

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME — Light to moderate southerly winds; fair and warm.

CONSERVATIVE HEADQUARTERS. The Conservatives have opened their headquarters at Rooms 9 and 11, Ritchie's Building, second floor, 50 Prince street.

AROUND THE CITY

St. John Conservative Club. A meeting of the executive of the St. John Conservative Club will be held this evening.

Notice of Meeting. The adjourned annual meeting of the shareholders of The Standard, Limited, will be held at the company's offices, 82 Prince William street, on Thursday, Aug. 10th, at 3 p.

Death of a Child. Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Clark of Millidgeville, lost their only child on Sunday, who died after a short illness, at the age of six months. Their friends will sympathize with them in their sad bereavement.

The Tennis Tea. Tea will be served this afternoon at the St. John Tennis Club. The ladies in charge will be Mrs. Henry Harrison, Miss Jean Leavitt, Miss Brown and Miss Ena MacLaren.

Will Be Buried Today. There will be no inquest on the death of Charles McCrackin who died on Friday as the result of injury received by falling from his team on the Red Head road. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

Reported For Destroying Trees. Harry Coates, of Winter street, and Joseph Martin, of Johnston street, have been reported to the police for destroying trees in Elizabeth Fowler's garden off Wright street, on Friday last.

He Assaulted His Father. Charles McKinnon was arrested Saturday night for being drunk on Kennedy street; he is also charged by his father, Albert McKinnon for assaulting and kicking him in his house on the same street last Wednesday.

An Error Corrected. An evening paper on Saturday published that the Liberal primaries would be held in the Nickel Assembly rooms on Thursday. This is incorrect. The Nickel Assembly rooms on Thursday will be the scene of the big banquet to the Hon. J. D. Hazen.

Banquet Tonight. Clan Mackenzie and other Scottish societies will tender a dinner to Major J. J. Gordon, at White's restaurant this evening. The gathering will be of an informal nature and all friends of the major whether or not connected with the Scottish societies are invited to attend.

The Congregational Picnic. There was a large attendance at the annual picnic of the Congregational church on Saturday. The picnic was held at Bayswater and the picnicers went to Millidgeville by bus and thence to Bayswater by the ferry steamer Maggie Miller. A most enjoyable time was spent by all.

A "Peeping Tom." Tom the Peeper is again busy in the West End, and residents of Carleton have been annoyed of late by a man peeping through the windows at unreasonable hours at night. Complaints to this effect have been received by the police, and as they have suspicious as to the identity of the individual, an arrest may follow.

Back From the West. Two young men who sold out a good business in this city and went west to make their fortunes, some months ago, returned home on Saturday. They declined to discuss their adventures, but volunteered the information that the west was all right for anybody who liked it, and admitted that it wasn't an easy matter to make a fortune there.

The St. John Power Boat Club. There was a busy day about the St. John Power Boat Club yesterday, ninety-five motor boats flying the club colors went up river and about a thousand people enjoyed the club privileges during the day. The membership of the club has greatly increased this season and the club proves a great advantage and convenience for the owners of motor boats and their friends.

Police Reports. On Saturday Policeman McNamee reported Richard McCaustlin, for blocking the traffic on Mill street near the Grand Union Hotel by leaving his team standing on the street a greater length of time than necessary after being warned by the officer. Harry Green was also reported by the officer for encumbering Mill street Saturday by leaving his team standing on the street without a driver in charge.

New Salvation Army Officers Here. Capt. and Mrs. Dunton, of the Salvation Army arrived in this city on Saturday from west Toronto. Capt. Dunton will take charge of the Charlotte street Citadel, succeeding Capt. Adamson. On Saturday evening a welcome was tendered Capt. and Mrs. Dunton. A large crowd attended the reception. Special services were conducted last evening in the Citadel, and Adjutant Carter on behalf of the local staff delivered an address of welcome to Capt. and Mrs. Dunton and speeches were delivered by several of the local officers.

