

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Southernly shifting to northerly winds; cloudy with light local rains. Washington Forecast.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Forecast: Northern New England—Local snows Wednesday. Thursday cloudy and colder; probably snow in Eastern Maine; moderate south winds, becoming variable.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—The disturbance which was approaching from the westward last night is now dispersing over the Great Lakes and another appears to be developing in the western states. The weather has been quite mild from Ontario eastward, with light local rains in Ontario and a light snow fall in Quebec. Cold weather continues in the west.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	32	34
Vancouver	32	34
Kamloops	26	26
Calgary	20	24
Edmonton	16	22
Battleford	4	0
Prince Albert	4	0
Moose Jaw	4	0
Regina	4	0
Winnipeg	18	12
Fort Arthur	2	12
Parry Sound	18	42
London	32	43
Toronto	32	40
Kingston	4	30
Ottawa	0	36
Montreal	0	30
Quebec	2	24
St. John	24	38

—Below zero.

AROUND THE CITY

Arrested for Assault.

Alice Freeze was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Chief Jenkins on a warrant for assault on her sister. Earlier in the day Officer Addison was called into their home to quell a disturbance between the two.

Mild Weather.

The weather yesterday was again quite warm, but the melting ice created a fog. During the evening rain began to fall and there was quite a downpour at midnight. The indications point to mild weather for the next day or two.

Successful Recital.

There was a good attendance at Zion church last evening when the audience was given a very enjoyable evening's entertainment. A recital by Marjorie Lacey, of Boston, was the feature of the evening, and the talented young lady pleased all with her excellent work.

Surprise Party.

Friends of Mrs. Thomas Alexander, West St. John, called upon her at her home last evening to help her celebrate the anniversary of her birthday. Mrs. Alexander was presented with a handsome electric table lamp. The party was a surprise to Mrs. Alexander. A very pleasant evening was spent with music and games.

Eclipse Fair.

The Eclipse Fair in Temple Hall, North End, was well attended again last evening. Music was furnished by the St. John Pipe Band, and the following carried off the prizes: Bean board, John Thornton; hoop 18, H. Kelton; plate game, E. Gallop; bowling, John Appleby; door prize, a wash tub, ticket No. 4268.

Children to Adopt.

Anybody in New Brunswick who wants to adopt a girl of nine years or a boy of five years, should communicate with James Gilchrist, superintendent of immigration. A widow in Lincolnshire, England, who wants to come to this province in the mother of the children, both of whom are now at school. She proposes to enter domestic service, if she can place her children somewhere in the province.

PERSONAL.

C. H. McLean, of Jardine and Rive, left last night for Boston on a business trip.

A. R. Stipp, M. L. A., of Fredericton, was at the Royal yesterday.

A. B. Connell, of Woodstock, arrived in the city yesterday to be present at a meeting of the New Brunswick Utilities Commission here today.

Judge Crockett and Mrs. Crockett, of Fredericton, were in the city yesterday and registered at the Royal.

Angus McLean, of Bathurst, was in the city yesterday.

F. W. Sumner, of Moncton, is visiting in St. John.

Sir Hugh Allan and party passed through the city last evening on the private cars Lake Megantic and Loch Lomond attached to the C. P. R. Pacific express. The party had been in Halifax in connection with the arrival of the Allan liner Albatross.

Dr. F. J. White, of Moncton, N. B., and Dr. E. A. Smith, of Shediac, N. B., are guests at the Ritz-Carlton for a couple of days en route to Chicago.

—Montreal Star.

Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen entertained at luncheon at the Country Club, Ottawa. The invited guests included: Mrs. Martin Burrell, Madame L. F. Pelletier, Mrs. Frank Cochrane, Mrs. Louis Codrere, Mrs. T. W. Crothers, Mrs. C. J. Doherty, Mr. W. J. Roche, Mrs. Edgar N. Rhodes, Miss May Harrison, of St. John, N. B.; Mrs. B. H. Hepburn, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Samuel Sharpe, Mrs. W. H. Sharpe, Mrs. Fred Cowan, Ottawa; Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. David Warnock, Mrs. F. B. McCurdy, Mrs. W. B. Northrup, Madame Landry, Mrs. W. S. Middlebro, Mrs. David Foster, Mrs. W. G. Weichel, Mrs. A. R. Tibbitts, Mrs. Rufus Pope.—Montreal Star.

