

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast.  
Maritime — Westerly and northwesterly winds; fair and cooler.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—Cool weather has prevailed throughout the greater part of Canada, with showers in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and also locally from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. There are indications of the development of a disturbance in the Southwest States.

	Temperatures.	Min.	Max.
Dawson	24	24	60
Prince Rupert	46	46	62
Victoria	44	44	64
Vancouver	42	42	64
Kamloops	38	38	66
Prince Albert	32	32	46
Calgary	34	34	48
Moos Jaw	32	32	40
Regina	38	38	43
Qu'Appelle	38	38	42
Winnipeg	48	48	62
Parry Sound	46	46	62
London	36	36	60
Toronto	41	41	61
Kingston	48	48	60
Ottawa	42	42	58
Montreal	48	48	60
Quebec	54	54	62
St. John	54	54	64
Halifax	56	56	64

## AROUND THE CITY

Miss McNamee Ill.  
The many friends of Policeman James McNamee will learn with regret that his eldest daughter was very ill last night and may possibly have to undergo an operation this morning for appendicitis.

Public Utilities.  
A. B. Connell, chairman of the Public Utilities commission, and F. P. Robinson, secretary, arrived in the city last night to attend a meeting of the commission to be held here this afternoon. Only routine matters are to come before the board.

Non-Support.  
Yesterday afternoon Detective Killen, armed with a warrant issued by Magistrate Steeves of Moncton, placed James Crozman, aged 23, under arrest on the charge of non-support of his wife. Last evening Chief of Police Rideout of Moncton arrived in the city and took the prisoner away on the Halifax express last night. Crozman says that he left his wife boarding with his sister in Moncton only a couple of weeks ago and he came to St. John in search of work. He was rather surprised when placed under arrest.

Living Cost Goes Up.  
The high cost of living is making rapid advances in St. John. Some of the popular restaurants have recently advanced the prices of many items on their bill of fare by a trifle of forty per cent. It is said that the increasing difficulty of distending salaries so as to compass the cost of living may have some effect on the marriage market, as many girls jump at a chance to work for somebody without wages, but this is only a rumor. Meantime many are hoarding their money in the farm lands of the province, so as to be sure of getting something to eat in the dark and dubious future.

## CELEBRATE THEIR 39TH ANNIVERSARY

Taylor's Lodge Independent Order of Oddfellows. Hold Pleasant Entertainment.

Taylor's Lodge No. 19, Independent Order of Oddfellows, celebrated its 39th anniversary last evening by holding an entertainment in its hall on Elmonds street. R. E. Coupe presided and delivered a brief address of welcome. H. E. Coder, deputy grand master, delivered an address on the growth of the order generally, and M. D. Brown spoke of the progress of Taylor's Lodge and gave some interesting light on its history. An excellent vocal and musical programme was carried out. B. Gath contributing a song, Roy Harding a recitation, H. C. Marley a solo, Mrs. M. A. Palmer a duet, Mrs. George Maxwell a piano solo, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. E. Griffiths a duet, C. Calbert a song, and Miss Thorne a solo. Mr. Waldron acted as accompanist. After the programme refreshments were served. Everybody had an enjoyable time.

Blankets.  
Another lot of those shaker blankets just received at P. A. Dykeman and Co.'s store and will be placed on sale Wednesday morning. Over three hundred pairs bought direct from the mills that means that you save the middle man's profit by buying your shaker blankets there. They can be had in white with pink and blue borders, 55c; 72, 81.50; 60x76, 81.50; 64x80, 82.10; 72x80, 82.85. Gray, 55c; 72, 81.50; 60x76, 81.50; 64x80, 82.10. Crib blankets, 30x38, 50 cents, also a lot of fancy crib blankets in a large range of colors at 60 cents. Cot blankets with pink and white borders, 39x88, 85 cents.

Newest Fashions.  
A. C. Gilmour returned yesterday morning from a very successful trip to Toronto and Montreal, where he placed orders for the latest and smartest designs in men's fine neckwear for fall and Christmas. He also selected some of the newest cloths to be made up for the fashionable Norfolk suits and other styles. This visit will bring to the customer of "Gilmour's" the very newest goods that are in vogue in the style centres.

Carleton Curlers' Fair.  
The Carleton Curling Club will hold a fair on the West Side, opening Wednesday evening, and continuing till October 4. A band will be in attendance each evening and suitable prizes will be given. The door price will be 50 in gold.

## THE LONGSHOREMEN'S DEMAND AS VIEWED FROM BOTH SIDES

What the Men are Asking in Comparison with what they Now Receive, and the Rates Paid for Similar Work in Competing Ports — Shipping Men will Hold Meeting to Consider it.

General interest was exhibited yesterday in the announcement of the new schedule of wages, drawn up by the Longshoremen's union No. 273, and presented to the shipping companies on Saturday, with the notice that the union would move to put the new schedule into effect on November 16. Local shipping men yesterday declined to discuss the demand or the probable action of the shipping companies, beyond saying that the matter demanded serious consideration, and that a meeting of shipping men would probably be held in a few days to consider a line of action.

If the shipping companies refuse to grant the demands of the men, there is every likelihood of a prolonged struggle as the union men have been preparing to move for higher pay for some years, and they are backed by the big International Longshoremen's union, with affiliations on both sides of the Atlantic. If it comes to a struggle, the conflict will have to be fought out here, as Halifax, Portland and Boston are under the jurisdiction of the International Association, and the longshoremen of those ports would be barred from handling the cargoes of ships diverted from St. John.

The shipping companies will also have to deal with a demand from the Marine Freight Checkers' Union for higher wages on November 16th. Another local of the Longshoremen's Association, the Coal Handlers' union, which raised the winter rate from 30 to 35 cents last winter, will also make a demand for 40 cents for day's work, to go into effect on November 16th. These unions have not yet presented their demands, as they are waiting on the sanction of the International Association.

If the shipping companies concede the demand of the men, St. John will be ahead of Boston, Portland, Montreal, Halifax and other ports, as regards the wages and conditions of labor for longshoremen.

As compared with the former rates, the new schedule calls for substantial increases all round. Where the men have been working in summer for 35 cents an hour, with a nine-hour day, and for 30 cents in winter with a ten-hour day, they want 40 cents an hour throughout the year. Where the old day rates of 25 cents in summer and 20 in winter obtained for night work, they are now asking for 45 cents for night work. Where the Sunday and holiday rate during the day time was 60 cents, they are asking for 80 cents. Where Sunday work was 60 cents, they are asking for 90 cents.

Under the old schedule grain was handled for 40 cents day and night; for coal calls for grain calls put on 55 cents by day and 60 by night. The new schedule calls for double pay when the men are required to work meal hours on ordinary days, \$1.30 for meal times on Sunday and \$1.35 for meal times on Sunday night. For Sunday nights a rate of 90 cents an hour is asked.

In Montreal the longshoremen receive 30 cents an hour for day work, and 35 cents for night work, with special rates for handling grain.

In Boston the day rate on general cargo is 33 cents an hour, and on bulk cargo 35 cents an hour. The day rate on the St. John River, on Sunday evening, August 10th. The said drowning was caused by the collision of a motor boat managed by Frederick Smith with tender towed by a motor boat navigated by Charles Connell.

The said collision was by the boat navigated by Charles Connell being on the wrong side according to the rules of the road, and we, the jury of this inquest, do strongly recommend that some law should be placed upon the statute books governing the overloading and the carrying of passengers on small boats.

Coroner's Jury Bring in Verdict to this Effect after Investigating Death of Ernest Earle.

The inquiry into the death of Ernest Earle, who was drowned in the river on the night of August 10th, was concluded before Coroner Roberts Monday night. The following verdict was brought in by the jury:

We, the jury unpanelled to inquire into the death of Ernest Earle, find that the said Ernest Earle came to his death by drowning at, or near, Cedar Point on the St. John River, on Sunday evening, August 10th. The said drowning was caused by the collision of a motor boat managed by Frederick Smith with tender towed by a motor boat navigated by Charles Connell. The said collision was by the boat navigated by Charles Connell being on the wrong side according to the rules of the road, and we, the jury of this inquest, do strongly recommend that some law should be placed upon the statute books governing the overloading and the carrying of passengers on small boats.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartlett and Mrs. Herb Bartlett, of St. John, were recent visitors to Margsville.

Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer is at the Royal.

Dr. W. S. Carter is in Campbellton.

W. J. Fraser of St. John, was in Fredericton yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith returned yesterday from a visit to Mrs. David Staples, of Fredericton.

Alex. Thompson, of St. John, was in Fredericton yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Northrup, of Clifton, King's County, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Guilford E. Newell, of Perry's Point.

Mrs. H. C. Marley, nee Corbett, will be at home to her friends Friday afternoon and evening, September 26th, at her residence, 193 Paradise Row.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCafferty left last evening on the steamer Calvia Austin to visit their son, who is on the news staff of the New York Sun.

## THE BAPTIST CONVENTION HARD AT WORK

Two Hundred Delegates from all parts of Province Listen to Able Addresses — Much Business

In the vicinity of two hundred delegates of the Baptist denomination from all over the province arrived in the city yesterday to attend the eighth annual convention of the Association of United Baptist Churches of New Brunswick.

The preliminary meetings were held yesterday afternoon and last evening. They were attended by a large number.

Yesterday afternoon the Baptist ministers' conference met in annual session and again last evening. At the afternoon session able addresses were given by Rev. R. J. Colpitts, of Upper Keswick and Rev. A. S. Evans, of Gagetown. In the absence of the president of the conference, Rev. Dr. Hutchison, Rev. M. P. McCutcheon presided. At the evening meeting Rev. James MacLackie, of Florenceville, preached to the general association taking as his subject "The Bible and the Ministry." The discourse was eloquent and scholarly and much appreciated.

At the afternoon meeting Rev. Mr. Evans spoke on "The Pastor in His Study," and delivered an interesting address.

At the evening meeting there was a large attendance of visiting and local ministers and the address of Rev. Mr. MacLackie proved inspiring.

During the meeting the moderator, Rev. Dr. Cousins, called upon Rev. F. Newcombe, district secretary of the Bible Society, who thanked the association for the opportunities they have opened up for the presentation of the Bible Society's work, especially for arranging their programme so as to permit of an address by Rev. W. B. Cooper, of Toronto, general Canadian secretary.

Rev. Mr. Cooper then addressed the gathering and in an interesting and convincing way set forth the importance of the work being done by the society.

The Women's Auxiliary.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Women's Missionary Aid Society, which is being held simultaneously with the association meetings opened yesterday afternoon with a large attendance of delegates. Considerable business was transacted during the afternoon.

A devotional service inaugurated the meeting and was conducted by Mrs. Archibald. The address of welcome to the delegates was given by Mrs. Wentworth and Mrs. Killam of Moncton, replied. Mrs. Johnson sang a solo after which the corresponding secretary, Miss Slipp, submitted her annual report.

The report showed that the organization has had a very successful year in every respect. There have been large gains in membership and contributions. Eighteen new aid societies were formed during the year.

An interesting address was given by Mrs. Robinson, of Boston, secretary for the eastern section in the States. She dealt in an interesting manner with the work as carried on there.

This morning the association will meet in Brussels street Baptist church for the first business meeting of the convention. This afternoon a joint meeting of the association and women's auxiliary will be held.

THE HEAVY LOSSES BY FIRE IN THE SMALL UNPROTECTED TOWNS.

The recent heavy fire at Petitodiac by which six or twelve buildings were destroyed and the fire reported in the same issue of the daily papers at Hopewell, N. S., call attention once again to the enormous losses that are occurring continually in the unprotected towns throughout New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The above towns similar to the above, consisting of a closely built main street and without any fire protection except hastily improvised bucket brigades. In these circumstances when a fire once starts it is impossible to stop it until it has burned everything it could reach. In these circumstances also there must necessarily be heavy losses and insurance rates must be correspondingly high.

The urgent need of some fire protection to every one who gives the matter charge on a small community and yet one which at the same time would be most thoroughly effective is apparent to all.

Such a machine is the 40 gallon chemical on wheels, which has been established in a number of the smaller places in New Brunswick and has time after time confined the fire which happened to the buildings where it started and averted a conflagration.

Since for instance the chemical was installed in Hampton a number of fires have occurred, any one of which might have caused serious damage, but in every case the fire has been confined in the building of origin. In addition to this protection from sweeping fires, the community have enjoyed reduced insurance rates as a result of the improved fire protection.

It would seem that communities such as the above so lately scourged by fire, should consider seriously whether they should not appropriate funds or collect them by public subscription to install such apparatus.

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