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THE WEATHER. Fresh northwest winds, fair, Thursday, west winds, fine and mild.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE WINTER PORT BUSINESS GOING FORWARD NOW

Warehouses and Cattle-sheds at Sand Point Are Being Put In Readiness for Trade.

With the near approach of the winter season of 1907, the business and in readiness to handle the large volume of business that is expected. The usual repairs are being made to the buildings and it is expected all will be in readiness when the first steamer arrives the latter part of November.

A large number of men are engaged on the new work on the west side, the Clarke & Adams wharf, the new warehouse, the street railway tracks, the rebuilding of Union street, laying tracks for the C. P. R. down to the new berth. The dredging operations also add to the busy appearance of the scene.

It is expected that all this work will be finished before the winter shipping business gets under way.

Clark & Adams are now engaged in building up the No. 3 crib, which is moored at No. 5 wharf, and work on No. 2 section, which was sunk recently, is being carried on at low tide. The first section of the new extension has been built up to within about three feet of the Clarke wharf.

An accident to the bucket of the No. 4 dredge delayed the work on the No. 2 section for a time today, but it is thought that the site for No. 3 crib is almost ready.

Judging from appearance, the ferry steamer Ludlow, which has been undergoing repairs and painting for some months past, is now about ready to resume her duties in a day or two.

THE DREDGING MIX-UP

Difficulties Expected to Be Speedily Settled When Dr. Pugsley Arrives.

An adjustment of the difficulties between Dr. E. M. Pugsley and the public works department with reference to the Sand Point dredging, is expected to be reached this evening, when Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, may arrive here from Halifax.

TONIGHT'S CONCERT

The Carleton Cornet Band, which contains good vocalists as well as instrumental musicians, will give a fine programme at the Every Day Club hall this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Major Sears will deliver a short address. All men are invited.

THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE SALVATION ARMY METROPOLE

With the Opening of the Winter Port Season Next Month the Busiest Time of the Year Will Commence.

With the opening of the winterport season, the later part of next month, being the busiest time of year at the Salvation Army travellers' shelter and the Metro- pole. For the past two or three years this branch of the army's work has been steadily increasing, and this year promises to be heavier than ever.

Some much needed improvements are being made, but more room and further equipment are needed if the ever-increasing influx of immigrants from Europe and the British Isles is to be handled successfully. Very few have any idea of the vast responsibility resting upon the officials whose duty it is to look after these immigrants and only those who have been over the ground can have any conception of the magnitude of the work and its many details.

Talking with a representative of this paper, Adjutant James Bowring, to whose management both shelter and Metro- pole are entrusted, furnished the following facts which in a measure show what has been accomplished during the past two years.

On November 17th, 1905, Adjutant Bowring, who was in charge of the corps at

HE DIED ALONE IN DINGY ROOM

Cousin of United States Senator Found Dead in a Cheap Chicago Lodging House.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—David Redfield, 81 years of age, a cousin of United States Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont, was found dead yesterday in a cheap lodging house in South Clark street. He had been in straitened circumstances for several years, although he made a fortune from the sale of royalties on an invention which he patented in the early twenties, a device which arrested and extinguished sparks from the fumes of locomotives, making the kindling of prairie fires by passing trains an impossibility. He was known as "Inventor Proctor," and when his lifeless body was found in the dingy room in which he had lived and dreamed his dreams of astounding inventions for the last six years, the narrow bed was simply festooned with tiny hand-carved models of flying machines, which had gained an endorsement in secret discoveries he claimed to have made in the field of aeronautics. Mr. Proctor was a native of Gloucester, Mass.

QUESTION OF SHORT WEIGHT

Inspector of Weights and Measures Has Looked Into It—Some Suggestions.

James Barry, inspector of weights and measures, has been giving his attention to the question of short-weight butter, since the subject was brought to public attention by the Times.

Interviewed by a Times man yesterday afternoon, Inspector Barry, stated that both in Fredericton and St. John he had been told by dealers that butter put up in farmers' dairies was frequently short in weight. He found some in this city that was notably short.

With regard to creamery prints he found that some were from one hundred to two hundred and fifty grams short. There are seven thousand grams in a pound, and he suggested that the prints be stamped with the weight in grams rather than a desire to cheat was the cause of any shortage in weight. Unless the prints were carefully moulded they might easily be under or over-weight. He continued to express his cautioning that the butter shrinks somewhat in weight when it has had time to dry out. In his opinion there is more likelihood of short-weight in dairy prints, because the ordinary household scales used by the farmer are very often incorrect.

