

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh to northerly winds; fine and cooler. Toronto, May 7.—The area of high pressure mentioned last night now covers the northern and eastern portions of the province, while a moderate depression is situated in the western states. Fair weather has prevailed in Canada today, except for a few light local showers in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, while temperatures have fallen from the peninsula of Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Max Min Vancouver . . . . .42 56 Kamloops . . . . .43 65 Edmonton . . . . .32 46 Calgary . . . . .32 46 Battleford . . . . .29 56 Moosejaw . . . . .36 62 Winnipeg . . . . .28 52 Fort Arthur . . . . .28 44 Parry Sound . . . . .34 52 London . . . . .33 50 Toronto . . . . .40 59 Kingston . . . . .44 60 Ottawa . . . . .44 64 Montreal . . . . .44 64 Quebec . . . . .44 54 St. John . . . . .42 50 Halifax . . . . .40 60

Washington Forecast. New England fair Thursday and probably Friday; light to moderate north winds.

EXPRESS SERVICE BETWEEN HALIFAX, ST. JOHN AND MONTREAL

Marine Superintendent of D. A. R. Makes Important Statement—Fast Trains-Halifax to Digby, Fast Boats Between Digby and St. John and Fast Expresses to Montreal to Handle Tourist Travel—May Get New Bay Steamer.

It is probable that plans for an improved service between this port and Digby, including two fast boats a day, and fast-express trains between St. John and Montreal, and Digby and Halifax, will materialize this summer, said Alexander MacGregor, of Yarmouth, and marine superintendent of the Dominion Atlantic Railway Co., when in conversation with a Standard reporter last evening. Mr. MacGregor arrived in the city yesterday and is staying at the Royal. Although no definite plans have yet been formulated and the scheme for the improved service has not been decided upon, said Mr. MacGregor, it is confidently expected the change will be made this summer. With regard to a new and faster boat for the Digby-St. John service, the agents of the company in England have looked over half a dozen ships. One that is now running across the Irish channel, and which is looked upon as an exceptionally fast craft may be secured.

The proposed fast service across the bay, with fast trains, too, and from Montreal and St. John, and Digby and Halifax would shorten the time between Montreal and Halifax by about five hours and would undoubtedly prove a great boon to the travelling public. If the proposed service is inaugurated, it is probable that a steamer will leave St. John at the usual hour, while another will wait for the Montreal train, which is due here about noon.

The S. S. Prince Rupert, which is in use in the summer season, is at present at Yarmouth undergoing extensive repairs and is being fitted up for the heavy tourist travel. She will be on the route in about two weeks. A big increase in the amount of freight shipped across the bay has been noticeable during the past few months. Fertilizer is the chief item, as the Nova Scotia farmers object to the brand manufactured at Windsor. A substantial increase has been noted in other lines of freight and in the near future it is highly probable that it will take two steamers to transport it.

ELEVATOR BE COMPLETE IN DECEMBER

President of Metcalf Company in City well Satisfied with Progress—Hardest Part of Work Over.

James Spelman, president of the Metcalf Construction Company, and F. R. Hodge, of the board of management, are in the city staying at the Royal. When in conversation with The Standard last evening Mr. Spelman stated that the difficult portion of the work on the new elevator on the West Side had been completed and the next few months would see much headway made with the construction. During the period which the contract has been in operation, many difficulties were met and overcome, and it is confidently expected that in the next six weeks the walls will be built on hundred feet higher and much progress will be made with the other branches of the work.

When asked when the elevator would probably be in running order by December next, Mr. Spelman said that use for the steamers next winter. The new wharves, which are now under construction will probably hold the final completion of the elevator up for sometime, as the grain carriers cannot be finished until the new berths are ready for service. Next winter, however, temporary grain carriers will be run to the present berths at Sand Point to aid in loading the steamers and to relieve the present elevator of the strain of loading all the vessels.

Mr. Spelman was confident that the work would be safely carried to completion and looked forward to seeing the elevator in full running order next fall.

F. R. Hodge, who was suddenly called away to the United States by a sudden illness of his father, returned to the city yesterday. Mr. Hodge, who is here on an inspection trip, expressed the opinion that the work on the elevator was well up to the estimates and that he was fully satisfied with the work done. Mr. Hodge stated that the next few weeks would see a great increase in the height of the walls and other lines of work.

When asked if the company was contemplating any addition to the plant, Mr. Hodge stated that the machinery on hand was sufficient to complete the contract.

