

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh southerly winds, fair and mild today then becoming showery. Toronto, April 9—A few local showers have occurred today in the western provinces and rain is falling tonight in many portions of Ontario, otherwise the weather has been fair generally and for the most part very mild. Washington, April 9—Forecast: Northern New England—Partly cloudy Saturday, Sunday cloudy; fresh south and southwest winds.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Battleford, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Pelly Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John.

Around the City

A Chimney Fire

The fire department was called out at 9:50 o'clock last night by an alarm from box 14. The cause was a chimney on fire in a street house and there was no damage.

Was Not Injured.

Yesterday morning the shafts of a milk wagon broke clear of the vehicle on Sydney street near the King square. The driver was thrown out on the pavement but escaped without serious injury.

Papers Found.

On Saturday last Wm. Maxwell found a package of papers on Dock street, and yesterday he handed the package to the police, and the owner can receive the same on application at central station.

The P. E. I. Steamers

The I. C. R. agent here received a telegram yesterday that the steamers Stanley and Minto were both detained by ice between Georgetown and Picton. The prospects were unfavorable for getting away at the time the message was sent.

Injured by Automobile.

Last evening about eight o'clock a foreigner employed at East St. John was severely injured near Cooper's Corner on the Marsh Road. He was driving in a wagon when it was run into by an automobile. The foreigner was thrown out and it is said the car ran over him breaking one of his arms.

Her Sanity is Doubtful.

Gertie Nugent, a woman who only recently was liberated from jail is again in the cells. It is said that the woman is of unsound mind. Yesterday afternoon Special Officers Barrett and McBride found her roaming through the woods in Rockwood Park and placed her under arrest. She is charged with lying and working in the park, not giving a satisfactory account of herself and being a common vagrant.

The Fish Market

A good supply of fresh halibut was on the retail market yesterday, the price asked being from 18c. to 20c. lb., cod and haddock were in fair demand at 5c. a pound. Lobsters still come in rather small of size, and can be had in sufficient quantities, prices 10c. to 45c. each. No changes have to be recorded in the price of salt fish, except that cod is a trifle cheaper. Although, of course, there has not been so much demand for fish now that the Lenten season is over, retailers report that there have been good sales during the week.

Assessment Matters

The Board of Trade is collecting information about assessment systems obtaining in other cities, both in Canada and the United States, but will take no definite action to enlighten the legislature on the assessment bill now before it. Members of the board incline to the opinion that the legislature will call the city commissioners' attention to the clause in the charter authorizing them to appoint a commission to draft a new assessment law. If this is done the board will endeavor to furnish any commission appointed with all the information about assessment systems elsewhere at its disposal.

The Telegraph was Wrong.

J. C. Kelly, an engineer on the government steamer Acadia, is not very well pleased with an item which appeared in the Telegraph yesterday morning, to the effect that he had been arrested in the evening and forced to remain in the cells all night. The truth of the story is that Kelly did not even spend a few minutes in a cell, but as The Standard stated, the arrest was made about noon on Thursday and the prisoner was taken immediately before the police magistrate. The case only took a few minutes when it was dismissed and Engineer Kelly returned to his ship.

VIOLET DAY NETTED \$2,775

Playgrounds Association Last Evening Received Satisfactory Reports.

At a meeting of the Playgrounds Association held last evening reports of the Violet Day campaign, showing receipts of \$2,775 were received and considerable business was transacted. Reports of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs and Travellers' Aid Society, of a very satisfactory character were adopted. Arrangements were made to organize a school boys' base ball club before the holidays, with an intermediate league for boys' clubs. Mrs. George L. Wetmore, who has removed to Sussex, was made an honorary member. Mrs. Dishart and Mrs. Warlock were elected representatives of the association to the Local Women's Council. The officers with M. E. Agar and the ladies' committee were instructed to make arrangements for the work of the year. Thanks were extended to the ladies who took part in Violet Day. W. B. Tennant presided.

GEORGE W. FOWLER TO SPEAK ON THURSDAY

North End Conservative Club meeting postponed from Monday night.

George W. Fowler, M. P., who was to address a meeting under the auspices of the North End Conservative Club on Monday evening, has found it impossible to get to the city on that day, and the meeting was postponed until Thursday evening next. The Temple Building has been secured and the meeting will be held there. Mr. Fowler will speak on the political questions of the day. He has been in close touch with public affairs for several years and is in a position to deal with the questions in a satisfactory manner. The meeting will be open to the public, and there is no doubt that a large audience will be present to hear Mr. Fowler.

DELEGATION HOME FROM FREDERICTON

Urge the passage of prohibitory legislation during the War.

Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Rev. J. C. B. Appel, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson and Rev. W. G. Lane returned to the city last evening from Fredericton where they appeared before a committee of the legislature in support of the plan to establish prohibition in the province during the war. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson when seen by a Standard reporter last night said the delegation had been well received by the committee and had been promised that the matter would be given careful consideration by the legislature. Rev. W. F. Parker, of Sussex was a member of the delegation. The presented petition signed by many residents of Sussex. Bishop Richardson, Dean Schofield, Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. A. F. Newcombe, Rev. J. E. Wilson and R. B. Wallace were also members of the committee.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Margaret Smith The death of Mrs. Margaret A. Smith took place yesterday morning after a lingering illness at her home on Moore street. The deceased is survived by her husband, Sanford Smith.

Mrs. Matilda Rees A telephone message received by Mrs. W. F. Roberts, Douglas avenue, announces the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Arch Rees of Cumberland Point, Queens county, on Thursday, 8th inst. Mrs. Rees had been in poor health for several months, and was at the time of her death eighty-five years of age. She leaves to mourn two daughters, Mrs. Robert Granville, St. John, and Mrs. H. Mott, Waterborough, and two sons, James H. and Melbourne, both residing at Cumberland Bay. She was a daughter of the late Deacon Butler of Lower Newcastle, and one brother, Mr. James Butler, survives her. The late Sheriff W. S. Butler, who represented Queens county in the New Brunswick Legislature for several years, was also a brother. Besides there are eight grand children and three great-grandchildren, the latter being children of Dr. W. F. Roberts of this city. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon from the home of her son, James H. Rees, and interment will be in the family lot at Cumberland Point. Mrs. Granville, widow of the late Capt. Granville, left by this morning's train to attend the funeral service.

NEW CITY HALL FOR ST. JOHN

Water headquarters in Leinster Street suggested as site—Other suggestions.

Commissioner Potts at the meeting of the commissioners recently suggested that at some future time the city might desire to remove the water works buildings and yards from Carleton and Leinster street to Lower Cove. This would leave a valuable piece of property free for some other use. The commissioner intimated that the city might eventually build a modern city hall on the site of the present water department headquarters. It was thought that this would be a good site for housing the city officials. For several years it has been felt that the present city hall was inadequate for the work. In fact one of the commissioners has to find offices outside. Besides this the harbor master, the building inspector and several other city officials have to find office room outside of city hall. The present building is small and it has been said would not be suitable for remodeling. It is felt that the water works headquarters in Leinster street would be an ideal situation for the new city building and a structure that would accommodate all the city and county officials could be constructed there. About two years ago Commissioners Wigmore and Agar had a scheme for remodeling the county court building and by the addition of another story make room for all the civic departments. It was believed at that time that the scheme might be developed but nothing has so far been accomplished. At one time the scheme to build a new building in the Market Square was introduced to the county council but after some discussion the matter was laid on the table for future consideration. It is hardly likely that anything will be done in the way of erecting a new building for the present at least but it was said yesterday that the commissioners might take the question up at the time the incinerator matter was considered and plans could be made for both so that when the war ended and the business world became more settled the work could be started.

KING'S DAUGHTERS' GUILD IN ANNUAL SESSION

Some Reports Read—Adjournment Agreed To—Officers To Be Elected Later.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the King's Daughters' Guild yesterday afternoon, but it was not found possible to transact all the business appertaining to the year's work, and adjournment was agreed to. The adjourned meeting will be held next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. The president, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, was in the chair. After devotional exercises, reports of some of the officers, and some of the committees, were read and will be considered next Tuesday. The election of officers was deferred until the same day, when it is expected that the remainder of the reports, both of committees and circles, will be read and considered. Good reports were given in the various fields of work of the King's Daughters will, there seems no reason to doubt, be shown after the proceedings of the annual gathering have been placed on record.

WITH THE SOLDIERS.

The soldiers in the city were quiet yesterday and aside from the customary drills and route marches there was little stir. The men of the 26th went out during the afternoon and indulged in field work. Men were engaged at the rifle range and a good day's work was done. The men in khaki were about the streets as usual and the notes of the fife, drums and bugles were heard frequently. Twenty more recruits for the Railway Construction Corps arrived in the city yesterday morning.

REAL ESTATE NEWS.

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. Francis Cochrane to Elma D., wife of George Boyd, property in St. Martins. Michael McDuff to A. M. Deware, property in Simonds. Mrs. Margaret Melvin to B. V. Foltar, \$400, property in St. Martins. Catherine W. and A. L. McIntosh to C. J. Kane, property in Great Marsh road. J. C. Morrison to Glen Morrison, property in St. Martins. George Richardson to I. E. Charlton, \$500, property in Simonds.

Wanted.

Kitchen girl. Apply Royal Hotel.

CUBA EXPECTS A GREAT BOOM AFTER WAR

Sugar industry flourishing—Tobacco business dull—Good prospects for Canadian trade with Cuba

E. J. White, of Havana, a big Cuban lumber buyer, is at the Royal Hotel. White has spent some days in the province, and has already placed some large orders. One order placed with the Bathurst Lumber Company is for 5,000,000 feet. This lumber will be shipped to Cuba by steamer. Speaking of affairs in Cuba Mr. White said that while they had felt the effects of the war in some lines, business conditions continued fairly satisfactory. "Our tobacco industry has suffered from the war," he added. "Cuba's principal customers for tobacco have been Great Britain, France and Germany. Our tobacco exports to those countries have fallen off. Many of our tobacco and cigar factories are closed and others are working short time. On the other hand the sugar industry, our most important industry, is in a very satisfactory condition. Prices for sugar today are the highest in the history of the island. There is a good demand for sugar. High freight rates are of course the rule. In fact, freight rates on sugar are several times higher than they were last year to European countries. Shipping seems to be scarce. This year I will have to pay nearly double the freight rates on lumber from Bathurst to Havana that I paid last year. Speaking of the winter season in Havana, Mr. White said that the city had been filled with tourists all winter, and that the hotel accommodation was not equal to the demand. Havana is going in on a large scale for sports of all sorts, and this combined with its natural attractions is increasing its importance as a winter resort. The idea of several big railway men of making Havana the Riviera of America seems in a fair way of being realized. A great change has taken place in Havana in the last five years," said Mr. White. "Formerly steamers coming to Havana anchored in the harbor and discharged or took on cargoes in the stream, but now we have several fine big concrete piers and more are being built. Havana has for many years been a very important shipping port, but the traffic through the port has greatly increased in the last few years. After the war is over it is expected that the business of Cuba will greatly increase owing to its strategic position in relation to the Panama Canal." Mr. White thought the prospects of Canadian trade with Cuba were very good, and that with the opening of the direct steamship service between St. John and Cuba, arranged for by Hon. J. A. Murray and Hon. George B. Foster, there would be a considerable increase in business between the two countries. Sir William VanHorne's railway in Cuba is a great success, and proving a boom to the island.

Silks.

Notwithstanding the inaccessibility of the silk producing countries, F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing a full range of colors of their famous paillette silk at 88 cents per yard. These silks are said to be of a superior quality, they dye a perfect, extra good weight and is without doubt the best value that has ever been offered in St. John. They are also showing an extra heavy thirty-eight inch black Duchess silk for coats for summer wear at \$140 per yard. This silk has a very rich finish and is the best of satisfaction throughout.

"MRS. DOT" MATINEE TODAY

"Mrs. Dot," one of the best acted and staged amateur productions that has been seen in St. John for many seasons, will be repeated today at a special matinee at the Opera House. The curtain will go up on the patriotic tableau, which precedes the play, at 2:30 sharp. Special prices of 35c. for the entire lower floor and 25c. for all seats in the balcony. No reserved seats.

King's Daughters' Guild have adjourned annual meeting until Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Election of officers.

WANTED—To buy, a boy's bicycle in good condition. Apply, stating price to Bicycle, care of The Standard.

Great bargains for week-end millinery buyers. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd. See page two.

Disarm the Raider.

Washington, April 9.—Final instructions were given today by Secretary Daniels to Rear Admiral Beatty, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard, for the internment of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich and her officers and crew. The orders were as follows: Upon arrival of Prinz Eitel at yard, address letter to captain, stating conditions of internment, based on president's proclamation of neutrality, and request his written acceptance of terms. Propelling machinery and armament should be disabled by removal of parts that will render inoperative.

Take a Spin in the Early Evenings On A ROULETTE STANDARD BICYCLE. Use it, too, for going to and from your meals, and you'll have more time to enjoy them. The Roulette Standard meets, to perfection, the demand for a Moderately Priced Wheel that will stand reasonable wear and tear, at lowest cost for repair bills, and yet, give long, satisfactory service. The Roulette Standard is light, strong, easy-running and rides comfortably. It is nicely finished in black enamel, has 22 inch frame, rear wheel hub coaster brake, front tire rim brake, mud guards, double tube tires, and is geared to about 74-23. Price \$30.00 A Higher Grade at \$45.00. The Roulette Standard Bicycle is Made in Ladies', Gentlemen's and Juvenile Sizes. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - Market Square and King St.

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Stores Open at 8 a. m., Closes at 6 p. m. Saturday night at 10 o'clock. Many Late Novelties in Our Millinery Department Have Been Added During This Week. A Great Collection of Semi-Tailored Hats in all the Leading Colorings. NEW SAILOR HATS, TAILOR TRIMMED—Special range of what is in many seasons difficult to get, that is small girls, 3 to 8 years of age Hats. Our Stock in this is at present most attractive. A fine assortment of Small, Dainty Flowers in separate bunches, many in combination form—Flowers, Fruit, Etc. IN LADIES' NECKWEAR DEPARTMENT—See our week-end showing of New Collars, Cuffs and Vest Fronts in Organdy, Lawn, Swiss, Muslin and Lace. The department is so well known for its being a leading one. The statement that the stock is now complete is all that is here necessary. MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

House Cleaning Necessities. STEP LADDERS, well finished, with pail attachments, 70c to \$4.10. CARPET WHIPS, braided wire, 15c. CURTAIN STRETCHERS, a large and varied stock \$1.25 to \$3.50 per set. O-CEDAR POLISH MOPS, 75c and \$1.50. MOP STICKS, 15c to 75c. Scrub Brushes, Window Brushes, Feather Dusters, Paints, Metal Polishes, etc. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Stores Open at 8.30 — Close at 6 o'clock, Saturdays 10 p. m.

Great Showing and Sale of Hosiery CONTINUED TODAY IN HOSEY DEPARTMENT

Fascinating Spring Hats For Shoppers Today. Beauty and originality combine to make this the most interesting collection of new hats you have ever been asked to see. You will be compelled to admire the creations for they are the cream of the season's offerings; exclusive, handsome, fashionable to the extreme, and, style and value considered, moderately priced. Dress and Tailored Hats, from \$2.00 to \$25.00. Untrimmed Hats, all shapes and colors, 50c to \$4.00. Children's Trimmed Hats, from \$1.00 to \$8.00. MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR.

New Spring Suits For Men. M. R. A. Suits are always so dependable and so extremely fashionable that it is a real pleasure to wear them. Men who are particular about their apparel will find this department the proper place to get the exclusive kind of clothes. We are now ready with an immense showing of fine suits for spring, featuring all the new style fads for the season, and providing such a wide variety of fashionable models that here will be found a suit to exactly please every man. We offer the best selections from the best makers, including the celebrated "Society Brand," and while this is distinctly a store of quality, you will have to note the moderate reach of prices, ranging from \$10.00 to \$30.00. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited