

## THE WEATHER

MARITIME—Fair today followed by strong winds and gales, easterly to southerly with rain.

Toronto, Oct. 31.—An important disturbance is centered tonight in the Mississippi Valley, while pressure is very high over the western and northern portions of the continent. Rain is setting in tonight over the Peninsula of Ontario. Elsewhere in Canada the weather is fine.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	14	53
Vancouver	40	52
Kamloops	28	43
Edmonton	16	50
Calgary	22	52
Winnipeg	19	31
Port Arthur	28	39
Parry Sound	34	42
London	33	48
Toronto	34	47
Kingston	34	52
Ottawa	32	44
Montreal	36	42
Quebec	34	36
St. John	38	44
Hallifax	44	48

Forecast: Lower Lawrence and Gulf. Winds shifting to northeasterly and easterly and increasing to strong breezes and gales, with rain towards evening or at night.

## AROUND THE CITY

**Leaves for England.**  
George Grey, of the North End, left on the Montreal train last evening en route for England where he will visit his uncle, George Scott, in Cheshire.

**Juvenile Thieves Reported.**  
Policeman Rankine has reported three girls and a boy for stealing coal from a box car on the L. C. R. siding on the east end of Brunswick street. The coal is the property of Frederick Blizard.

**Fractured His Elbow.**  
Robert Collins, of Grand Lake, entered the general public hospital last evening to be treated for a fractured elbow. Mr. Collins fell from the roof of his house a few days ago, fracturing his elbow in such a manner as to necessitate his coming to the hospital for treatment.

**Vandals Busy Again.**  
Yesterday afternoon Policeman Rankine found the glass broken and the key exposed in fire alarm box 19 on the corner of St. David and Courtney streets. The report was not filed. It is a frequent occurrence for officers to find glass broken in the alarm boxes, and it is thought to be the work of boys who, if captured, will be made an example of.

**Johnston L. O. L. Fair.**  
There was another good attendance at the Johnston L. O. L. fair in the Orange Hall, Germain street, last evening. The fair will come to a close on Saturday evening when the drawing for the chance prizes will take place. The following were the prize winners last evening: Air gun, C. B. Ward; excelsior, J. W. Tingle; 2nd, W. Kelley; bean toss, Kenneth Willis; door prize, ticket 256.

**A Report Denied.**  
A story was going around the city yesterday that the Norton Griffith Dredging Company had purchased a big suction dredge in Ontario, and that it was now on its way here in tow of three tugs. When asked about the matter last evening Mr. Dineen, superintendent of the Norton Griffith Dredging Company, said the story was news to him. Mr. Dineen said he expected the company would have a suction dredge here next summer.

**Tapley Bros. Affairs.**  
A meeting of the creditors of Tapley Bros., tug boat owners and lumber surveyors, was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of Barnhill, Sanford and Ewing, solicitors. The assignees and inspectors were authorized to advertise to be sold at public auction all the assets of the company, if an offer of \$5,000 or more is made the assignees and inspectors were empowered to dispose of the assets if at their discretion. The liabilities of the company are about \$15,000 and the assets \$6,000. The appointment of Charles F. Sanford as assignee was confirmed by the creditors.

## CUSTOMS REVENUE SHOWS INCREASE IN MONTH OF OCTOBER

There was a Gain of \$58,000 in Collections of this Port Compared with the Month of October, 1911.

	1911	1912
Customs duties	\$114,085.18	\$172,090.03
Sick Mailers' Fund	149.67	151.72
Total for October	\$114,234.85	\$172,241.75
Gain for October, 1912, over 1911		\$58,006.90

**Fine Cashmere Stockings.**  
Presently "the stocking store of St. John" is what the ladies say of P. A. Dykeman and Co.'s store. They are selling at the present time a fine Cashmere stocking, the celebrated Peasman brand, for 35 cents, that is usually sold at 50 cents. This stocking is without seams, fashioned leg, woven very close from the finest of cashmere yarns. Their children's stockings are tough as leather, woven close to keep out the cold and are without doubt the best wearing stockings that can be found. Prices range from 25 to 45 cents a pair, according to size.

## UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION IN THE LUMBER MARKET IS OPINION OF LOCAL SHIPPERS

Difficulty of Securing Tonnage has Resulted in Smaller Shipments—Spruce Export from St. John to Old Country 40,000,000 Behind Last Year.

Owing to the difficulty of chartering vessels, the shipments of lumber from New Brunswick to the United Kingdom this year have been considerably smaller than during the corresponding period last year, and with the Balkan war upon the horizon and the possibility of some of the big nations being involved in the trouble, lumber shippers are not inclined to be very optimistic about the future.

Up to September 30th of this year the shipments of spruce to the Old Country from St. John district were only 40,000,000 as against 104,000,000 for last year. The Gibson Company has not been a factor in the exporting field this year, and this will no doubt account for a considerable percentage of the decrease. But the shortage of ship tonnage has been an important cause of the decline in lumber shipments.

**Unprecedented Situation.**  
Local lumber shippers say that the present situation is altogether unprecedented and that the difficulty of securing ship tonnage, even at the high freight rates prevailing, presents a serious problem, though the opening of winter navigation and the possibility of securing space on the liners may somewhat relieve the situation.

When interviewed yesterday the manager of George McKean's office said it was almost impossible to charter tramp steamers for the lumber trade at any price. All over the globe there seemed to be an unprecedented demand for shipping, and in spite of the great increase in freight rates on lumber in the last two years, it had been a very hard matter to get either sail or steam tonnage for the trade during the summer. At the present time there was practically no tonnage in sight available for the lumber trade.

**Commerce is Growing.**  
One of the explanations given for the shortage of ship tonnage was the large crops in the United States this year, which were seeking a foreign market, and creating a demand for vessels. But there were other reasons for the shortage of tonnage.

The ocean borne commerce of all countries seemed to have increased rapidly, and apparently the tramp steamship tonnage had not been increased in proportion to the increase in demand. Even two years ago there seemed to be plenty of ships seeking charters, and it was rather difficult to account for the present lack of tonnage and the consequent high freight rates.

Probably the shipyards had not been turning out as many tramp steamers as they should have been doing, but a good many tramp steamers had been launched and many vessels which had been laid up had been put in commission.

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**West Indian Lawyer Here.**  
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**Charge of the Light Brigade.**  
Famous British Deed of Heroism The Nickel's Great Week-End Feature.

There is in all history no more awful or noble monument to the courage of man than the tragic fate of the Six Hundred. No eighteen minutes of Britain's existence is a nation, more filled with greater heroism, or more faithfulness to flag and command. To-day and Saturday at the Nickel's, the thrilling and inspiring story of Balaklava will be depicted by the Edison Co.'s English players, and one of the crack regiments of England's army. This feature along with Pathe's Week-End 41, and a good comedy, will make another bumper bill. These are the programmes that keep the old Nickel still the most popular house.

**Hard to Charter Vessels.**  
Hugh Mackay, of W. Malcolm Mackay, when seen said it was very difficult to charter vessels for the trans-Atlantic trade, more than two years ago it was an easy matter to secure rates of 30 to 35 shillings from Bay ports to the United Kingdom, but at the present time tramp steamers wanted 50 shillings. With the opening of winter navigation it would be possible to ship smaller orders by the regular liners, but the liners had increased rates, and shippers would not be able to make any profit.

**Baltic in Same Fix.**  
In response to a question Mr. Mackay said the Baltic lumber shippers were confronted with the same difficulty as the Canadian shippers, though, owing to the short distance to the English market, the increase in freight rates did not affect them to the same extent. He thought the shortage of tonnage and high freight rates was, in a large measure, attributable to the failure of the shipping companies to build new tonnage fast enough to handle the increasing ocean borne business. A few years ago they were difficultly getting charters for tramp steamers; shipping companies had turned their attention to the development of regular liner services, and as a consequence it was now difficult to secure tramp tonnage. As for sail tonnage very few of this class of vessel had been built, and it was harder to get sail than steam tonnage.

**American Shippers Also Complain.**  
Other lumber dealers when interviewed gave similar reasons for the present unsatisfactory state of the lumber trade. Those who ship to the United States market say that they have had great difficulty chartering vessels and that there has been an increase in freight rates which has absorbed the profits of the business. Market conditions in both countries at the present time are said to be very good; the only drawback is the cost of making deliveries. While the lumber companies which export to England and the United States have been seriously affected by the shortage of tonnage and increased freight rates, it is said to be less reason to be concerned about the situation than the shippers to American markets, partly because they will be able to take advantage of the liner service this winter and partly because they handle a higher priced class of lumber than that shipped to the United States. Of course the shippers to the English market fear the possibility of an extension of the Balkan war as it would probably send ocean going freight rates as well as insurance rates up. As the Balkan war is supposed to have strengthened the tendency to higher freight rates.

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## MUCH DAMAGE BY FLOODS IN A BIG STORE

Water Backed Up in Radiators in F. W. Daniel & Co.'s Dry Goods Store Last Night.

About eight o'clock last evening one of the employees in the McAfee shop on the corner of King and Charlotte streets noticed water dripping from the ceiling and on investigation it was found that the water was coming from the dry goods establishment of F. W. Daniel & Co. above the store. Mr. Daniel was notified, and when he entered his establishment he found that the store had been quite badly flooded and a large quantity of goods had been damaged.

A valve connected with the hot water boiler had got out of working order, and the water backed up in the radiators and overflowed on the top floor of the building. The water poured down through two floors and the damage done was rather extensive, the goods damaged being mostly gloves. When asked what the cause of the trouble was, Mr. Daniel could not state the amount of damage done, but said that it was considerable.

**Auto Show Here First of the Year.**  
St. John's First Big Automobile Exhibition Will Open in Drill Shed January 25th to Feb. 1st.

St. John is to have its first big automobile show and the date has been placed from Jan. 25th to Feb. 1st. A representative of E. M. Wilcox, Ltd., Toronto, has been in the city for a couple of days making arrangements and this firm, which has conducted most successful automobile shows in many parts of Canada and the United States, intend that the show in this city will be one of the best.

Arrangements have been completed for the drill hall at the southern end of Carmichael street, where the show will be held. This hall has a large floor space and when fitted up will prove a most acceptable place for the holding of the show.

Already a large number of firms throughout the country have requested space in the building to exhibit their cars, and the exhibition will be looked forward to by the hundreds of car owners and others in the province.

**To Talk Refinery Matter Over With Hon. Mr. Cochrane.**  
If Minister of Railways is Not Coming Here, Civic Delegation Will Meet Him in Moncton.

The city commissioners discussed the sugar refinery proposition yesterday afternoon on having an interview with Hon. Mr. Cochrane, minister of railways, and discussing the matter with him.

**Important.**  
In every tradesman's heart there is hunger for more trade. More trade is the one thing Harry Morris and the Knapp Company goes after, and they get it. Sure as you're born, Phone Harry Morris, Main 509, The Line of Progress.

**Prisoner Taken Ill.**  
Robert Clancy was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of being drunk. After being taken to the central police station it was discovered that he was quite ill, and it was found necessary to summon Dr. D. E. Berryman, who prescribed for him.

where by procuring a glass of brandy which, on his return, the squaw refused to drink, stating with an effort, that she never touched liquor.

Policeman Smith then called the ambulance and had her removed to the hospital where at an early hour this morning she was reported to be resting comfortably.

Before she was removed to the hospital a Christmas informed the ladies who attended her that she was a native of Scotch Settlement, the Bellisle River in Kings Co. She said she came to the city with her husband who had many axe handles to sell. It seems that Mr. Christmas left his wife at the station last evening and went to Hampton.

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