

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, March 29.—The weather has been fair and rather cold today from Ontario eastward, and comparatively mild in the Western Provinces.

St. John	20	34
Prince Rupert	23	44
Calgary	24	46
Edmonton	24	39
Battleford	26	34
Medicine Hat	30	42
Saskatoon	35	36
Winnipeg	22	44
Port Arthur	2	36
London	19	35
Toronto	20	32
Ottawa	8	24
Montreal	8	20
Quebec	2	20
Halifax	30	32

Forecast:
Maritime—Moderate winds; fair and rather cold.
Northern New England—Fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday partly cloudy and warmer; moderate variable winds, becoming fresh south-ly.

AROUND THE CITY

TWO AND TWO.

Two drunks and two protectionists shared honors at the Central Police Station last night.

MAYOR'S THOUGHTFULNESS

Owing to the thoughtfulness of His Worship Mayor Schofield, the members of the Special Development Class at the Y. M. C. A. were enabled to witness the exhibition put on by the Boy Scouts at the armories last night. His Worship secured motors to convey all the members of the class who wished to go, to the entertainment.

PLAY REPEATED.

The young people of Central Baptist Church repeated the play "June" at Portland Street Methodist Church last evening. There was a large and appreciative audience. Proceeds are for Church funds. During the evening Mr. Doherty sang a solo and a reading was given by Miss Laura Panjor. The Ladies Aid served refreshments to the performers.

DISPLAY OF PRIZES

A grand display of handsome prizes are exhibited in the Commercial Club window on Prince William street. The medals and cups won by Charles Gorman, champion skater, are shown in a large glass case while cups and other prizes for the winners in the bowling leagues fill up the rest of the window space. The prizes are nicely arranged and the display is very attractive.

Wedded After The Minnedosa Docked

Love Romance Beginning in England Culminated in Marriage in This City Yesterday.

A pretty little love romance having its beginning in England during the world war, culminated in marriage in this city yesterday when Rev. Mr. Bone of the Central Baptist Church, united in wedlock, Thomas Owen Goss, of Edmonton, Alta., and Miss Ada Warwick of Reading, England.

The bride arrived here from England on the Minnedosa, and was met at the dock by Mr. Goss who was in the city a few days awaiting the ship's arrival. Mr. Goss met the lady of his choice while overseas. He returned home two years ago with the understanding that when he had a little home ready Miss Warwick was to come to Canada and together they would enter life's journey.

After spending a few days in the city, Mr. and Mrs. Goss will proceed to Rimontown where they will reside in the future.

Residents of Little River Want Street Ry.

Held An Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night at Which Broken Promises Were Discussed.

The residents of Little River are insistent upon having their rights, and are determined that agreements entered into by them with the street railway shall be carried out. A meeting was held last night at their hall, with A. J. Parker in the chair.

The extension of the railway line was the topic under discussion and it received a thorough airing. Among the speakers were Mr. Frank Joslyn and Mr. Alex. Magee who spoke in behalf of the citizens of East St. John and in favor of the Little River extension.

Speakers expressed the opinion, in no unambiguous terms that the residents of that locality should insist on their rights. The extension had been promised and the people in returned were sure that the line would be completed one year after the close of the war. As yet no move has been made to extend the tracks.

A committee will meet the manager and directors of the Street Railway Company on Monday to see what the Company proposes doing. For some years promises have been made but nothing done. The residents of Little River intend to hammer away at the question until their wishes are complied with.

Canada's Future Conditions Hopeful

Address by F. W. Stewart at Retail Merchants' Annual—Mayor Schofield and Others

"I would consider that conditions in Canada for the future are hopeful, and I believe that the most extreme period has been passed." These are some of the encouraging words spoken by F. W. Stewart, of the Glenside-Peabody Company, Montreal, at a very successful banquet held by the St. John branch of the Retail Merchants' Association at Bond's restaurant last evening in connection with the annual meeting. F. W. Stewart presided and there was a good representation from other towns in the province, as well as many local merchants. The table was beautifully decorated with daffodils, and an excellent menu was provided.

Commercial Conditions

Mr. Stewart spoke of the commercial conditions of the past four years, saying it will take longer to adjust business interests to normal conditions. It would have been better, had the revision of prices and conditions been more gradual, he said.

Prices advanced on a gradual basis for several years, and the declines have covered only a few months. They have in some cases over-reached the mark and will have to react, while in others the limit has not yet been reached.

Cost of Raw Materials

The speaker told in detail of the cost of raw materials and of present-day prices. The transportation problem is a very serious one, even more so, possibly, than the tariff, and has a marked influence upon the prices of merchandise by the time the consumer is reached.

With our wonderful natural resources Canada cannot help but have a glorious future before it; but we cannot secure all that is desired unless the development continues east and west instead of north and south. If we are to control this situation in the best interests of our country, transportation rates must be such that east and west will be encouraged, not discouraged; and it is one of the problems which must be worked out by the government to stimulate intercourse between our western and eastern provinces.

Duty of Government

It is the duty of the government to solve this problem at the earliest possible date.

I would recommend that retail merchants encourage the purchasing of goods produced in Canada to the greatest extent possible. Be careful in your buying—control it to cover periods of not longer than sixty to ninety days. Co-operate to the greatest extent possible with the manufacturers in stabilizing prices; encourage the sale of goods produced in Canada; educate the consumer as to the conditions which prevent prices from reaching pre-war levels.

The first toast on the list, "The King," was proposed by A. Skinner, who advocated national unity and the spread of patriotism.

Mayor Schofield

Our City, proposed by S. C. Emerson, was responded to by Mayor Schofield. After welcoming out-of-town members, His Worship said that at City Hall they appreciated the interest taken by the Retail Merchants' Association, but asked that before sending in resolutions all sides of a question should be considered. The recent resolution regarding kindergartens should go to the School Board, or to the Board of Education. He reminded those present that City Hall is only responsible for one-half the taxes levied, and was glad to say that all departments, except that of the public works, have managed to keep estimates within those of last year. Compared with other cities, St. John's tax rate is very low, and its credit is excellent.

Consider Questions

He would like the association to consider some questions. For example, and to remember that it means not pensioning one official, but many. Hydro-electric development is proceeding and it is already contracted for, so that within a few years it will be available on the outskirts of the city. The question now is the way of distribution. The government has estimated that the lowest cost is a million and a half. It will be capable of developing some 8,000 horse-power. He believed that in the city today 7,000 horse-power is constantly available. The Power Co. has no absolute franchise for sale. The government must have twelve per cent. from, or \$180,000 to \$200,000 to cover interest on bonds, sinking funds and replacement value. The approximate cost, today of producing by steam power at the switch-board is \$300,000. The Power Co. say that if its city will take the transmission they will pass on to the consumer every dollar which it is proved, is saved by water power. An independent expert is at present going over the Power Co.'s cost of development by steam, and his report will be available in a few days. The question whether to take the Power Co.'s transmission or to put up new wires will then pass on to the consumer.

Paying of Taxes

A suggestion offered, was the paying of taxes in twelve monthly installments, Mayor Schofield stating that he knew in many cases where this would be a good move. City Hall would have money constantly available and the plan would benefit many persons of small incomes. Those who wished could settle in a lump sum. He personally felt sure the scheme could be managed.

Other Speakers

H. H. McLean, in proposing the Retail Merchants' Association, spoke of the Association as standing for the mutual benefit of themselves and the consumers. Robert Macaulay stated that the association is a national one and without selfish aims. He urged unity and economy. "Our Guest," pro-

Heavy Brigade to Petewawa Camp

Annual Meeting of 3rd N. B. Heavy Brigade—Reports Received—Presentation

The annual meeting of the 3rd New Brunswick Heavy Brigade was held last evening at eight o'clock and there were present, Lieut. Col. W. H. Harrison, D. S. O., Major C. F. Inches, D. S. O., M. C., Major Norman McLeod, M. C., Commander 4th Siege Battery; Major G. A. Gamblin, M. C., Commander 6th Siege Battery and Captain E. M. Stader, Commander 10th Heavy Battery, also Major W. A. Harrison, M. C., quartermaster; Captain J. H. A. Fairweather, M. C., and other battery officers.

To Petewawa Camp

It was reported that authority had been received to send a firing detachment to Petewawa camp during the present year, detachments leaving St. John on June 15th.

It was decided to reform the Regimental Rifle Association and also to carry out the annual competition for the Solomon Cup. The competition is between three batteries on the local range. This is a competition in which the highest scores made by each battery counts also the number of men in each battery attending.

Committees Appointed

Reports from regimental commanders were received and the following committees were appointed:—Regimental—Commanding officer and battery commanders together with the quartermaster.

Band—Major W. Vassie, M. C., Captain E. M. Stader and Lieut. Hugh Bruce.

Audit—Major G. A. Gamblin, M. C., and Lieut. B. W. Turnbull.

Reorganizing Work

Lieut. Col. Harrison detailed the reorganizing work of the past season stating that although the work had been uphill, the Brigade had made a satisfactory showing and compared favorably with any artillery unit in Canada. It was announced that a Garrison Luncheon would be held at Trinity Church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Presentation of Sword

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of an historic sword. This was presented to the Regiment by Miss Ethel Peters, sister of the late Judge B. Lester Peters. The sword had been presented to Judge Peters when he was a captain of a battery in the 3rd N. B. Regiment of Artillery. Captain Peters was an outstanding figure in military and commanded a battery in the 3rd Regiment from 1861 to 1869 and many well known citizens served under him.

A vote of thanks was moved to Miss Peters for the thoughtful gift and the thanks of the Regiment was extended to her.

The 3rd Brigade is now carrying on well for the season of 1921 and recruiting is going on regularly.

WOMEN'S HOSTEL AND THE Y. W. C. A.

A preliminary discussion took place at the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon, between the executive of the Y. W. C. A. and the Canadian Women's Hostel Committee, regarding the proposal that the work of Hostel be merged into the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Robert of the Women's Department of Immigration, Ottawa, was present and went into details of Hostel; management with members of both organizations.

posed by A. A. McIntyre, included a tribute to F. W. Stewart, the Board of Trade, Commercial Club, out-of-town members of the association, the press and the Wholesale Grocers' Association. R. E. Armstrong, who replied, highly praised Robert Macaulay as an up-to-date speaker, A. O. Skinner as a patriotic worker, and urged co-operation between all associations. Hunter White, W. E. Fisher and Mr. Wiltan, Montreal, also spoke.

Regrets Read

Regrets at inability to attend were read from C. H. Peters, W. S. DeWitt, St. Stephens; F. W. Roach, F. L. Higgins, Moncton; J. Macdonald, Premier Foster, W. F. Burditt. Greetings were conveyed in a wire to F. W. Stewart from the Advertising Clubs of Ontario, assembled at Hamilton, Ont. Musical selections were given during the evening by DeWitt Cairns and Stewart Smith, D. Arnold Fox acting as accompanist.

A vote of thanks to F. W. Stewart was moved by F. A. Dykeman, seconded by J. H. Vaughan. S. H. Davis moved to vote of thanks to the president F. Neil McLean, and his officers for their good work during the year.

Annual Business Meeting

At the close of the banquet the annual business meeting was held. The secretary, S. E. Fisher, read an account of the year's work. M. E. Grass, treasurer, made a statement that there is a good balance on hand. Miss Frances Alward, provincial secretary, reported on Dollar Day, stating that a small surplus remained after both days.

Election of officers resulted as follows:—F. A. Dykeman—Honorary president and chairman of the advisory board. F. A. Dykeman—President. J. H. May—Second vice-president. S. E. Fisher—Secretary. M. E. Grass—Treasurer.

Members of Advisory Board:—A. O. Skinner, F. W. Daniel, A. E. Brereton, H. H. Revell, J. Macdonald, Charles McDonald, J. Bruce MacPherson, A. McIntyre, David Magee, S. E. Emerson, Herbert Everett, J. H. Vaughan, H. Mont Jones, Percy Ring, F. S. Thomas, J. Levine, William Macdonald.

Lumber Outlook Not Encouraging

J. Fraser Gregory Gives None Too Optimistic Review of Situation in England.

The lumber business in England is absolutely dead, in my opinion there are no prospects for any immediate improvement, but I am hopeful that by fall general business conditions will have so far righted themselves there as to give some appreciable impetus to the trade here. Such was the opinion voiced by J. Fraser Gregory, who, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived home on the Minnedosa yesterday from a business trip to England and a visit to Southern France. Mr. Gregory went to England to secure first hand knowledge on business conditions in general, the lumber branch in particular, and he has no hesitancy in saying that conditions there are frightful.

With The Standard last night Mr. Gregory freely discussed the situation as he found it in respect to the lumber trade. He said:

Large Surplus

"There is a large amount of lumber held on government account. There are in England and on this side of the water held on government account about 300 millions. About half of that amount is on the wharves this side the Atlantic. This lumber is under the control of the Importers' Association, Ltd., an association formed by the lumber brokers of England, who took the government holdings and are trying to distribute the stock without disrupting trade.

Retail Yards Empty

"The retail yards are empty of stock and have no inclination to fill so long as the government stocks are so plentiful. The big surplus must be disposed of before the retailers get down to business. The retailer is sitting tight and refuses to take stocks from the Importers' Association, Ltd. at present prices. They are endeavoring to force the hands of the association and cause them to sell at a loss. In one yard I visited I saw them making 625 out of 125, to fill an order. It surprised me to see them cutting up large pieces of choice lumber to secure the small dimensions. They preferred to do this rather than go to the Importers and secure from their stock the dimensions already prepared.

When Lumber Is Used

"Is there no building going on in England?" was asked of Mr. Gregory. "Yes," he replied, "there are extensive building schemes, but you must remember but very little of our lumber goes into the building of houses. The large bulk of our lumber goes into the packing case trade, very little in homes. General trade in Great Britain is dead. Manufacturers are at a stand still, have been for months, and there is, in consequence no demand for shipping cases. So you can see by this there is no call for lumber. I am of the opinion, however, the worst has been reached, and the turning point arrived at. "An effort is being made by the Importers' Association, Ltd. to ship to other countries the government stocks now held on this side and thereby lighten the tension on the market supply in England."

Mr. Gregory is of the opinion there will be more of a demand for lumber in the fall, but there cannot be any particular lessening of the price over that prevailing today.

The cost of production, he said, was greater the past season than at any other time. This was because the contracts made last fall were drawn up and figured out when everything was at its highest peak. In a crisis, such as labor, supplies, etc. They fell off a little about Christmas time, and the operator got the benefit, not the manufacturer. The manufacturer of lumber will receive his first benefits from falling prices on the spring drives. The sales price in Great Britain, he says, can diminish considerably without affecting the price here. This can be brought about, he says, because of the great reduction in freight rates between here and Great Britain.

Comments on conditions in general, he is of the opinion Canada is at least three months ahead of England in its work of reconstruction. Labor organizations over there are very active, and resist any reduction in wages. Bands of unemployed are parading the streets, some time headed by brass bands. They pass the hat and take up collections to gather in what the highest price is. In conclusion Mr. Gregory said: "The lumber situation for New Brunswick this summer is not at all bright. Lumber business will be backward because of the tremendous stocks. There might be an improvement by fall. The yards and wharves are plugged. The season's manufactured product will have to be stored some where, then we must wait for results."

The Movie Dance

Good Time Promised Tomorrow Night, Novelty Dances, Motion Picture Cameras and Singing.

A very wrong impression was first abroad in reference to the Dance at the Gardens tomorrow evening, in that many thought it was not a public affair, others that it was a masquerade. Contrary to this, the Film Managers Exchange Association, who are responsible for the dance which is known as the first movie Ball, are having as large and representative a gathering as possible, and by no means do they intend it to be a costume affair. There will be confetti, balloons, and other novelty dances, the motion picture cameras will click in time with the waltzes and fox trots and the Film men's trio Messrs. Craig, March, and Melville will render some choice selections. A running supper will be served throughout the entire evening. Tickets on sale at the Gardens, and at the Imperial Pharmacy.

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Children's Day Today

For this occasion every department in this big store, where children's goods are sold, is making a special display of garments and accessories for the girls and boys. Many people do not know just how well able this store is to take care of the children's needs.

Wednesday will give Mothers of St. John a splendid opportunity of finding out. Your inspection of these various displays is invited.

We feel sure you will appreciate the qualities and values.

New Suits, Frocks, Wraps and Coats

A New Frock for the First Coatless Days

Colored Ribbons, Embroideries and Appliques combine to make smart trimmings on frocks fashioned of Serges, Gabardines, Taffetas, Crepe de Chines, Canton Crepes, and other lovely fabrics.

Taffeta Frocks with frilly skirts and basque waists are proving great favorites.

One may select semi-tailored models or softly draped frocks—to suit any occasion.

New Wraps and Coats Are Graceful in Line

Some are in big loose sleeved, free hanging effects and are very handsomely embroidered; others are in more practical, business-like styles that will appeal to the motorists or to the person who is fond of smart, plain clothes. Tweed effects, navys, pewter greys and other good colors are showing.

The Moderate Prices Will Please You.

Box Suits Are New and Most Becoming

Suits are not all along the loose lines, many are slightly fitted and belted, and will be sure to find favor with women of larger build or maturer taste. Self stitching and embroidery is used to splendid advantage for trimming purposes and many of the suit skirts are finished at the waist with soft draped satin sashes.

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YOUNGSTERS WILL ENJOY REHEARSAL

The Y. M. C. A. boys have been working hard all this week in preparation for the annual Spring Circus which will be staged Friday and Saturday evening. A dress rehearsal is to be given tomorrow evening for the benefit of the members of the Boys Clubs of City and the kiddies of the different orphanages. The antics of the clowns and the clever physical exhibitions of the different classes will doubtless prove as big a hit with the youngsters Thursday as they will with the crowds who are expected to attend on the two succeeding nights.

Mrs. J. Sandall, Halifax, N. S., is visiting relatives in St. John.

Great Sale of Women's Summer Weight Under-vests at F. A. Dykeman's

This is one of F. A. Dykeman's big bargain selling events and concerns more than a hundred dozen knitted vests made of fine cotton and silk lisle. Being seconds, that is, having slight imperfections these vests will be put on sale at less than half regular price. Medium and O. S. sizes, short sleeves and sleeveless styles. Prices 25c and up to 65c. See big display on their third floor.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.

MORE FIRE PROTECTION.

Recommendations that additional fire-prevention and fire-fighting equipment be installed, by the General Hospital, will be made following an inspection of the whole institution, yesterday morning, by the Commissioner of Safety, the fire chief and the hospital superintendent. Fire-doors, chemicals, hose and other equipment will be recommended.

Tea and Sale of Home Cooking, Church of England Institute, Thursday, March 31st, 4 to 6 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mott, Yarmouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gladys M. Mott, to William C. Fowler of Moncton. The marriage will take place at an early date.