PLAY BALL! Spalding Baseball Goods FOR 1913 will be found of superior quality, workmanship and finish. Every boy wants the Spalding name on his ball, bat and glove. Spalding League Balls, Bats, Mitts, Gloves, Masks, Body Protectors, Shoes, etc., etc.

W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

FOR MEN Slater Shoe FOR WOMEN \$4.00 \$5.00 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$5.00

If you want the shoe that will give you comfort, the shoe that fixes the highest and best in footwear fashion, get the SLATER SHOE—a Canadian product acknowledged by everybody to be the world's best. We do not ask you to pay big, fancy prices for them but you get them at a "factory to wearer" price that will save you money on your footwear.

E. G. McColough Ltd. THE SLATER SHOE SHOP 81 KING ST.

"Reach" Baseball Goods The Recognized Standard of the Baseball World Today. If you want the very best practical baseball goods made—insist that they bear the mark REACH. The majority of baseball players—professional and amateur alike—want Reach goods. They're Made in Canada Now and Sold at the American Price. Finely Illustrated Catalogue on Request—Special Prices to the Trade. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd. Phone 2520 25 Germain St.

AROUND THE CITY

This Year's Tax Bills. The city chamberlain's staff is busy getting ready to issue the tax bills.

A Case of Destitution. Officer Sullivan has reported that James Corbett and his wife are living in destitute circumstances at 86 Fond street. It is probable that they will be taken to have them removed to the Municipal Home.

Will Illuminate King Square. The city commissioners have made arrangements for the illumination of King square this summer, and it is proposed to have the square lit up for the first time on the evening of May 24th. The city has also appointed a band to play at the square on that date, but it has not taken up the matter of arranging the programme.

Had a Varied Stock. An odd collection of curiosities was taken from the person of John H. Thompson on his arrival in Central station last evening. In custody of an officer who charges him with drunkenness. A putty knife, a pair of scissors, a two-foot rule, a lead pencil and a flask of whiskey were among the articles which the prisoner had in his possession at the time he was arrested.

The Incinerator Question. Com. Arar, who has been studying the question of the establishing an incinerator here will submit a resolution to the commissioners today, asking for authority to correspond with various companies which put up incinerators and to get estimates of the cost of a plant adapted to the needs of St. John. The Board of Health will shortly put on inspectors to go around ordering careless citizens to clean up their premises.

Real Estate Values Advancing. G. W. Badgley, the Montreal real estate man, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Royal. Mr. Badgley when interviewed by The Standard, expressed the opinion that the value of St. John real estate was steadily increasing and was in much demand. At present Mr. Badgley is contemplating building several houses on his property at Fairville and in carrying out other improvement work. Owing to the interest displayed in the boom in Montreal there is but little demand for St. John real estate there, practically all the selling being done in the Maritime Provinces.

PLENTY OF WORK FOR UNSKILLED LABORERS

Outlook Now is that Present Summer will Prove Busiest St. John Has Seen for Years.

The laborers about the city will probably have little cause to complain of the scarcity of work this summer. Present indications are that the season will be a very busy one for the unskilled workman, and all things point to there being a greater demand for laborers than there has been in St. John for a good many years. The Courtenay Construction Company during the past month has been steadily increasing its staff, and the intention is to continue doing so. During the past week, alone, as many as sixty-five new men have been engaged at the Courtenay Bay works, and the heads of the company say that new men will be added right along, so that this summer will find the number of men in the employ of the company more than doubled. Many men have also recently been added to the staff of the J. S. Metcalf Company, employed in the erection of the grain elevator on the West Side.

J. K. Wyman, superintendent of the work, said yesterday that, since the beginning of spring, large crews have been put on the job, and during the past fortnight the gang has been increased by between forty-five and fifty men. "New men are being added daily," said he, "but we are not hiring all who apply. There are many who apply here for work that are inferior workmen, and would be undesirable employees of the company, so we are obliged to turn them away." A number of companies are erecting buildings which will require a large amount of laboring work done on them, and these, along with other work under contract, should afford the men who desire work ample opportunity for obtaining it.

ST. JOHN LIKELY TO GET ANOTHER HUGE INDUSTRY

Managing Director of Molassine Company to Establish Factory in Canada, and St. John Now Looks to Him Like Best Location.

