

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate winds; fair, with a little higher temperature.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Battleford, Prince Albert, Swift Current, Moosejaw, Winnipeg, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Net Fishing. A large number of boats were out on the harbor last evening engaged in net fishing.

Adjustment Officer Here. Victor Dubrel, fair wage officer of the Dominion government, is in the city trying to adjust some old claims of workmen against government contractors.

Inspection Trip. John Kenney, the provincial factory inspector, will leave shortly for a trip of inspection to the North Shore. He expects to be away for a couple of weeks.

Mohawks Victorious. The Mohawks baseball team last evening defeated the St. John Roses by a score of two to one. The batteries were for them Ianing team W. Manning, R. Jones, for the losers, G. McCall and H. Osborne. The teams will play a series of games.

Boys Arrested. About 8.30 o'clock last night Officer Briggs arrested John Cholman, aged ten, and John Wilson, aged thirteen, on the charge of stealing three watches from Daniel Doherty's store 655 Main street on Wednesday last. The boys were locked up in central station cells and will appear before the Police Magistrate this morning.

Spring Cleaning. The office in City Hall formerly occupied by Commissioner Schofield and now by Commissioner Russell, is undergoing its annual cleaning. Painters were at work yesterday whitening the ceiling. The walls also will be retinted. Commissioner Russell occupied a desk in the office of the Common Clerk yesterday.

Widen Roadway. Commissioner Potts expects to be able to widen the roadway at the corner of Market square and Dock street and thus eliminate the congestion that has been in evidence at this important corner. The commissioner's proposal is to round off the corner of the sidewalk immediately in front of the new bank and thus give about three feet to the roadway. The arrangement when carried out should greatly improve this part of the city.

Will Consider Request. A communication from the Canadian Forestry Association was received by the Board of Trade yesterday acknowledging receipt of an invitation to hold its annual convention in St. John in 1915. The letter says the request of St. John will be brought up next February when the meeting place for 1915 will be decided on. The letter says that the importance of St. John as a place for the meeting of foresters is well recognized and gives the information that the value of the forest products of Canada now amounts to \$150,000,000 a year.

Evangelistic Campaign. Dr. Burrows' subject at the Queens Rink last night was 'The Modern Lepers, his text II Kings 6:13, 'Wash and Be Clean.' By argument, illustration and incidents from personal experience, Dr. Burrows proved that wherever the gospel of Jesus Christ goes cleanliness of life follows, and that wherever the gospel is absent there is lack of cleanliness. The choir led by Mr. Van Horne is growing in numbers and efficiency. The following ministers were present last evening: Revs. W. Lawson, H. Crisp, R. Houghton and F. H. Wentworth.

New Reservoir. Commissioner Wilmore, who will accompany the Board of Trade delegation to Ottawa, will take the opportunity of calling on the Minister of Militia with the idea of securing some of the property near Martello Tower to be used as a site for a reservoir in connection with the Carleton water supply. The commissioner hopes to be able to secure the land although it is likely that some details will have to be worked out before the transfer can be made. If a site for a new reservoir can be secured it is proposed to sell the present site in Lancaster as building lots.

Vehicles and Police. Drivers of vehicles will do well to respect the traffic laws as every person who is seen to violate them will be reported by the police and taken before the Police Magistrate and stand a good chance of being fined. Last evening before the police officers went on their beats they were strongly reminded of the law by Chief of Police Clerk and instructed to keep a sharp lookout for all violators. The patrolmen are making a house to house canvass at the present time taking the names and reporting the owners of dogs who have not taken out their licenses for this year.

VAST INCREASE IN WEST INDIES TRADE.

S.S. Briardene could not bring all the freight that was offering—May have to charter steamer for Special voyage.

That the trade between the West Indies and this port is increasing was shown last night when about ten o'clock the steamer Briardene, Captain Faulkner, arrived with 3,500 tons of general cargo and the mails. Captain Faulkner stated that his ship brought a larger cargo from the West Indies this voyage than ever before. It is mostly molasses and sugar. Of the lot about 1,800 tons is to be discharged at this port and the remainder at Halifax. The ship had a rough voyage during the first few days having encountered heavy head seas. Speaking of the trade, Captain Faulkner says that he could not bring all the cargo that is offering for this port and Halifax, and a large quantity had to be left. The same thing happens to other ships bound this way and it is possible that a steamer may have to be sent to the islands on a special freight trip.

