

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Aug. 12. — The weather has been fair and rather warm today over the Dominion except in the Maritime Provinces where it has been showery.

Regina	43	82
Saskatoon	42	84
Vancouver	58	84
Edmonton	50	82
Moose Jaw	40	84
Winnipeg	42	82
Port Arthur	54	86
Port Sound	53	84
London	61	85
Toronto	64	85
Ottawa	62	88
Montreal	64	84
Quebec	55	82
St. John	56	64
Halifax	64	70

Forecast.
Maritime—Moderate southerly winds unsettled with showers.
Northern New England—Showers Friday and probably Saturday; somewhat cooler temperature in interior; moderate south winds.

R. E. Armstrong Back From Ottawa

Represented New Brunswick at Sitting of Board of Railway Commissioners Who Heard Application for Increase in Freight Rates.

R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, returned yesterday from Ottawa. While there he represented the province of New Brunswick at a sitting of the Board of Railway Commissioners who heard application for an increase in freight rates presented by the Canadian National and Canadian Northern Railways.

There was present at the hearing some sixty representatives of provincial governments, boards of trade, and other commercial organizations throughout the Dominion.

The railways presented their argument for the increase in freight rates on Wednesday and were followed by the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild and the Retail Hardware Merchants' Association in protest.

The commissioners adjourned yesterday to consider with traffic experts the evidence submitted. When the board meets again the argument for the maritime province interests will be heard. E. M. MacDonald, K. Pictou, N. S., will appear for the maritime provinces.

Man of Prominence The Captain Hails From Grand Manan Arrived Yesterday

Sir John Aird Has Been Touring Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland—Says There Are Great Possibilities for Farming, Particularly for

Talking to The Standard last evening Sir John said that since his last visit to these Provinces all the cities appear to be making great progress. What struck him most forcibly in traveling by rail to St. John was the small area of land under cultivation. What land was farmed was highly cultivated, showing that it was good farming land, but he felt that if the country between Truro and St. John is an indication of the rest of the Province the people had only commenced to scratch the soil. With its large forests, beautiful valleys and rivers the whole Province might well be under cultivation.

"The Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland have been weak in respect to a colonization policy," Sir John went on to say. "They have allowed settlers to go West when there is no reason that they should not have settled in the East. Of the twenty thousand settlers coming to Canada with your climate and fine country you should get a much larger percentage than at present."

A strong believer in the Union of the Maritime Provinces, this well known banker spoke earnestly of the advantages which would follow a Federation. He felt it would be helpful in the matter of inducing men to settle here. Newfoundland has a tender spot for the Maritime Provinces, and might come into the confederation with a Maritime Union. It would mean a greater development and a general saving of expenses.

Accompanied by D. Macgillivray of the Halifax Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce who has jurisdiction over the district of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, Sir John Aird spent two weeks in Nova Scotia and several days in Newfoundland looking over the development of the country and especially of the iron mines. They returned by North Sydney, stopping off at Moncton en route to St. John. Sir John was greatly impressed with the great improvement of Moncton where the Canadian Bank of Commerce has two offices.

Canadian Bank of Commerce

Referring to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the General Manager told of the fifty branches already established in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. It is the intention of the management to expand as the business of the country warrants. Altogether there are 650 branches with offices in London, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Ore., Havana, Jamaica, Trinidad, Mexico and men are at present on their way to South America to open branches there. The last annual statement gave the assets of the Bank at \$480,000,000. The staff numbers 5,000 of which 1,500 are ladies. During the war 2,000 men enlisted and about 300 were killed. A great many men are coming back to the Bank and are given their old positions. They are paid, as regards salaries as if they had never gone to the war and on the whole are doing very well and will make good.

Questioned regarding women on the staff, Sir John said that they are found very satisfactory and hold many important positions. There are no lady managers but in the senior positions—a lady is in charge of the whole staff of both men and women. Far from lessening the number of women clerks the Canadian Bank of Commerce is taking on more as new branches are formed. Since the Armistice 150 new branches have been organized and women are still taken on to help.

The Bank has a Pension Fund and War allowance which is still being paid. It possesses its own Guaranty Fund to which the men pay a small premium. W. H. Lugdin is Manager of the St. John Branch.

Sir John, in answer to questions from the reporter, gave some interesting details of his personal history, speaking most modestly of his rise from a Junior in the Bank 42 years ago to the highest position possible that of General Manager. Just a few days ago he received word of his appointment as Vice-President of the Bank. He entered as a shorthand writer and said that the same opportunity to rise is open to any boy today illustrating this point by the career of Sir Edward Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce who was a Junior on the staff entering the Bank when only fourteen years of age.

