

THE WEATHER

Toronto, April 3.—A pronounced disturbance is moving towards the Great Lakes from the west. The weather from Ontario eastward has been fair and somewhat warmer, while west of Manitoba it has turned cooler with showers of rain or sleet.

Toronto	40
Victoria	40
Calgary	30
Edmonton	30
Prince Albert	25
Saskatoon	24
Regina	30
Winnipeg	30
White River	26
London	37
Toronto	40
Ottawa	32
Montreal	30
Quebec	32
Halifax	30

Forecast

Maritime—Fresh northwest winds, fair and cool.

Northern New England—Moderate shifting winds; fair Monday and probably Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

Optimistic View of Business Situation

Merchants and Leaders of Industry See Business Pendulum Swinging to Normal.

The Standard representative interviewed a few of the leading merchants and head of local enterprises Saturday with the object of getting an expression of opinion on the business outlook and the chances of immediate improvement over conditions existing in the past few months.

In each and every case the Standard found a most optimistic spirit prevailing, with merchants and industrial leaders confident that the worst is over and the pendulum is swinging the other way. "It is about time we stopped talking about business depression, unemployment, troubles of the reconstruction period, after the war crisis, etc. Now is the time to take a fresh start, feeling the worst is over and that the time is come when there is bound to be a reaction from the trouble we have experienced for a few months past," said one business man.

Pendulum Swings Other Way.

Always the pendulum swings just about so far one way, and then there is a backward swing which, gaining momentum as it swings, reaches a point as high one way as it has been the other. This is what has happened in the business life of the community, and just now we are beginning to feel the thrill of the backward swing of the pendulum, and it is safe to predict that within a few months business will have resumed its normal proportion, is the opinion expressed by another.

Time for Encouragement.

It was the consensus of opinion of those queried that this is no time for discouragement but one for encouragement. All have felt the jolt, but the crisis is passed. Conditions are better, they say, and things are changing. Confidence is being restored in the business world, and plans are being made by many concerns in the city for an expansion of their business. It is only a question of a short time when industry will be humming and the past will be a dream.

Courage, they say, is all that is needed.

Many Witnessed Garrison Parade

Artillery, Fusiliers and Ordnance Corps Heard Special Sermon in Trinity.

The strains of many bands came in response to hold on Sunday morning to witness a turnout of soldiers. A garrison parade of the Third Brigade Heavy Artillery, the St. John Fusiliers and the Royal Ordnance Corps was held yesterday, assembling at the Armouries and marching to church and the Cathedral.

Many favorable comments were heard upon the appearance of the troops as they passed through the streets attended by the bands of the artillery (St. Mary's Band) and St. John Fusiliers Band. Large congregations attended both services, a special sermon being preached by the rector, Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, at Trinity church.

Those in Command

Brigadier-General McDermott, C.M.G., D.S.O., was on parade, as were also the headquarters staff of military district No. 7, Lieut-Colonel Powell, A.G., Major Lawson, M.C., and Captain V.W.S. Heron.

Commanding the St. John Fusiliers were Lieut-Colonel Alexander McKinnan, D.S.O., Lieut-Colonel W. H. Harrison, D.S.O. who is in command of the Third Brigade Heavy Artillery, Captain Larline of the Royal Ordnance Corps. At the close of the service the units paraded to the Armouries, where they were dismissed.

Impressive Moment

After the taking of the offertory, which was handed to Canon Armstrong for presentation by Lieut-Col. McKinnan, Canon Armstrong asked for a moment's silence to be observed in honor of those who had given their lives in the war. After this impressive moment, God Save the King was sung.

Included in the Easter music were: The Easter Anthem, "Christ, Our Passover" (Horatio Parker); Benedictus in G (Wesley); anthem, "I Will Sing of Thy Power" (Sullivan); the offertory anthem, Miss Louise Knight sang a solo.

The Sermon

Taken as his text "For the Earth Brings forth Fruit of Herseed," St. Mark 4:33, Rev. Canon Armstrong pointed out that the real truth of the Easter message is not only the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but the fact that it was a spiritual victory won by Him, in spite of a seeming defeat and proved that God cares for the world which He has created and the dwellers on it. The speaker's message was freighted with the promise that He had instilled how Cain found the earth, crying out to him, reproaching him for his brother's murder, "Filius, a harvest they were sowing when you condemned Jesus to death. They thought they were silencing an objectionable man. His voice was the echo over the universe. It seemed that the cause of the Kingdom of Love lay buried in the tomb on Easter morning. Jesus, tomb sealed with a huge stone. So thought the women going to anoint the dead body for burial. It is not the globe indifferent to love, faith and all that is righteous; must have been their question, "What Easter day legends in the everlasting altitude of high heaven were in league with Jesus and His followers. It is a truth to be remembered that the stars in their courses fought for the cause of righteousness as they will always fight so long as stars shine. Neither the ancient stars, nor the modern one in a spiked helmet, can prevail. All things work together for good."

