

THE WEATHER

Toronto, June 7.—The general pressure distribution remains unchanged. Rain is now falling in northwestern Alberta and very local showers have occurred in the Maritime Provinces, but elsewhere throughout the Dominion generally fair weather prevails.

AROUND THE CITY

CITY HALL PAY DAY. Pay day for officials, etc., at City Hall, Monday, resulted in the following disbursements: Ferry, \$1,460; market, \$341.20; sundry, \$1,618.49; officials, \$2,222.56; fire, \$2,927.73; police, \$3,241.25.

MILITARY NOTES. The following appointments appear in general orders received at military headquarters yesterday morning: 121st Brigade, 90th Newcastle Battery, to be provisional lieutenant, J. A. Lawlor, New Brunswick Dragoons, 92nd Provisional Battalion (superannuated), Eric Henry James Barber.

COMES AFTER DESERTERS. Sergt-Major Austin, of the H.C.M.P., will arrive in the city this morning to escort the two deserters of the H.M.S. Valerian back to Halifax. The Valerian is expected to return to Halifax from Quebec via Sydney, from there she will proceed to her station at Bermuda.

AT THE HOSPITAL. Richard Ryder, the teamster, who was knocked down by a motor car on Mill street, was reported to have passed a comfortable day at the General Public Hospital yesterday. The doctors there have not been able to determine the extent of the man's injuries as yet; they know he has a scalp wound, however.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. The following real estate transfers have been recorded: Margaret T. Derrah and husband to C. W. Robinson, property in Dorchester street.

CITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION. According to a statement made by Mayor Schofield yesterday the city is in a better financial position than it was a year ago and has paid much less in interest on overdrafts. For the first four months of 1920 they paid in interest on overdrafts \$8,740 while to date this year only \$762 had been paid.

MAYOR RECEIVES COMPLAINTS. Mayor Schofield yesterday said he had received some complaints that taxi drivers could charge what they liked while the coachmen had to adhere to a stated schedule for carrying passengers. Commissioner Thornton explained the one by law covered both and the taxi's had no right to charge more than the coachmen and they must obey this law.

CAUGHT BIG LOBSTER. A lobster was caught at Stag Harbor a few days ago which was so big it could not get into the trap, but was caught by getting tangled up in the lines. Here are its measurements: Length, including feelers, 3 feet, 1/2 in.; length from nose to tip of tail, 1 foot 6 1/2 in.; length of claw, 1 1/2 in.; girth around the body, 4 foot 4 in.; girth around claw, 1 foot 1/2 in.; spread of claws, tip to tip, 8 1/2 in. Male, weight 135 pounds.

CITY REVENUE HIGHER. The city electrician has reported that the revenue from fees of his department had in May, 1921, exceeded the fees for May, 1920, despite a falling off in inspections. The added revenue was due to increase in rates. The figures: May, 1921, total fees \$251.57, and inspections \$224; May, 1920, fees \$233.39, and inspections \$225.

REV. J. HEANEY ASKED TO REMAIN. An invitation to the Rev. J. Heaney, B. A., to continue as his pastor for another year, was extended by the Methodist Church at their annual meeting. Mr. Heaney accepted subject to the appointment of the conference.

MADE PRESENTATION. At a gathering of the staff at noon yesterday in the office of the A. H. Williams Machinery Co., an easy chair and smoker's set were presented to B. M. Langille, one of their number, in honor of his approaching marriage. The presentation carried with it expressions of all good wishes for the future, to which the recipient graciously replied.

Embezzling Case in Police Court

President of Longshoremen's Assn. Gives Evidence in Langbein Charge.

The books of the Longshoremen's Association showing the moneys received and expended from 1913 to the year 1921 were submitted in evidence yesterday in the case of Gustave C. Langbein, the Association's former secretary-treasurer who is charged with embezzling the funds entrusted to his care.

President Donovan. J. J. Donovan, the president of the Association, who stands out of the day afternoon and read the entries made by Langbein in the Association's books, and the monthly financial statements submitted. The most striking bit of evidence brought out was that on April 30, 1915, the Association's books showed a balance to their credit of \$331.23, while the treasurer's book only showed a balance of \$631. Mr. Reicker, the auditor who discovered the shortage which led to the arrest, was present in court and will be called as a witness when the case is resumed at 11 o'clock this morning.

