

Around the City

FAIR AND WARM

WAS OVERCOME. An elderly lady who was overcome by the heat became weak on Main street last evening and had to be assisted home.

A GOOD RESPONSE. Provincial contributions received by the treasurer, G. B. Blain, to the Franco's day, amount to the second cross now total \$2,448.63.

RENEWING OLD FRIENDSHIPS. Roy Mitchell, a former resident of this city, is spending a short holiday here renewing old friendships. Mr. Mitchell is now on the sales force of the Paramount pictures.

WAR VETERANS' CONVENTION. Lieut. H. H. Patchell, Harry Allingham and J. J. Barbour left Saturday evening for Toronto to attend the second annual convention of the Great War Veterans' Association which opens today.

WAS SERIOUSLY ILL. Mrs. Jennie Waters, Sand Cove Road, has received official notification that her son, Gunner Gilbert Waters, M. M., was captured in hospital, London, Eng. Gunner Waters went overseas with the 4th Siege Battery.

FRUIT GROWING CENTRE. While rambling through the woods near the city yesterday afternoon a citizen picked ripe cranberries, blueberries, strawberries and raspberries enough to fill a large dish. Who says St. John is not a fruit growing centre?

GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME. Captain Albert Kimball, of Sydney, was in the city Saturday and left on the evening express for New York. He is a shipping master and is now engaged in important war work. Being a former resident of St. John he was welcomed by numerous friends.

THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN. H. E. Elderkin & Co. will immediately commence the construction of a 375 ton schooner in their yards, Port Greville, N. S., and the new craft will be built on the co-operative plan which will enable the employees to invest their savings, and later they will participate in the profits.

NO ACTION TAKEN. Mayor Hayes on Saturday received word that a schooner capable of carrying three hundred tons of coal was now in New York and would be available for cargo the middle of the week. If any of the St. John dealers can take advantage of this opportunity the mayor will be glad to hear from them at once.

LAUNCHED AT PORT GREVILLE. The steamer "Elderkin" of the H. Elderkin & Co. yards at Port Greville, N. S., and will come to St. John to land lumber for Durban, South Africa. The "Elderkin" is 993 feet in length; 36 feet 9 inches beam; 19 feet depth, and 669 tons register. She will be commanded by Captain Leonard Berry.

FIRST CONTINGENT MAN. Edward Dumas spent a few days in the city last week, leaving for his home in Toronto on Saturday. Mr. Dumas is a returned soldier, having served in the first contingent and was wounded, necessitating his return to Canada. Whilst here he renewed many old acquaintances, and visited his sister who is a nursing sister in the St. John Infirmary.

THEIR WAGES INCREASED. The operators in the N. B. Telephone Company have received a substantial increase in wages. The minimum salary has been raised and the increase arranged so that the pay envelope grew larger each three months, until the maximum of forty dollars a month is received. In addition to this the company pays a bonus for long service, beginning at the end of the first year and increasing each year.

MAKING RAPID PROGRESS. A familiar landmark is rapidly disappearing from the eyes of St. John people. The wreckers are making rapid progress in the demolishing of St. David's church and already the back and side walls are being removed. The remaining only the front wall and tower stand. These will probably come down within the week and then only a memory will remain of the building's former usefulness in the community.

A FEMALE ROBBER. A few days ago a young lady lost her purse containing some money at a suburban station. A small boy who picked up the purse on his way home with the intention of locating the owner when he was met by two young women who asked him if he found it, he replied in the affirmative, and one of the women took the purse from the boy claiming that she was the owner. The real owner was at that time on the train coming to St. John.

HOW HE WAS KILLED. Mrs. Frederick B. Campbell, 482 Main street, has received a letter from France giving her information regarding the death of her husband, a private with the 26th. He went overseas with the 115th Battalion and was drafted to the 26th on a day of considerable fighting. He was wounded in the hip and taken to the field dressing station where his wound was attended and the stretcher cases were all killed.

NOTICE TO WEIRMEN. The Canada Food Board, after a consultation with the American Food Administration, fixed a maximum price for sundries at \$25.00 a bushel throughout the season. This step was taken after careful consultation with representatives of the Weirmen's Association. The board felt that this price would give a living profit to the producers, and lead to the prosperity of the industry. This price is now the law in Canada, and must be strictly observed by every producer. Any violation would be subject to prosecution and imposition of a heavy fine. The Food Board is obligated to see that this price is maintained.

TEMPERATURE NOT REPORTED FROM ALL OVER THE PROVINCE

Provincialists Suffer With the Heat Saturday and Sunday—Fredericton, St. Stephen and Sussex People Very Uncomfortable—Official Reading of Thermometer in St. John Was 82.5.

