

THE WEATHER

Toronto, May 27.—The western disturbance is now centered in Dakota and is spreading towards the Great Lakes. Showers and thunder storms have been almost general today in the eastern provinces and also in Upper Ontario, while from Lake Ontario eastward the weather has been fine and warm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Victoria 50, 62; Vancouver, 50, 62; Kamloops 50, 70; Edmonton, 52, 68; Calgary 48, 60; Prince Albert, 52, 75; Moosejaw, 55, 71; Winnipeg, 60, 78; Port Arthur 48, 68; Parry Sound 48, 70; London 52, 75; Toronto 49, 65; Ottawa 52, 75; Montreal 56, 76; Quebec 52, 78; St. John 46, 62; Halifax 40, 80.

Lower Lawrence and Gulf—South-westerly winds, warm and unsettled, with local showers.

Maritime—Fresh southwest winds, mostly fair and warm, with a few scattered thunder storms.

AROUND THE CITY

Fishermen Doing Well.

A large number of fishermen were engaged in drift net fishing in the harbor last evening. Over 100 boats were out, and many seemed to have fair catches. There has been a good run of alewives in the last few days. Some of the fishermen have made good catches of salmon of a fine quality.

Fishery Inspector Here.

J. F. Calder, inspector of fisheries for St. John and Charlotte counties was at the Victoria yesterday. Speaking of conditions in Charlotte county he said the fishing had been rather poor so far, and that the salmon fishermen had made very light catches. He thought the backward spring might have something to do with the scarcity of fish.

The Old Home Week Programme

A meeting of the 1917 Club was held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms when matters relating to the programme of entertainment for the Old Home Week were discussed, but nothing definite was decided on. Another meeting will be held on Thursday evening when it is expected some important matters connected with the reunion will be definitely arranged.

Dog Days Are Coming.

Since the first of May about 400 citizens have taken out licenses for their dogs. According to the regulations the citizens have to secure dog licenses before the first of July. After that they are liable to a fine if their dogs are caught at large without the civic tag. Then dog days begin, and the Magistrate sets aside days when he deals with delinquents reported by the police.

Merely a Hoax.

Some excitement was caused about the city last evening by a report that the Dreadnaught was in port. Quite a number of people went down to the water front in the expectation of seeing the leviathan. It was reported that King George had sent her here to pick up the trail of the German warship which hooked Mr. Puseley's plans for Fort Howe. It appears there was a craft named the Dreadnaught in port, but she turned out to be a little sloop lying at the Market Slip.

Charlotte Street Congestion.

The philosophers who ponder the wonders of the world and study the course of events from the borders of King Square, are of the opinion that there are more people in St. John this spring than in past years. They base their opinion on the number of new faces they see on Charlotte street, and the overcrowded condition of the sidewalks on fine evenings. One of these philosophers declared that the commissioner of public works should get busy at once and have the sidewalks widened, so as to permit the pedestrians to get along with more facility. Another declared that the commissioner of public safety should get the policemen to work teaching the citizens to step lively along Charlotte and Union streets, so that they would not have to lose so much time moving from point to point.

FOUND ANOTHER BREAK IN CEMETERY MAIN

Water Department will Now be Able to Make Necessary Repairs - 11,000 Gallons per day Wasted.

After a long search the water department has discovered another leak in the water mains passing through the Jewish cemetery, but the exact spot where the water is escaping has not been located yet. Since spring opened there have been complaints of leakage in this cemetery, and recent by a delegation of Jewish citizens waited upon the commissioners and indignantly demanded that the leak be discovered and stopped, as they did not feel that the departed had any particular need of water.

According to the reports of the engineer the leak is not an important one, as only 11,000 gallons a day are escaping. "If you put a gauge on a five-eighths tap on a comparatively high level you will find that only about 4,000 gallons a day runs through it," said the engineer.

The department, however, expects to be able to stop the leak in a few days. At the point where the water is escaping, the mains run about eight feet below the level of the corpses buried in the cemetery.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yanwart are attending the closing exercises at Acadia College, Wolfville, where their daughter, Miss Myrtle, is a student. Hon. James A. Murray and George B. Jones, M. P. of Kings county, arrived in the city yesterday on their way to Summers from a trip to the lower end of the county.

J. S. Gibbon left last evening on a business trip to Montreal.

HON. ROBERT MAXWELL TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT

Tenders His Resignation and will Probably be Succeeded in Cabinet by John E. Wilson—Mr. Maxwell to Permanently Retire from Politics.



HON. ROBERT MAXWELL. At the last meeting of the provincial government Hon. Robert Maxwell tendered his resignation as president of the executive council and member of the government without portfolio.

Mr. Maxwell has many friends who will regret his retirement from public life. He has had a large and successful public career. He has been for four years a member of the cabinet under Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. J. K. Fleming and previous to that spent three years as a member of the legislature in opposition to the old government. Before entering the legislature he served seven years as a member of the common council and was for twelve years a member of the board of school trustees.

In all positions Mr. Maxwell has fully justified the trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He has shown himself a man of broad mind, and good business ability, and throughout his career there has never been a question of his integrity. As a member of the government he worked unflinchingly for the good of the province and in the legislature he was regarded as a forceful debater, who could always be trusted to deliver shrewd hard blows.

It is generally believed that John E. Wilson will be called to the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Maxwell, and that an announcement to that effect will be made in a short time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DECLARE SERVICE WAS GOOD

Say M. V. Paddock Must Have Been Mistaken in Stating There was Delay in Getting Water on at Fraser Fire.

"There was no delay in getting water on the fire at Fraser, Fraser & Company's store on Sunday evening," Mr. Paddock does not know what he is talking about." This was the statement of Chief Kerr when his attention was called to the letter of M. V. Paddock in the Globe, criticising the manner in which the fire was handled, and stating that it was fifteen minutes after the alarm sounded before any water was thrown on the fire.

Stephen P. Gerow, of the Salvage Corps No. 1, who broke in the front door of the building, when seen by the Standard, was indignant over the allegations contained in Mr. Paddock's letter.

"When the alarm sounded," said Mr. Gerow, "I was in No. 2 fire station, just around the corner on Union street. We lost no time in getting the apparatus out and around to the scene of the fire.

"We had one line of hose laid to the building inside of two minutes, but as there was no sign of flames we did not turn on the water immediately. We opened up the building and ran in the hose from the chemical engine. We had hardly got in the building before we saw that the whole place was on fire, and at once turned on the water. Inside of six minutes there were four streams in operation. Mr. Paddock evidently thought that there were no streams being thrown on the fire till the Monitor Nozzle was raised on the tower and a stream from it directed into the building. I have been to a good many fires, and I never saw quicker or better work than at the fire Sunday night. After that the fire I remarked to Chief Kerr that do quicker or better work, and that the Boston or New York fire departments, composed entirely of permanent, well trained men could not have done better. And I have seen a few fires in Boston and New York," added Mr. Gerow.

Commissioner McLaughlin when asked if he had any reply to make to Mr. Paddock's letter, said he had read it, but took no stock in the charges contained in it.

"I'm not going to notice it," he added, "and I don't want to talk about it. I was at the fire. I was not there at the start, but I am satisfied that the department lost no time in getting water on the fire."

William Martoch, the city engineer, said he attended the fire, though he was not there at the start. "I did not hear that there had been any delay," he said. "When I arrived on the scene there were seven streams at work, and there was an abundant supply of water. When the engine that was driving two streams through the Monitor nozzle was stopped there was sufficient pressure to keep the engine going and throw a good stream from the monitor nozzle into the building. When another engine was stopped the exhaust showed a pressure of 43 pounds. That is the pressure was strong enough to work the engine without steam and still throw a good stream upon the fire."

BIG STEEL PLANT IN COURTEENAY BAY NOW ABOUT SURE

Norton Griffiths Company Applies to Dominion Government for Large Tract Adjoining Dry Dock Site - Drummonds Interested also

An important development in connection with the project to establish a large iron and steel industry in St. John was brought to the attention of the city commissioners yesterday by a communication from the federal government, stating that the Norton Griffiths Company had made application for a tract of land just north of the site of the dry dock, and asking whether the city authorities had any objection to the granting of the application.

Most of the area which the Norton Griffiths company wishes to purchase is under water at high tide and a retaining wall will have to be built and the area filled in in order to make it available for industrial purposes. The land asked for is directly north and adjoining the site of the dry dock and it is understood that a ship repair plant would be operated in conjunction with the proposed iron and steel industry.

The city authorities have no jurisdiction over the area in question and decided to notify the government that they had no objection to the granting of the land to the parties who want it. The area which it is proposed to reclaim from the sea embraces about 1,200 square feet, and would afford as well as for an iron and steel making industry. It is generally understood that the Drummonds of Montreal who are developing the iron ore deposits at Bathurst are associated with the Norton Griffiths people in the project to establish an iron and steel industry in St. John.

Mr. Burton Stewart, one of the promoters of the proposed enterprise, recently left for England with the object of interesting capital in the development of this industry here. Mr. Stewart who has been working on the project for over a year, is very enthusiastic about the possibilities and believes that St. John by reason of its convenient situation is destined to become one of the most important centers for the manufacture of steel and steel products in Canada.

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