and Bridges were in the city yesterday and purchased from Captain Weston, J. Holly Wasson and Miss Allingham the right of way through their properties for the new Gibson and Minto Railway.

The Early Closing Movement.
 At a largely attended meeting of the Early Closing Association, held last evening in the I. O. O. F. hall, it was unanimously decided to ask the commission to amend the present early closing bylaw so to exempt the owners of small grocery stores and home cook shops from closing under the act. It was also decided to ask that the bylaw be amended so to exempt the fish stores from closing on Thursday night. It is hoped that the amended city bylaw may go into effect on June 1st.

The Flemming Banquet.
 There is every indication that the banquet to Hon. J. K. Flemming on Tuesday evening next will be one of the largest and most elaborate affairs of the kind ever held in St. John. The assembly rooms of the Nickel theatre will be the scene of the function and from the replies which have been received it is apparent that it will be truly representative of the province's public men. It is expected that Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. George E. Foster will be among the guests and there is also a possibility of Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden being present.

Another Bank Building.
 The number of building permits issued so far this year, is larger than during the corresponding period last year. The St. John Real Estate Company has sold the property on Haymarket Square between the two bank sites at a sharp advance on the price it paid for the property a short time ago. The purchaser was W. A. Ewing and it is understood the property is wanted for bank purposes. Messrs. Mooney and Sons have between 25 and 30 men working on the site of the offices of the Norton Griffith Company at Courthouse Bay.

Mrs. Eliza McArthur.
 The death of Mrs. Eliza McArthur occurred after a brief illness at her residence, 7 Paradise Row, yesterday afternoon. The deceased, who was in her 80th year, was of a very charitable disposition, was much beloved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed by her many friends. The late Mrs. McArthur is survived by four sons, Douglas, George, Joseph and Albert, all of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Young of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Walter W. Chase of this city, and one sister, Mrs. M. M. Scribner, also of this city.

The Commissioners' Offices.
 The city commissioners held another private conference yesterday morning and gave orders that they were not to be interrupted by telephone calls or visitors while in private session. They have decided the location of their offices. Mr. McLellan will continue in his comfortable private office on Princess street, near city hall. Mr. Schofield will take the office of Mr. Ward, the mayor's secretary, and Mr. Ward will be located in the front office of the common clerk. The other two commissioners will have offices on the second floor in the building to be made by dividing up the rooms now occupied by the engineer.

Millford Electors Meet.
 An enthusiastic meeting of the supporters of the provincial government was held last evening in the public hall in Millford when organization of that district was completed. William Alexander was elected chairman and Clayton Ferris secretary. Delegates were elected as follows: John Irvine, William Alexander, and Clayton Ferris; substitutes, J. H. Gale and James Irvine. The meeting was largely attended and the outlook for Millford is very encouraging. During the evening a resolution endorsing Col. J. E. M. Baxter as the candidate for the western end of the country was presented by John Irvine, seconded by J. H. Gale and unanimously adopted.

PRIZES WON AT SONS OF ENGLAND CONCERT

The Sons of England held a successful concert in the Temple of Honor Hall on Main street last evening when the drawing of their lottery was held. The concert was attended by a large number of people, the hall being crowded to the doors. The musical programme was varied and excellent, the newly formed band of the order being heard to great advantage in several numbers.
 The results of the drawing are as follows:—1st prize, a silver salad bowl, A. D. Primmer, 30 Wright street; 2nd prize, a silver butter dish, H. Dunn, 80 Guilford street, West End; 3rd prize, a silver pickle dish, C. M. Stevens, Fairville; 4th prize, fancy carving set, A. P. Jinks, 60 Orange street; 5th prize, a fancy clock, Thomas Duke, Fairville; 6th prize, an accordion, P. E. Beley, 20 Victoria street; 7th prize, half barrel of flour, P. Dykeman, Adelaide street; 8th prize, a gent's umbrella, S. G. G. West, 9th prize, load of soft coal, H. Ferris, 106 Victoria street; 10th prize a rayo lamp, Besse Freese, Hanover street. Any person who did not receive their prize last evening can produce the same from H. Seilen, at 10 King street.

