

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Fresh southerly to westerly winds; a few local showers or thunderstorms but mostly fair and warmer.

Toronto, May 26.—Showers and thunderstorms have occurred very locally today in the Lake Ontario region and the St. Lawrence Valley and light local showers have fallen in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but the weather has been generally firm in Ontario and Quebec.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	46	58
Vancouver	48	56
Calgary	33	64
Medicine Hat	44	70
Swift Current	46	70
Moose Jaw	48	70
Regina	48	70
Port Arthur	54	82
Perry Sound	60	75
London	67	87
Toronto	60	86
Ottawa	64	86
Montreal	62	82
Quebec	58	84
St. John	44	48

AROUND THE CITY

Meeting on Thursday
On account of the absence of Mayor Frink and Commissioner Wigmore from the city there was no council meeting yesterday. It is likely that the meeting will take place on Thursday.

Reported by Police
Frank Thorne has been reported for violating the traffic law on the corner of Pond and Mill streets yesterday. Policeman Ward has reported Norman Bridle for throwing stones in Duke street and striking a small girl on the hand.

Excellent Lecture
Professor Falconer, D. D., of Pine Hill College, Halifax, lectured in the school room of St. Andrew's church last evening. Dr. Falconer took his audience for a trip through the Mediterranean Sea and up through Egypt. Dr. Falconer's descriptions were in a class by themselves and members of the audience could almost imagine themselves in the places mentioned. The speaker laid particular emphasis on Cairo and its oriental features. The lecture was illustrated with lantern views.

Lively Fight
Last night about nine o'clock there was a lively fight in John Spurdakes' ice cream parlour on Charlotte street, when James McCreary and Louis Berdego got into a mix-up which resulted in McCreary coming out second best with a smash on the nose which brought the blood. Sergeant Caples who was off duty happened along at the time and placed the two young men under arrest. They were taken to the central station. Berdego was allowed out on leaving a deposit of twenty dollars for his appearance in the police court this morning.

Immigrants Coming.
Superintendent Gilchrist of the Provincial Immigration Department received a cable yesterday from A. Bowdler, the New Brunswick representative in Great Britain, stating that he was sailing for Canada on June 6th with a party of 75 new settlers for the province. All the members of the party are experienced farm laborers from Scotland, and on arrival here will be available as help for native farmers. Mr. Gilchrist has also received word that a party of 25 domestic servants from the old country who are coming out on the Alton liner Hesperian, will arrive in the city in a few days and will be looking for positions.

Artillery March Out
The 3rd New Brunswick Regiment of Canadian Artillery, three batteries strong, and under the command of Colonel B. R. Armstrong made an excellent showing last evening when they had their first march of the season. The regiment was headed by their brass band and the route of procession was from the armories to Broad street to Charlotte along Britain to Prince William thence to King along the north side of the King square down Sydney to Union thence to Charlotte and back to the armories. For the encampment at Petawawa the local artillery will leave here on August 8th and will arrive at Petawawa on Monday, August 10th. Drill will be held each day until Friday, August 14th. The New Brunswick regiment will be there alone. It will practice tactical drills and have gun practice. About forty men from each of the three local batteries with the mounted officers will go on the August visit to Petawawa.

PERSONAL.
Hon. W. B. Dickson, of Albert county, is at the Royal Hotel.
Mrs. H. F. Watson and daughter, Miss Amy Watson, returned to Montreal Saturday evening, accompanied by Miss Margaret Sullivan.

MAKE WINDOWS ATTRACTIVE
Because of their having secured a large lot of Nottingham lace curtains at a big reduction in price, F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing an enormous quantity of the newest and most stylish lace curtains at fully one-third less than their regular price. These curtains were shipped to a large firm in New Brunswick which failed just before their arrival. The reduced prices run from 45 cents to \$3.25 a pair. They are also showing a big range of lace collars which have come direct from a German manufacturer and these also are being sold much below the regular price.