First Easter Morning

On the first Easter morning the stone was rolled away by a power Empire, and that body which stood for justice and right was released. A buried Jesus cannot remain buried. His spirit is today more powerfully living than ever. He Himself was sure of this fact, for He never returned to His death without going on to speak of His resurrection.

The text taken from a parable which tells of the sowing of seed, and it is true that if love is scattered along life's pathway, a harvest of love will be reaped. Earth will give back the harvest you sow, although allowance must be made for soil and climate. "The harvest will have some likeness to His sowing." Jesus laid down His life in the cause of brotherliness. What He fought for and died for has an appeal for you and for me. Surely, we do not need to be reminded of our great and hallowed dead, who lie in France and Flanders. They drew near to Christ in their deaths. They, too sowed seed and the harvest is bound to come.

Graves Are Visited

At Easter graves are always visited by those who are reminded of their loved ones. While they are comforted by the resurrection message, there is above all this supreme truth to be held—that God is above all, ruling all, Jesus believed this and taught of God as a loving Father. God is in control of this earth and cannot be overcome by any forces of the world.

On Easter day the earth gave forth fruit of herself. God was vindicated and it was proved that He rules in high heaven and on earth. The spirit of Jesus lives in the hearts of men swaying the nations. Resan, the apostolic, said that God does not care for His universe; but as surely as Christ's spirit is seen in the world, this is a spirit of Jesus in many a godly member.

Christ's great message embraces all every returning Easter. His hopes and comforts have been fulfilled every generation since. It was a living God who raised Jesus from the dead, and He is present in this church today. If we live with Jesus, we may, like Him, lay a cross, but ours will also be the final victory which will overcome the world.

If you are interested in your faith tonight's meeting is of special importance to you.

Register Complaints Against Speed Artists

Rothsey Boulevard Becomes Dangerous Stretch of Pavement.

Many complaints have been registered against automobilists driving the past week for careless driving and travelling at excessive speed on the Rothsey boulevard. It has been the scene for speed artists who have been running up the pavement. There have been many narrow escapes from serious accidents reported so far this season. One wagon was demolished last week being hit by a fast travelling automobile.

Saturday Mr. John Kenny, factory inspector, was knocked down and severely injured by an auto travelling along the Rothsey road without paying due attention to the rights of others travelling the road.

Autobots' View

"St. John may be tired of drives, but there is one drive that might well be inaugurated this spring and one that would be welcomed by good thinking motorists," said an auto fan yesterday. "It is a drive for better motoring manners."

"In the city," he said, "traffic laws and the police have motor registration pretty well in hand. But on the Rothsey pike he thinks that the careful driver of the city becomes the speed maniac and the road hog."

The government will probably have an officer on duty to get after speed maniacs who frequent this popular speeding stretch; but our auto friend thinks the public will be greatly benefited if individual motorists would take up the good work and insist that good manners be the rule of the road. Motoring, he says, on the Rothsey stretch would be robbed of those terrors which now make driving and riding a series of nervous shocks, as well as filling pedestrians with fear and sending them sprawling in bumps detrimental to health and limb.

Wash Day Worries Are Ended

Here is a washing machine which everyone can afford. Do away with the washboard and hard toil; have clean clothes, washed in your home, without any of the rubbing which tires women and soon wears clothes threadbare.

SIMPLEX AUTOMATIC Clothes Washer

which costs but \$2.60, will enable you to do this. It is the simplest and most efficient washing machine yet invented. The Simplex will wash a whole boiler full of clothes in 15 minutes without any work on your part; it will sterilize those clothes and kill disease germs, without injuring the most delicate fabric. Just place the Simplex in the boiler, then go away and let it do the work for you.

SEE OUR MARKET SQUARE WINDOW

W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - HARDWARE MERCHANTS

Store Hours:—8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Open Saturday till 10 p. m.

AROUND THE CITY

PREACHED IN MONCTON

Rev. F. A. Goodwin of the Centenary Methodist Church, preached in Moncton yesterday, exchanging pulpits with Rev. W. H. Hough.

HAD MANY VISITORS.

Many hundreds of citizens enjoyed a tour of inspection through the C. F. O. S. liner Empress of Britain yesterday afternoon.

WATER PIPE BURST.

A break in a water pipe on Wentworth street between Broad and Sheffield streets, caused the water to flow over the street yesterday afternoon. Repairs will be made today.

SERVICE AT INSTITUTE

Service at the Seaman's Institute was conducted last evening by W. Brandle, Miss Dykeman was pianist. Refreshments were served at the close of the service.

CIRCUS REPEATED

The circus at the Y. M. C. A. was repeated Saturday night and the "Sym" was crowded with an audience which fully enjoyed the performance that lasted over two hours and voted it the best ever held in the Y. M. C. A.

LOST CONTROL OF CAR

A motorist turning off King to Charlotte street last night lost control of his car and the big machine began travelling backwards. It backed onto the sidewalk, crossed the tracks, and was brought to a stop within two feet of one of the plate glass windows.

EXCHANGED PULPITS

Rev. H. A. Cody gave a fine discourse at St. John's (Stone) church last evening, exchanging with Rev. Canon Kuhring who preached an excellent sermon at St. James' Church. During the service at Stone, Mrs. Harrison sang very beautifully "Open the Gates of the Temple."

LOW SUNDAY

Yesterday was Low Sunday. It was regarded as the close of the Paschal solemnities and termed Dominica in Alba, as it was the last day on which the newly baptized wear their white robes. It has been known as Low Sunday, since, though itself great, it is but a small festival in comparison with Easter Day. The Greek Church also commemorates St. Thomas on this Sunday.

VITAL STATISTICS.

There were fourteen deaths in the city during the last week, from the following causes: Pneumonia, three; senility, meningitis, peritonitis, malnutrition, heart disease, heart failure, imperfect heart, spine, bilis, cerebral hemorrhage, bronchial pneumonia, carcinoma of tongue and throat, one each.

Nine marriages were solemnized in the city during the week ending April 2. For the same period there were twenty-nine births, seventeen boys and twelve girls.

SATURDAY'S MARKETS.

The following prices were quoted in the city market Saturday morning: Beef, 18c to 20c; lamb, \$2.25 a quarter; veal, 18c to 20c; pork, 20c to 25c; chicken, 70c; fowl, 60c; butter, 50c to 60c; eggs, 30c to 40c; potatoes, 30c to 40c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, 60c; beets, 15c; apples, 40c to 50c; cabbage, 7c; celery, 25c; lettuce and parsley, 5c.

TWO AMUSING BOUTS

A number of people at No. 4 berth Sand Point, yesterday afternoon witnessed two amusing bouts on the deck of an Italian ship. The first was between a small terrier dog and a pig. The dog would hang with its teeth to the pig's ear, and after Mr. Pig would squeal for about a minute it would shake the terrier loose and escape, but the honors were all in favor of the dog. The terrier was not so fortunate in the second bout when proud with success he tackled the ship's cat which put up a good fight and in a few moments sent the dog away to nurse a badly scratched nose.

SUCCESSFUL TEA.

A successful tea in aid of the Provincial Memorial Home for Children, was held in Centenary Methodist church parlors Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the committee in charge of the home. Mrs. T. A. Graham, the general convener, was assisted by the following: Pouring, Mrs. James Manning and Mrs. J. Silliphant; sewing, Mrs. F. Kerr and Mrs. Mowry; in charge of kitchen, Mrs. H. A. McKenna; cooking table, Mrs. E. E. Taylor, Mrs. Barnham and Mrs. J. P. Emery; tickets, Mrs. Powers; candy, Mrs. Hillson; in charge of lawn, and treasurer, Mrs. Schofield. The parlors were appropriately decorated and the tea tables were adorned with bouquets of pretty spring flowers.

Commercial Club Meeting tonight, Knights of Pythias Castle.

Commercial Club Meeting Tonight

"Has Commission Form of Government as Applied to St. John Been a Success?"

On being asked about the Commercial Club meeting tonight the secretary, Mr. McLellan stated that it was rather unfortunate that the Club had to confine itself to Monday evening on account of not being able to secure an auditorium for some days later.

It is felt that the Board of Trade and other meetings and may have the effect of preventing some of the members from attending, but on the other hand, what question of a public nature could be of more importance to a member than the one to be discussed tonight, viz. "Has Commission Form of Government as applied to St. John been a success?"

An opportunity is afforded for all members to discuss the question after it has been introduced by two speakers in the affirmative and two for the negative.

If it had been open to the public, the Knight of Pythias Castle would not hold the audience, as I have been besieged with inquiries as to the public being permitted to attend.

If this question will not attract the members of the Club then I would hazard the prediction, that individual selfishness precludes any possibility of ever building up a genuine community spirit, and without this St. John can go on other place can hope to get out of the rut.

United Dairymen's Assn. Had Banquet

Visitors Explain Plans of Distributing Depot for St. John—F. J. Humphrey Retires.

A complimentary banquet was tendered by the United Dairymen's Association, at Bond's, Friday night.

Among those present were Guy Kinross, Mr. Donnelly, Kingston; Mr. Magee, Quispamsis, and W. H. Huggard of Moncton, executive members of the United Farmers' Movement. These gentlemen made addresses and spoke particularly of the proposed milk distributing depot in St. John, explaining the details of the matter. With one depot all the local dealers could call there and procure milk instead of having to make contracts with different farmers throughout the country; the city would be set off in districts which would save overlapping of routes and in all would greatly reduce the expenses now incurred in the business. The main idea was to have the local dealers confer with those who propose the establishing of a distributing depot and a committee will undoubtedly be appointed to discuss the details and co-operate.

During the evening the gathering was entertained by Miss Earle, Mr. Dickson, D. Arnold Fox and Jack Rossley with musical numbers.

Less Accidents At Sand Point

To Date Emergency Hospital Has Had 67 Cases Against 125 Last Season.

While it is perhaps too early as yet to boast of it, the C. P. R. employees and the longshoremen working at Sand Point may congratulate themselves on the fact that the number of accidents that have occurred during the winter port work this year as compared to last season.

There have been but 67 cases admitted to the emergency hospital for treatment this season, while 125 were admitted the previous season. There is of course two factors to be taken into consideration when comparing the two years. The number of boats landing and discharging last year was much greater than has been the case this season, and there was consequently a much greater number of men employed, and again the present winter port season is not yet ended. But even taking these two facts into consideration, there remains but little doubt that the works have been much freer from accident.

IMPERIAL COULDN'T HOLD EVERYBODY SATURDAY.

Saturday's rush at Imperial Theatre was so great that almost one thousand, and mostly children, were disappointed by not gaining admittance to the matinee. At night again the Jan was tremendous. The attractions were the children's fairy opera "Beauty and the Beast," and the new jungle serial, "The Son of Tarzan." Both scored pronounced successes. The little comic opera fantasy presented by fifty kiddies was almost professional and elicited thunders of applause and approval from the children. The children were truly wonderful, their singing, dancing and acting equalling anything the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company did here. "Beauty and the Beast" will be put on twice daily this week—4 o'clock and 8 o'clock—in connection with the usual show. Children 15 cents at matinee; other prices as usual.

Every member of the Commercial Club should attend tonight's meeting.

Vulcanite Roofing

Covers Every Roofing Need

For your home, barn or shed, you'll find Vulcanite Roofing will meet your requirements—a roofing that will afford longer wear, better weather protection, fire-resistance and unusual attractiveness.

All Vulcanite Roofings are made from tough fibrous felt thoroughly saturated with specification asphalt. Many are surfaced with crushed slate in its natural colors of slate green and deep red.

You will also find several patented designs that you cannot obtain elsewhere. Altogether, you will feel well repaid just to see this line of roofings. Stop in any time and let us show you samples.

Emerson & Fisher, Limited

25 GERMAIN STREET

STORES OPEN 8.30 A. M. TO 6 P. M. DAILY. SATURDAY CLOSE 10 P. M.

You Cannot Help But Be Pleased With Such a Nice Collection From Which to Select a Spring Wardrobe

DELIGHTFUL FROCKS HAVE FIRST PLACE—

Here you will find many new styles to make you enthusiastic. Modes are so charming, new and individual, you will find selection is delightful. Many smart basque effects are showing, and skirts have plenty of frills and flounces. Ribbons, embroideries, lace and touches of contrasting color are used for trimmings on frocks of cloth, taffeta, Canton crepe and Crepe-de-Chine.

ONE CAN'T DO WITHOUT A COAT—

If you haven't had a new one for some time, you will find the moderate prices now prevailing a great incentive to buy one now. Whether your need is for a loose wrap for dressy occasions, or a practical coat for sports wear, you will find our stocks provided with pleasing and practical kinds.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWEST SUITS?

We are sure you will like them. Many are in youthful box styles raily embroidered, but for those who prefer more fitted lines there are semi-tailored models, with or without belts, plain in line and decidedly good looking.

No matter what your special preference, you are apt to find it in our Spring stocks.

HATS FOR THE DISCRIMINATING—

There are many lovely styles here for present needs or use later. Many models have been designed by famous French, English and American Milliners and many have been cleverly thought out at home.

Flower Trimmed Hats are exceedingly smart, and everyone is admiring the new and original shapes seen for the first time this Spring.

(Second Floor.)

Manchester Robertson Allison & Co.

KING STREET - GERMAIN STREET - MARKET SQUARE

Commercial Club Meeting Tonight

"Has Commission Form of Government as Applied to St. John Been a Success?"

On being asked about the Commercial Club meeting tonight the secretary, Mr. McLellan stated that it was rather unfortunate that the Club had to confine itself to Monday evening on account of not being able to secure an auditorium for some days later.

It is felt that the Board of Trade and other meetings and may have the effect of preventing some of the members from attending, but on the other hand, what question of a public nature could be of more importance to a member than the one to be discussed tonight, viz. "Has Commission Form of Government as applied to St. John been a success?"

An opportunity is afforded for all members to discuss the question after it has been introduced by two speakers in the affirmative and two for the negative.

If it had been open to the public, the Knight of Pythias Castle would not hold the audience, as I have been besieged with inquiries as to the public being permitted to attend.

If this question will not attract the members of the Club then I would hazard the prediction, that individual selfishness precludes any possibility of ever building up a genuine community spirit, and without this St. John can go on other place can hope to get out of the rut.

Commercial Club Meeting Tonight

"Has Commission Form of Government as Applied to St. John Been a Success?"

On being asked about the Commercial Club meeting tonight the secretary, Mr. McLellan stated that it was rather unfortunate that the Club had to confine itself to Monday evening on account of not being able to secure an auditorium for some days later.

It is felt that the Board of Trade and other meetings and may have the effect of preventing some of the members from attending, but on the other hand, what question of a public nature could be of more importance to a member than the one to be discussed tonight, viz. "Has Commission Form of Government as applied to St. John been a success?"

An opportunity is afforded for all members to discuss the question after it has been introduced by two speakers in the affirmative and two for the negative.

If it had been open to the public, the Knight of Pythias Castle would not hold the audience, as I have been besieged with inquiries as to the public being permitted to attend.

If this question will not attract the members of the Club then I would hazard the prediction, that individual selfishness precludes any possibility of ever building up a genuine community spirit, and without this St. John can go on other place can hope to get out of the rut.

Commercial Club Meeting Tonight

"Has Commission Form of Government as Applied to St. John Been a Success?"

On being asked about the Commercial Club meeting tonight the secretary, Mr. McLellan stated that it was rather unfortunate that the Club had to confine itself to Monday evening on account of not being able to secure an auditorium for some days later.

It is felt that the Board of Trade and other meetings and may have the effect of preventing some of the members from attending, but on the other hand, what question of a public nature could be of more importance to a member than the one to be discussed tonight, viz. "Has Commission Form of Government as applied to St. John been a success?"

An opportunity is afforded for all members to discuss the question after it has been introduced by two speakers in the affirmative and two for the negative.

If it had been open to the public, the Knight of Pythias Castle would not hold the audience, as I have been besieged with inquiries as to the public being permitted to attend.

If this question will not attract the members of the Club then I would hazard the prediction, that individual selfishness precludes any possibility of ever building up a genuine community spirit, and without this St. John can go on other place can hope to get out of the rut.

HOUSE WARMING PARTY IN STATION

The register at the central police station last evening gave evidence of a house warming, such as has not been given in the local establishment for quite some time. There was a week-end party of a dozen all told. The drinks were present in force and commanded the majority in the house, with three representatives registering on Saturday and two more on Sunday, in addition they were assured of the support of two more.

Beer will be put on twice daily this week—4 o'clock and 8 o'clock—in connection with the usual show. Children 15 cents at matinee; other prices as usual.

Every member of the Commercial Club should attend tonight's meeting.

Great Sale of Women's Undervests at Less Than Half Regular Price.

One hundred dozen Women's Summer Weight Undervests, short sleeves and sleeveless styles. Made of fine cotton and silk lisle. Being "seconds" that is slightly imperfect, these were bought at a great discount with the result they are now being offered at less than one-half regular price. Medium and O. S. sizes. Prices 25c to 50c.

F. A. Dykeman Co., The Store for Bargains.

Has Commission Form of Government as applied to St. John been a success?

NOTICE, RETAIL MERCHANTS

Members of St. John Branch, the Retail Merchants' Association are requested to attend the meeting in the Board of Trade office on Monday evening to discuss the business tax.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Jones, 138 Wright street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gladys L. to Douglas W. Allan, of this city, wedding to take place at an early date.

FERNHILL CEMETERY

Annual meeting Monday, 4 p. m. Lot holders invited to attend.

BOARD OF TRADE TONIGHT.

Speakers: J. Fraser Gregory, Mayor Schofield. Conference on Business Tax. Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Retailers invited.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 80c.