

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Oct. 27.—The disturbance which was approaching the Great Lakes last night is now centered in the Georgian Bay region with considerably increased energy. Rain has been general from Georgian Bay to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and sleet and snow over Lake Superior attended by strong winds and gales. In the west the weather has been fair with heavy frosts.

AROUND THE CITY

THE POLICE COURT. In the police court yesterday Joseph Carr pleaded guilty to the charge of vagrancy and was sent to the Alms House. Three drunks were remanded.

SOCIAL EVENT. A social event for the Y. M. C. A. seniors will be held at the "Y." tomorrow evening and to floor work. A film entitled "Beginning of Life" will be shown.

FIRST LECTURE. A lecture and demonstration on first aid was given to the police last evening by John Redford, assisted by Dr. Murray MacLaren. Fractures and their treatment was the subject for the evening.

RECEIVES MOTHER'S CROSS. Mrs. R. N. Dean, St. James street, whose son James I. Earle gave his life in the great war, has received from the militia department the silver cross awarded by the government to mothers.

ONE LONE DRUNK. A lone drunk was arrested last night and incarcerated within the four formidable walls of the police station. He will be arraigned this morning before the Police Magistrate to answer to the charge.

HAD LEG BROKEN. George Howard Flowering, who resides alone at Clifton, while on the way to a well for a pair of water yesterday morning fell and broke one of his legs. He was brought to the city and taken to the General Public Hospital for treatment.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY. J. Patten of unknown address, was arrested by C. N. R. Police Constable Hardon on a charge of being drunk and disorderly on a passenger train en route from St. John to Halifax. He will appear before the Police Magistrate this morning to answer to the charge.

A NARROW ESCAPE. A horse and buggy driven at an excessive rate of speed arriving at a corner nearly collided with a motor car last night on King street near Germain. Had it not been for the presence of a policeman at the corner of the automobile a serious accident would in all probability have occurred. The two men hurriedly drove away soon afterwards before their identity was ascertained.

CONTEMPLATES BUILDING. J. P. Beaudry, representing a syndicate of Montreal men who own a lot of land in Fairville, is in the city trying to interest local capitalists in a scheme to build a number of houses on the land owned by the syndicate. It is proposed to build fifteen houses centering on a court and sell them at reasonable rates to prospective home owners.

Many Idle People In Eastport, Me.

Ten Canning Factories Closed Long Before Time—Laborers Leaving City.

A visitor from Eastport, Maine, yesterday, stated that with the closing of the large independent sardine factory of Booth Fisheries, this week, four of the big canneries will be idle for the coming season, and before the week is ended it is stated that other Eastport factories will have received their last supplies of fish for the season. There are now many idle people in all parts of the city with this early closing of Eastport's important canning industry which in past years was of great importance but in more recent seasons has not been of such financial benefit to the city only for a few short months, and the average employee has failed to earn wages enough to carry them through the balance of the year, and then there will be a long loaf before another season arrives in April. With the closing of the ten local factories, the big can plant, machine shop, Port New, mustard mill, box shock mill, long before the annual dinner November, there will not be much work in sight for the laborers, but many of them have already started off for more promising employment at better wages in the larger cities, and others will soon follow when the plants are closed and work ceases for 1920 in this usually busy frontier island city.

MAGEE'S FUR SALE. Magee's rarely are breaking precedents in offering reasonable fur pieces and coats at big discount prices. Today they feature on another page a series of bargains in furs. The sale will last one week.

Trade Between Canada and Jamaica

Letter Received by Board of Trade Gives Valuable Suggestions to Shippers.