Written by E. J. Moore
An article in yesterday morning's Standard, headed "Money-Making Fur Animals" was written by E. J. Moore of Sussex and appeared in McLean's Magazine. The credit line was inadvertently omitted.

HALF-DOZEN ESCAPE FROM BURNING HOMES

Bakery and Barn owned by J. H. McGuire, and three storey building belonging to Charles Lilley, in Elm Street, gutted by fire last night.

The bakery and barn belonging to J. H. McGuire and the three-story building occupied as a residence and store and belonging to Charles Lilley in Elm street were badly damaged by fire last night. The total loss was estimated at about \$5,000 which was partly covered by insurance.

The family of Charles Lilley who occupied the second floor and that of Sydney Lilley who lived in the third floor had narrow escapes. The fact that both families had several small children made the work of rescue difficult but the older members of the families succeeded in bringing all to places of safety.

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. McGuire lost its life in the flames. The fire evidently started in the bakery and ate its way through into the dwelling house of Mr. Lilley. When the blaze was first discovered it was coming through the front of the McGuire barn which faces on Elm street. An alarm was sent in from box 143 at the corner of Simonds and Main streets and the North End division of the fire department responded. A second alarm was considered necessary and apparatus and men from the city proper were sent over.

The members of the department put up a good fight and it was through their efforts that the surrounding buildings were not destroyed. When the fire was first discovered efforts were made to bring the horse out of the barn but the flames were so fierce that the efforts had to be abandoned. Although the barn and bakery were badly damaged the frame of the building withstood the flames. Mr. McGuire estimated his loss at about \$1,000 and he had little insurance.

Had Narrow Escape
In the Lilley house the fire first made its presence known by pouring dense clouds of smoke into the living apartments. The inmates first saw the children were taken to safety. Charles Lilley came down the front stairway with his wife and the children and the flames were so thick be-

STEAMSHIP TRAFFIC HAS BEEN VERY LIGHT

"Steamship traffic is rather light at present," said Captain Walsh, marine superintendent of the C. F. R., who arrived in the city yesterday. "However, we are hoping that business will improve very shortly, and give our boats more cargo to carry."

"Can you tell us if the Empress boats will come to St. John next winter?"

"I have nothing to say about that yet a while," said the Captain. "I might tell you what I think, but things might happen before next winter and I might be mistaken. If business conditions throughout the country pick up, St. John will have about all the steamers it can comfortably handle next winter."

PREPARE PLANS FOR SHEDS ON THE WEST SIDE

Hon. J. D. Hazen arranging matters so that work may be rushed — Will be fire proof.

Secretary Armstrong of the Board of Trade received a letter from Hon. J. D. Hazen yesterday stating that the chief engineer of the Dominion Department of Public Works had been instructed to prepare separate specifications for the foundation and sheds of the new wharf on the west side, in order that contracts for the filling in, the foundation and erecting the sheds may be let with the least possible delay.

Plans for the sheds on the west side were prepared by the Department of Public Works some time ago, and the preparation of specifications for letting a contract should not take much time. It is the intention of the department to make the new sheds fire proof and they will be built of steel.

CAPTAIN WALSH INSPECTS HARBOR; CONFERENCE TODAY

C. P. R. Officials, with members of Board of Trade and resident Engineer, look over situation—Negro Town Point Breakwater.

In compliance with the promise made to the St. John delegation by President Shaughnessy of the C.P.R., to send officials here to look over the harbor works with a view to determining the requirements of the C.P.R. for next winter, Captain Walsh, the marine superintendent and Mr. Ommannsey, an engineer of the C.P.R., arrived in the city yesterday and spent part of the afternoon inspecting the work on the West Side. They were met at the station by J. M. Robinson, president of the Board of Trade, Percy W. Thomson, chairman of the steamship and traffic committee, Captain Mulcahy, marine advisor to the board, A. E. Crookshank, resident engineer of the Public Works Department, and R. A. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade. From the station they went to the office of the Public Works Department and spent an hour going over plans showing the progress of the work on the West Side. After one o'clock the party went to the Union Club for luncheon, where they were joined by W. E. Foster, a member of the traffic committee of the Board of Trade. Luncheon was followed by an informal talk about harbor conditions and Captain Walsh discussed with the members of the board several matters pertaining to the improvement of the harbor and making it more safe for large ships.

