

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime - Fresh to strong northwesterly to westerly winds, fair, stationary or a little higher temperature.

Washington, May 27. - Forecast: Northern New England - Fair Friday and probably Saturday. Moderate west winds.

Toronto, May 27. - The cool wave is still centred over the Great Lakes, but with much reduced energy, while pronounced depressions exist over the southwestern states, and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Showers have occurred again today in the western provinces, chiefly in Saskatchewan. Sharp frosts were experienced during last night in many portions of Ontario and Quebec.

Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Dawson, Vancouver, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

17 Year Old Boy Drunk. Three drunks were gathered in by the police yesterday afternoon, and evening. One of the trio was arrested on Smythe street and he is only seven years of age.

Miss McGinley to Wed. Mrs. Anna A. McGinley announces the engagement of her daughter, Anna Beatrice, to Arthur Earl Cox, of this city. The marriage to take place late in June.

Police Find Key. A rubber patch from an auto tire was found on Germain street yesterday by the police, also a key on Walker's wharf and the owners of these articles can procure the same on application at police headquarters.

Engagement Announced. Mr. and Mrs. Mordcael Keirstead announce the engagement of their daughter Sadie J. to Lieut. Arington T. Ganong of the Sixth C. M. R. The wedding will take place on Thursday, June 3, at Berwick Methodist church, Kings Co., N. B.

Presentation. Miss Annie Steel and Miss Nan Orr in severing their connection with the Cornwall Cotton Mill yesterday, were presented with a silver cake basket and a scallop dish from their girl friends. The presentation was made in view of the approaching marriage of the young ladies. Charles Bridgion made the presentation to Miss Steel, and John Orr to his sister.

Mrs. Chase Hears from Son. A letter has been received by Mrs. C. Chase of Hawthorne Avenue, dated May 6 from her son at the front. It bears a Y. M. C. A. emblem, and is dated "from somewhere." The letter says: "I am well and in the best of health; have been transferred to the 6th Battery, Canadian Artillery, and I have seen as much as I wanted. It is something terrible the Germans using that poison gas; it made me sick the other night. Love, Charlie."

Daughters of Empire. The fifteenth annual convention of the delegates from the different Canadian chapters, Daughters of the Empire opened in Halifax on Wednesday with more than fifty delegates in attendance. In the afternoon the ladies were received by Mrs. Dennis at the Women's Council house, where tea was served. Among the speakers at the sessions Wednesday were Mrs. Leonard Murray, Halifax; Mrs. George of the National Chapter. Reports from different chapters were read.

Contracts Awarded. Messrs. MacKinnon, Holmes & Co. of Sherbrooke, Quebec, have been awarded the contract for the structural steel to be used in the erection of Messrs. Scovill Bros. new building on King street. This is the same firm that supplied the steel for the Imperial Theatre. Mr. R. W. Burgess and Mr. J. A. Martin, representing the Otis Fenson Elevator Company of Toronto, who were in the city yesterday, closed the contracts with Scovill Bros. for freight and passenger elevators for the new building.

Holes in Sidewalks. Hardly a day passes that a report is not entered on the police books of dangerous holes in sidewalks, and it is stated that if every bad depression in the city sidewalks were reported by the police, it would fill many pages. Sgt. Baxter reported yesterday that there is a bad hole in the Water street walk and this is only one of many such dangerous places that need immediate attention from the public works department. Among the sidewalks that need repairs is the walk on Minnie and Queen streets, West St. John. Yesterday morning an elderly lady stepped into one of the holes in the sidewalk on Queen street and as a result received a fall resulting in slight injuries.

Art Exhibit. The art classes exhibit at the studio will be continued this (Friday) afternoon and evening, 2.30 to 9 o'clock. Open to public.

STOP WORK ON ST. CAR TRACKS BECAUSE OF COMMISSIONER

City Official Wants Grooved Instead of "T" Rails.

ASK SOLID ROAD BED Will Probably Confer With Manager Hopper Today.

On account of the request of Commissioner Potts that the street railway construct a solid road bed under its tracks in Princess street at the intersection of Sydney street and also use grooved rails in place of "T" rails, work has been suspended at that point by the railway company. Commissioner Potts has written H. M. Hopper, manager of the street railway, placing the matter before him. An answer was expected yesterday but Mr. Hopper was indisposed and the matter was left over till today.

CONSTRUCTION CORPS AGAIN COMMENDED ON FINE APPEARANCE

Execute Movements With Precision That Pleases Inspectors.

26th BATT. NOTES.

Although the heavy gale and blinding snowstorm was anything but ideal weather, the members of the Canadian Overseas Construction Corps were inspected yesterday morning by Major General Lessard, Inspector General for Eastern Canada, and Brigadier General Rutherford, Commanding 6th Division headquarters at Halifax.

For fully two hours the corps under their commander, Lieut. Col. Ramsay, were put through the various evolutions and drill and executed every move with the precision of veterans and with commendable skill.

Besides the drill, the personal appearance of the men impressed the inspector general with a keen sense of pleasure and he repeatedly congratulated their commander on having such a fine body of men under his command.

The general was also very much pleased to see that only seven regimental entries had been made for offences by the men and these were of such a light nature as to have been able to be dealt with by the commanding officer.

After the inspection of the Construction Corps General Lessard left at noon for Sussex where he will inspect the 55th Battalion. From there he will go to Fredericton to inspect the Divisional Ammunition Column and the 28th Battery.

The 26th Battalion spent yesterday morning at the army engaged chiefly in company drill. In the afternoon Companies B., C., D., under command of Major Belyea, left early on a route march in light marching order headed by the file band and accompanied by the bugle band.

