

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong easterly to westerly winds, mostly fair and much colder, with some light local snowfalls.

Washington Forecast.

Washington, Mar. 19—Northern New England—Fair Friday and Saturday, moderate west and northwest winds.

Toronto, Mar. 19—The disturbance mentioned last night is now centered over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and cooler weather has spread through Quebec and is settling in over the Maritime Provinces. Cold conditions have prevailed in Ontario, while in the west temperatures have been somewhat higher.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	50	60
Victoria	50	64
Kamloops	40	58
Edmonton	35	54
Calgary	28	44
Medicine Hat	22	36
Moose Jaw	14	28
Regina	10	28
Winnipeg	8	12
Port Arthur	8	12
Perry Sound	2	24
Toronto	11	22
Ottawa	8	18
Montreal	14	24
Quebec	14	24
St. John	20	30
Halifax	32	40

—Below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Death of a Child.
The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Byrne, 232 City road, will sympathize with them in the loss of their little son, Joseph Patrick, who died yesterday morning. Burial will take place today.

Courtesy Day Mission.
Mrs. F. A. Godwin, Miss May McArthur, Douglas McArthur and Harry Dunn, of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church choir, gave an entertaining programme of musical numbers in the Courtesy Day Mission last evening. Quartets, solos and duets were greatly appreciated by the large audience. Miss Wilson, organist in St. Stephen's church, was accompanist.

Dominion L. O. L. Fair.
There was a large attendance at Dominion L. O. L. fair last evening when prizes were won as follows: Excelsior, Joseph Rooney; gentlemen's bean board, Joseph Rooney; bowling alley, George Miller; air gun, S. Johnson; ladies' bean board, Miss C. Green. The door prize was won by ticket 31.

Happy Hooligan Supper.
"Happy Hooligan Supper"—that was the cognomen last evening applied to a supper held in the St. Philip's church when the colored population were out in strength to appease their appetites and to enjoy an hour or more among the gay throng. Those who attended were certainly a rare treat in domestic cooking, and then they were happily socialized, whatever that means. Music was not lacking during the evening and there was a good time for all those fortunate enough to be in attendance.

Train Late.
Wrathy citizens were numerous in the Union Depot last evening between eleven o'clock and midnight and restlessly paced the tiles of the station waiting the arrival of the Boston train which was scheduled to pull in on time but which unfortunately did not arrive in the city until some ten or fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock. It appears that the train left Fredericton Junction only a few minutes behind time and she would have caught up to schedule time but through the despatching of passengers on special trains from the Royal line steamer she was delayed, much to the discomfort of those in the depot who for an hour or more waited about the train shed.

LABOR COUNCIL TO ASK REFORMS

Delegates from Carpenters Call Attention to Method of Papering Walls—New Post Office.

At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last evening delegates from the painters' union reported that in many tenements walls were papered over the old wall paper. The delegates contended that old paper should be taken off before new paper was laid, laying many layers of paper was unsanitary besides increasing the danger from fire. It was decided to bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Health and the provincial government to see if the practice could not be stopped.

The matter of having floors placed at the different stories on the new post office building was brought up. It was said that the men working there were taking unnecessary risks. If they fell from one story they would fall right to the ground, as there were no floors to fall on. The matter will be taken up with the building inspector.

J. L. Sugrue, who is representing the Trades Congress of Canada at Fredericton during the session, gave a report on the work of the session so far, and dealt with the labor bills before the legislature.

Mr. Buchanan laid before the meeting a proposition to establish a labor paper at St. John. It was decided to hold a public meeting on Saturday evening in the interests of the labor candidate.

WARM DISCUSSION ON SINGLE TAX QUESTION AT CITY HALL

Views of James R. Brown do not Appeal to City's Comptroller and Chamberlain — Commissioners Took Little Part in Debate—Who will Pay the Tax

The mental confusion which enveloped the single tax idea was the subject of a discussion at city hall yesterday afternoon. J. R. Brown, the lecturer, expounded the single tax evidently to his own satisfaction. The city comptroller and the city chamberlain and Assessor Lantala confounded it also evidently to their own satisfaction. The city commissioners said little but appeared in port last night.

Mr. Brown argued that a tax on land values would merely take values created by the public for public purposes. His chief recommendation was its simplicity. St. John city limits embraced 21 square miles, of which about 7 square miles was useable. This would give 14,240 building lots, 25 by 100 feet. An average tax of \$10 per lot would yield \$142,400. But the lots would vary in value and he says \$15,000 to \$100 a lot, and the tax would vary accordingly.

"If you took the full annual rental of these lots, you would raise an amount that would paralyze you," said Mr. Brown. Now the city allows private individuals to appropriate public lands and taxes a man for painting his house.

