

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Northwesterly to westerly winds, gradually decreasing in force, clearing and cold.
Washington, March 26—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Saturday and Sunday warmer, fresh northwest and west winds.
Toronto, March 26—A disturbance is situated tonight over the Maritime Provinces, while the cold wave has drawn southward to Nebraska with decreasing energy. The weather has been cold from Ontario eastward, but it has turned milder again in the west.

Temperatures. Min. Max.
Victoria 44 53
Vancouver 38 54
Kamloops 24 54
Edmonton 12 48
Calgary 4 42
Medicine Hat 12 38
Moose Jaw 8 39
Regina 3 36
Winnipeg 6 36
Toronto 15 21
Ottawa 15 24
Montreal 16 18
St. John 20 30
Halifax 22 38

Around the City

Wants Horseshoers. Major McKean of No. 5 Army Service Corps, has vacancies for two first-class horseshoers. Extra working pay will be given those who can qualify.
Victorian Order of Nurses. The following subscriptions to the Victorian Order of Nurses are acknowledged by the treasurer, C. W. Hallamore:
Miss Christina MacLaren, \$5; Miss Bertha MacLaren, \$5; Senator Thorne \$5; Judge Ritchie, \$5; C. W. Hallamore, \$5.

Evangelist Farewells. Evangelist William Matheson held his farewell meeting in Charlotte street (West) Baptist church last evening. There was a large congregation present and the subject of the address was "The Gift of the Son." The evangelist had been in this church for five evenings and his meetings had been attended with good success.

Bank Manager Transferred. William A. Connor, manager of the local branch of the Union Bank, is shortly to be transferred and will be succeeded here by F. F. T. Short, formerly of Barrie, Ont. Mr. Connor will remain in the city with Mr. Short until the latter becomes familiar with local conditions. Mr. Connor has not yet been advised what his next position will be, but it is possible that he may be stationed in Toronto. Many friends in St. John will regret his removal from this city.

The Amateur Contest. The amateur contest at the Opera House drew a large house last night. The programme was well arranged and gave satisfaction to the audience. Vera Lingley, a young lady with a good voice and personality, captured first prize, the Pemberton Bros. acted as the second; Totten Bros., two clever step dancers, were awarded third prize and Pearl Ramsay, the 4th prize. "Jeff" was on the programme as usual and was given the consolation prize.

The Boy Scouts. As a result of the meeting held about a month ago in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on behalf of the Boy Scout movement it is learned that troops of the boys are in active operation at the following churches: St. James, St. Jude's, St. Paul's, German street Baptist, Waterloo street Baptist and Queen Square Methodist. There are prospects of new troops both in the city and outside points, and the president, E. C. Skelton, who has visited Hampton in the interest of the movement, and M. E. Agar, who has always taken an interest in it, report good progress. There will be an executive meeting next Tuesday at eight o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

A Visiting Newspaperman. Edward G. (Geoffrey) Stairs, eldest son of the late Edward Stairs of Wm. Stairs Son and Morrow Ltd. of Halifax is in the city, having arrived yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he has been located for the past two years. Mr. Stairs was last here in July, 1909, shortly after withdrawing from the management of the New Glasgow, N. S. Standard, which he published, and after a previous newspaper association of years, he having been first on the staff of the Halifax Herald over fifteen years ago, later on the News of Toronto, also with the weekly "Canada" of London and that city, and manager of the Canadian Mining Review and for some time associated with the Magazine Canadian Life and Resources at Montreal. For the past five years he has been in the States. He organized and has been secretary of the Canadian Club of Washington, D. C.

MAY CHANGE HEADQUARTERS OF 5TH BRIGADE

Rumored Col. Landry and Staff may move from Montreal to St. John—Plenty recruits for Railway Construction Corps.

There was a rumor about the city yesterday that the headquarters of the 5th Infantry Brigade would be moved to St. John. Col. J. P. Landry, commanding officer of the brigade, is expected in St. John in a few days. While confirmation of the rumor could not be obtained it seemed to be generally believed that Col. Landry and his staff would take up their headquarters here as St. John would be more of a central point for directing the operations of the brigade than Montreal. The regiments in the brigade are the 26th at St. John, the 25th at Halifax, the 22nd at Amherst and the 24th at Montreal.

The C. P. R. officials who have been handling the matter of recruiting a Canadian Railway Construction Corps of 500 men have secured more volunteers than are needed, and are busy selecting the best men available. Recruiting has been stopped, though names are being taken with a view to future contingencies. Over 100 men of the corps have already been assembled at West St. John, and the main body from Montreal is expected here next week. Arrangements have been completed for the accommodation of the corps on the west side.

Owing to wet weather the usual outdoor drill of the 26th Battalion was abandoned yesterday, and the men were given indoor drill with lectures. The Army Service Corps spent the day in the same way. A number of volunteers for the 55th Battalion were signed on yesterday. About seventy members of this battalion are in training here under Brevet Major E. C. Weyman, formerly of the 74th Regiment.

The Digby Courier says: A large number of our citizens were at the wharf Tuesday to bid good bye to many of our young men who left for Fredericton to join the artillery for overseas service in the Third Contingent. They are: Corporal Gerald Syda, A. W. Worthylake, L. F. Young, Leigh Peck, Garfield Williams, A. D. Wilson, Charles Sweeney, Clarence Middleton and Frank Salter. There also left here Tuesday for Fredericton, Edward J. Belliveau and Edward A. Donnette, of Belliveau's Coy. Digby's contingent now numbers 54, with eleven more awaiting orders to proceed to Amherst.

HON. MR. HAZEN AIDS SHIPPERS

Arranged for the John L. Cann and Westport III to continue on the route.

The meeting held on March 23rd in the St. John Board of Trade rooms to discuss the subsidies to be given to the steamer John L. Cann and Westport III, has resulted in the Honorable J. D. Hazen arranging that the suggestion of the meeting should be carried out, that the John L. Cann subsidy should be renewed with alteration, that the Westport III, service should be renewed with an additional amount of \$700.

The shippers were very much afraid that St. John would lose one of these boats, which are so valuable to them. Consequently, the information received that Mr. Hazen has been able to arrange matters satisfactorily is very gratifying.

FIRST AID WORK

A first aid class for school boys will be commenced in the Y. M. C. A. building this afternoon between the hours of five and six. The boys will be instructed in this work by Dr. D. C. Malcolm. This class will be held every Saturday afternoon at the hours mentioned and any school boy wishing to attend may do so.

OBITUARY

John Donald Armstrong. The many friends of R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, will regret to learn of the death of his youngest son, John Donald, which took place yesterday afternoon. The boy was only 14 years of age, and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will have sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

ST. JOHN MAN ON DELMIRA

Merritt Williams of West End, second engineer on steamer when German captured her.

Yesterday morning Messrs. J. T. Knight & Co., the shipping brokers, and local agents for the steamship Delmira, received a cablegram to the effect that the Delmira had been torpedoed by a German submarine in the English Channel and sunk.

Many persons in the city and especially those about the harbor front, know the steamer Delmira very well, and it was only in February last that the ship loaded a full cargo of hay and sailed for Havre on the 29th of that month. It makes it more interesting from a local standpoint when on board the Delmira is a West St. John man, Merritt Williams, who had resided with his mother, Mrs. Ross at Fort Dufferin. Mr. Williams joined the Delmira in this port on her last voyage here and shipped as second engineer. There was a number of enquiries from his relatives and friends yesterday when it was first learned that the ship had been sunk, and it was a great relief to them when it was learned that the crew had been saved. A cable dispatch from London, dated March 26th, says the steamship Delmira had been sunk by a German submarine off Boulogne, in the English Channel. The members of her crew were given ten minutes in which to leave their vessel and had hardly cleared their ship in the lifeboats when the German sent a torpedo into the merchantman. There was a loud explosion and in a short time the Delmira sank from view. The captain and crew had no time to save any of their belongings and were fortunate to get off with their lives. The captain and his crew have been landed on the Isle of Wight.

While being captured, ordered to leave the ship and then having their vessel sunk by the Germans is the first experience of the Delmira's captain and the majority of his crew. It is the second such experience for three members of that ship's company. The chief engineer Solomon was on a ship of the same line last September bound for Calcutta when he was captured and his ship sunk. In the same month an apprentice named Williams, now on the Delmira, and a Chinaman were on a ship bound for Panama when they were taken by the Germans and their ship sunk. These three seafaring men have undergone some trying experiences since the war started.

The Delmira was in command of Captain Lancelotti and was bound to St. John in ballast to receive her third cargo of hay owned by Francis Crawford, as his beneficiary and when arrested he was in her company.

DESERTED THREE TIMES FROM 26TH

Ralph Lindsay now resides under the Stars and Stripes.

Ralph Lindsay has for the third time deserted from the ranks of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion and is now said to be enjoying life under the stars and stripes. Several weeks ago Lindsay deserted and went to Hartland where he was apprehended and brought back to St. John. When he enlisted he named Ida Lindsay, who was known in Hartland as Ida Crawford, as his beneficiary and when arrested he was in her company.

