

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Pressure is relatively low from Texas to Manitoba and quite low in Northern British Columbia and high over the Pacific and Atlantic United States coast. The weather has been fair to-day throughout the Dominion with the exception of a few light scattered showers in the Western Provinces.

Table with weather forecasts for various cities: St. John, Dawson, Victoria, Kamloops, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

BEGGAR ARRESTED. George McDonald was arrested last night for being drunk and for begging from house to house.

VISITING HALIFAX. Mayor Schofield left last night for a short trip to Halifax. While he is absent Commissioner Frink will be acting mayor.

COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS. Mayor Schofield and Commissioner Jones yesterday completed an arrangement with Mr. Boyle to look after the disposal of all the slush on the Drury Lot, where he is cutting lumber.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE. Early yesterday morning two automobiles got into a clinch on Main street near Portland with the result that both were badly damaged and had to be towed to the car hospital for extensive repairs.

HAD FOOT CRUSHED. Bertina McMullan, 15, an employee of the Cornwall and York cotton mill, had her foot badly crushed by the elevator at the mill yesterday morning. She was taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Her injury was attended to and she was taken to her home.

LOCAL CHINESE UNREPRESENTED. The Chinese colony of St. John was not represented at the national convention of that race held this week in Montreal. Delegates were present from all parts of the Dominion and questions concerning the interests of the Chinese in Canada were discussed. The gathering ended with a big banquet last night.

MOOSE ON THE HIGHWAY. "Oh, for a gun!" was the wail of a couple of Fredericton men the other night when they ran into three moose while driving an auto between this city and Fredericton. On the trip from the capital here they had encountered one in the road, but got away with a cow, a young bull, and a big bull. The animals moved away slowly into the brush when the auto came to a standstill.

HAVING FINGERS REMOVED. James H. Pitt, a veteran who unfortunately lost most of the fingers of his right hand "over there," has gone to the Military Hospital to have the rest of the fingers removed. He made some remarkable drawings shown at the Exhibition, holding the pen between the short ends of fingers. With characteristic bravery and tenacity of the vets, he is now practicing writing and drawing with his left hand, and will no doubt succeed.

POST OFFICE HOLIDAY. October 18th having been proclaimed a day of thanksgiving by the Government, the day will be observed by the City Post Office in the same way as last year, and I would suggest that the public take note of the same and govern themselves accordingly. The General Delivery, Registration Branch and Stamp Vendor's office will be open from 9:00 to 10:00 a. m. and from 6:00 to 7:00. The Money Order Office will not be open on that day. There will be no delivery by carriers.

EDWARD SEARS.

ST. JOHN ART CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Transaction of Business and Election of Officers Takes Place Today.

The annual meeting of the St. John Art Club will be held today for general business and election of officers. W. Shives Fisher, who has held the presidency since the inception of the Club in 1908, is retiring on account of pressure of important public and private business. His retirement will be a distinct loss to the society, as he has endeavored in every way to make it a valuable organization to the citizens. The aim of the society has always been to make it a nucleus for the larger art museum, library and galleries that this city so largely and richly as St. John should long ago have had.

The Club plans for the season are formulated, and a printed programme circulated. So much interest was taken in the picture exhibit handled by the Club at the Provincial show last month that it is expected the membership will be largely increased this season. The classes have already had a large number of new members named sent in, and every effort will be made to make them this year more attractive than ever.

Persian Guest of Canadian Club

Troubles of That Land Before and During World War Were Amazing.

Best met West at the Canadian Club luncheon last night when Professor Pazel, of the University of Teheran, Persia, spoke on present conditions in his native land. The professor delivered his entire address in Persian and an interpreter translated it for the benefit of his hearers. W. H. Randall presided the professor in a short address on Universal Peace. Mr. Randall credited Abdul Baha, the Persian sage, as having first conceived a plan for universal peace, and said the world would never enjoy universal peace until it developed a universal consciousness.

The luncheon was well attended and Mr. H. A. Porter presided. Telegrams were read from Sir Robert Borden expressing regret at inability to accept the club's invitation to address them and from Theodore G. Roberts who will speak here next Tuesday.

