

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fine and comparatively warm. Toronto, Oct. 21.—Pressure is high over the Maritime Provinces and northwest states, while a trough of low pressure extends from Lake Superior southward to the Gulf of Mexico. The weather has been for the most part, fine today throughout Canada. It has been comparatively warm in Ontario and western Quebec.

AROUND THE CITY

The New School. The School Trustees will meet the Commissioners this afternoon at 4 o'clock when the question of a plot of land on Douglas avenue for a new school will be discussed.

Another Property Deal. Those in a position to feel the pulse of the local real estate situation declare that up-town property is now much in demand. A movement is on foot, it is believed, for the purchase of a large block of property, the deal being expected to be put through in a few days.

A Good Roads Meeting. A meeting is called for this evening at 8 o'clock at the board of rooms when all those who are interested in good roads are invited to attend. The meeting is being held by the Good Roads Association of John City and County, and the Automobile Association, and its object is to organize a good roads campaign with a view to concerted effort towards permanent roads in the province of New Brunswick.

The New Fire By Law. Commissioners McLellan said yesterday that the new fire by-law would prohibit the use of the fire hydrants for any other purpose than those which they were intended, but for the next month the road department would be permitted to use them to draw water to sprinkle the streets. The idea is to have stand pipes as in other cities from which water may be drawn for ordinary purposes.

Will Use Bank of N. B. Building. It was stated yesterday by authoritative persons that when the amalgamation of the Bank of New Brunswick with the Bank of Nova Scotia has been completed, the Bank of Nova Scotia will transact business in the offices now occupied by the Bank of New Brunswick. The reorganized bank will have two offices, using the building now occupied by the Bank of New Brunswick on Chatham street as a branch. The Bank of Nova Scotia will be closed.

EVENING TECHNICAL CLASSES WILL START EARLY IN NOVEMBER

School Board had Special Meeting Yesterday Afternoon and Decided to Utilize Centennial School Hall

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees held yesterday afternoon the first steps were taken towards the establishment of evening classes in technical education. The Centennial exhibition hall will be utilized for the classes and work will begin as early in November as possible. The subjects to be taught in the classes will probably be mechanical drawing and house construction. At yesterday's meeting of the board the matter of technical schools was discussed at length by the trustees. The report submitted at the last regular meeting was taken up section by section, after which the board decided to start the evening classes in mechanical drawing and house construction provided these subjects meet with the approval of the Board of Education, and it was voted to ask the board to confirm this action. A committee of the chairman, R. B. Emerson and Supt. Dr. Bridges was named to arrange for procuring a teacher for the classes, as well as to procure the tables necessary for the purpose of the classes. The provincial government have provided a grant of \$200, and this is to be supplemented by an equal amount from the Board of Education. In the event of the conditions arranged at yesterday's meeting being approved by the Board of Education the classes will be organized as soon as possible.

PERSONAL Mr. and Mrs. James W. Phillips, of Sussex, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hazel Etta, to the Rev. G. C. P. Kierstead, formerly of St. John, but now pastor of the First Baptist church, Windsor, N. S. The marriage is to take place in Victoria street Baptist church, on Wednesday morning, Oct. 30th, at 8 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Abbot and daughter, Jennie, left yesterday for Baddeck, C. B., after a visit to Mrs. Clayton, Charles street. Mr. Abbot was for some time chief clerk of the Dufferin Hotel and later held a similar position at the Victoria. Mrs. Frank B. Bonnell and son, Fredrick, of Vancouver, who have been visiting relatives here during the last three months, have returned home. Miss Marjory Gallagher left last evening on a visit to Montreal. J. B. Jones returned last night from Woodstock. Rev. Geo. Steele, of Shediac, is in the city.

ENGLAND CANNOT FALTER DECLARES DR. ALWARD

PLANNING FOR BUSY SEASON AT THE POINT

C. P. R. Officials From Montreal Confer With Supt. Downie

EXPECT VERY HEAVY WINTER'S BUSINESS

With More Sailings Than in Former Years and Prospects of Heaviest Grain Export Ever Known Here

C. Murphy, general transportation manager of the C. P. R., and a party of other officials, including A. H. Harris, of the audit department; R. H. Blennerhassett, W. T. Marlow, Capt. J. T. Walsh and C. Kyle, arrived in the city yesterday, and during the afternoon held a conference with William Downie, general superintendent of the Atlantic division. At the conference they took up various matters pertaining to the winter port business, and discussed arrangements for handling the traffic here. The C. P. R. will have about eleven more sailings this winter than last, and the officials are making plans for handling a considerable increase in the volume of traffic originating on its lines. The transportation manager went into the local situation with Mr. Downie and various details connected with the problem of getting their facilities here in shape for the opening of winter navigation were worked out.

Very Heavy Grain Shipments. Owing to the big grain crop in the west this year it is expected that there will be a large increase in the grain shipments from this port to the old country, and it will require careful planning not to overtax the facilities here. It is also expected that the shipments of deals from this port will be large this winter, as owing to the difficulty of chartering tramp steamers the consignments of lumber which have gone forward from the North Shore and St. Lawrence ports this season have been a good deal smaller than usual. The transportation manager inspected the C. P. R. facilities on the West side, where the work of extending the yard room is being rushed forward as rapidly as possible, and the contractor who is constructing the new elevator is making good progress. Mr. Murphy came from Montreal in his private car and spent the night on the West Side.

Capt. Walsh, the marine superintendent, came to the city for the purpose of getting the organization of his department here for the winter in train.

