

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwest and west winds; fair with lower temperatures. Washington, March 9.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Saturday and probably Sunday; moderate west winds. Toronto, March 9.—The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion with moderate temperature in nearly all districts. Temperatures: Min. Max. Dawson... 12 13 Prince Rupert... 30 42 Victoria... 38 60 Vancouver... 30 42 Calgary... 20 26 Edmonton... 1 26 Battleford... 8 26 Medicine Hat... 16 26 Moose Jaw... 16 24 Saskatoon... 15 23 Winnipeg... 16 28 Port Nelson... 4 16 Port Arthur... 15 26 Parry Sound... 15 26 London... 23 32 Toronto... 26 32 Kingston... 26 32 Ottawa... 20 32 Montreal... 20 32 Quebec... 26 36 St. John... 32 38 Halifax... 32 42 Below zero.

Around the City

Parrabro Boy Gives Life. Special to The Standard. Parrabro, Mar. 9.—Fred Sterling received word this morning to the effect that his son, Cecil, had died of wounds in France. He enlisted in one of the Nova Scotia battalions, but was transferred to another shortly after arriving in England.

Slightly Injured. Miss Pearl Stevens, of 74 Durham street met with a slight accident yesterday at noon, which necessitated her hand being dressed by Dr. Roberts. While crossing Main street near Rockland Road she was knocked down by a team. Fortunately she escaped being run over by the vehicle, otherwise her injuries would have been more serious.

Many Soldiers on Train. The Halifax train which left St. John last night resembled a troop train. The military passengers were in the majority. Besides the Klittes, who left for Halifax, five members of the 165th were aboard proceeding home on furlough, and several returned men, who arrived from Halifax on Wednesday night also left for their respective homes.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES. The Rover Bible Class group with their leader, C. E. Upham, held a social and supper last evening in the Y. M. C. A. building. W. C. Cross spoke entertainingly on the Meaning and Value of an Education, and M. Buckley, George Estabrooks and A. M. Gregg made brief remarks. Lewis Buckley, Maritime boys' secretary, arrived in the city from Halifax and is in conference with A. M. Gregg, boys' work secretary.

Creditors Meet. A meeting of the creditors of Primecrest Farms, Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the assignee, G. H. V. Belyea. The prospects of being able to realize anything out of the Look debts and other assets of the firm were canvassed, but as it was reported at the meeting that L. C. Prime, who was now in the United States, might be successful in interesting some parties there who would take over the business and continue it as a going concern, the meeting adjourned for one month without taking any action.

Frightened But Not Hurt. The members of the Girls' Club on Princess street, held their annual sleigh drive last evening, the party going out to Brookville and back. The members of the party had a scare on the Marsh Road when another sleigh, containing three men, skidded into the rear of their sleigh. The horse attached to the small sleigh became unmanageable and in its efforts to break loose from the shafts it overturned the sleigh, partly demolishing it. Fortunately the three men were unhurt and after subduing the horse they drove away.

They Plead Guilty. When the teacher and scholars of the Little River school entered the building Thursday morning they were surprised to find the school room in disorder. Some persons had entered the building by a window during the previous night and scattered papers about and did other damage. It was also learned that in a cottage owned by King and McDonald, situated near the school, the windows had been broken, and there was other damage. The matter was reported to County Policeman Saunders, and yesterday afternoon he placed two boys under arrest. Last evening the youngsters were taken before Magistrate Adams in the Brookville court, where they pleaded guilty to the charges. They were remanded to jail for sentence.

PERSONALS

Mrs. H. A. Powell left for Sackville yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Rive, of Moncton, are visitors in St. John. Miss Stout of this city, and Miss Compton, of Fairville, will leave for Halifax to spend a few weeks vacation.

Weir Owner's Association. Attention is called to the advt. of the Weir Owner's Association which will be found on page two.

Annual Provincial Convention. Retail Merchants' Association, St. John March 14 and 15. Single return fare 6c. railways.

STANDARD MEN WOUNDED BUT CHEERFUL IN SURROUNDINGS AT THE MILITARY HOSPITALS

Interesting Letters from Lieut. Willard McGinley and Lieut. A. W. Thorne who are Now Hospital Patients Recovering from the Effects of Wounds Received at the Front.

The latest English mail brings interesting news concerning two former members of the writing staff of The Standard, Lieut. Willard McGinley and Lieut. A. W. Thorne. Both officers are now in hospital and their numerous friends will be interested in knowing that they are doing as well as can be reasonably expected. Lieut. McGinley was buried alive during heavy fighting with an infantry battalion, and was one of several officers to escape instant death. His injuries were of a serious character. He is now a patient at the Royal Free Hospital in London and writes a cheerful letter that he is coming along nicely. It will be some time yet, however, before his condition will permit of his leaving the hospital.

