

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh southerly, shifting to westerly and north-westerly; showers or thunderstorms in many localities today; Friday fair and a little cooler.

Toronto, June 24.—Moderate depression tonight; calm and clear; light breeze from the north; a shallow area of high pressure is situated over Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Showers and thunderstorms have occurred today in many sections of Ontario, though mostly light and they are extending into Quebec. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	54	60
Vancouver	52	60
Kamloops	46	76
Edmonton	44	60
Calgary	40	64
Battleford	46	62
Prince Albert	40	58
Swift Current	38	65
Moose Jaw	48	64
Regina	39	61
Winnipeg	48	72
Port Arthur	52	82
Perry Sound	48	88
London	67	80
Toronto	65	91
Ottawa	62	84
Montreal	68	88
Quebec	62	86
St. John	48	64
Halifax	54	76

AROUND THE CITY

Hole in Sidewalk.
A bad hole in the Brussels street sidewalk near the Wilson Foundry site has been reported by the police.

Sent Up For Trial.
John Lane charged with assaulting Minnie Munro, colored, was sent up for trial by Magistrate Ritchie yesterday morning.

Water Main Broken.
The police report that there is a water main broken on Goding street, water main broken on Goding street of the water works department.

Bonfires.
The police were called on a few occasions last night to extinguish bonfires that had been started in the streets by boys in the celebration of weddings.

Will Hold Conference.
Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, will hold a conference at Sussex this evening with H. Bowder, and James Gilchrist in respect to immigration matters.

Will Meet Monday.
It is expected that the first session of the Board of Arbitrators appointed to investigate the dispute between the street railway and the union of its employees will take place next Monday.

Publicity Commissioner.
J. J. Walker, who spent some time in St. John and was a candidate for the position of secretary of the Board of Trade is now publicity commissioner of Melville, Saskatchewan.

Will Close Office.
The office of the Royal Securities Company will be closed in this city as soon as possible and the manager, H. Carson Flood, will remove to Ottawa where he will resume business in that city and vicinity.

Public Utilities.
The public utility commission held its monthly meeting here yesterday. G. O. Dickson, O. A. B. Connell, Felix Michael, and the secretary, P. Robertson, were present. Only routine matters were dealt with.

Congratulations.
Congratulations to C. M. Bostwick who yesterday celebrated his 32nd birthday. Mr. Bostwick is in splendid health, and able to enter heartily into all the activities of the life of the community.

Disorderly Boys.
Of late there has been a number of complaints sent to the police headquarters about boys who cause considerable disturbance about the streets in different parts of the city during nights. Last night the complaint was from a resident of Garden street.

Picture of Immigrants.
A copy of the Evening Citizen of Glasgow, Scotland, received in the city yesterday contains a photo of the group of immigrants brought out by Mr. Bowder. It was said that the party brought out by Mr. Bowder to New Brunswick was the largest which has left Scotland so far this year.

Horse Hurt.
Yesterday morning a horse owned by William Quinton, of Fairville, had one of its legs badly injured by being caught in the rails at the Mill street crossing. This is the first accident of that kind reported this year, but there was a great many of such accidents at this crossing last summer.

Went to Jail.
In the police court yesterday afternoon Patrick Clancy appeared with a pair of black eyes that were given him by John Walsh on Sunday afternoon last. Clancy asked the court not to be too hard on Walsh saying, "I'm about over my injuries, and he has to start in on me." Walsh was fined \$20 or two months in jail. The prisoner did not have the money to pay a fine and went into jail.

NEW MIDDY BLOUSES.
AT M. R. A.'S
Another supply of Middy Blouses with navy blue flannel collars has just been received and are the garments many have been waiting for. They are in children's sizes 6 to 14 years and ladies' sizes from 22 to 40; each \$1.50.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

THE POLICE COURT

Case of Otto S. Brown, charged with non-support of girl wife, develops into complicated matter that may tax greatest legal minds to clear up.