Negotown Point Breakwater.
One opinion expressed by the marine superintendent of the C. P. R. was that the extension of the Negotown Point breakwater should be proceeded with as soon as possible, though he did not regard it as necessary that the gap between Negotown Point and Partridge Island should be entirely closed up at once.

The plan of building a short breakwater extension from the eastern end of Partridge Island was also approved by Captain Walsh, who expressed the view that it would improve conditions in the harbor and obviate any possibility of trouble in any kind of weather. The matter of widening the channel and removing the American Rock was also discussed, and Capt. Walsh expressed himself as in favor of the carrying out of the plan of the Department of Public Works in this connection as soon as possible.

West Side Inspection.
During the afternoon the party boarded one of the launches of the Department of Public Works and made a trip to the West Side, viewing the work there from the harbor and then landing and making an inspection from the shore. On arriving at the works they were met by Mr. Steeves, engineer of the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company, and also by D. C. Clarke, who has the contract for the crib work. Mr. Steeves showed the party around and gave them information as to the work now in progress and what was necessary to be done in order to have new berths available next winter. Mr. Clarke made a very encouraging statement as to his share of the work, giving the party assurance that he would have his part of the contract completed in ample time. In reply to a question relative to his ability to procure timber to carry on his work, he stated that an abundance of timber

GEORGE McDONNELL SECRETARY OF COMMISSION

Appointment announced last evening — Organization session in St. John on June 4th.

The Royal Commission to investigate the Dugal charges will meet in the Circuit court room, St. John, on June 4, at 2:30 p. m. for organization purposes. Judge McKewen, the chairman, has received word that Judge Wells has accepted the appointment and will come to St. John in a few days to discuss preliminary arrangements with the other members of the commission.

Announcement was also made yesterday that George McDonnell has been appointed secretary to the commission. Mr. McDonnell is well known in St. John having been engaged here in newspaper work for some time. He was formerly publicity commissioner in Percy Thomson's cabinet and is at present a law student in Dalhousie College.

"THE MASCOT" AGAIN TONIGHT
25c. TO ALL PARTS OF THE HOUSE

The comic opera "The Mascot," which was presented for the third time to much better house than those of the holiday last evening in York Theatre, is to be given a fourth and final rendering tonight. Therefore those who have been prevented from hearing this pretty little opera because of other engagements may enjoy it after all. The house will be sold at 25 cents per seat, all seats the same price. It is expected there will be a large attendance as the Playgrounds' fund needs money, and the entertainment is really a meritorious one. One citizen has already purchased a book of fifty seats to distribute among his little friends. Others might find a way of assisting by emulating this splendid example. If tonight's attendance is good the affair will not have been attempted in vain.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF 'LONGSHOREMEN' OPENS HERE TODAY

The annual conference of the North Atlantic Division of the Longshoremen's International Union opens here today. John T. Joy of Halifax, the president, and William Dempsey of Boston, the secretary, arrived in the city last evening, along with delegates from Portland, New York and other ports. Owing to the dull times it is not expected that the attendance will be large, though all the principal ports on the Atlantic coast will be represented.

Among the matters which will be taken up is that of starting a safety first movement in connection with longshore work with a view to decreasing the risks to life and limb. For, as President Joy remarked last evening, the longshoremen are coming to feel that it is impossible that the organization should endeavor to safeguard the life and limbs of its members as secure they increased wages or reduced hours of labor.

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