Miss Grace Kelley, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Leslie Donald, of Moncton, are spending a few days in the city, the guests of Mrs. Donald's sister, Mrs. J. H. Lang.

F. C. McLean, superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, and Mrs. McLean, have returned from New York where they were attending the convocations of the company's superintendents.

MOON FRUIT IN MARITIME PROVINCES

R. H. Bruce Returns from Visit to the Old Country.

ENGLISH INVESTORS PUT TRUST IN EAST

Optimistic Spirit Prevails in Regard to Future of New Brunswick—People Well Informed.

"People in the old country are turning their attention to Eastern Canada, and I was surprised at the knowledge of conditions in the future of New Brunswick possessed by the people I met," said R. H. Bruce, of the firm of Armstrong and Bruce, who has returned from a trip to Great Britain.

"English investors have recently been studying the possibilities of Eastern Canada, and especially of the Maritime Provinces, and evidently look for rapid developments here. They recognize that the West has had a boom, and that values there will not advance much until the country has been more developed. Now they feel that the East is due for a boom and that values of both real estate and industrial securities should advance to a level more commensurate with the resources of the eastern provinces."

Optimistic Spirit.

"In regard to Canada generally English periodicals and investors are more optimistic about the future than some of our own people. Many Canadian papers have pictured conditions in Canada in a very unfavorable light and suggested that there would be a prolonged period of stagnation. In England it seemed to be generally recognized that the present depression was a natural result of the boom which Canada has enjoyed, and that with the opening of spring matters would adjust themselves and another period of expansion begin. Men I talked with said that we must expect periodical depressions, but expressed great faith in the development of the country."

"The opinions of the editor of the Statist, a leading London financial journal, indicates the British attitude to Canada. The Statist has been inclined to knock Canada in the past. This winter the editor paid a visit to Canada, and investigated conditions at a most unfavorable time. But his letters to his paper, written while in Canada, were of a very optimistic character. The fact that the editor, as a result of a visit to Canada, this winter, has become enthusiastic about the future of the country is significant."

Steady Development.

"Nothing can prevent the steady development of this country, but until values in the West adjust themselves the English investor will be more partial to the East."

"There has no doubt been a rapid increase of interest in Eastern Canada. While in London I saw Mr. Bowden, the New Brunswick representative there, and he was very optimistic about the chances of getting new settlers for the province."

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FORWARD MOVEMENT

Will Hold Big Meeting in York Theatre this Evening—Many Noted Speakers.

In the York Theatre at eight o'clock tonight His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc will preside at a meeting in the interests of St. Joseph's University. There will be a number of speakers, Rev. L. G. Guerin, Ph.D., of the University will put forward the needs of the university for greater facilities. It is expected other speakers will include Mayor Frink, H. A. Powell, K.C., Miles Agar, Richard O'Brien, Dr. Bridges, Daniel Mullin, E. C., L. F. D. Tilley, B. G. Mahoney and others.

At the conclusion of the speeches pictures of the college and its surroundings will be shown. Ladies as well as men are invited to attend.

Enjoyable Concert.

A very enjoyable concert was given last evening in the school room of Carleton Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Women's Mission Aid Society. The attendance was large, and the different contributors to the programme performed in a most commendable manner. The following programme was carried out: Vocal solo, A. C. Smith; vocal solo, Samuel Holder; violin duet, Miss Re-tallo and Joshua Pierson; reading, Miss Hurton; reading, Miss Bessie Heine; violin solo, Joshua Pierson; reading, Miss Kathleen Archibald; reading, Miss Grace Kierstead. Included in the programme were three exercises by three different Sunday school classes. On behalf of the society Mrs. Archibald, the president, thanked those who had taken part in the programme.

Lots Committee.

The lots committee of the Fernhill Cemetery Company met yesterday, and took up the matter of revising the system of keeping records.

WHEN WE WERE TWENTY-ONE.

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Sugar Refinery Site Presents Busy Scene

Nearly Two Hundred Men now Engaged on Work—Steel Men Busy on Superstructures—Massive Construction and Practically Fire Proof—Two Buildings up Nine Stories.

