

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, July 27. — The weather has been fair today in nearly all parts of the Dominion; somewhat warmer from Ontario eastward and quite warm in the West.	
Prince Rupert	50 60
Vancouver	52 82
Kamloops	54 74
Calgary	44 81
Edmonton	48 72
Winnipeg	50 74
Medicine Hat	56 86
Winnipeg	62 88
Port Arthur	52 66
Toronto	54 78
Kingston	50 70
Ottawa	52 82
Montreal	56 80
Quebec	48 74
St. John	52 72
Halifax	48 74

Forecasts.

Maritime—Light to moderate westerly winds; fair and moderately warm.
Northern New England—Fair Wednesday and Thursday gentle winds; mostly south.

AROUND THE CITY

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Reports from the Board of Health state that there are no cases of smallpox reported in Queens County.

GOV. DINGLEY ARRIVES.

S. S. Governor Dingley, Capt. Ingalls, arrived at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Boston with 350 passengers and a large freight. She had a very fine trip.

THE CANADIAN CLUB.

On Friday evening next at 6 o'clock one of the Imperial Press Party will address the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon to be given in bond.

EXPECTS LARGE CROP.

The apple crop in the Annapolis Valley promises to be a big success with some of the horticulturists. S. B. Chute, of Berwick, who last year harvested 22,000 barrels from his 250 acres of orchard, expects a larger crop this year.

PAYING PRINCE WILLIAM ST.

Preliminary work in connection with laying a permanent pavement in Prince William street was started yesterday morning. A crew of men were employed tearing up the old wooden blocks in front of City Hall preparatory to laying a cement foundation.

NEW DETECTIVE

Notwithstanding the serious responsibilities thrust upon him Detective Biddiscombe was a happy smile yesterday, and was the recipient of many congratulations. A son and heir has arrived to gladden the home of the astute sleuth.

HAD BLOOD POISONING

Friends of Clifford McAvity will be pleased to learn that he is doing nicely at the General Public Hospital where he is being treated for blood poisoning. Mr. McAvity cut his finger last Saturday and it is thought that the cut became infected while he was shooting later at the Glen Falls traps.

VISITING OLD HOME.

Chas. Henderson, a former St. John boy, and well remembered in musical circles as the possessor of a splendid bass voice, visiting relatives here after an absence of some years. Since leaving St. John he has been connected with several of the leading operas and musical comedy companies, but within the last couple of years has forsaken the musical for the dramatic stage.

COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED

Owing to the absence of the Mayor and the fact that Commissioner Frink was attending the Housing Board investigation, the meeting of the Common Council called for 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon had to be postponed. Acting Mayor Bullock said that the meeting would be very likely held after the committee meeting on Thursday morning. He will submit a report of his findings on the unauthorized cutting of lumber on city lands.

THE COAL SITUATION.

The following was received yesterday by private wire of J. M. Robinson & Sons:
While it is admitted both in transportation and mining circles that the coal situation for next winter still looks dark, as regards extensive manufacturing operations as well as otherwise, there is understood to be well formed financial quarters closely in touch with Washington and high industrial interests to be a concentration and developing operation that is certain to bring improvement.

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MEETING OF RETAIL MERCHANTS

A meeting of the St. John Branch of the Retail Merchants' Association will be held this morning at ten o'clock at 49 Germain street to consider the Hotel Champlain proposition. All members are requested to attend.

THE COUNTY HOUSING BOARD ENQUIRY FIRST SESSION HELD

Held Yesterday Afternoon and on the Whole Proved a Rather Tame Proceeding — Councillor Campbell Explained No Personal Reflections Were Intended Against Any Member of the Board—Witnesses Heard.

The first session of the enquiry into the charges made by Councillor Campbell against the County Housing Board was held yesterday afternoon and proved on the whole a rather tame proceeding. Councillor Campbell, through his solicitor, W. M. Ryan, explained that he intended no personal reflections against any member of the board and the word squander which he used in connection with the operations of the board simply meant the adjudication of money. Mr. Ryan wanted to turn the proceedings into a court of law, but Mr. Mosher, chairman of the committee, informed him that it was not the intention of the committee to hold the enquiry under oath, but to hear both sides and then make a finding and assured him that a fair and impartial finding would be made. A difference of opinion developed between Messrs. Barry and Simms and Mr. Murphy, members of the board as to the purchase of the lots in Fairville, the two former contending that the motion for the purchase, passed unanimously while Mr. Murphy was just as certain that he opposed the purchase and voted against it.

