

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Fresh north and northwest winds, fair and cold. Washington, Dec. 26—Northern New England—Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer Wednesday, followed by snow by night. Thursday, snow; east winds, increasing Wednesday.

Temperatures.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Sunbury Will Vote First. Rev. W. D. Wilson, field secretary of the New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance, announces that Sunbury will be the first county to vote on the repeal of the Canadian Temperance Act in favor of the Provincial Temperance Act. It is expected that the vote will be taken in February.

Nine Men Arrested. Yesterday afternoon and last night, the police arrested nine men, of this number five are common drunks, one is a vagrant, another is charged with theft, another with breaking windows, and still another for impeding pedestrians on the street. This makes no less than 34 persons arrested since Saturday afternoon.

Construction Corps Entertained. A reception was given last evening in St. Phillip's A. M. E. church on Queen street to about thirty members of the Construction Corps, who are spending a few days at home on Christmas leave. Rev. Mr. Plankie welcomed the soldiers and spoke a few words of encouragement to them. R. H. McIntyre also made a few remarks. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

An Unservable Record. Andrew Irvine was arrested last night charged with vagrancy. There is no other name in the city that has appeared on the police blotter as many times as Irvine's. He has been arrested more than 150 times, so often in fact, that the policemen have forgotten to count. At all events he has a record of which no person would be proud.

Miss Lyden Badly Injured. On Monday morning while walking on the road near Silver Falls, Miss Carmel Lyden, daughter of Thomas Lyden of Lakeside, fell on the ice, with the result that a deep gash was cut near the knee cap. A physician was summoned and it took eleven stitches to close the wound. It will be some time before Miss Lyden will be able to get about again.

Disorderly House Case. The men and women who were arrested last Saturday night on the charge of being proprietors and inmates of a disorderly house on Sheffield street, where it is alleged liquor was kept for sale, were before the Magistrate yesterday afternoon, and as they requested time to consult a lawyer were remanded to jail. The case may be resumed today.

Truro Fireman Drops Dead. On Christmas night while seated in a chair in the Truro fire station, Chas. Roop, one of the Truro firemen, and a most respected citizen, suddenly collapsed. His comrades rushed to his assistance and were relieved to find that he was dead. The deceased was a former St. John man and a brother of the late William Roop who at one time was proprietor of a hotel on the King Square.

Arrested for Theft. Harold Delaney, a soldier, was arrested early yesterday afternoon by Detectives Barrett and Duncan on the charge of stealing a suit of clothing and a pair of trousers from the store of William Ward on King street. The theft is said to have taken place a few days ago. The prisoner was taken before the police magistrate and after some evidence was taken he was remanded to jail.

An Enjoyable Dinner. Last evening at the Cliff Club a very enjoyable dinner was partaken of by some forty or fifty members of the Conservative Executive, the local patronage committee and other friends. The host of the evening was Hon. J. D. Haesen, who is spending a few days in the city and took this opportunity of meeting his friends. At last evening's function Fred C. MacNeill presided, and addresses were given by friends representing the city and county of St. John. There were also a number of musical selections, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

COST OF DELIVERY OF MILK NOT ANSWERED BY DEALERS

Milk Dealers Fail to Reply to Most Vital Questions in Connection With the Cost of Handling Their Product.

The common council in committee yesterday afternoon took up the further discussion of the replies from the milk dealers to the set of questions sent out to them. The replies in most cases were not very enlightening on the most vital points in connection with this inquiry, namely, the cost of handling the milk in the city. Some of the producers gave figures on the cost of production but failed to tell how they arrived at the figures given. The matter will be further dealt with on Thursday as the council found it impossible to get through yesterday afternoon. Replies were received from some eighteen dealers and producers. Nearly all of them sold milk both wholesale and retail. The wholesale price was given as from 48 to 64 cents per quart or 6 to 8 cents per quart, while all gave the retail price as ten cents per quart. Cream was quoted from 30 to 35 cents per quart wholesale and 35 to 50 cents per quart retail.