The Address

Professor Pazel said in part: Although it is nearly seventeen months since I left my native land, conditions have not changed much. In order to understand the present situation in Persia, it is better to bring before our vision the great changes which have been wrought in that country during the last few years. The national religion of Persia is Mohammedan although certain minorities such as Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians are found. The religious prejudices and fanaticisms as practiced by the Mohammedans against the Christians are well known. Not only is this prejudice directed against the Christians but against all religions because the Mohammedans look upon themselves as the chosen race. In the east because no strong legal laws prevent people from extreme religious fanaticism people's actions are turned into savage attacks. No law has been powerful enough to prevent the perpetuation of these practices and the people are submerged in a sea of superstitions and dogmatism.

Cradle of Civilization

Ancient Persia was the cradle of civilization and refinement in the Middle Ages. Astronomy, medicine and algebra were introduced into Europe from Persia. In the last two or three centuries many causes assisted to bring the decadence and degeneration of the Persian people. Religious prejudices were so strong the Persian people were not ready to accept the modern ideas of civilization because the promotion of these scientific principles would destroy the rot of their tree of prejudices. A hundred years ago there was hardly any modern educational system in Persia, the women looked upon as inferior beings having no special privileges of culture and development. Polygamy and divorce were rife.

The New Leader

Under these disheartening conditions Baha'ullah appeared on the horizon of Persia and flooded the land with the rays of new teachings. This was about seventy years ago. Through the influence of his new teachings the realm of thought underwent a great change. He called on the Persian people to display great effort in education, the most important problem of life. He advocated the standardization of a universal system of education for all humanity so that the children of the world may receive an equal share of knowledge and science, no matter where they live. Immediately after the spread of these ideals new schools for the education of the girls were founded, for the education of girls is by far more important than boys. The boys may learn in the school of hard knocks but the girl becomes the quantity her education is of paramount importance.

Wave of Persecution

The Persian Government being autocratic and the Mohammedan clergy oligarchic more than twenty thousand Bahais were martyred and their leaders banished. Even the Turkish and Imperial Government of Persia did not like Baha'ullah because the Prophet did not like his teachings would not have allowed them to practice polygamy and set aside their wives whenever they pleased.

During the great world war the Persian Government fell into great difficulties. Persia is situated between the countries of Russia, England and Turkey. Because the large number of government officials were Bahais each other and Bahai'ullah and Abdul Baha had praised the justice of the British Empire the Persian people did not like to go on the side of the Central Powers. From the beginning the Persian people were friendly to the British Empire. The Turks and the Russians in turn invaded the country, pillaged and destroyed large towns and villages whose inhabitants they put to the sword. Pestilence and famine came afterwards and swept many parts of Persia of every vestige of life. When I left my native land negotiations were under way to make a new treaty with Britain which would bring the two countries nearer to each other and establish peace, tranquility and composure in that land.

Predicted Years Before

Baha'ullah predicted the events of this great world war nearly sixty years ago. He clearly writes that the end of this war will bring the downfall of Germany and the dismemberment of Turkey. The Mohammedans went far as to say if these prophecies came to pass they would become Bahais. This movement desires to establish justice among the people of Persia; to remove all signs of misunderstanding, to bring an end to all wars.

Steamer Utsire Here From Germany

Officers Talk Interestingly of Conditions at the Present Time in Hamburg.

The Norwegian steamer Utsire, the first steamer to arrive in port with a cargo from Germany since the beginning of the Great War docked at No. 3 pier on the West Side yesterday morning. The ship is loaded with an all German cargo, some 2,000 tons of potash, one-half of which is consigned to a fertilizer factory in St. Stephen, and the rest to a firm in Boston. She made the trip from Hamburg to this port in twenty days of a very rough voyage, during which the bridge of the steamer was nearly swept away.

Conditions in Hamburg

The officers of the steamer describe conditions in Hamburg, which are but a counter part of those prevalent throughout all Germany, as being very scarce, and the people are subsisting on black bread, potatoes and turnips. Flour and sugar are especially scarce, although meat is quite plentiful in the woods.

The steward of the Utsire said that he gave a loaf of white bread to the wife of one of the longshoremen who came out to the steamer in a lighter with her two young children. When the little ones were given small slices from the loaf their faces became starved in smiles, to them it was better than all the candy in the world. As they were but four and five years of age, it was perhaps the first white bread they had tasted. During the steamer's stay in Hamburg the ship's galley was continuously besieged by workmen asking for food.

The sailors said that while rations were scarce, and the people were still kept on rations, those who had the money and were able to pay extortionate prices had of late been able to get all the food they wanted.

Labour Unrest

The labor unrest caused to a large extent by the changed money values and the depreciation of the German mark was held responsible for much of the present day misery. As an illustration of the changed money value, they said that suits of clothes which cost 200 marks before the war, now sold for 2,000.

The Utsire was held on her arrival in Hamburg by a strike among the longshoremen. The men were getting 45 marks a day and asked for 60. A compromise was made, and they went back to work for 51. Before the war they earned from 10 to 12 marks a day.

Girls Out of Employment

During the war the street cars and other public services in Germany were run by young girls, but after peace was signed the men were re-instated with the result that in Hamburg alone over 20,000 girls were thrown out of work and are practically destitute today. Morals have become very lax as a consequence.

The theatres and restaurants are kept wide open until midnight and gaiety is rampant. It is not considered safe, however, to be on the streets alone after dark.

The greater part of the German people are working industriously, nevertheless, the workmen spend little on beer or liquor, and are putting away what they can for a better future. Some long again for the Kaiser, while others curse him and wish the Crown Prince in the deepest pit of hell.

The Norwegians state that high prices and labor unrest have also been experienced in their homeland, and that anxiety for Germany is a thing of the past. During the war 400 ships and 2,000 Norwegian sailors were sent to the bottom of the sea by German submarines.

Automobile Party Had Narrow Escape

Made Trip to Halifax in Ten Hours—Nearly Went Into a River.

The St. John men who made the first run from St. John to Halifax in the Cobb 8, returned home yesterday and report having enjoyed the trip which was not without its thrills of excitement. The actual running time was about ten hours, and a few unnecessary stops were made during that journey.

Narrow Escape

At one place on the highway the car was hitting a clip at about fifty miles an hour when they came to a sharp turn on the road. The car went from one side of the road to another and when finally brought to a stop the party walked back a short distance to see how near they had come to death, and found the tire track to be but a few inches from the edge of a bank, where, had they went over would have dropped about thirty feet into the river. It was a narrow escape and proved an experience that none of the party wishes to go through again.

The automobile stood up well during the fast race in which it went over bumps along the highway and reached the sister city in good condition.

The party issued a challenge to any pleasure car for a race back to St. John, but there were no takers.

Went it Alone

Three cars were ready to race from St. John to Halifax and each owner offered to place two hundred dollars in a pool if the Halifax carnival committee would add four hundred, making a sweepstake purse of a thousand dollars to be won by the first car arriving in Halifax. In addition to this a few local men added fifty dollars to the pool. The carnival secretary was talked to on long distance telephone and said there was no money available for the automobile race, so the much talked of event was off, excepting the one party who were ready for a trip to Halifax and made it on their own expense.

Store-Wide Sale Starts This Morning At Oak Hall

It comes as a pleasant surprise to the patrons of Oak Hall to hear that starting this morning Oak Hall are inaugurating a stupendous store-wide mark-down sale. This sale will in every way be an exact duplication of Oak Hall's famous mid-summer and mid-winter sales, but because many party who were ready for a trip to Halifax and made it on their own expense.

This unexpected sale, coming as it does, right at the beginning of cold weather, affords a wonderful opportunity for everybody to procure their new season's wearing apparel at big savings.

A sale of this magnitude is so unusual at the commencement of a season that it is a rare thing to find a plain statement as to the reason of it. It is simply that Oak Hall for the past few years having been buying more than they needed in order to procure enough for their work because manufacturers were only shipping about 60 per cent of the quantity ordered, being far behind in production.

This year Oak Hall proceeded along the same line but conditions very suddenly changed, and manufacturers started to ship not only 100 per cent of this season's orders, but also much merchandise that had been standing on order for a year or more. The result is that Oak Hall finds themselves with more goods than they can consistently take care of; therefore they decided on this stupendous store-wide mark-down to the very lowest possible margin of profit, in fact some lines are marked way below actual cost.

By this method Oak Hall anticipate a large volume of business by reducing their stock to normal. Their customers reap the benefit of procuring their winter's apparel at prices much lower than would be possible in the ordinary way of business.

This stupendous sale starts this morning and will continue for a short time only, so that interested ones should be on hand early.

DRESS UP FOR THANKSGIVING!

One of the most successful stimulators of happiness and sociability is new clothes. Present choice selections in Ready-to-Wear Apparel offer many opportunities to promote such Thanksgiving happiness.