"It is the intention of my firm to erect a large factory and to incorporate a Canadian Co. at \$1,000,000," said John Prosser, managing director of the Molassine Company, Ltd., of London, England, to a Standard reporter last evening, and after being in Canada for some weeks and studying the advantages of the different cities both from a manufacturing and distributing point of view it is highly probable that St. John will be chosen. Mr. Prosser accompanied by Benjamin Horton, chairman of the company, arrived yesterday and are registered at the Royal. When speaking of the proposed factory Mr. Prosser stated that the many favorable arguments, chief among them being the erection of a large sugar refinery, and the new trade agreement with the West Indian Islands, had induced Mr. Horton and himself to come here and investigate the outlook, and although they had not made a thorough trip of inspection they were very favorably impressed both with the vast strides this city is making and with the excellent opportunity to distribute the finished product. Although Mr. Prosser did not speak definitely of the site and estimated output of the proposed factory, it is understood that it will favorably compare with the new sugar refinery now in course of construction, and will employ many hundred men. Last year the Molassine Co. shipped from England to Canada 10,000 bags of their product and considering the delay in transportation and the import duty, together with increased demand, it was decided to erect a factory and manufacture the product in Canada.

To this end Mr. Prosser and Mr. Horton came out and after visiting Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Buffalo, New York, Boston and Philadelphia it was decided to inspect the facilities offered at St. John, and while Mr. Prosser would not definitely state whether the factory will be erected here or not, a visit will also be made to the secretary of the Board of Trade and the next few days will be spent in getting as much information as possible to ascertain the ultimate success of the venture.

The intention of the Molassine Co. is direct evidence of the widespread publicity which St. John is having and of the substantial industrial expansion which is now in progress. That this factory would give employment to many hundreds of skilled laborers is assured, while the output would undoubtedly add much to the prosperity of the city.

THE CARPENTERS HAD A LIVELY UNION MEETING

Question of Using Material from Factories Whose Men are on Strike Caused a Lengthy Discussion.

There was a stormy session of the carpenters' union last evening when the question of refusing to use material from the woodworking factories whose employees are on strike came up for discussion. A large percentage of the members were in favor of inaugurating a sympathetic strike today, but this proposition was opposed on the ground that the master carpenters had not been given formal notice, so that they might secure other material. It was also pointed out that if the union declared a strike without the sanction of the international, the general officers might decide not to allow them strike pay. In view of these and other considerations the union decided to take no action on the question of a sympathetic strike today, though it is possible some of the members may quit work as a protest against handling non-union material. It is likely, however, that no move will be made until the international officers have been consulted. A strong committee was appointed to assist the woodworkers, and interview the factory owners. The union carpenters are all working on the eight hour day basis, those who went on strike at the sugar refinery having secured work elsewhere. It was said last night that the factory woodworkers who went out for an increase of fifteen per cent in pay were still holding together. Most of the factories have resumed operations with reduced staffs.

More Paving Wanted. A petition praying the city fathers to pave Germain street between Princess and King streets has been circulated among the property owners interested and it is said enough has been signed to enable the city to do the work and charge up half the cost to the abutters.

MORE POLICE NEEDED TO PATROL WEST END

Residents of West St. John are complaining about the police protection of that section which they declare is insufficient. At the present time the whole force of West End is composed of two men, one for day and the other for night duty, and it is found very difficult for the men to cover the district. What has recently aroused the attention of many West End residents on this matter is the work of "peepers" who have been quite active. A resident said yesterday that he had learned that a few of the men who were engaged in this practice had carried with them a ladder by which they reached the upper stories. Cases of this nature, one for day and the other for night duty, and it is found very difficult for the men to cover the district.

MARR'S FIRE SALE A CONTINUED SUCCESS

Yesterday's Crowds of Bargain Hunters Very Large Despite Unfavorable Weather—Reductions in all lines.

The unpleasant weather of yesterday did not prevent a large attendance at the fire sale of millinery at Marr's, the big store and showroom being thronged with eager bargain-seekers all day long, a fact which goes to show that the extraordinary values offered are keenly appreciated. As practically all hats in stock, at the time of the fire, were damaged only by handling, and are in really splendid condition, shoppers have demanded big reductions on everything. With this in view, the management have decided to place on the bargain list, 150 New York pattern hats, which arrived last Monday, and which will be offered at fire sale prices. Other special features include straw braids, in black, white and colors, at 15, 25 and 50 cents the piece, also a large assortment of the newest effects and colorings in flowers, which have been placed on sale at 15 cents a bunch. These prices hold good until Saturday night only. The store will be closed from 12 until 1 o'clock every day until further notice.

Will Plant Trees.

In conjunction with the public works department of the city the Agricultural Society has planted quite a number of trees this spring, and done other work with the object of adorning the streets and stimulating interest in the beautification of the city. Practically all the work of the Agricultural Society is being done under the direction of H. E. Gould.

