

THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to south and east; fair today, becoming showery tonight.

Toronto, May 15.—The depression which was in the Southwestern States last night has now been transferred to Michigan, while the high pressure area has almost disappeared. Showers and thunderstorms are occurring throughout the lake region. Elsewhere in Canada is fine with the exception of a few showers in Alberta.

Vancouver	46	50
Edmonton	26	32
Prince Albert	32	38
Calgary	30	34
Regina	31	35
Winnipeg	30	34
Port Arthur	38	42
Parry Sound	34	38
Toronto	50	54
Ottawa	50	54
Montreal	54	58
Quebec	52	56
St. John	52	56
Halifax	54	58

AROUND THE CITY

Small Parcel Found.

A small parcel was found on Charlotte street by the police yesterday afternoon. The owner can obtain the same by applying at the Central Police Station.

James Gaynor Dead.

The death occurred in the city yesterday of James Gaynor, a prominent block-maker at the time wooden blocks were turned out in the city. The deceased was in his 34th year and was son of John B. Gaynor, who was formerly one of the foremost block manufacturers of the city. The deceased leaves no immediate relatives.

A Pleasing Entertainment.

An entertainment was given in the High School last evening in honor of the closing of Miss Murray's training class for playground teachers, and proved a great success. A. M. Belding presided. During the evening, an interesting address was given by Com. Agar, who commended the work done by the Playground Association, which was deserving of much appreciation, and approved greatly of the schools being used for their training purposes. The playground teachers class provided six numbers to the programme, in dainty folk dances. Selections were rendered by the High School orchestra. Miss Agnes Scully was heard in a reading. Vocal solos were rendered by A. F. Belding and E. C. Belding. A violin duet was given by Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Mao, with Mrs. Jordan Dickie acting as accompanist. Two interesting playground stories were told by Miss Murray, teacher of the training school.

NOVEL CONTEST OFF TO SPLENDID START

Standard Readers Lose no Time Beginning to Count the Circles in Puzzle Competition.

Although it was only Tuesday that the first announcement was made of the Standard's puzzle contest, in which \$1,250 in gold prizes will be awarded to the winners, answers have already begun to come in. The first batch reached the contest editor before 11 o'clock yesterday morning. This constitutes a record in rapid response to a competition of this kind and indicates that this is going to be the most popular contest ever conducted in St. John.

Any man, woman, boy or girl residing in the province of New Brunswick or Nova Scotia can enter the competition if they can only count. That is all one has to do, just count.

The first prize of \$300 in gold is going to the one who can count most accurately; the second prize will be given to the champion counter's nearest rival, and the third prize to the next in line for premier honors, and so on down through the list of seventy wards.

It sounds easy, and it is easy—if you know how. If you succeed the gold is yours. Little circles are what you will have to count. You can count five of them very easily, ten of them with little more effort, but can you count each and every one and arrive at the actual number contained in the chart? Is your memory still good? The announcement of the details of this contest is contained on another page of this issue. Read it and prove to yourself that there is no sham, no deception, no tricks, no gold brick concealed in what has been said in this column. It is all absolutely true. Can you count? If you can, one of the many gold prizes may be yours.

When The Standard sought to further the interests of its readers and increase its circulation, it decided to adopt something that offered an equal opportunity to all who entered the competition. The chart has been prepared by a student of mathematics with care and accuracy, but it takes no great mathematical to solve the problem. There is a correct solution. It can be obtained. Somebody will find it and receive a splendid reward.

Three hundred silk taff and more undershirts on sale at F. A. Dykeman and Co.'s. They come in all colors, black, brown, navy, green, cerise and electric blue, many of them are priced from one half to one-third less than the usual price. They are exceptionally good shirts, the newest shapes made from material that will give good service. For instance, Easdale made more undershirts worth \$1.25, sale price 85 cents; fine silk taff undershirts, regular price \$1.75, on sale at \$1.25. These are light weight silk shirts that are so popular for summer wear. They have the popular smooth fitting waist band. Fine soft, sleeve undershirts at \$1.00. Full range of shades. An exceptionally good more undershirt, good weight, at \$1.50, worth \$2.25. Other prices ranging from 75 cents to \$3.75.

WARDEN CARSON REFUSES TO SIGN MUNICIPALITY TO MUNICIPAL HOME OPTION

He will Sign No Option or Conveyance of Any Sort Until Satisfactory Explanation has been Made—Complete Statement of Circumstances Leading up to Transaction now Seems to be Necessary.

Warden T. B. Carson will not implement the decision of the County Council and issue an option to purchase the Municipal Home property to the Eastern Trust Company for \$75,000. Yesterday, H. A. Powell, acting for W. I. Fenton and the citizens generally, served notice on the Warden of the Municipality that he would apply for an injunction restraining the county from granting an option to the Eastern Trust Company. Warden Carson immediately sent word to Mr. Powell that, in deference to popular opinion, he would not sign an option or conveyance of any sort until an explanation was vouchsafed that satisfied the public. The Warden's decision not to implement the resolution of the council evidently means that the deal is off, as it is not at all likely that any explanation or argument can be put forward that will satisfy the public. The Home and property should be sold for \$75,000.

Mr. McLellan Says Nothing.

Com. McLellan, when asked last evening if he had any statement to make in regard to this phase of the matter, said: "No; nothing at all."

The Councillor Dean Indignant.

Councillor Dean, of Musquash, said that he had heard nothing of the decision of the Warden. "The only interest I have in the matter," added Coun. Dean, "is to get as much money as possible for the property. If anybody would offer more than \$75,000 I would be quick enough to vote that the offer be considered. My belief is that the property must be disposed of before long, and I voted for the acceptance of the Eastern Trust Company's offer because I felt that if we waited any time we would not get as good an offer."

"Who says the councillors were offered any consideration to vote for the option?" said Coun. Dean indignantly, in reply to a question. "So far as I am concerned or I know, such an assertion is absolutely false. I don't know anybody in the Eastern Trust Company."

"Was the matter mentioned at the private meeting on Monday evening?" "That meeting was called to consider the hospital question and try to facilitate business at the regular meeting," said Coun. Dean. "Mr. McLellan mentioned that there would be an offer for the Municipal Home, but he did not say what the price would be and there was no discussion of the matter."

"What was the hurry to put the matter through at the meeting on Tuesday?" "The only reason was that Coun. Schofield said he could not be present at the meeting Wednesday morning. Coun. Schofield voted to finish the matter at the meeting, and the warden voted the same way, in order to give Coun. Schofield a chance to register his vote. It was apparently felt that the members had made up their minds anyway, and the question might as well be decided at once."

No Consideration Offered.

Coun. Bryant, of Lancaster, when interviewed, expressed himself in much the same way as Coun. Dean. When his attention was called to a report in an evening paper that it was inferred by some citizens that the councillors for the parishes had been promised favors for their districts if they voted for the option, Coun. Bryant said that no promises had been made to him. Asked if the alleged consideration was the grant of \$35,000 for sewer extension in Lancaster, he answered angrily.

"Who made such an assertion? No consideration was held out to me, and if it had been I would have turned it down. The Parish of Lancaster will have to pay for the sewer extension, and why should I or anybody have to make a dollar to get what we have to pay for. I am not that kind of a man. I voted for the option, because I believed we would have to get a new municipal home, and should take the best offer for the present premises."

That Private Meeting.

Coun. Long made practically the same statements as Coun. Bryant, and both when asked about the private meeting on Monday evening said Com. McLellan had mentioned that he had an offer for the home, but that the offer had not been discussed by the members present. They said that so far as they were concerned it was up to the Warden to do what he thought advisable in regard to the implementing of the resolution.

Explanation Needed.

The decision of the Warden not to sign the option until the public is satisfied, it is said, will meet with great approval for the whole community seems to be of the opinion that the acceptance of the offer was bad business, if nothing worse. Most of the citizens of St. John who have spoken about the matter seem to be of the opinion that there was something suspicious about the transaction, and they declare a full and frank explanation of the whole affair is needed to clear the air.

Cyrus F. inches Talks.

Cyrus Inches when interviewed said he had no knowledge that an offer of \$75,000 was to be considered by the council, and that he would have been very glad to know that such an offer was to be considered. Considering that he made a bid for \$75,000,

CIVIC CLEAN-UP DAY WAS SUCCESSFUL

About 40 Teams at Work Yesterday and Much Good Work was Done—What Commissioners Say.

Com. McLellan expressed himself last evening as being well pleased with the results of the efforts to clean up the city. "There were about 40 teams at work," he added, "and a great deal of refuse was cleared away. However, there is considerable cleaning to be done yet. In certain sections of the city, in a short time the reports of the firemen who inspected the operations will be considered and the householders who have neglected to clean up their premises will be shown the need of doing so at once."

Com. Agar said the city had not been able to get as many teams as they wanted as everybody appeared to be busy, but that a great deal of cleaning up had been done. Many well-to-do people had taken advantage of the crusade to get rid of their winter's ashes, and some thrifty citizens had required the city to move ten or fifteen barrels or rubbish.

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at	\$5.50
Costumers, at	\$3.75

TUESDAY'S CONCERT

What the Boston Opera Company Manager Has to Say—Seat Sale Saturday Morning.

Edwin Bower Hesser, of the Boston Opera Co., who is a guest at the Royal Hotel, announced yesterday that the forthcoming presentation at the Opera House would be a forerunner of an annual visit to this city, if the patronage extended to the first endeavor, warranted future appearances. At the end of the Boston season, he said, "we decided that the gospel of Grand Opera should be spread to every city of New England, and I undertook to manage a tour organized for this purpose. In order to adequately display the beauties of Grand Opera, we selected an aggregation of singers that it would be difficult, under ordinary conditions, to excel. Madame Evelyn Scotney stands very high in the musical world, while the other seven are each and every one of them, finished artists. Madame Scotney is receiving a great deal of attention from press and public, and such prominent critics as Philip Hale, of the Boston Herald, declared in an article that Madame Scotney would be thought, in time, to compare with Tetrazzini. In view of the fact that Mr. Hale is known as one of the most conservative critics in America, this indicates more than a little."

The Tuesday night audience will hear the condensed version of "Marta" and the magnificent sextette from "L'ouka di Lammermoor," a beautiful quartette from "Rigoletto" and a number of the best operatic gems in songs.

"I certainly expect the event to be a big success," said Mr. Hesser, "and I can surely promise that if it is, St. John will be visited by our company after the regular season in Boston each year in the future."

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