The cost of production was given by one man as 6 1/2 cents per quart, by another as 7 cents, still another 7 1/4 and another as 7 1/2 to 8. In answer to the question as to quantity and cost of milk brought to the city by the dealers here, Primcrest said that their cost about 48 cents per can and the quantity about 1,500 quarts; W. H. Bell received about 75 cans daily, but could not state definitely the price paid; some of the men who live in the county and sometimes buy milk from the dealers when they are short quoted the price paid as 56 cents per can. None of the dealers was able to tell the cost of delivering the milk in the city.

In regard to delivery teams only two concerns had more than one, Primcrest with nine and W. H. Bell with three. Primcrest teams delivered about 200 quarts per day. Mr. Bell was unable to say how much each team delivered and the others ran from 88 quarts to 256 per day for a single team. All of the dealers claimed that they had no contracts for the purchase of milk or cream and Mr. Bell who was present at the meeting explained that while he had contracts in his safe they were no good as he was unable to enforce them and for that reason had answered the question no. The only one who had contracted to sell milk or cream at a specified price was Primcrest, who had outstanding tickets for 8,000 quarts purchased at eight cents per quart, and the contract for the supplying of the hospital at 45 cents per can. The question in regard to the purchase or sale of tested milk seemed to bother the dealers who professed not to know what was meant. Primcrest answered it by saying they sold clarified and pasteurized milk in sterilized bottles. None of them had ever thought of dictating to their customers what price they should retail milk for.

Primcrest claimed that the question in regard to the naming of wholesale and retail dealers who had agreed upon a selling price was beyond the scope of the inquiry and they were not required to answer. W. S. Waters said that the dealers had all agreed at a meeting to advance the price to ten cents. No circular or letter had been sent to retail dealers or farmers and no selling agreement existed. None of the dealers knew of any milk being sold which was not whole. The questions in regard to the computing the cost of production and delivery item by item and the comparative costs for December, 1915 and 1916, will be taken up at the next meeting.

EIGHT MEN ON THE ROLL OF EMPIRE

Recruits to That Number Signed Roll of Service Yesterday—Engineers the Favorite Unit.

- ROLL OF HONOR. George W. Walsh, 236th Battalion; Edmour Omeau, 65th Battery C. F. A.; J. D. Maxwell, Home Defense; Frank Simmons; Earl Irvine; Michael Pagnano; Phelix Diego; Fred L. Brown, Canadian Engineers.

Eight good men and true were successful in passing the doctor yesterday and will don the khaki to do their bit for king and country. Four of the number joined the Canadian Engineers, and this unit seems to be a favorite one among the boys who are offering at the present time. Six men will leave this morning on the early train for the headquarters of the Engineers at St. Johns, Quebec.

A Big Sale of Domet Remnants. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are putting on sale 2,500 yards of mill ends, of nice fine twill Domet or Flannelette. This material makes splendid underwear for children's underclothes, and is much heavier and softer than the usual flannelette. It is a regular 18c quality and will be sold in 10 yard ends for \$1.50. It comes in white, pink and scarlet.

Christmas Treat at Municipal Home. The annual Christmas tree treat for the children in the Municipal Home was held yesterday afternoon and the kiddies had one good time between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. The large tree had been decorated and loaded down with presents of toys, candy, nuts and fruit, and these were distributed among the children who thoroughly enjoyed them. A number of visitors were present and took part in the exercises. G. A. Knobel, chairman of the board; Rev. I. A. O'Neill, Roman Catholic chaplain; Rev. R. Taylor McKim, Protestant chaplain, and Rev. J. A. MacKeigan made short addresses.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SALMON RIVER PLANT

Of Pejeboot Pulp and Paper Company—Ten Millions is Estimated Cost.

William Walsh, the well known St. Martins lumberman, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Walsh is now with the Pejeboot Lumber Company at Salmon River, of which Mr. Maurice Tutts, a former St. John man, is the efficient manager.

Mr. Walsh told The Standard that about 500 men were now in the woods along the line of the St. Martins rail way engaged in cutting and logging operations. He said that he understood that Mr. A. F. Bentley would cut in the vicinity of 3,000,000 feet during the winter, while the cut of the Pejeboot Lumber Company would in all probability be about ten and eleven millions. The company had about 600,000 feet of lumber in their yard at Salmon River which would be shipped during the coming winter.

