

THE WEATHER.

Moraine - Moderate westerly winds, fair and warm. Toronto, showers have occurred today in Alberta, New Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, while elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine and it has been warm in all the provinces; but the extreme temperatures of yesterday in the western provinces have not been repeated.

New England Forecast. Washington, July 15.-Forecast for New England: Partly cloudy weather Saturday and probably Sunday, preceded by showers in Northern Vermont Saturday light to moderate west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

The River Commission. The St. John River Commissioners will meet at Van Buren on Tuesday next, July 19th.

F. A. Fowles in Port. The schooner F. A. Fowles arrived in port yesterday from New York, with a cargo of sand, consigned to the Portland Rolling Mills.

Hikers Expected Today. The Y. M. C. A. Hikers are expected today from their 15 days' trip to Fredericton and return by canoe. They left their canoes at Westfield.

Tennis Committee. The following ladies compose the committee in charge of the tea at the tennis tournament today:-Mrs. M. H. Emery, Mrs. Ella McLaughlin, Miss Elizabeth Miller, Miss Portia McKensie.

Rockwoods Win. The Rockwoods put one over on the T. S. Slinas aggregation on the Puddington diamond last evening to the tune of 14-9. Inability to hit Coffey, the Rockwood slab artist. The batteries were Coffey and Jameson, Perkins and O'Brien.

Rifle Match Today. The fourth and last match of the Canadian Militia Rifle League will be shot on the local rifle range this afternoon starting at 1.30 sharp. At the 500 firing point members of the City Rifle Club are saluted by the press and get their tickets ready to start sharp on time. A good attendance is looked for.

Harry Horefall, L.R.A.M.; A.R.C.M., T.C.L. Director of Music at Mount Allison, hopes to visit St. John about July 22nd for three weeks, giving lessons in piano technique, musical interpretation, repertoire, etc. Leschovsky and Phillip methods. Will intending pupils please communicate to Sackville at once.

Oh, The Suspense! The result of the battle fought some weeks ago between detachments of the 22nd and 23rd regiments for the possession of the city, seems likely to go down to history as one of the world's unsolved mysteries. It is rumored that the umpires got lost in the woods or the smoke, while the battle was raging, and could not tell which party was victorious. Be that as it may efforts to locate the umpires have up to the present proved unavailing.

Ottawa Pastor Here. Rev. Dr. W. F. Parker, pastor of the McPhail Memorial Baptist church in Ottawa and one of the best known clergymen of his denomination in Canada, who is in the city, the guest of his brother George W. Parker, is supplying for Rev. David Hutchinson of the Main street Baptist church and will preach at both services tomorrow. Rev. Dr. Parker is well known in the provinces as he formerly occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church in Yarmouth.

Bad Boys on Pond Street. For some time past the management of the Phoenix Foundry, Pond street, have been annoyed by having boxes from their moulding shop broken up and carried away. The matter was reported to the police, and yesterday Detective Killen traced the cause of the trouble to several boys who live in the vicinity. The names of the boys were given to Messrs. Flemming who refrained from prosecution. Should the trouble continue, however, they will be placed under arrest.

A Daring Robbery. A daring and successful robbery was perpetrated Thursday night when thieves broke into Robert Earle's shaving parlor, on Main street and got away with several valuable articles, including a silver watch. Entrance to the building was effected by raising the window facing the street. Apart from the window being slightly raised, there was nothing to indicate that an entrance had been effected. Among the articles missing were four razors, two pairs of hair clippers, and a valuable silver watch. The police have been notified about the matter and are at work upon the case.

Something You Ought to Know. The comparative recent revival of the stately graceful designs of the Louis period which are plainly visible in so many objects that form part of the daily routine, bears out the popular saying that history repeats itself, and speaks eloquently of departed grandeur. Seldom however have these historic lines been followed with greater accuracy or been more appropriately applied than by the Mason and Risch piano people in what may be regarded as the most artistic cases which enclose the incomparably excellent action and structural features of their miniature grand. It is truly the outward symbol of the perfection within, the precious gem in its proper setting.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rees, of Seattle, who have been visiting here, will leave for home via Boston this evening on the steamer Governor Cobb. Mrs. H. B. Conkey, of East Boston, who has been visiting friends in St. John, will return to her home tonight.

A good quick service always at White's restaurant.

FIRE LAST EVENING IN QUEEN ST. HOUSE

Considerable Damage Was Done by a Mysterious Blaze in the Premises at 55 Queen Street.

The house occupied by A. F. Deforest and C. M. Leonard at 55 and 57 Queen street, was badly gutted by a fire which started mysteriously about 9 o'clock last evening. The rear of the building is badly burned but through the quick action of the firemen the blaze was kept within limits. The loss to C. Leonard is estimated at about \$1000 while that of Mr. Deforest was about \$750.

Mr. Leonard carries \$500 with the Keystone Fire Assurance Co. and Mr. Deforest also has some insurance. There are two other families living in the same building, a Mr. Reubens living in the basement and Samuel Standing in a cottage at the rear. The building is owned by Douglas Ring, of Boston, whose agent Mr. Standing is.

This is the third fire in the house a blaze having started once in the basement and once in the same place as yesterday between the main house and the ell, in the kitchen of the main floor.

The cause of last night's blaze is unknown. None of the occupants were at home. The Deforest family had been out all evening, while Mr. Leonard had gone out half an hour before, leaving everything as he thought, all right.

Mr. Standing was also out, and upon returning perceived a cloud of smoke issuing from the window of one of Mr. Leonard's rooms. Going into the yard he saw flames issuing from the kitchen window and kicking up the sidewalk of the wooden building.

He at once ran to fire alarm box 33, on the corner of Germain and Queen streets, and rang in the alarm. No. 1 chemical engine arrived on the scene and quickly extinguished the fire.

DR. LANDRY EXPECTS CROPS WILL BE LARGE

Commissioner of Agriculture Says Prospects All Over the Province Are Particularly Good--Heavy Hay Crop.

Dr. Landry, Commissioner of Agriculture, was in town yesterday in conference with George Ham of the C. P. R., in connection with the preparation of a booklet describing the advantages of New Brunswick as a field for immigrants which the C. P. R. intends to publish and distribute in Great Britain.

Speaking to a reporter, Dr. Landry said agriculture in the province was looking up. His information was that all kinds of crops were in good shape, with prospects of a heavy yield in some lines, especially of hay.

"In some of the counties," he added, "the farmers this year have gone in more for mixed farming than usual, though in my own county they have put in about the usual acreage of potatoes. As yet the farmers do not go in enough for live stock raising, though I am convinced there are great possibilities along those lines.

"A. G. Turney, the Provincial Agriculturist is doing good work, and we expect a considerable development of fruit raising in the near future."

PLEASED WITH POLICY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

George Ham of the C. P. R. Commends Campaign for Booming Immigration to Province of New Brunswick

George Ham, the "main squeeze" in the big bunch of brilliant in the employ of the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Royal. Mr. Ham is here in the interests of a new booklet which the C. P. R. will issue dealing with the St. John river and the province generally.

In conversation with a Standard man last evening Mr. Ham said some nice things about the Provincial Government's immigration policy which he is sure will mean big things for the province. He sees a great future for the province and says that the plans adopted to secure more settlers for New Brunswick are the best that could be chosen and must be productive of good results.

"There is no reason why the Province of New Brunswick should not go ahead under the aggressive methods now adopted to boom it. This is Canada's time, and she will take full advantage of it. New Brunswick will come too, and more rapidly than ever before. The immigration movement has set in here and although there are only a few settlers in the province, yet the west had to start with a few and I look to see the number here increase at a very rapid rate. The people down here are becoming alive to their resources and there must be a great growth in the near future."

When Mr. Ham is at home, he hangs his hat up in the C. P. R. general offices in Montreal, but he is so seldom there that it can hardly be called his permanent address. He is as much at home in Winnipeg or Vancouver as he is in the Canadian winterport and he admitted last night that tomorrow would be the 14th Sunday he had been away from home. "And I went to church every Sunday I could," he added in explanatory vein.

Rockefellers--In Embargo. "This trip to St. John is a short and unimportant one," said he. "I ran down to Quebec to have dinner and some things to do. I wanted to come as far as

BOY THIEF SENTENCED TO REFORMATORY TERM

Paul Short Sent Away for Two Years for Stealing from Guy H. Humphrey, His Employer.

Paul Short, a 16 year old lad, was arrested by Detective Killen yesterday on a charge of stealing \$50 from G. H. Humphrey, proprietor of a coffee store on Charlotte street. Young Short was in the employ of Mr. Humphrey when a sum of money was missed from the till on April 1st last. Suspicion, however, did not fall upon Short. About two weeks ago another sum of money was missing, and Mr. Humphrey became suspicious of the trusted lad. Upon being asked the matter the lad practically admitted the theft. It is said, and as a consequence was turned over to the police.

He was arraigned before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court yesterday afternoon and upon pleading guilty to the charge, was sentenced to two years in the reformatory.

A NEW STEEL CEILING FOR THE COURT HOUSE

Municipal Buildings Committee to Recommend Some Much-Needed Repairs--Paid a Visit to the Jail.

A meeting of the building committee of the Municipal Council was held yesterday. Councilor McGoldrick presiding. It was decided to call for tenders to erect a steel ceiling in the Court House, as a block of plaster weighing several pounds recently fell, and might have severely and unjustly punished some of the prisoners or judges if they had been underneath. It was also decided to call for tenders for lighting and painting the court house, after consulting with the architect.

The committee then paid a visit to the jail. With Councilor McGoldrick leading the procession, they marched into all the cells and out again, conversed with the prisoners, informed the warders that they were fine chaps, and pronounced everything satisfactory.

WILL INTRODUCE NEW SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS

Voucher and Check System to be Put in Force in County Treasurer's Office--City Has it Now.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council was held in the office of the county secretary yesterday afternoon. A motion council to introduce the voucher and check system in the county treasurer's office. This system is now in use in the City Chamberlain's office. It was also recommended that provision be made for an annual audit of accounts.

The committee instructed the secretary to write to the Attorney General requesting the removal from office of all justices of the peace who have failed to make returns as required by chapter 123 of the Consolidated Statutes. A number of bills were ordered paid and other routine business transacted.

Moncton and I came. When I got to Moncton I could not go back without calling on my friends here, and here I am. In Moncton they wanted to take me out to see an oil well or some other such curiosity, but I told them to go to Wall. I didn't go, I believe though, that there is a great boom in store for the oil industry in Moncton, and there may be a whole lot of very decent fellows in that vicinity who may some day be richer than Rockefeller and have just as many things said about them."

Asked if he had been in Campbellton since the fire, Mr. Ham said: "Yes, and I never saw anything like the whole town was burned flat but what impressed me most was the happy optimistic spirit of the people. It looks pretty bad now, but they will get over it and have a better town than they ever did. That is the way they feel about it. I met a lady there who had lost everything in the fire. When the people were allowed to use the I. C. R. cars to sleep in she had her two children sleeping in my birth when I went in the car. Through this means I got into conversation with her and I commented on the fact that the people seemed so cheerful. One man I had met in walking about the town said he had lost everything but the thing that seemed to worry him most was that a friend had sent him 200 cigars and they were burned without him having a chance to have a smoke. A friend who was with me gave him all the cigars he had and the man seemed quite contented."

"When I told this to the lady with whom I was talking she said: 'Yes, that is my husband, we lost everything, but, thank God, I still have my children, and we can get along all right.' That spirit," Mr. Ham said, "seemed to be characteristic of all the people I talked with. They were agreed that it was bad, but that it might have been much worse and they pointed to St. John as an example that had arisen from its ashes a better and greater city."

Asked as to his immediate plans, Mr. Ham said he was not sure what he would do. He leaves this morning for Fredericton with Mr. Wilmut of the provincial immigration department, and will return to the city. He will probably go to Montreal on Monday night.



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