"Old Sol" had his innings yesterday and he made up for the cool weather of the past weeks by sending heat waves into every nook and cranny in the city so that in self defence a large percentage of the people rushed to the seashore to get a breath of cool air. Those who had to stay in the city were careful to walk on the shady side of the street and if they met their friends they usually started the conversation with, "Hot day, ain't it?"

That yesterday was the hottest day of the season was the statement given last night to The Standard by D. L. Hutchison, of the Meteorological Observatory. He stated that the highest temperature yesterday was 82.5, a temperature not equalled since July 31 of last year when the thermometer registered 86.2. At nine o'clock yesterday morning the temperature was 75 and then it quickly climbed up to between 80 and 82 where it hovered for the rest of the day. A cool breeze was blowing during the day which tempered the heat of the sun to some extent.

For Saturday the highest temperature was only 82 but this was accounted for somewhat by the heavy fog, as other nearby cities showed high temperatures for the day. In Fredericton yesterday the thermometer reading was 88 while on Saturday it was 94. Moncton had 88 degrees Saturday with a drop to 80 degrees yesterday. In St. Stephen the highest temperature reading was 83. In Sussex it was 95 in the shade.

Seaside and Rockwood Parks seemed to be the favored spots for those who wished to get away from the city. At Seaside Park many people tried a plunge into the surf as an antidote for their heated condition and as the tide was high during the afternoon the swimming was excellent. Those who did not swim hunted up the shady spots and in some places there were as many as a hundred congregated together. Many people took advantage of the week-end to go to the country where they suffered with the intense heat, while many of those who remained in the city sought out the cool places in their backyards.

In conversation with The Standard yesterday a man stated that the hot weather was helping the crops along considerably. In speaking of the city lots on the Manawegish Road he stated that, that some of the potatoes planted were being destroyed by rust. During last week many cities in the District States were sweating under a heat wave that caused many protrusions and the thermometers usually registered around 90 degrees. It was on Tuesday, July 31, last year, that the thermometer gave an official reading of 86.2 at four o'clock in the afternoon. At nine o'clock that morning the mercury pointed at 82, then began to climb and at three o'clock in the afternoon it was up to 83 and then reached the high mark four o'clock, where it hovered for a short time and gradually dropped to 86 at nine o'clock that night. It was the hottest July day since 1887, when the thermometer registered 83.3. One day in August, 1900, the mercury rose to 88.5, but these days are marked as exceptional ones for "good old, cool St. John."

Yesterday's weather was hot enough for any citizen of St. John and it proved hard on the large fat men who were obliged to climb the hills during the broiling sun. The second vessel to be built at the yards of the Maritime Construction Company of Canada, Limited, is well underway and is already all framed up with the keelson, rather than at the bow. These have not been placed in position as it is thought best to get the heavy timbers for the inside work in the hold, rather than to hoist them over the top of the frame. The keelson is in place, the stern post was put in position Saturday and the rudder is being hung some time this week. In about ten days it is expected to begin the work of planking the deck and Mr. Saker hopes to see her in the water by Christmas.

The keel for this schooner was laid on June 14 and good progress has been made to date on her construction. She is considerably larger than the first vessel built in this yard and will be equipped with auxiliary power, a five hundred horse-power oil burning engine supplying the driving force. The "Dorchester," which was launched on June 11 from this yard is ready for sea whenever her owners wish to send her on the maiden trip.

CHRISTOPHER WHITE DIED YESTERDAY. Old and Respected Citizen Mourned by Many Friends—Was in Custom Service Thirty-Five Years.

It was with deep regret that the many friends of Christopher White learned of his death which occurred early yesterday morning at his residence 92 Mecklenburg street after a lingering illness lasting about six weeks. The deceased was engineer in the Custom House and has been in the custom service for the past 35 years. Mr. White was a man of staunch character, a favorite of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and a citizen who will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends. He was a native of Ireland, but a resident of St. John for a great many years.

He was Past Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick L. O. L., Past Worshipful Precceptor of Trinity R. B. P. No. 607; Treasurer of St. John District L. O. L.; Treasurer of Gideon L. O. L., No. 7 and also Oddfellow. He leaves besides his wife, five sons and three daughters. The sons are William of Lowell, Mass., George of New Glasgow, Albert of Montreal, Harry of New York and Andrew of this city. The daughters are Alice, Elizabeth and Ida at home. There are also three grandchildren. The funeral will be held from the late residence on Tuesday afternoon, the services commencing at 2.30 o'clock.

PERSONALS. Miss Roberta Titus, of Campbellton is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Foster McIntyre, 354 Main street, city. Mr. Jack Wendell Richard will leave on Monday for a visit to Smith's Cove, Digby, N. S. Lieut. T. G. Wright, of the Royal Air Force, Toronto, who has been spending a few days at the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright, Petiteduc, left Saturday for the United States. He will soon leave for overseas. S. E. Ellis, M. P., returned from Montreal yesterday.

CHAIRMAN OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HERE

Clarence Jamieson Talks Interestingly on Work of Commission—Scheme For Reorganizing Both Inside and Outside Services.

Clarence Jamieson, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, arrived in the city yesterday from Ottawa and will leave this morning for Digby to spend a few days.

When seen last night at the Royal Hotel Mr. Jamieson said the members of the commission had been very busy since their appointment, but were now getting things into shape. Just as the present time they were working on a scheme for reorganizing both the inside and outside services, classifying the positions and outlining the duties of each category. This had been done to a limited extent in the inside service previous to the commission taking charge, but had never been done for the outside service, and as a result the salaries paid and duties performed were not on an equality in many cases.

It was the aim of the commission to fill positions with men from the district which the office to be filled served, for instance, in the case of a post office appointment, men from the city in which the post office was located, for a personal interview with the province, men from all over the province might compete, and for Dominion offices, the competition would be open to men from all Canada.

The great difficulty which faced the commission at the present time was to get enough qualified persons to fill clerical positions. The commission hoped that numbers of the young men and women of the country would take the examinations and place their names on the list, a recent vacancy occurred in their district it would be possible to make an immediate appointment. Mr. Jamieson also pointed out that every year there were a number of appointments made to positions at Ottawa which were open to those duly qualified from all over Canada.

The demands which the new war departments had made for clerical help had made it hard for the commission to get the men and women which was now being remedied, as all these were now under the commission. When first created these departments had bid against each other and in consequence for many jobs had paid more than was paid for the same class of work in the regular department. The unfairness of this had been recognized and was now being corrected.

As an instance of the problems which the commission had to face Mr. Jamieson referred to a recent call for the War Purchasing Commission for three assistant directors. Advertisements were sent out and over eight hundred persons had applied for the positions. The commission had to be very careful in the selection of the men who were to be invited to come to Ottawa for a personal interview, and from this number the appointments will be made.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEMBERS ENJOY FIELD DAY

Delightful Outing At Mrs. John McAvity's Summer Home At Lakeside Saturday—Vote of Thanks To Hostess.

On the invitation of Mrs. John McAvity a large number of the members of the Natural History Society journeyed out by train and auto to Mrs. McAvity's summer home at Lakeside where a field day was held on Saturday afternoon. Besides those from the city many persons from Westfield, Hampton and other points were present to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. McAvity. During the afternoon Dr. George F. Matthew gave an interesting talk and William McIntosh curator of the Natural History Society referred to the work being done with sphagnum moss. He stated that this moss was being picked in Cape Breton but there was a great call there for experienced workers.

Mrs. Matthew was heard to two delightful poems, one in honor of France and the other, "Why Girls Should Marry," and Miss Miriam Matthew rendered some French songs that drew well merited applause. Late in the afternoon tea was served after which Mr. Burditt moved a vote of thanks to the hostess, being seconded by Allan Wetmore. At 7.30 o'clock the gathering broke up all voting it the best field day held by the Society.

TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS

Representatives of St. John Drydock and Shipbuilding Company Arrive This Week To Arrange For Beginning of Work.

Word has been received by R. W. Wetmore, M. P., that representatives of the St. John Drydock and Ship-

CHESTNUT CANVAS COVERED CANOES. THE HIGHEST IDEAL OF GRACEFULNESS, LIGHTNESS AND ENDURANCE in craft of its kind. Huntsmen, Pleasure-seekers, Guides, Railroad Prospectors and Construction Parties, Indians Covered Canoes which stand alike the extremes of tropical heat and northern cold. The hulls are of finest cedar, built over solid frames, and covered with specially close-woven sea-duck canvas which is saturated with our Famous Secret Filler.

Every Summer Hat Must Be Sacrificed Now. Prices lower than ever for these last three days of July. Marr Millinery Co., Limited.

BICYCLES. CRESCENT. IVANHOE. "Built Like A Watch". The Ivanhoe is worthy of the slogan so closely connected with it. The accuracy of workmanship, the fine quality of materials used, are such as would be demanded by the most delicate mechanism.

New Autumn Models In Men's Clothing. Men know only too well that practically every manufacturer of clothing is under contract with the government, in consequence of which it will be very difficult to find a suit at a moderate price next Fall. These are in conservative models and in style just as smart for today as for Fall. Greater variety of styles and values than ever. They are English Tweeds, Worsteds, Cheviots and Serges. Prices \$15.00 to \$25.00. Men's Clothing Dept., End Floor.

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. KING STREET, GERMAIN STREET, MARKET SQUARE. PASTOR DID NOT ARRIVE. Rev. F. Patrick Denison, former pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, who was to have occupied the pulpit of that church last night, did not arrive in the city in time and the sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. A. Lawrence Tedford. Rev. Mr. Denison was coming by auto and it is supposed met with some hold-up on the road which made it impossible for him to get here in time.