One of the busy spots in St. John is the site of the new sugar refinery for the Atlantic Refineries Ltd., on the Ballast Wharf. Nearly two hundred men are engaged in the construction work. Already two large buildings have been shot up to a height of nine stories. Foundations for other structures have been completed and the steel men have been busy for weeks on the superstructures. The large machine shop has been made ready for the installation of the machinery and the boiler-house framework has risen nearly three stories.

All the structures are of massive construction with reinforced concrete and other modern materials introduced wherever practicable.

The floor construction is of steel frame with concrete and steel bar reinforcement. Throughout the concrete, wooden beams are introduced and on these will be placed the wooden floors. While the floors are made with concrete the partitions are of terra cotta tile and everything possible is being done to make the plant fire-proof.

Vast girders have already been placed in position throughout the buildings and openings have been left in order to facilitate the placing of other machinery which will be necessary for the work of refining the sugar.

Many of the men employed about the works at present are steel riggers and their work is mid-air, far above the ground, is particularly thrilling. Vast girders are swung into place with men riding on top of them and they are apparently as safe as if working on the ground. Every man engaged in placing the steel is said to be an expert and the apparent ease with which they work at high altitudes would give the ordinary observer, at least, that impression. Standing high in the air on a swaying girder these men throw ropes and do all manner of stunts that would be extremely difficult for many men even on the ground.

During the cold weather the work has gone on just the same as during the warmer periods. As soon as a flat of a building has been walled in a temporary roof is constructed and the men are used in keeping the roof from freezing before it sets. This method is repeated for every story.

Electric lights have also been installed and whenever necessary the work may be carried on at night.

To the ordinary observer the whole Ballast Wharf seems one mass of cranes, girders, railway tracks and workmen, but from the progress made on the buildings it is very evident that all combine in an orderly fashion in making the structure complete. The machine shop, which stands towards the south from the larger structures, has been about finished and the lathes, pipe cutters and threaders, power saws and other machines necessary for such a large plant, have already been placed in the building and will soon be set up ready for duty.

It is not known just when the plant will be in operation, but it is expected that the work will be rushed as soon as the warmer weather arrives.

NECESSITY OF PREPARING A STATEMENT ON THE WAY

A DETENTION HOME URGED

Adjutant Cummings Points to Youthful Delinquents now in Jail—Disgrace to City.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 27.

To The Editor of The Standard.

Sir:—It was too bad that those who were responsible for the trying up of the incorporation Bill of the Children's Aid Society were not in the Police Court today and witnessed a sight unworthy of any city the size and pretensions of St. John.

There were arranged before the Magistrate, Police Court Clerk, and uniform police men all the dirty string of boys from ten to fourteen years old, imagine if you possibly can mere babes who have had all the care of an enlightened and Christian city thrown around them instead of coming under such conditions. Think of it, ten years old, and who never knew what a police station or court room looked like, to be apprehended and brought under the same conditions of the most hardened criminals.

Whereas all this ignominy to childhood, with its hardening and degrading influence might have been averted if St. John had a Detention Home with a Juvenile Court wherein these precious children might have been looked after by a fit and proper mother for the time being to them and where a Juvenile Court Judge would have set at a table and perhaps took the case for the time being to his knee and talked as never Father had talked to them.

Judge Ritchie longs to help the juvenile delinquent, but the environments are such that he cannot deal with them successfully or as fully as his heart desires.

Oh, St. John, how long will you halt between two opinions?

Would it not be better to spend four thousand dollars a year (if need be) to have a properly equipped home and court for the dealing with such cases as the above and thereby save the juveniles from a life of crime and expense to the state, or shall we continue under the present antiquated conditions that tend to make bad boys and girls worse and thus ensure us of a rising generation of criminals.

Thanking you for the space afforded this article in your valuable paper which stands for advancement on these lines.

I am, yours, heart-sick with present conditions.

WM. CUMMINS.

RICH GERMAN'S LOOK FOR LAND

Have 100,000 Marks and are Looking for Big Farm in New Brunswick.

Two young Germans with a capital of 100,000 marks, are anxious to come to New Brunswick and take up farming. They have written to James Gilchrist, secretary of the Farm Settlement Board, asking for information about farmlands in the province. Both men have theoretical and practical knowledge of agriculture. In their letter they say they want land suitable for apple and fruit raising on an extensive scale. They also propose to do a certain amount of general farming.

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