

**THE WEATHER.**

**Forecast.**  
Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and warm today, some local showers by Friday.

**Washington, Sept. 8.**—Northern New England—Partly cloudy, probably local showers interior; Friday probably fair with somewhat lower temperature. Moderate variable winds.

**Toronto, Sept. 8.**—Light showers have occurred in many parts of the western provinces and some local thunderstorms in Ontario and the western portion of Quebec.

**Temperatures.**

|               | Min. | Max. |
|---------------|------|------|
| Victoria      | 52   | 62   |
| Vancouver     | 54   | 64   |
| Edmonton      | 52   | 64   |
| Battleford    | 36   | 66   |
| Prince Albert | 40   | 58   |
| Calgary       | 36   | 62   |
| Swift Current | 38   | 62   |
| Winnipeg      | 54   | 60   |
| Fort Arthur   | 54   | 62   |
| Parry Sound   | 60   | 72   |
| Toronto       | 64   | 81   |
| Ottawa        | 66   | 74   |
| Montreal      | 66   | 80   |
| Quebec        | 52   | 78   |
| St. John      | 56   | 84   |
| Halifax       | 60   | 86   |

## Assessment Commission Hears Citizens' Views

About Twenty in Attendance at Open Meeting of Commission—Labor Representatives Favor Decrease in Tax on Workingmen, but Approve of Head Tax.

There was a fair response to the invitation given by the City Assessment Commission to the general public to attend and give views on matters affecting taxation, about twenty citizens being present last night in the committee room of the Common Council.

J. B. Jones, president of the commission, presided. An afternoon session was held at which N. C. Cameron, on behalf of the Retail Merchants' Association, T. H. Estabrooks and E. B. LeRoy spoke on various matters concerning the subject in hand. Among other speakers last night were E. J. Tighe, C. Stevens, J. B. Jones, Hugh Beck, J. L. Sugrue, J. Sharpe and J. Scott.

E. J. Tighe said that the workingmen of St. John were taxed higher than those of any other city of importance in Canada. Figures could be produced showing that in cities like Toronto, Halifax and Winnipeg the demand upon the workers by taxation was much less than that upon those here. He advocated the taxation of vacant land, the owners of which, he claimed, were only holding on to secure increased value, in the meantime escaping liability for contributing to necessary revenue. He suggested a \$2 poll tax and as low a rate as possible for the workers, who, he said, at any time, were only able to make both ends meet. He was not adverse, he remarked later, to the imposition of a head tax as being a necessary incident of taxation. This tax, he said, was exacted in other cities and should be collected here. Whatever action was taken by the commission, he remarked, it should be borne in mind that the wages of the working classes in St. John were at all times uncertain and that even under best conditions it was not easy to pay out a comparatively large sum under the head of taxation.

## ARE YOU READY FOR SEPT. 20?

Committees from local societies promoting Patriotic Auction will start work on that date.

While a few donations have been received for the Patriotic Auction, the articles taken are only those to be devoted to the preliminary details of the big scheme to raise \$50,000 for the Patriotic Fund. The active canvassing in general throughout the city and country districts will not begin until September 20—This will afford plenty of time to all to prepare for the coming of the solicitors in the interests of the auction, and will allow all citizens to decide as to what form their contribution to this praiseworthy endeavor will take.

The city canvass for the most part will be done by the Daughters of the Empire. Up to the present one or two of the smaller committees of this energetic organization have been busy in soliciting donations which will be of service in connection with the office work, and the general preliminary of the stupendous undertaking. On September 20 the general body of workers will start out on their whirlwind campaign throughout the city, while members of the Elks, Knights of Columbus and Rotary Club will make a tour of the rural districts within a radius of sixty miles of St. John.

