

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime - increasing east and southeast winds, with rain. Toronto, May 16.-The disturbance which was in Minnesota yesterday is dispersing north of the Great Lakes, while another from the south is developing near the middle Atlantic coast. The weather today has been fine and warmer in the western provinces, while in Ontario and western Quebec, it has been unsettled and showery. Heavy thunderstorms have occurred in the Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence valleys.

Around the City

Soldier Weds. A quiet wedding took place at the residence of George N. Hatfield, city engineer, 122 Broad street, Saturday last, with Rev. H. A. Cody united in marriage Sergeant Hugh Nichols, of the 140th Battalion, to Miss Lena May Morris. The couple were unattended, and the bride was the recipient of a number of beautiful presents. Sergeant Nichols is leaving shortly to take a course in a military school.

Returned Soldiers' Committee Meet. The returned soldiers' committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms. C. B. Lockhart resigned his position as chairman, as he felt that he would not have the time to attend to the duties and J. H. Mayes was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Jack, the treasurer, reported that the amount of \$197 had been collected and had all been spent but \$1. Votes of thanks were tendered to the retiring chairman and Miss Jack for the interest they had taken in the work and for the valuable assistance they had rendered the committee.

Fairville's Clean-up. The sub-committee appointed by the clean-up committee of Fairville to collect funds for the purchase of garbage cans, to place on the Main street, have collected enough already to buy three cans, and they have been ordered and will be delivered in a few days. They will be fastened to posts and the highway board will see that they are emptied at regular intervals. They have also taken up the waste paper nuisance with the merchants, and already there has been an improvement in this regard. Now that the city has set the date for clean-up day as May 25, it is likely that Fairville will arrange to have their clean-up the same day.

Congregational at Home. A congregational at home was held in the school room of the St. John Presbyterian church last evening as a fitting close to the social activities of the congregation during the fall and winter season. A general review was given of the year's work with particular reference to the Easter campaign on behalf of the debt fund, and the outline of plans for the future. A good musical and literary programme followed, after which refreshments were served by the ladies. There was a large attendance and the whole affair proved enjoyable. Those taking part in the programme included Messrs. George McKinney, W. S. Chawson, R. Pickles, P. W. Poulkes, Mrs. F. R. Dempster, Miss Emma Rubins, Miss Cathers Cox, Master John Gibbs and Rev. Mr. Anderson.

Fishery Official Here. S. J. Walker, of the fishery department, is in the city in connection with the hatcheries. He said that at Little River hatchery they had about 1,000,000 salmon from the fall spawn, and 200,000 trout. There would not be any distribution of trout this year, as they wished them to attain a larger growth. He expected to visit the Kennebec hatchery soon so that they would be ready for hatching there shortly. He dwelt particularly on the fact that the Little River hatchery was open to the public, and they were invited to visit the place and see just what was being done, the attendants would be only too pleased to show people over the property and explain all about the mysteries of fish hatching. A large number of young fish had been distributed by means of these hatcheries and they were planning bigger things in the future.

Habitau Silk. The latest thing in silks is a weave that is made in Japan and called the Habitau silk. It is very strong, is guaranteed untearable, washes beautifully and is one yard in width. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have this silk in black, white, maize, battleship grey, navy blue, navy blue, pink, green and brown. This silk is good value at \$1.25 a yard but this firm is selling it at the very low price of 96 cents per yard.

BRIDGE AND DANCE PROVED GREAT SUCCESS

Large Attendance Last Evening in K. of C. Rooms at Brilliant Function Under Auspices of Royal Standard Chapter. The Bridge and Dance held by the Royal Standard Chapter I. O. O. F. last evening was a great success, as is everything undertaken by this energetic chapter. The rooms of the hospitable "Knights of Columbus" on Coburg street were gaily decorated with flags and bunting, while potted plants and flowers lent a festive air to the occasion. The guests were received by a committee consisting of Mrs. Jas. Frink, Mrs. Geo. McAvity and Mrs. Fraser. Over forty tables were prepared for bridge players, and many good games were enjoyed. Pretty flag cards served as score cards, carrying out the patriotic idea. After a delicious supper the rooms were cleared and a programme of dances enjoyed by many. The music was excellent and many pretty gowns were worn by the ladies. The various committees who looked after and arranged for this delightful evening were: Reception—Mrs. James Frink, Mrs. George McAvity, Mrs. Fen Fraser. Refreshment—Mrs. F. Peters, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. O. P. Crockett, Mrs. F. McNeill, Mrs. J. Pope Barnes, Miss Jarvis. Rooms—Miss Travers and Mrs. James Frink. Prize committee—Mrs. Fred Peters, Mrs. James Frink, Miss Travis. Bridge—Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. Arthur Bowman, Mrs. D. Mullin. Music—Mrs. A. P. Crockett, Miss Francis Travis. Tickets—Miss Frances Travis. The prizes were won as follows:—1st, Ladies' casseroles—Miss Ada Tapley. 2nd, Ladies' china tea pot—Miss Jean Seely. 3rd, Ladies' cup and saucer—Mrs. W. E. Golding. 1st, Gentlemen, Thermos bottle—Mr. Starrett. 2nd, Gentlemen's Pipe rack—F. L. Peters. 3rd, Gentlemen's Fountain pen—J. B. Cudlip.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Y.M.C.A.

The 49th annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the parlor of the building last night. Reports of a very encouraging nature were received from the different branches, showing an advance all along the line. F. C. Smith for the finance committee, was able to report that the year had been closed with all bills paid and a small cash balance on hand. The following directors were re-elected:—W. C. Cross, J. Hunter White and F. Neil Brodie. The following were elected as trustees:—Mr. Justice McLeod, Mr. Justice McKeown, T. H. Estabrooks and W. C. Allison. Reference was made to the impending departure of the general secretary, who is leaving to accept a position on the staff of the National Council, as High School Club secretary for Canada. Votes of thanks were extended to the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Young Women's League, the city clergymen and the newspapers for services rendered during the year. Refreshments were served at the close of the session.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BASKETBALL LEAGUE. The results in the Sunday School Basketball League last night at the Y. M. C. A. were as follows:—Junior A, Trinity, 13; Germain street Baptist, 1; Junior B, St. David's, 19; St. James' 4; Senior A, St. David's, 10; St. James', 4; Senior B, Central Baptist 8, Germain street Baptist, 2. Both of the Senior games were well contested, the teams being very evenly matched.

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES.

A. C. Skelton, president of the Boy Scout Local Association, visited the Mission church troop of Boy Scouts last night at their headquarters, and was most favorably impressed by their smart appearance. The boys much appreciated the few remarks he addressed to them as to their scout work and progress. The scouts were also instructed in scoutcraft by Rev. Mr. Young, A. S. M. Blair and B. C. Waring, the recently appointed district scoutmaster. Members of the St. Paul's church troop of Boy Scouts met at their headquarters last night, the occasion being a presentation to Scout MacRae of two valuable books dealing with scout work, given by the St. John Standard in a recent contest, in which he was the winner. Afterwards the boys listened most attentively to short addresses given by S. M. Wood of Welsford, and B. C. Waring. The officers for the evening were S. M. McPherson, A. S. M. Hamm, and A. S. M. McPherson.

Victoria "Wet Wash" Laundry is the best—they cleanse the clothes thoroughly. 2 to 10 Pitt street. Phone 290.

CARAQUET IN PORT AFTER GOOD VOYAGE

West Indian Liner Made Trip St. John from Bermuda in Three Days - Brought Passengers, Mails and Large Cargo.

The R. M. S. P. Company's steamship Caraquez, Captain Balsom, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Demerara, West Indies and Bermuda. The ship had a fair voyage and made the run from Bermuda in three days, which is considered good time. In addition to the mails, the Caraquez brought 37 cabin, six second-class and 130 third-class passengers. Those in the third-class are men of war sailors who are being transferred. The ship also brought a full general cargo, including two thousand tons of sugar for the Atlantic Refineries, and 1,300 puncheons of molasses, which is mostly consigned to Western Canada merchants. Among the passengers to arrive was Lady Currierbridge, of St. John's, Newfoundland, who is coming from Bermuda where she has been spending the winter months; also Lord Bishop Walsh, who is en route from Trinidad to England. Rev. Mr. Morton, Mrs. Morton and their five children are from Trinidad and are on a visit to Mrs. Morton's father, Hon. J. G. Forbes in this city. Rev. Mr. Morton is a missionary in Trinidad.

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ST. JOHN OFFICER OF 104TH WINS AUTOMOBILE

Capt. R. A. McLaughlin Winner of Car in Drawing Held in Aid of the Regimental Fund. Sussex, May 16.—At a largely attended concert held in the armory last night by the 104th Band the drawing for the Chevrolet auto took place, the proceeds from which are to go to the 104th regimental fund. The drawing was conducted under the supervision of J. D. McKenna, editor of the Kings Co. Record, and His Worship Mayor Wallace. The holder of the lucky ticket (No. 194) was Capt. R. A. McLaughlin, A. Co. 104th Battalion. Capt. McLaughlin, who belongs to St. John, was warmly congratulated on his good luck and drove away from the armory in his new car, which cost him one dollar, amidst the cheers of the crowd and a lively quickstep played by the band. The regimental fund will be enriched several hundred dollars by the gift enterprises.

Quality the Great Thing. We claim to carry the cleanest, most up-to-date jewelry stock in the city. We know the business thoroughly. We buy at the best figures. We give you the best values. Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, etc. Allan Gundry, 79 King St.

NO RECRUITS WERE SIGNED YESTERDAY

Several Applied, but None Able to Pass Examiners - Pay Day for 115th - Route March for 140th.

Yesterday was a blank so far as obtaining recruits was concerned in St. John, not one being able to pass the doctor. It began to look as though a tonic of some kind would have to be given to the recruiting movement if it is not to die a natural death. Nine recruits last week, and one so far this week is not a very promising outlook for the filling of the 115th. Major Stethem of the headquarters staff, New Brunswick command, went to Fredericton this morning to inspect the University Training Corps of the U. N. E. There is a rumor to the effect that the Major will return to the firing line in the near future.

Yesterday was pay day for the boys of the 115th and they all looked happy as they paraded to the bank to get their cheques cashed. The battalion is nearing full strength and it keeps the paymaster's staff busy preparing the cheques for the half monthly payments. Lieut. Allingham, who was attached to the battalion for training and instruction, received his appointment yesterday and is now a full fledged member of the unit. Lieut. Steeves will be orderly officer today and the morning will be spent in the usual round of work. In the afternoon a battalion route march will be held.

The 140th held a twelve mile route march yesterday and advance guard work. They marched out to the Manchester field where they spent some time in drill and came home by way of the Bay Shore road, tired but happy in the thought that they had done a good day's work. The men are improving every day and the two St. John companies at least will be as good as the best when they get to camp. Three men were taken on the strength yesterday. Today Lieut. A. W. Thorne will be the officer of the day and Lieut. C. P. Graman will be the officer of the guard.

GREAT TWO WEEKS SALE OF CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS BEGINS ON FRIDAY AT MUNT'S

Just now. The very heart of the season when every man must have a new suit, when every other store in St. John is talking and charging higher prices than ever before, when you are told to prepare to pay from \$3.00 to \$10.00 more for your next suit, we ask you to come to this sale and see what it means to you. Every offering is a genuine bargain, a reduction from prices that have not been advanced on account of the war. See particulars on page three. Hunt's Busy Up-town Clothing Store, 17-19 Charlotte St.

BARGAIN SALE AT M. R. A.'S OF CURTAIN MATERIALS.

This sale will be for the morning hours only and will close at noon. Consisting of Art Muslins at practically half-price, per yard 5c and 10c, and Scrims at only 15c a yard. Sale this morning commencing at 8.30. See announcement in today's regular advertisement.

HEAVILY FINED. Yesterday afternoon in the police court James Fallo, a Japanese, and Albert Sweeney were fined \$50 each for smuggling into the Customs Office James H. Hamilton and Arthur L. Hoyt made the capture and found 34 1/2 pounds of the drug, valued at about \$16,000.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND. Monthly—Benjamin Mirey, \$2.00; J. M. Humphrey & Co., \$50.00; C. P. Humphrey, \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crawford, \$2.00; J. E. Beattie (2 mos.), \$2.00; J. P. McIveen, (2 mos.), 50c; E. H. Warnock (2 mos.), 50c; E. H. Blackhouse, (2 mos.), 50c; H. Weaver (2 mos.), \$2.00; J. Adams, (2 mos.), \$1.00; P. Bosence, \$1.00; F. Codner, 50c; Mrs. Hargrove (2 mos.), 50c; Mrs. Crawford (2 mos.), 50c; H. A. Northrup, (2 mos.), \$2.00; J. O. Porter, (2 mos.), 50c; T. G. Allan, \$2.00; Mrs. Long, \$1.00; J. C. Henderson, (2 mos.), \$3.00; T. H. Estabrooks Co., Ltd., \$100.00. From the Provincial Hospital staff (monthly), \$42.20; Dr. J. V. Anglin, \$10; Mrs. L. A. Hetherington, \$2; F. W. Brownell, H. C. Brownell, W. J. Brownell, A. Cameron, D. Campbell, Miss B. L. Compton, E. Duff, Miss L. M. Ferris, C. Hetherington, A. McDonald, Mrs. M. McDonald, Miss M. Morris, R. Morris, W. C. Parker, A. C. Podman, A. Stuart, W. Y. T. Sims, T. Wilson and A. Wright, \$1 each; Mrs. D. Pater, 70 cents; J. Cooper, Miss B. Coram, J. Corbett, Miss L. J. Corey, Miss C. Haggerty, J. Hanratty, W. J. Keane, C. McDuff, Miss J. McDonald, Mrs. M. McPherson, Miss M. E. Moore, Mrs. W. Morris, J. W. Parker, Miss M. Phillips, J. Scatterry, E. Stuart, C. J. Tanswell, Jas. M. Thomas and W. Watters, 50 cents each; L. McCarthy, Miss E. Mills, 25 cents each.

Are You Ready for the Tennis Season? With the approach of warm weather, and the preparation of tennis courts for the season's games, you think, naturally of Rackets, Tennis Ball and other requisites which you will find most readily in our sporting department where we have provided a full line of Slazenger's English Tennis Supplies which we offer at the following PRICES: Rackets: "Dorothy" \$11.50, "Champion" \$4.35, "Genesect" 7.00, "La Belle" 3.25, "Pastime" 5.75, "La Belle" 2.65. Slazenger's Championship Tennis Balls, 60c each, \$5.00 a doz. Also Racket Presses and Covers, Tennis Tapes, Markers, Centre Guides, Rubber Grips. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

Today's Specials Another lot of Ladies' trimmed hats; these will be on sale for today at from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Sport hats, wonderful values, \$1.00 each. Panama Hats \$2.00 each. Children's trimmed hats \$1.50 to \$2.00 each. MARR MILLINERY COMPANY, LIMITED

Window Screens and Screen Doors Adjustable Window Screens with oiled hardwood frames, will fit any window. Five sizes, 25c. to 40c. Screen Doors in standard sizes to fit almost any door. Six patterns from \$1.00 up. Wire Cloth by the yard in all widths. Headquarters for Garden Tools, Lawn Mowers, Garden Hose, Hammocks, etc. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited Business Hours from 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Saturdays 10 p. m.

Sale of CURTAIN MATERIALS Attractive Goods Suitable for Either City or Suburban Homes at Sharp Reductions FOR THIS MORNING This sale is for the morning hours only, and it will be necessary to take prompt advantage of the bargains, as the sale will end at noon. ART MUSLINS, cream and Nile green grounds, with attractive floral designs in yellow, green, blue; 36 to 45 inches wide. To be sold now at practically one-half the regular prices. Special, per Yard 5c and 10c. SCRIMS, cream, with pink, blue and yellow borders; 36 inches wide. Special, Per Yard 15c. CURTAIN DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

NEW MIDDY BLOUSES We are now showing a very large assortment of these comfortable and serviceable garments. There is nothing to take the place of the Middy Blouse for yachting, golfing, motoring, summer outings and vacation journeys; in fact, no summer wardrobe is complete without a number of them. Among this lot are Middy Blouses with plain colored collars and cuffs in the regulation shade of red, cadet and navy blue. Each \$1.00 to \$1.50. MIDDY BLOUSE—In all white, a variety of styles. Each \$1.10 to \$2.25. WHITE MIDDY BLOUSES—With navy flannel, and serge collars. Each \$1.35 to \$1.70. CHILDREN'S MIDDY BLOUSES—In several styles. Each 75c. to \$1.50. BLOUSE SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

NEW SILK GLOVES FOR SPRING This is a most attractive showing of Silk Gloves for spring, and includes dependable kinds, such as "Niagara Maid," "Queen Quality," etc. All these gloves are perfect fitting and have double finger tips. SILK GLOVES—Two-dome, in black, white, tan, grey; white with black stitching, black with white stitching. Pair 75c. SILK GLOVES—Two dome, black, white, white with black stitching, black with white stitching. Pair \$1.00. NOVELTY SILK GLOVES—With fancy wrists, black with white trimmings, white with black trimmings. Pair \$1.10. SILK GLOVES—With Mosquitare wrists, 12, 16 and 20-button lengths, in black, white and colors. Pair 95c. to \$1.50. GLOVE DEPARTMENT—FRONT STORE.

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