A case that attracted no little interest took up the entire time of Magistrate Ritchie in the police court at both the morning and afternoon sessions yesterday. It is one of non-support, in which the complainant is Gene, the wife of Otto S. Brown, and daughter of George Walsh, of Long Reach, St. John river. The defendant is Otto S. Brown, son of Malcolm Brown, of the North End. The wife, who is also a mother, will not be seventeen years of age until next September, and her husband is only a couple of years her senior.

The evidence in the case went to show that young Brown, who had been a clerk in the Bank of Nova Scotia in the North End, had, during the summer time visited the home of the Walshs on the Long Reach, and had been in company with the girl, who is pretty and rather attractive. She had been employed in a Prince William establishment.

During last February a constable named Belyea arrived in the city with a warrant for the arrest of Otto S. Brown on the charge of seduction. The girl's father came to the city and with his daughter, the defendant and his father, along with the constable, they assembled in the office of F. G. Murray. The young man was then under arrest. It was agreed after about five hours' consultation that the young couple get married. Accordingly there was an adjournment at eleven o'clock that night to the parlour of a Methodist clergyman where Otto S. Brown and Gene Walsh were united.

At the meeting an agreement was drawn up in the lawyer's office and was signed, whereby Otto S. Brown and his father Malcolm Brown promised to pay all the expenses, including hospital, physician's attendance and the board of the girl bride, also to provide for her for the period of two years.

Brown afterwards escorted his bride to the West End where arrangements had been made for her to board at the home of Elijah Ross, who is a distant relative by marriage, for the sum of four dollars a week.

Messrs. Brown senior and Junior then sought legal advice from Dr. William B. Wallace and John A. Barry, with the result that three weeks after Mrs. Brown, Jr., had been placed in the home of Mr. Ross. Otto Brown called on Ross and stated that he would not be responsible for the board of the girl.

Last March Mrs. Brown gave birth to a child, and she claims that she has now no means of supporting herself or child.

Another Complication.
George Walsh, the father of Mrs. Brown, was a widower, and when he married again last fall he agreed to transfer his property on the Long Reach to his second wife, which he did. Since his daughter's trouble arose the stepmother has refused to allow the girl to reside with her. The father of the girl having transferred his property is now without the means to support his daughter.

Otto Brown, the young husband in the case, claims that at the time of his marriage he was earning fifty dollars a month. The rules of the bank is that no clerk can be married unless he has a salary amounting to \$1,200 per year, and when the manager of the bank learned that the clerk was married he dismissed him from his position. Brown claims that he has not done any work since and has no means with which to support his wife, even if he is compelled to do so by the court.

Additional Cases.
Messrs. Malcolm and Otto Brown have at the present time two cases in the Chancery Division of the Supreme Court, one to annul the marriage, and the other to set aside the agreement made by them for the support of Mrs. Otto Brown. In addition to these cases, Elijah Ross will bring against the young woman who had been boarding, has sued the Browns in the civil court for the sum of twelve dollars. This, he claims, is owing him for the woman's board.

In the Police Court.
At the morning session of the court yesterday George Walsh, the father of the complainant, was on the stand and testified to the age of his daughter. He also told of Otto Brown visiting his home on the Long Reach and paying attention to his daughter. He also told of his second marriage and of transferring his property; then of his wife refusing to have her step daughter reside with her after her trouble. Walsh further said that he was unable to provide for his daughter as he was at present in debt, and really could not afford to come to St. John to attend the courts. The witness gave a graphic description of the scene in R. G. Murray's office in February when the agreement was drawn up and signed by Brown for the support of the daughter and also told of their marriage.

A Lively Session.
At the afternoon session Dr. Wallace when cross questioning the witness engaged in a lively tilt with his honor. The magistrate went on to remark that young Brown and his wife were both Episcopalians. Dr. Wallace arose and said that it was not so, that he knew the church as he and Malcolm Brown were vestrymen in St. Luke's and he guessed he should know, and that his honor had made a mistake.

