

THE WEATHER.

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Toronto, Ont., July 13.—A few light showers have occurred today in Ontario, otherwise the weather has been fine and for the most part moderately warm, throughout the Dominion.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature (Min. Max.). Locations include Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Chatham, St. John, and Halifax.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Light to moderate winds; generally fine, but a few local showers; not much change in temperature.

AROUND THE CITY

A Key Found. A key found by the police on King square yesterday afternoon awaits an owner at the central police station.

Recaptured by Police. Walter Axtell, a youth who escaped from the chain gang on May 25, was arrested last night for larceny in a barn off St. David's street.

Junk Dealers Reported. Detective Killen has reported Simon Jacobson of Long Wharf, Harry Nicholson of Long Wharf, and Harry J. Garson of 108 Water street, for doing a junk business in the city without a license.

Goes To Toronto. J. Arthur Tait, who for the past year was connected with the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, left for Toronto last night where he will assume a responsible position in the head office of the bank.

New Consul General. Carlos A. Galarraga, consul general of the Argentine Republic in Canada, with headquarters at Carleton Chambers, 74 St. Arks street, Ottawa, informs The Standard that he has received the exequatur signed by H. M. King George and has now taken charge of the office.

Robbery At Campobello. A few nights ago the hotel kept on Campobello Island by a Mr. Benson was broken into and the cash register smashed and a large sum of money taken. The ringing of the register bell awakened the proprietor and it is thought that he has a good idea who one of the guilty persons was.

China Famine Fund. Joshua Clawson, treasurer of the China Famine Fund on Wednesday received and remitted to the treasurer in Toronto the sum of \$7.70 collected by S. G. Reid in East Scotch Settlement, Kings county, N. B. This makes a total of \$1,110.60 received and remitted by Mr. Clawson.

A Meat Dealer Robbed. John E. Chestnut, of Mace's Bay, who runs a meat wagon for C. D. Hanson, is offering a reward of \$50 for the conviction of the party or parties who broke into his wagon at Dipper Harbor the other night. Mr. Chestnut put up at Dipper Harbor for the night and on going to his wagon in the morning found that it had been broken into and robbed.

The Portland Street Picnic. The annual picnic of the Portland Street Methodist church was held yesterday at Robbessy. The outing took place on the beautiful Ballentine grounds. Two trains conveyed the picnickers from the city. About two hundred went out in the 8.15 train and three hundred more left by the one o'clock train. The weather was all that could be desired and an enjoyable day was spent by all. A programme of sports was carried out during the day.

Natural History Outing. The members of the Natural History Society will hold their third outing of the season on the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Woodman, Woodman's Point, on Saturday afternoon, July 15th. The train will leave St. John station at 1.10 p. m., returning leaves Lingley Station at 8.15 in the evening. Return fare, 50 cents. Dr. G. U. Hay will have charge of the outing. The members of the society remember the hospitality extended to them last year on a similar occasion and look for an equally pleasant time this year at a place which has many local history associations and attractive natural features to make it interesting.

Arrested for Assault. Albert Thomas, a young fellow who has given the police considerable trouble, was last evening given in charge of Policemen Sullivan and Marshall by Mrs. J. Gray for assaulting and beating her and threatening to kill her in her house 120 St. Patrick street. Thomas resides in the lower portion of the house, and Mrs. Gray states that last evening he started kicking at her door, he then struck her and stated that she would not live through the night. The woman ran out of the house and sought refuge in the house of a neighbor. The police were telephoned for and Thomas was placed under arrest.

Searching for An Unfortunate. A man arrived from the old country some months ago and entered the employ of Samuel Linton, and later went in the employ of Charles Armstrong in Fairville. About three weeks ago he became delinquent and ran into the woods. Since that time several unsuccessful attempts have been made to capture him. He was reported roaming about the woods in the vicinity of Spruce Lake, and the only time he would be seen was when he would call at one of the farm houses and procure some food. Yesterday Constable Taylor and a guide left for Spruce Lake to search the woods and endeavor to capture the unfortunate man.

COMMITTEE TO ADVOCATE NEW FRANCHISE POLICY

Aldermen who are Dealing with the Power Question Have an Important Report in Course of Preparation.

Whether or not the city gets a new electric power company, it is found to have a brand new policy governing the granting of franchises. If Ald. Elliot, Pierstead, Codner and Wigmore, the members of the special committee appointed to consider the proposition of the New Brunswick Hydro Electric Company, have their way, the committee is preparing a report on the whole power question which they expect to have ready for submission to a special meeting of the council which they will ask the mayor to call after the next regular meeting. It is understood representations have been made to members of the committee by parties interested in the formation of another electric company and anxious to sell current in the city.

"Will the report contain recommendations likely to meet with the approval of the New Brunswick Hydro Electric Company?" Ald. Elliot was asked last evening. "We are not considering the power question from the point of view of that or any other company," was the reply. "We are making recommendations as to what we think the city should do in the way of laying down conditions protecting its interests and the rights of the citizens."

