

THE WEATHER

Toronto, June 8.—The pressure distribution remains practically unchanged. A few light showers have fallen in the West, but the weather throughout Canada continues generally fair and somewhat warmer.

St. John	46	72
Dawson	50	70
Vancouver	48	70
Calgary	50	76
Edmonton	45	74
Prince Albert	54	80
Medicine Hat	56	80
Saskatoon	57	73
Regina	54	83
Winnipeg	50	82
Parry Sound	46	72
Toronto	51	78
Ottawa	50	78
Montreal	58	78
Quebec	52	80
Halifax	48	78

Forecast.

Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fair and moderately warm.

Northern New England—Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, not much change in temperature; moderate to fresh southwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

ASSESSMENT EARLY.
It is reported that the city assessment will be filed with the city chamberlain in about one week, which will be almost a month earlier than the date on which it was filed last year.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED.
Up to last evening 867 dog licenses had been issued this year as compared with 693 for the same period last year. The total number issued in 1920 was 1,134.

CHILD DIES.
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clark will sympathize with them in the death of their son, Wallace Alexander, one of twins, which occurred at their home, 37 Garden street, yesterday. He was about sixteen months old.

HOME ON VISIT.
Joseph Butler, of this city, and a member of this year's graduating class of St. Joseph's University, Moncton, N. B., was in town yesterday on a visit to his home. He returned last evening to his Alma Mater.

WESTFIELD OPENING.
The Westfield Tennis Club are opening the season with a tournament on Saturday afternoon. From the good playing shown so far this year it is expected that there will be much keen competition on the week-end.

POLICE ON HOLIDAYS.
Policemen Storey, Chisholm and Howard are the first members of the police force to take their summer holidays, and started their two weeks' vacation this week. Mr. and Mrs. Storey left yesterday morning on the steamer Governor Dingley for Boston where they will spend about ten days.

LISTS FOR PLEBISCITE.
Asked yesterday morning about progress in preparations for the taking of the harbor commission plebiscite, the common clerk replied that a start would be made on the voters' lists immediately after this year's assessment book is filed. He pointed out that the lists available at present are based on the assessment book of two years ago.

FIRST YEAR AT HARVARD.
Harry Reilly, valedictorian of last year's graduating class of St. Joseph's University, Moncton, is expected to arrive in the city soon en route to his home in Moncton, where he will spend his vacation with his parents. Mr. Reilly has completed his first year in the studies at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

FIRE DESTROYS TRACTOR.
A small caterpillar tractor, which was coming toward the city, along the Marsh Road, caught fire between Coldbrook and the One Mile House about noon yesterday. The driver escaped uninjured, and tried to extinguish the fire, but found it impossible and abandoned his charge while it was still a mass of flames. The tractor was on the pavement when it took fire and the heat of the flames ignited the asphalt for some distance around.

Annual Reports of Portland Methodist

Financial Report Shows Progress in All Branches—Good Amount for Missions

At the regular prayer meeting last evening in Portland Methodist church reports for the year were read. Rev. Harry B. Clarke was chairman and Wm. Lock offered prayer. The total membership of the church is 611. Raised for General Missions, \$908.23; raised for the Methodist National Campaign, \$4,661; raised by the Ladies' Aid for the year, \$1,014.00.

A. C. Powers, recording steward, read his report, showing \$3,000 raised with a balance of \$117 on hand. Mrs. A. J. Myles gave a very interesting report, showing \$908.23 raised for missions.

Mrs. Fred Smiler gave a splendid report for the Mission Club. Miss Laura Panjov gave an excellent report for the Canadian girls in training.

Frank W. Merrill gave a report from the Sunday School, showing a membership of 643. Total amount raised, \$652.79, with \$462.75 raised for missions.

Progress Reported From Conference

Mayor Schofield Endeavoring to Bring Power Co. and Employees to Agreement.

"Progress made," was the report given out last night by all factions to the conference yesterday between Mayor Thomson of the N. B. Power Co. and representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway and Electric Workers, called by Mayor Schofield. The conference lasted from 10.30 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. Nothing was given out from the conference relative to the question discussed. The mayor, in his capacity as mediator, is doing all he can to bring the employees and company to a working basis agreeable to both factions.

Fight for the Union.
It is said yesterday's conference developed the fact that the employees of the company were not adverse to a reduction in the wage scale, they recognizing it as a logical result of the present day business situation, and that their chief contention was the recognition of the union. It is also said the union representatives put forth a mild protest to the introduction into service of the "one man car."

