

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Oct. 17.—Since last night a disturbance of some importance has developed over the western provinces, accompanied by showers and a change to cooler weather. From Ontario eastward to the Maritime Provinces it has been fine with moderate temperature. Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	48	54
Kamloops	45	51
Calgary	32	40
Edmonton	36	44
Battleford	38	46
Moos Jaw	38	46
Regina	35	43
Winnipeg	35	43
Fort Arthur	33	41
Perry Sound	46	54
London	40	48
Toronto	40	48
Kingston	48	54
Ottawa	38	46
Montreal	40	48
Quebec	34	42
St. John	36	44
Halifax	30	38

Forecast: Lower Lawrence and Gulf and Maritime—Fresh to strong southerly winds; fair and warm.

AROUND THE CITY

Liquor Case Again Adjourned.
Following a spirited session before Stipendiary Magistrate Allingham of Fairville yesterday, the case against Mark Carey, charged with peddling liquor without a license was postponed until Friday, October 25.

The Borden Club.
The annual meeting of the Borden Club will be held this evening in room 77 of the Ritchie building at eight o'clock. Business, election of officers, and the securing of rooms for the winter.

Busy Times Expected.
Commissioner Schofield is rapidly getting things in shape on the West Side for the opening of the winter season. As there will be more sailings this season than last, there will be busy times on the West Side.

To Increase Fish Prices.
A local fish dealer said yesterday that the vessel owners of Lunenburg had not together and decided to increase the price of bank fish to \$6.50. It is said the total bank catch of Lunenburg this summer was a little over 100,000 quintals as compared with 125,000 quintals last year. Lunenburg owns the greatest Grand Bank fleet in the world.

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, Boy Scouts of Trinity church. Wm. Howard led the fight for winter, and C. Summerville was commander of the boys who favored the summer. C. Marchand and Mr. Bell acted as judges, and gave their decision for the good old summer time.

More Turks Doomed.
Now that the Turkish war is about to begin the excitement in the local Green colony is growing all the time and now George Chaggaris who conducts a pool and tobacco business on Hill street wishes to dispose of his holding and return to his native land to fight the Turks. As soon as he can dispose of his business Mr. Chaggaris accompanied by his two cousins will leave for the front. Mr. Chaggaris comes from a fighting family as he has two brothers at the front.

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 although the meeting of the ministers institute will be held this afternoon. At this meeting several papers will be read and discussed.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre when interviewed by a Standard reporter last evening, said that the past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the church in the Maritime Provinces, and that from a financial point of view, the church was making large strides.

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. It is expected that about 400 delegates will be present from all over the Maritime Provinces.

Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, of Main street Baptist church will preach the convention sermon, on Sunday.

The local delegates are as follows: Laster street: Rev. Wellington Camp, A. A. Wilson, Bliss Dunfield, Isaac Erb and Mrs. Camp. Ludlow street: Rev. W. R. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson and L. L. Sharpe. Charlotte street: Rev. A. J. Archibald and Mrs. Archibald. Brunswick street: Rev. M. F. McCutcheon, A. H. Chipman, A. E. Jenner, Mrs. B. A. Stammers, Miss Nellie Keith, and Miss Mary Bellie. Main street: Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, R. P. Elkin, Mrs. Hall Dunham, Walter Chase, and Mrs. Hutchinson. Tabernacle church: Rev. J. D. Wetmore, Edgar Campbell, C. B. Wetmore, Rev. H. R. and Mrs. Borden.

Waterloo street: Rev. P. H. Wentworth, Wilfred Fenwick, James Peterson, Jacob B. Smith, George Williger, Germal street: Rev. F. S. Porter, E. M. Sippel, R. G. Haley, 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, and that a meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Nova Scotia would be held in Halifax today to consider the proposition. 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, was agreeable to his directors as little time has been lost in calling a meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Nova Scotia, the directors of the local institution have not been called to a meeting of their shareholders.

Bonus for Shareholders.
It was reported yesterday that the sale agreement not only provided for an exchange of shares at the rate of one share of Bank of Nova Scotia stock for one share of Bank of New Brunswick stock but also for a substantial cash bonus to the Bank of New Brunswick shareholders and the usual pension agreements to the president and officers 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, if the reports as to terms were correct, and that he would expect to get \$350 a share.

The Bank of New Brunswick stocks are non-taxpayers, while a tax is levied on the shares of the Nova Scotia bank.

The Two Banks Compared.
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
Reserve .. 7,733,516 1,790,000
Deposits .. 48,068,853 8,475,489
Total liabilities \$3,728,174 9,805,510
Call loans .. 10,733,298 1,213,764
Current loans .. 35,813,212 6,381,208

Total assets \$66,454,841 \$12,692,642
Such a union would give the combination a paid-up capital of \$5,865,666, and a reserve of \$9,523,516.
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 Denay Street, Henry Wright, Hugh Johnston, Thomas Miller, Nehemiah Merritt, Ward Chipman, Jr., Zalmon Wheeler, Robert Pagan, Peter Fraser, Henry Peters, John Campbell, 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.

Some Ancient History.
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 1832 or 1833, capitalists 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 yesterday by Chief of Police Clark at the request of A. St. Mars, High Constable of the ice company, 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.

James Robinson of Montreal, together with Mr. Redmond and himself, he says, were equal partners in the securities company which to facilitate business between the ice company and the securities company was registered in the name of Mr. Robinson.

a charter, they were vigorously opposed by the Bank of New Brunswick and after an unsuccessful attempt to secure an act of incorporation, they applied and obtained a Royal Charter from the Imperial government under the title of the Commercial bank.

The new bank established itself on the site of the present city hall, and continued in business for about thirty-five years when it failed. Some time after the organization of the Commercial, the Bank of New Brunswick made application to the House of Assembly for permission to increase its capital, and the Commercial returned the compliment by offering a strong opposition to the granting of the application, but with out success. The Bank of New Brunswick has been a big factor in the development of the city and province. It has always enjoyed an efficient management, has been noted for its conservative policy, and except for a brief period in the disastrous days of 1893 has always been regarded as solid as the rock of Gibraltar.

An Attempt to Rob It.

The Bank's career has been rather uneventful. But over sixty years ago an attempt was made to rob it, and the adventure of the daring burglar was later the theme of an interesting and amusing article by W. K. Reynolds in the New Brunswick Magazine.

On a dark night a party of young men, consisting of James and Robert Nisbet, William Hutchinson, Thomas Sandall, George Ford and John Murphy, chanced to stroll in the vicinity of the bank when they found one of the nightly watchmen earnestly at the building. The watchman said he heard a man shouting for help. After listening a while the party heard a voice repeating as near as they could make out: "I'm in the vault. Let me out." Although the watchman and party were satisfied that the shouts came from the bank they went to supper—it was then about 9 o'clock—and returned at 11 to pursue their investigations into the mystery.

They concluded that the voice came from the chimney, and when James, an active young sailor, who had joined the party, mounted the roof and soon shouted:

"Yes boys, he's there."

An Interesting Story.

McArdle, the caretaker of the bank, lived on Queen street and when the young men roused him, he refused to open the bank, believing that the boys were up to some prank. Thomas Lee, vice president, was then awakened at his home on Orange street, and it took a good deal of argument and much time to convince him that there was not some joke in progress. But finally Mr. Leavitt went down and opened the bank. It was found that the man was stuck fast in the chimney, and after some consideration of the matter a breach was made in the wall of it. The poor wretch, says Mr. Reynolds, was in great danger from the stroke of the brick off by the hammer, and by the time they got a hole big enough to clear the debris from his head and shoulders, he seemed nearly dead, and a glass of brandy was handed into him.

It was four or five o'clock in the morning before they got the fellow out and brushed the soot from him. He was a stranger to the city; a stout man of the name of John Slater. He was put in jail, but managed to break out and make good his escape.

The bank officials lost no time in putting iron bars in the chimney, in order to prevent a repetition of such an experience.

son, Mr. Morton having organized the company being placed in charge.

Mr. Morton states that shortly after this trouble arose between himself and Mr. Redmond who claimed that he was misusing the funds of the securities company. Mr. Morton said that Mr. Redmond demanded a large sum of money which he refused to pay. Mr. Redmond, however, insisted that the money be paid and further demanded that he relinquish his share of the profits which would accrue from the promotion of the ice and securities companies. This he refused to do.

After this, Mr. Morton said, he and Mr. Redmond referred the matter to their lawyers and when everything pointed to an understanding being arrived at, he left for Toronto on business which later brought him to this city where he was arrested on the charge of stealing \$600. This charge, Mr. Morton stated, he can prove to be utterly false.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. E. A. Smith returned to the city Wednesday from St. Andrews, where she has spent the summer.

Mrs. E. A. Smith is the guest of the Misses Graham, 68 St. Luke street—Montreal Star, Oct. 16.

A cablegram received from Dr. C. M. MacLean, of Mafeking, South Africa, assures his relatives that he is well on the road to recovery after his recent severe illness.

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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. During the day the party looked over the city, and in the afternoon in company with Mayor Frink and Com. McEllan, inspected the Courtenay Bay works and other points of interest.

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 succeeding in locating 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 gas.

Mr. Lodge Talks.

Before leaving for Moncton last evening Matthew Lodge, one of the party interested in the company, said that borings might be made this fall in Kings county near Sussex, with a view to bringing the gas to this city. In the event of their succeeding in locating 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 gas.

Speaking to a representative of the Standard Mr. Lodge, who is an enthusiastic supporter of 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.

Mr. Lodge said, "and we may make borings there this fall. The formation here is the same 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 speaking of 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 been 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 lines, and have begun to work east from Moncton with a view to taking the gas into Sackville and Amherst, and to keep on extending the work," 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.

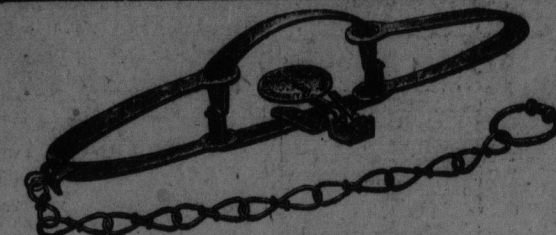
Predicts Development.

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 ore on the Nerepis and only recently reports have been heard which give force to the report. The development of the natural gas and oil in the province he said, is only one of the developments due to come.

"As regards St. John, the evidence of progress as shown in the several large projects now under way point to a great future, and although it may not be recognized as yet, the opening of the Panama canal will be a boon to this city, and will mean immense increase in the transportation of freights from east to west."

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

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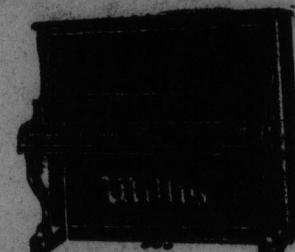
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