

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts: Maritime—Moderate south and southeast winds. A few local showers, but mostly fair. Washington, July 30.—Forecast: Northern New England—Cloudy Saturday and Sunday, probably fair. Light to moderate variable winds, mostly south and southwest. Toronto, July 30.—Showers occurred during last night in the Lake Superior region, but the weather over the Dominion has been mostly fair. It has been quite warm in Ontario and Quebec.

Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Victoria: 54, 66. Vancouver: 58, 76. Calgary: 50, 74. Edmonton: 46, 76. Battleford: 50, 74. Winnipeg: 52, 74. London: 66, 84. Toronto: 66, 80. Kingston: 66, 80. Ottawa: 60, 82. Quebec: 56, 84. St. John: 58, 68. Halifax: 58, 74.

Around the City

Fire Chiefs' Convention. The fire chiefs of Maine will meet in convention at Old Town on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The visiting chiefs will arrive after the committee in charge have arranged for banquets and excursions so the visitors will be kept busy enjoying themselves while in the Maine town. Frederick W. Slocum. The death of Frederick W. Slocum took place yesterday at Apple River, Nova Scotia. He was about fifty-four years of age, and was born in New Brunswick. He had been at Apple River for several years. George W. Slocum, of Slocum & Ferris, City Market, is a brother. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon from his home at Apple River.

Farm Produce Coming. Large quantities of farm produce came down river yesterday on the river boats. The steamers Champlain and Majestic arriving at noon carried large cargoes and from now on the season will be much brighter as the farmers have commenced to ship their produce. The strawberry season is about over and only a few of the later berries have arrived. Next week will see larger quantities.

To Hold Exhibition. The chapters of the Daughters of the Empire in St. John have decided to unite for the purpose of carrying on an exhibition for the purpose of raising money for the patriotic funds. The exact form of the entertainment has not yet been decided upon, but it is expected that the women will present something of exceptional interest. Sirons committees have been formed to make the arrangements.

Scouts Away. A party of Boy Scouts, twelve in number, under command of Rev. E. B. Myhr, arrived in the city last evening on the Boston express from St. Stephen, on their way to the Boy Scout Camp in Chipman. Commissioner Ingleton met the scouts on their arrival and escorted them over to Indiantown where they passed the night on the steamer May Queen. They leave this morning on the same steamer for Chipman in company with the Boy Scouts from St. John.

Travelers' Motor. The commercial travelers had up to yesterday collected \$1,510 of their fund for the purchase of motor ambulances. They have done remarkably well during the very short time and there remains only a few hundred dollars to complete the amount required. All who are holding books are requested to return them to the secretary, R. S. Ritchie, not later than Saturday morning as it is desired to close the fund this week.

Wanted For Home Service. Lt.-Col. H. Perley of the 62nd Regiment, has received a communication from divisional headquarters in Halifax asking whether any of the officers, non-commissioned officers or men of the regiment would be willing to go on permanent duty for home service. The idea is to relieve some of the officers and men who are now called out and who have other business in which they wish to engage. Col. Perley will forward the names of any who may be available for this form of service.

More Donations. The Royal Standard Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, through the regent, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, has received the following: The Ladies of Gasquetown, per Miss M. G. Peters for a bed in Lieut.-Colonel MacLaren's Hospital, France, \$50; the Tide Head Club, Resigouche Co., N. B., per Miss Bessie J. Adams, for a cot in La Touquet Hospital, Col. Shillington, \$50; Women's Institute, Campbellton, amount being raised by 14 little girls, 12 years of age, for cot in hospital, La Touquet, France, \$50.

County Taxes. The collector of taxes for the Parishes of Lancaster and Simonds will be at the County Treasurer's Office, 43 Princess street, Saturday morning, July 31st, and Monday, August 2nd, to receive taxes from those who wish to save the five per cent. discount. The collector for Lancaster will be at his office, the Court House, Fairville, on Saturday and Monday evening.

WILLIAM LASKEY OF ST. JOHN WRITES FROM OTTERPOOL CAMP

Gunner in Ammunition Column has interesting story of Work with the Soldiers.



GUNNER WM. LASKEY.

S. Herbert Mayes of West St. John has received an interesting letter from William Laskey of this city, who is a gunner with the No. 1 Section Divisional Ammunition Column at Otterpool Camp, Kent, England, in which he tells something of the camp life. The soldier said he had quite a lot of picket duty. On Sunday morning the 4th instant, one of the finest sights he ever witnessed was the sun rising. Everything was quiet about camp, when, suddenly, he heard the sound of an aeroplane, and on looking up he could see it. It appeared very small as it was so high up in the heavens, then another came in view, and then a third one. They looked fine as they sailed through the air. Finally one of them descended right near where he was doing duty. Aeroplanes are thicker about the place than flies and the Canadian soldiers are getting so used to them that they hardly take any notice of them now when they hear them humming overhead.

