

AROUND THE CITY
DECIDEDLY WARM

A CHALLENGE.
The Port Howe Lions went a game of baseball with the Long Wharf Stars, the game to be played on Port Howe next Monday evening.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.
Good progress is being made and it is expected that the new St. David's church will be ready for occupancy some time in September.

NO COUNCIL MEETING.
There was no committee meeting of the common council yesterday morning as there was no business of importance left over from the council on Wednesday.

LARGER ACCOMMODATIONS.
The attendance of adults and children at the swimming pool at the foot of Kennedy street has grown so large that a request will be made for larger accommodations.

A DARING THIEF.
Making an entrance from a staging, thieves entered the Wilson Chemical Co. warehouse on Church street Tuesday night and managed to steal two half barrels of alcohol.

LESTER BROWN DEAD.
Lester Brown of Amherst, N. S., who was injured while working in the Sugar Refinery warehouse last Monday, died yesterday morning as the result of his injuries.

PROPERTY PURCHASED.
Frank B. Wetmore of St. John, N. B., has purchased the Cornell property, Spring street, and will move his family to Amherst in the near future. We welcome Mr. Wetmore to our town.—Amherst News.

CONDITION IMPROVED.
B. W. Thorne suffered from a weak spell at the corner of Mill and Union streets yesterday and became unconscious. He was taken to Mahony's drug store and later conveyed to his home in Duke street. Last evening his condition was said to be much improved.

A TEN INNING GAME.
A fast and interesting game of baseball took place last evening on the government grounds when the Port Howe Tigers defeated the Port John team in a ten inning contest by a score of 8 to 4. The batters were: For Tigers, Kelly and Gorley; for Port John, Yeomans and Carlin.

AWARDED CONTRACT.
John Jones and Sons have been awarded the contract for alterations and fittings in the new post office building. A few months ago bank cages were temporarily placed in the money order department, first floor. There will be removed and permanent fittings will be placed in position.

NEW PAPER COMPANY.
This week's issue of the Canadian Gazette contains notice of incorporation under the Companies' Act of Canada, of the Maritime Paper Company, Limited, with head office in Moncton. The authorized capital is \$100,000, divided in 100 shares of \$100 each. The capital is principally Montreal and Moncton.

MOTORED FROM SEATTLE.
Mr. and Mrs. James P. Price and their little son arrived in the city yesterday afternoon by auto from Seattle. Mr. Price was at one time a local skater, champion, but has been on the Pacific Coast during the last ten years. While in the city Mr. and Mrs. Price will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wetmore and Miss B. C. Quinlan, Clarendon street.

THERE ARE OTHERS.
St. John is not the only place which has had heavy fogs during the past few days. Halifax, which according to the natives is as free from fogs as year round as it is from taxes, has had a lot of fog recently. Last evening after the fog lifted there was a peculiar atmospheric condition and for a time the light at the Digby entrance was visible from this city.

A PRESENTATION.
Yesterday Captain A. J. Mulcahy presented to the West End Playgrounds Association a large Victoria cross and city records for the use in entertaining the children during wet weather when they are assembled in the room provided in the city hall. Capt. Mulcahy also purchased one hundred small flags for the youngsters to carry during marching exercises. The gifts are much appreciated.

GIVEN A SURPRISE.
Nursing Sister Caswell, who returned from overseas on the hospital ship Aragon a few weeks ago and is now visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Caswell, at Gagetown, gave her friends a genuine surprise by the announcement of her marriage. She returned after a long service in the hospitals of France and England as Nursing Sister Caswell, while in reality she was Mrs. R. Hamilton, having been married at Buxton, England, three weeks before sailing for home to Capt. R. Hamilton, M. C., of Regina.

PRICES IN FREDERICTON.
The following are the prevailing prices in Fredericton market: Lamb, 25 to 35 cents; beef, 12 to 14 cents; veal, 9 to 18 cents; strawberries, per box, 50 cents; raspberries, 25 and 30 cents; raspberries, per pint, \$1.25 to \$1.50; blueberries, per box, 25 and 30 cents; gooseberries, per box, 25 and 30 cents; English cherries, per box, 50 cents; red currants, 25 cents; butter, 40 and 45 cents; eggs, 60 cents; green beans, per peck, 75 and 80 cents; beans, carrots, turnips, per bunch, 10 cents.

PRISONERS BROUGHT HERE.
Clyde Harned, Frank Humphrey, Henry Allen, Harry Johnston and Thomas Hayes were brought to the city last night from St. Stephen, where they were arrested on Wednesday on instruction from the St. John police. They are charged with stealing an automobile, the property of J. H. Sheehan. The car was taken from in front of the city hall, West St. John, on Monday night and the boys were found in it at St. Stephen. Detectives Biddiscombe and Policeman Saunders brought them back to the city in the automobile yesterday.

