

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh winds cloudy with showers. Toronto, Mar. 31.—Local showers and thunderstorms have occurred today in Quebec, but otherwise the weather throughout Canada has been fair with comparatively little change in temperature except in Ontario where it has been cooler.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 31.—Forecast for New England: Partly cloudy Friday; cooler in northwest portion, Saturday, fair; light to moderate variable winds, mostly west.

AROUND THE CITY

Anti-Tuberculosis Association. The executive of the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis will meet in the Board of Health rooms, Princess street, this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

Elaine Goes Up Today. The steamer Elaine, with Captain J. McLean, formerly of the Majestic, in command, will leave for Oromocto this morning at 8.30 o'clock.

Annual Meeting Postponed. The annual meeting of the Seamen's Mission Society, which was to have been held on Tuesday, April 5, has been postponed until Thursday, April 7th, on account of the Laymen's Missionary meetings.

For the Seamen's Mission. The Seamen's Mission Society acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$23.40 from S. S. Champlain and \$87 from R. M. S. Victorian, the result of collections on the last voyage to this port.

Car Off the Track. The Blue Rock car left the rails at the corner of Ludlow and Winslow streets, about 9 o'clock last evening, plunging up the street for some distance. It was about three-quarters of an hour before the car was replaced on the rails with the assistance of another car brought from the shed.

Easter Missionary Service. There will be an Easter missionary service in Carmarthen street Methodist church, this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Among the special speakers will be Mrs. Jamieson and Miss Bethel. Easter envelopes will be passed in and mite boxes opened. There will be appropriate music.

Natural History Society. The last social meeting of the Natural History Society—museum tea, as it is familiarly called—will be held at the society's rooms this evening. The committee of ladies who have had these teas in charge have been very successful this season and will doubtless be gratified with a good attendance this evening.

\$1.98 Limit of Tax Rate. By fixing the tax rate at \$1.98, as announced at the meeting of the treasury board last evening, the assessors have also decided the limit of taxation for the next five years. A bill promoted by the city and passed at the recent session of the legislature limited the rate until 1916 to the rate declared this year.

The Art of Paint Making. Mr. E. J. Hols, chemist to the Canadian Oil Company, gave a demonstration before a large meeting of members of the Master Painters' Association, held in the Market Square building, last evening. The demonstration will be repeated by request in the Master Painters' rooms at 8 p. m. on Saturday. Journeymen are invited to attend.

A Pretty Entertainment. In Trinity church schoolroom this evening and on Saturday afternoon the ladies in charge of the Sunday school have arranged to give a cantata called "Voices of Nature." It is said to be very pretty and no doubt will be largely attended. About eighty children will take part representing flowers, birds and insects, and will be heard in choruses and solos.

Notified of New Tariff. Collector Dunn received word from Ottawa yesterday that the reduction of 2 1/2 per cent upon articles included in 13 tariff items went into effect on and after March 31st, and was instructed to notify outsiders. The collector said the new tariff would have no effect upon manufacturers, except possibly those engaged in the soap making industry. The reduction applied mostly to articles that New Brunswick had to import from other countries anyway, and might lower prices in some lines.

T. of H. Ladies Auxiliary. At a meeting in the Temple building, Main street, yesterday afternoon, a ladies' auxiliary to Alexandra Temple was organized. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. Pres., Mrs. J. H. Gray; Pres., Mrs. W. F. Roberts; Gen. Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. J. McCaskell; Treas., Mrs. T. A. Black; Secy., Mrs. P. E. Flewelling. The following were elected vice-presidents from the different North End churches: St. Luke's, Mrs. H. Roeh; Victoria street Baptist, Mrs. H. Roberts; Christian church, Mrs. A. Hinds. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution.

Carmarthen Street Church. Carmarthen street Methodist church Sunday, April 3rd, Rev. C. W. Seidens M. A. B. D., pastor. At a quarter to ten Mr. Hutchings' class will meet with Kenneth street church, at 11 o'clock. The preaching service in Carmarthen street church will be conducted by Rev. W. W. Lodge, tople. The Cardinal Doctrines of the Christian Faith, Sunday school and Bible classes at 2.30. At 7 p. m. there will be a special service with sermon by the pastor for the young converts, tople. Stability in the Christian Calling. Over twenty people will join the church at this service. Baptismal service. Appropriate music. The Epworth League on Wednesday night will receive seven new members.

DAINGEROUS FIRE CHECKED

Blaze in Wholesale Millinery Store of Frank Skinner & Co. Promptly Extinguished Last Evening—Damage Slight.

By some quick work last evening the fire department extinguished in the early stages a blaze in the upper story of the building at 36 King St., occupied by Frank Skinner & Co. before much damage had been done and prevented what might have developed into a serious conflagration in the heart of the business section. The firm's stock consisting of fancy dry goods and wholesale millinery would have furnished inflammable food for the flames had the fire been allowed to spread.

As far as known the fire started from sparks flying from a stove on the fifth floor of the building. The boards in front of the stove were pretty well burned when discovered and some goods on near by shelves were badly scorched.

Mr. Harold McMichael and other employees of Brock & Paterson, Ltd., were working in the adjoining building and heard the flames crackling. They entered Mr. Skinner's establishment and were surprised to find Mr. Skinner and two clerks busily engaged sorting flowers on the second floor. They had no idea of any fire, but on going up found the place full of smoke. A still alarm preceded the box alarm from No. 23 and as a result considerable confusion arose. No. 1 chemical and other pieces of apparatus did not go as once to the scene of the fire. There was a ready response, however, and some of the firemen soon had two streams of hose up the steps to the top floor and it was only a minute's work to drown out the flames.

Another detachment endeavored to make an approach from the rear by way of Church street, but after smashing in some doors found the way blocked.

Mr. Skinner said after the fire that the loss would be slight and that was fully covered by insurance.

SLEUTHS ON THE TRAIL

John James Duffy Arrested on Suspicion of Stealing Watch From Dredge Fielding—Smart Piece of Work.

John James Duffy, aged 23, was arrested about 10 o'clock last evening by Deputy Chief F. Jenkins and Detective P. Killen, on suspicion of having stolen a watch from the dredge fielding, the property of William Carter. The officers started to work on the case, at 8 o'clock in the evening and two hours later landed Duffy behind the bars.

Mr. Carter discovered that his watch was missing on Tuesday, but thinking that he might have mislaid it did not notify the police of his loss until yesterday afternoon. With a description of the watch as their only clue the officers started out at eight o'clock to work up the case. They soon found the watch in a second hand store on Mill street, and also secured from the dealer a good description of the man who had sold it. The next move was to find the man, who answered to the description which they had been given. A sharp lookout was kept for strangers, and scarcely an hour had elapsed after they left the store, when they spied Duffy and promptly placed him under arrest.

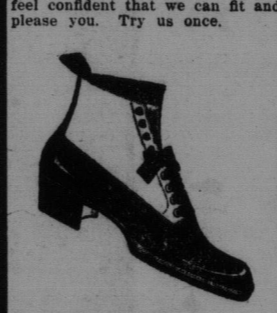
The prisoner did not make any statement other than that his name was Duffy and that he had been in St. John but two weeks. He will face the magistrate in the police court this morning.

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NEW BOOKS. THE KINGDOM OF SLENDER SWORDS by Hallie Ermline Rives. THE MAN OUTSIDE by Wyndham Martin. THE NEST OF THE SPARROWHAWK by Baroness Orczy. THE FORTUNE HUNTER by Louis Joseph Vance. WHITE MAGIC by David Graham Phillips.

E. G. Nelson & Co., 56 King Street.

Which Do You Prefer BOOTS or LOW SHOES? Some exceptionally good examples of boys' work along different lines have been entered for the arts and crafts exhibition which will be held in the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A., today and tomorrow. The exhibition will be open at 7.30 o'clock this evening and on Saturday at 2 o'clock.



WATERBURY & RISING, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street.