The Board of Trade secretary received yesterday's mail the following letter from a leading business firm in Jamaica. The suggestions therein contained deserve the serious consideration of all interested parties: "The Jamaica Government has just ratified the Reciprocity Agreement between Canada and the West Indies practically unanimously. We are probably the largest Canadian Manufacturers' Agents in Jamaica, and have been requested by a number of the largest importers to get in communication with the several Boards of Trade in Canada to have brought before the members the following essential points: (1) Shippers must pay particular attention to shipping instructions. (2) Invoices and Bills of Lading must be mailed in time to reach their customers before the arrival of goods. Otherwise, trouble is caused, much to the annoyance, delay and dissatisfaction of everybody, and does not help to increase trade. (3) Terms of sale should be absolutely adhered to, and if possible, to conform to that of the United States or other countries. United States shippers usually give 30 to 90 days' sight draft, documents to be delivered on acceptance of draft. The delivery of documents on acceptance is in dispute by the banks here, but in most cases they comply. The large importers are in a position, financially, to meet any obligations they may incur, and in many cases will retire their draft before due day, if they consider the exchange favorable. They would rate favorably with Canadian firms in similar business. (4) The Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., of late has had sailings from Montreal and St. John, N. B., to Jamaica, but strong representation should be made to have steamers sail as close to schedule as possible. As it is now, no dependence can be made as to when they will sail. Sometimes 3 to 4 weeks after advertised date of sailing, thereby causing a great deal of trouble, disappointment and loss of trade. (5) The Canadian Government has no Trade Commissioner or Commercial Agent here, which is a handicap to trade. The United States Government has some eight Vice Consuls and Trade Agents here. In the interest of trade, the Canadian Government should appoint a Trade Agent. (6) Catalogues and Parcel Post.—Pressure should be brought to bear on the Government to have the service improved. It takes sometimes two to three months before catalogues are received, except sent via New York, paying extra postage and marking "New York"—several instances we have lost business by not receiving catalogues. (7) Promises.—It is very important that orders received by shippers and manufacturers—the delivery promised on acceptance of order should be lived up to, and if a delay is unavoidable, information should be given, and a courteous letter written explaining cause. We are doing everything in our power to increase trade between Canada and Jamaica, with considerable success but it is most important that co-operation be the word. The merchants are desirous of trading with Canada, but manufacturers and shippers of Canada in great many cases pay the slightest attention to instructions. We were called to the office of the largest importers, and were shown a sight draft for \$6,460.25. They had placed the order and wanted the goods, but no invoice or bill of lading received—they did not wish to return the draft, but had no evidence that the goods were shipped. The writer called on the bank and explained the matter, and had the draft held until arrival of documents or goods. This happens too frequently for the promptness of trade. Respecting your valued assistance in overcoming these disadvantages, which we can assure you will be a good factor in encouraging trade."

Interviews With City Merchants

D. J. Brown of Macaulay Bros. Don't Look for Slump in Prices Before 1921.

"The rumors regarding possible reductions are without any foundation and are not warranted," stated D. J. Brown, vice-president of Macaulay Bros. & Co., Ltd., when interviewed in the matter yesterday afternoon. Mr. Brown, who is particularly qualified to discuss the matter by reason of his extensive experience with the European buying department of his firm and his close study of market conditions, continued: "We certainly do not look for any change whatever of a downward trend until perhaps 1921 at the very earliest. Why at the present time, when repeating our orders, we are called upon to pay from 10 to 15, and sometimes 20 per cent. higher, and even when this increase is often very difficult to obtain the goods which we desire." Regarding Recent Sales. In referring to any sales which may have been held within the last six months, Mr. Brown said that any reductions which might have been made were by people who were overlooked. "Do you know," Mr. Brown continued, "that in some cases our prices at the present time are lower than can be obtained from the wholesalers or jobbers, owing to our having taken advantage of the prices prevailing on the market some time ago. We are thoroughly optimistic and look forward to an increased volume of business in all lines."

Request to Increase Residential Rates

Farmers' Telephone Company Before Public Utilities Commission.

At the meeting of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission yesterday morning, the Farmers' Telephone Company, Carleton County, made application for an increase in rates. H. L. Hayward was solicitor for the company, while S. Leighton appeared for the shareholders. Testimony as to the financial standing of the company was given by Miss Annie Drake, secretary, and as to the condition of plant and service by General Manager Geo. O. Brittain. The company asked for an increase in residential rates, from \$14 to \$20, and on store and office telephones from \$18 to \$30. The company's revenue in 1919 was \$9,000, which amount did not cover expenses. Mr. Brittain said that he believed a 25 and 35 per cent. rate was necessary to operate, and with a rate of \$20 and \$30 that a toll rate of 10 and 15 cents would be needed. Mr. Midrum suggested that a low flat rate be kept, and a system of tolls over exchanges be adopted. The general manager and Mr. Leighton referred to the practice of people dropping in and using 'phones for long distance calls, and the chair-lifted that notices be posted up forbidding the use of 'phones in this manner. It was asserted that prosperous farmers were using the lines over long distances, and that they were not paying their fair share of operating expenses. It was finally decided that the condition of the company's affairs would be reviewed by the commission and Mr. Midrum, and that a schedule would be drawn up as to the best method of dealing with the company's problems, their representatives to be notified at a later date when to appear. The commission passed an order directing the telephone company to pay Mr. Midrum's expenses and fees. In the afternoon the commission held their monthly session, routine business being dealt with.

Smuggling Lipuor Into Eastport, Me.

Saturday Appears to be the Time When Many State of Mainers Become Intoxicated

There seemed to be plenty of liquor Saturday about Eastport, Me., and it was evidently freely used by some of the residents. A few more fights were reported and an arrest was made early in the evening. For several weeks past, especially Saturdays, there has been evidence of plenty of "wet goods" in this frontier port, but it is no surprise when it is considered that the many Canadian settlements are near and only a half mile off from the city wharves that the boundary line where Dominion crabs could easily carry a cargo of liquor and dispose of it in quick time at this poorly protected border section. Even this coast line and dark coves for easy landing, especially at night.