Lieut. Thorne is also in a military hospital apparently recovering from the effects of injuries received at the front. Mr. Thorne writes a characteristically amusing letter and like Mr. McGinley is making the best of his surroundings and appears to be in a happy frame of mind. Mr. Thorne's letter follows: In France, Feb. 18, 1917. I believe I neglected to acknowledge the receipt of a beautiful parcel from The Standard. The goods arrived in first class condition and were highly appreciated. During the last two weeks I have been in hospital but the war has gone on as usual. I believe Old Fritz is getting all he wants these days and it is almost a pleasure to be in the front line. I have had a new experience and these hospitals over here are certainly well managed and the soldiers get all the care one could desire. All sorts of good food and plenty of attention. It is rather nice to get back of the lines and rest. I suppose you would like to know how a soldier can make "Blighty" and its glories. First of all a wound is considered necessary. These may be obtained in several ways; getting in front of a

machine gun bullet finds greatest favor, but a piece of shrapnel in a fleshy part of the body is also approved. Even getting mixed up with a premature explosion of a Mill's bomb is good for a gold strip and a trip to England. As soon as one of these is secured the receiver is placed in the hands of a stretcher-bearer, who binds up his wounds, then the victim is sent back to the battalion M.D., who dresses the wound again; then another stage of the journey brings the wounded to a dressing station where a serum is injected with a red cross on his arm, and a voice, which tries to persuade one that it does not hurt. After a short wait a motor ambulance picks up a load and away they go to an advance clearing station. A short wait is made and then away you go to the casualty clearing station. Here doctors and nurses care for one and everything possible is done to give one comfort; here the cases are sorted and the more serious are sent to a base hospital. Again an assortment is made and the next shift is made to a base hospital. The patients are carefully watched and the M.D. in charge decides whether you are for England or are to remain in France. When it is decided you are for "Blighty" you are picked up again and taken to an embarkation point and soon you are off to England where all wounded men hope to go. It is rather a tiresome journey, but one never regrets the trials and tribulations of a trip to "Blighty."

I am writing this from a hospital. In my ward there is an officer from England, one from Ireland, one from Scotland, another from Rhodesia, and myself from Canada. We get fresh fish and lots of chicken, to say nothing of other luxuries. I will close this, for it is nearly tea time, and one cannot miss his tea. Yours, etc., SANDY.

EIGHT MEN SIGN ROLL YESTERDAY

Recruiting Continues to Go Briskly Forward—General News of the Military Units

HONOR ROLL. B. L. Fullerton, St. John, 9th Siege Battery. Williams, Fred, Nova Scotia, 16th Field Ambulance. Charles F. Garnet, St. John. George Alexander, St. John, 28th Battalion. Harry Craig, Belleisle, N. B. C. A. S. C.

Besides the five men whose names appear on the honor roll three others made application for enlistment in St. John yesterday. They are to be examined this morning by the medical doctor. Apparently the Kiltie campaign has begun to show results. Two men were signed on yesterday. The total for the week although not as large as last week is far from discouraging. Sergeant Snodgrass who arrived in the city the first of the week to secure train crews to operate the railway, now under construction by the Canadians in France, received two applications yesterday. This unit promises to be one of the most popular now recruiting in Canada. Besides the military pay, the men are paid extra.

Field Ambulance Inspected. The 16th Field Ambulance was inspected yesterday by Major Gaggis of the 28th and Captain Johnson. The inspecting officers were pleased with the showing made.

Band at Trinity. The 198th Battalion held a route march yesterday morning. The battalion was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Cooper. The band of the Canadian Buffs will attend Trinity church tomorrow.

Left for Halifax. A party of the 26th Klittes passed through the city last night en route to Halifax to take a special infantry course. The man comprising the party were a fine lot physically and were in charge of Lieutenant Blie, Major C. J. Morgan and Lieutenant J. A. Humphrey are at present at Halifax taking a course.

On Way to St. Pierre, Miquelon. Corporal Goutier, a member of one of the battalions which left the island of St. Pierre, Miquelon, at the outbreak of the war, and since that time has been on the first line in France, passed through the city last night on his way home on furlough. He was at the depot. He was wounded in one of the hot engagements on the western front.

No Official Word re Serbia. It was reported recently that in pursuance of the order calling the Serbians in Canada together they would mobilize at Sussex. So far the

COL. SHARPLES EXPECTED HERE THIS MORNING

Head of Military Hospitals Commission Comes to St. John on Official Business—Opening of Discharge Hospital.

Colonel J. J. Sharples, officer commanding the Military Hospital Commission, is expected to make an official visit to the city this morning. Colonel Sharples plans an inspection of the various hospitals in the province, including the Convalescent Home here and the Military Hospital. He will also visit the army and inspect the work in connection with the new discharge hospital now being established.

It was stated yesterday that it was the intention of the commission to open the new hospital here about the first of next month. The work is now well advanced and it is the desire to complete the alterations and improvements as soon as possible. It is altogether likely that Colonel Sharples, while in the city, will make arrangements for the appointment of the superintendent and staff at the new hospital.

Secretary Charles Robinson said last evening that he had positions available on a government steamer for three firemen, two deckhands and a cook, and he would be pleased to have returned men desirous of such employment give him a call at his office today.