WIDOWED MOTHER IDENTIFIES SON'S REMAINS IN MORGUE

Mrs. Mary J. Dill, of West End, Announces that Man Killed on I. C. R. Train, on Wednesday Evening, was Her Son Frederick—Wept Bitterly Over Mutilated Body of Her Oldest Boy.

It was indeed a sad scene in the City morgue on King street east last evening when Mrs. Mary J. Dill, a widow, identified the remains of the man killed by an I. C. R. freight train Wednesday evening as her son Frederick. Mrs. Dill had read an account of the accident in The Standard yesterday, and from the description given of the dead man she said that she feared it might be her boy. She worried over the matter all day, and at last decided to leave her home on Queen street, West End, and come over to the East side, hoping that her fears would prove incorrect and that the body would not be that of her son Frederick.

Mrs. Dill called at the Central Police Station and made known her mission to Policeman Goslin who procured a lantern and accompanied the woman to the morgue where the mutilated remains of the man were resting on one of the stone slabs. The sight of the corpse was such to shake the strongest nerves, let alone that of a woman, but the widowed mother was anxious to make certain as to the identity of the body, and accordingly fortified herself for the ordeal.
 When the rays of the lantern light fell on the face of the corpse Mrs. Dill said: "No, I don't think that is my boy." But not feeling sure of her observation she requested that the officer once more hold the light close to the face of the dead man, and the woman took a side glance, and then she nearly collapsed and cried: "Yes, that is my son, Frederick I am sure of it."
 Mrs. Dill was assisted from the morgue by the officer and said that she was quite positive that the body was that of her son.

Mrs. Dill in speaking to a Standard reporter said that her son Frederick was not yet twenty-one years of age. He left his home five or six months ago and went away. She said that before he left home he was a good boy and did not drink, but after leaving her he got into bad company. On Wednesday she heard that her son was in the city, but he did not go to see her. She could not identify her son by his clothing, as it had been so long before that she saw him, but she was sure of his identity after looking at his face.
 Mrs. Dill some time ago kept a small store on Brussels street, but went out of business on the east side of the harbor and removed to Charlton where she now resides. The son identified by her last night is the oldest of five children.
 Coroner D. E. Berryman last evening

Nail makers' Union.
 F. Ring presided at the meeting of the Nailmakers' Union in the Painters' hall on Charlotte street last evening when the half holiday question was discussed. It was finally decided to call a special meeting for Saturday evening to make the necessary arrangements.

The High School Alumnae.
 The members of the High School Alumnae held a very enjoyable meeting at the home of Miss Estey, 166 1-2 Sydney street, last evening, when the amusement took the form of a guessing contest. To this end all those who attended dressed to represent a book, the object being to guess the name of the book. The prize for this contest was awarded to Miss Mollie Langley. The members were then required to draw a representation of a book, Miss Berry winning the prize. At the close of the programme refreshments were served.

Will Repeat McBride Trick.
 H. W. Woods, M. P. P. of Wetaford, was in the city yesterday. Asked how the political situation in his county looked, he said it could not look better from the point of view of the government supporters. "So far as I can gather," said Mr. Woods, "the next elections in this province are going to be a repetition of what happened in British Columbia when the McBride government went to the country."
 "I hear," said his audience.

A Serious Case.
 Joseph Neeley, of the West End looked for an apology from Harry Craft on Tuesday afternoon and instead of getting what he requested, he received a severe trouncing and was later lodged in the Fairville jail. It appears that Craft's young daughter was out walking and she states that Neeley gave her five cents to accompany him into the Cedar hill cemetery. The child when she returned home told her father about the affair, and Mr. Craft hunted Neeley up, returned him the money and told him in plain words what he thought of him. This did not satisfy Neeley who followed Craft to the latter's yard and demanded an apology. The two men got into a clinch and Neeley came out victorious in the encounter. Mr. Craft then proceeded to Fairville and swore out a warrant for Neeley's arrest and the man was taken in charge yesterday afternoon.

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