NOT SURE YET

In reply to an enquiry made at the home of Sir Frederic Barker last night, it was said that he had no definite statement to make in connection with his serving on the royal commission to investigate the Dugal charges. Lieutenant-Governor Wood was communicated with over the long distance telephone and he said that he would be in St. John today and would see either Sir Frederic Barker or his physician. He would likely have some statement to make today.

LABOR COUNCIL INTERESTED IN MAIL SERVICE

Delegates will meet Committee from Board of Trade—Indian town Post Office question.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last evening J. E. Tighe and John Montague, delegates from the Longshoremen's Union, were appointed to meet the committee which the Board of Trade will select to deal with the Gutelius agreement and the mail service matter, and if they consider it advisable to accompany the proposed delegation to Ottawa to lay before the government St. John's demand in regard to these matters.

A letter was received from the Single Tax Association requesting the council to place itself on record as being in favor of the government taking over the Canadian Northern Railway and operating it as a public enterprise. A resolution expressing approval of the idea of taking over the Canadian Northern was adopted and will be forwarded to the government.

In regard to the complaint about the railway service from Rothesay to St. John a letter was received from the general passenger agent of the I. C. R. asking for information as to the number of St. John workmen who were compelled to stop in Rothesay after finishing their day's work for a couple of hours. The secretary was instructed to furnish the information requested.

Another matter dealt with was that of having the sub-post office at Indian town kept open for a longer time than at present.

Delegates were seated from the newly formed Street Railway Union. Leon Wurrell, organizer of the Barber's Unions, was present and delivered an interesting address on the work of his brotherhood.

SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION TO COME TO CITY

This is intention of Board of Trade—To consider matter of free entertainment.

Yesterday the secretary of the Board of Trade received a letter from the deputy minister of agriculture at Ottawa, saying the only information possessed by the department in regard to the proposed tour of Canada by representatives of the agricultural societies of South Africa was contained in a request from the secretary of the party that the Dominion government provide two days free entertainment for the party at Ottawa. This the government intends to do. In the party there will be about fifty persons, and before coming to Canada it will make a tour of Great Britain and Europe. It will arrive in this country in August.

The deputy minister advises the board to get into touch with the secretary of the party and says that probably the party would come to St. John if arrangements were made to give it free entertainment while here. The matter of giving the party free entertainment will probably be laid before the Board of Trade at an early meeting.

POST OFFICE STATEMENT ON WAY HERE NOW

Hon. J. D. Hazen wires Secretary of Board of Trade to this effect.

The secretary of the Board of Trade received a wire from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries yesterday stating that the post office statement for which the board has been seeking in reference to the delivery of mails through Halifax and St. John, and the time of their arrival at Montreal. Secretary Armstrong had an interview with James L. Sargus and J. E. Tighe, yesterday, and gave them an idea of what the board expected the Trades and Labor Council to do in the way of co-operating with the board for the purpose of preventing a renewal of the Gutelius agreement and getting the mail boats to come to St. John.

At a meeting of the Fairville Board of Trade last evening Coun. John O'Brien and G. Earle Logan were selected to represent the Fairville Board on the delegation.

In response to the letter sent out to members of parliament urging that nothing be done about the mail service until St. John presented its case, letters have been received from the Minister of Agriculture and Alphonse Verreille the labor representative, saying they would endeavor to secure due recognition of the claims of St. John as a mail port.

APPOINT DAY FOR CLEANING UP THE CITY

Board of Health will oblige Household holders to get rid of dirt in the back yards.

The Board of Health will begin its civic cleaning campaign on May 18th, when a force of nine special inspectors will be put to work. These inspectors will visit all parts of the city, and take measures to oblige householders to clean up their backyards and premises. In many parts of the city this year the conditions are very bad. Some people are only getting their winter's accumulation of ashes removed. On windy days this spring blowing ash and paper which has been blowing about some of the streets and into homes has emphasized the importance of having an incinerator and a proper system of collecting garbage and refuse. This matter has been discussed by the city fathers for years, but the commissioners have not advanced the project any further than did the old aldermen.

St. John is one of the few cities of its size that does not have a regular system of garbage collection, and it is claimed that it will be impossible to keep the streets looking clean, much less the back yards while the present haphazard way of dealing with the matter continues.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH HAS COMPLETED THE HOUSING SURVEY NOW

The inspectors appointed by the Board of Health to make a housing survey of a section of Prince Ward, have completed their work. The section surveyed is bounded by Union street, Brussels street, Haymarket square and Erin and St. Patrick street. Two men have been at work on the survey for about a month under the direction of Dr. Melvin, the medical health officer. The survey was very comprehensive. The inspectors had to fill out printed forms for different classes of buildings, giving precise information as to construction of buildings, land occupied, land available for backyards, conditions as to occupation, ventilation, lighting, etc.

The information gathered will be turned over to the housing committee of the Board of Trade, of which W. F. Burtitt is chairman, to be classified and worked up into a general picture of housing conditions in this section of the city. The information will be used for the purpose of working out a plan for the provision of homes for the working classes.

A Shirt Waist Event.

During the Alteration Sale at F. A. Dickman & Co.'s store the people are getting great bargains. On Saturday they are going to offer a lot of dollar shirt waists at 39 cents each. There are only about two hundred in the lot so you will have to be one of the early ones to share in this bargain. The lot is made up of white lawn, colored cambric and colored ducks. Another lot consisting of about one hundred and fifty waists are to be sold at 45 cents, some in this lot are worth as high as \$1.50. Sale will last as long as the waists last.

E. S. D. J. Purdy will make a trip to Cole's Island on Monday May 11th, leaving Indian town at 9 a. m.

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GOVERNMENTS WORK DELIGHTS FARMERS

Enthusiastic interest taken in lectures by Department's Instructors—Farming Special Train

"New Brunswick has seen the dawn of a new era in agriculture," said J. B. Daggett, provincial secretary for agriculture, who passed through the city last evening on his way to Fredericton. Mr. Daggett, who with others of the department, has been working in different sections of the province this week, arrived in the city last evening on the Pacific express and went out again to Fredericton on the Montreal train.

Speaking with a representative of The Standard at the depot, Mr. Daggett said that the work of the agricultural department seemed to have struck a responsive chord in the farmers of New Brunswick and that an enthusiastic spirit, which never before displayed on his way to Fredericton, Mr. Daggett spent the first two days of this week in the potato districts of Victoria County lecturing to the farmers. Several meetings were held at which questions were freely answered and valuable information given to the growers.

Alive to Possibilities. Speaking from his experience generally for the past weeks, but particularly of his recent tour of inspection, the secretary for agriculture says that there has been a tremendous increase of interest among the farmers and that they appear alive to the possibilities of New Brunswick's soil.

In former years, he said, it was difficult to arouse enough interest among the farmers to have them attend the meetings, to any extent, but that now it was a matter of having adequate accommodation for all those who wished to attend. Formerly poor talks satisfied the half-interested farmers, but now the meetings lasted over three hours with the audience endeavoring to catch all information and put their queries to the departmental workers. In fact, said Mr. Daggett, the interest is such now that it is difficult to close the meetings so intent are the farmers on getting all the information possible.

In Victoria County. The interest in Victoria County was especially enthusiastic and the farmers there are warm in their praise of the work of the agricultural department. From the potato districts of Victoria County Mr. Daggett went to Moncton where he conferred with Robert Newton, principal of the Woodstock agricultural school, and W. D. Ford, of the agricultural department, in connection with the starting of the Provincial Farming Special.

Mr. Ford is a recent addition to the staff and is in the live stock department.

The farming special train will start from Fredericton on June 9th and plans are well prepared for having the Liberal organ of this city, some weeks ago, have proved as far as possible from truth of the case. The prediction of Mr. Carvell some weeks ago, was that the farmers of Victoria County would not be able to find a market for their potatoes and that they would consequently lose heavily. In conversation with The Standard yesterday Mr. Daggett, who has just returned from Victoria County, said that the production was heavy and that ninety per cent. of the crop had already been shipped while there will be no difficulty in disposing of the remainder.

Good Potato Market. From the words of Mr. Daggett it is apparent that the predictions of one Frank B. Carvell, re the potato crop of New Brunswick, as voiced in a Liberal organ of this city, some weeks ago, have proved as far as possible from truth of the case. The prediction of Mr. Carvell some weeks ago, was that the farmers of Victoria County would not be able to find a market for their potatoes and that they would consequently lose heavily. In conversation with The Standard yesterday Mr. Daggett, who has just returned from Victoria County, said that the production was heavy and that ninety per cent. of the crop had already been shipped while there will be no difficulty in disposing of the remainder.

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