"But was it not understood that the Hydro Electric Company had offered the best conditions it considered it was able to give and that if the city would not accept them, they would go ahead with their programme so far as it relates to St. John?" "That was my impression, but there is another company which wants to come in. There is the Ingleswood Pulp Company. It has not made any formal proposition as yet, but we have heard from them informally."

GREAT RUSH OF CITIZENS TO SAVE TAX DISCOUNTS

More than Half a Million Dollars Taken in by Chamberlain Lingley and His Staff Yesterday.

When the office of the city treasurer was closed yesterday afternoon, \$504,294.69 of taxes had been paid in, and it is expected the amount will be increased by cheques received in today's mail, which will be entitled to the discount if posted before 4 o'clock yesterday.

The amount of taxes paid in this year is \$10,000 larger than last year. The number of ratepayers who paid their taxes for the current year and received the 5 per cent discount was 6,832, as against 6,154 for last year.

The city chamberlain's staff had a busy time the past few weeks, and it was nearly 12 o'clock last night before they were able to get away from the office. But the chamberlain himself was evidently pleased at the thought of the money in the treasury as he handed the reporter the following statement:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Total Assessment. 1910: \$632,437. 1911: \$637,769.

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The total exports for the quarter were valued at \$645,834, as compared with \$419,635 for the same period of last year.

The exports of plain lumber showed a falling off, being \$62,000, as against \$80,000 for the same period last year, but there were notable increases in other lines. Pulpwood exports this quarter were \$37,950, as against \$14,453, while woodpulp was \$85,377, as against \$72,598.

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NEW CONTRACT CUTS OUR SERVICE IN TWO

Much Dissatisfaction at Recent Dominion Government Contract with Pickford & Black for West Indian Service.

In spite of the efforts of the Board of Trade, the Federal government has not amended the contract it made with the Pickford & Black Company, by which only two of the boats in the British West Indies service will call at St. John, and there is a good deal of dissatisfaction among local business men.

The new contract went into effect on Tuesday, and unless it is altered there will only be a sailing from this port to the British West Indies every twenty-two days, instead of every eleven days as in the past.

Speaking of the matter last evening W. Frank Hatheway, a member of the council of the Board of Trade, said the Department of Trade and Commerce made the new contract with the approval of the New Brunswick Hydro Electric Company. Ald. Elliot knew anything about it, or had been given an opportunity to lay their views before the department.

He thought the reductions of the sailings would injure St. John a great deal, and enable Halifax to capture what trade was now done by this city with the British West Indies, as the rival city will still have 11 days' service with the islands.

That the beginning of the reduced service does not mean that the efforts of St. John merchants have been fruitless, is the opinion of President T. H. Estabrooks of the board of trade. Mr. Estabrooks who has been prominently identified with the struggle of business men here to have the former 12 day schedule retained, said today that he felt quite sure that the present arrangement would at least be temporary. Communication was still in progress with the department of trade and commerce, and it was the intention to have a delegation go to Ottawa to meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright in the matter.

It was impossible, he said for merchants here to compete with only a 22 day service. In fact some had already begun business in anticipation of it. There was no reason why Halifax should retain the 12 day service and St. John be content with the 22 day service. The present was scant enough service and could better stand increasing than decreasing.

The minister of public works, Mr. Estabrooks said, has promised his strongest support. The Laurier and Sobu whose charters have expired, have been replaced by the Rhodesian and Cromarty. The latter steamer will sail from Halifax on August 2. St. John still retains the Ocano and Oruro, but will not have the last acquired. Halifax continuing the 12 day service.

AN INCREASE IN THE EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

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Lady Matron Wanted. The Prince William Apartment Co., Ltd., is advertising for a lady matron to take charge of the Prince William Apartments, Ltd.

Millinery Sale at M.R.A.'s Today. A real sensation in millinery will be afforded at this important sale of trimmed and untrimmed hats, feathers and fancy feathers and wings. This will be the last opportunity this season to secure headgear and trimming accessories at a fraction of regular prices. Come early as there will be a great rush to secure the wonderful bargains. Sale will start promptly at 3 o'clock.

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 Street. Tel. 653. DR. J. D. MAHER, Proprietor.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S GREATEST SHOE HOUSE. Annual Mid-Summer Clearance Sale. King Street Store. Women's, Men's and Children's Tan and Canvas Oxfords and Pumps.

On Friday Morning we shall begin our Annual Clearance Sale of Women's, Men's and Children's Tan and Canvas Shoes. We are starting this sale much earlier in the season than heretofore in order that our customers may have the benefit of the fine weather to wear their purchases. We are determined on not carrying through the winter months a single pair of summer shoes, so that to effect a complete clearance we shall offer some matchless bargains.