Liquor Selling Case

The case of Harry Wetmore, charged with selling liquor was resumed and Police Constable Corbett called as witness. The officer stated that he was on duty on Mill Street Sunday morning and saw Louis Christie get out of a car and go into the defendant's house at about 2 a. m. He had nothing in his hand at the time, but when he returned a few minutes later was carrying a parcel. The witness and Officer Colwell, then searched the car and found a bottle of whiskey wrapped in white tissue paper. Christie said it was his, whereupon he was placed under arrest and taken to the police station.

At a quarter to three Saturday morning, he said, he saw car No. 844 stop in front of Wetmore's. There were two women and a man in the car, and the women got out and went into the house. A great deal of the evidence given by the witness was objected to by E. S. Ritchie, who appeared for the defense. In taking objection, he said, he did so on the same grounds as a number of other attorneys. He thought there should be some limit to what the prosecution could be allowed to ask under the Act. The evidence was admitted subject to objection.

W. M. Ryan appeared for the liquor authorities and the case was postponed to this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Morning Session. At the morning sitting of the court V. D. Northrup, reported by Sergt-Spinney for speeding across the head of the East Side ferry boats as the people were coming up from the boat and negotiating to blow his horn, was fined \$20. Max Leander, charged with careless driving, failure to sound his horn and not giving a signal to the traffic policeman at the corner of Mill and Pond street, asked for time to get witnesses and his case was left over until tomorrow. The Magistrate requires a deposit of \$20 for his appearance.

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Oil Fuel Depot Once More Before Council

Fire Underwriters Oppose Barge in Rodney Slip—Retaining Walls Discussed.

Again the city has had to turn down an application for the location of an oil fuel depot at this port, because of opposition by the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters, but Commissioner Bullock says we will have one if the city has to go into the business themselves, the report submitted at the meeting of the council yesterday being unfavorable. The matter of retaining walls was discussed and a report on this subject will be submitted. An application for the lease of the "potato" shed was referred to Commissioner Bullock. Several matters of routine business were disposed of.

Mayor Schofield presided, and Commissioners Thornton, Bullock, Frink and Jones were present.

Financial Recommendations. The Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs recommended the payment of the following departmental accounts for the past month, namely: Dept. of Public Works, \$1,187.29; Dept. of Public Safety, \$2,927.73; Dept. of Water and Sewerage, \$3,987.41; Harbor, Ferries and Public Lands, \$3,923.21; Dept. of Finance, \$500.48.

And reported payments for the month of May amounting to \$200,461.13. The report of the committee of the whole, as published yesterday morning, was adopted.

Fire Underwriters. The report of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters in connection with the application of the Imperial Oil Co. for permission to establish a tank in the harbor of Rodney Slip was read. The report condemned the proposed installation and recommended instead tanks on land. On motion of Commissioner Bullock, a copy was ordered sent to the Imperial Oil Co. In moving the resolution, Commissioner Bullock called attention to the fact that when the application of the Shell Co. was under consideration, the underwriters had recommended the lighterage system.

A petition was received from a number of the residents of Lansdowne Avenue asking the city to lay concrete walks to their houses, and offering to pay the cost of same. The commissioner of public works was authorized to grant the request.

Retaining Walls. The matter of retaining walls came up, on the request of C. Ritchie, of Rodney street and the St. John Desk Co. for walls. Commissioner Frink stated this was a serious matter and will bring in a report covering the walls needed in various parts of the city.

The application of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. for permission to place three poles in Pokok Road was referred to the commissioner of public works.

A communication asking the city to send a representative to the meeting of fire chiefs to be held in Parrsboro June 23-29, was referred to the commissioner of safety with power to act.

A request for a ten-year lease of the "potato" shed on west side for a period of ten years at an annual rental of one dollar, was received from the Furness, Withy Co. They offered, if the lease was granted, to repair the shed and install a new heating plant. Referred to the harbor commissioner for report.

Reports Received. The Board's attorney will also be instructed to prosecute a number of retail dealers to whom the Assistant Police Inspector, Mrs. Edmund Flewelling, refused to issue permits, but who sold milk notwithstanding. In addition to the grocery men, three milk vendors who neglected to renew their licenses this year will also be brought to book.

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Steam Railroad Men Expecting Wage Cut

Passenger and Freight Rates Must be Reduced—Reduced Wages Must Precede.

The light travel on all trains entering and leaving the city has been the cause of much comment among railroad men of late, and officials have not been slow to express an opinion on the time causes. A leading official informed The Standard, recently, that the holiday travel, May 24th and June 3rd, showed a falling off of forty per cent, compared with the corresponding period last year. The true of both railroad systems operating in this city, he also said that the daily travel on regular passenger trains is just about one-half what it was this time last year. It was not unusual for the Boston train to carry extra coaches for the accommodation of the public, he said. Now on the two day coaches there are scarcely enough passengers to make a respectable showing in one coach. On an average about a half dozen passengers detrain from the Montreal train arriving at 1 p.m. The same passenger traffic conditions hold true on the C. N. R. system.

Two Outstanding Causes. Our informant says the cause of the falling off in passenger traffic can be attributed, in part, to the hard times, people not being as flush with money as they were one year ago. He is of the opinion, however, that the leading factor contributing to the greatly reduced passenger traffic is the excessive rate charged on passenger mileage. This must be reduced, he says, and in order to reduce it there must, necessarily, be a reduction in the rate charged on freight. He understands that the C. N. R. management is to present a greatly reduced wage schedule to its employees, eliminate the "potato" shed and the "potato" shed, the object of getting back to pre-war rate schedules.

He says the sentiment of the employees has been ascertained, and, for the most part, they regard the reduced wage scale to be proposed as the only thing that could logically be expected in the changed order of things, and but little opposition is looked for from the Brotherhoods.

Board of Health To Take Action. Tenant Refuses to Leave Condemned House—Retail Dealers to be Prosecuted. The refusal of a tenant to vacate a house condemned by the Board of Health as unfit for human habitation was reported to the Board of Health at a meeting held in the Board's office in the Ritchie building, Princess street, yesterday afternoon, and presided over by the chairman, John Kelly.

Notwithstanding the very dire and insanitary condition into which the building has fallen, the Board in question has remained obstinate to all requests, orders, or demands, of the Board of Health officers that he vacate. "It's home, sweet home for him; and those who don't like it can jump it. He means to stay put." Such ideas find little sympathy with the Board and legal action will be taken to see that its orders are obeyed.

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SHOT IN THE FOOT. A woman from Barker street, who received a bullet wound in the foot through the accidental discharge of a gun last evening, was taken to the hospital for treatment, but as an X-ray could not be taken till this morning she returned home.

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"Reach" Baseball Supplies. Our stock is most complete in this line, including: Balls, Bats, Masks, Protectors, Mitts, Shoe Plates, Gloves, etc. Everything required for amateur or professional in the baseball line. Close Saturday 1 o'clock June, July, August and September. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Big Mid-June Sale of SUMMER MILLINERY Commences This Morning. Among the many varieties especially selected for this sale, you will find Hats both untrimmed and ready-to-wear in a host of modish styles and in the season's most favored colors and braids. Untrimmed Hats are in Chape, Tagals, Milan Tagals, Milan Temps, Piping Straws, etc., in small urban shapes; off the face styles; saltors, plain and rolled and too many others to tell about. Sale Prices: 75c, 95c, \$1.50 and \$2.50. Trimmed and Ready-to-wear Hats are made from Embroidered Batavias, smart combinations of braid and straw in two-color effects; Ribbon bands, etc. Jaunty Tam shapes, wide-brimmed affairs. Hats with rolled sides and many other shapes are included. Sale Prices: \$1.50 and \$2.50. Women, Misses and Children can all make satisfactory selection from these assortments. Flowers and Ornaments 25c and 50c. All the newest colors are included in these. It will be very easy to find a suitable spray of flowers, grass or fruit; or a smart pin in colors and kind to suit any of the hats above mentioned. The prices quoted tell their own value story. Be on hand as early as possible for the choice of selection. (Millinery Salon—Second Floor.) Sale Hats will not be sent on approval or exchanged.

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited. KING STREET GERMAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE. ARRANGING TO TAKE OVER STOCKS. Liquor Commission and Local Wholesale Vendors Will Have Final Meeting Today. The Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, chairman of the New Brunswick Liquor Commission stated last evening that he and his colleagues, Martin McGuire and A. F. Bentley, had about completed their conferences with the representatives of the two local wholesale liquor vendors and that it was hoped that today would be the final meeting when all arrangements would be completed for taking over the liquor stocks of both houses which will be deposited to the retail vendors by the commission itself. ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT. Mrs. L. B. Meister, 135 Water St. West, announces the engagement of her daughter Gwendolyn P. to Edward J. Harned, of West St. John. Marriage to take place at an early date. THE QUICK HOT DINNER FOR THE BUSY MAN, at La Tour Hotel, King Square, 12 noon, to 2.30 p. m., 60 cents. F. Rasmussen, of Montreal, representative of Danebrog, the only Danish journal published in Canada, called at The Standard office yesterday.