

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.

Maritime — Southwesterly winds; fine and very warm; Thursday showers and thunderstorms.

Toronto, July 8.—The weather today has been fine and warm throughout Canada and disturbance now developing throughout Lake Superior promises thunderstorms and squalls during its passage across Ontario.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	50	72
Vancouver	50	72
Kamloops	48	78
Battleford	56	76
Prince Albert	56	70
Calgary	56	78
Moosejaw	46	75
Regina	47	42
Winnipeg	52	83
Port Arthur	52	83
Parry Sound	53	78
London	50	81
Toronto	57	78
Kingston	58	78
Ottawa	50	74
Montreal	54	72
Quebec	50	74
St. John	54	66
Halifax	52	76

Washington Forecast.

Fair and warmer Wednesday showers at night or Thursday, moderate south winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Key Found.

A door key found on Main street awaits an owner at the North End police station.

Dumped Coal on Sidewalk.

Stiles Dunham has been reported by the police for dumping a load of coal on the Carmarthen street sidewalk.

Wagon Caught in Car Track.

A wagon owned by George McAvilly caught in the car track on Brussels street yesterday afternoon and was broken down.

Labor Paper in Library.

The Library Commission has complied with the request of the Trades and Labor Council, and placed the Eastern Labor News on file in the reading room.

The Bishop's Picnic.

A preliminary meeting of the general committee which is arranging for the Cathedral Sunday school picnic to Torriburn, was held last evening when plans for the annual meeting were discussed.

Violated Traffic Laws.

James Murray, Fred Todd, St. Stephen, John Lyons, Alfred Saunders, James McDonald and Rev. B. C. Borden of Sackville were reported by the police yesterday for violating the traffic laws.

Drunk, Crippled and Scraggy.

A drunken cripple was gathered in by Policeman Howard near the King Square last night and although the man walked or staggered by the aid of a cane he put up a desperate battle with the officer before he was landed behind the bars.

To Attend Boston Convention.

John Moore, of the Checkers' Union, F. Hyatt of the Coal Handlers' Union, and J. Montague, W. Downing and G. Langbein, of the Longshoremen's Union, have gone to Boston to attend the annual convention of the Longshoremen's International Union.

To Celebrate Trafalgar Day.

The quarterly meeting of St. George's society was held last evening the vice-president, E. E. Church presiding in the absence of the president, G. S. Mayes. A committee was appointed to arrange a celebration for Trafalgar Day on October 1st, and a number of candidates for membership were admitted. The rest of the business was of a routine nature.

Will Locate in Toronto.

Sandy Thorne, who has recently been connected with the staff of the Telegraph, left last evening on the Montreal express for the City of Toronto where he has accepted a position on the news staff of the Star of that city. The many friends of Mr. Thorne in this city will regret his departure but wish him every success in his new field.

A Young McCafferty.

Frank McCafferty, city editor of the Times-Star, was wreathed in smiles last night for he is a happy father and was receiving the congratulations of his friends. The story was about last night during his flight called at Mr. McCafferty's residence on King street east, and presented Mrs. McCafferty with a bouncing baby boy. Frank is yet undecided as to the future of McCafferty, junior, whether he will develop into a news gatherer or a baseball player.

The Imperial Re-Union Fund.

A meeting of the directors of the Imperial re-union fund was held in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday, and applications to help bring out 25 persons from the old country to St. John were considered. The applications were all from men working in St. John who want assistance to bring out their wives and families. Several of the applications were approved and it was decided to grant the others if the applicants could demonstrate their good faith in a satisfactory manner.

PERSONAL

Chief Henry Fox, of the Boston Fire Department, accompanied by Mrs. Fox, returned to the Hub on the Eastern liner last evening after spending a very pleasant vacation in the city.

George Gupit, of the American House staff, Boston, was in the city yesterday on a vacation trip and re-seeing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Thomas Landers and her daughter, Vera, arrived from Boston yesterday and are the guests of Mrs. James A. Stackhouse, Prince street, West End.

L. R. Warwick, an old St. John boy, but now a resident of New York, where he holds the position of steward of the Prince George Hotel, arrived in the city yesterday on a vacation and is being welcomed by his numerous friends.

Miss Margaret McBride of Dorchester, Mass., is visiting her grandfather, Mr. McCarty of the North End.

COMMISSION ADVOCATES NOT ROUTING ABOUT "FREEBIE"

Generally Speaking the Business Men are Opposed to Opening all City Committee Meetings to Public, and Labor Men are Indifferent—Some More Opinions for Commissioners to Digest.