After September 20, and up to and during the period of the auction, October 4 to 9, delivery of the goods donated will be made, each gift being individually acknowledged through the system now being arranged with the aid of donation slips, duplicate forms, delivery tags, and other material. This it will be seen that the general mass of citizens have fully ten days, until the 20th of the month, to make their minds up as to what their gift will comprise, and the expectation is that the contributions will be most liberal because of the elaborate nature of the scheme, and the deserving object, \$50,000 in a week for the Patriotic Fund.

So carefully has the organization for the auction been arranged that the committees are all prepared to begin their canvass at any time, but it has been thought advisable in order to allow all to familiarize themselves with the movement to wait until Sept. 20 before soliciting is undertaken. The road maps for the outside districts have been completed by F. W. Coombs and M. D. Coll, and details completed for the suburban areas that will be visited, while as to the city, the Daughters of the Empire have divided the districts into seven areas, all of which will be thoroughly canvassed so that every citizen will have an opportunity to contribute. Meanwhile, will be prepared for the visit of the solicitors when they open their campaign and be ready to give as generously as possible that the achievement they are attempting may be successful?

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## Around the City

**Police Activities**

William Foster was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Barrett on a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife. He will appear before the magistrate this morning.

Three drunks were gathered in by the police yesterday, one in the depot, one on Brusell street and one on King street east.

**Lights on New Bridge.**

Two arc lamps have been placed on the new bridge at the Falls, and these will be used for illuminating the driveway until the permanent lights are installed. One arc is placed in the centre of the bridge and the other at the western end. The eastern approach is lighted by a lamp in Douglass avenue.

**For Belgian Orphans**

The following additional subscriptions have been received by Daniel Mullin, Belgian Consul, for the Belgian Orphan Fund and deposited to the credit of the Belgian Orphan Fund in the Union Bank of Canada, St. John, N. B.

Previously acknowledged, \$745.92:  
 J. S. Rothney, \$100; proceeds of children's bazaar, held at 168 Rockland Road on Saturday, September 4th, per Florence Naves, Geraldine Mitchell and Evelyn Murphy, \$5.11.

## Vacant Lands Should Pay.

C. Stevens said that he was in entire agreement with the idea that owners of vacant lands should be taxed. Much of this land, he remarked, is held by speculators and others who should contribute their share towards the civic upkeep. He suggested a poll tax of \$2, with total exemption in cases where the income or wages is proven to be under \$700 a year. This plan, he said, had been found to work well in Alberta and other centres.

## The Worker's Income.

J. Sharpe said that in his view any law for the readjustment of taxes should be so framed as not to disfranchise the worker because of non-payment at a fixed rate. He should have the benefits of the franchise so long as he is held liable for any sum levied on him as a tax. He pointed out the difficulty of framing any system of taxation upon the basis of income, for, he said, "the working man has no income."

J. Scott said he was satisfied that present assessment methods were wrong. He was satisfied to pay something, none wanted to escape altogether, but did not want to pay twice as much as others.

After a short discussion upon the question as to how far taxation, as at present enforced, affects the franchise, Professor Kierstead putting a few questions to some of those present, and further references to the question of the head tax, the chairman thanked all those who had accepted the invitation to attend the meeting remarking that the views expressed would receive the careful consideration of the commissioners.

## MAIN STREET WORK PROGRESSING WELL

Roadway from Douglas Avenue to Adelaide Road almost completed.

The street construction work now being carried on by the city on the south side of Main street, commencing at the Avenue is progressing rapidly and the Public Works Department has a large crew of men steadily working on the job. Yesterday afternoon at five o'clock the concrete laying had been completed as far as No. 5 engine house, excepting for one small strip and workmen were engaged in laying a concrete sidewalk in front of the engine house. Excavation work has advanced as far as Adelaide street, and it is expected that the street will be completed to this point by the end of next week. The concrete block laid by the men of Commissioner Potts' department over the roadway of the street railway still remains and no effort so far has been made to remove it.

## FORMER MEMBER OF 8TH HUSSARS

Lieut.-Col. Leckie now Brigadier-General of 3rd Highland Brigade.

