

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME—Moderate to fresh northerly to northwesterly; fine and comparatively cool.
Toronto, August 11.—Local showers have occurred today from Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, also a few places in the northern portion of Saskatchewan, but the weather in the Dominion generally was firm; cooler in Ontario and Quebec, and warmer in the Western Provinces.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature (Min. Max.). Locations include Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, etc.

CONSERVATIVE HEADQUARTERS.

The Conservatives have opened their headquarters at Rooms 9 and 10, Ritchie's Building, second floor, 50 Princess street, Phone, Main 2334.

AROUND THE CITY

A Key Found. A key found by the police on Charlotte street last night remains at the office at the police station.
Garden Party at Red Head. The ladies of the Church of England at Red Head will hold a garden party this afternoon. Buses leave Haymarket square at 2.30 o'clock.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Splendid Confidence and a Fine Fighting Spirit Marked Last Evening's Gathering of Aggressive Organization.

An enthusiastic meeting of the St. John Conservative club was held in the Master Painters and Decorators' Hall in the Market Building last evening. In opening the meeting the president, R. E. Wigmore, gave a stirring address. He declared that the Conservatives of St. John city and county were going to win the election fight with greater confidence of victory. He had talked with scores of old time liberals who were leaving the party because they feared the economic effects of the reciprocity pact, and distrusted its political effects. Other liberals were disgusted with the administrative record of the Liberal government, and would express their disapproval at the polls. On the other hand the Conservatives had a leader whose reputation was above reproach, and a policy which would make for the upbuilding of the country and the preservation of the British connection, and they would work for the election of their candidates as they never had before because they felt the very fate of their country was at stake.

ITINERANT PREACHER HAS SAD EXPERIENCE

Being Unable to Support Sick Wife and Family, U.S. Immigration Officials Order His Arrest and Deportation.

Bangor, Me., Aug. 11.—John Campbell Jeffries, an itinerant preacher, and his family, who were thought to be likely to become public charges were taken from Bangor Thursday afternoon by Immigration Inspector P. E. Miller, of St. John, N. B., and will be escorted to New York where the government official will see that they are placed aboard a steamer bound for Scotland, their old home. The case is attended with pitiable features as the wife has been a patient in a Bangor hospital, one child has been at the Good Samaritan Home. Jeffries himself has been boarding with a private family.

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FORMER ST. JOHN MAN DIES AT DIGBY, N.S.

Charles E. Burnham, in Business Here for 40 Years, Passed Away Thursday—Retired 18 Years Ago.

Digby, Aug. 10.—Charles E. Burnham, for many years in business in St. John, died at his home here on First Avenue this afternoon, aged 82 years, after several weeks' illness. The deceased was a native of Digby, having been born at the corner of Montague and Mount streets, being a son of the late William and Nancy Burnham. For more than 40 years he carried on a furniture business in St. John, retiring 18 years ago. His wife predeceased him eight years ago at the age of 73.

LOCAL I. C. R. ENGINEER'S COAL SAVING DEVICE.

J. D. McKay's Coal Economiser, Smoke Raiser and Draft Creator Centre of Attraction in Union Station. Yesterday Mr. McKay had quite an interested audience around his locomotive No. 238, among whom were both locomotive and steamship engineers, attracted by the novelty of this device. Judging from the remarks and criticisms passed by those who are in a position to know the advantages of this appliance, Mr. McKay has a splendid contrivance, as it appeals directly to the railway and steamship companies as a great saver of fuel. Mr. McKay stated that his locomotive equipped with his device ran 23 miles on one ton of coal against 26 miles by other locomotives. This he proved by the June consumption sheet of the Intercolonial Railway.

IMPORTANT TO VOTERS

Citizens whose names have been omitted from the voters' list and those who wish their names transferred from any electoral district in the province to St. John, call at the office of G. Earle Logan, of Baxter and Logan, Ritchie's Building, 50 Princess street, or phone Main 1390.

VOTERS TO DECIDE UNDER WHICH FLAG

Present Election Involves Much More than Struggle Between Two Great Political Parties -- Future at Stake.

To the Editor of The Standard. Sir—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has summoned the people of Canada to pass their verdict upon the reciprocity question. Can we, who have been born under the grand old Union Jack and nurtured by the greatest Empire the world has ever seen, afford to treat this great question with indifference? Truly Canada is at the parting of the ways.

If on the 21st of September reciprocity is supported and the Liberal government returned to power, Canada will have shattered those links of friendship which for centuries have bound us to the Mother Country. But if, on the other hand, the reciprocity question meets with defeat then and then only will the people of the United States learn that Canada is still true to the beloved island beyond the sea, that Canadians are still true born sons of British ancestry and that Canadian trade will ever be within her own control.

We are discussing reciprocity with a nation whose wealth is untold and whose population is ten times that of the Dominion; therefore let Canadians beware. The boundary line which divides these two great countries may soon be known no more. The influx of American citizens into the Canadian west is every year increasing in numbers and in power. American ideals and American principles are moulding to an amazing extent the lives of our Canadian foreigners. Truly we do well in repelling a pact which would plant the stars and stripes more firmly upon Canadian soil.

Do the citizens of this our Loyalist city wish to see the steady stream of traffic which winter by winter has enriched St. John, diverted to add to the wealth of cities along the Maine and Massachusetts coast? No! Then Canadian citizens! let us one and all rally to the standard of him who at this crisis is following the principles set down by Sir John A. Macdonald, that peerless leader and statesman, Canada is calling, therefore let us answer to that call, and on the 21st of next month, when the bell is tolling for those who would have shattered our independence, the United States will be forced to say:

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these, 'it might have been.'" F. M. S.

PERSONAL.

Miss Margaret H. McCleary, of St. Peter's school staff, who has been visiting among friends in Bath, N. B., has returned to her home accompanied by her mother, Mr. John Conroy, son of Dr. R. E. Conroy of that place.

Hon. R. J. Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie left last evening for Montreal. Sir Thomas Tait was in the city yesterday, and left last evening for St. Andrew's.

O. S. Crockett returned last evening to Fredericton. Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer returned to St. Stephen last evening. Wm. Dowse went out last evening in his private car Rosemere, attached to the Montreal Express.

FAREWELL DINNER TO E. J. ROBERTSON

White's restaurant was the scene of an enjoyable gathering last evening, when about 75 friends of E. J. Robertson, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., assembled to tender him a farewell dinner and express their appreciation of his work and their regret at his departure from this city.

Frank White acted as chairman of the evening while the guest occupied the seat of honor, and Rev. David Lang sat at the left of the chairman. W. Frank Hatheway, M. P. P., was chosen vice-chairman.

Manager Menties served an excellent menu and the tables were tastefully decorated for the occasion with cut flowers.

Following the dinner music and speeches were in order. Rev. David Lang on behalf of the gathering, read an address expressive of the appreciation of the work Director Robertson has accomplished during his stay, and assuring him of the regret his departure causes his friends in St. John. That he might take with him some tangible mark of their esteem, Rev. Mr. Lang presented Mr. Robertson with a handsome Masonic locket, bearing the inscription: "To E. J. Robertson, from St. John friends, Aug. 11, 1911."

The toasts of the evening were The King and the president of the U. S., both received with musical honors and Our Guest.

In proposing the toast to Mr. Robertson, W. F. Hatheway, M. P. P., referred to the excellent results attained in the physical culture department and in athletics during Mr. Robertson's term as director and paid especial tribute to his executive ability in arranging and carrying out the different outings held by the members of the Y. M. C. A. in concluding he voiced the sentiment of the gathering in wishing Mr. Robertson success unalloyed in his new field.

In fitting terms Mr. Robertson acknowledged the gift and good wishes of his friends, assured that the regret at severing his connection was reciprocal, and expressed his appreciation of the cooperation given him in carrying out his work.

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