

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Moderate north-westerly winds, fair, with much the same temperature.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Northern New England—Fair Monday; slightly warmer in Vermont; Tuesday, fair; moderate to fresh southeast winds.

Toronto, Oct. 22.—Weather today has been generally fair throughout the Dominion. It has been rather cold in the western provinces, and fairly mild from Ontario eastward. Winds have been moderate everywhere.

Temperatures.

Table with columns for location, Min., and Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and Halifax.

Around the City

Four Drunks Arrested. Three drunks on Saturday and one yesterday is the total of arrests made by the local police for the two days.

Notify The Standard. Relatives of soldiers at the front who receive reports of casualties are requested to kindly communicate at once with The Standard so that the news may be conveyed to all their friends with despatch. Call phone M 1910.

Summer Still Here. Evidently the good old summer time is not yet over. A well known citizen, while out for a short stroll along the Sandy Point Road, yesterday, saw no less than five wild strawberry blossoms and has marked the spot so as to enjoy the luscious fruit as an extra to his Christmas dinner. Buttercups in bud and full bloom were also noticed in the fields.

Soldiers at Church. No. 9 Siege Battery, in command of Major Wetmore, attended divine service at St. John's church, yesterday. The pastor, Rev. G. F. Scovill, who is the acting chaplain of the battery, preached the sermon, taking for his text: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Moncton Clergyman in St. David's. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, the pulpit of St. David's church was very acceptably filled yesterday by Rev. T. P. Drumm, B. D. of Moncton. After the evening service the usual soldiers' social was held. Robert Reid presided and the hymns which were sung were illustrated by lantern slides. Songs were sung by Harry Marley and Morris Watson. The lantern was operated by A. R. Crookshanks. These Sunday night gatherings are eagerly looked forward to by the soldiers who attend them in ever increasing numbers.

MAY POSTPONE BIG WALKOUT ON C. P. ROAD

Government Officials Have Not Abandoned Hope of Satisfactory Adjustment of Difficulty.

The Minister of Labor has strong hopes that the strike of Canadian Pacific railroad trainmen and conductors, which is called for Wednesday, may yet be averted. There is some surprise that the date of the strike was set so soon, as the short notice given has left the government without much chance of bringing the two parties together, and so effecting a settlement. However, the government is in touch with both the company and the men and there is ground for expectation that the men realizing the seriousness of their course will postpone the date of a strike for at least a week until it is seen whether or not the government will be able to effect a compromise.

Meanwhile it is understood that the C. P. R. has made a request for the appointment of a board of conciliation and investigation, under the Industrial Disputes Act. The conductors and trainmen take the ground that the board, which was established about two years ago, dealt with the points in dispute and another is unnecessary. The company accepted the award but the men refused.

TOOK HOUSING CONDITIONS AS PULPIT TOPIC

Pastor of St. Matthew's Church Preached Stirring Sermon on Poor Housing Conditions in St. John.

Last night at St. Matthew's Presbyterian church Douglas avenue, the pastor, Rev. John Hardwick, delivered a stirring sermon on the poor housing conditions existing in this city. He took as his text, Proverbs 29: 7, "The righteous considereth the cause of the poor, but the wicked regardeth not to know it."

Referring to the poor housing conditions in some sections of the city he said: "The commissioners found 243 dwelling houses, containing 591 separately occupied apartments, and in these apartments there were living 2,591 men, women and children. A number of these so-called houses were old barns and outhouses which had been converted into dwelling houses, and of all the 243 houses investigated only five were new. The sanitary arrangements were found to be deplorable, and outside the houses were found all sorts of garbage; and dead cats, a multitude of evils from which to table refuse. I would further point out to you that only one section of the city was investigated, and I believe that in this North End conditions could be easily found just as deplorable, just as discouraging to social workers as those found in the district which inspired the report."

He summed up the result of bad housing as follows: "Disease in its most dreaded form, crime and immorality in its worst aspect; a future generation incompetent and shiftless and a lowering of the nation's standard of mankind."

As regards the remedy for these conditions he said, "The Christian public must be aroused, and when the public is aroused, these conditions will be altered. The government and city council cannot go much ahead of public opinion; they must follow the leading of their constituents, but once let the people speak with one voice, and then they must obey."

HERBERT W. HAWKER KILLED IN ACTION

Second Son of A.S. and Mrs. Hawker of West St. John—Battled With Winnipeg Battalion.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hawker received a telegram from Ottawa yesterday containing the intelligence that their son, Herbert William, had been killed in action on October 3.

The young hero was only 24 years of age and was the second son. He came to Canada in March, 1914, and located in Winnipeg where he was employed in the electrical department of the C.P.R. shops.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the 27th Winnipeg Battalion and went to England with the second contingent. In September of last year he went across to France with his battalion and has been on the firing line ever since.

LT. REYNOLDS ATHLETES OF THE 180TH TO COME TUESDAY

Word Received Saturday is to Effect That Officer Previously Reported Missing Has Been Killed—Popular Here.

Word was received in the city on Saturday last that Lieut. Ernest R. Reynolds was reported missing after one of the recent battles in France. This was confirmed yesterday. A cable was received by a St. John friend from the young officer's mother, who is in England, who gave out the information that her son was killed in action on October 8th.

Lieut. Reynolds was attached to the 76th Battalion, and has a large number of friends in this city who will regret his death. While in St. John Lieut. Reynolds was for several years in the branch of the Bank of British North America. He possessed a fine voice and had a decided talent for amateur acting. From St. John he went to Hamilton, Ont., and later was manager of the bank at St. Catharines when he felt it his duty to offer himself for the army.

For his mother in England much sympathy will be felt.

REPORT THAT THE 140TH MAY BE BROKEN UP

Latest News from England Indicates That "St. John Tigers" May be Used for Drafts.

Letters have been received in the city which foreshadow the breaking up of the 140th Battalion for the purpose of drafting reinforcements from it for other units on the firing line. This news will be heard with regret among the friends of this unit, representing as it did so many St. John homes. It was felt when the 140th left here that this city had another battalion going overseas that would make just as good a record as that of any battalion which has faced the Germans. About half the men of this unit are from St. John and the St. John Tigers were expected to, and will, if they are given the opportunity uphold the honor and fair name of this "city by the sea."

It is understood that Lieut. Col. Beer and Capt. Lounsbury interviewed Lieut. Col. Fowler and everything possible is being done to keep this crack battalion together as a unit. They made a good record at Valenciennes and at Shorncliffe, and it will be hoped that it will be found possible to send them to the front intact. The 104th Battalion has been moved from Caesar's Camp, where they were billeted when they landed in England, to Bramshot, and it is just possible that this may mean that they will soon be in France.

ATHLETES OF THE 180TH TO COME TUESDAY

Battalion to Arrive Tomorrow Numbers in its Ranks Some of Canada's Finest Track and Field Athletes.

Probably the finest collection of athletes in the Dominion make up the 180th Battalion, which is due to arrive in the city tomorrow night. It will be remembered that some time ago a call was sent out to the athletes and sportsmen of the Dominion to enlist in a battalion to be known as the Sportsmen's Battalion. The result of this appeal was the mobilization of 1,000 of the best Canada's manhood, under the command of Lieut. Col. Greer.

In the ranks of this unit are some of the most prominent athletes in both track and field sports. This battalion has the honor of having such noted Canadian athletes as Thomas Flanagan, the noted sport promoter of Toronto; Thomas Longboat, the Indian long distance runner, who has shown his heels to many Marathon aspirants, and Dibblee, whose name is well known to all lovers of track sports.

This morning the military authorities will be busy making preparations for the arrival of the battalion. The battalion spent the summer at Camp Borden, prior to that the headquarters was in Toronto. The official word was received at headquarters on Saturday morning in a despatch from Ottawa. Col. McAvity visited the exhibition building, in which the 180th Battalion is to be quartered on Saturday preparatory to the arrival of the unit. Several minor alterations have been recommended and the work will be commenced this morning.

MRS. T. H. BULLOCK RESIGNS PRESIDENCY

Local Council of Women accept Resignation with regret—Other Matters.

A meeting of the St. John Local Council of Women was held on Saturday at the King's Daughters' rooms, Chipman Hill, in the president's office. Miss Grace Leavitt, first vice-president, was in the chair. The resignation of Mrs. T. H. Bullock as president was accepted with deep respect to her in her illness. Mrs. Lawrence gave an interesting address on Conservation, and Mrs. Hooper spoke on Registration for Women.

The council was urged to send a delegate to the executive committee of the National Council which meets in Kingston, Ont., in November. It was decided that representatives of the council would take up a week's work at the Soldiers' Club in connection with the canteen there. Mrs. David McLellan was appointed convener of a committee for this purpose.

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