RETAIL MERCHANTS CONDEMN
PROVINCIAL AND CITY ROADS

At Meeting Yesterday Resolutions Passed Calling on Government to Take Action to Put Disgraceful Highways in Good Condition—Committee to Wait on Commissioners and Urge Upon Them Necessity of Making Effort to Put City Streets in Better Shape.

The wretched condition of the highways between St. John and the Maine border was the matter of strong protest by members of the Retail Merchants' Association in session here yesterday. The merchants were most emphatic in their condemnation of the Provincial Government and the officials, who allowed such disgraceful roadways to exist.

The summer tourist trade had been ruined and the merchants of the province had lost business, which would have come here, had the highway leading from the American gateway been in anything like possible shape. It was pointed out at the meeting that this roadway was in very bad condition. It had been in this condition for years ago, and there was no excuse that the Provincial Department of Public Works could put forward, to cover the criminal neglect of this most important road.

At St. Stephen, the chief gateway to the province, there was posted an unofficial guide, who warned automobile drivers against the roads of New Brunswick, and as a result hundreds of automobile parties had been turned aside from this province towards Montreal and other Maine towns, where the roads were fit to travel upon.

The Retail Merchants were determined that the Provincial Government should put the roads in proper shape and give this province a chance of securing a fair portion of the tourist trade. With this end in view a strong committee was formed to wait upon the minister of public works and press on him the need of getting something done at once. The minister will be urged to have the work started immediately so that before the season is over there be a resumption of travel over the road from St. John to the border town.

The disgraceful surfaces of the city streets were also under discussion at the meeting, and the merchants felt that the city commissioners should get busy at once and have the streets leading to the different entrances of St. John put in better shape before the Prince of Wales arrived. It was felt that the Provincial Government should put the roads in proper shape and give this province a chance of securing a fair portion of the tourist trade.

Arrangements for a monster celebration in honor of the visit of the Prince of Wales and the home coming of the boys and overseas were advanced another stage yesterday afternoon at a meeting in the mayor's office.

Through James Connolly the City Cornet Band offered its services in connection with the children's part in the entertainment of the Prince and the offer will be presented to the general committee.

The programme as now outlined, includes a monster parade, baseball and band concert. On the night of Soldiers' Day there will be a grand dance and entertainment conducted by a committee from the Commercial Travellers' Association.

The city will give financial backing to the different committees engaged, and there were present: R. J. Wilkins, Polymorphians; Frank Belyea, C. Morris and J. Fred Belyea, West End Improvement League; Rev. R. T. McKim, East End Improvement League; Charles Lingley, South End Improvement League; F. J. Stearns, Royal Keeneboas; Yacht Club; J. C. Chesley, St. John Power Boat Club; R. Sims and W. McKinney, Commercial Travellers' Association; Robert Cunningham and Commissioner Thornton, North End Improvement League; R. D. Patterson and Harry Ervin, N. B. Automobile Association; James Connolly, City Cornet Band.

J. C. Chesley suggested that motor boat races be held during the afternoon of Soldiers' Day and arrange for a committee from the St. John Power Boat Club.

The West End Improvement League reported that J. Fred Belyea was ready to arrange a series of boat races. He will endeavor to have several outside rowers here.

A committee formed of the chairman of the Improvement Leagues was given power to bring two outside baseball teams here for games. They will play against city teams.

H. Sims for the Commercial Travellers suggested a promenade concert, with dance and running supper for all soldiers in the city. The committee decided to give this matter into the hands of the travellers and the expense will be borne by the city. The largest hall available will be secured and every effort will be made to give the boys a good time. There will be vaudeville, music, dancing and different kinds of acts and those in charge are sure to make the affair a great success.

On motion of J. Fred Belyea it was decided to ask the city to have all foot passengers carried free on the ferry boat during the two days of the celebration.

The matter of a parade for the morning of Soldiers' Day was next brought up. Mr. Wilkins said the members of the Polymorphians Club were ready to do all in their power to make the parade a success. There would be a meeting of the club and further details of what the members were prepared to do would be arranged.

On behalf of the Automobile Association Mr. Patterson said that an auto parade would not be a success, and the members of the association were opposed to it. Every car owner was prepared to do everything possible for the returned men.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Wilkins, Thornton, Ervin, McKim, Cunningham and Bralay was appointed to look into the matter of a parade and make the necessary arrangements.

Committee Meeting.
The parade committee held a short meeting last night for the purpose of discussing plans for the mammoth parade and it was the general feeling that every effort be made to make the coming parade one of the largest ever held in the city. It will be general and different organizations will be invited to participate. In addition to the Polymorphians Club it was decided to invite the members of the Fire Department and Salvage Corps, the Y. M. C. I., the Y. M. C. A., St. Peter's Y. M. A., and similar societies, along with some of the largest manufacturing concerns in the city. It was also suggested that invitations be sent to out of town fire departments to come to the city and take part. It was shown that a number of the factory employees, and other concerns might enter floats in the parade. The matter of prizes for the different floats was discussed and although it was decided that good prizes would be offered this was left until a later meeting.

