

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh to strong southwesterly to northwesterly winds; fair and mild today; colder Thursday.

Toronto, Dec. 17—Light local snowfalls or flurries have occurred today in Quebec and the eastern districts of the maritime provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fair. It has been moderately cold in Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan and in other parts of the dominion.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min, Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Moosejaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Succeeds Late D. R. Jack. R. W. W. Frink has been appointed agent for St. John of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, in succession to the late D. Russell Jack.

St. John Good Enough. After spending some time in western Canada, Walter Day of the North End, son of Isaac Day of Adelaide street, has returned to St. John. Although full of vigor and ambition, Mr. Day has spent enough of his life in the west to make him realize that his native city offers opportunities which he cannot get elsewhere and he has decided to remain in the city. Mr. Day says that there is a very noticeable scarcity of labor throughout all the western cities and business in general is dull.

Tendered Surprise Party. A surprise party which afforded much pleasure was given Monday evening at the home of Frank Akerley, Bridge street, when about thirty young people gathered at the home to do the surprise party on young lady. During the evening on behalf of those present, Kenneth Todd presented Miss Briggs with a set of Limoges china. The surprise party was arranged by the Boys' Sunday School Class in the Main street Baptist church, under the teaching of Miss Briggs.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ARE A NECESSITY

Time is Opportune for Starting them if Our Industrial Possibilities are to be Realized.

"If we are to realize the industrial possibilities of St. John, attention must be given to the problem of providing technical education," said a local manufacturer to a reporter yesterday. "A good deal of time and money have been expended by the people of this city to provide harbor facilities for the trade of Canada, but we have given little attention to the problems connected with industrial development.

"Back in 1876 the St. John Board of Trade took a census of the manufacturing industries of the city, and in a special report made that year, it was stated that there were 614 manufacturing establishments in the city, employing 9,513 hands, and paying out in wages annually the sum of \$3,218,874. In those days the wooden ship building industry was still flourishing here, and industry whose decay was a serious loss to St. John.

According to the census of 1901 the St. John manufacturing industries only paid out in wages the sum of \$1,634,061, and according to the census of 1911, the disbursements for wages of the our manufacturing industries was \$2,269,898. St. John is more of a trading centre now than it was forty years ago. Commercially the city has advanced, but notwithstanding the progress of the last two or three years our manufacturing industries do not pay out as much money in wages as they did forty years ago. This city has advantages as an industrial site which are worth exploiting. The disposition to wait for people to come here from other places and give the town a boost should be outgrown.

"One thing we need here is a good technical school. It is well known that a technical school has a pronounced influence upon a community, apart from its direct educational value to those who take advantage of its courses. A technical school sets people thinking along industrial lines, directs attention to industrial problems, and arouses widespread interest in the possibilities of industrial development along various lines. St. John being mainly a trading centre, public activity has been largely adjusted to the needs of merchants, rather than of manufacturers. The trading spirit has dominated, and has encouraged a speculative tendency. It has been hard to get local money for a local industry that promised a conservative return with security of investment," but the people were ready to invest in outside projects.

ADVANCE PARTY OF NEW SCOTCH FARMERS DUE TO ARRIVE EX-TRUCK

First of Contingent of Scotch Farmers for New Brunswick Leave Old Country on Saturday—Campaign in Interests of the Province is Bearing Fruit Already.

James Gilchrist, superintendent of immigration for the province, who has been in Great Britain for some weeks, is returning home on the Empress boat and is expected to arrive in Halifax on Saturday. A party of Scotch immigrants who intend to locate in the Granian, Mr. Gilchrist visited a large number of rural districts lecturing and, largely as a result of his presentation of the possibilities of New Brunswick, it is understood that about one hundred farmers mostly Scotch have intimated their intention to come to New Brunswick before spring. Those coming out on the Granian are the advance guard of the contingent who have been interested in New Brunswick by the lecture tours of Mr. Gilchrist and Mr. Bowden, the provincial representative in Great Britain.

Mr. Gilchrist evidently succeeded in securing for New Brunswick considerable publicity during his trip. British papers printed frequent reports about his lecture. The fact that the Montreal Star had a special cable from London giving an account of his activities is significant of the interest he managed to arouse. Since his appointment Mr. Gilchrist has proven himself a very active immigration worker, and the object of the provincial government in sending him to Great Britain for six weeks was to enable him to gather information which would be useful in his work. The fact that he has been able to interest a considerable number of

people in New Brunswick in the face of reports going across about the dull times in Canada is good evidence that his trip has been a successful one and shows the value of advertising. The local immigration office is making preparations for handling a greater number of immigrants next year than ever before. The department seeks to find positions for all who come out under its auspices. In order to make arrangements for placing immigrants, it is desirable that farmers who want help in the spring should send in their applications to the superintendent at St. John as early in the year as possible. Circulars are now being sent out to the farmers of the province telling them, if they want farm laborers, to let the immigration office know at once, so that the office in Great Britain can be notified and arrangements made whereby men in the old country wishing to come out here can be guaranteed a position early in the spring.

New Brunswick farmers during the past few years have begun to realize that it is profitable to employ farm help and increase the productivity of their land. Owing to the high prices at present prevailing, and the likely increase of the price of the province are likely next year to greatly increase the extent of their operations, raise larger crops and take advantage of the high prices. For this reason it is expected that there will be a big demand for farm laborers, and the local immigration office is trying to make arrangements to meet this demand as far as possible by bringing out farm laborers from the old country.

BRIDGE AT OAK POINT WILL MEAN AN EXTRA FIVE MILES

Premier Flemming Says the Report of Engineer on Bridges will be Ready for Legislature—Progress on Valley Railway is Very Encouraging.

"Tests in connection with the locating of the Valley Railway bridge across the St. John river are being continued," said Hon. J. K. Flemming to The Standard, last night. "These tests being made at the Mistake at Oak Point and at the middle site, which is about one and a quarter miles below The Mistake. Mr. Monseratt was over the ground and is presently preparing his report. I have not yet received it but it will be ready in time to submit to the legislature when it meets early in the new year. "St. John wants the railway to come down the eastern side of the river to this city and I think that the line will come where it is wanted. "A bridge at the middle site would mean two miles added to the length of the railway and a bridge at Oak Point would mean an extra five miles. "We will know, however, just what we can do by the time the legislature meets.

"The sections of the road from Gagetown to Fredericton, Fredericton to Woodstock and Woodstock to Centreville will be in operation early in 1914. Practically all the steel has been laid between Fredericton and Gagetown and only one bridge in this section has to be completed.

"On the section between Fredericton and Woodstock the contractors have completed twelve miles working northward and twenty miles working southward, and have still about twenty-five miles of steel to lay. They have been trying to make up for the last on the earlier portion of their work, but now have struck a fine gravel pit and this will aid in the completion of the work. A couple of months should be sufficient to complete this section after the frost is out of the ground in the spring.

"The next section, Woodstock to Centreville, was delayed by another bridge, but this will be completed early next year, and this will mean three complete sections ready for operation. The act provided that the intercolonial could take over and operate these sections as rapidly as they were finished. The people in these sections of the province will have railway service before the end of next summer. "The section from Centreville to Andover was surveyed, and the route determined. It is expected that the actual work of construction could be completed.

Hon. Mr. Flemming expressed himself as being well satisfied with the progress of the work all along the Valley Railway. He also referred to the meeting in Washington today when the representatives of Canada will be heard in reference to the potato embargo. The premier felt that New Brunswick has two able representatives in Messrs. Porter and Daggert who will attend the conference and assist the federal representatives. Hon. Mr. Flemming expects to return to his home today.

CONVENTION OF TEACHERS HERE TODAY

First Session in High School this Morning—Instructive Papers to be Discussed at Meetings.

The public school teachers of St. John County will meet in convention here today and tomorrow. An interesting programme of papers has been arranged. The different sessions will be as follows: Today, 10 a. m.—Opening and enrollment, music by High School Orchestra; address by the President, Inspector W. M. McLean. 11 a. m.—"Manual Training in Primary Grades," Director F. Peacock. 2 p. m.—"Composition," Primary Grades, Miss J. Milligan. Advanced Grades, Principal W. H. Parrie. 3 p. m.—"Arithmetic," Miss Gertrude Webb. Question box.

Friday, 9 a. m.—"Drawing," Miss T. McClelland. 11 a. m.—"Writing," Principal M. G. Brown. 11 a. m.—"Nature Work," A. Gordon Leavitt. 2 p. m.—"School Gardening," Director R. P. Steeves. 3 p. m.—"Reward and Punishment," Principal S. A. Worrel. Discussion, Dr. H. S. Bridges. General business. Election of officers.

SHOPLIFTING CASE IS DISPOSED OF

Woman Charged with Taking Goods from Department Store—Matter Satisfactorily Adjusted.

In the police court, yesterday afternoon, the case of Frances Westgate, charged with stealing several articles and an amount of money from Arnold's Department Store, was dealt with by the magistrate, and a satisfactory settlement in the matter was arranged. The woman, who was in the employ of the proprietors of the Department Store, succeeded in removing from the establishment a brass jardiner, a drum, a toy horse and wagon and five dollars in cash. It was discovered that she had been going on, and Detective Killen was put on the case. Suspicion rested on the woman and the detective placed her in charge. The case was dealt with in private yesterday afternoon, and after promising to make good the money stolen, she was allowed to go home with her husband. All the articles removed from the store were recovered.

A good present for any lady would be one of these nice warm, comfortable coats that F. A. Dykeman & Co. are selling so cheap. A great many of them have been tremendously reduced, \$2.95 for about one dozen of them, and from that up to \$15. You may make a choice, and on each coat you can save from \$5 to \$8.

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WIFE OF HON. L. J. TWEEDIE WAS VICTIM OF THEFT.

STOLEN GOODS WORTH OVER \$400

Thief Entered Room in Hotel while Mr. and Mrs. Tweedie were at Opera House.

For the past few days the police of the city have been quietly working in an effort to clear up the daring robbery which occurred in a room of the Royal Hotel when the ex-Lieutenant Governor of the province, Hon. L. J. Tweedie and wife were relieved of a quantity of valuable jewelry and other articles valued at somewhere between \$400 and \$500, but up till the present time there seems to be little light thrown on the situation.

The robbery was committed on Monday evening of this week. Entrance to the room was not made by forcing or breaking the door, but by using a key, which gave evidence that the thief was the result of a well defined plan. The room was entered by the thief, and there was a large number at the hotel waiting to take passage for the old country on the steamer Royal George the following day, and in consequence it would be more easy to enter the room without attracting attention.

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