Special Showing of Scotch and English Rugs

For Driving, Motoring and Travelling

This exhibit of Rugs comprises such a wide range of qualities that you are quite certain to find here something to exactly meet your requirements. People who have used our Rugs find that they give perfect satisfaction and we offer exceptionally good value at every price.

- WOOL RUGS, fringed, reversible plaids, each . . . . . \$2.25 to \$15.00
WOOL RUGS, cloth bound and stitched edges, each . . . . . \$8.25 to \$11.00
HIGH-GRADE LEATHER LUNCHEON CASES, each . . . . . \$38.00 to \$50.00
GOGGLES, a large assortment, at from . . . . . 85c to \$2.25
GENUINE THERMOS BOTTLES, pint or quart sizes, each . . . . . \$1.50 to \$3.75
VACUUM BOTTLES AND FOOD JARS, pint and quart sizes . . . . . 65c to \$2.50
LUNCH KITS, fitted with Thermos Bottles and Lunch Box, in a Keratol Case, complete at \$2.75 and \$3.50
DRINKING CUPS, collapsible, each . . . . . 15c to \$1.00
DRINKING CUPS, solid, 1 to 6 in. Leather or Metal Cases, prices from . . . . . 65c to \$7.75
RADIO MOTOR CLOTHS, for cleaning and polishing metal, each . . . . . 35c
WASHERS' RUBBER APRONS, each . . . . . \$2.50

ACCESSORIES FOR THE MOTORIST

GAUNTLET GLOVES, in black and tan, pair . . . . . \$1.50 to \$3.00
WATERPROOF GLEEVE PROTECTORS, pair . . . . . 50c and 85c
AUTO TRUNKS, black ansel covered, dust and waterproof, each . . . . . \$13 and \$18
AUTO SUIT CASE TRUNKS, with 2 cases, \$19.00; with 3 cases . . . . . \$23.50
TIRE TRUNKS, with tube arch or without, each . . . . . \$7.75 to \$16.25
RUG RAIL TRUNKS, each \$2.75 to \$10.75; one specially fitted for hats at . . . . . \$13.00
LUNCH BASKETS, fitted for 2 or 4 people, each . . . . . \$4.00 to \$16.00
THE LATEST AUTO RESTAURANT, fitted for 6 people . . . . . \$21.00
HIGH-GRADE LEATHER LUNCHEON CASES, each . . . . . \$38.00 to \$50.00
GOGGLES, a large assortment, at from . . . . . 85c to \$2.25
GENUINE THERMOS BOTTLES, pint or quart sizes, each . . . . . \$1.50 to \$3.75
VACUUM BOTTLES AND FOOD JARS, pint and quart sizes . . . . . 65c to \$2.50
LUNCH KITS, fitted with Thermos Bottles and Lunch Box, in a Keratol Case, complete at \$2.75 and \$3.50
DRINKING CUPS, collapsible, each . . . . . 15c to \$1.00
DRINKING CUPS, solid, 1 to 6 in. Leather or Metal Cases, prices from . . . . . 65c to \$7.75
RADIO MOTOR CLOTHS, for cleaning and polishing metal, each . . . . . 35c
WASHERS' RUBBER APRONS, each . . . . . \$2.50

"Success" Hand Vacuum Cleaner \$15

This little machine will work wonders if you only use it to help with the spring house cleaning. You will not have to take up carpets or rugs as this machine cleans them while on the floors as effectively as any power driven machine and runs as easily as an ordinary sweeper. The machine is made of aluminum, nickel plate and oxidized copper, all highly polished—it is very light, durable and an ornament in any home. CARPET DEPARTMENT, GERMAIN STREET.

Items Culled from the Whitewear Dept.

Ladies' New Long Kimonos, a new arrival in Challis, DeLaine, Crepe and Mirlins; very dainty and desirable colorings. Prices \$1.50 to \$4.50.
Infants' New Embroidered Cashmere Jackets, hand-made in long and short styles. Prices 50c. to \$5.00.
Infants' and Children's Sweaters, in white, navy and cardinal. Prices from 25c. to \$3.00.
Children's Separate Bloomers, in checks, navy and tan. Each 25c.
A full assortment of Children's Undergarments in white cotton and knitted goods.
Drawers, knitted with lace at knee, easily laundered, 15c. to 50c. Lots of pretty novelties for infants.
Bassinets, \$1.50 and \$1.75.
Baskets, two shelves and handle, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$2.85. Ladies' Vests, Drawers and Combinations in large varieties. Children's Colored Dresses, pretty styles, some great values at reduced prices.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited