

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh south-westerly to southerly winds; fair and warm today, a few local showers to-night.

AROUND THE CITY

A Speedy Auto Trip. Dr. L. De. McIntosh and wife and S. Sipprell and wife, of Hartland, N. B., motored into the city Sunday in the Doctor's McLaughlin touring car doing the distance from Woodstock in seven hours.

May Send Labor Organizer. Among the matters to come up before the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress now in progress in Fort William, is that of making arrangements to send an organizer to St. John and keep him here for some months.

The Brundage Fund. In addition to the amount contributed by the commercial travellers, the sum of \$42.74 was collected yesterday on the exhibition grounds for the benefit of Mrs. Harry Brundage, mother of the boy who was shot in a shooting gallery at the Pike.

INQUEST INTO THE WEST SIDE ACCIDENT

Coroner Kenney Commenced Enquiry Last Night Into the Death of Edward Lane -- Killed by Street Cars.

An inquest into the cause of Edward Lane, who was killed on Friday last by being crushed between two cars on Rodney wharf, was opened by Coroner Kenney in City Hall, West End, last evening.

Controlled Had Been Turning. Myles Christopher, motorman of car No. 575, was the next witness. He was a motorman for 16 years, and never before had a serious accident. Previous to the accident the controller on the car had been turning. He had fixed it as best he could, but somehow the car jumped ahead. He was not sure, but thought he had completely lost control of the controller after stopping the car.

At the time the accident occurred he was standing on wharf. There were not many people about, most of them were in the cars. He did not see the accident. He had seen Lane previous to the accident standing near the bumper. Lane was then going toward the ferry house. Lane had not been a passenger on witness' car. The first intimation witness had of an accident was when the cars bumped together and turning about he saw Lane caught between the cars. The fender of car No. 35 was broken and also a pane of glass. The cars had collided with considerable force. At the time of the accident witness' car was half full of passengers. He did not know the names and addresses of any of them. He was aware of a set of rules to the effect that in case of a fatal accident the conductor should take the names and addresses of every one on board the car. He had a set of rules given him about five years ago when he first went to work.

In answer to one of the jurymen witness said that he did not know of any special rule regarding the position of the conductor and motorman when cars were not in motion.

George W. Amos, motorman, said that before going out in charge of a car he had taken a two weeks' course in the sheds. At the time of the accident he was standing at the head of car No. 35. He did not see the accident occur. He had noticed Lane standing near just before the accident.

He had not seen Conductor Christopher before the accident.

This concluded the evidence and it was decided to adjourn until 9 o'clock this morning.

SAFE CABINET EXHIBIT

A. F. Moeckel, the safe man's exhibit on the main floor of the annex facing the centre door near the bank of New Brunswick, is one of unusual interest. This booth was created much interest among the business and banking men visiting the exhibition. The famous Dick Safe Cabinet which holds fifteen times more than a safe the same size, and cost 75 per cent. less and purchased by some of the largest business firms and institutions of Nova Scotia and also by several counties in Nova Scotia, to preserve valuable records, taking the place of cumbersome safes.

DOMINION FAIR MEANS THOUSANDS TO THE CITY

More Than \$250,000 Will be Left Here by Visitors During Ten Days -- Business Rushing Everywhere.

When about two years ago there was some doubt at Ottawa as to whether St. John or Chatham would get the big Dominion fair, it will be remembered that the little North Shore town put up the biggest kind of a fight for the honor, and for a time it looked as if the strong delegation of business and professional men who went to Ottawa from Northumberland would be successful in their plea that the fair should be held on the banks of the Miramichi.

At that time the majority of the business men in St. John were apparently dead to the issue and made little or no effort to bring the exhibition to St. John and had it not been for a live hustling, optimistic few, who fully realized the benefits by way of trade resulting from a Dominion fair, it is more than likely that the business houses of Chatham would now be reaping the financial harvest that is coming the way of the local merchants.

It is roughly estimated that at least \$250,000 in cash will be left in the city by visitors during the ten days of the exhibition.

Leading merchants were interviewed yesterday and declared that the business rush surpassed even the Christmas trade and greatly exceeded the business secured during any previous exhibition held here.

Messrs. Macaulay Bros., M. R. A. Scovill Bros., W. H. Thorne and Emerson and Fisher stated that they have been kept very busy during the past week and visitors seemed to have money in plenty and were willing to spend. Many of the wholesale houses and manufacturers have also received visits from outside merchants, with the result that their business relations have grown bigger and better.

A call at the leading hotels and private boarding houses yesterday revealed the fact that every available room and bit of space in every house visited was occupied or spoken for. The Royal Hotel, which has greater accommodations perhaps than any hotel in Eastern Canada, has been for the first time, taxed to its utmost capacity, with extra hundreds registered for meals.

The same applied to the Dufferin. Every available room was early seized up, and temporary places were improvised for the week, although hundreds had to be turned away.

Every hotel on King Street was completely filled and many were turned away from the Grand Union. It has been a common occurrence for the hotel keeper to be asked by strangers for mere house room, a place in the office or smoking room, to remain over night. Hundreds of private houses have been turned into temporary boarding houses, while many others had to accommodate a half dozen or more friends or relatives from outside points.

The lodging information bureau conducted in the Exhibition offices on Prince William street has proven a great success, and help to visitors. They have kept in touch with not only the larger hotels, but with all private lodging houses as well, and in this way were able to tell just how many they were capable of looking after at any time. The offices were kept open from early morning until after midnight, and hundreds called every day to secure information about lodgings. And not only was this rush, business and otherwise, confined to the south end of the city; the North End has derived its share of business from the big crowd.

