

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate southerly winds, warm and becoming showery. Much fog off coast. Toronto, July 28—Heavy rains have been almost general today in the lower lake region.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Regina, Battleford, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Public Utilities. The monthly meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held here yesterday. Routine matters were disposed of. The members returned to their homes last evening.

Inspection Tour. E. Price, general superintendent of transportation for the Intercolonial Railway, passed through the city yesterday on his private car attached to the Pacific express. He had been in Digby on an inspection tour.

Freight Cars Derailed. The Montreal train yesterday morning was three hours late and the Boston half an hour late. The delay was due to the derailment of a couple of freight cars on the Maine Central railway.

Leg Injured. While at work on a saw at Courtenay Bay yesterday morning, George Hickey of West St. John was painfully injured when a heavy piece of rock fell upon one of his legs. He was taken to his home where he will probably be kept for several days.

Sailors Arrested. Engvanf Berlesden and Christen Hansen, two sailors, created a disturbance in the Imperial Theatre last evening and were ejected by the house police headquarters and the police found the two sailors on Dock street. They were then using profane language and were arrested.

Drill for Policemen. Under the instruction of Inspector Wickham, the local police officers are being put through a drill and physical exercises three afternoons each week. The place of drill is the large room in the Schofield building on Prince William street, although the blue coats only had a few drills they are showing great improvement. It is the intention to keep the drills going right along every week.

Record Export of Hides. The value of hides exported from Canada to the United Kingdom during the six months ended June 30 last is stated by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, to have amounted to \$382,705. This value constitutes a record, and is an increase of no less than \$445,205 over the figures for the corresponding period last year, when the value of exports from the Dominion in this commodity was \$437,500.

That Injunction. A letter was forwarded yesterday morning by Commissioner Pettis to the St. John Railway Co. instructing them that the grade at the corner of Carmarthen and Princess streets must be altered. There were no further developments in the matter of an injunction with respect to the improvement of certain sections of the rails, but the commissioner said he was determined not to let the matter drop until action was taken by the company to better matters.

Motored from New York. Rev. W. W. Duncan, pastor of a Methodist church, New York city, together with a party, motored from New York to Oak Bay, Charlotte county, where they were the guests of Rev. Thomas Pierce. On Monday morning they left Oak Bay at 6.20 and arrived in St. John shortly before twelve, and after a stay of some forty minutes, left for Moncton, arriving about eight o'clock Monday evening. They proceeded to Hillsboro, where they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peck. Rev. Mr. Duncan is a son of Rev. Robert Duncan, who was twice pastor of the Central Methodist church in Moncton.

PERSONAL. Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Walker have gone down to the Algonquin, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, to spend some time. Mrs. J. H. Springle is spending some time in New Brunswick, at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. Mrs. D. T. Smith is spending the remainder of the summer at Yarmouth N. S., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins.—Montreal Gazette.

CHANGES MADE IN STANDARDS FOR SOLDIERS

Infantry Men May Now be only Five Feet Two Inches High with 33-inch chest.

Three more recruits were sent forward to Sussex for the 55th Battalion last night. The men were John Edward Nowatt, St. John; Frederick Naves, St. John, and Thomas Kane of Moncton.

The artillery regulations remain at 5 feet 4 inches in height, but the chest measurement has been lowered to 33 inches. The minimum for infantry now is 5 feet 2 inches with a minimum chest of 33 inches.

Charged with Taking Watch from Stranger. Fred O'Dell arrested last night on the complaint of John O'Brien.

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PROCLAMATION.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor respectfully requests that Wednesday, the fourth day of August, be observed throughout the Province as the first anniversary of Great Britain's declaration of war against Germany and that on that day clergymen of the several churches and others in sermons and addresses impress upon their hearers the determination to continue to victory the struggle for justice and liberty in which our nation and her allies are engaged.

SOLDIERS AND RED CROSS WILL RECEIVE MONEY. Tea and Sale at Westfield Realized Good Amount.

All roads led to the Chimney Corner Tea Room at Westfield yesterday. The Misses Stewart and Collins had loaned their pretty little tea room, with its old fashioned fireplace, to the patriotic workers of the district for the purpose of raising funds for the Red Cross and Soldiers' Comfort League.

Judging by the crowds, which came by autos, carriages, steamers, motor boats and walking, our soldier boys will have good cause to thank those who made this tea a success. Afternoon tea was served and candy, ice cream and flowers sold and a good sum was realized.