Councillor J. P. Mosher presided and there were present Councillors Frink and Dalziel, the other members of the committee; Messrs. Wilson, Barry, Simms and Murphy of the housing board; Councillors Campbell, Golding and O'Brien; Mr. Griffiths of the firm of Rourke and Griffiths, the contractors; A. W. Carten and Neil Brodie, architect to the board and the county secretary. Mr. W. M. Ryan appeared as counsel for Councillor Campbell.

Councillor Mosher in calling the meeting to order outlined the object which was to consider the charges made by Councillor Campbell and called on the county secretary to read the charges which were: First, the board was inefficient; second, that it did not function properly in that regular reports had not been submitted to the council as required; third, that money had been squandered in purchasing unimproved land, and fourth, that lumber had been put into the houses that was not fit for building.

At this point W. M. Ryan announced that he appeared for Mr. Campbell and explained that Mr. Campbell had used the word squander in the same sense of injudicious expenditures and did not impute personal dishonesty to any member of the board. As Councillor Campbell had not arrived, Mr. Ryan expressed his willingness to proceed and asked for the minutes of the municipal council at which the board was appointed to be produced in evidence, giving the powers conferred on it.

Mr. Wilson asked that his answer to the letter of the county secretary notifying him of the charges and the hearing be read. This was objected to by Mr. Ryan. The chairman said he would read the letter and the minutes of the hearing. Mr. Ryan said he was not interested in the charges but in the manner in which they were handled.

Mr. Ryan again asked for the minutes of the council at which the board was appointed but the chairman ruled him out of order. Mr. Ryan also asked that the enquiry be held under oath but it was decided not to do so. Councillor Campbell then took the stand and was questioned by Mr. Ryan. In answer to the questions the witness stated that by inefficient he meant the board was not producing the effect desired and they had not reported to the council the progress of their operations. In connection with the McKell street location he had been informed that it cost the board \$4,500 and contained 27 lots. That they were building ten houses and the installation of the roadway and water and sewerage cost about \$8,000, which would bring the cost up to over \$13,000 per lot. He understood there had been other and better sites offered, one of which was near City Line, one on DeMonts street. In connection with the bad lumber he stated that one evening he had gone to the place where the houses were being built and saw a pile of boards which he considered were no good. He had then gone into the houses and found boards which he could easily drive a penknife through. He reported the matter to a member of the housing board and was told later that it had been sent back to the Wilson Box Co.

On the conclusion of his testimony Councillor Frink wanted to know just what the order of procedure was to be, whether counsel were to be allowed to ask questions or whether the committee were to be the ones to do that. The chairman said it was the idea not to hold the enquiry under oath and the committee were to ask all the questions.

In answer to Councillor Frink the witness said he did not consider the lots purchased worth \$100 per lot and he gave as the value of lots in the sewerage district of Lancaster from \$400 to \$600. He personally had no interest directly or indirectly in any of the land offered to the housing board. So far as the lumber was concerned he had seen some that he considered unfit for use but would not say generally it was rotten. He had been told later that the bad lumber had been taken away by Mr. Wilson at his own expense and had been sent there in the first place without his knowledge. He did not know whether any bad lumber was in the house now and could not say there was bad lumber in them when he made the charges at the council meeting.

He assured Councillor Frink that in making the charges he had not wanted to get back at any one and there was nothing personal in the matter. Mr. Ryan again interjected and wanted his status in the matter defined claiming that the investigation so far as it had gone was a farce. He was informed by the chairman that each side would get a fair hearing.

but they did not propose to turn the investigation into a court of law. The chairman then called on Alexander Wilson chairman of the housing board. Mr. Wilson said so far as the board was concerned they had nothing to be ashamed of and had acted in all cases as their best judgment dictated. Before buying they had looked over a number of lots and had come to the conclusion that this land was the best to buy. It was near the car line, to the various industrial plants in Lancaster, on the line of water and sewerage and close to a good school. They had also purchased the land for less than was paid for it some years ago. He considered the charges did impugn the integrity and honesty of the board and the maker should be given an opportunity of stating which other methods would be adopted.

He pointed out that while the board was only building ten houses the road which was being built would serve an additional eleven houses thus making twenty-one instead of ten to which the cost of the work would be apportioned.

So far as the lumber was concerned the car load in which that comprised of was found had been shipped from their Westfield mill and soon after arrival he was notified by the contractor that some of it was not up to the mark. He had instructed him to throw out all unsuitable boards and later there was returned to the box mill between four and five thousand feet of boards.