Sir John was born at Longmuir, Ontario and was educated at the University of Toronto. He is director of a number of companies and a prominent figure in financial circles. He has an interest in St. John from the fact that one of his daughters married a St. John man, Major Cameron who won the Military Cross at Vimy Ridge. Major Cameron is a son of R. E. Cameron, Mecklenburg street.

Sir John leaves today for Montreal on his way home to Toronto. He expected to go by automobile but the weather is not propitious for motoring. He hopes to return next year and go over the ground which he was not permitted to visit on his last trip as time would not permit him to remain any longer at present.

CLIFTON HOUSE, ALL MEALS 60c.

Garden Party at Fair Vale, Saturday. Sports, Games, Meals, Dancing.

Officer Spinney of the city police force leaves for Yarmouth this morning where he will spend his vacation at his old home.

T. T. Goodwin, barrister, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday.

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AROUND THE CITY

ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT.
One arrest was made by the police last evening. It was on a warrant for assault.

BOILER TUBES HERE.
The new tub for the boiler of the ferry steamer Ladlow has arrived, the Commissioner of Harbors advised yesterday morning.

CHILD DEAD.
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mc Carthy, of 289 Newman street, will be sorry to learn of the death of their five months old daughter, Mary Florence, which occurred early yesterday.

ON INSPECTION TRIP.
Dr. William Warwick, medical officer of the sub-district Boards of Health of St. John, Kings, Albert and Queens counties, left yesterday on an inspection trip to Bellefleur, Kings Co.

WHY THEY SMILED.
The staff of the Customs House were happy yesterday as a result of the arrival of cheques for the back pay due them under the Reconciliation Act, which took effect in April, 1919. These cheques were for amounts all the way from \$10 to \$400.

DISCUSSED LUXURY TAX.
Mr. W. W. Wiggins yesterday morning at the Board of Trade rooms discussed the luxury tax with a number of the local business men. Today he will hold a conference with Mayor Schofield and other members of the Board of Trade in connection with harbor improvements.

DEPORTED FROM MONTREAL.
One of the Montreal detectives brought to the city yesterday a man belonging to St. Paul, Kent County, who is in an advanced stage of consumption and had been ordered deported from Montreal. The unfortunate man left for his home last evening on the Maritime express.

REGULAR MONTHLY TEA.
The regular monthly tea of the Riverside Golf and Country Club was held yesterday afternoon at the club house. On account of the inclement weather the attendance was not as large as usual. The weather also interfered with the series of games which were to have been played.

BANK CLEARINGS.
The bank clearings here for the week ending yesterday were \$3,480,257. For the corresponding week last year they were \$2,687,541 and in the same week in 1918, \$2,345,024. Moncton bank clearings this week were \$316,715.

At Halifax the clearings of the week were \$5,109,944 and for 1919 \$4,600,685.

Children's Aid Society Meeting

Monthly Session Held Last Night—Usual Monthly Report of Agent Showed Considerable Work.

The monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held last night in the Children's Home, 63 Garden street with the president, A. M. Belding in the chair.

The usual monthly report of the agent showed that since the last meeting of the Board three children had been taken into the Home. One of these which was placed there merely until better accommodation could be found for it was taken out and placed in the hospital. Another it was found necessary to place in the hospital for treatment and this was taken from the institution by its mother. The third has since been placed in a foster home and foster parent papers have been asked for. These will be drawn up and signed as soon as possible. Foster parent papers for one boy have been drawn up, signed and placed on file. Five cases have been reported from outside counties where there is no Children's Aid society, in all of which the best that could be done was to send letters. Another case was investigated for a Children's Aid Society in the province, and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children also asked for information in regard to a family from here which was given them. Altogether forty-one visits were made during the month; seventy-four letters and postcards were written and sent out. There are now twenty children being cared for in the Home, the health of whom is excellent, thanks to the unswerving kind care of Dr. A. L. McAlpine, who is ever ready to respond to any call made on him.

Mrs. Crocker has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. McLaughlin, Ottawa, Ontario.

Gradual Growth of City's Population

Comparison of Reports of Secretary of Schools for Month of June With Former Years is Interesting—Increase in Pupils Every Year is Large.

An idea of the gradual growth of the city's population may be gained by a comparison of the report of the Secretary of Schools for the month of June with records for former years. It shows that the total attendance at the city schools for that month was 8,415. The attendance for June, 1915, was 7,483, the increase for the seven years being 930. The attendance for June, 1906, was 7,250, the increase for that seven year period being 1,165. Going back seven years more to 1899, the increase was 289, and on going back seven more years to 1892, the year the records of attendance were first instituted, the increase was 930. The total increase from 1892 to 1920 is 1,862.

