

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales westerly to north-westerly; some showers, but partly fair and turning colder tonight.

WHY EASTER SUNDAY COMES SO EARLY IN PRESENT YEAR

Easter is First Sunday after Vernal Equinox — Earliest Since 1818, and but One Day Later than Earliest Possible Date—Eclipse of Moon this Morning.

This morning shortly before 5 o'clock there was a total eclipse of the moon. To those interested, the eclipse would have been visible had not weather conditions interfered.

The early advent of Easter this year has given rise to more than a little comment and speculation has been rife as to the reason for this.

The ecclesiastical calendar which determines the days of the month in each year upon which movable feasts shall fall, and Easter is one of these, prescribes that Easter shall be kept on the Sunday which falls after the first full moon nearest the vernal equinox, which occurs on March 21st.

In 1818 Easter came on the 22nd, the earliest possible date, but not again until 1940 will it come as early.

The origin of the word Easter, interesting according to some writers on the subject, the word is of Saxon origin, inasmuch as the Saxons of ancient days sacrificed in the month of April to a goddess which they called Eostre, called in the Greek language "Astarte" and "Ashtaroth" in Hebrew.

PLUNGED IN ICE WATERS

William Johnston has Cold Bath when Row Boat Strikes Ice Cake — Was Returning from Millford.

While on the river returning from work shortly after five o'clock yesterday, William Johnston, who is employed in one of the mills at Millford, was given a ducking in the cold water and it was some time before he was safely rescued.

The recent thaw has broken up the ice in the lower part of the river and there is consequently much floating in the vicinity of Indiantown.

The workmen rowed across the river safely until within about 200 yards of Indiantown wharf when the boat struck a piece of floating ice and Johnston, who it is reported was started at the time, was thrown overboard into the water.

Although the man received no injury in the plunge his short stay weakened him greatly.

RAILWAY MEN IN A GO-OPERATIVE PLAN FOR CHEAPER LIVING

Labor Leader Tells How Co-operative Store Idea has Worked Out — Moncton to have one.

Louis Beauloin, Canadian vice-president of the Intercolonial Machinists' union arrived in the city yesterday to look into conditions here.

Mr. Beauloin has been at Moncton or Ottawa in connection with the movement of the I. C. R. machinists and shopmen for better pay and a nine hour workday.

In conversation with a reporter, Mr. Beauloin said great progress was being made by the railway men of Canada in the movement to establish co-operative stores for the sale of most articles of household consumption.

The Brotherhood of Railway Men in Ottawa, which is the largest of the co-operative stores already established, have reduced the cost of the living to their adherents by at least 25 per cent.

FINE OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW RAILWAY

W. B. Cronk Says Coming Summer Should be Prosperous Season for Trans-continental—Rolling Stock Coming.

W. B. Cronk, commissioner of the Transcontinental, arrived in the city yesterday from Ottawa and is at the Royal. Since inaugurating the service between Moncton and Edmundston, Mr. Cronk said last night, business on the line has been decidedly satisfactory.

The spring will see the opening up of more of the country in the north by a further extension of the line. It is proposed to open the line west from Edmundston about sixty miles as soon as possible.

Campbell-Atward. At the residence of Rev. W. R. Robinson on Thursday last, Wilford H. Campbell, of St. John West, was united in marriage to Miss Sadie M. Atward, of the North End.

A BOX OF ROSES, \$1.50. Five hundred boxes of fine roses will be sold for \$1.50 a box (one dozen in a box) Friday-afternoon and all day Saturday, W. Ferguson, Cor. Charlotte and Progress streets.

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An Unusual Chance to Get a Good Range at a Very Low Price Beginning Thursday, March 13, and continuing for ten days, we are giving you the biggest stove bargain ever offered in our city. The Enterprise Magic Range and 33 Pieces Kitchen Utensils \$35. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., 25 Germain Street.

Special Showing of Easter Hats for Today's Shoppers If you neglected to choose the new hat at the opening display this special showing will afford a last opportunity to purchase for Easter wear. Tailored Hats from \$5.00 to \$20.00 Ready-to-Wears from 4.00 to 18.00

Easter Requirements in LADIES' GLOVES. Reynier French Kid Gloves, Nappa Gloves, Long Kid Gloves, Reynier Pique and Overcast Kid Gloves, Our Special \$1.00 French Kid Gloves, Reynier Suede Gloves, White Doe Skin Gloves, Suede Washable Gloves, English Cape Gloves. GLOVE DEPARTMENT.

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AROUND THE CITY

Coaling Plant Ready. The new coaling plant in the I. C. R. yard is now completed and in operation. The plant is a big improvement over the old.

Will "Ex-Convict" Please Call? "Ex-Convict" is requested to call on the news editor of The Standard this afternoon or Monday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock.

Charged With Assault. At an early hour yesterday morning Albert Hennessy was given in charge of Special Constable Louis Crews by Roderick Fraser for creating a disturbance in the Courtenay Construction Company's boarding house in East St. John.

A Slight Fire. The fire department was called out at 1:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon by an alarm from box 41. A slight fire in one of the bedrooms of the St. James Hotel on St. James street was quickly extinguished.

River Ice is Breaking Up. Residents along the river report that today will practically end safe travelling on the ice with horse and sled.

Contractors Seeking Men. Contractors engaged on jobs here are bringing in men from different places. This week a carload of Italians arrived from Sydney.

Kid Gloves for Easter. You will need a new pair of kid gloves for Easter. Go to Dykeman's for them. They have an immense stock of reliable kid gloves.

LOCAL GREEKS APPROVE OF KING CONSTANTINE New Ruler was Not Always Popular Idol, but Bravery in War has Redeemed His Past.

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Throughout the war he has carried himself bravely, and the people will forget the row they raised because they did not like the way the last war with Turkey was carried on.

England, Scotland, Nova Scotia, the United States and New Brunswick were all represented by boboes who sought protection at the central police station Thursday night.

COURTENAY BAY TO GET ANOTHER BIG INDUSTRY

Report that McAvitys have Completed Purchase of Gilbert and Wilson Properties, on which to Centralize Plant—Proposed Railway Facilities Inspected.

Another proof of the advancement of St. John is found in the strongly supported rumor that the McAvity concern have completed the purchase of the Gilbert and Wilson properties in the vicinity of the St. John Tennis Club courts.

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