

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Moderate westerly and southwesterly winds; fair and warm.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—Thunderstorms occurred today in the vicinity of Toronto; otherwise the weather has been fair throughout the Dominion.

Temperatures.		
Victoria	48	64
Vancouver	48	72
Calgary	36	62
Edmonton	44	68
Medicine Hat	38	64
Battleford	44	66
Moose Jaw	40	66
Regina	39	63
Winnipeg	60	72
Port Arthur	52	64
Parry Sound	52	80
London	59	85
Toronto	58	80
Kingston	74	84
Ottawa	58	74
Montreal	58	74
Quebec	58	74
St. John	66	83
Halifax	58	68

## AROUND THE CITY

## PREPARING FOR AN INVASION.

A. Bowden, New Brunswick's representative in London, England, writes to James Gilchrist as follows:

"On the east coast from the North of Scotland right down to south, great entrenchments and block houses are being made against invasion, and in many cases large numbers of houses have been razed to the ground which would be likely in any way to serve as land marks, so that one would hardly recognize certain sections of the country."

## Peg O' My Heart.

The advance sale of seats for the engagement of "Peg O' My Heart" at the Opera House opens Thursday morning.

## Man Ejected.

Serjt. Caples was called into Turner's restaurant on Charlotte street last night to assist in ejecting a man who was not wanted there.

## Glove Found.

A lady's glove found by the police on the King Square last evening can be had by the owner applying at the central police station.

## Charged with Begging.

William Whipple was arrested yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Gibbs and is charged with begging from door to door on Exmouth street.

## The County Court.

The St. John County Court will resume its sessions on Monday, Grand and petit juries are summoned to meet at ten o'clock at the court house.

## Back From New York.

Miss Driscoll, Miss King, Miss Hamilton and Mrs. McCune of the Marr Millinery Company have returned from attending the wholesale millinery convention in New York.

## Dugal Enquiry Today.

The enquiry into the Dugal charges will be resumed this morning before the Royal Commission. Hon. J. K. Fleming came into the city last evening for the session today. He did not know whether he would be called or not.

## Violations.

Serjt. Scott has reported Frank Garson for violating section 1 of the street traffic by-law by driving on the right side of Mill street, also for violating section 20 of the same by-law for driving with a reckless disregard to the conditions then existing on the street.

## The Leacockfield.

Scows were placed over the sunken dredge Leacockfield on the Navy Island bar last evening and it is expected that she will be raised this morning and towed to Hildyard's blocks for repairs. The dredge sunk in the harbor channel last November and was only raised and placed on the bar about six weeks ago.

## Shed Destroyed.

At 11:45 o'clock last night the firemen responded to an alarm from box 121 at Indian town and when they arrived on the scene they found the fire was in an old boiler shed owned by Messrs. Stetson and Cutler. The shed was situated on the top of the hill far up the Pokok Road and had not been in use for some years. It was used for furnishing power for the drills in getting out the lime stone. The shed was destroyed before the firemen arrived.

## PERSONAL.

A. L. McBeath, who has been in St. John as manager of one of the moving picture film companies, left last evening for Montreal where he has accepted a position as manager of one of the big film companies.

Mrs. William Hopper of Montreal, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned to her home on the C. P. R. Pacific express last evening. Her mother, Mrs. A. L. Cowan, accompanied her.

Hon. J. K. Fleming came to the city last evening.

W. H. Barnaby of M. R. A. Ltd., went out on the Montreal express last evening.

Hon. William Pugsley, M. P., left on the C. P. R. Montreal express last evening.

F. B. Carvell, of Woodstock, came into the city last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Perkins, of West St. John, announce the engagement of their daughter Violet Geneva, to Mr. Garret W. Busin, of Stanley, N. B. The wedding to take place in September.

## TWO PER CENT. DISCOUNT ON AMERICAN CURRENCY

Steps taken yesterday as result of United States bankers refusing to pay in gold—Will effect exporters—Guarding Canada's position.

As a result of the precautions taken by United States bankers to keep gold in their own country, Canadian banks have abandoned the usual practice of exchanging American money at par, and are charging a two per cent. discount on American bills of exchange, as well as upon American currency.

Local bankers stated yesterday that they had no idea how long this condition would obtain as everything depended upon the action of United States bankers. It was said that American banks were now making settlements with clearance certificates. These, it is said, pass at their face value with most American banks, but as the object in resorting to the use of clearance certificates is to prevent gold being diverted from American banks, Canadian banks in self defence are obliged to discount American bank notes as well as bills of exchange.

So far as local business houses doing a purely Canadian business, the action of the Canadian banks in imposing a discount of two per cent. on American bank notes and paper is of no interest except as it forebodes the possibility of disturbed conditions which is generally regarded as very remote possibility, but it will affect the hotel keepers handling American money to some extent and exporters doing

business with the United States. From St. John and other parts of New Brunswick large quantities of lumber and pulp wood and small quantities of bibles, fish and agricultural produce are shipped to the States, and exporters who have been sending commodities to the States in the last few weeks and who have not received payment will probably suffer some loss because they will have to meet the discount required on bills of exchange.

