### THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Oct. 21.—Depressions are situated tonight in the lower St. Lawrence Valley and Alberta and pressure is highest over the Middle Atlantic States. Showers and local thunderstorms have occurred in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and some light falls of rains and snow in Alberta. Elsewhere the weather has been fair and continued warm in Ontario.

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| St. John | 42 | 54 |
| Dawson | 23 | 32 |
| Prince Rupert | 40 | 48 |
| Victoria | 48 | 56 |
| Calgary | 26 | 54 |
| Edmonton | 36 | 44 |
| Medicine Hat | 30 | 54 |
| Saskatoon | 25 | 57 |
| Winnipeg | 30 | 56 |
| Parry Sound | 54 | 66 |
| London | 52 | 71 |
| Toronto | 52 | 80 |
| Ottawa | 54 | 72 |
| Montreal | 40 | 70 |
| Quebec | 44 | 62 |
| Halifax | 32 | 52 |

Forecast.

Maritime—Strong south to west winds, local showers at first then clearing with higher temperature.

Northern New England — Partly cloudy and cooler, Friday probably unsettled north portion Maine; Saturday fair, fresh west winds.

## AROUND THE CITY

### HIGH "Y" CLUB

The High "Y" Club will be re-organized for the Winter at a meeting to be held some time next week at the Y. M. C. A.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

A birthday party was held at Upper Golden Grove on Tuesday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Stephenson in honor of Miss Elsie Stephenson. Seventy-five friends were present and a number of valuable gifts were received by the gust of honor. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshmnets served.

### Will Tow Barge.

The tug Springhill arrived at Halifax midnight Monday from St. John to tow coal barge No. 6 to that city. The Springhill belongs to the Dominion Coal Company and was built in 1893 at St. John, but was thoroughly rebuilt this summer at Bear River. She is about 105 feet long and has two funnels. The tug will likely leave with her tow today.

### CABLE FROM PRINCE

The private secretary of the Prince of Wales has sent the following cable from London:—

"Prince of Wales sends his best thanks to the Navy League of Canada for their message of congratulation on his return home. His Royal Highness is interested to hear of the Navy League drive and wishes it all possible success."

### RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

Rev. F. H. Bane, has just returned from the ministerial convention at Yarmouth. When asked his impressions, he stated that the convention was very well represented by ministers from the maritime provinces. He was greatly impressed by the fine fellowship and brotherly feeling, and the statesmanship way in which things were dealt with.

### ANOTHER HOUSE SOLD

S. K. Bamford, representing Gordon MacKay, Toronto, has purchased a dwelling in one of the semi-detached houses erected in West St. John by the city housing board. There now remain unsold a self-contained house and one section of a semi-detached building. This is the third sale to a commercial man who has come here from an outside centre.

### AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Yesterday afternoon about 3.30 o'clock an automobile while proceeding along Charlotte street near Princess, skidded about twenty feet and smashed against the curb. The rear right wheel was demolished while the tire was torn off the other rear wheel. The accident happened in front of the F. E. Williams' grocery.

### GOLF CLUB DANCE.

A most enjoyable and largely attended informal dance was held last evening at the Riverside Golf Club for the members and their friends. The chaperones for the occasion were Mrs. Busby and Mrs. Foster, and owing to the lateness of the season, it is quite probable that last night's dance will be the last one for this year.

### MARTELLO BAND FAIR

There was a good attendance at the Martello Band Fair last night despite the inclement weather. The following were the prize winners: First, door prize, $15, Mrs. E. Ingraham; second, door prize, $10, A. Rolston; Devil Among the Tailors, serving tray, D. Craft; excelsior, smoking set, A. Duffy. The door prize tonight will be $25, and tomorrow night $50, when it will be brought to a close.

Mrs. James Shaw, 109 Hazen St., and her daughter, Ethel, have returned from Vancouver where Mrs. Shaw visited her daughter, Mrs. Fraser Morrison. They visited Winnipeg on their return east.

## Seat Sale English Shows Opens Today

At ten o'clock this forenoon the reserved seats for the H. V. Esmond-Eva Moore London theatricals next week will be placed on sale. The mail order demand has already been considerable.

### EXMAYOR BIRKETT DEAD.

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—Thomas Birkett, ex-mayor of Ottawa, and former member of the Federal House for the capital city, died today. He was 76 years of age. He sat in the house of Commons in the Parliament of 1900.

## Much Damage At Smythe St. Fire

### R.P. & W.F. Starr, Ltd. Building and Contents Suffered Severe Loss Last Evening.

A fire of considerable proportion caused a great amount of damage to R. P. & W. F. Starr Ltd. building and contents on the corner of Smythe and Union streets, last evennig.