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Military officials are not in a position to state whether they will have headquarters at Sussex or not. In all probabilities no less than 1,000 Serbians will answer the call this summer, and it would be a benefit, not only to the people of Sussex but to the province in general to have the brave allies of the British camp in that town.

Major A. J. Markham to Command. It is reported that Major A. J. Markham is to command the 2nd Detachment, but no official word to this effect has yet been given out.

MR. FOSTER NOT READY YET TO NAME CABINET

But Street Rumor Gives the Names of Those Who Are Likely to Be New Premier's Associates in Government.

W. E. Foster, leader of the opposition, told The Standard yesterday that he had no announcement to make yet relative to the composition of his new cabinet.

A rumor which was current yesterday was to the effect that Mr. Foster would not take any portfolio, holding the office of premier only. It was further stated that Mr. Sweeney would be attorney-general; Mr. Robinson, provincial secretary; Mr. Veniot, minister of public works; Mr. Purhill, minister of lands and mines; Mr. Dymart and Mr. Dugal, members without portfolio. This rumor, The Standard's informant said, was subject to a change, there being a strong possibility that Mr. Sweeney would give way to Dr. McGrath as the Irish Catholic representative in the new cabinet, and that the doctor would become provincial secretary, Mr. Robinson taking the position of attorney-general.

MEMBERS OF BAR EXTEND HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

Attorney-General Baxter on Behalf of Barristers Felicitate Chief Justice on Honor Paid Him.

When Chief Justice Sir E. McLeod was about to open the proceedings in a case before him in Chambers this morning, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, attorney-general, rose and said he had read with pleasure in the Globe on Thursday evening that knighthood had been conferred upon His Honor. No doubt the information was authentic. The attorney-general said that no honor the Sovereign could bestow on Chief Justice McLeod could draw him closer to the members of the legal profession, all of whom felt friendship for and confidence in him as judge and citizen. Nothing could enhance the respect marked by the Sovereign, he said, in his brethren of the bar, and they all hoped he would live long to enjoy his new honor.

The Chief Justice, in reply, said the first intimation Sir had of the honor was in the Globe's announcement, but today he had received a letter which gave confirmation to the statement. His Honor thanked the attorney-general and the other members of the bar for their kind expressions. He said he had been 21 years on the bench; he had always been treated with the greatest consideration, and it was gratifying to him to feel that every member of the bar was a personal friend. He had always tried to do his duty. It was his desire to deal justly and rightly between man and man, and to hold the scales of justice evenly.

Among the barristers present were Messrs. M. G. Teed, R. F. Quigley, A. H. Hamilton, W. A. Ewing, W. J. Mahoney, Heber S. Keith, J. MacM. Trueman, T. P. Rogan, J. A. Barry and W. A. Ross.

During the forenoon many citizens called on Sir E. McLeod to extend their congratulations.

NEW COMMANDANT OF SUSSEX TROOPS HERE

Maj. J. Hamilton in the City to Confer with General McLean—Expects Immediate Appointment of Staff.

Maj. J. Hamilton, the new commandant of overseas troops at Sussex, reached the city last evening and is a guest at the Royal Hotel. Major Hamilton is here to confer with General McLean in regard to matters appertaining to the conduct of military affairs at Sussex.

Major Hamilton is a permanent force man and has had a lengthy military career. Since the commencement of the war he has been active in various capacities and came to Sussex from Kingston, Ontario, where he had been engaged on the staff there. He took a reporter that the members of his staff had not yet been announced, but he thought that the appointments would be made by the militia council in the immediate future.

Major Hamilton said that at the present time the members of the forestry battalion were the only troops at Sussex, and that while he expected that a large number of additional overseas soldiers would come to Sussex, he had not been advised by units there would be or how soon they would reach the Kings county training grounds. Major Hamilton will return to Sussex today.

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WORK ON VALLEY RY. NOW WELL ADVANCED Officials of the Company and Contractors in the City Yesterday—To Make Early Start on Work on Upper Section. F. W. Sumner, president of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, and Richard O'Leary, a director of the company, reached the city yesterday from Fredericton, where they had been attending a meeting of the company. They report that the business transacted was largely of a routine character, including the passing of the estimates for the past month. Mr. Sumner said that it was the intention of the Nova Scotia Construction Company would make a start as soon as weather conditions would permit on the construction of the Valley line from Centreville to Anderson. Thomas Cosolino, president of the Nova Scotia Construction Company, was also in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. H. Longley, a sub-contractor, was another visitor. They state that satisfactory progress was being made on the work on the lower section of the railway. It has been possible to continue much of the heavy work, including the erection of the bridges, during the winter months. Winnipeg Man To Speak. At the third annual convention of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada which will be held in St. John next week on the 14th and 15th, George Chevrier of Winnipeg, president of the Dominion Board of the Retail Merchants' Association, will be in attendance and will give two addresses. He will speak on Wednesday afternoon on "Co-operation in Community Development," and that same evening he will speak at the banquet to be given to the visiting merchants by the St. John branch. Large delegations have been booked from the various branches of New Brunswick and a good many Dominion officials are expected with Mr. Chevrier.