It has been suggested to the Times that dealers should buy this country butter by actual weight, and sell it the same way. He further suggested that the same plan should be followed with regard to creamery butter, giving the seller the benefit if there is any under weight, and the purchaser the benefit if there is any over weight. If the customer would always insist on having the butter weighed the remedy would very soon be found.

The inspector found that sometimes dealers, when a customer asks for a pound of butter, cut a two-pound print in two, and sell each half without weighing it. He warns them that should not trust to their knife, but to the scales, and that whether the price was exactly divided.

REPORTED MERGER OF EXPRESS COMPANIES

There is a report to the effect that the American Express Company is to withdraw from St. John and that the Dominion Express Co. will handle their business from Vancouver to St. John.

The cause of the change is said to be on account of the uncertainty of getting goods delivered here over the Atlantic coast, which is the only route by which the American company can bring goods into St. John.

The local officers of the companies profess to know nothing officially of any change, but it is understood on pretty good authority that there is to be a new arrangement of some kind made very shortly.

Whether the American Co. will withdraw altogether, leaving over their business to the Dominion Co. at Vancouver, or whether they will arrange to have their business done here, is not yet known.

It is probable, however, that a change of some kind will be made very shortly.

DIED IN THE KLONDIKE

MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 16 (Special).—Accompanying the body of his wife, who died in far away Klondike, four months ago, J. Franklin Steves arrived in Moncton yesterday afternoon. He had been three weeks on the trip from Dawson City. The body of his wife had been embalmed, and placed in a vault after death. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mariner J. Steves, of this city, and went to the gold fields with her husband a couple of years ago. She died of peritonitis.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT

A very enjoyable concert was given in Zion Methodist church last evening. Those contributing to the programme were Miss Edith Cochran, piano solo; Miss McLean, vocal solo; S. J. McJannet and E. W. Appleby, vocal solos; W. B. Stratton, chorist solo; Miss Mildred Isaacs and Miss Campbell, readings, and selections by the Artillery Band. All the numbers were greatly enjoyed. A. J. Towers acted as chairman.

MAY ASK FOR A HIGHER WAGE

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PRINTERS AFTER OLD AGE PENSION

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Members of the International Typographical Union throughout the United States are participating in a referendum vote on six proposed amendments to the constitution of the organization and the results will be compiled for the next meeting. The most important of these measures are an old age pension and the increase of the salaries of the international officers. If carried they will become operative on January 14th. The old age pension provision provides that indent members who have reached the age of sixty years and have been good standing for at least twenty years, shall receive a pension of \$4 per week. It is objected that this proposition makes it necessary for the beneficiary to be practically a pauper before being eligible to avail himself of the pension, while thirty members would be ineligible although they had been assessed steadily to maintain the pension fund. Those favoring the proposition insist that it is in the welfare of the workman and that in its outworkings it will prove to be equitable.

BREAK IN WATER MAIN CAUSES SMALL FLOOD

Dwellers in the Asseyrian colony in the vicinity of Brunswick and Spring streets today were troubled by a flood shortly before noon. Considerable excitement prevailed and in some places the water was several feet deep. The water was caused by a break in the water main, which had to be placed from the street to the front doors.

About 11:45 o'clock a break occurred in the main pipe, about opposite John E. Wilson's foundry. The water began oozing from the ground about a height of six feet above the street and ran in torrents along Brunswick street, down to the street level, and then, mud and tin cans with it. In one place it was so deep that it was necessary to cross the street in order to reach his destination. In many places the water was ankle deep and many of the residents, who were on the street to their front doors in order to get into their houses.

The water ran in miniature rivers as far down Brunswick street as Haymarket square.

LATE LOCALS

The mayor and aldermen have been invited to attend the organ recital in Main street Baptist church tomorrow evening.

The Fredericton Junior Artistic Bowlers will arrive here Friday and will roll a St. John team at Black's alleys, north end, that evening.

It is said that Branch 134 of the C. M. B. A. intend to hold two assemblies here, one on Wednesday and another on their spacious hall, Union street.

Oatmeal was advanced by the local dealers yesterday to \$7 a barrel, which is just the price that it costs now landed here from the mill.

The steamer Sinescens, for the Washademoak route is believed to have left Moncton yesterday for Halifax. It is expected that she will be here Friday.

The county court case of Wyborg vs. the Canada Bank Note Company, was resumed in chambers this morning before Judge Forbes. E. G. G. and the defendant were examined and their case was further adjourned.

The work of laying the granite pavement on Water street is about completed and the job is a very creditable one. The next thing to be done, say some of the merchants on the street, is to get the street department to work cleaning off the pavement. It is covered with filth, several inches deep.