Local bankers said yesterday that while the situation was not considered serious they did not know what would come out of it, or how long the discount would be in force. It is said that American banks are doing everything possible to keep money in their own country to finance local enterprise and enable their own people to take advantage of the trade opportunities of which they believe they can avail themselves.

If the Canadian bankers had been obliged to discount American money in the summer, American tourists would have been inconvenienced as well as annoyed, but the tourist season is about over and this feature of the matter is not now of much importance.

## PUPILS CROWD SCHOOLS ON OPENING DAY

Another grade eleven in High School—Bright Outlook for year — Teachers in Europe.

The school boy with is bright and shining morning face, and the school girl who looked as if she felt she looked brighter and better than the boys, opened an assault upon the battlements of knowledge yesterday morning, and though there were no casualties to speak of many teachers and guardians of the fount of wisdom retired from the fray at the close of the day with a feeling that they would like to surrender themselves to the delights of vacation for a few days longer.

The outpour of education held by the Schools Board on Union street was besieged by a strong brigade of parents who had neglected to take out permits for their children to attend the schools, but although the pressure was high the educationalists held the fort with amazing valor and managed to hold out for the day, the besiegers retiring with permits.

Although the number of pupils attending the first day after vacation is usually smaller than they were at the beginning of the year, reports from the different schools indicated that at most of them all the rooms were full, particularly so at Alexander and St. Malachi schools. The attendance at the schools yesterday was somewhat of a surprise to the school officials, and indicated that in spite of dull times the town was growing and that the capacity of the schools this term would be taxed to their utmost.

In regard to changes in the schools the most notable departure has been the starting of a new grade XI, in charge of Miss May Ward. This is the first time in the history of the school that there have been three grade elevens. Grade VIII has been removed from the High School and is now in the King Edward building. The complement of the High School consists of six grade nines, three grade tens, three grade elevens, and one grade twelve. There are ninety pupils in grade XI and thirteen in grade XII. The number of boys this year is somewhat greater than the number of girls, although there is a larger number of girls this year than in years past. Two teachers of the city schools staff, Miss Clara Hay and Miss Robinson, are in Europe at the present time and teachers from the reserve staff have been called to fill their places.

## WEDDINGS.

## Evans-Baird

An event of much interest to a large circle of friends took place Wednesday afternoon in Lorneville, when Miss Edith M. Baird was united in marriage to Mr. Richard H. Evans. The ceremony was performed in the Presbyterian church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bride, dressed in white silk and carrying a bouquet of white roses, was given away by her father, Mr. Henry Baird. The marriage service was conducted by Rev. W. McN. Townshead of Fairville, assisted by Rev. J. A. Greenleaf of Halifax and Mr. Janvier of Philadelphia. The wedding march was played by Mrs. John Armstrong of St. John. On leaving the church the bridal party drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baird where a largely attended reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Evans will reside in Lorneville.

## Cover Off.

The police report that the cover is off a sewer man hole on the corner of Stanley and Winter streets.

## Destroyed Tree.

Policeman Kane has reported Carey Wood who drives a team for Harry McBeath for allowing the horse to destroy a tree on Duke street yesterday.

## PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

## STANDARDIZE REQUIREMENTS OF TEACHERS

Much headway along these lines says Dr. W.S. Carter — The increase in salaries.

One of the principal matters dealt with at the meeting of the Inter-Provincial Teachers' Institute held in Halifax was that of standardizing the requirement for teachers, said Dr. W. S. Carter, superintendent of education for New Brunswick, who was in the city yesterday, and who was elected to preside over the session of the institute.

"At present a graduate of Oxford University, though his qualifications may be of the highest, is not eligible to teach school in New Brunswick. Nor can certified teachers from one of the Maritime Provinces teach school in another province. Some progress was made in this matter. When teachers are scarce there is little opposition to an exchange of teachers, but when teachers are plenty there is a natural objection to teachers from outside coming in, if as they may do they accept a lower salary. What the teachers want is the establishment of a minimum salary, though that is pretty difficult problem, since districts which may want the same grade of teacher are very different in their ability to pay salaries."

"One thing I am pleased to say is that all over the province, particularly in the cities, there has during the past year been quite an increase in the salaries paid teachers," said Dr. Carter. "This shows that the people are more and more realizing the importance of education, and it has done a good deal in enabling us to keep our teachers from going west."

