

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Maritime—Winds
Increasing to strong breezes or
moderate gales and shifting to
westerly; cool and showery.

Toronto, June 20.—Showers
have occurred today in many
parts of Ontario and thunder-
storms have been experienced
in counties contiguous to Lake
Erie. Rain has fallen over the
greater part of Alberta and
Saskatchewan with some local
thunderstorms in the latter pro-
vince. Stormy conditions are
now settling in over Northern
Quebec and the Maritime Pro-
vinces.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	50	68
Vancouver	50	66
Toronto	55	62
Ottawa	50	74
Montreal	54	74
St. John	48	60
Halifax	40	72

AROUND THE CITY

The Murray Street Mission.
On Thursday morning the stove was
upset in the Murray Street Mission
doing some trifling damage. This will
not interfere in any way with the Sun-
day school which will be held, as
usual, at 9.30 tomorrow. The hall has,
since the fire, been re-painted and de-
corated and a new stereopticon instal-
led.

The Millmen's Strike.
A week has now expired since the
mill owners of the city refused to
meet the demand of the millmen and
poundsmen, and they refusing to work
under the same schedule, the mills
were closed down. No further devel-
opments are reported to have taken
place during that time and 1600 mil-
lmen are still out of work, while not
a wheel is in motion in any of the
saw mills. The strike is felt keenly
by merchants in the northern section
of the city.

ANNIVERSARY
YESTERDAY
OF
THE "BIG FIRE"

Thirty-six Years Ago this
Morning, from Union Street
South was but Heap of
Smouldering Ruins.

Thirty-six years ago today a large
part of the city of St. John was a heap
of smoking ruins, and a stunned and
horror-stricken people were trying to
realize the calamity that had come
upon them, as they looked upon the
ashes of their homes and places of
business. Yesterday was the anni-
versary of the great fire that swept
through the city, destroying its finest
buildings, its most important and
wealthiest section.

The great fire started in the ware-
house of Joseph Fairweather at York
Point, on June 20th, 1877, at 2 o'clock
in the afternoon, and a strong north-
west wind drove it like a destroying
demon through the city. In the short
space of nine hours the fire swept over
a district bounded by a line on the
eastern and northern sides of Union
street to Mill street, northern and
eastern sides of Market Square, centre
of King street to Pitt street, Pitt street
to its junction with the water, and
thence around by the harbor line to
York Point.

The St. John fire was more calami-
tous in its character than the con-
flagration which plunged portions of
Chicago into ruins. In a relative sense
St. John people for a time suffered
greater hardships. One thousand six
hundred and twelve houses were re-
duced to ashes.

The fire raged with incredible vi-
olence. At one time three portions of
the city were burning at once, and all
hope of checking the conflagration
died in the hearts of men as the ter-
rific volume of flames crackled and
thundered. The blinding smoke rolled
heavenward in a thick heavy mass,
and the embers were borne along by
the wind for miles. It was a frightful
and awe-inspiring spectacle. Men and
women stood paralyzed in the streets.
Nothing stayed the march of the de-
stroying flames. Immense buildings
that seemed to stand like an army of
guardians were swept away in no
time; granite, freestone, brick and
marble were as ineffectual in staying
the flames as the driest tinder boxes
of wooden houses. The frantic efforts
of the people to check the spread of
the conflagration counted for nothing;
everything south of King street was
swept away and the fire was only
stayed when the water line prevented
it going further.

The loss was said to be over \$27,
000,000, nearly equal to the assessed
valuation of all the buildings and
lands in the city at the present time.
Thirteen thousand people were ren-
dered homeless.

During the fire there were many
thrilling moments for the people,
many exhibitions of heroism and brave-
ry and also some exhibitions of sel-
fishness, sordidness and reckless de-
spair. But in general the people be-
haved well and showed a fine fortitude.

Looking at the city south of King
street today it is difficult to realize
that only 36 years ago this morning it
was a heap of smouldering ashes.

Ladies' Summer Coats.
Ladies' summer coats at F. A. Dyke-
man and Co.'s. A touch of exclusiv-
ness characterizes these coats, made
just a little different from others. In
some it may be the button holes, in
others it may be the trimmings. In
others it's the cleverness of the tail-
oring that makes the distinction and
with all they are reasonably priced,
from \$6.75 to \$15.00. You can get your
size there, and you will be sure to
find the color you want, as their as-
sortment is large.

MINISTER AND CITY COUNCIL
CONFER ON HARBOR MATTERS

Decision Reached to Formulate Policy of Municipal As-
sistance by Shipbuilding Enterprise—Representatives of Ship-
building firms will be invited to Look Us Over — Mon.
Mr. Hazen Will Aid in Every Way.

A conference was held yesterday between Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister
of Marine and Fisheries, the Mayor, City Commissioners and Warden
Carson of the County Council, at which the question of devising a policy
to secure a shipbuilding plant for St. John and various other matters
pertaining to the development of the port were discussed. In regard to
the matter of securing a shipbuilding plant the conclusion was arrived at
that the first step should be the determining by the local authorities of
a policy of assistance to a shipbuilding enterprise, such policy to provide
that the extent of the assistance should depend on the size and character
of the plant.

After the adoption of such policy it is proposed to announce its terms
and invite representatives of shipbuilding firms to come here and look over
the situation. The matter of working out a policy of granting assistance
to a shipbuilding plant will be taken up by the city and county authori-
ties at once, and it is hoped to have something determined to lay before
the meeting of the County Council in July.

At the conference the matter of having the dry dock enlarged to
1,150 feet was discussed, as well as the question of getting the Grand
Trunk Pacific to come here as speedily as possible. There was also some
discussion in regard to harbor matters generally, and the commissioners
urged the importance of having the Negro Point breakwater extended to
the island, and provision being made for the construction of grain con-
veyors to No. 5 and 6 berths on the West Side.

After the conference the City Commissioners said the idea of the
meeting was to discuss with the Minister various details of the harbor
works already in progress, the plans for the future and the means neces-
sary to realize the various projects for helping the port and city. They
felt that the Minister would do his best to secure the enlargement of
the dry dock and forward the interests of the port in other ways, and
that as the government had already shown its recognition of the impor-
tance of St. John as a national port its future interests would be well
protected.

CHAMBERS NOW
COMING TO
RACE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Local Birdman Issues Challenge to R. P. Ralston, of Montreal,
for Flying Race Across Big Pond — Start at Newfound-
land and End in Ireland.

What may result in a trans-Atlantic
aeroplane race is the statement of R.
P. Ralston, of Montreal, who has ex-
pressed the intention of trying for the
Daily Mail prize of \$50,000. Mr. Ra-
lston when issuing the statement criti-
cized the arrangements made by C. F.
Montague Chambers, of St. John, with
the result that Mr. Chambers has ex-
pressed his determination of chal-
lenging Ralston to race across the
Atlantic from St. John's, Newfound-
land to Ireland. Great interest would
be taken by the world in such a con-
test, and it is safe to say that both
aviators would have a host of willing
backers. Many odds have been
staked, but never before has a chal-
lenge been issued for a race across
the broad Atlantic in aeroplanes.

"If R. P. Ralston, of Montreal, who
has criticised my figures with regard
to flying across the Atlantic ocean
has sufficient faith in himself, I am
willing to race him for the Daily Mail
prize," said C. F. Montague Chambers

NOBLES HAD
MERRY TIME

Tenth Anniversary of Luxor
Temple of Mystic Shrine
Celebrated Last Night by
Musical and Dance.

The tenth anniversary of the incep-
tion of Luxor Temple of the Mystic
Shrine was celebrated by the Nobles
in a right royal manner last evening,
when the observance took the form
of a concert and dance. As exclu-
sively stated in The Standard yester-
day morning the rooms were hand-
somer decorated in honor of the
occasion, all the elaborate prepara-
tions adding to the gaiety of the good
time of last evening.

Upwards of two hundred people
were in attendance, Jones' orchestra
opening the proceedings with the
playing of "God Save the King." Po-
tentate Barr then delivered an appro-
priate address in which he extended
a hearty welcome to all and wished
them a good time.

The musical was commenced with
a selection by the orchestra, after
which Fred McKean was heard to
advantage in the singing of a
"Bedouin Love Song." "Arcadia"
the hearty approbation of all, and
was followed by an orchestra selec-
tion. Fred C. McNeill was heard in
one of his Scotch selections, after
which Alfonso C. Smith, in his rend-
ering of "At Dawn," received merited
applause. The programme was
brought to a close with the singing
of the "Inlytus" by David B. Mc-
donald. An Arnold Fox acted as accom-
panist.

After the musical the floor was
cleared and a pleasing programme of
dances carried out. Refreshments
were served and the festivities kept
up until a late hour.

The committees in charge were:
Finance—A. M. Rowan, F. A. Good-
man, George Ackman, A. E. Maclellan,
H. L. Gaster, Charles Robinson, Mur-
ray Huettel, C. F. Brown, W. B. Wal-
ter. Refreshment—Charles Robinson, R.
W. W. Prink, F. A. Wright, Leif
Thompson, E. Dennis Barry, George
E. Thompson, F. W. Munro.
Reception—F. H. Barr, W. H.
Smith, A. E. Maclellan, R. W. W. Prink,
Leif Thompson, C. F. Brown, T. E. Crockett.

CANADA TO
BENEFIT BY
NEW U.S. TARIFF

Reduction on Fish Oil Will
Increase Trade.

J. C. BENT BLAMES MONEY
STRINGENCY ON TARIFF

Woolen Industries Feeling Ef-
fects of Change of Govern-
ment—Business Men Sitting
Tight and Waiting.

J. C. Bent, who owns extensive in-
terests in the fish oil industry through-
out the United States, when in con-
versation with The Standard yester-
day, expressed the opinion that the
Democratic tariff would result in ex-
tremely favorable conditions for Cana-
dian shippers. Fish oil is manufac-
tured to a considerable extent in the
Maritime Provinces, but Newfoundland
is far in the lead in this industry.
For a number of years the custom
duty on this product into the United
States was eight cents per wine gal-
lon, lately this was reduced to three
cents and if the Democratic tariff goes
into effect the duty will be removed
altogether, giving the Canadian and
Newfoundland manufacturers an op-
portunity to ship large quantities. Mr.
Bent said that there was big demand
for fish oil in the Eastern States,
which the American manufacturers
could not adequately supply and for
this reason the Canadian and New-
foundland oil merchants could increase
the price provided the product was in
demand.

The whole matter will be governed
by the law of supply and demand,
said Mr. Bent, and your manufacturers
will have by far the best end of the
bargain. In fact Canada is practically
getting the conditions outlined in the
reciprocity bill without giving one
cent's worth in return.

Mr. Bent, who admitted his Republi-
can tendencies, was of the opinion
that the Democratic tariff was respon-
sible for the present money stringency
in the United States. This, he said,
was also the opinion of the majority of
the big business men of the country.
The manufacturers and merchants are
all sitting tight waiting to study the
effect of the tariff on their respective
industries, and for this reason are
not extending business operations or
keeping their money at work as they
otherwise would.

As an instance of this state of af-
fairs Mr. Bent pointed out that a big
woolen manufacturer of Connecticut
had closed his mill throwing hundreds
of laborers out of employment. This
he said was due to the fact that the
tariff on the wool in England, ship it across
the Atlantic and after paying all the extra
freight charges landed by the long
voyage, had the product in New York
for less money than he could if the
wool was manufactured in Connecticut.

The same conditions prevail prac-
tically throughout the whole of the
United States. In Chicago forty per
cent. of the workmen engaged in the
tanneries have been displaced, owing
to the financial stringency and a lack
of demand for the finished goods. This
all means hard times for the Ameri-
can workman.

It is the prevalent opinion in the
United States, said Mr. Bent, that it
will take from one to four years for
the trouble to adjust itself, and in the
meantime the stringency is bound to
continue.

MAN WANTED FOR THEFT
WORKING ON VESSEL

Police Reined Up Jos. Wedge
who Escaped Law Last Year
by Jumping from Steamer.

Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective
Kilken were on the warpath yesterday
afternoon and made an important cap-
ture when they rounded up Joseph
Wedge who is wanted in Campbell-
ton, N. B., on the charge of breaking
entering and robbing a store there last
spring.

Shortly after the break was made
Wedge skipped out of Campbellton
and had Charles Hughes, the chief of
the Campbellton police, on his trail.
Wedge, however, managed to make
good his escape to Boston. Chief
Hughes had arrangements made for
the United States immigration officials
to deport Wedge and he was ac-
cordingly sent back to St. John on
one of the Eastern Line steamers.
Chief Hughes was at the dock at
Reed's Point ready to greet Wedge
with open arms but Wedge was not
inclined to be captured so easily and
when the steamer's bow was about
four feet from the pier Wedge made a
flying leap from the steamer's rail and
landed safely on the wharf ran along
water street and made good his
escape.

Yesterday during their rounds the
deputy chief and the detective located
Wedge working on his boat "The
"Friendship" as a sailor, and they im-
mediately took him into custody and
locked him up in cell at central sta-
tion. Chief Hughes was notified and
is expected to arrive today to take
charge of the prisoner.

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