Yesterday the members of the signalling corps attached to the 26th received their certificates, having passed a successful examination on signalling. During the afternoon they were inspected by Officer Commanding Lt. Col. J. L. McAvity and Adjutant Capt. Griffiths, who complimented them on their personal appearance.

After inspection the whole corps left for the golf links where they practiced signalling and station work.

WORK OF PREPARING SITE OF NEW SCOVIL BUILDING UNDERWAY

Structure Will Be Four Stories High Constructed of Brick.

FINISHED ON DEC. 1.

Girders are to be Heaviest Used in Maritime Provinces.

The work of preparing the site of the Scovill building in King street for the new structure is now well advanced. The site has a frontage of forty feet, six inches on King street, and running back to South Market street has a depth of 100 feet. The new building will be one of four stories with a high basement, and steel frames will be used of sufficient strength to allow of putting on, at any future time, two additional stories.

The ceilings on the ground floor will be sixteen feet high. There will be two entrances from King street, these passing between the show windows and an island show case. The vestibules will be furnished with mosaic tiled flooring.

The show rooms will have a depth of eighteen feet and will be finished in copper, paneled in oak with oak flooring. The windows will be fitted by the latest concealed window fixtures. An important feature of the building will be that it will be constructed without any interior posts or columns, the floors being supported on heavy steel girders made especially for the purpose by Messrs. MacKinnon, Holmes & Co., of Sherbrooke, Quebec, who have the contract for all structural steel work in the building.

The front girder of the structure will be the heaviest used for such a purpose in the maritime provinces and will weigh in the vicinity of twelve tons.

At the rear, on the ground floor, there will be packing and sorting rooms, offices, a large vault, and freight elevator equipment. The elevator will be enclosed in a brick shaft with automatic fire doors from this floor to the roof. The service to the other floors for passengers will be provided by an electric elevator enclosed on each floor by handsome iron grilles. The stairs from the ground floor will be of handsome wrought iron, having slate treads and risers.

The second, third and fourth floors will have twelve-foot ceilings finished in hard plaster. The large supporting beams will be ornamented with panel work, and supported by large ornamental cast plaster brackets. The first story on the King street front will be of five bush hammered Spoon Island granite. The remainder of the front will be laid up in a specially imported cream colored brick. The trimmings will be of sandstone and ornamental copper work, the latter being one of the prominent features of the building.

The contract calls for the completion of the building by December 1. The plans and specifications have been prepared by F. Nell Brodie under whose supervision the work will proceed throughout.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETE FOR BIG BALL GAME TODAY

Baseball up to the high standard set by the National League will be in evidence on the Shamrock Grounds this afternoon beginning at 3.30 o'clock when members of the Mack's Musical Revue Company, now at the Opera House, and the newspaper men of the city will do battle in aid of the patriotic funds. No member of either team is physically fit for duty at the front but this game will give them an opportunity of doing something for the soldiers.

SOLDIERS TEMPERATE ASSOCIATION FORMED BY WEST END LADIES

Held Meeting and Elected Officers Yesterday Afternoon.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the ladies of West St. John was held yesterday afternoon in the Empress Theatre rooms for the purpose of forming a circle of the Soldiers' Temperate Association. Mrs. H. A. McKeown and Mrs. W. H. Barradough of the city proper were present and gave an interesting and instructive address in regard to the nature of the work.

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SNOW STORM HITS ST. JOHN FOLLOWED BY A HEAVY GALE

Wind Lashes Bay of Fundy Making Navigation Dangerous.

HALF INCH OF SNOW.

Velocity of Wind Reaches More Than Fifty Miles an Hour.

A new record for snow storms was established in St. John yesterday when about half an inch of the "beautiful" fell. The storm lasted for about two hours and was accompanied by a heavy gale. The wind reached a maximum speed of fifty miles an hour yesterday morning and the craft in the Bay of Fundy had trying experiences.

During Wednesday afternoon and evening there was a heavy rainfall and about midnight the mercury dropped almost to the freezing point. The wind sprang up from the northwest and early yesterday morning its speed was about fifty miles an hour. The rain held up about three o'clock but snow began to fall about eight o'clock, and continued till ten o'clock.

Several of the bay steamers were out in the gale. The Westport III, Capt. Lewis, left Yverton early yesterday morning and arrived here about six o'clock last night. Captain Lewis said it was too rough for passengers to venture out with him but the steamer was not in any danger. The snow storm was very heavy while it lasted but the steamer was able to weather it successfully.

In Lancaster several buildings in course of construction were somewhat damaged by the wind. The large plate glass window in the Camdus Life office was broken by the force of the gale. One corner of the plate had been broken previously and the large sheet was unable to withstand the force of the wind.

At Jubilee a boom belonging to G. & G. Flewelling, of Hampton broke and some of the logs went adrift. A crew of men went immediately to work and the boom was again secured. The few logs, which went adrift, will be easily recovered.

The lowest reading of the thermometer yesterday was 32 degrees but at noon it stood at 44. On the corresponding day last year the highest temperature was 78 and the lowest 46. On May 24, 1870, there was a heavy snow fall but yesterday's record has that beaten.

Last night the temperature was slightly higher than during the day and it is expected that today will be warmer.

Advertisement for W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. featuring a close-cropped, velvety lawn mower. Includes an image of the mower and a list of prices for different models.

Advertisement for Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Promoting summer wash dress and waist materials with various designs and colorings.

Advertisement for Emerson & Fisher Ltd. featuring a new stove for country houses. Includes an image of the stove and details about its features and price.

Large advertisement for Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited. Promoting an opening of mid-summer millinery for ladies and misses, featuring picture creations for graduation and general summer wear. Includes an image of a hat and details about the presentation and prices.