Speaking of the institute meeting at Halifax Dr. Carter said the programme was very interesting and that he felt certain all the teachers who attended were well satisfied. College professors from all over Nova Scotia were present and they caused an interesting discussion by complaining that the scholars sent them from the public schools were not all they might be. To this complaint the teachers pointed out that the best pupils of the public schools were not always able to go on to college, and they wanted to know why the colleges considering quantity rather than quality admitted many young people who were not always up to the prescribed matriculation requirements.

Another matter dealt with was that of looking after the feeble minded, a problem which New Brunswick has not yet adequately dealt with.

## Scarcity of Imported Cloth.

There is surely going to be a scarcity of imported cloth. Notwithstanding the fact that F. A. Dykeman & Co. have an abundant supply for the immediate requirements of their customers, they feel that it will be impossible to get any repeats, consequently they are advising their customers to buy their fall and winter needs when they can get the stock and get them at the old price. They are showing a very handsome range of new fall cloths for ladies and children's coats at prices ranging from 75 cents to \$4.50 a yard. Also a large display of blanket plaids to be had at \$1.10 and \$1.50 a yard.

## "All the Comforts of Home."

On Thursday and Friday nights, September 24 and 25, a coterie of local footlight favorites will present Mr. William Gillette famous four act comedy "All the Comforts of Home," under the auspices of the High School Alumnus, (proceeds to go to the Patriotic Fund), and under the direction of Irving Beers, who has taught dramatic art in Cornell, Queens and McGill Universities.

## Queen's Rink.

Band tonight at Queen's Rinkway.

## COPELAND HOME.

Jack Copeland, who has been playing ball in the Cape Breton League during the past season arrived home yesterday.

## THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN CITY TODAY

Duke of Connaught will arrive at Union Station at 10 o'clock this morning.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, field marshal of the Canadian forces and governor-general, is expected to arrive in St. John this morning about ten o'clock from Halifax. Mayor Frink yesterday received a communication from Col. Newton, the military secretary, asking his worship to meet the governor-general on his arrival. His worship might not have expected the Duke of Connaught to remain here for any length of time. His impression seemed to be that the train would only be delayed here for a short time and that any conferences with military officers and other citizens would take place in the city.

His Royal Highness has been in Halifax inspecting the troops there and it was thought that he would stop over here and make an inspection of the different corps under arms, but this is hardly possible in the short time at his disposal.

It had been suggested that the 28th N. B. Dragoons should furnish a guard of honor for the governor-general while in the city, but no definite orders had been received late last night. The 62nd regiment is still recruiting men for home service. The detachment for special duty guarding public property which will consist of three officers and fifty-six men will be completed today. Officers of the 62nd are still recruiting men with the object of bringing the regiment up to war strength.

It is important to note that the men who join the regiment now only do so for home service, though they have the privilege, if they want to, to exercise it, of volunteering for foreign service.

The artillery detachment stationed on Partridge Island received quite a number of new recruits yesterday. A number of men are still required for service on the island, such men receiving pay as soon as they join. Officers will in the next week give much of their attention to recruiting men for home service. Most of the companies in the artillery regiment require a few men to bring them up from a peace footing to war strength. As with the infantry, men who enlist in artillery regiments now only do so for home service, though men who have been training are given the preference when volunteers for foreign service are called for.

Those present at the 62nd N. B. Dragoons are still busy recruiting men for their regiment. Since the outbreak of the war quite a number of men from St. John have joined and the response to the demand for more men in the rural districts has been very satisfactory, though the announcement to go to the front dampened enthusiasm somewhat.

## "A" COMPANY FUSILIERS

Much enthusiasm shown by members at meeting last evening — To start training.

Members of A company 62nd Regiment St. John Fusiliers, the members of the company at the army last evening. The new men were sworn in and uniforms were issued. The company already numbers 80 men and more will be taken till the full war strength of 120 is reached.

Those present at the army last evening showed great enthusiasm in the work and will give their time for drill and training free. On Wednesday evening the company will meet again when instructions in musketry will be given and other features of soldier life explained.

On Saturday afternoon the company will go to the range where rifle practice will be indulged in. Other work in the open will take up the spare time of the men during the remainder of the fall and it is expected that the company will be brought up to a high state of proficiency.

At the present time there are no blank uniforms available for the local men, but the members of A company will each buy his own shirt, which will be used for rough work so that the dress uniforms may be kept clean.

Anyone wishing to join with A company in the drill should be at the armory on Wednesday evening.

## CANADIANS TO SUPPORT CANADIAN INDUSTRIES.

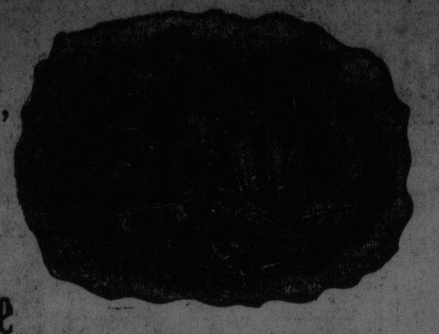
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