His honor broke in with "You are not aware of what you are talking about, and you must not talk that way to me." He said that I made a mistake when I have the documents right here in evidence to show that I am right.

Dr. Wallace then interjected with: "Well, don't you talk that way to me. There should be some respect shown to the bar from the bench."

The magistrate then said he did show respect to the bar and the coun-

sel should not say that he made a mistake.

Dr. Wallace was told to sit down.

It appeared that there had been a mistake, for while the magistrate was talking about the document showing that young Brown and his bride were Episcopalians, Dr. Wallace thought he meant Malcolm Brown, the father.

Later Dr. Wallace in addressing the court said he was sorry if there had been a misunderstanding and he hoped there was no feeling over the matter. His honor remarked: "Why, of course not, that is all right, but you know that all this evidence was gone over this morning and I have listened to it all. You can realize how such matters work on a person's patience."

Continuing the witness said that at the time the agreement was signed there was a question about Brown being able to support a wife.

Elijah Ross was the next witness and testified that on the evening of February 10th Otto S. Brown called at his house with the complainant, bringing her there to board and he made arrangements for her to board at the rate of four dollars per week. She stopped at the house for three weeks, when the defendant called on him and said he would not be responsible for board for his wife. Brown agreed even paid for the three weeks' board and when he called, witness said he told him, "If you are not going to pay her board, then you had better take her away." She boarded with witness for three weeks. The young woman's father paid witness \$15 and there was still \$21 due.

R. G. Murray, the counsel for the complainant, then took the stand and testified that some three weeks after the signing of the agreement Otto S. Brown, the defendant, called at his office and said he would support Gene and she would have nothing more to do with her; that he would not carry out the written agreement which he was going to break having employed a woman for other purposes. His father, Malcolm D. Brown, refused to be bound by the agreement.

Defendant on Stand.
This closed the case for the prosecution and Dr. Wallace called the defendant to the stand. The defendant said that he had been employed in the Bank of Nova Scotia and was dismissed on the 20th of March on account of his marriage. He said that at the time of the marriage it was made plain to the parties concerned that he would lose his position. Since then he had been living with his father, he did not receive any salary, and as far as he was personally concerned he had no money or property.

To Mr. Murray witness said when the marriage took place and the agreement was signed he was receiving about \$60 per month. He said that he would do his best to pay the woman's board. It was decided to keep the matter quiet so witness would not lose his position. He told Mr. Ross he would pay the board, but at that time he did not know any better.

Mr. Murray asked witness if he did not come to his office and ask him if he could keep company with a girl until he got a divorce from his wife.

Dr. Wallace objected and the question was not answered.

Did Not Pay.
Witness said that he did not pay any board for his wife, he did not pay for medicine or medical attendance, and that he did not intend to pay anything until the decision of the Judge in the other court.

Dr. Wallace here interjected with: "Of course he did not pay anything because I told him not to."

To Dr. Wallace witness said that he did not make the arrangements for the board, that it had been arranged by others and that he took his wife there.

Dr. Wallace said that when it was agreed to keep the matter quiet the marriage quiet it was not done, for a very short time the story was being circulated all over the Long Reach and was finally reported to the manager of the bank where young Brown was employed.

In addressing the court Mr. Murray said that this was not an ordinary case, it was simply a tragedy and the young wife and the child had to be considered. This unfortunate young woman with no means of support would have to go to the poor house and be regarded as a common woman.

Getting Sensational.
Dr. Wallace interjected with "Well, you will see before it is through with it will be shown that Brown was not the father of the child which was born to the complainant, and further that statements made by her to the Magistrate were false and witnesses would be brought to show them so. There was then a short argument between Dr. Wallace and Mr. Murray the former saying: "Ask George Maxwell what he has to say on the matter." Mr. Murray said that Maxwell had been to his office and made a statement which was different.