Found By the Police. A purse was found in Rockwood park Saturday by the police and was afterwards returned to the owner, Mrs. Wm. Cronk, of No. 3 Alma street. A key found on Church street can be had on the owner's application at the central police station. A basket of dishes was found in the doorway of Dearborn and Co., Water street Saturday night and placed in the Water street lockup for safety. A key was found on Charlotte street, a child's hat on Prince street, West End, and a rule on the Marathon baseball grounds.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN CIVIC TAX SYSTEM

To be Recommended to Common Council at Meeting Today, by Committee on Mayor's Inaugural Address.

At the meeting of the Common Council this afternoon the committee on the Mayor's inaugural address will submit a lengthy report dealing with the question of revising the taxation system of the city by removing the taxes from improvements and business and placing them on land values. One of the aldermen said yesterday that the report will recommend that after January 1st, 1913, a reduction of 25 per cent. be made in the taxes on buildings, and the difference be made up by a corresponding increase of the tax on land; that three years later a further increase of 25 per cent. of the tax on land with a corresponding reduction of 25 per cent. of the tax on buildings be made, and that this process be continued till the burden of taxation has been placed on land values. The committee will further recommend that a committee be appointed to take up the question of inducing the county to increase its taxes on land values, with the object of obliging the parishes to contribute a larger proportion of the county taxes than they do at present.

They will recommend that the city take up at once the question of selling all its lands not used for public purposes, and that the legislature be asked for authority to appoint a Royal Commission to deal with long leases as they lapse. One recommendation that is likely to cause some controversy is that the city should tax all church lands, a rather radical proposal as the churches now pay no taxes of any kind.

In regard to the disposal of the city lands they will recommend that a special committee of the council be constituted for this purpose, and that all parties holding leases of city lots at the present time be given the option of purchasing such lots at a valuation to be determined by the land committee or by arbitration. Before proceeding to sell the city lands this committee shall be empowered to prepare a general plan of the city lands, and to reserve such lots as it may be deemed advisable to hold for public purposes, such as the creation of parks, playgrounds, squares, or breathing places, all other lots and vacant lots to be offered for sale and disposed of as soon as possible.

In regard to the method of effecting the proposed changes in the city's assessment system the committee will recommend that a permanent board of arbitrators be appointed, to which all disputes which might arise out of the change could be referred.

In order that the change in the taxation system may be carried out the committee will recommend that the legislature be asked to repeal the act fixing the rate of assessment at \$1.88 for five years.

Other Business. The market committee will recommend that a claim of Joseph Belcher for \$7.92 on account of a tub of butter which disappeared from the market on the 27th day of May be paid.

The ferry committee will ask that they be authorized to give an excursion on the Governor Carleton when ready for service, and that any expense connected with the same be paid from the Ferry Fund. They will also recommend that they be allowed \$42,500 on account of the new ferryboat and be empowered to increase the wages of the mates and toll collectors.

A petition will be presented from the residents of Newman street praying that the street may be graded and asphalt sidewalk laid on the north side between Adelaide and Durham streets.

Ald. Hayes will give notice of motion to issue debentures to cover cost of improvements already ordered. The following communications will be received: From H. S. Forbes, stating that he has been retained by Mrs. Mary King to ask for compensation for damage to her property caused by overflow of sewer.

From C. H. V. Belyea, stating that he has been retained by Mrs. Myrtle Cox to present a claim for damages in consequence of her being struck by a ball thrown by persons playing on the street.

From the secretary of No. 1 Salvage Corps notifying the council that Gordon S. Brown has ceased to be a member of the Corps.

He Thought He Had 'Em. A longshoreman had an exciting few moments on Reed's Point wharf yesterday morning. With some other men he was seated on a log discussing the live topics of the day when suddenly he gave a scream, grasped his trouser leg and called for help. A rat from under the wharf had run up the man's trouser leg. With both hands the man squeezed the rat and when a companion pulled it out it had been squeezed to death. The longshoreman was given quite a fright and the affair caused a laugh from his companions.

