

THE WEATHER.

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax, listing temperature ranges and conditions.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN ST. JOHN CONTINUE FRA...

Lack of Shipping Affects Lumber Industry—Some Manufacturers Working Overtime—Dry Goods Trade Rather Dull—Collections Slower—Public Still Spending Money Freely—Future Depends on War.

In spite of the war and other depressing influences business in St. John today is fair on the average, and commercial travellers from other parts frequently express amazement at the way business here has apparently resisted the general tendency.

Interviews with a quite a number of manufacturers and business men yesterday showed that they were trying their best to live up to the motto, "Business as Usual."

Generally speaking a feeling of confidence is the rule as yet, though this has been somewhat disturbed of late by the fact that collections are not as easy as they have been.

In the manufacturing industries there is a variety of conditions. The Maritime Mill Works, for instance, is working overtime, and the boot and shoe manufacturers are doing an excellent business.

In regards the lumber industry, some mills are working full time, but others have been obliged to slacken operations. At present the chief difficulty the lumbermen have to contend with is the lack of shipping.

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ST. JOHN ART CLUB

Fine exhibition of Works of Art formally opened last evening—Many admire paintings and sculpture.

The splendid exhibition of pictures and sculpture presented by many well known Canadian artists in aid of the Patriotic Fund was formally opened last evening in the Art Club room.

There was a large assemblage of art-lovers to view the remarkably varied collection of pictures and sculpture representing the joint efforts of the Royal Canadian Academy, the Ontario Society of Artists and the Canadian Art Club.

It is well to bear in mind that not only is the exhibition the outcome of a desire on the part of Canadian artists to help the Patriotic Fund, but of an endeavor to show appreciation of the fine work that Canadians are capable of doing in the field of art.

It is not easy to discriminate when dealing with the artistic value of an eighty odd paintings shown, when all, as the result of careful selection, are of distinct merit.

It may, however, be remarked that some of the following works have called for special favorable comment. "Dinner by J. W. Morris is a charming picture, and is representative of the good work of this artist in color schemes.

In marines Harry Britton presents a fine example in "A Rocky Coast." The arduous task to be sure, will find something that will particularly appeal to his or her taste as being better than something else, albeit, willing to admit that every effort on the walls is of unusual excellence.

It would not be possible to attempt to give a list of the many other pictures exhibited, and it will be best that the admirer of the best in art should personally view the canvases at the St. John Art Club's studio.

On Saturday next, between nine a. m. and one p. m. the children will be given an opportunity of inspecting the pictures. It is intended to present two prizes to those of them who write the best essays giving their impressions as to the exhibits.

Advertisement for Church's Alabastine, a product for beautiful sanitary homes. Includes text: "For BEAUTIFUL SANITARY HOMES" and "Church's Alabastine".

Advertisement for Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Neckwear and Girdles. Includes text: "Neckwear and Girdles" and "which are indispensable to the proper finish of that new dress, are to be found here in exceptional varieties."

Advertisement for Emerson & Fisher Ltd. HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW CENTURY RANGE AND KITCHEN UTENSILS (26 Pieces). WE ARE SELLING FOR \$33.00.

Advertisement for Specials for Today and Sat. in Whitewear Dept. COMBINATIONS—Corset Cover and Drawers, also Corset Cover and Skirt.

Advertisement for Attractive Designs in Brass Beds. The brass bed will be in greater than ever favor this year, and our varied assortment of attractive designs will be much appreciated.

Advertisement for Brand New Curtain Materials. For Parlor, Living Room, Dining Room and Bedrooms. WHITE AND CREAM MADRAS MUSLINS—Floral and conventional designs.

Around the City

Turning Out Sugar. It took hardly seven hours yesterday from the time that the raw sugar entered the machinery in the Atlantic Refineries, until it was turned out a white granulated product.

Will Leave Shortly. F. W. Sumner, who has been appointed representative of the Province of New Brunswick in England, was at the Royal yesterday.

The Fish Market. Retailers report a good demand for fish, both fresh and salt, during the week, the supply of Lenten fare being sufficient to meet requirements.

COUNTY WISHES TO CONTROL OWN INSTITUTIONS

Municipal Council Will Ask for Complete Control of General Public Hospital and Municipal Home.

The Municipal Council at a short special meeting yesterday afternoon decided to ask the Legislature to invest in the city the appointment of five commissioners for the Municipal Home and to invest in the County Council the appointment of four more commissioners for the General Public Hospital.

If the suggestion of the Municipal Council is carried out it will mean that the city commissioners will appoint five members and the county council four members of the board of commissioners of the Municipal Home and the county will appoint seven members of the board of the General Public Hospital and the city two.