News has just arrived that Lieut.-Colonel R. G. Edwards Leckie, C. M. G., commanding the Sixteenth Battalion "Canadian Scottish" of the first overseas contingent, has been appointed Brigadier-General, and is to command the Third or Highland Brigade, made up of the 12th, 14th, 15th and 16th Battalions, all of which did splendid work at the battle of Langemarck last April. In this he succeeds Brig.-Gen. Turner, V. C., who has been given command of the second division, now training in England.

Lieut.-Col. Leckie's promotion also means a step in rank for his brother, Major J. Edwards Leckie, D. S. O., who has been second in command of the 16th Battalion since its formation. He will now get command of it with rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Both are well known in this province, being sons of the late R. G. Leckie, formerly general manager of the Springhill collieries and of the Londonderry Iron Works. General Leckie was at one time an officer in the Eighth Hussars, under Lieut.-Col. Markham, while his brother was a frequent visitor to St. John.

A portrait of General Leckie appeared in our issue of 24th ult. in the group which showed the late lamented Captain Ralph Markham and others.

## REFUSE TO MAKE SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Seventy-five German and Austrian machinists employed by Torris, Wold and Company, tool manufacturers, went on strike today, when they learned that the company had taken a contract to make tools to be used in manufacturing shrapnel for Great Britain and her allies. The concern, until recently, has been engaged in the manufacture of canning tools.

William Cameron, president of the company, said:

"The men have no reason that we know of for striking. They made no demand for higher wages, shorter hours or changes in working conditions. They just walked out and tied up our plants."

## MILITARY PROMOTIONS

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Col. L. G. F. M. Lord Brooke, C. M. G. M. V. O. C. M., is granted the temporary rank of Brigadier-General.

Honorary Lieut. Col. Sir Aitken is made an Honorary Colonel, Lieut. Col. W. J. McNeill, Canadian permanent army veterinary corps, is made director of remounts for the Canadian overseas forces beyond Canada in addition to the duties of his appointment as director veterinary services.

Lieutenant Col. A. D. McRae, Canadian Army Service Corps, is made director of supplies and transport for the Canadian overseas forces beyond Canada.

## RIVER TRAFFIC CONTINUES GOOD

Pork and beef coming in as well as many potatoes — Good passenger business.

Business conditions on the river yesterday were exceedingly good. All the steamers arriving at Indian town carried heavy cargoes and the Majestic brought her largest cargo this season, from the Washademoak district. The Victoria and Champlain were equally well laden and all had fair passenger lists.

The Champlain had among her cargo eighteen hogs ranging in weight up to 300 lbs., and several quarters of beef. Potatoes, pumpkins, apples, corn and blackberries were among the arrivals yesterday. Outgoing cargoes on the May Queen and Oconee were also heavy.

## SMARTLY FASHIONED SILK VELVET HATS FEATURED TODAY AT MARR'S FALL OPENING

Large attendance and rapid sales were ruling features of yesterday at Marr's autumn military opening where ultra-stylish creations in rich silk velvet form the central attraction today.

Exclusive pattern hats were strikingly popular with yesterday's buyers, while charmuse and velours in all prevailing colorings found ready sales.

So widely varied is the range for choice that even the most fastidious purchaser will find selection an easy matter at Marr's.

Lieut. R. M. Sinclair, 55th Battalion, who has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sinclair, Ingleside, left for Valcartier last evening.

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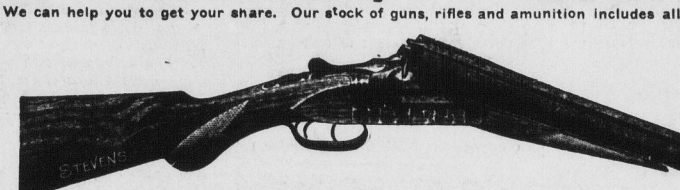
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