Efforts of Italian on the Telephone

Product of Italy in Difficulty Because Hello Girl Could Not Understand Language.

A small sized commotion was caused near one of the telephone booths in the railway station last night due to the efforts of a product of the sunny land of Italy to communicate with a compatriot by the distance telephone. After voiciferating in an unintelligible dialect for nearly fifteen minutes he requested the operator to speak to his friend who accompanied him, as he could not explain to her whom he wanted, and evidently he was unable to understand her remarks. Even this was fruitless for a while, but eventually the second man was successful in obtaining the desired telephone connection and to the further amusement of those who had congregated around the booth, having been drawn there by the noise, he held a conversation in his native tongue in a tone that made one question if he really required the use of a telephone.

Seamen's Institute Managing Board

A public opening of the Seamen's Institute will be held sometime in November. This was decided upon at a meeting of the board of management held yesterday afternoon in the institute and presided over by the president H. C. Schofield. Thanks to generous help from the Navy League the institute has been greatly improved and it is planned to ask all interested to inspect that building and see for themselves what has been done to give seamen coming to the port of St. John a comfortable home. Several societies who might help at this entertainment were suggested and a committee will be appointed to arrange a programme.

Reports Received

The treasurer, Hammond Evans, reported a generous gift from the C. F. O. S., and referred gratefully to the great assistance given by the Navy League without which it would be impossible to run the institute in the way it is being managed at present. Mr. Fairweather reported that the Y. W. F. A. will again undertake the duties of the institute several nights to take charge of the Saturday night concerts. Other societies will be asked to do their share in this important work of giving the hundreds of sailors who assemble at the institute a bright programme each week. It was stated that Walter Brindle, manager, had looked after several sailors, taking papers to one foreigner who had not seen a newspaper he could read for weeks.

MEETING FOR MEN AT ST. LUKE'S

The meetings of the Missionary Institute at St. Luke's for today are as follows: At three o'clock Mr. Williston will continue his talk on the Methods of His Work in China. There will be the usual meeting for children at four o'clock. At the evening meeting the address will be to men only. It will be held at 7.45.

Request to Increase Residential Rates

Farmers' Telephone Company Before Public Utilities Commission.

At the meeting of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission yesterday morning, the Farmers' Telephone Company, Carleton County, made application for an increase in rates. H. L. Hayward was solicitor for the company, while S. Leighton appeared for the shareholders. Testimony as to the financial standing of the company was given by Miss Annie Drake, secretary, and as to the condition of plant and service by General Manager Geo. O. Brittain. The company asked for an increase in residential rates, from \$14 to \$20, and on store and office telephones from \$18 to \$30. The company's revenue in 1919 was \$9,000, which amount did not cover expenses. Mr. Brittain said that he believed a 25 and 35 per cent. rate was necessary to operate, and with a rate of \$20 and \$30 that a toll rate of 10 and 15 cents would be needed. Mr. Midrum suggested that a low flat rate be kept, and a system of tolls over exchanges be adopted. The general manager and Mr. Leighton referred to the practice of people dropping in and using 'phones for long distance calls, and the chair-lifted that notices be posted up forbidding the use of 'phones in this manner. It was asserted that prosperous farmers were using the lines over long distances, and that they were not paying their fair share of operating expenses. It was finally decided that the condition of the company's affairs would be reviewed by the commission and Mr. Midrum, and that a schedule would be drawn up as to the best method of dealing with the company's problems, their representatives to be notified at a later date when to appear. The commission passed an order directing the telephone company to pay Mr. Midrum's expenses and fees. In the afternoon the commission held their monthly session, routine business being dealt with.

Smuggling Lipuor Into Eastport, Me.

Saturday Appears to be the Time When Many State of Mainers Become Intoxicated

There seemed to be plenty of liquor Saturday about Eastport, Me., and it was evidently freely used by some of the residents. A few more fights were reported and an arrest was made early in the evening. For several weeks past, especially Saturdays, there has been evidence of plenty of "wet goods" in this frontier port, but it is no surprise when it is considered that the many Canadian settlements are near and only a half mile off from the city wharves that the boundary line where Dominion crabs could easily carry a cargo of liquor and dispose of it in quick time at this poorly protected border section. Even this coast line and dark coves for easy landing, especially at night.

Efforts of Italian on the Telephone

Product of Italy in Difficulty Because Hello Girl Could Not Understand Language.