The F. A. Dykeman Co. are showing fashionable and practical styles in coats for the cold days ahead. Soft, warm materials and clever trimming touches are distinguishing features of the Coats priced at from \$47.50 to \$120.00.

FREE NIGHT SCHOOLS FOR BOYS and MEN

Now open in the King Edward and Albert Schools. PLEASANT OPPORTUNITY. Pupils may enrol any evening. Subjects Taught: READING, WRITING, SPELLING AND ARITHMETIC. City pupils apply at KING EDWARD SCHOOL, corner of Wentworth and St. James St.; pupils from the West Side, apply at ALBERT SCHOOL.

SALE OF BLUE SUITS.

You can't go wrong on one of these Blue Suits we are selling this week at \$10 off regular prices. They're pure wool; they're designed and tailored by men who know how—30th Century Brand and other good makers. Why not look them over. Gilmour's, 68 King Street.

DROPS DEAD IN BOSTON.

Miss Alice Malcolm, 177 Cedar street, received a telegram from Boston chief of police yesterday, announcing that her brother William had dropped dead in that city. No particulars were received by the sister. The deceased was a native of this city, going to Boston about fifteen years ago.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c

The Best Tools for the Best Job Always. Stanley's Carpenters' Tools. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited. STORE HOURS: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open Saturday till 10 p.m.

A Week End Showing of Very Specially Priced Millinery. Truly One of the Most Desirable MILLINERY COLLECTIONS We Have Featured for Years. A Visit to Our Showrooms This Week End Will Be Well Rewarded. Marr Millinery Co., Limited. From New York Yesterday—Children's Trimmed and Tailored Hats. Make your selection today, our prices will not allow this showing to remain on display long.

ARE YOU READY? Cold Weather is Sure to Come. Don't wait till it's actually here. Pick out the heater you want now and be ready for it when it does come or you will be caught. We can supply a heater any size—for any use—for any kind of fuel. Enterprise Hot Blasts, Oaks, Franklins, New Silver Moon Self-Feeders, Perfection Oil Stoves, Wood Box Stoves, Air Tights. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., 25 Germain St.

Abounding in Smartness Are The New Furs. The comfortable feeling of being well dressed is only increased by the knowledge that fur garments purchased here are made from selected skins and will give you unlimited service. Complete stocks representing the latest ideas in Fur Fashions, as well as skilled workmanship and excellently matched pelts have been assembled for your inspection. By buying now you will have the benefit of a full season's wear. Some of the Coats are as follows: MINK COAT, 40 in. long, fashioned with full belted back and two skin bands around bottom—Lining of pussy willow brocade \$765.00. HUDSON SEAL, 36 in. long, has large cape collar of beaver. True cuffs are in flaring style—Lining of broche silk \$547.00. ELECTRIC SEAL, 36 in. long. Shawl collar and cuffs of King-tail Opposum. Back is cut full and belted. Broche satin lining \$340.00. SHIRAZ PERSIAN LAMB, 41 in. long. Large shawl collar and cuffs of dyed Raccoon. Belted model with full back. Fancy striped silk lining \$510.00. BLACK PONY, 36 in. long. Large shawl collar and cuffs; are either of Black Jap. Fox or Raccoon \$305.00. SEALINE, 40 in. long, large shawl collar and cuffs, of either Skunk or Natural Lynx. Belted back \$375.00. There are many more here, too—Some priced as low as \$105. Manchester Robertson Allison Co. KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE

Extra Attractive Values at Magee's for This Week-End. The values mentioned here are too obvious to admit of an extended story. It might be summed up in the caution, "Come in Early." LADIES' DEPARTMENT. The balance of the SILK PLUSH HATS at \$11 for \$16.50 values; and \$14 for the \$21.00 values. Coats of Near Seal—Regular \$400 for \$340; plus tax; \$365 values for \$320, plus tax; \$175 values for \$148.75, plus tax, and \$150 for \$127.50, plus tax. BETTY WALES' SERGE DRESSES, the regular price of which goes as high as \$45, for \$25. MENS' DEPARTMENT. ENGLISH SOFT HATS—Greens, Browns, Grays, Black and Navy. Regular \$7 value for \$4.95. Also Nobby Tweed Hats at \$3.95. All Raincoats and Gabardines at a flat 20 p. c. discount. In other words \$40 instead of \$50; and \$52 in place of \$65. D. Magee & Sons, Limited, Saint John, N.B.