A Warm Argument.
Chairman Sharp of the Board of Assessors—"We don't do that here. It is a common saying that we do tax a man for painting his house, but it is not the truth."

Comptroller McIntyre—"Painting a house is not improving it. You are merely offsetting depreciation."

Mr. Brown—"You are doing a wiser thing than they do in other cities, if you don't increase the valuation of a newly painted house."

Mr. McIntyre—"We hope we do."

Mr. Brown—"But the law allows you to tax improvements. Are not the assessors sworn to assess property at full and true value."

Com. McLellan—"Is a property unimproved as valuable as if it is painted?"

The Mayor asked if Mr. Brown would recommend a radical application of the single tax principle to conditions in St. John.

Advocates Change.
Mr. Brown said the sooner the change was made the better; the present system strangled industry. But public intelligence was backward. St. John should proceed by easy stages, and test the efficiency of the tax.

Com. Agar—"How would you adjust the valuations on different streets?"

Mr. Brown—"Just as you do now. The assessors now have to determine the relative values of lots."

Mr. McIntyre—"Would you put the tax on rentals?"

Mr. Brown—"You have large areas of valuable land that pay nothing now."

Mr. Sharpe—"No. The land is valueless."

Mr. Brown—"The landlords are charging tenants all they can today on an artificial value, created by holding land out of use."

The Mayor—"That don't apply here. Not more than 5 or 6 acres are held out of use in the city."

Mr. Brown—"There are 69,000 available building lots, and about 10,000 families. There are a lot of old buildings on good land."

Mr. McIntyre—"Because the owners can't afford to put up better."

Mr. Brown—"Because you tax them if they put up an efficient building, and improve their land."

Expounds Theory
In reply to further questions, Mr. Brown said that if they threw the taxes off improvements and took the ground rent they would get at land

ROYAL EDWARD ARRIVES AFTER A ROUGH TRIP

Royal Line, However, Made Good Time and Came Through Undamaged—Brought Many Passengers.

The Canadian Northern steamship Royal Edward arrived in port last night about seven o'clock and docked at No. 2 berth, Sand Point. She had on board a good general cargo and 19 first, 188 second and 596 third class passengers. The voyage from Bristol to St. John was rough and the ship came through the very heavy seas without any damage. Among the first class passengers were: Miss D. Carter, H. C. Cubitt, J. B. Fielding, W. G. Graves, Mrs. Graves, G. Hadley, A. M. Harker, Mrs. Harker, F. Howell, Miss A. T. Johnston, A. G. Johnston, H. M. Johnston, G. S. Patterson, C. R. Ryan, S. Ryan, B. Stevens, H. Stevens, W. J. Sutherland, Miss C. E. Thomas.

The Log.
March 12th—326 miles; strong westerly winds, rough steep head sea.
March 13th—328 miles; full southerly gale, precipitous head sea, reduced speed.
March 14th—281 miles, westerly storm, very dangerous head sea, reduced speed.
March 15th—385 miles, strong westerly gale, ship laboring heavily, reduced speed.
March 16th—412 miles, strong westerly wind, high head sea, clear weather.
March 17th—443 miles, gentle northwest to southeast winds, smooth sea. Sea to overcast.
March 18th—438 miles, moderate southwest to northwest winds, overcast, misty, moderate sea.
March 19th—293 miles, detained 13 1/2 hours off Cape Sable, dense fog and blinding electrical storm.

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TALBOT PAPINEAU TELLS OF FRENCH CANADIAN FOLK LORE

In Interesting and Instructive Address before Combined Canadian Clubs — Deals with Advancement Made by French Language in Canada — Is not Deteriorating.

An interesting address on French-Canadian folk-lore was given by Talbot Papineau of Montreal before a largely attended meeting of the members of the Women's Canadian Club and the Canadian Club held in the York Assembly rooms last evening. Mr. Papineau is a pleasing speaker with a vein of quiet humor, and his treatment of his subject was entertaining as well as instructive.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president of the Women's Canadian Club, presided, and Dr. Bridges, president of the Canadian Club, was on the platform.

In opening the meeting Mrs. Smith referred to the work of the club in promoting the project to convert Fort Howe into a national park, and after telling of the plight of the wanderers rendered homeless by the destruction of the Metropole urged the ladies to assist in making a success of the banquet next Monday night which will fortify the collectors for the whirlwind campaign to raise \$20,000. She then introduced Mr. Papineau, who was a Rhodes scholar, in flattering terms.

Mr. Papineau in opening his address said that after what the president of the club had said about him he ought to devote the evening to making an apology instead of talking about anthropology. He dealt at some length with the lines of development taken by the French language in Canada and declared that the impression in some quarters that the French language in Canada had deteriorated was wrong. The average person only used about 3,000 words in ordinary conversation, while many got along with a few hundred. The writer and printer in Quebec now paying nothing and land values which were low going into private pockets would become the public property.

Comptroller McIntyre observed that the city should own the land in order to get at the results aimed at by the single taxers.

Mr. Brown thought they could leave the landowner in legal possession, as in the instance of the single tax would divert the ground rent to the public.

Mr. McIntyre—"You would interfere with vested rights."

Mr. Brown—"Vested wrongs you mean."

Division of Opinion.
Mr. McIntyre—"Such rights were granted by the crown."
Mr. Brown—"The crown never relinquishes the power of taxation."
Mr. McIntyre—"Who will pay the taxes?"
Mr. Brown—"The occupiers."
Mr. McIntyre—"Just so. The landlord will pass the tax on to the occupier and soak him as well."
Mr. Brown thought that landlords would have to pay the tax. The result would be that a tax on land values would stop the holding of land idle, and the competition of new lots would force down rental values.

Also the single tax would reduce the cost of living.

In Vancouver.
The city chamberlain—Has the single tax reduced the cost of living in Vancouver?
Mr. Brown—No. Because they only collect a tax of twenty-two mills on a sixty-five per cent. valuation. They should collect an eight per cent. tax on a full valuation of the land. Still by reducing the tax on improvements Vancouver has grown rapidly and is a well built city.
Mr. Lingley—My information is that there are more vacant stores and more unemployment in Vancouver today than in Toronto.
The mayor—And the bonded debt of Vancouver is enormous.
Mr. Lantala wanted to know whether the single tax would not favor big business. He pointed out that if a man put up a four-story building this city would have to pay more to provide fire fighting apparatus to protect it than for a building one or two stories. Under the single tax both would have to pay the same if their lots were equal, and the smaller man could not afford to put up a building which would give a large revenue.

Reflected in Value
Mr. Brown contended that all public improvements were reflected in the value of a lot. The state could not make distinctions between rich and poor.
The chamberlain—But it should. If I am getting a large income out of a community I should pay more in taxes than the man who gets less.
Mr. Brown contended that they should not tax the business enterprises, but that if big buildings were put up in any neighborhood the value of all the lots there were enhanced, and nobody needed kick because his land increased in value.
Mr. Sharpe, chairman of assessors, said taxing land values would simplify the work of his board. But before taking it up they should have a re-valuation of all the land in the city and county of St. John and a readjustment of the city's relations with the county.
Mr. Brown said that a land survey was a preliminary requirement in trying to work out a system of taxes on land values.
His worship thanked Mr. Brown for his exposition of his views.

Optimistic Character.
The speaker pointed out that the religious and optimistic character of the French-Canadian was illustrated by the fact while their folk tales frequently dealt with the devil, the cure, or somebody was always getting the better of him. The were-wolf of European countries, a ferocious creature which favoured young children had become the Loup Garou of French Canada, the form taken by a man who has not attended mass on Easter Sunday for seven years. In the French-Canadian tales the Loup Garou was not particularly dangerous, and he was slain with a knife it changed instantly into the form of a man again and his soul was released from the curse laid upon him. The idea of salvation was a French-Canadian addition to the European legend.

The lecturer stated that belief in folk-lore did not now prevail except in a few backward communities.

Voices of Thanks
Mrs. Matthews on behalf of the Women's Canadian Club moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and expressed the view that English-speaking Canadians could find much of interest in the folklore and literature of their French-speaking fellow citizens.

Rev. J. J. McCasill seconded the motion, and said the national life of Canada was the richer because we had two mothers. One thing we had to guard against were the demons and devils of narrowness, bigotry, and intolerance which were the worst way to exorcise these evil spirits was for one race to study the literature and folk-lore of the other and try to attain a mutual understanding.

Dr. Bridges and Mayor Frink also spoke briefly, commending the lecturer for giving them the opportunity to hear such a lecture.

At the close of the addresses refreshments were served.

May Establish Here.
Yesterday the secretary of the Board of Trade received a letter from a man in Farmington, Mass., saying that he was considering the matter of establishing a factory in St. John which would employ a large number of hands. The writer said he was a manufacturer of hats, and that the business was more specific as to the nature of his business. He said he was willing to give some enterprising citizen here an opportunity to invest \$12,000 and that his factory would pay 10 per cent after the first year.

Railway Freight Rates.
The secretary of the Board of Trade received a copy of the new schedule of freight rates on railways filed with the Railway Commission. The matter will come up before the commission next month and those having complaints to make should write to the secretary of the commission.

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