King Street Store. Waterbury & Rising, Limited. The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price.

Good Sight Is More Easily Retained Than Restored. Keep your sight good. Don't let it deteriorate. Heed nature's first signal for aid, and keep your sight up to the highest possible standard. To neglect eyes that need help, is as bad as to abuse them. It will bring its own punishment. Consult us about your eyes. Come in early in the morning, and let us tell you just what they need.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers and Opticians. 21 KING STREET. ST. JOHN, N. B.

OUR ENGRAVING AND PRINTING is Pleasing Others WE CAN SUIT YOU. C. H. FLEWELLING. 15-1-2 Prince William Street.

Preserving Time is Here. We can supply your wants in PRESERVING KETTLES. DIAMOND ENAMELLED WARE. Blue outside, grey inside. A good medium priced ware. Prices—5 qt. 40c, 6 qt. 45c, 8 qt. 50c, 10 qt. 55c, 12 qt. 70c, 14 qt. 85c, 18 qt. \$1.10. Also the famous "WEAR EVER" ALUMINUM WEAR—12 qt. \$1.90 each, 14 qt. \$2.20 each. Also WRIGHT'S "ANTI-RUST" heavy black tin Preserving Kettles in 6 qt. 40c, 8 qt. 50c. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. Market Square and King Street, St. John, N. B.

A Customer's Reasonable Wish is This Store's Pleasure. DYKEMAN'S. A Big Sale of Ladies' Semi-Princess Dresses. Most of Them in White Lawn. AT \$2.49, a very fine lawn dress prettily tucked and set with insertion in a dainty design, these are our regular \$2.98. AT \$2.95, fine lawn dresses set with insertion and medallion yoke. Our regular \$3.50 dresses. AT \$3.39, our regular \$3.75 dresses, made with the low round neck set with insertion and lace trimming. AT \$3.75, a very handsome dress the waist being made of very fine allover Hamburg and trimmed with imitation baby Irish. ALL OUR STOCK OF THESE DRESSES BOTH IN WHITE AND COLORED ARE NOW GREATLY REDUCED. They range now in price from \$2.49 to \$8.75. F. A. DYKEMAN & CO., 59 CHARLOTTE STREET.

Preserving Time is Now Close at Hand. HAVE YOU A Good Preserving Kettle? We have them in all sizes Cast, with Enamel Lining, All Enamelled and Aluminum. Emerson & Fisher, Limited, 25 Germain Street, Phone Main 87.

AN IRRESISTIBLE SALE OF SUMMER MILLINERY. A Bargain Clearance of Fashionable Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Flowers and Fancy Feathers and Wings. This will be an unparalleled feast of bargains and the last opportunity this season to secure warm weather headgear and trimmings at but a fraction of regular figures. Trimmed Hats in some of the choicest models of the season, many were sold at \$9.00 and \$10.00 each. Trimmed Hats in such a variety that a shape may be found for every need. Fancy Feathers and Wings and Flowers, never such a chance to get desirable accessories for so little money. Our Paris advices state that wings will be a leading feature in hat trimmings for the coming fall, so be sure and provide now for the later needs at merely nominal prices. Commencing This Morning. TRIMMED HATS. Sale prices, each. .50, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50. UNTRIMMED HATS. Sale prices, each. .15c, 25c, and 50c. FLOWERS. Sale prices. .10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, and 50c. FANCY FEATHERS AND WINGS. Sale prices. 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c. SALE WILL START PROMPTLY AT 8 O'CLOCK. NO APPROBATION. NO EXCHANGE. MILLINERY SALON.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY THE BARGAIN DAY. Mid-Summer Clearance of Fancy and Plain Brilliantine and Shepherd Check Goods—Remarkable Bargains While They Last. BRILLIANTINES in navy, brown and green, 42 to 50 inches Price per yard, 40c. Shepherd Checks, three different sizes, 42 inches wide. Price per yard 38c. DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT—GROUND FLOOR. Fabric Gloves, black, white, and colors. Special value. Pair. .25c. Ladies' Hand Bags. Each. .50c. Neckwear—Special line on centre counter. Each. .15c. Stamped Guest Towels. Each. .32c. Stamped Corset Covers. Each. .25c. Summer Hosiery, tans and black, 2 pairs for 25c. and 15c, 25c, 35c, pair. Neck Frillings, per yard. .50c. Taffeta Hair Ribbon, Yard. .12 1/2c, 18c, 20c. Dutch Collars. Each. .25c. Collars With Jabots. Each. .25c. Sailor Collars. Each. .25c. Damask Spoke Stitched and Hemmed Centre Pieces, size 24x24 in. Friday price, each 30c. Japanese Hand Drawn Shams, size 30x30 in. Friday price, per pair. .98c. Japanese Hand Drawn Bureau Covers, size 18x54 inches, Friday price, each. .55c. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.