At seven o'clock every morning breakfast is served and the meal is composed of steak and stewed apples which is a pretty good meal. It is then time to shave, clean up and look after the horses. Talking about horses, Gunner Laskey continues, "We received 114 horses last week. I think they are western horses, they look good but some of them are not broken in yet. When they arrived in camp we put down our picket ropes and tied them. Then it was fun to watch them putting on the head ropes. The horses would kick and jump around like wild beasts."

"On Sunday afternoon we were given leave and I took the train for Dover. It is about ten miles from camp. The scenery at Dover is great, but I have not time to describe it to you just now. I was on the white cliffs of Dover; I suppose you often heard about it. It is two thousand feet above the sea level. I could plainly see the shores of France and the steamers going and coming. There were so many that I could not count them. The submarines were going to and fro and there was about fifty war ships lying in the channel. There were all kinds of them and you would wonder where they all came from. Every able bodied man in Dover is a soldier."

"I was talking to some of the Canadians who have been to the front. While I was walking along the main street I met a man with his wife and two children. They were drinking ale. First the man would take a little drink out of the glass and then he would hold the glass down and let the dog drink; it was fun to watch the dog; when he had his little drink he would wag his tail and the man would like his better than the master. It's nothing to see women drinking with the men. Sometimes you see a woman leaving the baby carriage alongside of the barroom and she will go in for her beer."

"After I had supper in Dover I caught the train to take me back to camp. When I got to the train I heard a woman call 'Come into this car.' I answered the call of course and went into the car with her and we had quite a long talk. She said that she was glad to be able to talk to a Canadian soldier because they have fought so well. She lives in London and I am going to get a week off duty, go to London and call on her. When I arrived in camp I was pretty tired after my outing and I had a good night's sleep on the floor of my tent, right on the boards. There are no feather beds here to lie down on. There is no table to write on so a fellow can just sprawl down on the grass and use the top of his hat for a table when he wants to write a letter."

"This is the life and you can bet that I like it. Monday morning I was ordered to harness up a pair of green horses and to go to the station for a load of tent flooring. On the way down I met about two hundred automobiles speeding along and maybe I did not have some picnic with those automobiles. I got to the station all right but I failed to bring the load of flooring to the camp for there was one of the horses which would not haul a pound and I was obliged to throw the flooring off the wagon and then he would haul the empty wagon. I made them go back in a hurry and automobiles had to pull to one side of the road to let me fly past them."

Gunner Laskey says that all the boys in camp are well and are having a good time. They all welcome letters from their friends in St. John and one of the best treats that the St. John boys can receive is a St. John paper, and they read every piece of it.

Family of Hens Arrested. A rooster and three hens were the occupants of a cell in police headquarters yesterday having been taken from William Matthews and Albert Connell, who were arrested late Thursday night on the charge of stealing the fowl from Andrew Coyle of Summerset street. When captured they men had the fowl in a bag. The prisoners were remanded to jail. An old timer who has been locked up on numerous occasions was given a great surprise yesterday morning early when he heard the crow of a rooster in the next cell to that he occupied and he remarked to a policeman: "Well, I have been locked up on a number of times but this is the first time that I have had roosters and hens locked up in a cell near me."

TEACHERS WILL COLLECT FOR A MACHINE GUN

Those attending Sussex Rural Science School form nucleus for fund.

The teachers in session at the rural science school, Sussex, have organized for the collection of a fund to purchase a machine gun for New Brunswick regiments. H. C. Ricker, of Kingston, Kings County, has been appointed treasurer for the province. The following committee has undertaken to help in the direction of providing the fund necessary for the purchase of the gun: George G. Perry, Petticoatic, chairman; Mr. Hourihan, Bathurst; G. H. Harrison, Chatham; N. B. William Burns, Fredericton; H. B. Steves, Shediac; Everett Chambers, Havelock; Miss Helen Corbett, St. John; J. H. Drummie, Sussex; Bruce M. Berry, 26 Prince street, Moncton.

The nucleus of the fund will be contributed by the teachers in session at Sussex and Woodstock, and teachers in the province are asked to send whatever they can forward to the treasurer. The chairman points out that a gift of \$1 from each teacher in New Brunswick would be sufficient to purchase two machine guns of the Lewis type.

BAND INSTRUMENTS WILL BE SECURED FOR THE BATTALION

SURVEYING PARTY ON BOARD THE PRINCE

Motor boat arrived here yesterday from the Isle of Haute—Working down the bay.

