THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Strong winds and gales from eastward, with rain. Tuesday, north to west winds; clearing and cool.

Synopsis—A disturbance of considerable energy is approaching from the southward. Weather is moderately warm in the Western Provinces. To Banks, easterly gales; to American ports, moderate east and north gales; Sable Island, northeast, 18 miles, cloudy; Point Lepreaux, east, 24 miles at 11 a. m.

Highest temperature during last 24 hours, 66.
Lowest temperature during last 24 hours, 48.
Temperature at noon, 66.

ST. JOHN AUTOISTS
GETTING SPEED CRAZY ?

Two Distinct Complaints Made to the Star Office Today—The Whirl of a Big Car on the Marsh Last Evening—Rockwood Park Regulations Violated

The automobiling enthusiasm which has seized upon many St. John people, young and middle-aged, has reached such a pitch that speed limits and careful thought for the horse driver and pedestrians have apparently taken wings. The absence of any precautionary measures, or rather the non-enforcement of them has given more or less permission to wild autoists to drive as fast as they like.

An instance of high speeding was witnessed last night on the Marsh Road, where scores of quiet driving parties were returning from a day's outing. In this procession of carriages there were several family parties of women and small children, and as the devil wagon with its glaring lamps more or less tearing on in the dark, horses jumped, stampeded and in some cases only the coolest and most expert horsemanship saved the carriage occupants from injury. One driver, who was giving an invalid friend an airing, and the oncoming machine and gauging its speed by its hum, headed his horse into a by-road to allow the fears of the sick person. When the big car whirred past its occupants could not be identified, but the statement is made that a speed of fully forty miles an hour was certainly shown by the auto.

From another source complaint comes to the Star that a few days ago a large automobile traversed Rockwood Park without molestation, which is a direct violation of the Horticultural Association's regulations. The Star's informant will swear in this statement.

If autoists are allowed to run their machines through Rockwood the complainant says the popular resort will be destroyed as far as quiet family driving parties are concerned, for the largely increased grounds contain so many steep roadways, narrow by-roads and sheer declivities that an automobile meeting a carriage load of women and children in one of these passages—particularly the hills—might result very seriously.

Altogether it seems as if the people who own horses, and also some who do not, are awakening to the seriousness of allowing full speed to those who do not appreciate the dangers of it. Main street, North End, and Douglas Avenue, are favorite speed ways, and the way some busy merchants cut corners and cross streets in their runabouts, gives shudders to the men on the sidewalk.

Yesterday afternoon two young men engaged considerable worry to pedestrians by their fast driving through the different avenues. They spent the best part of the afternoon in the park, annoying all who were strolling in the walks and their actions in speeding about the roads were dangerous both to old and young. No park policeman could be seen in the vicinity of the lake.

MORE ARRESTS IN THE
STOVE STEALING CASE

Warrants Issued Against Oscar Peterson and Hanford Geldart.

Wm. Mahoney has been sentenced to two years in Dorchester prison for stealing from the McClary Manufacturing Company's warehouse on Celebration street, but Manager Irwin has not finished his work of getting after persons who he thinks have robbed his company. This morning he called at the police court and swore out warrants for the arrest of Hanford G. Geldart and Oscar Peterson for acting together in the stealing of a range. Before the trial is through other articles, including another stove, may be charged against them. The police this morning arrested Peterson at his work in the I. C. R. yard, where he is foreman of the car cleaning department, and Hanford Geldart will be arrested this afternoon. Geldart was a former employe of the McClary Company. He is charged with having sold the stoves to Peterson, and that Peterson purchased the stoves knowing them to be stolen. Peterson has been in the I. C. R. employ for a long time and has a good standing. He was greatly surprised on being arrested this morning. He has a family residing on City Road and claims that he will be able to clear himself of the charge against him.

Manager Irwin, of the McClary Company, since the discovery of a stove being stolen in April has so far located no less than nine stoves that have been stolen, with other goods from the warehouse.

The Star was slightly in error last urday evening in stating that the cork linoleum newly laid in Brussels Street Baptist Church was paid for by the Chinese Sunday school scholars. It was their own room only the Orientals furnished with the floor covering.

MONTREAL, June 1.—Fire did between $60,000 and $70,000 damage to the buildings of the Tobin Mfg. Co., Bromptonville, Saturday night. The origin is as yet unknown. E. W. Tobin, M. P., is president of the company.

LOCAL NEWS.

The St. John W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock in the Germain street parlors.

T. E. G. Armstrong and family has moved from Queen Square to their country house at Rothesay.

The Mount Temple from Antwerp landed passengers at 4 a. m. yesterday at Quebec.

PROPOSAL TO START AN
ART GALLERY IN ST. JOHN

S. Craven Betts Makes a Suggestion by Which the People May Buy Pictures Very Easily—He Offers to Assist

The following extract of a letter to a St. John man from Mr. Caven L. Betts, well known here, contains a suggestion regarding the establishment of an art gallery worthy of consideration:—

Salmagundi Club,
Fourteen West Twelfth Street,
New York.

I am in New York with a lame foot having had a mishap on the "Subway." While inactive I have been thinking over a proposition which Mr. Nagle, the portrait painter, has suggested to me. It is not in the measure of an experiment, but a bona fide proved thing, having been thoroughly tested and proved a success. Briefly it is this:—

Mr. Nagle went to Waterton, N. Y. a city of some twenty-five thousand souls and made a proposition to the art club there. In this he told them that if he was advanced $100 for expenses, he would guarantee that the town, an oil painting approved by the citizens. They asked him how this could be done. He said—Hire a hall and I will send two first class pictures by the foremost New York artists for selection. There will be an admission of 10 cents, everyone in the town having a vote, school children and all. The thing was arranged. Mr. Nagle went to Watertown, gave three addresses, got the thing talked about in the papers, got his two pictures, exhibited them, and the people ment by thousands to see and vote on them. In all some $600 odd was paid in in 10 cent admissions, the papers every day giving the attendance and the vote. A great interest was excited in the town over the matter and enough money was raised to buy the picture selected. Mr. Nagle went to the painters having the biggest vote and an arrangement was made, whereby the city of Watertown got the two pictures for the $600, each man taking less than his price for the picture. The thing has been a great satisfaction to the city, as they have the nucleus of an art gallery already formed, the property of the city. It is the intention every spring and fall to have an exhibition run on the same lines and one or two pictures got for the gallery at each event. Nothing can be more beneficial to a community than this proposition. The educational value of it is immense, and the return for the money is substantial. Just think of it! In ten years a city like St. John could have a collection of thirty or forty pictures by the greatest artists in America, and the value to the children in giving them an interest in art would be incalculable. I wish you would take this thing up seriously, and see if you cannot arouse an enthusiasm about it in St. John. Call on Scott of the "Sun," he knows me, and get his support. I will have this this summer to carry the thing through, but I will have to see the artists before their summer fitting. You know I am a member of the club, half of whom are painters. I know all the best of them, and can secure any two of them I choose, for they will all be glad to submit pictures for such an exhibition. Write to me and give me your ideas on the subject, and how you think I can go about it. The board of trade, the board of education, the club, the city government, or some wealthy man might put up the preliminary $100. This I would want for my time and labor in the matter, which might take a month. The expenses of the hall, etc., would be defrayed by the admissions. The whole thing outside of the selection of the pictures, the hiring of the hall, the keeping of the cash record, etc., would be in the hands of the committee. I would merely place the pictures in your hands with what effort I made thereafter being under their consideration. I think it would be advisable to follow out Mr. Nagle's plan, which had such an unqualified success. If your committee would think me capable, I would give an address or perhaps two. Mr. Nagle gave three, on the advantages of an art education and its practical application to life, etc., winding up with an exposition of the present scheme. If your committee preferred, I would despise one of your own number to do the work. I do not seek self-glorification out of the thing. I would be content not to be known in the matter at all and let anyone who liked get the credit. I am, however, desirous of doing something for St. John in an art way, and this is both extremely interesting and practical.

CRAVEN L. BETTS.

A party of R. K. Y. C. members in the sloop Columbia in trying to work their boat from the Lower Cove Slip to the harbour yesterday came to grief when the yacht, buffeted by wind and tide, crashed into a wharf. The bow-sprit was badly damaged.

Mr. George Bolton and family, of Peters street, recently bereaved by the sad fatality at Latimore Lake, desire to express their thanks to those very many friends whose kind acts and condolence were of so timely assistance and encouragement.

POLICE REPORTS.

The police report a dead cat on Brussels street.
The police were called into Charles Landers' house on Britain street, yesterday, to quell a disturbance.
A bicycle was found early this morning by the police in a yard off Sydney street. It awaits the owner at the central police station.
A disabled horse, owned by Mr. Izzard, was at his request shot by the police yesterday in a yard off Hammond street.
A dangerous hole in Meadow street is reported.
At an early hour this morning the police found the door of the Jewish Synagogue on Main street open.