Mrs. Robert Lee. The funeral of Mrs. Robert Lee took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, Protection street, West End, and was largely attended. The remains were conveyed to St. George's church where the service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Sampson. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine Stackhouse. On Saturday afternoon the funeral of Mrs. Catherine Stackhouse took place from her late residence, 14 High street. The funeral services at the home and grave were conducted by Rev. Clifford Clarke, and interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

IMPORTANT TO VOTERS. Citizens whose names have been omitted from the voters' list and those who wish their names transferred from any electoral district in the province to St. John, call at the office of C. Earle Logan, of Building, 50 Prince street, or phone Main 1300.

CITY TICKET SALE CLOSES TOMORROW

Demand for Hazen Banquet Tickets Larger than Supply, so City Sale will Close Tomorrow.

Owing to the large demand the local sale of tickets to the banquet which will be given Premier Hazen on Thursday will close tomorrow. A certain number of tickets was allotted to St. John and the remainder to outside points. The city demand has exceeded the number allotted. The banquet will start at eight o'clock sharp. W. H. Thorne will preside.

ENGINEERS IMPRESSED BY COURTENAY BAY

Think Specifications for Courtenay Bay Works Unreasonable, but Say Their Firm Will Tender.

In company with Mayor Frink and T. H. Estabrooks, president of the Board of Trade, C. J. Armstrong and Brooks, engineers representing the Jackson Construction Company, which built the docks at Simon's Town, South Africa, inspected the harbor, and looked over the situation at Courtenay Bay on Saturday. They expressed the view that the conversion of Courtenay Bay into a shipping port and the construction of a dry dock there, would not be a difficult undertaking, and said that their company would probably tender for the work. They added, however, that the specifications calling for tenders were unreasonable, as few construction companies were equipped for dredging on an extensive scale, and building wharves and dry docks. Such companies, moreover, were not in the habit of building and operating dry docks, and it might be difficult to find any company which could finance all the works to be done in Courtenay Bay. They said their company would not be bothered by the fact that the contractor is required to put up a deposit of half a million dollars.

The engineers who are expert geologists, took a trip out past the Reformatory and examined the rock deposits in the vicinity. They also visited the Bay Shore and inspected the dredging being done by John E. Moore.

Mr. Brooks expressed the opinion that the wharves at Courtenay Bay would not be built any too soon.

A BOY SCOUT MEETS DEATH IN LONG LAKE

William B. Stong, Member of Camping Party, Drowned Saturday — Companion Attempts Gallant Rescue.

There was a very sad drowning accident at Long Lake on Saturday morning. The victim was William B. Stong, eldest son of Charles D. Stong, chief clerk of the C. P. R. Passenger Department, who resides at 104 Wright street. The young fellow was a member of the Boy Scouts connected with the St. Paul's church, and with about eight others was spending the week at the Scout quarters at Long Lake, which is about a mile and a half off the Sandy Point road.

L. P. Cathels was in charge of the party, and Saturday morning, having some business to attend to, and wishing to procure some additional provisions, Mr. Cathels came into the city. In the lake there are four boats, one called the home, another first base, then a second base and the third base. These boats are about twenty feet apart and it has been a custom for the boys who were able to swim between these boats taking a rest as they reached each boat.

After Mr. Cathels left the camp on Saturday morning about 9:30 o'clock young Stong, with a few other scouts, went in for a swim. He reached the first boat and after a rest, he started out for the second. The boats are about twenty feet apart. He had not proceeded very far when he became distressed and called for help.

A companion named R. McKee, who resides on Douglas Avenue, went to his assistance and caught hold of the lad, who seemed to be in an exhausted condition. Young McKee made a brave effort to save his companion and had almost reached the shore after sinking twice with him, when Stong left his hold, sank, and was drowned.

The alarm was given and about half an hour later Fred Peacock, by the use of two poles lashed together, managed to raise the body. Dr. Frank Hogan was summoned and it is stated that a weak heart was the cause of young Stong becoming exhausted.

The body was brought to his father's home on Wright street. There will be no inquest. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The deceased was a very bright young fellow. Had he lived until next November he would have been 16 years of age. He was a favorite with a large circle of companions. His family have the deepest sympathy of the public in their sad bereavement. He was the oldest child in the family, and besides his parents leaves three brothers and three sisters. The brothers are Frank, Fred and Murray, and the sisters are Mary, Jean and Kathleen.

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