#### Started in Closet

The blaze which started in a closet off the offices of Col. Fred Wedderburn on the first floor was noticed shortly after six o'clock and an alarm was sent in from Box 5 near the corner of Mill and Dock Streets. When the department arrived on the scene the flames were pouring out of the windows of the Wedderburn offices and the firemen were somewhat hindered by the very dense smoke. The fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered and at first it was thought that the damage would be greater than it really was.

While one of the hose wagons was making a stretch some excited person at the hydrant turned on the water before the line had been broken from the reel and the "Butt" connected, with the result that the heavy pressure of water finding no outlet caused the hose to burst. This mistake was quickly overcome and a good stream of water was soon directed through the windows.

#### Good Water Pressure

The water pressure was all that could be desired and when the firemen got to work they soon had the fire under control but not before a great deal of damage had been caused by fire and water.

After destroying a section of the Wedderburn offices the fire from the closet burned through the ceiling and made considerable headway in the upper floor where J. S. Frost, Merchandise Broker, had considerable furniture stored. This part of the building is also occupied by William G. Clark and Sons of Montreal, where their agent, W. G. Burton had considerable canned goods stored. Fortunately the damage to the Clark property is not considered very heavy.

#### Fire Checked

The fire was confined to one section of the first and second floors on the southern end of the building and did not burn through the other parts including the ground floor where the R. P. & W. F. Starr offices are situated as well as the large warehouse portion of J. S. Frost in which is a large quantity of goods.

The great amount of water that had to be used in fighting the flames on the two upper floors poured down into the Starr offices and here the Salvage Corps showed their efficiency with rubber covers preventing a greater amount of damage being done to the office fixtures.

#### The Insurance

J. S. Frost stated last night that he carried $500 insurance and expected that this amount would cover his loss.

R. P. & W. F. Starr Ltd. have $2,000 insurance on their office fixtures and a much greater amount on the building, the loss therefore is well covered.

The firemen were obliged to do considerable cutting and tearing away of ceilings and walls before the last sign of fire had been quenched, and it was more than two hours from the time the fire was discovered before the men were enabled to leave the scene.

## N. B. Telephone Directors Dined

### Were Guests of Employees at Bond's — Over Hundred Present—Dance Followed.

The employees of the New Brunswick Telephone Company entertained the directors at a banquet at Bond's last evening. The employees turned out en masse, there being over a hundred present.

#### Short Addresses.

Colonel F. B. Black, the president, gave a short speech relative to the company and its employees. He referred to the fact that the company could not make more than 8 per cent., and thus could not make more than a reasonable demand to those interested in the company. He concluded his speech by saying he had often wondered why so many young men were anxious to get into the company's employ, but after perceiving so many handsome girls present at the banquet he wondered no longer.

Howard P. Robinson in behalf of the employees followed Colonel Black, with a few appropriate remarks in appreciation of the excellent way in which the company had treated its employees.

F. J. Nisbet officiated as chairman. The directors present were:—

Colonel F. B. Black, president; Hon. F. B. Thompson, Hon. I. R. Todd, R. O'Leary and H. P. Robinson.

The banquet was followed by a dance, the chaperons being, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Nisbet.

## PROCEEDS FOR CHURCH PURPOSES

Under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Ludlow street Baptist church, an excellent concert was given last evening, which was enjoyed by a large audience. Ernest Campbell was chairman, and those taking part were: Mrs. John Howe, Miss Pearl Wayne, Miss Ruby Splane, William Davis, Thomas Brown, George Wallace and E. C. Rupert. Miss M. E. Mullin acted as accompanist. Homemade candy was sold under the direction of Mrs. A. K. Horton. The proceeds of the entertainment are for church purposes.

## Price Reduction Is Not Expected

### F. A. Dykeman and A. O. Skinner Give Reasons Why Prices Will Remain High.

Judging from all recent reports, the inclination at the present time of a certain portion of the general public towards the belief that there is liable to be a sudden drop in the price of commodities, is evidently a mistaken one. It is quite true that there has been a reduction in the cost of certain articles only from pre-war prices, but further reductions will from all indications be on a gradual scale, and there is no reason whatever to hope for any appreciable slump for some considerable time.

#### F. A. Dykeman

The question was broached to F. A. Dykeman of F. A. Dykeman & Co., one of the leading merchants of the city, yesterday and when queried on this point Mr. Dykeman said:

"I do not anticipate any reduction in prices for many reasons; as, owing to the high cost of labor and transportation and the high cost of materials there cannot be any great reduction in prices; and, if any reduction does come, it must necessarily come very gradually. It is now quite possible for the average buyer to purchase goods in a retail store, which has been on hand for two or three months, very much lower than the market price to the retailer. That is, in many cases the purchasers are not paying the peak market prices by any means."

A further instance was cited where an order for goods was sent last week by a local merchant to a Canadian manufacturer for goods; and advice was received yesterday to the effect that the goods in question had increased thirty-five per cent, although an order had only been delivered about two months ago at the old price.

#### A. O. Skinner

A. O. Skinner, prominent house furnishing merchant, was also approached in the matter. Mr. Skinner expressed his opinion that there would certainly be no noticeable slump in prices. "Only yesterday," he stated, I bought goods at an advance of thirty per cent over the price I paid last year, notwithstanding the fact that the manufacturers are most reputable and I have dealt with them for years. During the last two years it has been the custom to order goods on the understanding that payment would be made at the prices prevailing at the time of delivery; and I am daily expecting delivery of goods which are from five to six months overdue. If, therefore, there was any possibility of a reduction, it would be reasonable to expect that manufacturers would expedite delivery. There is no particular line of my business in which I expect there will be a receding of prices; and I do not know any business man who expects a reduction in the cost. The idea that a few people have that there may be a sudden slump is not supported in any way by present indications. You must remember that seventy-five per cent. of the cost of nearly everything a merchant buys covers the manufacturer and the remaining twenty-five per cent is the price of the raw material itself. When a reduction in the price of the raw material occurs, it cannot perceptibly reduce the price of the article for the reason that the cost of labor, which like everything else advanced during the war and subsequently, remains the same."

Certain English goods for instance show an increase in quotations, rather than a reduction. The spirit prevailing is apparently that as soon as prices can recede, and there does not appear to be any immediate probability, the retailers will show it.

## Young People of St. Andrew's Church

### Association Organized to Promote Welfare of Congregation—Officers Chosen.

The young people of St.Andrew's church met last night and organized the Young People's Association, whose object is to promote in every possible way the welfare of the congregation. The Rev. F. S. Dowling occupied the chair, and R. D. Magee acted as secretary of the meeting.

The following officers were elected:

Hon. President,—Rev. F. S. Dowling
President—Mrs. S. J. Parkhill.
1st Vice-President—Miss E. Trentowsky.
2nd Vice-President—H. Rossiter.
3rd Vice-President—Forrest Allan.
Recording Secretary—Miss E. Simon
Secretary—Miss L. McRobbie.
Treasurer—Fred Smith.

Executive Committee—Rev. F. S. Dowling, Mrs. S. J. Parkhill, Miss E. Trentowsky, H. Rossiter, Forrest Allan, Miss E. Simon, Miss L. McRobbie, Fred Smith, Charles Robinson, Mrs. James MacTavish, R. D. Magee.

#### Programme Adopted.

The meeting also adopted a constitution and decided to hold its regular meetings on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month at eight o'clock. The first open meeting is to be held on Thursday evening, November 4th next, when the congregation will be entertained by the association at a social evening. Those present at the meeting displayed keen interest in the association and no doubt the association will make a fine contribution to the life of the congregation.

### A SPECIALIST AT ST. LUKE'S

REV. W. B. WILLISTON in his addresses at St. Luke's church next week will devote himself on the several evenings to special groups as follows: Monday, Young People. On Wednesday, to Women's Missionary Societies. On Thursday, to Men. The meeting on Friday evening will be for everybody.

## Cheaper Sugar Is In Sight

### Drop of Two or Three Cents Per Pound Expected in Few Days.

Cheaper sugar is in sight for St. John housewives, and a drop of two or three cents a pound may reasonably be expected within the next few days. A canvass of the retailers, made by the Standard yesterday, shows none of them to be heavily stocked.

#### Groceryman's Views

One groceryman says that for several weeks everybody has been in the air on sugar. The public was curtailing in its use expecting each day to see a drop in prices. The retailers purchased sparingly, only ordering from day to day quantities sufficient to fill each day's orders. As a result the movement of sugar has been way below normal, the retailers have no stock to unload at the high figures and are in a position to give the trade the benefit of the reductions that the refiners will be obliged to make.

#### Wholesale Price

Wholesalers in St. John were asking $19.60 per cwt., yesterday which would bring the retail price at 21 cents a pound. Several grocerymen were quoted white stock at $17 yesterday by Montreal jobbers who seemed anxious to unload at that price. Their anxiety to sell caused local retailers to sit tight, they being fully convinced that a still lower quotation will be made before the week ends.