Thousands came from the northern section of the province by boat from Fredericton, and secured lodgings in Indian town and the North End, and the business houses report an increase of more than 100 per cent. for the past week. It is figured out that there will be upwards of 75,000 people visit the city during the ten days of the fair, and that each of these will spend upon an average of \$5, which would mean that \$375,000 will be left in the city. This estimate is considered a little high, but at the most conservative estimate that each person visiting the city spent only \$3 per head, then the amount would be \$225,000, which would be about \$4 for every man, woman and child in the city.

The general absence of crime of all sorts and the excellent manner in which the police are handling the big crowd is the subject of much favorable comment. It is true that one or two minor offences have been reported but they were merely exceptions, and taken as a whole the protection afforded the citizens and visitors could not have been better. The men doing police duty upon the grounds are courteous and efficient, and the whole system is a tribute to the general efficiency of the St. John police.

PAVING REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED TONIGHT

Special Meeting of City Council Will Consider it and Transact Other Business -- Additions to No. 6 Pier.

A special meeting of the Common Council will be held this evening to consider the report of the Main street investigating committee and other matters. The mayor will bring up the question of giving the Dominion government permission to extend the warehouse to be built on No. 6 pier over a portion of the city property. The minister of public works has requested that the government be given this privilege in order to erect a large warehouse as possible. The mayor will also recommend that the ferry committee be instructed to take steps to secure a new ferry boat, as he believes that if any thing happened to the Ludlow, the Western Extension would not be able to maintain a satisfactory service and that, especially in the winter time, merchants and others would be seriously inconvenienced.

BARON POWELL WAS PLEASED WITH FAIR

Famous General Says St. John is Entitled to Congratulations for Spirit of Enterprise and Industry Shown.

Alone and unattended, as quietly and unceremoniously as he had come, Baron Powell left the city on the Montreal last evening. Without even deigning to take a cab the great scout carried his own grip to the station, and in a modest, unassuming manner equipped from the train regarding destination of trains, etc. Clad in ordinary civilian clothes with an unmistakably English cut, and wearing a green felt hat, to the ordinary observer he might be mistaken for one of the hundred of country people crowding the station, and a dozen persons in the big crowd either noticed or recognized in this unassuming stranger the man, the reading of whose deeds of valor in defence of the Empire, and the Empire, in the dark and troubled days of 1800 in South Africa, had thrilled them, as well as every other red blooded man, wherever the flag flew.

It was only after diligent enquiry that the General was finally spotted by a Standard man. Further than to state that he was greatly pleased with the reception accorded him by the people of St. John, he had nothing much to say, smilingly remarking that he probably had talked too much during the afternoon. He was greatly disappointed at the failure of the Halifax Boy Scouts to turn up. He had not been advised as to why they had failed to come. However he was satisfied that he had spent the day both pleasantly and profitably, and hoped that his visit to St. John would bring results.

"I just want to say," remarked the General at this stage, "that the people of your city are certainly to be congratulated upon their spirit of enterprise and industry which is embodied in your great fair."

TO FORM LOCAL BRANCH OF AMBULANCE ASS'N Meeting Called in Board of Trade Rooms to Consider Establishment of St. John Ambulance Association.

Several officers and members of the executive of the St. John Ambulance Association will arrive in St. John on Friday and in the afternoon a meeting will be held in the board of trade rooms, with the object of organizing a branch of the association here. The meeting will be addressed by Col. G. Carleton Jones, director of medical service of the department of militia and defence. The meeting will be an open one and the general public are invited to attend.

The St. John Ambulance Association was founded in 1887 by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England. Established with headquarters at Ottawa, His excellency the governor general is the patron and her excellency the Countess Grey, patroness. The vice patrons consist of the lieutenant-governors of the provinces. The honorary president is Sir Thos. Shaughnessy. Each province in the Dominion is entitled to have established in it a provincial council to bear the name of the province under special patronage of the lieutenant-governor.

COMMITTEE TO TAKE UP BOY SCOUT QUESTION

Provisional Committees Will be Formed to Consider Organization of Patrol of Boy Scouts in St. John.

At the conclusion of his address yesterday afternoon Major General Baden-Powell had an informal discussion with the president of the Canadian club, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and A. M. Belding, late of the Every Day club, and others, with a view to forming a Boy's Scout Patrol here. Nothing definite was done, but it is probable that a provincial committee will shortly be formed to organize a movement here. Those present expressed the opinion that a Boy's Scout movement would make for good citizenship and afford a practical solution of certain phases of the boy problem. At the conclusion of the discussion the Major General, accompanied by M. E. Agar and A. M. Belding, drove down to the exhibition grounds, where it was expected he would review a detachment of the Boy Scouts from Halifax. But the boys did not turn up.

It is supposed that owing to the delay in locating the chief scout Sunday afternoon, the wire sent to Halifax, requesting that the boys be sent on, reached there some time late to get them together in time to catch the morning train. Mrs. E. A. Smith, acting president of the Canadian club, had made arrangements to entertain the boys, but during the afternoon she received a wire from Halifax informing her that the boys had not left. The Major General spent some hours in company with Mr. Agar, Mayor Frink and Ald. Baxter, taking in the sights at the exhibition with which he was greatly pleased. He left on the C.P.R. express last evening for Bar Harbor, Me.

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