

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Oct. 17.—Since last night a disturbance of some importance has developed over the western provinces...

Table with columns for location, minimum, and maximum temperatures for various cities like Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, etc.

AROUND THE CITY

Liquor Case Again Adjourned. Following a spirited session before Stipendiary Magistrate Allingham...

The Borden Club. The annual meeting of the Borden club will be held this evening in room 7 of the Ritchie building...

Busy Times Expected. Commissioner Schofield is rapidly getting things in shape on the West side for the opening of the winter season...

To Increase Fish Prices. A local fish dealer said yesterday that the vessel owners of Lunenburg had not yet decided to increase the price of bank fish...

Boy Scouts in Debate. The question of whether summer or winter is the best for the work of the Boy Scouts was the subject of a debate by Troop No. 2...

More Turks Doomed. Now that the Turko-Balkan war is about to begin the excitement in the local Green colony is growing all the time...

DELEGATES WILL GO TO BIG CONVENTION IN MONCTON TODAY. Annual Meeting of Baptists of Maritime Provinces Will be Largely Attended—To Discuss Important Matters.

The Baptist Maritime convention which is the most important gathering of the denomination will open for business in Moncton on Saturday...

Good work has also been done along other lines during the year, and although so many revivals have not been held, excellent results are shown in the reports.

On Saturday morning the convention will be opened and will continue until Wednesday noon. The business to be taken up includes home and foreign missions and the reports on Acadia College.

The local delegates are as follows: L'Anse-au-Loup: Rev. Wellington Camp, A. A. Wilson, Bliss Dunfield, Isaac Erb and Mrs. Camp.

Wentworth street: Rev. F. H. Wentworth, Wilfred Fenwick, James Paterson, Jacob B. Smith, George Williger, Germain street: Rev. F. S. Fortson, E. M. Stappell, R. G. Halsey, Donaldson Hunt and W. C. Cross.

BANK OF NEW BRUNSWICK MAKES PROPOSITION TO BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

President James Manchester Admits That an Offer Has Been Made and Will Be Considered at Meeting to Be Held in Halifax Today—Local Shareholders May However Refuse to Ratify Merger.

James Manchester, president of the Bank of New Brunswick, stated yesterday that the directors of the bank had made a proposition to the management of the Bank of Nova Scotia looking to an amalgamation with the latter institution...

Mr. Manchester declined to disclose the nature of the proposition or to discuss the various rumors as to the terms of the transfer. Mr. Richardson, the general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who was here conferring with the directors of the local bank...

Some of the shareholders of the local bank are opposed to the merger on general principles and one large stockholder said the directors would have a very hard job to get the stockholders to agree to the transfer...

The following features of the two banks' positions will be of interest: Bank of N. S. N. B. Paid-up capital \$ 4,865,666 \$ 1,000,000 Deposits 7,783,516 1,780,000

Both banks have branches in the principal cities and towns of the Lower Provinces, and the union would mean the elimination of a lot of unnecessary duplication.

An Honored Institution. The Bank of New Brunswick was organized in 1859, a charter being granted by Act of Assembly to the following: Hon. John Robinson, Hon. William Black, Hon. Samuel Deany Street, Henry Wright, Hugh Johnston, Thomas McMillan, Nicholas Merril, Ward Chipman, Jr., Zalmon Wheeler, Robert Pagan, Peter Fraser, Henry Peters, John Pennington, Chas. J. Peters, Henry Smith, Mark Needham, Thomas Wyer, Christopher Scott, Elijah Miles, Wm. Botsford, Hon. John Robinson was the first president of the bank.

From the beginning the bank had a healthy growth, but it did not increase its note issue fast enough to suit the business community of St. John, and in 1892 or 1893, complaints arose that there was not sufficient circulating medium to serve the interests of business, and a number of citizens started a movement to form another bank. When they applied to the Provincial Assembly for

ARTHUR C. MORTON CLAIMS HE IS NOT GUILTY OF THEFT. Montreal Man Held in Police Station Here Says His Arrest is Due to Business Misunderstanding.

Arthur C. Morton, of Montreal, was arrested here yesterday by Chief of Police Clark at the request of A. St. Mars, High Constable of Montreal, who holds a warrant sworn out by G. C. Redmond of that city charging him with stealing six hundred dollars.

When seen by a Standard reporter last evening, Mr. Morton said that the charge was utterly untrue and probably the result of a business misunderstanding.

Mr. Morton stated that he and Mr. Redmond were working together in Montreal engaged in the promotion of an artificial ice company which is now incorporated and doing a thriving business. He said that the promotion of the ice company was rather a large proposition and entailed the organizing of a securities company to handle the securities of the ice company.

CITY TO HAVE NATURAL GAS IN TWO YEARS

Matthew Lodge Makes Very Important Announcement.

OIL MEN ON VISIT TO CITY YESTERDAY

Outlook for Piping Natural Gas to City From Kings and Albert County is Very Bright Now

The outlook for the introduction of natural gas into St. John is considerably brighter as a result of the visit of a party of directors of the Maritime Oilfields, Ltd., to this city yesterday. The party consisted of W. Walker, of Edinburgh, Scotland; H. H. C. Higgins, London, Eng.; J. A. Henderson, Claude A. Allen, Glasgow; F. W. Sumner, and Matthew Lodge, of Moncton.

While the company had already fixed upon this city as the objective point in their scheme to cover New Brunswick with a network of piping for the conveyance of natural gas to the principal points in the province, the visit of the capitalists to St. John in the event of their proceeding to locate natural gas in Kings, the industrial life of St. John will be revolutionized. All of the party who visited the city were deeply impressed with the possibilities of the project and in two years St. John may be lighted by natural gas, and the wheels in the industrial establishments may be propelled by the gas.

Speaking to a representative of the Standard Mr. Lodge, who is an enthusiastic as regards New Brunswick, said that the company is optimistic as regards the locating of natural gas in Kings county, in the event of which the scheme can be carried out at considerably less cost, and will be greatly facilitated. "We think that there is natural gas in that section," Mr. Lodge said, "and we may make borings there in the same way as in Albert where we have found the gas in such quantities. I have gone over the ground and it looks good."

Most Enthusiastic. Mr. Allen, another of the visiting capitalists making the introduction of natural gas into this city, said that while the company propose to extend the piping through a great part of the province, St. John has always been the objective point. After looking over the city, and studying the situation here during the day, the party were unanimous in their faith in the feasibility and probability of the scheme, and left the city thoroughly imbued with the idea.

The wells in Albert county have more than justified the hopes of the promoters of the natural gas and oil development. Pipes have been laid to Moncton and excellent results have been obtained.

The company purpose however, to continue the extension of their pipe, and have begun to work east from Moncton with a view to taking the gas into Sackville and Amherst. Mr. Lodge said last evening, "and have already started towards Sackville at Upper Dorchester, in Westmorland, a well has been bored and gas found."

Extensive operations are being carried on between Moncton and Sackville, and there is every prospect that within a short time Sackville will be connected with the wells.

Predicts Development. In speaking of the natural resources of New Brunswick, Mr. Lodge expressed his firm conviction that the last word on the matter has not yet been heard, and that this province, as well as Nova Scotia is rich in iron ore. In New Brunswick, he said, he felt certain there is a quantity of ore. Dr. Gesner in a lengthy report prepared many years ago, referred to iron lines in the north and will most assuredly be found in the west.

Mr. Lodge said that he had visited the west, but is satisfied with these parts. "Impressions upon the interviewer the advantage of the young men remaining in the east where there is great work for them to do."

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