Walker THE PLUMBER HOT WATER and STEAM HEATER, GAS FITTER. F. S. WALKER, Phone Main 1025, 18 GERMAIN STREET.

The Willet Fruit Co., Ltd. An entertainment will be given by 50 children in Trinity Sunday school, this evening at 8 o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents; Saturday 2.30 p. m. Admission to children, 15 cents; adults, 25 cents. Candy for sale. Branch at Fort William. The report that the business of McLeod, Holt and Co., Ltd., was to be amalgamated with that of T. McAvity and Sons, Ltd., was neither confirmed nor denied by Mr. J. L. McAvity when asked about the matter yesterday. He said that he was not in a position to discuss it at present. It was settled, he said, that he would start a branch of his business at Port William, but this did not necessarily mean that the St. John foundry would be closed up.

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New Wash Goods. Received this Week in Many Fabrics. The Wash Goods Department is one of the most busy hives, containing the most bewildering assortment for spring and summer. Voiles, Organadies, Reys. Printed and Woven Fabrics. Enormous Stock of Genuine Scotch Ginghams, 20c. and 25c. White Wash Waistings—We take great delight in showing our most attractive line of White Goods, Reys, Organadies, Flaxon Cordis, Linnens, Indian Head, Checks, Stripes, Spots, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c. Fancy Net Waistings—10 inches wide, \$2.70 to \$4.50 a yard. Very beautiful. Also for use for yokes and sleeves. Metal embroidery in different designs through the net. Enormous Assortment of Silk and Gilt Embroidered Dress Bands, in all the season's colorings, to match any color in Dress Goods. Fancy Bedside Garnitures—Metal, Silk and Beaded effects, \$1.70 to \$2.75. Latest combination of colors. Linen in Fancy Metal Embroidered Allovers—In White, Ecu and Black Grounds. Embroidered in Silver, Gold, Steel and Aluminum, \$1.30 to \$3.10. What the people have been waiting for is 42 inch, in Plain Russian Nets. Many colorings, 80c. a yard.

High-Class Bedding. Cotton Embroidered and Hemstitched Bed Covers—Two sizes, 72x100 inches. Price \$6.00 each; 90x108 inches, \$7.50 each. Fine Embroidered and Hemstitched Lawn Covers, with Pillow Shams to match. Floral and Bowknot design. Size of cover 80x100 inches, \$7.25 each. Sham to match. Size 33 x 32 inches. Price per pair, \$2.00. Laurel Scroll, with stripes, cover 80x100 inches, \$8.50 each. Sham to match. Size 32x32 inches, \$3.90 per pair. Hemstitched and Embroidered Linen Covers, in many designs, including Chrysanthemum, Scrolls, Bowknot, Shamrock, Carnations, Vines and Spots. Exceptional showing as follows: Size, 72x90 inches, \$5.50, \$6.25, \$6.75 and \$8 each. Size, 80x100 inches, \$7.25, \$7.75, \$10.50, \$13.00, \$16.00 and \$23.00 each. Size, 90x100 inches, \$8.50 each. Linen Embroidered and Hemstitched Covers—80x100 inches, special price \$6.00. Linen Embroidered and Hemstitched Covers, with Shams of same design. Covers, 80x100 inches; Shams, 32x32 inches. Special prices per set (Cover and pair of Shams) \$11.50 and \$15.00. Hemstitched Linen Sheets and Pillow Cases—Sheets, 72x100 inches, \$3.75 each; 80x100 inches, \$4.25 each. Pillow Cases, 22 1/2x36 inches, per pair, \$2.15. Sheets, 72x100 inches, \$5.50 each; 80x100 inches, \$6.25 each. Pillow Cases, 22 1/2x36 inches, per pair \$2.15. Plain Hemstitched Linen Sheets, without embroidery, 72x4 1/2 inches, \$5.75 and \$7.80 per pair; 80x90 inches, \$6.50 and \$10.50 per pair. Plain Hemstitched Linen Pillow Cases, 22 1/2x36 inches, \$2.20 per pair. LINEN ROOM. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.