SWISS GEOLOGIST VISITING CITY TALKS OF HOME CONDITIONS

No Naval Problem But an Army Problem is Found to Vex People of Alpine Republic

Among the visitors to the city yesterday was Prof. Emilie Chaux, of Geneva, Switzerland, who has been spending two months in the United States at the invitation of the American Geological Society. Professor Chaux will leave here today for Nova Scotia, and will spend some days around Sydney, studying the geological formation at that part of the world. From there he will make a flying trip to Newfoundland, returning to sail from Montreal on the third of November. "I would like to spend some time around St. John," said the professor. "There is much around here to interest a geologist. Today we were out to see the famous reversing waterfall. Of course we geologists are always interested in rocks and rivers, and like to study the way they grow. Coming from Maine here was an exceedingly interesting trip. The scenery is very striking, and I saw traces of glacial action. "About Switzerland. Well, there is one good thing about life there, we're not troubled with naval problems. But we have our military problem. While Europe continues in the present deplorable state of peace, we must keep our people in training—not for aggression, but to protect ourselves from possible contingencies. "Our government system is democratic. We have the initiative, referendum and recall. At first it was thought it was going to play hob with the laws. Only a small percentage of voters was required to invoke the referendum or recall, and it was found that it was easy to get enough signatures to compel a referendum on any law. "But two things happened. The men who made the law learned to make them so anybody could understand them, and the percentage of signatures necessary to put the referendum or recall in operation was raised to one-third of the qualified voters. Now the legislators consider the possibility of a referendum when making a law, and so the referendum is not often invoked."

Stirring Address at AXE FALLS ON OTHER POLICEMEN

Officer Leighton Dismissed From the Force Last Night

HE FAILED TO CLOSE DISORDERLY DANCE

Dances in Mill Street Hall Were Orderly Enough But Other Actions Were Not Quite So Decorous

Some of the younger people in St. John who have been conducting dances in a central section of the city have got in wrong with the police authorities as a result of Police Officer Sylvius J. Leighton neglecting his duty by not attending dances he has been ordered to see in such a bad light before Chief of Police Clark that last evening after the policeman had finished his day's work he was called out of the line at roll call and dismissed from the force. Mill Street building and are spoken of by Chief of Police Clark as having been of "questionable" character. Young men and women who have been attending the dances had not reached the American style of performing the "Bunny Hug," "The Newport Glide," "The Squeeze Hop," "The Kanarato," "The Pancey," and other up-to-date dances, but they have been sticking to the old St. John plain and polka quadrilles with an occasional waltz. When a step, and it said if they had stuck to their dancing and remained orderly the heads of the law-abiding city police would not have been shocked but when the report of rough house actions and disorderly conduct was made, the chief that it was time to step in and put a stop to it.

It appears that the building where the dances had been held had been ignorant that his place was frequented by questionable persons, and when by questionable persons, as when immediately closed the doors to any more assemblies. It appears that Officer Leighton had been doing duty on the beat while these "questionable" dances were being held, and because he did not make it his business to attend and close the places up, he was dismissed. Leighton was appointed to the police force on July 15th last, and was looked on as a good officer. When he was dismissed last evening it was received with surprise by his brother officers. The dismissal of Leighton makes the fifth officer to walk the plank since commission government has come into force and the police department is certainly being conducted on the straight and narrow lines.

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Canada's Position. "The position of Canada is one that commands the earnest thought and action of its people. She cannot escape the common duty or ignore the common danger and fail to share in the common responsibility. Canada must assert her manhood and arise to the proud position which she occupies as the premier dependency in England's far flung Colonial Empire. "The status of Canada is doubly critical from the fact it looks out upon an ocean, which may in the future become the battle ground of the world. More than half of the world's population is within the sweep of the Pacific's territorial surroundings. Canada faces on the Pacific, two mighty nations fast rising into great world powers—Japan, whose rapid rise both naval and military challenges the admiration of all countries, and China, arising from the torpor of ages transformed into a republic, if the Orient and Occident should hereafter clash, Canada's position might become a critical, if not a perilous one. "With Canada alive to the seriousness of her position, and both parties to the state holding like views as to the duty and necessity of our contributing our just share in our defence as well as that of assisting to preserve the integrity of the Empire, only differing as to the best means of attaining a common good, we may look forward with confidence to the future, shielded by that puissant power whose heritage is the sea, and which has arisen superior in every crisis of its history, even when standing in splendid isolation with the world in arms against her, from the time of the defeat of the Invincible Armada to the crowning victory of Trafalgar, when her greatest naval hero laid down his life for his country."

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THE WAR MENACE DEALT WITH BY LAST EVENING'S ORATOR--ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY PROVED EXCELLENT HOSTS.

Patrician and jovially formed the spirit that pervaded the smoke talk held by the members of St. George's Society in their rooms in Masonic hall last evening.

THE TIMES ARE OMINOUS

"The times are ominous," said Dr. Alward. "Today there are 15,000,000 of soldiers in Europe. All of the leading nations are harnessing as if for a great war. There is a note of menace in the hot haste with which they are constructing and equipping their armies, whose meeting is not peace and good will, but the engines of destruction, whose mission spells death and ruin. The terrible strain of this rivalry among the nations may result in disastrous consequences. There is a grave, and that some comparatively irresponsible person may drop a spark into some tinder and then the fun will be kindled. Lord war has already reared its horrid front in the Balkans in spite of Christian teachings, peace conferences and the masterly protests of the chancelleries of all the great powers. Whether the fire already kindled will be checked and confined within present limits, or escaping, be fanned into a blaze that will become a world conflagration, is the absorbing question of the hour."

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