

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:
Maritime—Light winds, fine and warm.
Washington, Aug. 11—Northern New England—Fair Thursday; Friday showers, gentle to moderate and mostly south winds.

Toronto, Aug. 11—Thunderstorms have occurred today in southern portions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, otherwise the weather has been fine in all portions of the Dominion, and for the most part decidedly warm.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	60	78
Kamloops	56	83
Edmonton	52	84
Battleford	54	88
Prince Albert	56	84
Calgary	50	86
Moose Jaw	59	89
Regina	61	89
Winnipeg	62	92
Port Arthur	52	76
Perry Sound	54	82
London	58	84
Toronto	60	82
Ottawa	54	84
St. John	58	74
Halifax	59	70

Around the City

Carleton Band Played
Many people listened to an excellent concert given on the square, West End, last evening by the Carleton Corset band under the direction of Bandmaster Murray Long.

St. John Composer
Robert H. Dobson, formerly of St. John, and now of Winnipeg, has written and published a waltz entitled "Wahonoi," which he has dedicated to his mother.

Four More Recruits
Two recruits went forward to Sussex last evening as members of the 55th Battalion. Two men were signed on yesterday for the overseas heavy battery on Partridge Island. No embarkation orders have as yet arrived for the battery.

Motor Trip
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hamilton of the Philippines, who are summering in St. John, returned Tuesday after an enjoyable motor trip through Maine. They were accompanied by Misses Muriel Russell, Dorothy Waterbury and Helen Ketchum.

Sailors Looked Well
The members of the detachment of sailors and marines from Bermuda were in evidence about the streets yesterday afternoon, when they paraded through the streets to the station. They were given a hearty send off. They presented a fine appearance in their parade through the streets.

Lancaster Sewerage
The bonds for the sewerage extension in Lancaster have been sold at auction, the contract signed and work is about to be started. Full gangs of men will not be employed just yet as there is a good deal of preliminary work to do. The contractors for the excavation and manhole work, Kane & Rios, expect to be able to carry out their contract with their own men.

Invitation from Boston.
The secretary of the Board of Trade has received a communication from the directors of the port of Boston inviting representative citizens of St. John to visit that city this month when facilities are promised for a mutual interchange of views on matters affecting trade. It is probable that several prominent men of this city will respond to the invitation.

The City of Duty
William Allen, caretaker of Odd Fellows' Hall, Union street, has enlisted with the 55th Battalion. He is a veteran of the South African war, and said he considered it his duty to join the colors again and do all in his power to uphold the honor of Canada. In enlisting, he said he had sacrificed a good position, but he was willing to do that if his services would be of value to his country. As he does not expect to have an opportunity of bidding farewell to his many friends personally, he wishes to do so through the medium of the press.

Apple Crop Light.
The fruit report for August issued by the Fruit Commissioner's branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, states with regard to the estimate of the marketable crop for New Brunswick with northeastern Quebec, that conditions in this district (No. 5), have changed since the last report. The drop of fruit has been heavy, and in many cases where early reports were encouraging there is now only a small crop in evidence. This condition is more apparent with later apples which will be light. Gravenstein and McIntosh are fair and some fall varieties still look well.

SALE AT M. R. A'S OF CHILDREN'S COLORED WASH DRESSES

This is just the opportunity mothers have been waiting for to outfit the children for the opening of school. The dresses are oddments and manufacturers' samples in this season's most attractive garments, and will be offered at most alluring bargain prices. The sale will commence this morning at 8.30 in Whitewear Department, second floor.

COMMISSIONERS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN MR. BAXTER

Resolution of Complete Satisfaction with Statements of City Solicitor—Carleton Street Garage matter subject of warm debate at City Hall.

The city commissioners in committee yesterday considered the matter of the difference between F. B. Williams and the building inspector in reference to the granting of a permit for the erection of a garage in Carleton street. Mr. Williams was present and claimed that a building permit was being withheld on account of personal spite on the part of Commissioner McLellan and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, the city solicitor.

Hon. Mr. Baxter was present and he and Commissioner McLellan denied the accusation. During the discussion it came out that Mr. Baxter had only been consulted on Monday and when Mr. Carleton, the building inspector, had told him the application for a permit was not in proper form he had advised him that it be right before the permit was granted. The building inspector said the plans were not acceptable and the proper application for the permit had only been given to him at noon on Wednesday. He was willing to go over the plans with Mr. Williams and the matter was left with the understanding that the inspector and Mr. Williams meet this morning and consider the plans.

Confidence in Mr. Baxter.

Before the meeting closed the commissioners passed a resolution expressing their complete confidence in Mr. Baxter and his work as city solicitor. Each commissioner expressed his own reliance on the word of Mr. Baxter.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor Frink, Commissioners Wigmore, Potts, Russell and McLellan, with Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Mr. Williams and the common clerk.

When the meeting opened Mr. Baxter said he understood it had been alleged that because he was acting for John Welsh in a lawsuit in a private capacity he was taking steps to hinder and prevent Mr. Williams from obtaining his permit.

Mayor Frink said that was the substance of the statements made at the morning meeting.

Mr. Williams Wrong.

"This is in my department," said Commissioner McLellan. "I have two different newspaper statements here. I think the statements made by W. M. Jarvis in his published letter are absolutely correct. The remarks credited to Mr. Williams, the applicant, are to be the proprietor of the building to be erected, if he is properly reported, are absolutely wrong. Only one statement is in it correct and that is that I told the builder that I would prevent it being put up if I could. The statement that it is a case of spite on my part is news to me."

Mayor Frink: "As far as the newspapers are concerned we can leave them outside. Mr. Williams came here this morning and asked the committee, as is his right, why he was not allowed to secure a permit to erect the building."

Commissioner McLellan: "Then let him make the statement as made this morning. As far as I am personally involved there will be no difficulty in proving that the statement is a deliberate falsehood."

Mayor Frink: "Mr. Williams said the contractor had applied for a permit and the building inspector had declined to issue it."

A Statement.

"Mr. Green, the builder, has reported to me as follows: He submitted plans July 27, 1915 to the building inspector, Mr. Carleton. Mr. Carleton approved of the plans but said that before issuing a permit he was to consult the commissioner. He filled in an application for Mr. Green to sign, then told Mr. Green he would have to wait until he, Mr. Carleton, saw the commissioner. He approved of the strength of everything and of the plans. July 28th or 29th Mr. Green again applied and submitted the plans; he was told by Mr. Carleton to leave them for a while. Mr. Green asked him for how long, and his reply was 'Don't ask me.' Mr. Green then said: 'Have I got to come here day after day submitting plans and asking for a permit?' He replied, 'No. Wait until you are sent for.' Mr. Green went back about two days later and again requested a permit and was told by Mr. Carleton that the matter was in the hands of the council."

"Mr. Green also says he met Commissioner McLellan, told him about his application to Mr. Carleton for a permit and how he was being delayed, also how Mr. Carleton stated he would not issue a permit until he had the commissioner's consent. Commissioner McLellan replied that he would use all the legal machinery at his command to prevent the erection of a building to be used for a garage."

Commissioner McLellan: "It's a lie."

Continuing, Mr. Williams said: "I have been called on by another party, a resident of St. John, who said he was anxious to sell a large sized gasoline tank and that he had gone to Commissioner McLellan to find out how large a gasoline tank would be acceptable for this new garage. Commissioner McLellan's reply was to dismiss it from his mind, as there was not going to be a building erected for a garage if he could prevent it."

"The building inspector also referred to Mr. Baxter. Mr. Baxter is

solicitor for Mr. Welsh, who has been a trespasser on my property and I had to have an injunction stopping him from trespassing. Mr. Baxter is solicitor for the city as well as looking after Mr. Welsh's interest and is attorney general too. If these two men are not holding the big stick over the building inspector I would like to know the reason why."

Commissioner McLellan: "It is a lie."

Wanted a Permit.

Mr. Williams said he wanted a permit for the building as the plans were within the requirements of the law. Mr. Carleton, the building inspector, explained that the contractor had told him the contract called for a building of brick while the plans were one of brick and steel. He had explained that he could not issue a permit till the plans were correct.

Mr. Baxter said when he saw the plans and application there was no signature and there could be no visible applicant. Whether Mr. Welsh was a trespasser or not made no difference to the council excepting as an unnecessary slur on himself and to make it appear that he was acting for a client in a private capacity while acting for the city and also to influence the public to such an extent that Mr. Williams would secure what he wished.

Commissioner Potts: "I do not think that is it."

Mr. Baxter: "That is his game." In answer to a question by Mayor Frink the building inspector said he was not influenced in the matter by any individual.

Inspector's Right.

Commissioner McLellan: "My name has been used in connection with this matter but if Mr. Williams had had legal advice he would have known that no one could use the club on the inspector, for he is a public officer. He is the harbor master and there is only one appeal when he unreasonably declines to grant a permit. Then there is a board of arbitrators to whom it can be referred. We had two or three cases in the past, but they were all decided in favor of the inspector."

Mr. Williams: "Did you not use the words legal machinery?" Commissioner McLellan: "Never, if I referred to the law it would not be in those terms."

Further explanations were made by the building inspector. He pointed out that the plans had not been properly submitted and the application had not been properly made. He was willing to meet Mr. Williams and go over the plans.

Grave Reflections.

Mr. Baxter then said: "There have been certain statements made and repeated this afternoon and they have been answered. They are, I think, as grave reflections as could be made of any man in a public capacity. Before this meeting adjourns I want Mr. Williams either to withdraw the statements or substantiate them. If he cannot substantiate them I ought to resign even if you do not dismiss me from the position of city solicitor. If he cannot substantiate them I ought not to be placed in this position."

Mr. Williams: "I will withdraw anything I have said. Mr. Mott will back me up."

Mayor Frink: "It is a very serious statement to make concerning a man occupying a position of city solicitor."

Commissioner McLellan: "I thought Mr. Baxter took Mr. Williams' words too seriously."

Commissioner Wigmore moved a vote of confidence in the city solicitor. He said he had found him true, honest and upright.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Russell. Commissioner Potts expressed his confidence and trust in Mr. Baxter.

Commissioner McLellan also supported it, saying: "As far as any reflections on me are concerned I do not care but the city solicitor is different and I think the vote is necessary because I do not think it should go broad over the country that any citizen has been able to come here and make such statements. I do not want to be personal or harsh but if any man is capable of making the statement about holding a club to a man he is going a long distance and it should be kept in mind for future occasions before anything he may say may be taken as truthful. I take pleasure in saying in the presence of the recorder that I would record my confidence in him as statements."

The motion of confidence was put and carried unanimously.

HANDSOME SILK DRESSES

F. A. Dykeman & Co. have received just recently a very large shipment of their new autumn silk dresses. They are made from the popular silk poplins and paillettes. Some of the cleverest styles that have been shown in many seasons are to be seen among the collection. A large range of colorings as well as sizes enables every one who wants a silk dress to be suited from this lot. The prices are from \$7.75 to \$25.00.

BUSINESS BRISK ON RIVER STEAMERS

Heavy freights and many passengers came to the city yesterday.

River steamers arriving at Indian town yesterday carried capacity cargoes made up chiefly of farm produce. Considerable quantities of this season's potatoes came down river and they sold for 80c. by the crate. Passenger traffic on the river was also heavy. The steamer Victoria had about 125 persons, including a party of Pythians from Fredericton and four visiting Deacons from Providence, R. I.

A party of Natural History girls arrived home on the Majestic from Websters on the Washademoak in charge of Curator Wm. McIntosh. They have been camping there for the past two weeks. A second party is still camping at Websters and later intend going up Grand Lake on a week's trip.

A racing stud composed of nine horses, belonging to Messrs. Lint, Stewart and Raymond was brought down from Fredericton on the Victoria. Attendants and equipment including sulkies accompanied the horses. Their names were A Game of Chance, 2.14½, Roy Volo, Miss Keefer, 2.22½, Tommy Cotter, James Kane, Nebroy, Peter Deal, John T. and Lillian Patchell. The horses attracted considerable attention as they passed down Main street on their way to Moosepath.

The steamers May Queen and Oconee, leaving yesterday for Chipman and Wickham, respectively, carried good cargoes and fair passenger lists.

CATHEDRAL PICNIC

YESTERDAY, BEST YET

Weather conditions ideal—Everything carried on without a hitch.

The weather was all that could be desired for the Cathedral picnic yesterday in aid of the orphans. There was not a cloud in the sky, the sun shone brightly and there was just enough breeze blowing over the mammoth picnic grounds at Torriburn to make it comfortable. During the day special trains of fourteen cars each carried the picnickers to and from the grounds, and in addition to those going from the city on the trains there were many automobiles and carriages. In all it is estimated that there was about three thousand persons in attendance.

In the morning the Sunday school scholars assembled at St. Malachi's Hall, Sydney street, and headed by the City Corset Band, the children paraded to the Union Depot. The boys had on their Sunday best while the little girls especially presented a pretty sight as they marched along all attired in their pretty white dresses.

The arrangements at the grounds were never better looked after and there was not a hint of any kind to well did the ladies and gentlemen members of the congregation who had charge, look after the different departments. Best of all there was not one thing during the day that would mar the pleasure of the crowd.

Swings, merry-go-rounds, the horses and in fact all the games that are needed on a picnic grounds were in full swing and all did a rushing business. The refreshment booths were large and well handled by the committee in charge, and the hungry and thirsty had no cause to complain of being well looked after.

The City Corset Band under the leadership of Bandmaster Waddington, was present all day and discoursed a delightful programme.

Those in charge of the different games had not made the reports last night so that a list of prize winners could not be given out. The winners of three games were given as follows:

Bean bag—Ladies first prize, a silver dish, Miss McCormick; gent's, first prize, set of carvers, H. A. Pearce.

Boys' competition—Jardinier, John Delany.

At a chance table the prize was a handsome pipe and this was captured by William Kyffin.

The train service was excellent, three trains conveying the pleasure seekers to the grounds, and the same number of trains bringing them back to the city. The last train arrived shortly after eight o'clock and all who had been attending the picnic voted it one of the best they had ever attended.

BOUVENIR MATINEE

IMPERIAL TODAY

Large and prettily mounted sepia photo-prints of Mary Pickford—picture complete 5x8 inches—will be given afternoon patrons at Imperial Theatre today. The Famous Players picture to be shown, "Such a Little Queen," made a splendid impression yesterday and attracted large business. Admirers of little Miss Pickford—who isn't?—will doubtless agree that as Queen Anna Victoria of the toy kingdom of Herzegovina and sweetheart of King Stephen of Bosnia (Carlyle Blackwell) the coy wee actress really excels herself.

The Post Office Interior.

R. J. Faloon of the Ottawa Tile and Mosaic Co., was in town yesterday in connection with the interior work of the new post office. Mr. Faloon's company handled the interior work on the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa.

SARGENT Builders' Hardware

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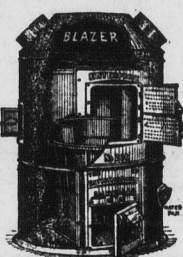
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A Low Price Offering of Oddments and Manufacturers' Samples in This Season's Most Attractive Garments

This will be a grand clearance of all remaining Summer Dresses and with such remarkable opportunities for saving that it will practically mean a loss of good money should you neglect to attend this important sale.

The children cannot have too many dresses and this chance for mothers to outfit them for the opening of school comes most timely.

The range of garments is so great that you will be able to choose with the utmost satisfaction, but the prices are so desirably low that haste will be necessary in order to benefit.

Commencing This Morning

CHILDREN'S COLORED DRESSES, for ages to 6 years, in Prints, Ginghams, Ducks, high and round necks, many with belts of color to match

Sale prices, each 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 95c

MISSSES' COLORED DRESSES, all are this season's best styles in attractive prints and ginghams.

Sale prices, each 35c, 65c, 95c, \$1.10

INFANTS' ROMPERS, Ginghams and Ducks, medium and dark shades, all good washing colors.

Sale prices, each 25c, 35c, 50c

Bargains in Ladies' Large Overall Aprons

LADIES' LARGE OVERALL APRONS, mostly dark prints in stripes and dots. A limited quantity only.

Sale prices, each 35c, 50c, 60c

WHITEWEAR DEPT.—SECOND FLOOR

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