

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh to strong south-westerly and westerly winds, fair, followed by showers tonight.

Poor Old Comet Has Much to Answer For

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Some Reasons Why You Should Buy Clothing at the J. N. Harvey Stores. During the nine years that we have been doing business in St. John we have proved conclusively that we can give better clothing values than any other clothing house. We have proved this by the clothes themselves. People who had bought for years at other stores, before buying here, will tell you that they get better values here. Some of the savings that our customers participate in are as follows: We buy direct from the manufacturers, saving the middleman's profit. Our selling expense is less because we do a strictly cash business, thus saving the office expense, which in other stores means from \$1,800 to \$2,500 as well as the collecting which costs an additional \$800 to \$1,000. All this you save when buying at these stores. You are compelled to contribute towards it when buying elsewhere, because you pay the same in cash as your friend who has it "charged," and necessitates all this office and collecting expense. Is that fair? If you are a cash buyer buy at these stores and save the difference. A look through our stock will convince you of the saving. MEN'S SUITS - \$7.50 to \$20.00. BOYS' SUITS - 1.98 to 12.00. J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring and Clothing, Opera House Block, 199 to 207 UNION STREET.

Pre-Holiday Sale of Summer Blouses, Choice 1910 Styles. A Galaxy of Manufacturer's Samples and Odd Lines at Much Under Regular Prices. These Waists reflect the usual M. R. A. discrimination in make and embellishment, a grouping of choice creations, comprising Manufacturer's Samples and Odd Lines which have again accumulated. This is an offering that should arouse much enthusiasm among St. John ladies, coming as it does in time to procure these delightful summery waists for the Holiday wear. Study the new effects, the faultless workmanship, the matchless daintiness of the models; then consider the wonderfully low price for each quality and you'll realize how very important this sale is from a money saving view-point. COMMENCING THIS MORNING

WHITE LAWN WAISTS, pretty, new trimming effects in lace and embroidery. A great variety of admirable styles from which to choose. Also a fine assortment of smart WHITE TAILORED WAISTS with laundered Collars and Cuffs. Sale prices 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 95c, \$1.10, \$1.25. COLORED WAISTS, many in Tailored style; light, maid, and dark Prints and Zephers in spots, stripes and figures. Neat, comfortable, well made waists and fine for the house wear. Sale prices 35c, 40c, 60c, 75c, 95c. BLACK SATEEN WAISTS, plain and braid trimmed. Particularly well sewn, made of good quality material in a great range of pleasing styles. Sale prices 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25. SILK and NET WAISTS, very dainty models, elaborated with fine lace and handsome embroidery. Remarkable values and a few only. Sale prices \$1.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00. THE BARGAINS WON'T LAST LONG—SO COME EARLY. WAIST SECTION — SECOND FLOOR. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.

EARTH GOES THROUGH COMET'S TAIL TONIGHT

May be Auroral Glow, but Nothing Serious --- Transit Across Sun Invisible Here--- Correct Time Table.

Today, according to astronomers, the comet will pass within about 15,000,000 miles of the earth going in one direction at a speed of 26 miles a second while this planet is moving in the opposite direction at 19 miles a second.

Reckoning St. John time the transit will begin at twenty minutes after midnight. While the transit is being observed in the Pacific Ocean the tail will whisk the earth. When a similar immersion in a comet's tail occurred in 1861 there were some who believed that they saw a strange auroral glow in the sky. It is therefore possible that there may be some such display tonight.

Three Hours Passing Through. If, as some astronomers estimate, the comet's tail is 600,000 miles broad at the point where the earth will enter, it will take about three hours to get through. A comet's tail is not so formidable as its chemical composition or its length of 20,000,000 to 120,000,000 miles might indicate. The atmosphere is as dense as iron in comparison with the diaphanous thinness of a comet's tail. A cubic mile of it could be packed in a snuff box. That is why it is confidently predicted that the atmosphere of the earth will not be appreciably affected when the immersion takes place.

Tomorrow May 19, the comet sets at practically the same hour as the sun and will scarcely be visible. On May 20 it sets one hour later than the sun, on May 21 two hours later, and from that date for about a week should be a brilliant spectacle in the evening sky.

Time Table. The following table corrected for New Brunswick, Atlantic Standard Time, gives the hour of setting until May 30: Comet Sets Sun Sets

May 20 .. 8.47 p.m. 7.47 p.m. May 21 .. 9.48 p.m. 7.48 p.m. May 22 .. 10.24 p.m. 7.48 p.m. May 23 .. 11.00 p.m. 7.49 p.m. May 24 .. 11.11 p.m. 7.50 p.m. May 25 .. 11.32 p.m. 7.51 p.m. May 26 .. 11.43 p.m. 7.52 p.m. May 27 .. 11.53 p.m. 7.53 p.m. May 28 .. 11.59 p.m. 7.54 p.m. May 29 .. 11.49 p.m. 7.55 p.m. May 30 .. 11.45 p.m. 7.56 p.m. The comet's brightness on May 20 is designated as 27, it gradually reduces to 10 by May 24, and 2.5 May 30th.

ALD. J. KING KELLEY RESIGNS FROM COUNCIL

Being County's Legal Adviser Might Clash With Duties-- W. E. Scully and Sam. Drury Likely Candidates.

J. King Kelley handed in his resignation as alderman-at-large yesterday, in his communication to the mayor, Mr. Kelley stated that after due consideration of the situation created by his election to the county secretaryship, he had come to the conclusion that it was advisable for him to resign from the common council, as occasions might arise when his duties as legal adviser to the municipality might clash with his duty as an alderman of the city.

It is probable that ex-Ald. Scully will be a candidate for the position rendered vacant by the resignation of the county secretary, Samuel C. Drury the well known contractor of Waterloo street, is also mentioned as a probable candidate.

Y. M. C. A. DIRECTORS ELECT OFFICERS

A. W. Robb to Represent St. John at Meeting of Maritime Association --- New Finance Committee Appointed.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. held last evening the following officers of the association were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. E. Barbour; vice-president, W. C. Cross; recording secretary, E. B. Church; treasurer, J. Hunter White. A. W. Robb was appointed to represent the St. John branch at the meeting of the Maritime Association to be held in Truro tomorrow.

The report of the Ladies' Auxiliary for the year which was not read at the annual meeting was presented last evening. The report dealt at length with the work of the auxiliary during the year. A new Finance committee consisting of W. C. Cross, J. C. Jordan, J. H. Wetmore and J. Hunter White was appointed. It was decided to close the building until 6 p. m. on Friday in keeping with the mayor's request for a public holiday on the occasion of the King's funeral.

Six Months in Future.

In the police court yesterday afternoon a woman appeared on the charge of stealing flowers from the Church of England cemetery. She was allowed to go on suspended sentence. His Honor remarked that several complaints had reached him of late about flowers being stolen from Fernhill and the Catholic cemetery. He wished to state as a warning that any person found guilty of such an offence would be sent to prison for six months.

Pre-Holiday Sale of Summer Blouses at M. R. A.'s.

Coming just before the holiday this event should prove of more than ordinary interest to the ladies and the values are such that it will be real economy to purchase liberally while these great bargains are available. The offering consists of silk and net waists, white tailored waists, white lawn waists, black sateen and colored waists, manufacturer's samples and odd lines, all choice 1910 styles. Sale commencing this morning in Waist Section, second floor. Be early.