Allowing forty pupils to a room, and five rooms to a school, the figures would show a need of five new schools in the city. While several schools have been built in that period, they were built for the purpose of replacing old structures already in use, and the result is that the schools of the city are severely taxed at the present time.

To alleviate this state of affairs, the roof has been taken off the Victoria Annex on Duke street and an additional story is being added, which will give two more rooms to that section of the city. Two new schools are proposed, one for the West Side, and the other for the North End, and the former gymnasium on Hazen avenue is to be converted into class rooms for grade ten of the High School.

The increase in pupils has been especially noticeable in the High School, as a great many more are taking advantage of the splendid education offered, and instead of leaving school at a time when just the rudiments of learning, the essential foundation to a liberal education, had been acquired, are staying to benefit by the High School course.

When the High School was first organized, and the boys of the old St. John Grammar School and the girls of the Victoria High School were brought together under the co-educational system, but nine rooms of the present High School were occupied by High School pupils, the rest of the rooms being devoted to grade seven and eight pupils.

At the present time all the twelve class rooms in the High School are occupied by High School pupils, and it has been found necessary to convert three small rooms on the third floor, and the assembly room as well, into classes for the steadily increasing number of pupils.

The attendance at the High School has increased from 300 when it was first opened, to over 600 at the present time. But not only has the increase been marked in the High School pupils, but in the grade seven and eight pupils as well. In former years a heavy decrease came in the sixth and sixth grades. A demand for better educated employees on the part of employers, who at the present time are always inclined to give the High School trained applicant the preference, has had a beneficial result.

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Successful Camp At Berwick, N. S.

Delegates to Summer Camp Meeting Returned to City Last Evening—Weather Ideal, Good Attendance and Much Interest Shown.

An exceedingly successful camp at Berwick, N. S., is reported by the delegates who attended this summer meeting and who returned to St. John last evening on the steamer Empress.

Rev. G. F. Dawson, who was in charge of the group from New Brunswick, stated last evening that all were greatly pleased with the interest and attendance. The weather was ideal, there being no rain until the last day, and the meetings held amid beautiful surroundings. The camp grounds are situated in a grove of hemlocks, birch and beech and cover twenty-five acres of land. Near are the fine orchards for which the Annapolis Valley is famous, one orchard covering thirty-five acres.

There are about a hundred cottages in the grounds, two dormitories, a large dining room, secretary's office, and several other buildings.

Beside Rev. G. F. Dawson of Exmouth street church, and Mrs. Dawson, who acted as organist and pianist, Rev. H. A. Goodwin of Centenary attended. Others were Rev. H. E. Thomas of Devon, Rev. E. A. Westmorland, Nashwan; Rev. H. S. Strothard, Chatham, and Rev. H. C. Rice, Summerside. Mr. Dawson and Mr. Strothard had charge of the young peoples' work and the work among children, also the early prayer meetings. Mr. Goodwin delivered an evangelistic sermon every evening which were forceful and eloquent.

Mr. Thomas lectured daily on "The Teachings of Jesus" and won golden opinions from all who heard him. Mr. Rice gave lectures on "Christianity in Action" in the afternoon, and many favorable comments were heard on the excellence of his addresses. Mr. Westmorland led the singing, which was a special feature of the meetings. All the New Brunswickers were singers and they added much to the interest and heartiness of the services. A large choir and an orchestra assisted in the singing.

Last Sunday evening Rev. H. A. Goodwin delivered a sermon, drawing together the lines of various work which had been touched upon during the eight days of services. Kind words were spoken by the different officers of the camp, congratulating the workers upon the success of their large at all times, people coming for miles in motors and teams to be present. It was estimated that between three and four thousand persons were in attendance.

The president of the association, Rev. A. B. Higgins of Dartmouth, presided. Rev. Arthur Hockins of Berwick was secretary. All the delegates were delighted with their welcome to Nova Scotia, and their motor trip through the Annapolis Valley to Grand Pre, where the new monument to Evangeline was viewed, was an event of deep interest and pleasure. Glowing terms are used to express satisfaction over the entire results of the meetings and the enthusiasm shown by all who attended.

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Children Are Being Vaccinated

Many Are Visiting the Free Vaccination Clinic in the Board of Health Rooms—Must be Vaccinated Before They Can Attend School.

The first of the little ones who will begin their school days for the first time on the opening of the city schools in September began yesterday to make their appearance at the free vaccination clinic in the Board of Health rooms on Princess street.

The vaccinations are being made by the medical inspector of schools, Dr. Mabel Hennigan. One of the requisites for children entering the schools is a certificate of a successful vaccination. Between six and seven hundred children were vaccinated at the free clinic last year. Thirteen children were vaccinated yesterday.