The Provincial Legislature will be memorialized to carry out these ideas. During the discussion of the memorials the councillors brought out the fact that at present the county council appoints four members of the Municipal Home Commission and the province five.

The Municipal Home is wholly supported by the city and county and it was felt that the management of it should be left to the city and county. The Legislature was asked to bring down the proper legislation to carry out the wishes of the people of the city and county.

Practically the same conditions prevail concerning the General Public Hospital, only the hospital receives a yearly grant of \$3,500 from the province and the institution has been practically open to the whole province without charge.

Under the new arrangement it is proposed that the appointment of seven commissioners be invested in the county council and two in the city council. It is also proposed that the province discontinue its grant of \$3,500 and that patients from points outside the province be charged. Up to the present patients have been received from all parts of the province and many of those who suffer accident on the railways are brought to the General Public Hospital. It is proposed to charge all such cases as do not originate in the city and in this way it is expected that the loss of the provincial grant would be made up.

Practically all the councillors present favored the idea, and the vote found no one against them. The necessary work in connection with the legislation will be done at once so that the proper bills may be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature.

Councillors Frink and Wigmore from the city were not present at the meeting. Along with these measures the county will send up to the Legislature a bill through which county valuers

RECRUITING SATISFACTORY

Expected Major McLean's Squadron Will be Brought up to Strength Today—26th Battalion and Army Service Corps have Moving Pictures Taken.

A fine close-up moving picture of the 26th Battalion and the Army Service Corps was taken yesterday afternoon near the Imperial Theatre under ideal weather conditions. The men were looking their best, having had a fairly easy morning of it, and the picture should prove to be one of great historical interest.

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Major Markham is recruiting his squadron at points outside the city and is making fair progress. Capt. Scovill reached the city yesterday afternoon with a number of recruits from the North Shore.

Among the overseas volunteers to whom presentations have recently been made by their friends are Alfonso Lammon, Edward Lynch, R. H. Metcalf, Trooper Jackson and Quartermaster Sergeant Payne of the Mounted Rifles, a street railway employe and a veteran of the South African War.

Today the 26th Battalion will put in many hours work at field tactics. The bill concerning the county valuers provides that any irregularities in the appointment of the members of the board of valuers will not effect the valuations when finally determined upon and filed with the county secretary.

COAL ELEVATOR AND BARN BURNED

Gilbert's Lane Plant of J. S. Gibbon Co., Ltd., Gutted Last Night—Loss \$1,600.

The coal elevator and barn of J. S. Gibbon & Co., Ltd., at Gilbert's Lane on the Intercolonial Railway was badly damaged by fire early last evening.

Although the flames did not amount to much the fire caught in hay and other dense materials in the buildings and the firemen were given three hours of strenuous work. The total loss was estimated at about \$1,600, totally covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered about 7:30 o'clock and an alarm was sent in from box 412. The fire apparatus was soon on the scene and had the flames under control at all times.

There was about three thousand dollars worth of coal in the elevator and there was a quantity of hay between the elevator and the barn. The total value of the barn was said to be about \$600. There was a horse in the barn at the time the fire broke out but it was safely removed as were several other articles.

The water supply was adequate for all purposes and the fire was well handled from start to finish.

WATER EXTENSION IN ADELAIDE ROAD

Good Progress Already Made—Other Activities in Commissioner Wigmore's Department.

The Commissioner of Water and Sewerage was at Spruce Lake yesterday afternoon making an inspection of the water system there. Conditions were satisfactory, he said.

STORES OPEN AT 9 A.M. AND CLOSE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK AT 6 O'CLOCK.

Specials for Today and Sat. in Whitewear Dept. COMBINATIONS—Corset Cover and Drawers, also Corset Cover and Skirt.

Saving Opportunities in Boys' Stylish Suits at February Sale in the Clothing Department.

Great Bargains in All Furnishings for Men at THE ANNUAL SPRING SALE in Men's Furnishings Dept.

Attractive Designs in Brass Beds. The brass bed will be in greater than ever favor this year, and our varied assortment of attractive designs will be much appreciated.

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WHITE AND CREAM MADRAS MUSLINS—Floral and conventional designs, with both plain and scalloped edge; 45 to 50 inches wide. Per yard, 20c. to 55c.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited. The first shipment of new spring coats have arrived at F. A. Dykeman & Co's store. In keeping with the time, the styles are what one would pronounce common sense, rather plain, with a touch of modest trimming here and there, genteel, and yet have a vogue appearance that pleases the lady who likes to be dressed in style.