EQUITY COURT

The equity court sessions were resumed this morning, Mr. Justice Barker presiding. The partition suit of Fitzsimmons vs. Alexander and forty-two others, came up for hearing and on motion the bill was taken pro confesso for want of an appearance. Mr. Grimmer consenting, M. J. McLaughlin, K. C. of St. Stephen, for the plaintiff and W. C. H. Grimmer, K. C. for the defendant. This is a St. Stephen case.

F. A. Jones came in on today's Boston train.

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CANNED GOODS ARE CLIMBING

Further Advances Made Today in Prices of Groceries.

Nearly everything in the canned goods lines is higher this year than last. Fruit especially is up and tomatoes are quoted at a higher figure than for some time. American pork advanced yesterday 25 to 30 cents a barrel, and lard jumped a half-cent a pound. Flour still holds firm, and in fact all lines of groceries are showing a tendency toward further advances.

Following is a list of latest canned goods prices. The quotations are for one dozen cans.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Yellow Peaches (2 1/2) ... \$2.40, Peaches (2 1/2) ... 3.67, Flemish Beauty Peas (2 1/2) ... 1.95, etc.

MONTREAL MARKET IS STILL DULL

MONTREAL, Oct. 16 (Special).—The stock market, though calmer today, still showed an absence of buoyancy after yesterday's serious slump following the news of the Detroit dividend. In most cases the prices rallied from yesterday's final figures, which were in many cases several points above the low level of the day. Detroit continued fairly active and sold from 38 1/2 to 39 1/4. The work is believed to be over in the street with the Detroit dividend, but interested parties here are very anxious that the "gang of wreckers" should be able to take place today with a large attendance. Among those going from the city are George H. Waterbury, Dr. Lumley, R. T. Walker, D. J. O'Neil and wife, C. H. Jackson and wife, S. Woods, Thomas Dean, F. S. Bonnell, Michael McCormack, J. H. Case, Councillor Donnan, James Ryan. The fair is a very good one this year and the exhibits considerably over the average. The cattle exhibit especially has been very fine. The attendance is very large indeed. Quite a few went from the city during the morning but the bulk did not get out till dinner time or immediately after. Judging commenced at 1:30 o'clock. The judges on horses are R. T. Worden, James Crozier and James Mullin and Robert McLean; produce, Michael Ryan, John R. Green, John H. Walker; manufactured goods, Miss McGovern, president of Women's Art Association.

A QUEEN'S LETTERS

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The London papers this morning publish elaborate extracts from the "Queen's Letters of Victoria," which make their appearance today by authority of King Edward.

These letters form an interesting autobiography, which without revealing any important political matters not already known, present a deeply absorbing picture of the Queen's life and character from her own hands. Editorially they express their grateful thanks to the King for this selection from nearly six hundred volumes at Windsor in which the Queen's letters and papers are classified and indexed.

POLICE COURT

James Rogers was the sole occupant of the prisoners' bench at the Morning's session of the police court. He was charged with drunkenness and indecent conduct on the north side of King Square, and was fined \$8 or thirty days in jail.

Andrew Irvine was, today, arrested by Sergeant Caples and Patrolman Boves for being drunk on the north side of King Square. The prisoner had in his possession a white bed spread, said to have come from the Cheney House. Asked by the officers how he came by the bed covering Irvine said that he always carried it with him.

AN OWL IN THE SQUARE

A winged visitor in the form of a good sized owl strayed into the city this morning and found its way first to the old burial ground and later to King Square, where, perched contentedly on the top of one of the large trees on the southern side of the fountain it soon became the centre of attraction for a large crowd of passers-by and many suggestions were heard as to how the bird of night might be captured, but no attempt was made to put any of them into effect. About noon a group of school boys who happened along derived considerable amusement from running to and fro about the square as the stranger from the woodlands flew from tree to tree.

OVERHEATED MACHINERY SET FIRE TO POWDER; CAUSE OF THE FONTANET TRAGEDY

TOMORROW TO SEE OPENING

First Commercial Message by Marconi Service Will Be Sent Thursday Afternoon.

SYDNEY, N. S., Oct. 16 (Special).—"Everything is in readiness and the opening will take place for trans-Atlantic commercial messages at 2 p. m. on Thursday, 17th," said Signor Marconi to your correspondent at Port Maria station last night. "Our system has been in continuous communication with Clifden, Ireland, all day, just the same as if the wireless was doing a continuous business. The most severe tests have been applied to the mechanism, and there has not been a flaw or hitch of any kind. The opening messages will be congratulatory and will be sent to several of the more influential newspapers, American and English."

Mr. Marconi was feeling most optimistic, little like a man who was on the eve of a great problem. Marconi will manipulate the instruments himself in sending the first message. The plan will be for the full capacity tomorrow.

Marconi expected that all papers would give him the bulk of their work. "They are my best friends," he said, "and I think they will help me along." Four operators are stationed at Morien ready to work.

"All invitations sent out to newspaper and personal friends by me asking them to be present at the opening of the wireless station at Morien, Thursday, October 17th, have been cancelled, owing to the fact that one of the experts, Mr. Hanley, is dying. The opening, however, will take place as arranged at 2 p. m. This will be absolutely private. We could not under the circumstances make the affair a social gathering." The above was given out today by Signor Marconi.

TRYING TO POISON HIM

NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sask., Oct. 16 (Special).—Norman Walker, a homesteader, living near Radison, is the victim of some desperate enemy who seeks his life by poisoning. Two attempts already have been made by secreting strychnine in his food during his absence from his shack, the poison being placed in the tea kettle, in condensed milk, and also in potatoes prepared to warm up. All were unsuccessful as Walker noticed a peculiar flavor in each case. However, enough poison was taken into his system to cause his temporary collapse.

THE LOCH LOMOND FAIR

The annual fair at Loch Lomond is taking place today with a large attendance. Among those going from the city are George H. Waterbury, Dr. Lumley, R. T. Walker, D. J. O'Neil and wife, C. H. Jackson and wife, S. Woods, Thomas Dean, F. S. Bonnell, Michael McCormack, J. H. Case, Councillor Donnan, James Ryan. The fair is a very good one this year and the exhibits considerably over the average. The cattle exhibit especially has been very fine. The attendance is very large indeed. Quite a few went from the city during the morning but the bulk did not get out till dinner time or immediately after. Judging commenced at 1:30 o'clock. The judges on horses are R. T. Worden, James Crozier and James Mullin and Robert McLean; produce, Michael Ryan, John R. Green, John H. Walker; manufactured goods, Miss McGovern, president of Women's Art Association.

ELECTION DISPUTES

Meeting of Court of Revision to Decide Contested Ballots in Saturday's Election at Prince Albert.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Oct. 16.—(Special).—The court of revision to decide upon the contested ballots in Saturday's election opened yesterday with turbulent scenes. Mr. Bradshaw's supporters objected to Mr. McLean's nomination as associated with W. B. Truistott, on the ground that Mr. McLean was a partisan and had taken an active part in the campaign for Mr. Turgeon. It was definitely announced, however, that Mr. McLean would sit. D. W. Adams took up Mr. Bradshaw's case and asked that a record of the proceedings be kept. It was a court of British justice, and they intended to get British justice. Applause by Mr. Bradshaw's supporters followed Mr. Adams' remarks and the deputy returning officer called for order, saying that any one who caused disorder would have to leave. To Mr. Adams who continued his objections Mr. McLean said: "We are running this court and not you," but S. J. Donaldson, M. P. P. informed the court excitedly that there was a crowd at the back that would do things. A policeman was sent for by the deputy returning officer at this point and order was restored. As a result of the afternoon sitting seven votes objected to by the Liberals were allowed and two objected to by the provincial rights party. One Liberal objection was upheld, two liberal objections were reserved by the court, and in two cases of Liberal objection the court disagreed.

MORE LIGHT NEEDED.

Suspension Bridge at Present is in Stygian Darkness. A number of very bitter complaints relative to the entire absence of a good lighting system on the suspension bridge, have been heard recently by people who are obliged to cross over to Fairville after dark. Under existing conditions it is exceedingly troublesome, even dangerous, for the drivers of vehicles, to say nothing of all of pedestrians who run even a greater risk.

Interested parties express the opinion that the proper authorities would do well to take immediate action in the matter, instead of waiting until an accident occurs, which would cause them a good deal of trouble and probably considerable outlay that might be otherwise avoided.

Miss McLean of Boston, whose singing, delighted the audience at the concert in Zion church last evening, is a student in the New England Conservatory of Music. She studied under Signor Rotoli, and returned in about a week to resume her studies under Signor Yon. Miss McLean's first solo last evening, Hope Will Recall, was enthusiastically encored, and she responded with Noon and Night.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

EVERYBODY EXPECTANT.

NORTON, Oct. 16.—(Special).—The village is all agog. Even the Central Railway sleepers woke up this morning.

Farmers from all the surrounding districts are pouring in, and some doubt was expressed whether there would be promises enough to go round. The anxiety was relieved when it was announced that Dr. Pugsley would positively be one of the winners who went out from here and from Bellisle to capture the attorney-general reported to have been seen and fired at by farmer on Bull Moose hill have returned empty-handed, and say that they think

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