

THE WEATHER.

New England Forecast. Washington, May 25.—Forecast for New England: Showers in north, clearing in south portion Thursday; Friday fair, light to moderate west winds.

HALLEY'S COMET.

Time Table. The following table corrected for New Brunswick, Atlantic Standard Time, gives the hour of setting until May 30:— Comet Sets Sun Sets May 26 .. 11.43 p.m. 7.52 p.m. May 27 .. 11.53 p.m. 7.53 p.m. May 28 .. 12.03 p.m. 7.54 p.m. May 29 .. 12.13 p.m. 7.55 p.m. May 30 .. 12.23 p.m. 7.56 p.m.

AROUND THE CITY

Call for Tenders. Attention is directed to the call for tenders for coal for city purposes, printed elsewhere in this paper.

SS. Prince Rupert Here Today. SS. Prince Rupert of the D. A. R. Co., left Halifax for St. John yesterday morning to replace the Yarmouth on the Digby route.

On Blocks for Repairs. The dredge Beacon Bar, which sank in the harbor the other day, has been floated, and is now tied up at Rodney slip. It will be placed on the blocks for repairs.

Affairs of D'Israeli Company. T. M. Healey, formerly of the D'Israeli Asbestos Company, left last evening for Sherbrooke, P.Q., beyond which he intended to follow the affairs of the company to an issue in Sherbrooke. Mr. Healey would not be interviewed.

Services at Mission Church. Rev. C. K. Whalley will preach at the Mission Church, Paradise Row, at a public service, Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament, before the St. John Ward of the C. B. S. and all communicants of the Church of England who may wish to attend this evening, May 26th, at 8 o'clock. The business meeting of the Ward will be held later.

Sheet Metal Workers to Meet. The members of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union are requested to attend a special meeting Friday, May 27th, at their new rooms in the Opera House building. All members should make a point of being present as delegates are to be elected to attend the St. John Trades and Labor Council meetings.

Egypt and Up the Nile. Judge Armstrong will this evening, in St. John's Stone Church school room, deliver an interesting lecture dealing with his recent trip to Egypt, up the Nile and to the Holy Land. The lecture, which will be illustrated by the reflectoscope, will be under the auspices of the Men's Association of the church, and all members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to be present. The lecture will commence at 8 o'clock and admission will be free.

Route March Friday Evening. Owing to the disagreeable weather the route march of the 52nd Regiment which was to have been held last evening has been postponed until Friday evening. The regiment will parade at the drill shed at 7.45 p. m. in drill order and will march up Sydney to Broad street, to Charlotte, Garden, Carleton, Wellington Row, Germain, Duke, Charlotte, Broad, and Sydney streets. Col. Humphrey, D.O.C., will review the regiment as it marches past his residence, Wellington Row.

New Organ for St. Stephen's Church. Samuel Cossavant of the firm of Cossavant Freres, St. Hyacinthe, P.Q., organ builder, arrived in the city yesterday and during the afternoon meet the organ committee of St. Stephen's church and discussed with them plans for the new pipe organ to be installed there. It has not yet been decided what size organ will be received, but Mr. Cossavant said last evening the instrument would be one of the finest in the city in tone, design and appliances. Mr. Cossavant is registered at the Victoria.

"Bob" Crawford Gets Costs reduced. Mr. Justice McLeod in Supreme Court chambers yesterday, in the case of Storey vs. Crawford, allowed the defendant County Court costs on a verdict for \$20 recovered at the last Restigouche circuit. The defendant is "Bob" Crawford, chief of police of Campbellton, formerly of the local police force. The plaintiff brought the action for false arrest and malicious prosecution, and although the amount sued for was large, he only succeeded in obtaining twenty dollars. A. J. LeBlanc appeared for the plaintiff at the trial, and A. E. G. McKenzie for the defendant.

Boys' Suit Sale at M. F. A.'s. After the early Spring selling at "The Big Store," a collection of suits accrue comprising one or two of a kind, and these, at this time each year are offered at prices so low that they are always closed out quickly. This special sale which is anxiously looked forward to by economical mothers, will commence this morning in the Clothing Department, ushering in some really extraordinary boys' suit values. This saving event is most generously patronized and it would behoove all who wish to avoid disappointment to attend early.

Fishermen in Luck. Fishing parties operating from St. John are having unusually good luck this spring, or the fish stories are taller than customarily. At any rate fishing parties report exceptionally fine catches. A party consisting of James and Clarence Ferguson, A. B. Currie, Dr. A. F. Emery, W. A. Stewart, H. B. Creighton, C. B. Jones and W. S. Jewett, went to Wedderburn lake on Tuesday and returned yesterday with 15 dozen trout, many of them beauties of the first water. Another party, consisting of E. R. W. Ingraham and C. H. Pheaney, landed 126 trout from Lake Magog yesterday. The Standard vouches for these two stories, but it has been told a number of others which it does not care to print without an order from the fish, forest and game associations.

House cleaning made easy by having the men lunch at White's. H. A. Powell, K. C., left for Fredericton last night and may go to Boston today on a business trip.

COMPLAINT OF OVERCHARGE AGAINST TELEPHONE COMPANY

Public Utilities Commission at Meeting Here Yesterday Asked to Investigate Case Submitted by D. Russell Jack—Hearing Next Month if Organization is Approved by Government.

The first company to be investigated by the public utilities commission of the province will be the New Brunswick Telephone Company and the investigation will grow out of complaints made before the commission at their meeting here yesterday by D. Russell Jack, of this city. Mr. Jack, accompanied by D. Mullin, K. C., as his legal representative, appeared before the commission and stated that the company had increased his phone rates and he thought the matter should be investigated. The particular case which formed the basis of Mr. Jack's complaint had to do with the telephone in his summer cottage at Duck Cove. He claimed that last year he paid \$10 for the services whereas this year he was charged \$16 for the same service. The period of time in both cases was three months. Mr. Jack thought the increase was out of all proportion and consequently made his objection. It was pointed out that until the mode of procedure under which the commission will operate has been approved by the Government, the commission has no power to act on any complaints. Accordingly Mr. Jack will

fill out the necessary form in such cases, and the commission will take it up at their next meeting provided that the Government has in the meantime approved of the organization of the commission. At the meeting yesterday the rules of the commission were discussed and a temporary procedure adopted subject to the approval of the governor-in-council. The meetings of the board will be held in this city on the fourth Wednesday of each month and all cases to be investigated must be reported to the commission on forms provided for the purpose. Forms are now being circulated among the companies through the province which control public utilities and when the information asked for on these forms is supplied the commission will decide upon the course to be taken. At yesterday's meeting Col. D. McLeod Vince presided and the other members of the commission present were O. M. Melanson, G. O. Dickson, City and Fred P. Robinson, the secretary. Until the regulations governing the board are approved of, there will not be another session.

MARITIME PROVINCES

Winton Mansell Talks of Awakening Interest in England—Canada Offers Best Field for Investment.

Among the passengers for the west by the Montreal train last night was Winton Mansell, a wealthy Englishman, who has large interests in Canada. He was a passenger on the Victorian and is now bound for Saskatoon, where he is a large land holder. Mr. Mansell is thoroughly at home in the west as he has made many business trips there and is of the opinion that Canada generally offers the best field today for investments. The whole country he says is in a prosperous condition and while he was especially pleased with the growth and development of the west he was also pleased to note the signs of a healthy awakening in the eastern provinces. The Maritime Provinces he says are attracting more attention in England now than for years, and while the trend of English travel and money coming from the other side of the partition, across the street, from his home and after supper last evening went to work in that part of the store which is given over to the fruit business.

WILLIAM TOLE DIES SUDDENLY IN STORE

Fairville Shocked by Sad Event Last Evening—Rumor of Electrocution Without Foundation—No Inquest.

An element of mystery surrounds the death of William Tole, son of Patrick Tole, clerk at the Provincial Hospital, which occurred about 6.30 last evening in the store in Fairville where the deceased was employed. Mr. Tole, who was 25 years of age, had not been ill and his death was sudden and tragic. He had been conducting the business of John Carey, a confectionery, fruit and fish store, in Fairville, across the street from his home and after supper last evening went to work in that part of the store which is given over to the fruit business.

There is a partition between this side and the portion where the fish business is conducted and Mr. Tole was alone in the fruit store. Soon after he entered a man entered the fish store and while waiting to be served, heard a noise as of a fall, coming from the other side of the partition. He went around to investigate and found Mr. Tole lying on the floor. Dr. Grey was at once sent for and pronounced life extinct. The conditions attending the death were such that Dr. Grey sent for Dr. M. L. Macfarlane, the coroner, and he was quickly on the scene. After an investigation the coroner decided that an inquest would not be necessary. It is not known what caused Mr. Tole's death, as he was a healthy man and up to the present had not been ill.