Standard reporters yesterday asked quite a number of citizens to express their opinion on the question of the open door at committee meetings at City Hall. The matter did not seem to be agitating the public mind, and many declined to give an opinion, on the ground that it was a matter of no absorbing public importance and could be left to the commissioners to fight out among themselves. Practically all the business men approached were in favor of the continuance of the present practice, while officers of labor organizations, while favoring the open door, were rather indifferent to the question.

W. H. Barnaby.

W. H. Barnaby, chairman of the citizens' committee, and one of the leading spirits in the promotion of the commission form of government, said:

"All meetings of the commissioners at which the public business is transacted should be public; the people should have free access to such meetings; nothing in connection with the public business should be withheld from the people. All the regular meetings of the commissioners are open to the public. As regards the committee meetings, I don't think business should be transacted at them. You cannot prevent the commissioners dropping into each other's rooms and talking over matters and this is about all the committee meetings amount to."

G. Langbein.

G. Langbein, treasurer of the Longshoremen's Union, said:

"I see no objection to the commissioners holding private meetings to consult one another about the affairs of their department. Nor do I see how you could prevent them setting together and talking about civic matters. They might meet in one another's offices at any time, and the public could hardly expect to be there. But the general meetings of the commissioners, at which the public business is transacted, should, of course, be open to the public."

L. P. D. Tilley.

L. P. D. Tilley, who was one of the leaders of the commission campaign said:

"As I understand it, the commissioners have a formal meeting once a week, and each day they meet for mutual consultation about departmental business. My opinion is that the charter refers to a regular council meeting. If the commissioners want to get together and talk over matters, how can you prevent them. They might meet in the mayor's room or the office of any of the commissioners, and there would be no more difference than if they walked down stairs to the committee room. Personally I see no strong objection one way or the other."

D. F. Pigeon.

D. F. Pigeon, who was one of the speakers who advocated the commission form of government said:

"The idea of the commission government is that the city's business should be conducted on business principles, and the directors of a business company would not be expected to refrain from meeting in private and discussing business affairs. It is a good thing that the commissioners are able to meet together and work out the details of a matter before bringing it before the public. To my mind, it would be a dangerous principle to admit the public to all their consultations. Under the present system the business is facilitated. I see Com. Schofield suggests a plebiscite. My suggestion is this: If Com. McLeellan thinks he has the public behind him, let him resign and run an election on the question at issue. That is the best way to take a plebiscite."

J. A. Belys.

J. A. Belys, chairman of the committee which prepared the charter said:

"I don't care to discuss the question, let us fight it out."

B. R. Armstrong.

B. R. Armstrong of Armstrong & Bruce said: "The question is one of the commissioners themselves to decide. If they want to hold private consultations, I don't see how you can prevent them though it might be a bad principle if the commissioners were not what they ought to be. Although I was not much in favor of commission government, I think the commissioners are doing well, and so long as all matters have to be dealt with in the public meetings of the council I see no serious objections to private consultations."

W. Frank Hatheway.

W. Frank Hatheway, who was a supporter of the commission said: "I can understand that there are some matters that should be considered in private. But in general there should be the fullest publicity. The people have a right to know not only how the commissioners as a whole decide a question, but the individual's views and arguments which influenced their decision. However, it seems rather late to raise the question of whether the committee meetings should be public, and I don't think much importance is attached to it one way or another."

J. L. Sugrue.

J. L. Sugrue, president of the St. John Trades and Labor Council, said:

"What does it matter what a workman thinks about it? We have the open door when a big construction company wants to dump 200 Italians into the city. My impression is that the commissioner advocates promised us the fullest publicity, and condemning the old system because they occasionally held secret committee meetings. One argument for commission was that it would have a great educative effect and arouse interest in civic affairs. To my mind that argument would be that we would be able to see the civic machinery in operation. Now we know what the commissioners do, but we usually do not know the why and wherefore of their actions. However, I don't think the workmen are much interested. They are used to getting something different from the expectations held out to them."

F. Hyatt.

F. Hyatt, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, said:

"It's a safe bet that the business men generally favor the closed door, and that the workers want the open door, though it won't do them any good. But I don't see why the public business should not be public. The city does not want to get the better of anyone, and the only way that anybody can get the better of the city is to put up the price of something it wants. If the city has not got the power to protect itself from sharp practices, it means that the city authorities have neglected to secure the powers they ought to have, or that under the law the public interest is less important than private interests. The idea that the government of a city is a business proposition is a business merely illustrates the blindness of the bourgeoisie. The government of a city is a great deal more than a business proposition. It is a great human problem."

METHODISTS "MOVIE" HERE

Church Recognizes Opportunities of The Films.

CHAIN OF PICTURE HOUSES PLANNED

Rev. H. E. Thomas Talks of Movement which Originated in Vancouver and will Include St. John.

That the Young People's Societies of the Methodist Church of Canada have practically gone into the movie picture business and hope eventually to possess a chain of theatres in all the principal cities of Canada, was the statement issued in Toronto a few days ago and confirmed here last evening by Rev. H. E. Thomas, the movement, it is understood, originated in Vancouver, where an option is held on a site on which it is proposed to erect a \$100,000 building for the showing of educational and humorous films and for instructional work. Rev. H. E. Thomas, when in conversation with the Standard regarding the matter, stated that Rev. F. C. Stephenson, head of the Methodist Young People's Societies, had been working on the scheme for some time and although films illustrating missionary work will be shown, others of a lighter nature may, it is understood, be thrown on the screen. Although the matter of securing houses in all the Canadian cities is not yet thoroughly worked out, Rev. H. E. Thomas was of the opinion that the theatre for this purpose should be located in St. John. One of the larger Sunday school rooms will probably be used and an up-to-date machine installed. This should prove a great aid in teaching the different points in missionary work.

To Expend Millions.

Dr. Stephenson, who is also the secretary of the missionary forward movement, originated the scheme with the intention of helping this phase of church work, and his plan calls for a capitalization of some millions of dollars. It is believed that if the plan is successful the missionary department of the Methodist church will do better work for Dr. Stephenson is convinced that pictures such as will be shown, will do much toward the Christianization of society. The plan calls for theatres in the different cities or in any church that is ready to receive them.

The institution of such a theatre on a sound working and business basis, Dr. Stephenson intends doing in England, with the aim of negotiating with several firms and missionary societies with the object of forming a film exchange and association. He is also arranging sufficient sums are forthcoming, for a special moving picture operator to go to the different countries, including Palestine, to make exclusive pictures for the Canadian Methodists.

The institution of such a theatre for instructional purposes here will undoubtedly do an enormous amount of good in this province and the plan to the Home Missionary Society.

That the plan will be a success is not doubted, they have proof of the popularity of this kind of entertainment in the unequalled success of the Presbyterian Mission at Courtenay Bay, where a moving picture machine is installed. Every evening this hall is thronged, a great deal of interest being shown in the pictures.

FIRE LOSS IN ST. JOHN ABNORMAL

One Insurance Man Tells of Losses which He Ascribes to Activity of the "Firebug."

As a result of the activities of the firebug the fire loss in St. John this year is considered by the insurance companies to be abnormal, and there is a possibility of the rates on fire insurance being boosted as a result. It is felt that the number of fires of great loss in proportion to the area of the city is altogether too large. One of the leading fire insurance offices stated that they have said out in St. John claims over \$2.25 for every dollar they have so far received in premium on fire insurances which is alarming to say the least.

A great bargain in ladies' outside wash skirts at F. A. Dykeman and Co.'s. Three hundred of them to go on sale Thursday morning at 97 cents each. They are worth from \$1.00 to \$1.75 each. They are made from white calico, black and white shepherd check Indian head and grass linen, large as sortment of sizes are shown in every color. They are made in the very best style. Trimmed with pearl buttons, and you can depend on the laundering as well as any material that you can buy. They are worth the money. It is large the values are so great that you will have to come soon after this important announcement if you want to participate in this bargain.

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Prices from \$2.20, \$2.40, \$2.50, \$2.90 up.

(COSTUME SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.)

In addition to our Men's Three-Piece Suit Sale, we have reduced all our Suits for men, so that whatever style, size, color or quality you buy you get a BARGAIN. (Clothing Dept., 2nd Floor.)	We invite Tourists to visit all Departments.	Our Hammock Sale has been a huge success. But there are a number left, in good patterns and qualities at the reduced prices.
Good Dressing and August Home Journal Patterns are now on sale. (Pattern Dept., 1st Floor.)	M. R. A.'s Linens, Gloves, Furs, Suitings, Costings, Dress Goods, will appeal to out-of-town visitors because of the large varieties to choose from and moderate prices.	Our Linen stock embraces all the best makes known to the Linen Trade. (Linen Dept., 1st Floor.)
For \$1.50 You can buy a Middy Blouse, just the weather for them. (Blouse Section, 2nd Floor.)	See Our Travelling Rugs, Wool Rugs, in plain and fancy. (1st and 2nd Floors.)	Every Department of the M. R. A. stores complete in reasonable stocks at reasonable prices. Visit each Section.
	Visit Our Furnished Flat. See the most up-to-date way of displaying Furniture as it will appear in your own home. (Furniture Dept., Market Sq.)	Our Stores being large and Cool make Shopping a pleasure. Buy Your Vacation Needs HERE.

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