

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, southerly to westerly, occasional snow, turning to snow, in some localities colder by Thursday.

CHAMPION LAZY MAN OF AMERICA PAYS VISIT TO ST. JOHN

John Patterson Says He Has Not Worked For 30 Years—Blames Conditions In The States.

Although perhaps not the most distinguished yet by no means the least interesting visitor in the city yesterday was John Patterson, whose sole right to fame lies in the fact of his peculiar claim of never having done any form of work for the space of 30 years.

HOLIDAYS ARRANGED FOR PERMANENT MEN IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Committee Yesterday Sanctioned Appointment Of Two Probation Drivers—Will Relieve 27 Men One Day In 15.

A meeting of a sub-committee of the safety board appointed to arrange for the one-day holiday a fortnight for each of the drivers in the fire department, was held yesterday afternoon.

WASSON'S STOMACH TONIC For Indigestion 45 and 75c. a Bottle Money back if you receive no benefit. Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

Asbestos Sad Irons Always insure a hot iron and cold handle. Ask anyone who has tried this wonderful iron, and find out how enthusiastic they are in their praise of this modern household help. Price in Sets of three, \$2.25 and 2.75. Shirt Sleeve Irons, Price 40c., 60c., 75c. each. W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

AROUND THE CITY

Carleton Skips for St. Stephen. Four rinks of Carleton Curling club players will leave today to play the St. Stephen club.

Y. M. C. A. to Organize Checker Club. At a meeting of a number of checker enthusiasts, last evening in the Y. M. C. A., it was decided to organize a checker and chess club.

A. O. H. Assembly. The second assembly of Division No. 1, A.O.H., will be held in the hall on Friday evening.

Free Lecture Course. The first lecture of the popular free course to be given by the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society will be held in their rooms.

Schooner Collector in the Storm. A despatch received in the city yesterday stated that the schooner Collector of St. Margaret's Bay, N. S.

Fire Losses Adjusted. The work of adjusting the losses sustained in the fire in Brussels St., on Saturday was concluded yesterday.

Lecture on Swiss Lakes. The second lecture of the travel course was given last evening in the rooms of the Natural History Society.

Bank Clerks Fraternize. Although the wet weather spoiled the sleigh drive which they had planned, a number of bank clerks were not to be disappointed and went out to Torryburn on the Quebec express.

Preventive Officers Appointed. Mr. Harvey C. Ring of St. John street, Carleton Place, was sworn in as a preventive officer by Mr. A. T. Dunn, collector of customs.

Sunday School Concert. Despite the inclemency of the weather a large number attended the Sunday school concert in Main street Baptist church last night.

Across Canada. Mrs. E. A. Smith gave her interesting lecture on a trip across Canada in the German street Baptist church last evening before a fair sized audience.

New Branch Bank at St. Martins. Mr. A. P. Hazen, manager of the Bank of British North America, returned yesterday from St. Martins where he arranged for the opening of a new branch today.

NO WORK SINCE 1880

Since the year 1880, he said, he never remembered having done anything that could be classed as work and during that time had kept constantly on the move making his way through nearly every city, town and village east of Chicago.

COUNSEL CLAIMS EXPRESS COMPANY IS LIABLE ANYHOW

J. King Kelley in Police Court contends fine should be imposed for forwarding partridges out of season.

The charge against the Canadian Express Company of having partridges in their possession contrary to law on the report of Game Warden Chas. Dean, was commenced in the police court yesterday afternoon.

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Books At Bargain Prices. Ruskin, 13 vols., cloth, \$8.87. Dickens, 15 vols., cloth, \$10.00. Dickens, 17 vols., leather, \$3.50. Scott, 12 vols., cloth, \$8.00. Thackeray, 10 vols., cloth, \$6.87. Hugo, 10 vols., cloth, \$6.87. Robt. Browning, 13 vols., cloth, \$7.50.

E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

PRETTY SLIPPERS FOR CHILDREN. There are so many little parties being arranged for the young folks, that we deem it expedient to call attention to our stock of slippers for children's wear.

UNEEDA Biscuit. Biscuit are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct individual food article, made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries.

Waterbury & Rising. King Street, Mill Street, Union Street.

Men's Extra Trousers AT SPECIALLY LOW PRICES. This is the time of year when an extra pair of Trousers come in good play. They brighten up the Coat and Vest of the Suit you have been wearing all Fall and Winter, and make your Suit presentable until time to get a new Spring outfit.

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SALE OF FANCY VESTS. We have made radical reductions in the prices of our fine fancy vests, including patterns that have proven very popular during the last few months.

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