He gave the following account of expenditure to July 22: loans on private buildings \$11,601.24; Champlain and McKell street contracts \$21,378.17; \$600 to Architect Brodie, a total of \$14,229.41; estimates passed by the board but unpaid, \$15,519.72. The contract price for the ten houses on McKell street was \$45,520 and for the ten on Champlain street \$48,000. Mr. Simms was then called and gave practically the same testimony as Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Griffiths, one of the contractors was present and was called on. He said the material in the houses was all good. There had been some bad pieces in one car but he had called on the contractor to throw out the bad and had been told to send them to the box factory which he had done.

P. Neil Brodie said the specifications called for picked refuse lumber and he was usually done at the job. It was an unusual thing to reject material on any job. In this case the boards complained of had been rejected a week before the charge was made and would not have been put into the houses.

J. A. Barry a member of the board corroborated the evidence given by Mr. Wilson with respect to unanimity of the board in the purchase of the McKell street lots and in answer to Councillor Campbell said the only offer received from Mr. James Carten was an intimation that he had lots for sale but no price was named.

Mr. Murphy, another member of the board, was the next witness. He stated that he was opposed to the buying of the McKell lots. This was disputed by both Messrs. Barry and Simms. Witness stated that in his estimation the lots were a bad buy at any price. His own personal preference would have been for the lots on Sand Cove Road which were just as handy to water and sewerage. At this point 41 lots could have been purchased for \$10,000. He had no interest in this property in any way. With regard to the lumber he gave the same evidence as Councillor Campbell.

The last witness was A. W. Carten who was with Councillor Campbell when the bad lumber was first noticed. He testified that he had taken hold on one piece of 2x3 stud wood and brought away a handful of rotten wood and had seen Councillor Campbell drive a knife through several boards. Mr. Griffiths asked the members of the committee and Mr. Carten to come to the houses and point out the rotten wood in them. This concluded the hearing and the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

ST. ROSE'S PICNIC A GREAT SUCCESS

The picnic held yesterday by the congregation of St. Rose's Church, Fairville, was a great success. The grounds of the church had been gaily decorated for the occasion and hundreds went over from the city to enjoy that entertainment peculiar to a picnic. The City Cornet Band was present during the afternoon and evening and was an added attraction. The different booths and games under their efficient committees were well patronized. Supper was served on the grounds from 4:30 till 8 o'clock, and it is estimated that over five hundred people sat down to the hearty meal provided. The various games and booths on the grounds were under the supervision of James Hanlon.

The following is a list of the booths and those in charge:
Bowling alley—Gents, Matthew McGrath; ladies, John McGrath.
Cats—Leo Doyle and John Joyce.
Candy wheel—Miss Blanche O'Brien and Leslie Rogers.
Bean toss—Gents, Wm. McManus; ladies, Herman Hennessy.
Spindles—John McKinnon.
Klondike block—John Hooley, Wm. Doyle and Wm. Donahue.
Percentage wheel—Wm. Hanlon and Timothy Hooley.
Gun—Frank Logue and Clement Leahy.
Swings—Cyril Cranney, Wilfred McKinnon and Daniel Kane.
Wheel of fortune—Louis Keenan and John Vator.
Refreshment table—James Dawson, Wm. Flemming and Mesdames Ryan, McGrath and Murphy.

Ice cream—Mesdames O'Brien, Hanlon, Geary and Hennessy.
Supper table—Mrs. F. X. Morris, assisted by the ladies of the congregation.

The Way To Have A Fortune Told

Old Time Gypsy Caravan Out of Question — City Now Worked in Ford Automobile and Palm Readers Work Unmolested.

There is an old saying that "one might as well be dead as out of style" and evidently the gypsies don't intend to be considered "dead ones" for yesterday a family of them arrived and located on the vacant lot on the corner of the Westmoreland Road and East St. John road. Instead of the customary horses and van they travelled by the little old Ford. The usual assortment of dogs accompanied them but the horses were missing. Query: Will the new order of things bring the trading flivver gypsy instead of the old horse trading gypsy? The small party camped on the outskirts of the city and the couple of women attired in their gypsy costume rambled right into the city and the women with most of the ready entered the stores in the principal streets, and speaking to customers said: "Have your hand read?" Doubtless to say many clerks and customers "Had their hands read." It was indeed wonderful what was told to them by the women in the gypsy attire. They held hands and heard things to the extent of a half dollar to a dollar and were convinced that the gypsy told them just what they almost informed her.

About five o'clock or about the time the fortune tellers were to be through the "Little old Ford" rambled along Prince William street picked up the fortune tellers and proceeded to the outskirts of the city where the ready change was counted up amounting to quite a sum of money, without having to pay a license to get it and lifts will be kept up within the eyes of the law until the city is worked dry and then the "Little old Ford" will proceed to another section of the country. There is knowledge of local fortune tellers being arrested and fined for taking money while only telling what a man or woman's future would be. The gypsies, however, come by horse or automobile and manage to collect real money and get away with it. The gypsy on Prince William street yesterday afternoon worked hard in one store for an hour and made plenty of money. She was looked for on the streets but the "Little old Ford" gathered her up quickly and departed before the old game became too popular. The attention of Mr. Wilson to them and proves a money maker and yesterday it got well past the guardians of the law. This game can be worked at fairs, circuses, etc., but in a private dwelling it appears it is unlawful.

St. John W. C. T. U. Regular Meeting Session Held Yesterday Afternoon — Reports Received — Resolution to Provincial Government Asking for Referendum Regarding Importation of Liquor Into Province.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday afternoon with Mrs. David Hipwell, the president, in the chair. The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn: "Great Physician Now is Near." The president read the 146 Psalms and Mrs. Michael Kelley led in prayer. After singing the hymn "His will with my soul," the president remarked that she thought only consecrated Christians should sing this hymn. A collection was taken up for flowers.

Mrs. Hanselker thought that the following resolution should be sent to the New Brunswick Alliance: "Whereas the result of the plebiscite taken on July 10th clearly indicated that the majority of the people of this province are in favor of a prohibitory law, and whereas the Provincial Government has promised that in the event of such mandate from the people they will ask the Federal Government to grant an order for a referendum on the importation of liquor into this province. Therefore, we, the St. John Women's Christian Temperance Union do most urgently request the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance to claim from our legislators the fulfillment of this promise that a referendum on the importation of liquor into this province may be held at the earliest possible date."

A communication was read from Dominion Lodge No. 445 I. O. G. T., also a letter of appreciation for greetings sent from Grand Division Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick through their Grand Scribe, Thomas A. Clarke of Newcastle, N. B.

Mrs. James I. Davis reported on her hospital work and after a very helpful session the meeting closed with the Mosaic Benediction.

TOWER LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED

A special convention of The Carleton Tower Lodge No. 37 Knights of Pythias was held in the Castle Hall, West St. John last evening. The accounts for the semi-annual period ending June 30th were read and adopted. The lodge to be in a healthy condition financially and in membership. The officers for the ensuing term were installed by Deputy Grand Chancellor Brown of St. John Lodge No. 30. The lodge is the youngest in the district and with Knight W. H. Stewart as their Chancellor Commander of the members are looking forward with enthusiasm to a prosperous term.

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Cloth Suits, Afternoon Dresses, Gingham Frocks, Wool Plaid Skirts, White Washable Skirts, Sweaters, Underskirts, Georgette, Wash Silk and Voile Blouses, Silk and Lisle Hosiery, Neckwear, Silk Gloves, Whitewear, Silk Underwear, Millinery, Kimonos and Dressing Jackets.
CHILDREN'S WEAR
White Dresses, Colored Dresses, Silk and Party Frocks, Coats, Middies, Sweaters, Whitewear, Kimonos, Rompers and Creepers, Rain Coats, Navy Middy Skirts, Fancy Topped Socks, Infants' Dresses, Slips, Gertrudes, Pique Coats, Stork Pants, Pram Covers.
FOR THE HOME
Table and Floor Lamps, Plated Table Ware, Cut Glass Sugar and Creams, Floor Matting, Texolium, Brussels Rugs, Irish Point Curtains, Materials for Hangings, Linen Table Cloths, Napkins, Printed Bed Spreads, Pillow Cases, White Fringed Toilet Covers, Quilts, Hammocks, Stamped Centers and Cushion Ties, Knitting Bags, Baby Laundry Bags.
FOR MEN
Suits, Top Coats, Separate Cloth Trousers, Outing Trousers, Waterproofs, Working Shirts, Silk Shirts, Neckwear, Braces, Socks, Belts, Hosiery, Sweaters, Pyjamas, Bathing Suits, Umbrellas, Baggage.
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