After his second arrest Ida Crawford removed to Houlton and on his third desertion Lindsay is said to have gone there too.

M. L. Hayward has been asked by the military authorities to have Lindsay arrested but sent word that the man was in the United States and could not be taken till he came to Canadian territory. So far no other action has been taken.

Ladies Rain Coats. Prepare for April showers (they are sure to come) by getting one of those beautiful 1915 Spring Rain Coats which F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing. Ask to see the celebrated "Clesco" coat. It is made from a pure wool parametta, and is shown in two styles, one with the ruffled sleeve and belted back and the other with set in sleeve and straight back. Prices \$8.65 and \$9.95. Both of these are very serviceable and very stylish coats. They are also showing the "Clesco" coat at \$6.65 which is particularly attractive and will give the best of service.

Hand in Petitions. All those having petitions in connection with the movement for the return to the ward system of civic government are requested to hand them in to Vanwart Bros. store, Charlotte street before ten o'clock tonight. Today is the last opportunity for signing. Blank petitions may be secured at Vanwart Bros.

APPEAL FROM PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION

In absence of Civil Grant other arrangements must be made—To hold Violet Day.

In connection with the Violet Day campaign next Saturday, to raise funds for work among the boys and girls of the city, the executive of the Playgrounds Association makes the following explanation and appeal: The Playgrounds Association, having the assurance from members of the city council that it would receive a larger grant than that of last year, laid its plans for a much larger and more valuable work to be continued throughout the year. It took over the Boys' Club, the Girls' Club, and the Travelers' Aid. It had already engaged a director for a term of one year. As all of last year's funds were expended last year, the executive financed its work, with the exception of a few contributions which were received, upon the expectation or rather the assurance of a grant of \$5,000 from the city council, although it had also planned to raise another \$1,500 to enable it to carry on its work still more effectively. The city grant of \$5,000 was actually made by the council, but afterwards, with all the other grants, it was cancelled.

This left the association not only with a very considerable debt, but with the Boys' and Girls' Clubs on its hands, the director's salary to pay and not one cent in prospect, except what it might be able to get from a generous public.

The position of the association is thus very much worse than that of any other organization hitherto receiving civic grants. It had undertaken large obligations and planned for a greatly enlarged work in perfectly good faith, and with not the slightest suspicion that it would be left to shoulder so great a burden. As the case stands now, even with the largest measure of public support, the work of the summer playgrounds must be very greatly curtailed, if not entirely abandoned, and indeed the latter course seems most probable.

It would be a calamity, however, if the other work among the boys and girls, which continues throughout the year, should have to be given up, and it is for this cause especially the Violet Day campaign will be carried on. It is a cause to which the executive feels that every citizen will contribute willingly according to his or her means, under the exceptional circumstances which prevail this year. The appeal is made in behalf of the boys and girls. The ladies and gentlemen who freely give of their time and means to have the work carried on would, of course, be relieved of a responsibility and a good deal of detailed work if the whole work of the association were given up. They feel, however, that the city ought not to permit any such result because of a lack of funds to carry on a work of so much value.

Next Saturday, therefore, young ladies will visit every portion of the whole city selling violets, and the executive trusts and believes that they will be given everywhere a kindly greeting, and substantial evidence of the sympathy of all the people in organized effort to promote the welfare of those boys and girls of St. John who are in most need of care.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE KING'S DAUGHTERS' GUILD

On Thursday evening the committee of the Mother's Meeting held an entertainment in the rooms on Prince William street for the mothers and also for the girls of the night school, season's work. At eight o'clock the chair was taken by the president, Mrs. J. S. Flagler, who was assisted by Mrs. M. E. Fletcher, Miss Pratt, Mrs. H. W. Robertson, Mrs. J. Foster, Mrs. J. L. Makinney, Mrs. T. Carter and Miss Pearl Clark.

The programme consisted of a lecture on India, illustrated with lantern views, by Rev. M. E. Fletcher. This was preceded by a solo effectively rendered by Mrs. G. C. Amland, accompanied by Miss A. Heales, who rendered a similar service very acceptably for the other singers. Mrs. Amland was followed by Mr. Tuck, who sang a solo to the delight of all and received a hearty encore. A duet was sung by Mrs. E. L. Gerow and Mrs. Amland and was greatly enjoyed after which Mrs. Gerow favored the company with a solo. At the close of the programme light refreshments were served and the evening came to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

Lumber Operations Expensive. J. E. McAuley of Lower Millstream was at the Victoria yesterday. Speaking to a reported Mr. McAuley said that in spite of the lack of snow his company had got out their cut of lumber. He thought nearly all the lumber operators in Kings county had got out their logs, though to do so had involved more expense than usual.

Carpenters' Tools. You will find the highest grades of leading makers represented in our extensive line of Carpenters' Tools which includes Stanley and Sargent's Planes, Braces, Breast Drills, Levels, Mitre Boxes, etc., Ford Auger Bits, Fowler's Chisels, Sheffield Chisels, Daston Saws, Carborundum Oilstones and Grinders, Jennings' Patent Expansive Bits, Automatic Drills, etc. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. MARKET SQUARE AND KING STREET

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Have You Seen the New Easter Millinery? If not, call and revel in our showing of Handsome Models. This is the Millinery House of St. John, and when you say that we have one of the prettiest exhibits of Easter Hats it has ever been our pleasure to show, and yours to revel in, you will readily conclude that we have a most worthy collection. Among many other shapes you will find the popular "Glengarry," Small or Large Sailor Styles, and many other fancy effects, trimmed as only the best millinery artists can do with Ribbons, Silks, Small Flowers or Feathers, etc. You will be delighted with the Showing, if you will spare the time to investigate. Prices also will be found most reasonable. MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

"Reach" Baseball Goods. The Recognized Standard of the Baseball World Today. If you want the very best practical baseball goods made—insist that they have the mark Reach. The majority of baseball players—professionals and amateurs alike—want Reach Goods. Finely illustrated catalogues on request. SPECIAL PRICES TO THE TRADE. They are made in Canada now, and sold at the American price. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

STORES OPEN AT 9 A.M. AND CLOSE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK AT 6 O'CLOCK. SPECIAL SHOWING OF EASTER COSTUMES AND CHILDREN'S COATS IN COSTUME SECTION

OSTERMOOR FELT MATTRESSES. We are Exclusive Agents for This Celebrated Mattress Which we Have Been Selling and Guaranteeing for the Past Fifteen Years and Which We Can Offer at the Regular New York City Price. Ottawa, Canada, March 10, 1915. Dear Sirs,—The Ostermoor Patent Elastic Felt Mattress you sold me fifty years ago has been in constant use in our house ever since, and I am glad to say, has given great satisfaction. It is not in the least matted down, but is just as soft, clean and elastic as when new. The tick is now badly worn and giving away, but I may say it is the third time the mattress has been covered. We have nothing but praise for it, as it retains its elasticity and smoothness, and is in every way superior to any other mattress we have ever used, and I can sincerely recommend Ostermoor Mattresses to anyone desiring a comfortable and durable mattress that will not become dead or lumpy through constant service. Yours truly, H. N. BATE. This very remarkable letter, from a well-known Ottawa family gives some idea of the exceptional value of the Ostermoor Mattress. The Ostermoor Felt Filling is as buoyant and as even as when it was made, and had given users perfect comfort for fifty years at a cost of THIRTY CENTS PER YEAR. You spend one-third of your life in bed and your daytime capacity depends on the kind of sleep-rest you get. The Mattress mentioned in this letter and now owned by the manufacturers IS BEING SHOWN IN WINDOW AT THE MARKET SQUARE STORE.

MEN'S EASTER FURNISHINGS. MEN'S EASTER NECKWEAR in a wonderfully fascinating display representing the season's best offerings in designing, color-blending and the artistic weave effects. These TIES are shown in the newest and most popular shapes including the non-stretching and slip-easy hand styles. Some of the favorite cloths are Grenadines, basket or mat weave and other fancy fabrics featured in striking color effects such as leopard stripes, military stripes, bright two and three tone stripes, club stripes, leaf and floral patterns or allover designs of a mixture of many hues. Prices from 25c. to \$1.75. MEN'S EASTER GLOVES comprising such makes as Dem's, Perrin's, Reynier and other reliable kinds, in all the most popular weights, colors and grades. CAPE AND WASHABLE LEATHER GLOVES, regular and cadet sizes in heavy, medium and light weights. Pair \$1.00 to \$2.25. SUÈDE FINISHED LEATHERS, white, tan and grey, in many weights. Pair \$1.40 to \$2.25. REAL CHAMOIS GLOVES, plain and with black embroidered backs. Sizes 7 to 8 1/2. Pair \$1.35 to \$1.50. LATEST SHAPES IN COLLARS—Perfect fitting and most reliable makes in plain and fancy dress cloths, also fine hairline stripes colored. Prices, each 15c. and 20c. MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited