

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly east and south; some local showers, but partly fair.

Washington, May 4.—Forecast: New England—Cloudy with probably showers Tuesday and Wednesday; southwest winds.

Toronto, May 4.—A wide spread depression is centered tonight in the Missouri Valley while pressure is now highest over British Columbia. Rain has been general today in Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta, and some scattered showers have occurred from Manitoba to Quebec.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	53
Vancouver	40	53
Kamloops	38	52
Calgary	34	48
Medicine Hat	28	40
Swift Current	24	40
Winnipeg	28	44
Port Arthur	28	44
Parry Sound	28	44
London	48	71
Toronto	40	64
Kingston	40	64
Ottawa	42	64
Montreal	50	68
Quebec	42	68
St. John	34	50
Halifax	34	64

AROUND THE CITY

Horse Shot.
Yesterday afternoon Batrolman O'Leary was called on to shoot a horse for Charles Osman on Brussels street. The animal was unfit for work.

Inspected Signallers.
T. E. Powers of this city came in from Fredericton on the Boston train last night. While in Fredericton Mr. Powers who is captain of the signaller corps, inspected the signalling class of the 71st regiment.

May Join Movement.
A letter from the Dominion Millers' Association of Toronto asking the Board of Trade to join with them in requesting the federal government to invest \$2,500,000 in a line of steamers to bring down ocean freight rates particularly on flour, has been referred to a committee with authority to act. It was pointed out to the council that it cost practically 50 per cent more to handle flour than grain, and statistics were also given showing that flour was sold cheaper in Great Britain than in Canada.

Criticized Secretary.
James Gilchrist, secretary of the Farm Settlement Board, criticized yesterday statements made by real estate men selling farms to the effect that the department of immigration and farm settlement board were hostile to the real estate men. "In fact," he said, "this department was organized to help settle people on the land. If anybody comes to my office and asks for a private list of farms on any real estate man and I have it on hand I am required to give it to the applicant."

Riverview Park.
The annual meeting of the trustees of Riverview Park was held last evening in the residence of J. Fraser Gregory. Mr. Gregory was selected as chairman and Joseph Rudbeck, secretary-treasurer. The directors are: J. Fraser Gregory, Joseph Rudbeck, R. R. Hillyard, R. A. Courtenay, G. G. Murdoch, Dr. J. D. Maher, R. A. Corbett, Peter McIntyre, W. W. White, George E. Day, Henry Niles, R. Threlkeld, Henry Niles, Dr. Hutchinson and F. H. Flewelling. It was decided to complete the grading of the park during the coming summer.

Fishing Good.
"Line fishermen of Grand Manan have been making good catches of cod and pollock recently," said Scott D. Gupilli, M. L. A., who is at the Victoria. "At North Head they have been catching about six quintals to a boat on the average." The line fishermen are getting bait from the gasperous fishermen of St. John county. "The weir fishermen of Grand Manan have not yet begun to put up their weirs," Mr. Gupilli says the herring fisheries of Grand Manan are growing in importance and that the fishermen are expecting good prices this year.

Mayor Frink May Attend.
St. John will likely be represented at the International Town Planning Convention, which is to be held in Toronto on May 25, 26 and 27. The matter came before the city commissioners yesterday and Mayor Frink was authorized to act in the matter. The convention has been arranged under the auspices of the Dominion government, and practically all the cities of Canada will be represented. Matters of importance to city growth and expansion will be discussed and experts on matters connected with city works will be heard. An exhibition of the features of each community will be exhibited and every effort made to have the people in every part of Canada become acquainted with conditions in every quarter.

Seamen Refused Duty.
Claus Jansen, John Olsen and Stanley Mulse, three seamen on board the government steamer Lansdowne were given in charge by Captain Burns yesterday afternoon for refusing duty. The men were taken before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday afternoon and Captain Burns gave evidence that the men signed on in March to do duty for six months, and if they served that time they were to receive a bonus of two dollars. A couple of weeks ago they asked for their discharge which the captain could not give them. Yesterday about one o'clock they appeared on the deck with their baggage and were ready to go ashore when they were prevented by one of the officers. The sailors were remanded to jail until this afternoon when they will be placed on board the vessel again before she steams down the Bay on buoy service.

THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL

Commission This Week Says Governor Wood

Lieutenant Governor Wood talking with a representative of The Standard last evening, announced that the commission to enquire into the charges laid by Mr. Dugal against Premier Fleming, both in connection with the administration of crown lands and the construction of the Valley Railway, would be appointed this week. Once the appointment is made there should be little or no delay in getting to work. The intention is that the enquiry shall be complete and thorough and there is every confidence that the commission, when named, will be such as to convince every one of this fact.