The decorations were elaborate and appropriate. In the evening with the Chinese lanterns lighted, the place resembled a fairy grotto.

Mrs. Geo. McAvity and Mrs. Frank Peters poured and were assisted by the Misses Ethel Jarvis, Dorothy Brown, Eileen Keefe, Nora Thompson, Marion Frink, Gertrude Gaultier, Margaret Evans (Hallifax), Sallie Collins and Nora Stewart, and Mrs. Ned Jarvis, Mrs. Frank Robertson, Mrs. D. Ledingham and the Misses Estey, Cameron, Hammond, Evans and Ella Smith.

The flower table was looked after by Mrs. Roland Skinner, Miss Helen Church and Mrs. Ronald Machum.

The candy table was in charge of Miss Miriam Knowlton assisted by the Misses Lou Robertson and Rosamund McAvity.

MACHINE GUN FUND GROWING. Donations Should be Sent in at once to Mayor Frink.

The subscriptions for the machine gun fund are fast coming in to Mayor Frink, and the committee in charge of the arrangements hope that those contributing the price of a gun or half a gun will send in their checks to Mayor Frink at once, so that the money can be forwarded immediately and the guns secured.

However, sweet and pretty Mary Pickford photo-plays may be pictures in which such favorite players as Norma Talmadge, Edith Storey, Anita Stewart and others have appeared, none have yet surpassed and very few equalled the charming merit of Marguerite Clark's portrayal of Letty in the innocent little country girl in Mary Germaine's entrancing story "Wildflower," shown at the Imperial yesterday and to be continued today.

While a large number of people enjoyed this treat, many who are out of the city and were on pleasure bent elsewhere, will regret exceedingly having missed the picture, should they not seize the opportunity of attending the Imperial this afternoon or tonight. "Wildflower" is one of those edifying little human narratives that leaves a splendid impression. Miss Clark is an ideal personage for the leading character and the support given her by well-known metropolitan players and the elaborate stage and scene-painting, makes the whole production truly a masterpiece. This afternoon splendid souvenir photos of the tiny star actors will be given matinee patrons.

For Machine Gun. The following subscriptions for machine guns were handed in to Mayor Frink yesterday: F. B. Sayre \$ 750.00 Chief Justice McLeod 50.00 Gershon S. Mayes 1,000.00

ST. JOHN RIVER COMMISSION IN SESSION HERE

Consideration of Report to be Submitted to the Governments of the Two Countries.

The members of the St. John River Commission met in the Royal Hotel here yesterday and had under consideration the report to be made to the governments of the two countries. It is expected that several sessions will be necessary to complete the work. Five thousand pages of typewritten evidence will have to be gone over and there are about two hundred exhibits.

In Hamilton last week two witnesses were called to testify, S. J. Chaplain, a member of the board of consulting engineers appointed by the commission, and Marcus H. Ranney, an engineer who had charge of the field work done by the engineering party for the commission in 1911 and 1912, which resulted in one of the most complete and comprehensive reports ever made on a Maine river. The commissioners also have a report submitted by the consulting engineers, which includes more than 100 pages of data and recommendations as well as a new set of maps of the entire territory drained by the river and its tributaries.

The commissioners are finding that there are matters which both sides are willing to agree upon, and on which the report can be made with but little trouble, but there are other questions in which the interests are divided between the two nations, and these will be fought out in the arguments.

THE MYSTERY SAID TO HAVE BEEN SOLVED. Aeroplane seen up river really a kite attached to a fast motor boat.

A few days ago reports came from up river in the vicinity of the Public Landing, that the residents were quite alarmed at seeing an aeroplane flying about. Where the aircraft came from or where it went the farmers and others were at a loss to know. A young man, who has been up the river on a cruise, arrived in the city yesterday, and settled the uneasy minds of some who believed that there was an aeroplane about. He said that a young man, who owned a motorboat, was flying a large kite. He had the cord attached to the stern of his boat and as the craft would speed about the river the kite would follow in the air. It was great amusement to the young yachtsman, and he little dreamed that by flying a kite he would alarm the farmers.

Daughters of the Empire. At a meeting of the Daughters of the Empire yesterday morning in the Red Cross rooms, the members decided to ask Mayor Frink to allow a programme to be decided upon for the anniversary of August 4. They also desire permission to take up a collection at any mass meeting held on the occasion in aid of the Patriotic Fund. It was also decided to consult the managers of the motion picture houses and ask them to put a war tax of one cent on their patrons that day. In this way it is felt that a considerable amount will be realized and thus the fast ebbing fund would be replenished.

SILK WAISTS AND DRESSES. Have you seen those very dainty silk dresses that F. A. Dykeman & Co. are selling so cheap? If not, it would pay you to examine these goods and be convinced of the wonderful values they are offering. The colors are Copenhagen blue, navy, brown, black and grey. They are well designed, well finished and fit perfect. Priced from \$7.75 to \$11.50.

STYLE THAT LASTS AT BARGAIN PRICE. The select Panama hats shown at Marr's mighty midsummer sale will be as stylish next season as now, and you might as well have them when you can get them at \$2.00 each—a third of regular value—from the Marr Millinery Company, Limited.

Large souvenir photos of Marguerite Clark at Imperial this afternoon.

Protect Your Household Treasures. In YOUR home, as in most others, are valuables of some sort; Jewels, Silverware, Heirlooms, Wills, Deeds, Insurance Policies, Contracts or other precious articles that ought to be carefully protected against all possibility of loss. A MEILINK SAFE will save many times its cost in the event of fire or robbery, and, nothing need go unprotected when you have one in your home. The Meilink is light in weight, small, and can be placed anywhere, taking but little floor space. It is guaranteed not to gather moisture on the inside, and will not deteriorate with age. All cabinet arrangements are of steel, and the finish is of black enamel with fine gold striping. Prices \$19.35, \$22.50, \$26.25, \$32.50, \$48.75, \$75. Market Square -- W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. -- King Street

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Special Nainsook White Cotton Crinkle Crepe. Made and used in great quantities for Ladies' Underwear. No Ironing, Simply Washing. The most perfect white fabric for Ladies' and Misses' Undergarments -- 30 inches wide. 25 cents a yard. WASH DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT. MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

Mid-Summer Sale Refrigerators and Hammocks. This Week Only -- July 26th to July 31st. During the next few days we must clean out all Hammocks and Refrigerators. We need the floor space for fall goods now arriving. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. These are not old shop-worn goods but all this year's purchases. Remember the discount is 15 p. c. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Stores Open 8.30, Close 6 o'clock; Fridays 10 p. m. Saturdays 1 p. m. Sale of Ladies' and Children's Knitted Underwear. Manufacturers' Samples and Oddments in Summer Undergarments at Surprisingly Low Clearance Prices. Continued This Morning. IN WHITEWEAR DEPARTMENT--SECOND FLOOR.

As Usual Our Whitewear Department is Replete With the Latest Creations in Summer Lingerie. In this delightful sunny weather which affords an opportunity to wear the many dainty varieties of warm weather dresses, women take particular delight in the crisp freshness of new summer whitewear. NIGHT DRESSES--Nainsook and cambric, trimmed with embroidery and laces, high neck and long sleeves, low neck and short sleeves. Prices 85c. to \$7.00. COMBINATIONS--New envelope style, nainsook, embroidery and lace trimmed. Prices \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.30. DRAWERS--New styles, embroidery and lace trimmed. 30c. to \$3.50. CORSET COVERS--Tight and loose fitting, embroidery and lace trimmed; also the fashionable Brasieres. 25c. to \$3.50. PRINCESS SLIPS--Large variety, nainsook, lace and embroidery trimmed, ribbon bows. Prices \$1.10 to \$6.00. SKIRTS--Nainsook, laces and embroidery, ribbon; also plain style, buttonholed, suitable for tub dresses. Prices 75c. to \$8.00. KIMONOS--In crepe, sky, pink, helle, grey, red, all plain shades, trimmed with ribbon to match. Sizes 34 to 44. Each \$1.15 to \$4.50.

For New Curtains. MARQUISETTES--In white, cream, beige, with drawn-work and hemstitched borders; 36 to 40 inches wide. Yard 25c. to 33c. VOILES--In white, cream beige, with drawn-work and hemstitched borders; 36 to 40 inches wide. Yard 25c. to 30c. SCRIMS--In cream and ecru, drawn-work borders; 36 inches wide. Yard 17c., 20c., 25c. CURTAIN DEPARTMENT--SECOND FLOOR.

Hammocks at Reduced Prices. All of this season's Hammocks remaining are now being offered in the Linen Room, ground floor and Furniture Department, Market Square, at reduced prices. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited