ST. JOHN LETTER.

A Hot Wave-The Markets-The News.

It was refreshing, with the thermometer at 85, in St John and 162, at some points along the western shore of Kennebeccasis Bay on Sunday, to read in the despatches how the whole coast of Newfoundland was so blocked with ice that it was impossible for shipping to enter or leave port. The hot wave or yesterday exceeded in intensity anything experienced here on the 10th of May for many years; rain is much needed; several forest fires have already occasioned considerable damage on Kingston peninsula and their recurrence is a good deal dreaded.

During the last fifteen or twenty years few agricultural districts in the province have improved so rapidly as that which lies between Summerville and Clifton in the parish of Kingston, Kings Co. Some of the farmers have realized very hardsome sums from the cultivation of small fruits, most of which are marketed in Boston, and others by the better cultivation of their land are enabled to keep four times more stock than they kept twenty years ago. New houses, new barns, better tences and better crops are the rule all through this part of Kingston. It is one of the most beautiful farming districts in the vicinity of St John, and has many city visit ore to whom it is made accessible by the steamers Clifton and Maggie Miller, the former sailing from Indiantown and the latter from Milligeville, the trip by the one occupying an hour and by the other about a

The weather is cooler to-day, but hot waves are expected to recor frequently until the elections are over.

Only nine deaths were reported in the city last week-two from consumption.

The Taymouth Castle arrived here from the West Indies yesterday. She brought about 50 passengers and 400 tons of freight. A crowd is easily drawn together in St John. Oa Saturday evening about 300 persons listened to a wrangle between a shopkeeper and a customer who declined to pay

cash on delivery for a small purchase. The 8th Hussars are thanked by Mr Chamberlain for the offer of their services

Sir Leonard Tilley was 78 years old on Friday last. He is in the enjoyment of ex-

Mrs Hegan, a daughter of Mr Fred Ring, of the Saint John post office, is running a bicycle academy in Bangor. She is said to

be a capital instructor. After June 29th, the International steamers will run daily between this port and Bos-

On the 8th inst appeared the first issue of the Summerside Daily Journal. This is one of the largest and handsomest dailies published in the Maritime Provinces. The publisher, Mr W A Brennan, is one of Canada's most enterprising newspaper men.

The Anneke Jans enthusiasts have another meeting at the North End this week. Steamer Lansdown sails next Friday on

her first cruise of the season. The young ladies of the High School on Arbor Day, last Friday, planted six trees on

Fresh lobsters continue to be shipped from this city as far west as Minneapolis, where they arrive in good condition. There is said to be a fair profit in the business.

George S DeForest & Some report flour un changed; beans are a little stronger; cornmeal is quoted at \$2 10 and \$2.15; mulasses and sugar are unchanged; choice butter is in good demand at 18 cents; eggs 8 cents. At their new store, directly opposite their old stand, Mesers DeForest are in a better position than ever before to supply the demands of their patrons.

EDWARD EDWARDS. St John, May 11.

Our assortment of Plain and Fancy Silks and Satins are now complete. New Cambrics, Musline Lawns, Laces. Ribbons, Gimps, etc., just opened at B. B. Manzer's.

Tobique (Vic. Co.) Items The I U G T Lodge at Maple View is do

ing fine. Saturday night, May 2nd, the fol lowing officers were installed:-

Geo. Sadler, Chief Templar; Nellie Sadler, Vice Templar; Geo Fulerton, Past Chief; Gertie Marston, Financial Sec; Albert Berry, Treasurer; Helen Ellis, Chaplain; Hester Berry, Sec; Annie Flanders, Ass Sec; Ida Fulerton S J T; Minnie Ellis, Sentinel; Arthur Galop, Guard; Harry Fulerton, Mar shal; Helen Williams Deputy M. For the Good of the Order there has been appointed two leaders, who choose their sides and entertain in turn; Annie Flanders and Sadie Rollins are the leaders, Miss Rollins entertaines the first night, May 6th.

Mr. James Flanders, of Perth, has recently returned from St John, where he has been visiting his sister. He informed us that her

health is much better. John O Flanders of Maple View, has been quite poorly for the last few days, but is feeling better to-day.

The people along the river are busily en gaged in running raits and farming

Ladies do not forget the fact that you will be presented with a handsome piece of Furniture, when your cash purchases amounts to \$25.00, at B. B. Manzer's.

Benton Ridge Items.

May 5th. 1896. Our Sunday School commenced first Snnday in May, we hope it will continue.

Mr Archie McIlroy has got the Erysipelas in his hands, he has been laid up for some time, Dr Turner attending him.

It is quite lonesome here now, most of the young men are away. Edwards boys and Lee McKinney have gone on the drive for Gilman Brothers.

Middle Simonds Items.

May 11, 1896. Not having seen any items in your valuable paper for some time, I thought a few lines from me would not come amiss.

The weather for the past week has been very fine, and the farmers have improved the opportunity. Mr Geo Colwell leads the van, having 102 bus cate sowed and Mr Wm Raymond, under the skilful management and hard knocks of Mr Clarence Britton, his hired man, comes second, having 101 bus in.

Most of the children of the community are eick with the whooping cough. The many friends of Mr Geo and Donald Foster will be pleased to hear that they are on the mend.

Mr James Edmunds, our popular school teacher, who has been visiting his friends at Fredericton, has returned home and is now sick from a severe attack of quinsy.

Mr Robert Lindsay has a very bad attack of catarrh of the throat.

Mrs Elijah Ebbett has gone to the hospital to have her eyes treated, having lost her sight from a severe attack of La Grippe.

Miss Effic Rideout, who is attending school at Florenceville, paid her parents a visit last

Mr Randolph Raymond has rented his farm to his brother William and is now on a business trip to Boston.

Mr James London has just returned from Presque Isle, Me, where he has been spending the winter; his friends welcomed him with happy greetings.

Since the illness of Mr Foster, the Deputy Sheriff, some of the young boys have got quite reckless. One night last week they went so far as to change the wheels on the waggon of a gentleman from Lakeville, and not being eatiefied with that they hid his waggon, and he was obliged to spend the night in the village.

We notice the smiles of the fair ones returning, as the boys who left for the woods last fall have returned home safe.

Mr J Kelly is setting out a fine young or-

Mr Frank Kelly has resigned his position as school teacher in the upper district to accept the school at Benton; Mr Isaac Draper, our former teacher, having resigned to accept the position of book keeper. Their many friends congratulate them on their

Mr David Shaw has purchased a fine single waggon of Loane Bros.

Spring has opened up with unusual activity, the corpenters and painters are very busy. The following is a list of the buildinge now under way: Mr William Raymond has a fine dairy house, Mr Cook Bishop is moving and remodelling a barn; a new Baptist Meeting house; Mr Elijah L Shaw and Mr William Mills are putting some expensive repairs on their now fine buildings.

PAT.

A recent Montreal Star characterised the aggregation at Ottawa as "a record breaking parliament," and gave the following particulars of the achievements in which it has surpassed all its predecessors:-

"The present parliament of ours is a rec ord breaker, and, it will be trusted, a record maker for all time to come. No other Canadian parliament ever drew six indemnities nor tried to pass six supply bills. No other house ever sat for 129 hours in continuous session. No other parliament ever saw three premiers die, or ever was led by four premiers drawn without break from the same political party. Since confederation the Senate has not had a premier until this parliament, and this remarkable body has given has seen such a chaotic collection of 'groups' in few has the Senate been so peaceful."

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N. B.—In making enquiries mention SENTINEL.

Sir Charles' Manifesto.

Sir Charles Tupper, as leader of the Conservative party, has issued a manifesto to the electors of Canada in which he enunciates the policy of his party which, in brief, is as follows:-

Continued protection.

An effort to increase trade throughout the empire without lessening protection. Fast line to Europe.

Steamers on the Pacific. A Pacific cable.

Remedial legislation. Continued care of the farmer. Increase of militia expenditure. immigration.

Admission of Newfoundland into the

It is stated that Sir Charles anticipates carrying the country by twenty majority; this is a sanguine view, altho' it is a smaller majority than Sir John A. Macdonald had in '91. Results may prove Sir Charles to be slightly out in his reckoning.

For a Quarter.

The Monetary Times gives the following not encouraging trade statement for three morths of this year:-

One hundred and twenty-five general storekeepers, owing \$7,000 each on an average, failed in three months this year in Can-

One hundred and eleven grocers and provision dealers failed in the same time in our midst, owing in all \$350,000.

Fifty-seven dry goods dealers; forty-five hardware dealers and forty-four shoe merchants owing between them close upon a million and a half, came to grief in the last three months, according to R. G. Dun & Co., whose business it is to record such things.

Not only these—there were hundreds more in various other classes of traders and descriptions of manufacture who in the short space of three months brought the total of Oanadian failures to 738 in number, owing \$5,475,000, and showing assets of no more than \$4,258,000. The corresponding figures for the same quarter of the previous year were 556 failures, owing \$4,220,195, and it two. No parliament since confederation | showing assets to the amount of \$3,400,306, a better proportion. In only one province, on the floor of the House of Commons; and namely Manitoba, did the nominal assets of failed traders exceed their liabilities.

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