NEW INDUSTRY NOW IN SIGHT FOR ST. JOHN

W. Macdonald Mackintosh here, and may establish factory for Waterproofing fabrics—Patent process.

A project to establish a new industry for waterproofing all kinds of fabrics by a patent process was laid before financial men of the city yesterday by W. Macdonald Mackintosh, president of the firm of W. M. Macdonald & Co. of London, England, and vice-president of the British American Manufacturing Company of New York. Mr. Mackintosh has recently organized a company with a capital of \$300,000 in New York to produce fabrics by his patent process and he has secured large contracts for waterproof sweaters, uniforms and tents for the United States army. He was in Ottawa the other day and met the Duke of Connaught, from whom he secured an introduction to Col. Sam. Hughes, Minister of Militia. Col. Hughes was much interested in the patent waterproofing process and intimated that if a factory was established in Canada the government might give him some contracts for waterproof tents and clothing for the militia.

After a conference here with prominent financial men Mr. Mackintosh said that while nothing definite had been arranged the prospects looked good for the establishment of a factory. He is in favor of St. John as a site because of its railway and other shipping facilities. Last evening he went on to Halifax where he will interview parties who are taking an interest in the project of establishing a factory in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Mackintosh had a number of samples of silk, cloth and cotton duck which had been submitted to the waterproofing process. It can be applied to any kind of fabric without changing its color, or flexibility.

Some kind of gum is applied to the fabric. The inventor said about a dozen chemists had failed to discover the secret of the process.

PROTESTING AGAINST THE HEAVY BLASTS

Application made for injunction restraining Construction Company—Many citizens indignant.

It was learned yesterday that an application for an injunction restraining the Norton Graving Co., from setting off heavy blasts at Courtenay Bay, as has been the custom recently, had been made to Judge McLeod during the latter part of last week.

The affidavit accompanying the application set forth that the blasting operations were carried on in a careless fashion, that they were unprotected, that large stones were scattered about and that many of the houses were in danger of serious injury. His Honor considered the terms of the affidavit and intimated that the serious nature of doing anything to stop the improvements that were being made at Courtenay Bay, the granting of an injunction might put a stop to the whole work. He advised that the interested parties get together and try to arrange some plan whereby all would be satisfied. The consideration of the matter was therefore laid over for two weeks. It was understood that Mr. Teed made application for the injunction and that he was acting for Messrs. Carls, who have a factory near the works.

Complaints continue to be heard regarding the blasting at Courtenay Bay, and there is an opinion, whether well founded or not, is open to question, that the contractors on that important work could make just as much progress, and at considerably less discomfort to residents of the eastern portion of the city if lighter charges of explosives were used in the operation.

One citizen, who was especially wrathful because of damage to his property and nerves, said that while he had no desire to protest against anything which might in future conduce to the prosperity of St. John, and while he appreciated the great value of the Courtenay Bay improvements when completed, yet the blasting was becoming a real problem to him. "I have had illness in my family," said he, "and the east side of St. John is no place for a nervous invalid while tons of explosive are being used."

M.E. AGAR SAYS FAREWELL TO CITY COUNCIL

Attended last meeting, as Commissioner, yesterday—Others express appreciation of his work.

Miles E. Agar, who has been city commissioner of public works since the introduction of commission form of government in St. John, attended his last meeting as a member of the council yesterday. After the general business had been transacted Mr. Agar in a few words, said farewell to his fellow commissioners. He said: "The fortunes of war were unfavorable to my remaining in office and while I will give up the worries of the office, still I would rather have remained to carry on the work. My relations with the public as commissioner have been pleasant indeed and very few people have found unreasonable when in close contact with them. My associations at City Hall have been most agreeable and I will leave the building with great regret. I believe that the two years of government since the commissioners took office has been good. The public has been well served. We are human of course and we did not always come up to the ideals of the people, still I believe that every member of the board has done his best. I wish commission form of government every success and I hope that the members of the board will also be successful."

"I regret that Mr. Schofield is absent. He was on the same ticket as myself two years ago when we came to office but soon after the commissioners got together we all felt that we were all together on the ticket."

"I hope too that the new members of the board will also be successful in their undertakings and give the citizens the best possible service."

Commissioner Wigmore expressed his regret for the departure of Mr. Agar. He had found him a man of sound judgment and one who took a deep interest in the work of his own department and the general progress of the city.

Commissioner McLellan expressed his appreciation of the work done by Mr. Agar and he believed that he had done his best with the money at hand to improve the city public works.

Mayor Frink endorsed the commendations of the other commissioners and expressed his admiration for Mr. Agar as a man and also as a commissioner. Commissioner Agar had given the city good honest service during his term of office.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Green of the Clifton House have gone to Washington on a two weeks holiday trip. Lieut. Governor Wood was at the Royal yesterday.

Hon. W. B. Dickson, speaker of the legislature, was in the city yesterday.

H. W. Woods, M. L. A., of Welsford, was at the Victoria yesterday.

A. R. Wigmore of Clifton was in the city yesterday.

C. O. Busby of the G.T.P., having asked to be relieved as superintendent of bridges and buildings account of illness, J. B. Gault is appointed superintendent of bridges and buildings, western lines, with headquarters at Clifton.

A Practical Gift.
The Fairville Baseball League which has been re-organized for the coming season has received a practical gift from J. B. M. Baxter, M. L. A., in the shape of a splendid catcher's glove, to be given to the player making the most of his new spring arrivals, including the handsome suits which have been admired by everyone. These suits are reduced to such a price that you can afford a new suit now, even if you thought you could not before. \$9.90 buys a splendid all wool serge suit with silk lined coat.

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discharged at all hours of the day or night. In the day time it is bad enough but at night the annoyance is aggravated.

There is also talk in other quarters of a possible appeal to constituted authority to see if the time of blasting cannot be regulated so that at least the night or early morning work may be in some way modified.

MUCH TALK OF RECOUNT AT CITY COUNCIL

Order From Court Necessary, is Opinion of Recorder.

MAY DENY RUMORS HEARD ON STREETS

All Commissioners in favor of providing for recount on future occasions—Receive petitions.

The report of the common clerk concerning the result of the civic election by which Mayor Frink was elected for two years, R. W. Wigmore and J. V. Russell for four years and F. L. Potts for two years as commissioners, was submitted to the common council at the meeting yesterday.

On account of some question being raised in regard to the count of the ballots, Mayor Frink suggested that the opinion of the Recorder be received before any action was taken in regard to the report.

Recorder Baxter was communicated with and on his advice the report was accepted and filed.

A petition signed by several citizens and praying that a recount of the ballots in Lorne and Lansdowne wards be made was presented to the council. The opinion of Recorder Baxter was that the common clerk was the returning officer and his declaration was all that was necessary. A protest might be made to the returning officer, who, in this case, was the common clerk, before the count was totaled but after the declaration was made it would be necessary to have an order of a court before any action could be taken.

Commissioner McLellan thought it was unfortunate that no arrangement could be made for a recount if the citizens desired it. He believed that the city commissioners should take the necessary action to provide in future for a recount if such a course was thought necessary. As he understood the matter now a recount was only possible in the case of a federal election.

A Nasty Rumor

He had heard one report in the street that the ballots in one box had been burned immediately after the election. He had heard another that one of the booths in Queens ward in which Mr. Faies was returning officer. He did not believe the statement but he would like to have it denied either by the common clerk or by some one in authority.

Another matter that had been brought to his notice was a case where a man had voted several times by impersonating others. Mr. McLellan was securing the sworn statement of two witnesses and he expected to take some action immediately.

Commissioner McLellan was not making these statements on account of his own defeat at the polls. He accepted that but he thought that the person who was responsible for the impersonation should be prosecuted as well as the man who actually cast the votes.

The commissioner thought that the council should have something to say in the matter of recounts. At present the only way was to go to the courts. He hoped to join with the other commissioners in an attempt to have some provision made for a recount. He was not making any complaint on account of the mayoralty contest but just wished to have these matters settled.

Says He Unfortunate

Commissioner Wigmore thought it was most unfortunate that when the commission charter was drawn up that no provision was made for a recount. The common clerk should have full charge of the ballots so that he could look over them and approve of them.

Commissioner Agar felt that the opinion of the people should be shown in the vote. In regard to the recent election he bowed to the decision of the people but he thought that when 7,000 people voted it was to be regretted that the men whom they chose might not be selected. In connection with the count of the ballots, the men in the booths, in many cases, were not used to figures and the counting and addition was something new to them. When the count was made it was the end of a long day and in the hurry mistakes of no fault or intention might be made and in the case of a close vote a slight mistake was liable to cause a different verdict. When the law made it so that the work of these men could not be audited it would seem to be a pity.

He thought that the ballots should be checked over by the common clerk in the presence of candidates or their representatives and then the decision announced by the common clerk.

Recount Should Be Made

In regard to the election just passed he thought that a recount should be made just to satisfy the people that the vote had been recorded as made. There were many stories about the city concerning the election and he thought that a recount would down these.

Commissioner McLellan was in favor of some arrangement whereby the stories that were being circulated in the streets could be denied. If it were not permissible to look into the ballot boxes and see what was really there, there could be no freedom of liberty in connection with a St. John civic election.

It was finally decided that the common clerk would ask Mr. Faies, who was the commissioner in the booth where it was said that the ballots had been burned, if the statement was true.

The common clerk was directed to notify the petitioners for a recount, and their only redress was in the courts.

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