Many Rumors. There were the usual rumors around Fairville and one of the most persistent of these was to the effect that Mr. Tole had been working with the electric light in the store and had been in some manner electrocuted. It was also said that when his body was found he was clutching a piece of broken wire in one hand. Dr. Macfarlane when asked, said this rumor could not be true, as there was no electric light near where the body was found and Mr. Tole had no wire in his hand. He would not, however, say what was the cause of death and admitted it was somewhat of a mystery, as the young man was apparently in the best of health, and as far as he could learn, had never been attended for any affection of the heart. The deceased was a well known and popular young man, and the news of his sudden death was learned with sincere regret. As already stated, he was a son of Patrick Tole of the Provincial Hospital, and was unmarried. He is survived by three brothers, J.

SUING I.C.R. FOR \$2,500 ON GOODS DESTROYED

Reid & Co. vs. King in Exchequer Court Next Wednesday—Gershon S. Mayes' Claim on Dredging Contracts.

The Exchequer Court of Canada will hold a session in the court house here on Wednesday next. His Lordship Mr. Justice Cassels will preside and E. H. McAlpine K. C., Dr. A. O. Earle, K. C. and A. E. G. McKenzie will appear in court for the crown in some of the cases. Among the cases which will be tried are Reid and Company vs. the King and Gershon S. Mayes vs. the King. In the former case J. W. Y. Smith and J. Fred Edgett of Moncton doing a general wholesale grocery business as F. B. Reid and Company are suing the Intercolonial Railway for \$2,500, damage done to their goods which were stored in a Campbellton on Thanksgiving day, 1907. The goods and contents were destroyed by fire. R. W. Hewson of Moncton appears for the plaintiff, Messrs. Reid and Company and A. E. G. McKenzie for the defendant and Dr. A. O. Earle K. C. for the respondent. In the case of Mayes vs. the King, the plaintiff is suing for the value which he claims is due him on dredging contracts. John B. M. Baxter, K. C., and Attorney General Hazen appear for the plaintiff and E. H. McAlpine K. C. and Dr. A. O. Earle K. C. for the respondent.

MANY TOURIST PARTIES WANT ACCOMMODATION

Proprietors of Hotels Report Big Demand Early in Season—Agencies Are Booming Provinces This Year.

Although the season is as yet very early the hotel proprietors are looking forward to a very heavy tourist travel here this summer and already a number of parties have booked accommodation. At the Royal Hotel H. A. Doherty said his first party booked to date, was a large one, numbering 60 people, which will be here about June 19 and will remain two or three days. This party will come from Boston and will tour the river, stopping in the city on their way back to the Hub. Other parties sent out by Gillespie and Kinport, and the Raymond and Whitcomb agencies, will visit the province during July and August, and up to a few days before the Dominion exhibition. They have engaged accommodation at the Royal as well as a large number of smaller parties.

The Dufferin and the Victoria also report that they have had a number of applications for reservations from parties to visit the city this season. It is learned that the American tourist agencies are paying more attention this year to the Maritime Provinces than they have done in the past. Parties which formerly made the United States coast resorts their summer outing spots are now demanding tours in new fields and in this connection the provinces are being exploited as practically virgin territory. There is every indication that the season will be the best from a standpoint of tourist travel that the province has yet had.

Royal Arcanum. A meeting of the St. John county branch of the Royal Arcanum was held last evening in the Foresters' hall, on Charlotte street. A large number of new members were initiated, after which several addresses were given. Interest in the order is increasing, and new members are initiated at every meeting. J. Tole, job printer, of this city, and Hugh and George, in the United States. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. McGrath of the United States, and two unmarried sisters, Misses Sarah and Mary, residing at home.

PAINLESS DENTISTRY. Teeth filled or extracted free of pain by the celebrated "HALE METHOD." All branches of dental work done in the most skillful manner. BOSTON DENTAL PARLORS, 527 Main St., Tel. 669. DR. J. D. WAHER, Proprietor.

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THE ROMPER SHOE FOR CHILDREN. Made on nature shaped lasts, no more cramping the children's feet, let them grow as nature intended. The "Romper" is a design of our own and after a lifetime spent in studying the requirements of the foot, we feel confident that we know something as to how they should be made and designed. High Boots, Low Shoes, Ties and Slippers, Patent, Tan, Calf and Kid, Cloth and Dull Kid tops, Button and laced.

WATERBURY & RISING, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street. WALKER THE PLUMBER. HOT WATER and STEAM HEATER, GAS FITTER. F. S. WALKER, Phone Main 1025, 16 GERMAIN STREET. FRUIT CHEAPER. The following lines have dropped in price: BANANAS, PINEAPPLES, STRAWBERRIES, IN VEGETABLES: CUCUMBERS, RHUBARB, CABBAGE. Order Today From THE WILLET Fruit Co., Wholesale Dealers in FRUITS AND PRODUCE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Wedding Presents. We have a large Stock from which to select. Sterling Silver Tea Sets, Sterling Silver Cabinets, Salad Bowls, Bon Bon Dishes, Casserole Dishes, Cream and Sugars. Also a good assortment of Cut Glass. W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Good Grey Suits. Just such suits as YOU admire—made with the most approved shape of lapel, collar and cuff—coats and trousers cut in the very latest mode, and made from fabrics that are as serviceable as they are elegant. Several shades and patterns, \$15, \$16, \$18, \$20, \$25, \$28. Brown suits too as well as non-fading blues and permanent blacks. Summer suits for men of varying tastes and requirements. A good NEW line of the genuinely desirable at \$10 up to \$25. OVERCATS' Brand new lines, in all correct lengths and sizes, \$12, \$13.50, \$15, and up. Fancy Vests and trousers for warm weather wear. Observe them. SOLE AGENCY 20TH CENTURY BRAND CLOTHING. GILMOURS', 68 KING STREET. TAILORING AND CLOTHING. "A GOOD PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES"

The dusty weather is here, but Mohair Dress Materials shed the dust and they are also very fashionable. Lusters. In navy, brown, Alice blue, cardinal and green at 30c a yard. Brilliantines. In navy, brown, greens and grey at 45c a yard. Others in spots and figures, self colored, from 42c to 90c a yard. Sicilians. 54 inch in navy, green, brown, black, etc. at 55c a yard. Shadow Stripe Mohairs. At 60c a yard. Plain Stripe Lusters. In navy and white, black and white, white and black, cardinal and white, brown and white, grey and white, all at 55c a yard. ROBERT STRAIN & CO., 27-29 Charlotte St. Store open evenings till 8 o'clock. St. John, N. B., May 26.

NEW ARRIVALS IN Raincoats and Mackintoshes. We received on Monday of this week another fine lot of Raincoats and Mackintoshes, the very kind of top coats that a man cannot afford to be without at this time of year, especially in this climate. Raincoats. These are a combination of a Raincoat and light weight overcoat, suitable for wear in either rain or shine. When it rains they keep you dry. In fine weather they are neat and dressy. Prices \$7.50 to \$15.00. Mackintoshes. These coats are for wet weather only, and are guaranteed to be thoroughly waterproof. They are very light and cool, can be rolled up and put in a grip when travelling. Prices Men's \$8.50 to \$16.50; Boys' \$5.50. Regular \$1.00 Umbrellas on Sale at 69c. J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring and Clothing, Opera House Block, 199 to 207 UNION STREET.

Boys' Suit Sale Commencing Today. Annual Clearance of Dress Two and Three-Piece Styles—Regular Models of Surpassing Quality and Wearing Excellence at Away Down Prices. This is the annual event which means so much to mothers who are economically inclined. After the early Spring selling many lines of suits become broken, leaving one or two suits of a kind and each year at this time we place very low prices on this accumulation of nobby garments which make them bargain morsels of the most tempting order. It will not be well to hesitate long as these exceptional suit values always go with a rush and to outfit the boy for Summer is now an easy matter, touching the purse so lightly as these special prices do. TWO-PIECE SUITS in double breasted and Norfolk styles with blazer and straight pants. Made of the most durable kind of Tweeds, Home-spuns and Saxons in light and dark colors. These suits are from our regular stock. Ultra-stylish little models, perfectly tailored and with exceptional fitting qualities. Sale Prices \$2.50, \$3.20, \$3.90 and \$4.50. THREE-PIECE SUITS in light and dark Tweeds, Saxons, Chevots and Home-spuns. Double breasted style with straight and blazer pants. The usual fashionableness is evidenced in every suit in the showing. The workmanship is exceptional with cloths and linings stout and durable. Sale Prices \$3.20, \$3.90, \$4.50 and \$5.50. Sale Starts at 8 o'clock This Morning. BE ON HAND AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. See Large Ad Today on Page 2. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.