The government vessel Prince was in port yesterday with Sheppard Mitchell, of Welshpool as captain, and Arthur Calder as engineer. The party is from the Biological Station at St. Andrews, and has on board Dr. Cox, of the University of New Brunswick; Mr. Craigie and Mr. McMurray, of the Toronto University, and Mr. Chase of Acadia College. These gentlemen are well equipped on the day of "Purdy" for the past ten days, making Hydrographic survey, and arrived here from the Isle of Haute. The party leaves port this morning to make a further survey of the bay.

SUICIDE STORY WAS SOON EXPLAINED

CHILDREN ASSIST THE RED CROSS WORK

Concert and sale in Pitt St. conducted by youngsters.

THREE BIG BARGAIN FEATURES FOR TODAY'S SHOPPERS AT MARRYS.

Family of Hens Arrested.

Corset Covers.

A Banker Party will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Loch Lomond, on Tuesday, August 3rd, in aid of the Red Cross Society. Music for dancing.

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GENUINE BARGAINS WILL BE FOUND In Our Window for the Next Few Days. Special Price 2 1/2 Qt. "Ware Ever" Aluminum Saucepans, 47c. 5 Qt. Aluminum Tea Kettles, \$2.29. 2 1/2 Pt. Heavy Plated Brown Fireproof Lining Casserole Dishes, \$1.69. Hammered Brass Jardiniere, with feet, \$1.49. At these prices the above articles are exceptional value. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Sale of Boys' Wash Suits and Two-Piece Suits Continued Today and Monday in Clothing Dept. Clearance Sale of Ladies' and Children's Warm Weather Hats CONTINUED THIS MORNING IN MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR.

Special Clearance Sale of Men's Furnishings Continued This Morning. MEN'S COLORED SHIRTS—The popular all-soft lounge style, with soft double cuffs and soft double collar detached. This is a special purchase of a reliable manufacturer's clean-up of ends of the better quality cloths shown this season. Only one or two of a pattern in the lot and every shirt is a genuine bargain. Sizes 14 to 16 1/2. Offered at a remarkably low sale price. Each \$1.15. Also a few ODD SHIRTS left over of our better grades, which will be closed out regardless of former prices with the above lot. Sale price, each \$1.15. WASHABLE TIES in the wide soft open-end shape, pretty, neat stripes and plain white and marked exceedingly low to effect a quick clearance. Sale price (three for 50c.) each 19c. SILK TIES—There are still some real good designs and smart colorings remaining in these special value soft open-end ties offered a few days ago. Sale price, each 29c and 35c. MEN'S UNDERWEAR—Fine Balbriggan silk finished Shirts and Drawers. A reliable make to be cleared at a remarkably low price. All sizes. Sale price, garment 35c. WHITE CHECKED NAINSOOK, quarter sleeve Shirts in coat style; knee length Drawers. Sizes 38-36, 40-38 only. Sale price, garment 20c. HALF HOSE—Silk finished, fine cotton, in tan and black. A real, comfortable and good looking sock. Sale price (three pairs 50c.) pair 20c. MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT.

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It is refreshing, after one runs across so many valuable natural gifts which are being idle and non-productive either because of bad management or through the eccentricities of speculators, to meet one which for generations has been handled in a manner deserving of every praise. Perhaps not in all New Brunswick will there be found an industrial concern of similar character which can boast, if it wishes to do so, of a reputation such as that of the Albert Manufacturing Company of Hillsboro, managed by Mr. C. J. Ozman. Nor is there in this or in any other Province of Canada an industry which for so long a time has progressed so steadily and systematically with profit to itself, and with such material advantage to the community in which it is situated. The gypsum deposits of Albert County have indeed been so familiar for the past hundred years that at the present time no person not directly connected with them pays much attention to the incidents of their development. But that they form a very important feature in the life and prosperity of Albert County is amply evidenced by a visit to that richest part of this Province.

Farmers Started It. A hundred years ago farmers living in the vicinity of Hillsboro knew of the plaster deposits. The heads could be seen sticking up everywhere, and the people of that vicinity came to realize that this gypsum was of some value in agriculture. They broke it up and used some on their lands, but, eventually learning of markets, and as many of these people living on the river or bay had some knowledge of shipping, it was but natural that in course of time they should commence shipping quantities of crude gypsum to wherever sale could be made. It was customary in these early days for quarrying and dumping the crude gypsum on the shore elsewhere, and in the summer taking small schooners, loads and scow loads to Lubec, Maine, where the nearest plaster mills were



ANOTHER SIDE HILL—THESE PURS AMID THE RED CLAY AND GRE PLETTY LANDSCAPE. then located. In the forties, the Fowler Co. an American concern operating at Lubec which had formerly been purchasing gypsum brought by the farmers, took over certain lands themselves, and operated on a comparative small scale.

Calvin Tomkins Arrives. This desultory method, increasing however in importance from year to year, went on until 1854 when Calvin Tomkins of Tomkins Cove, New York, who had a large lime business there, interested himself. He desired to