Mr. Walsh said that Mr. Tutts and his associates were planning extensive improvements at the mill at Salmon River. The improvements will include the installation of a new barkier or tumbler for barking slabs and edgings. The new mill of the company which started operations on September 1st last, has been lately equipped with electric light.

Mr. Walsh is well known in St. John and his many friends were pleased to see him during his visit.

Industrial Home Boys Enjoy Tree. The boys of the Industrial Home were made happy on Christmas day with the usual Christmas tree and the good things which were found on it. After they had disposed of their Christmas dinner the boys were invited to the school room where the tree had been put up and trimmed and the presents placed on it. Each boy received a nice present and plenty of candy, nuts and oranges. The thanks of the board of management are extended to the following who made possible the treat for the boys: H. A. Powell, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Lady Tulley, J. E. Secord, W.C.T.U., and Mrs. Joseph Seymour for books; R. Morton Smith, handkerchiefs; C. W. Weldon, Moncton, fruit and confectionery; Chief Finlay, Fredericton, knives; Mrs. Land, combs; Baird and Peters, barrel of apples; Miss McKnight, candy and oranges.

The Police Court. In the police court yesterday a number of drunks were fined the usual amount. A man named McFarlane was fined \$50 for being drunk and interfering with pedestrians.

ST. JOHN AGAIN LED PROVINCE FOR RECRUITS

Of a Total of 35 This City Contributed 16—Five of the Counties Failed to Get a Man.

The total number of recruits for the province last week was 35, and of this number St. John contributed 16. Five of the counties failed to give a single man. The returns by counties follow:

Table listing recruits by county: St. John Co. (236th Battalion: 1, 15th Battalion: 1, Canadian Engineers: 1, Machine Gun Draft: 1, Dental Corps: 1, 8th Field Ambulance Train: 1, R. C. N. V. R.: 2, Home Service: 1); Restigouche Co. (12th Artillery Draft: 2, 236th Battalion: 1, Home Service: 1); Westmorland Co. (165th Battalion: 3); Carleton Co. (9th Siege Battery: 1, 236th Battalion: 2); York Co. (9th Siege Battery: 1, Home Service: 1); Victoria Co. (Home Service: 2); Charlotte Co. (6th Field Battery: 1, Canadian Engineers: 1); Northumberland Co. (236th Battalion: 2); Queens and Sunbury Co.'s (236th Battalion: 1); Kent Co. (0); Albert Co. (0); Gloucester Co. (0); Kings Co. (0); Madawaska Co. (0); Total: 35 S. S. MAY, Captain.

COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN ARRIVES IN ST. JOHN

Will Leave This Morning for Halifax and Return Here on Wednesday Next

The Countess of Aberdeen arrived in the city last night en route to Halifax. This is her first visit to the maritime provinces since 1898, and she expressed herself as very glad to again have the opportunity of visiting a part of Canada of which she had so many pleasant memories. She left Boston yesterday morning where she had been attending the fair of the Allies.

The fair was largely attended and netted in the vicinity of \$300,000 for the funds of the Allied nations. She will return to St. John on Wednesday next and will address meetings to be arranged for her. The C. G. R. have placed at her disposal while she is in the maritime provinces a private car which she will use in her trip to Halifax and back.

Too Full for Utterance. A man was arrested last evening on the charge of being drunk, and with impeding pedestrians on Charlotte street. Shortly after he was placed in a headquarter's cell, he lapsed off into a drunken sleep, and up to a late hour last night, had not imparted his name to the police. No doubt by this time he appears in police court this morning, he will be clear enough in the brain to tell the officers who he is.

Water Taxes. Pay your water taxes this week and save the cost of an execution. The chamberlain announced yesterday that executions would be issued next week for all water taxes in arrears. All interested are advised to call and see him at once.

Service First. Do you get the kind of attention you desire at the store you have been accustomed to trading at? Gundry's is open to demonstrate its capabilities. You are welcome to exchange any piece purchased. You may return goods, if so agreed, and receive back your money. You may practically do as you wish in making a square trade, anything but cut the price.—The First Price is the Best Price.

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