Dr. Wallace said that it was nothing else than a forced marriage and that it had been put up to the young man and his father that if there was not a marriage the defendant would go to the penitentiary.

The Magistrate said that he would look over the evidence to see if there was sufficient to sustain a conviction, and that he would give judgment on it at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon, July 2nd.

SALE OF WHITEWEAR.
AT M. R. A.'S
This is a mid-summer clearance of old garments and manufacturers' samples for ladies, misses and children, all at the very low prices for which these sales are noted, so that the customary great demand for the bargains may be expected. Therefore patrons who intend to benefit by the savings offered should make an effort to attend as early as possible. The sale will commence this morning at eight o'clock in the Whitewear Department, second floor.

DECISION IN EVERY CASE

Decision of Mayor Frink, after considering matter—Alleged to have offered Com. Agar \$1000.

At a special meeting of the City Council held yesterday, Mayor Frink submitted a report on the investigation into the alleged attempt to bribe Com. Agar in connection with the awarding of a contract, and his report which declared that the evidence available did not support the allegations of attempted bribery was unanimously adopted by the Council.

His Worship submitted a report in which, referring to the order authorizing the investigation and the number of witnesses examined, said: "After consideration of the evidence and the case must be measured from that standard, I am unable to find sufficient evidence to confirm the statement that John Frodsham, acting for Lewis Corsey, did attempt to bribe ex-Commissioner Agar during his term of office in connection with the awarding of contracts by the city, and I am of the opinion that the honor and standing of the main factors in this investigation, Mr. Agar and Mr. Frodsham remain unimpaired as a result, and that the investigation and suspicion surrounding the transaction might have been satisfactorily cleared had a full statement been made by both parties at the time to the Common Council."

Before submitting his report the Mayor read a stenographic report of the evidence taken at the investigation, the main features of which have already been published.

Mr. Frodsham testified that Mr. Corsey had stated he could do certain work the city proposed to have done for \$1,000 less than anybody else, and had gone to City Hall and told this to Com. Agar. He said he had not told Com. Agar that Corsey said the work could be done for \$18,000, and that Corsey would be satisfied with \$18,000. He said he had heard no amounts mentioned and did not know the contracts were for work on the water and sewerage department.

Ex-Com. Agar said that Frodsham said to him: "Mr. Corsey says that the amount of the contract for the work proposed will total \$19,000, and he will be quite satisfied with \$18,000." Com. Agar's testimony continues: "I do not remember just what else was said, but I said, 'Do you mean there is \$1,000 in it for me?' Mr. Frodsham sort of shrugged his shoulders; then I did not remember just what else was said, but I said, 'I think he said I have misunderstood me.'"

After his Worship finished reading the evidence Mr. McLeellan asked why his name was connected with the case.

His Worship—Mr. Frodsham came to me and in making an informal statement said he had seen you on other business the same day, and referred to these contracts. You said they were not in your department and that ended it. In taking his formal evidence I questioned him about that.

Com. McLeellan—Mr. Frodsham had business with my department, but I have no recollection of him speaking about these contracts. Certainly he did not offer me \$1,000 or anything else.

Mr. Tobias who was present—Mr. Corsey should have gone to Com. Wigmore as the contracts were in his department.

The Mayor—Order.

No comment being made on the evidence by other members of the Council, His Worship then submitted the report of his findings quoted above.

Com. McLeellan said he was entirely in accord with the report.

Com. Wigmore urged the adoption of the report, saying he felt it was justified by the evidence.

Com. Potts thought the report was correct in that it was in accord with the evidence.

His Worship—Ex-Com. Agar is firm in the belief that no bribe was made to bribe him, but the physical movement of Mr. Frodsham's shoulders is not sufficient evidence to warrant a finding of guilt.

His Worship then put the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Com. Russell was not present.

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