THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

"Maritime —Moderate westerly winds; fair and a little warmer.

Northern New England — Fair Wednesday and Thursday, slightly cooler Wednesday on East Maine coast; gentle to moderate winds; mostly southwest.

AROUND THE CITY

PRICE OF POTATOES

New potatoes were selling on the Oconee yesterday morning for $5.00 per crate. There are two and a half crates to the barrel.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors will commence sitting at City Hall on Monday next at 10 a. m. to hear appeals from taxes.

BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL

John Howhead, an employe of the C. P. R. had his foot pammed yesterday in an accident at McAdam Jct. He was brought to the General Public Hospital on the Boston train last evening.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc accompanied by Rev. A. P. Allen, left for Woodstock on Monday evening. Yesterday he held a confirmation service in St. Gertrude's church, Woodstock, Rev. F. M. Lockary pastor.

THE DIVORCE COURT

A session of the divorce court will open here today for the hearing of two St. John cases, McCavour vs McCavour, and Kincade vs. Kincade. The hearing will be before His Honor Judge Crocket. G. Earle Logan is proctor in each case.

MAIL DRIVER ROBBED

William Smith, driver of the St. Martin's mail, states that he was held up late Monday night while going along City Road and beaten about the head by three men, and that $50 was taken from him. Mr. Smith is now in the General Public Hospital and is reported to be resting comfortably. Detectives are investigating.

TRAINING CAMP OPENED.

The cadet instructors' and school teachers' training camp opened yesterday morning and twenty-five teachers from various parts of the province registered at the armory. The following registered—R. Dove, C. T. Wetmore, C. Savoie, H. H. Trimble, W. F. Russell, H. L. McKeen, W. J. Crocker, Enoch Thompson, H. V. Hayes, George T. Mitton, D. W. Downey, R. H. Bennett, G. L. Nicholson, R. J. Cochrane, B. O. Lounder, A. K. Richardson, J. A. Ryan, Stuart MacFarlane, Harold F. Sipprell, J. Otty Gilchrist, G. T. Dunham, H. D. Baldwin, T. C. Pickard, L. G. Linton and C. C. Douglas.

CITIZENS' BANQUET AND RECEPTION

Will be Non-Political and is to be Tendered to Hon. R. W. Wigmore at Bond's Restaurant Tomorrow Evening.

It was resolved at a meeting held in Mayor Schofield's office yesterday to extend a citizens reception and banquet of an informal and non-political character, to Hon. R. W. Wigmore upon his return from Ottawa on Thursday evening of this week.

It will be held at Bond's restaurant. The committee named to carry out arrangements was as follows: E. A. Schofield, chairman; E. J. Terry, R. B. Emerson, A. P. Paterson, A. H. Wetmore, G. L. Warwick, W. F. Burditt, H. C. Schofield and R. E. Armstrong.

ARRANGING FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

A meeting of the executive of the N. B. United Baptists Association was held yeserday afternoon in the parlors of the Germain street Baptist church. The moderator of the association, Rev. N. A. McNeil, was in the chair.

A committee was appointed to prepare a programme and to secure a place of meeting for the annual convention of the association which is to be held in September. Some recommendations were made regarding the dividing of the association into four smaller associations. These recommendations will be brought before the annual meeting.

Rev. S. S. Poole, pastor of the Germain Street church was elected as secretary of the association as the former secretary, Rev. J. G. A. Belyea Cross Creek, has died.

The following are the members of the committee: R. J. Colpitts, D. C. Clarke, James Patterson, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, St. John; Rev. Dr. Bowley Green, and Rev. E. H. Cochrane, Moncton; Rev. Z. L. Fash and R. B. Wallace, Fredericton; Rev. F. L. Atherton, Woodstock, and Rev. W. Camp, of Campbellton.

HAD FUSE TROUBLE

Fuse trouble cut off the electric light supply at the Barracks Green where the G. W. V. A. fair is being held and enveloped the grounds in darkness about ten o'clock last night. As a consequence the shows had to be discontinued for the evening. The children from the local orphanages were the guests o tthe Great War VeVterans at the show yesterday.

RAID LAST NIGHT

Inspector Merryfield accompanied by Police Officer McIlhenny, paid a visit to the tailor shop of Joseph Higgins on Charlotte street, at 12.30 o'clock this morning and arrested Higgins with James Demains on the charge of having liquor other than in their private dwelling. A quantity of liquor was found on the premises.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB LAST NIGHT

Was Announced That Even Before Drive of Today Sum of Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars is Subscribed of the $375,000 Being Solicited as St. John's Share for the New Hotel Champlain.

At the largely-attended and highly enthusiastic meeting of the Commercial Club held in the Seamen's Institute last evening it was announced that already—even before the drive of today commences—the sum of over one hundred thousand dollars is subscribed of the $375,000 being solicited of the people of St. John as their modest share in materializing a thoroughly modern hotel for this city.

No such happy beginning was expected in advance of the actual canvassing, a truly happy augury for the systematic solicitation ensuing today. St. John has anticipated itself, or in the words of the street, it has beaten itself to it.

The sum of $375,000 is not a vast amount when the general public is taken into consideration. Victory Loan campaigns have proven this fact. And Victory Loan campaigns have so widened the field of household investors that few people are not now cognizant of the money-making powers of live investments.

When it is remembered that from the hour of the first deposit the investor's money commences to draw its 7 per cent. interest those who would not hide their talents away, but would have them earning more money, are assured of sure and safe returns. Back of this comes the fact that no hotel under the highly systematized management of the United Hotels Co. of America Ltd., has failed to deliver at least ten per cent profit on the common stock and as high as twenty-seven and a half.

And so the whirlwind campaign of today starts with a splendid spurt—an inspirational pre-subscription from wise business men and wage earners that should indicate in no faltering manner the viewpoint of this city's investing public in the sincere project introduced by two of the largest and most influential corporations on the continent and locally presented by St. John's composite body of business men represented in the Commercial Club.

C. H. Peters, vice president of the Hotel Company, was in the chair. Before giving an explanation of the proposition he read a telegram from the President, S. E. Elkin, regretting his inability to be present. The chairman said that $375,000 had to be subscribed in this city. E. W. Beatty, the President of the C. P. R. and his associates were showing interest in the proposition and had agreed to subscribe $375,000 on condition that a like amount was taken by citizens of St. John. The benefits resulting from such an hotel here are quite evident. It will attract tourists to the city and tourists mean money. Messrs. Dudley and O'Neil, when they were here, were pleased with the prospects. They said that the hotel would be modernly equipped with dining hall, banquet, cafe, etc, and that they looked for a considerable part of their revenue from the people of this city because of the facilities offered.

The United Hotels Company gets 50 per cent and one share of the common stock but before they receive anything they must make the common stock pay. The operators, however, say that there is no question of paying a dividend at least of 10 per cent. Since the United Hotels company had taken over the management of the King Edward hotel in Toronto the revenue from that hotel increased in the first year a $1,000,000 and this year it was said that the revenue would be more than ever. This clearly shows that the company must give good service. A feature of the new hotel would be the return from rentals of stores on the first floor, which will be about twice as much as stores in the vicinity not located in the hotel.

The amount asked from St. John is $375,000 but he felt that it was safe to say that 60 per cent of the money spent in erecting the hotel would be spent in this city. Mr. Dudley had written him saying that whenever possible all purchases of furnishings and supplies would be made in the city. He read a letter dated July 10th from Mr. Dudley in which he told him the C. P. R. keenly desired to cooperate with St. John in this matter but it wanted this city to demonstrate its ability to make good.

He felt pleased to say that already $84,000 had been subscribed and he was certain that with the united efforts of all the whole amount would be subscribed this week. The option expires on August 1st and everything must be settled before that time. He concluded with an appeal to the members to work whole heartedly to attain that end. We have never had a better proposition, he said, and we have got to make it go.

R. D. Paterson explained the plan that the campaign committee had adopted. It is practically the same as that followed in the Victory Loan drive with practically the same ward captains. They all know their job and the task of raising this amount could not be put in better hands. St. John has always responded readily when appeals were made on behalf of a public good and he was sure that the people would not fail this time.

In introducing Mayor Schofield, the next speaker, the chairman said that he did not wait till the campaign opened but had sent in his subscription last week. This announcement was met with hearty applause.

The mayor, in opening his remarks said that in his opinion this projected hotel was something that St. John had needed badly for some time. For many reasons St. John is a good hotel town and a big hotel here would create hotel traffic. He was satisfied that it would also create business for the other hotels. Business on the whole in the city would greatly benefit and practically from the start of the hotel. He felt sure that the citizens of St. John would appreciate this opportunity and that the money would be forthcoming.

In regard to advertising the hotel, the chairman said that the C. P. R. would advertise the Hotel Champlain along with their other hotels, and that the United Hotels Company would give it the benefit of their chain advertising with no direct charge against the Champlain. This means a saving of $30,000 or $40,000 for advertising.

Walter Golding explained the circumstances that prompted the Keith people to erect a big chain theatre here, and he gave the meeting the fruits of his experience as the manager of one of the few "chain organizations" in the city. Before concluding, Mr. Golding said that there is a possibility of the moving picture headquarters being transferred to Moncton. The moving picture industry is rapidly growing in the Maritime Provinces, and he felt it was up to the citizens of St. John to offer sufficient inducement to keep it in this city.

Mayor Schofield suggested getting right down to business and throwing the meeting open in order to sign up prospects. This suggestion was unanimously adopted.

W. J. Mahoney was the first to fill in his application, and before the meeting closed over $16,000 was subscribed, making a total already subscribed by members of the Commercial Club of over $100,000.

H. R. McLellan cleared away several wrong impressions prevailing among the citizens over this proposition. Every citizen, he said, has the same opportunity to subscribe for stock. There was also an impression abroad that $1,000 is the limit of a subscription. T his also is incorrect. This may have arisen from the fact that Mr. Dudley had said that a large number of small subscribers was better than a small number of large ones because the more subscribers the more workers for the hotel. A certain party, a resident of this city, had said that there was water somewhere and had expressed the belief that the hotel could be built for $1,000,000 and the odd $500,000 would be packed away. If that gentleman considered the cost of a modern hotel containing 250 rooms he would never have made that statement. Mr. Dudley stated that in starting you would have to estimate about $5,000 a room. He also wished to impress this clearly on the citizens of St. John—if this city does not rise to its opportunity now it is hard to say if they will ever have a like opportunity. Two of the greatest corporations in the country are behind the project, and Mr. Beatty and his associates have agreed to go in on the same basis as the citizens of St. John.

L. P. D. Tilley felt that the members of the Commercial Club and the citizens generally owed a vote of thanks to the Executive of the Commercial Club, and especially to the Hotel Committee, for their efforts in endeavoring to bring this matter to a successful conclusion. He moved, seconded by the Mayor, that a vote of thanks be tendered them.

Regular Meeting Of the W. C. T. U.

Considerable Business Transacted Yesterday—Sent Resolution to Temperance Alliance Asking That Liquor Importation Be Stopped.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday with the President, Mrs. David Hipwell in the chair. After the reading of the eleventh chapter of Mark Mrs. Seymour led in prayer. A collection was taken up for missions. Mrs. Jane Thomson of Germain street Baptist church, formerly of Scotland, was welcomed to membership, she being a former member in the Old Country, having been presented by her union with a white ribbon, pin and star. She gave a most helpful talk, speaking of the misery through drink in her country.

Different amounts of money were voted for missions as follows—Labrador, Dominion W. C. T. U. and World's W. C. T. U. A word of cheer was read from Mrs. Hennigar who was attending the Temperance convention at Moncton.

The corresponding secretary was requested to send a resolution to the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance embodying the doing away with the importation of liquor into the province of New Brunswick.

Mrs. M. Kelley gave a helpful talk on the lines of women being frightened, that because they registered at the recent election that they would be taxed.