One prominent retail groceryman expresses the opinion that sugar will be freely offered over the counter at 15 cents per pound by the middle of next week and that it will continue to drop by degrees until it reaches the levels now reached in the States.

## Congregational Social Enjoyed

### Large Attendance at Queen Square Methodist Church—An Excellent Programme.

The congregational social of the Queen's Square Methodist Church, in commemoration of its one hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary, was held yesterday evening and despite the inclement weather about three hundred people were on hand. The programme which was a very extensive one, opened with prayer and hymn by the Rev. H. A. Goodwin, and the contributors to the evening's enjoyment included the following:

Piano duet—Mrs. Hilda Rayeworth, Mrs. Arthur L. Robertson.
Song—Leslie Bewick.
Piano solo—Miss Evelyn Hanson.
Vocal selection—Miss Turner.
Vocal selection—Mrs. Cecil Merserean.

#### Brief Addresses

J. Willard Smith acted as Chairman and in his remarks referred in hearty and welcoming terms to Rev. Neil and Mrs. McLaughlin, who have been associated with Queen's Square Methodist church since June last. Short addresses were also delivered by the Rev. H. A. Goodwin, Rev. Ernest Styles and Rev. Neil McLaughlin, and in each case, owing to the extensiveness of the evening's programme, their speeches were limited to three minutes.

Th Ladies' Aid Society was in charge of the serving of refreshments for the occasion, which marked one of the most successful socials held by Queen's Square Methodist church.

## HUNTERS REPORT BIG GAME PLENTIFUL

### New Brunswick Forests Full of Moose, Deer and Bears—Many Young Ones.

Hunters returning from different sections of New Brunswick woods report moose, deer and bears quite plentiful. The old moose is rather wise to the hunter's call, but with every call many young moose make their appearance, and in the majority of cases are allowed to depart unharmed, for it is the big fellows that are wanted. This season is looked on as one of the best in history for game, and with so many young moose and deer making their appearance, the next few years promise even better prospects.

Bears are reported to be very plentiful this fall in sections of Kent county One of the largest specimens seen in Kent county for many years was killed recently near St. Paul by Samuel White, of that place. Bears have been destroying sheep and lambs in that vicinity for several months and some of the farmers have traps set.

### CLIFTON HOUSE. ALL MEALS 60c.

### EVERY MOTHER SHOULD READ THIS.

The F. A. Dykeman Co. have been very busy the last few days preparing a number of remnants for Friday and Saturday selling. They are quite the cheapest that have been seen for a very long time and consist of lengths of lovely warm coatings, very suitable for little girls' coats, also fancy suitings that would make up nicely into school dresses, as well as many ends of colored linings, woollen dress fabrics and bright colored silks.

These remnants are extremely cheap and will soon be snapped up, so a word of advice, come early!

The Daughters of the Empire of St. John are holding a reception in honor of Miss Arnoldi, National President, and Mrs. Stewart, National Organizing Secretary, on Saturday evening at 8.30 in the Church of England Institute. All members of the order and others interested in the work are invited to be present.


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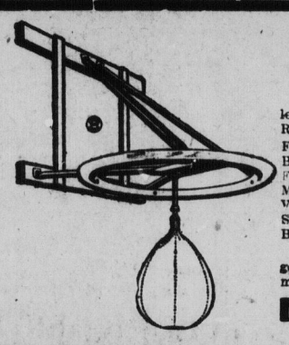

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| Volley Balls | 9.00 | to | 13.50 |
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Scotch Wool, in heather mixtures .. 75c. pair
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Neckwear—Popular shapes, designs and colorings at prices equal to pre-war values. Two Special Assortments .. 75c. and $1.15
High Grade Knitted Silk Ties—A small lot, all good colorings. Formerly Priced $5.75.. Sale $2.50

THREE BIG UNDERWEAR SPECIALS.

Men's Shirts and Drawers—Medium and heavy in plain knit, fine elastic and heavy ribbed wool.. $2.00 garment
Penman's Shirts and Drawers. Natural grey in fine elastic ribbed wool.. $2.50 garment
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Coat style with shawl collar. Made in plain colors and fancy mixtures. Extra quality. Greatly Reduced. Sale Price $8 and $12

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Small Tan Leather Suit Cases. Size 14 in., Regular $10.75. Sale $8.50. Size 16 in., Regular $11.00. Sale $9.00.
Better Grade Boston Bags—Genuine cowhide with steel frame, black and dark tan. Just one-half regular price. Sale, 14 in., $7.50; 16 in., $10.
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Scotch Wool Motor Rugs—Fancy plaids with fringed ends. Greatly Reduced. Sale Prices, $6.50 to $12.50
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