Unions All Right.
Manager Thomson is on record as saying that he had no objection to unions as such, but did not propose to allow a union to dictate as to how the company should conduct its business. He is not opposed to doing business with the union, but he emphatically states the conditions, which the union may demand, must be agreeable to the company he represents, or otherwise, there will be a hitch.

The arbitration board requested by the union will postpone the plans for reorganization of the working force of the company scheduled for June 15. The law compels the company to continue its present schedule and working conditions with the union employees until such a time as the board has made its findings. It is not believed the board can be organized and finish its work for another month at least.

In the meantime five expert workmen are engaged in changing over some cars to the "one man" type. The public is in the air over the dispute, but all are hoping a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties may be made and traffic be uninterrupted.

Harbor Commission Freely Discussed

City Should Have Certain Bonded Assurances Before Move is Made.

The harbor commission proposition is receiving more or less discussion now by citizens interested in the development of the port. The discussions have become more frequent, and show a greater earnestness since the Maritime delegation returned from Ottawa where an effort was made to secure more favorable trade concessions on the I. C. R. that Maritime industries might have a chance to live. Mr. F. L. Potts, ex-M. L. A., who takes a keen interest in all that pertains to the city's welfare, pertinently asks a few questions relative to Harbor Commission. In view of the defaulted promise of Confederation he would like to know how St. John would fare at the hands of the government if it had a harbor commission?

Oppose Plebiscite.
In commenting on the question he believes a plebiscite should not be taken on this question, but that it should be an issue at the next election for city commissioner. Several of the commissioners come before the people next April, and those who are anxious to represent the city should get busy, familiarize themselves as to what is best for the city, and then vote on the question.

"The city council is elected to do the people's business, and it is not able to carry on in the best interests of the city without calling for a plebiscite."

Three Questions.
"There are three matters in connection with harbor commission I should like to have cleared up."
"1st. If Harbor Commission carries we are to have assurance that the rates and charges at this port will not be higher than at any other port on the Atlantic seaboard?"

"2nd. If there are any deficits on interest, collection of harbor fees, interest on bonds, commissioner's salaries, etc., are we to be assured these deficits will not become a charge upon the taxpayers of the city of St. John?"

"3rd. If the city gives the harbor to the government will it be properly equipped for the carrying on of the trade of the port?"

Mr. Potts says he is willing to be convinced, and if the champions of harbor commission can enlighten him on these questions he thinks it would benefit others besides himself.

REPAIRS TO WHARVES.
The harbor department will not carry on any extensive repairs on the waterfront until after the harbor commission plebiscite, August 1st, next. Commissioner Bullock stated yesterday morning. He said that a new wharf had been constructed between sheds 2 and 3, the work having been commenced with new capping on the piling. New fenders are being attached to the face of No. 5 wharf and the whole face of Wharf 2 is being strengthened by the driving of new piling. A new railing has been constructed on the east side of Union street from berth 4 to 5.

Automobile Plunges Into St. John River

Leaves Road at East End of Bridge, Going Over Bank—Occupants Uninjured.

Fred Porter, manager of Nova Scotia Construction Co., and Captain Harris, of the tug Musquash, and a narrow escape last night from serious injuries, if not by drowning. They were coming from West St. John in an automobile driven by Mr. Porter. Arriving on the east side of the bridge about 12.30, they turned to go down Chesley street. The automobile skidded and went over the embankment, rolling over and over, shakily bringing up in the river. When the machine skidded and left the road, Porter and Capt. Harris jumped. They rolled down the bank before they brought up. Fortunately neither of the men received a scratch from the unhappy experience.

Sergeant Sullivan and Officer Kilgallon of the North End police force were notified of the accident and were quickly on the scene. They, in company with Samuel Shanks, caretaker of the bridge, proceeded to the assistance of the men. A boat was procured and Mr. Shanks rowed the men down river to the tug Musquash, where undergoing repairs at the West Side. The automobile, in the water, was moved to a wharf nearby and will be taken out this morning.

Bad Conditions In Up River Districts

Frost on Sunday Hard on Crops—Country Infested With Army Worm.

Reports from upriver districts say that conditions are not as favorable as could be hoped for. On Sunday the frost was very hard on the crops around Cod's and Cole's Island. The crops had an early start this year and were getting along nicely until the recent frost and drought began.

Rain Badly Needed.
The farmers say that rain is needed immediately, or there will be a very small crop of hay this summer. Parts of the upriver country are infested with what the inhabitants call the army worm. This pest is playing havoc in the orchards, especially with the apple trees. At the sunrise these pests spread up along the limbs of the trees to the uttermost branches, staying off the leaves and at night they crawl down the tree and form in a ring around the trunk staying there all night. Many orchards look as if they had been burnt over. This pest does not confine itself to the apple trees, but is in the forests doing much damage to the people and stay birds. Spraying does not seem to have much effect and the farmers are faced with a difficult problem.

River Freight Small.
There is not much freight moving along the river at the present time. More than has moved all spring. A few barrels of potatoes are moving and the early pot of onions are expected in three weeks' time.

Strawberries are coming along nicely, and on Friday our native berries will be making their appearance in the city markets. The ash fishery is almost over in the Washadee moose lake, as is testified to by the small quantities coming down river. A few salmon are being caught along the beach, and for which the wholesalers are asking 25 cents a pound.

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Census Enumerators Having Hard Time

Citizens Who Spend Summer in Country Urged to Have Names Handed in.

All citizens who spend the summer in the country are urged to see to it that their names, and the names of all members of their families are secured properly. The census enumerators so that the population of the city may show the substantial increase all feel it should.

To Be Considered.
The Chief Census Commissioner, W. S. Clawson, is not an optimist as the man on the street as to what increase may be expected in the 1921 estimate of the city's populace. He points out that the census men may only consider in arriving at their figures, those who have their permanent residences within the limits of the city proper. When this is considered, it will readily be seen that St. John will be deprived of a large number of people, possibly ten thousand or more, who would ordinarily be considered citizens of the city. That is all those who live in East St. John, Fairville, or any other section within the city limits, and this also includes those who earn their living in the city, but who have homes in Rothesay, Hampton or other suburban points.

Don't Get Confused.
It is earnestly desired, however, that the public shall not become confused at this point. Those who have their permanent residences in the suburbs will not be classed as citizens, but all those who have temporary homes in these sections, but whose permanent one might say in most cases, winter homes, are in the city, will be so classed.

A peculiar feature of this rule is that because the city limits mark the boundary of the city, those suburban sections as East St. John, Fairville, and Fairville, may not be counted in, notwithstanding their proximity to the center of the city. While the enumerators have to class all Stanley ward, which is within the city limits, and although large in area is sparsely populated, and owing to its lack of streets, sewerage connections and other improvements has been avoided to a large extent by those establishing new homes.

During Working Hours.
The census men, like all others, are satisfied that the population of the city during the working hours is considerably larger than it was, and that a very noticeable increase has taken place since the last census, but as to the population to be found within the city between 5 p. m. and 7 a. m. they are dubious. They point out that very little residential building has taken place within the city limits, the new houses that have gone up, have been erected in the adjoining suburbs, on the other hand many old houses have been condemned and either stand vacant today, or have been torn down. And in most cases these were houses that at one time swarmed with life. Those who have been ousted have trekked out and settled in the suburbs. Some of the enumerators have about half completed the districts allotted to them, while others who have had a good many "blank house cards" on their lists, that is houses whose owners are out of the country, have not got along nearly as fast. The census men report an astonishingly large number of citizens who come under the head of lodgers or boarders.

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Have Decided To Sell Houses

Municipal Council Will Sell Champlain St. Houses at \$4,500; McKiel St. \$4,000.

The sub-committee appointed at the May meeting of the municipal council to confer with the County Housing Board on the matter of selling the houses erected by that body met yesterday afternoon at the office of the county secretary, and after talking the matter over, decided to sell the Champlain street houses at \$4,500, and the McKiel street houses at \$4,000 and \$3,500 respectively, for cash. The time payments include a cash

payment of \$500, and the balance in monthly installments.

Those present at the meeting were: Warden Bullock and Councillors Thornton, O'Brien, Goding, Mosher and Messrs. Murphy, Mayes andweeney of the Housing Board, and the County Secretary, J. King Kelley.

Do not forget the Salvation Army Tag Day Saturday, June 11th. Every body give! give! give!

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Even in the least romantic the thought that June is here strikes a responsive chord. June, the month of gladness, awakened flowers, festivals and functions. June, which sees the greatest triumphs also ushers in a season of countless opportunities for everyone. The first opportunity is the one offered today to the ladies of St. John at Dykeman's, and it is to be indeed a Red Letter Day, or days as we might say to all, new season's styles and the standard of workmanship such as this store is noted for at most inviting figures, enter the store during this week-end and you will have cause to remember, not alone in this digest, but embracing numerous personal and household needs.