The chairman of the committee, R. J. Wilkins, announced that the members of the Polymorphians Club would assemble in the Victoria Bowling Academy on Charlotte street tonight when they would decide what action they would take.

The secretary was instructed to get in touch with the firemen, the societies, manufacturing concerns and other bodies in the city who were asked to bring their floats to the parade. They would take and report to another meeting of the committee to be held on Monday night next when the plans will be further completed.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.
In a discussion at City Hall yesterday the mayor advised that as soon as S. E. Elkin, M. P., returns to the city, the council meet Messrs. Elkin and Wigmore and have a final talk on the proposed commission before deciding on the time for a plebiscite. The mayor stated that an important point, which must be cleared up before any further action is taken, is to adopt the commission, is what the government intends to do about the ferry. He pointed out that if the harbor works into commission and the city had to pay for ferry privileges the situation would be awkward and most unsatisfactory. Commissioners Elkin and Wigmore were present, and a plebiscite should be taken as soon as possible. He did not see that any further information could be secured as the government had given out the terms under which the harbor would be taken over. He strongly favored making certain that the city would not be taxed for ferry service.

Hard Coal Shortage
Say Local Dealers

State Supplies Are Decidedly Short at Present Time and No Prospects of Situation Becoming Easier During This Season.

Local coal dealers say the supplies of hard coal will be short during the coming winter. At the present time the supplies are decidedly short and there are no prospects of the situation becoming easier during this season. One dealer, who has recently been in New York, told the Standard yesterday that coal miners of the United States are going back to Europe in large numbers, and that the lack of miners was responsible to a great extent for the hard coal shortage.

The New York Sun has investigated the matter of coal supplies and in an editorial recently says: "It is foolish for some newspapers and some public officials to declare that there is an anthracite coal shortage; that there is merely a manufactured market to enable producers and dealers to charge higher prices. The coal shortage here in the east is not a theory. It is a fact. It is a very serious fact. Before many weeks it can become, indeed is liable to become, a criminal fact."

For the present coal year the shipments of anthracite have been only 16,556,221 tons as against 20,222,298 tons in the previous year. A shortage of upward of 4,000,000 tons cannot be regarded as anything but a danger signal. The time to ship hard coal in these summer months, when it can go from the mouth of the mine to the pocket of the dealer and to the cellar of the consumer with the least possible interference with the transportation. Shipping coal in winter is not merely a hardship and an expense on the shipper and on the carrier; it is a hazard for the consumer. Frozen coal is difficult to handle. Snowbound railroads tempt the diversion of long haul fuel to local uses. When a community is on a coal life is short and fuel doesn't hesitate to take it from a long haul train stalled in the snow or blocked by frozen switches. The consumers waiting at the other end of the line for the coal don't get it.

"There are not at the mines any surplus stock of hard coal for domestic use. The great masses of anthracite which has been piled up at the mines are steam sizes. This in itself is a misfortune. Steam sizes cannot be used in the furnace of the ordinary home. Practically the only market for them is in the industrial plants or in hotels and buildings with power and heating plants specially constructed to burn such fuel. In former years this steam size anthracite was used by industries in cities because of local ordinances against the smoke nuisance. The very use of this steam size anthracite in place of soft coal stimulated the production of the larger sizes. It must be obvious that if out of every thousand tons that come from a mine several hundred tons—the fine stuff, which can be used only for steam purposes—cannot be or is not sold, the larger sizes, which go to the household consumer, must bear the whole cost of mining all that coal. If the steam sizes are disposed of such coal bears a part of the cost."

"There being a coal shortage, a grave coal shortage, which nobody who knows what he is talking about will dream of disputing, it is high time for those who can help the situation to get on the job of seeing that in the few months still left before snow flies the present coal deficiency of millions of tons is made good and that thereafter the steady flow of coal is continued at a higher rate than has yet been in this shipping season. And the consumer should try to get his winter supplies stowed away. If this isn't done the East is going to shiver and freeze for a good part of next winter. The coal to market and into the bin!"

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FUNERALS
The funeral of James E. Whitaker, one of the oldest residents of St. John, took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 24 Dorchester street. A large number of friends and relatives, among whom were several officials of the Customs House staff, attended to pay their last respects to the deceased. A large number of floral tributes were received, among which was a wreath from the Customs House staff, of which Mr. Whitaker was appraiser for thirty years. The Rev. H. A. Goodwin conducted the services and interment was in Fernhill cemetery.

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