A small sized commotion was caused near one of the telephone booths in the railway station last night due to the efforts of a product of the sunny land of Italy to communicate with a compatriot by the distance telephone. After voiciferating in an unintelligible dialect for nearly fifteen minutes he requested the operator to speak to his friend who accompanied him, as he could not explain to her whom he wanted, and evidently he was unable to understand her remarks. Even this was fruitless for a while, but eventually the second man was successful in obtaining the desired telephone connection and to the further amusement of those who had congregated around the booth, having been drawn there by the noise, he held a conversation in his native tongue in a tone that made one question if he really required the use of a telephone.

Seamen's Institute Managing Board

A public opening of the Seamen's Institute will be held sometime in November. This was decided upon at a meeting of the board of management held yesterday afternoon in the institute and presided over by the president H. C. Schofield. Thanks to generous help from the Navy League the institute has been greatly improved and it is planned to ask all interested to inspect that building and see for themselves what has been done to give seamen coming to the port of St. John a comfortable home. Several societies who might help at this entertainment were suggested and a committee will be appointed to arrange a programme.

Reports Received

The treasurer, Hammond Evans, reported a generous gift from the C. F. O. S., and referred gratefully to the great assistance given by the Navy League without which it would be impossible to run the institute in the way it is being managed at present. Mr. Fairweather reported that the Y. W. F. A. will again undertake the duties of the institute several nights to take charge of the Saturday night concerts. Other societies will be asked to do their share in this important work of giving the hundreds of sailors who assemble at the institute a bright programme each week. It was stated that Walter Brindle, manager, had looked after several sailors, taking papers to one foreigner who had not seen a newspaper he could read for weeks.

MEETING FOR MEN AT ST. LUKE'S

The meetings of the Missionary Institute at St. Luke's for today are as follows: At three o'clock Mr. Williston will continue his talk on the Methods of His Work in China. There will be the usual meeting for children at four o'clock. At the evening meeting the address will be to men only. It will be held at 7.45.

Lumbermen's Tools. For immediate delivery. Only the most reliable makers are represented in our large stock of Lumbermen's Tools which includes Axes, Tree Saws, Chains, Peavies, Peavy handles, Iron Bars, Sleigh-Shoe Steel, Horeshoes, Horseshoe Nails. Also: CAMP OUTFITS in Tinware and Enamelled Ware. Full Stock. Prices Right. INQUIRIES RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION. W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED. STORE HOURS: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. open Saturday till 10 p.m.

Just Arrived--A Wonderful Purchase of New Fall Hats. THESE GO ON SALE FOR TODAY ONLY AT \$5.00 EACH. Off-the-face models, accordion pleated effects, crusher ideas, droopy brimmed hats, semi-dress hats, tams, etc. Materials consist of Velvets, Plush, Duvelyn and these materials combined. All wanted colors including black. This is just another example that when you shop here you always find the new things as soon as they are created—and at prices that you want to pay. Come and see the new hats—you'll be delighted with them and with their prices. SEE WINDOW DISPLAY. WE ADVISE EARLY SHOPPING TODAY. Marr Millinery Co., Limited. All Trimmed Colored Felt Hats On Sale Today at \$1.00 Each.

COMMUNITY PLATE. Appeals To Every Woman because it is a wonderful combination of correct pattern, beautiful, exclusive designs and a heavier plating with a thick overlay of pure silver wherever wear is greatest. We are glad to show COMMUNITY PLATE, whether you intend to buy now or later. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd. 25 Germain Street.

SALES OPEN 8.30 A. M. CLOSE AT 8.55 P. M. SATURDAY 10 P. M. Sale of Heavy Winter Coat Cloths. We will sell a few hundred yards of exceptionally fine Scotch Heather Wool Coat Cloths, in 58 in. width. At \$3.40 Yard. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These are in the new shades of grey, brown, green and mixtures. This big bargain price is offered just at a time when women are planning Winter coats for themselves and children. No better opportunity will be afforded to get a splendid piece of cloth at a reduced price. Sale begins Thursday morning in Dress Goods Section, Ground Floor. Be here as early as possible and get the color you like best. Manchester Robertson Allison & Co. KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE.

Coats Direct from London, Not Shown in Any Other Local Store. The tendency these days is towards the individual and away from conformity, and in no one department is this more pronounced than in what we wear. Magee patrons know that we enter to this instinct and so will be glad of the opportunity for money saving made possible by this quiet sale of London made coats. FOR MEN. "Dunhill" for men. Models and many of the clothes are available only here. Regularly priced at \$10. Price until October 26, \$8.50. FOR WOMEN. "Clark Holmes and Clark" for women same exclusive models and cloths as characterizes the mens'. Regular prices \$60, \$60.75, \$78 and \$97.50. Prices until October 26, \$42.50, \$50, \$59.50, \$62.50 and \$78.