Mrs. Seymour reported regarding a visit to the Boys' Industrial Home, of supplying them with fruit and talking to them regarding the evil of smoking cigarettes. She reported that there fere 48 boys in the home and Misses Stella Earle and Myrtle Fox assisted her in the visit by rendering music. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

A UNIQUE FIND

Yesterday afternoon while the workmen were engaged in tearing down the brick walls of the C. N. R. train shed they found imbedded in the brick walls an empty glass flask which contained a piece of paper with the following words on it:

"August 31, 1912—Mrs. Fred Cearrah, U. S. A.; John Barberry, England; James Knowles, New Brunswick; James Delay, Canada; Bill Ingraham, St. John."

It is supposed that workmmen while engaged in building up the wall at that date built the wall over the flask.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET.

A citizens' reception and banquet, informal and non-political, will be tendered Hon. R. W. Wigmore in Bond's restaurant, Thursday night, July 22, at 7 o'clock. Tickets may be procured from citizens' committee or from mayor's clerk. Price $2.50.

E. A. SCHOFIELD, Mayor.

Fertilizer Plant Destroyed By Fire

East St. John Scene of One Hundred Thousand Dollar Blaze Yesterday Morning When Provincial Plant Was Destroyed.

Yesterday morning about five o'clock fire was discovered in the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer plant at East St. John, and in a short time the building was burned to the ground and a damage of one hundred thousand dollars was caused, with only a partial insurance.

The fire is supposed to have started in the dry house, but no cause is given.

The flames had gained such a headway that the hand chemical in the plant could not be reached, and when the city apparatus arrived only adjoining buildings could be saved, as the plant was then a mass of flames.

The plant was built in 1891 by R. D. Paterson, the present president of the company and the works were doing a flourishing business.

St. John's Greatest Mercantile Event

Oak Hall's Annual Mid-Summer Sale Starts Tomorrow.

Notwithstanding the fact that St. John has had a surplus of so-called sales this season, still many inquiries have been made during the past months as to when the Oak Hall's Annual Mid-Summer Sales would commence, and thousands of people have been waiting. This shows the widespread interest that the public take in this event, and the favorable reputation Oak Hall has won by offering in past years such a tremendous range of real values at prices that people realize are indeed money-savers, all combining to make up what is recognized as St. John's Greatest Mercantile Event.

This year will be no exception; in spite of unusual market conditions, Oak Hall are following their usual practice of offering everything in their store at radical reduction, as well as having accumulated many specials, by having their buyers visit various manufacturing centres, picking up a special here, a special there, at rock-bottom prices for cash, and marking them at a very minimum of profit for a quick turnover.

The numerous economical opportunities are more sweeping this year than ever before, simply because Oak Hall's regular prices for this season represent the narrowest margin of profit on which this business ever operated, and so when the usual drastic reductions are made from these already low prices, the measure of value the customers get is vastly increased.

Thursday, July 22nd (tomorrow) has been set by Oak Hall for the commencement of this great event, which, as the people of St. John know, is not a sale in the ordinary sense, but is in reality ten days set apart by Oak Hall whereby every article of wearing apparel for Men, Women and Children is marked at substantial reductions. Not alone the odds and ends of the season's selling, but everything is included. This fact has become so well known that many people visit Oak Hall during this great event, and buy their full requirements for six months in advance, thus having many dollars of Clothes-Money.

POLICE COURT CASES YESTERDAY

In the police court yesterday Ada Diamond, colored, was charged with keeping a disorderly house at 67½ Main street, and Joseph Cady, white, was charged with being an inmate. After some evidence had been taken the prisoners were remanded.

A by-law case against Perley Jordan, for having a ferocious dog, was settled as Mr. Jordan said he had sent the dog to the country.

New Middies With Navy Flannel Collars Have Just Arrived at the Manchester, Robertson, Allison Limited Stores.

These are the ones you have been waiting for, and there are all sizes from 34 to 42. Plain and Balcan styles with navy flannel collars. The plain styles have collar trimmed with red stars and are selling at $3.50. The Balcan Middies are fashioned to button on the hip. These have detachable collars and are very smart. Price is $4.25.

New frilled Voile Blouses with three-quarter sleeves and tucked fronts have also just arrived. You will be sure to like them, and they are only $6.25.

WHAT THIS MID-SUMMER SALE MEANS.

It means that you save $5 and $10 on the price of many suits; $11 to $18 on the price of a large selection. Your choice of a wide range of suits specially priced at $40—values for $50 and $55. It means a saving of 20 per cent. off the prices of light weight Overcoats and Raincoats. And the clothing is standard makes, such as 20th Century Brand Style, Benigard, etc. Gilmour's, 68 King street.

WANTED—Linotype operator; good wages. Apply Standard Office.

Clifton House—All meals, 60c.

The engagement is announced of Gertrude, daughter of the late Dr. Douglas DeCon, of Montreal and Mrs. DeCon of Strathroy, to Capt. John Gale, of St. John, N. B. The marriage will take place in August.

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Almost Everything Men Need in Seasonable Furnishings Can Be Found Here at July Clearance Prices

SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—White Elastic ribbed mercerized lisle. Regular $2.00 value. July Sales $1.50 garment
COMBINATIONS—White elastic ribbed and athletic styles. Regular $2.00 value .. July Sales $1.25 Suit
WHITE FINE SALBRIGGAN, short lengths. Regular $2.75 value .. July Sale $3.00 Suit
WHITE AND CREAM, fine elastic ribbed, long lengths. Regular $3.75 value .. July Sales $3.00 Suit
BOYS' SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—White porous knit. Regular 50c. value .. July Sales 35c
BOYS' COMBINATIONS—White porous knit, extra quality, short lengths. Regular $1.50 value July Sales $1.25
FINE WHITE SALBRIGGAN—Long lengths. Regular $1.35 value .. July Sales $1.00
MEN'S SWEATERS—New V neck, collarless style, also coat styles with military collar. Plain and two color effects .. July Sales $4.25
FAVORITE SPORTS STYLE, with V neck. Made in combination colorings July Sales, $3.50, $5.50 and $6.00
BOYS' FINE WORSTED JERSEYS—Navy and brown, button neck. Sizes 22 to 30. July Sales $2.25 and $2.75
COLORED SHIRTS, with soft double cuffs. Best makes and newest patterns. $2.25 and $2.50 values. July Sales $1.79
$3.00 and $3.50 values .. July Sales 2.49
$3.75 to $4.50 values .. July Sales 3.00
$4.75 to $5.50 values .. July Sales 3.59
SILK SHIRTS—Wonderful values at these prices. 7.00 to $9.75 values .. July Sales 5.00
$10.75 values .. July Sales 6.75
MEN'S HALF HOSE—All reliable makes and big bargains.
Lisle thread in black and colors .. 43c. and 69c
Silk in tan and white only .. $1.29
Drop stitch Silk, black and colors .. $1.89
Black Cashmere, medium weight .. 69c
Black and Colored Cashmere .. 89c
FASHIONABLE NECKWEAR—Extraordinary values .. 79c., 98c., $1.19, $1.49 and $2.35
WASHABLE TIES, woven tubular style .. 59c. each, 2 for $1.00
BRACES—Popular styles .. 37c. and 59c
Real French style .. 89c
Heavy English make, leather ends .. 69c
LEATHER BELTS—30c. and 60c. values .. July Sales 35c
$1.00 value .. July Sales 69c
$1.25 value .. July Sales 89c
$2.00 value .. July Sales $1.50
UMBRELLAS—Two very special sale prices .. $1.48 and $1.98
ENGLISH WOOL RUGS, fringed ends .. July Sales $6.50 and $11.50
"BOSTON BAGS"—Tan or Black. Made of genuine cowhide. Two big bargain prices .. $6.49 and $7.79
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Regular 32.00 at half	Regular 38.00 at a third off	Regular 42.00 at a third off
Regular 20.00 at half	Regular 30.00 at a third off	Regular 36.00 at a third off
Regular 25.00 at half	Regular 27.50 at a third off	Regular 34.00 at a third off
Regular 23.50 at half	Regular 50.00 at a third off	Regular 25.00 at a third off

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