

THE WEATHER.

Forecast. Maritime—Strong west and northwest winds, fair and cold. Toronto, Dec. 10—A fairly pronounced cold wave has spread into the western provinces from the northward, while a shallow disturbance now over the southwest states is likely to cause unsettled weather in the lake region. The weather has been over the Dominion, except in eastern Nova Scotia, where there has been light rain.

Temperatures.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Moose Jaw, Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax.

Around the City

Presbytery Session. The Presbytery of St. John will meet in regular quarterly session at St. Andrew's church tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Stone Church. In the absence of Rev. A. L. Fleming, who is at present in Toronto, the pulpit in St. John's (Stone) church was filled yesterday morning by Rev. Edward Green, curate of St. Luke's. At the evening service J. A. Ooster, a lay reader, officiated.

They Were Chums. Two Frenchmen who were chums got into an altercation Saturday afternoon in the Union depot with the result that both men were arrested. Matters were arranged Saturday when the facts were made known and the chums were given their liberty.

Token of Appreciation. As a little sign of appreciation, members of the Opera House staff handed "Eddie" Flavels, whose company has been playing at the theatre for the past three weeks, a silver cigarette case, with his monogram engraved on same. The presentation was made by Manager MacKay of the house, on Saturday evening.

Injured at Sand Point. Ernest Stackhouse of East St. John was quite seriously injured as a result of being struck by a heavy box while engaged in loading the Allan liner Corindian at Sand Point on Saturday evening. He was taken to the hospital. His injuries are mainly in the leg and ankle. Mr. Stackhouse was resting comfortably last evening. An X-ray photograph will be made this morning.

Winter Port Business. With the arrival of a steamship on Saturday and three more yesterday business in the harbor looked rather brisk. There are two ships at Long wharf, one at the Sugar refinery wharf, two anchored in the harbor and eight at the West St. John berths, making a total of thirteen ocean liners. It is expected that the winter port season of 1916-17 will be larger than any previous year.

Pipe Cleaning Progressing. The 12-inch main in City Road has been cleaned as far as Wall street, having reached that place on Saturday. The machine is being run through each section twice in order to make sure that all the dirt is removed and as a result the portion of the main already cleaned is practically as good as new and will have about the same capacity. Today the portion of the main between Wall and the Cambridge on City Road will be cleaned.

Naval Recruiting Meeting. A recruiting meeting in the interest of the navy will be held in the Imperial on Sunday night, Dec. 17th. Arrangements were commenced in the city on Saturday at a meeting of the naval recruiting committee, which met at the rooms on Prince William St. A party of marines are expected to arrive in the city on Wednesday from Bermuda, and if possible they will remain in the city until Sunday. One man was secured on Saturday for the Royal Navy, William Crowdon of St. Margaree.

Should not be Overlooked. Something that should not be overlooked by men, women and children, in the city of St. John, is the grand offer of the City Cornet Band. This organization are holding a drawing in the Imperial Theatre tonight, and for the expenditure of one dollar, a person has a chance of winning a free trip round the world, or \$500 in gold. These tickets can be obtained from members of the band or at the theatre, and the big prize is only one of 94, so it can be seen that the holder of a ticket has many chances to win a most substantial Christmas present, and also help a worthy object, as the net proceeds will be donated to the patriotic funds.

Patriotic fete at the Union Club Tuesday, December 12.

FOUR OR FIVE MORE YEARS, SAYS EDMONTON OFFICER

This is Major McMorris' Opinion of the Duration of the War—Western Officer a Native of New Brunswick—Pays Tribute to Quality of 211th Battalion.

"My own impression is that the war will continue for four or five years yet," said Major George McMorris of Edmonton, second in command of the 187th Overseas Battalion, and a former officer in the famous Princess Pats, to a Standard reporter at the Royal Hotel last evening.

"Don't run away with the idea that the Germans don't want peace, they would welcome it all right, but they would want to dictate the terms. That the Allies of course would not agree to. Consequently this welter of bloodshed will have to continue until our cause has triumphed."

Major McMorris, although he went west about fourteen years ago, is a New Brunswicker having been born at Great Shemogue, Westmorland county, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McMorris still reside. He is one of the natives of this province who have made good with a vengeance although he modestly said to the reporter "I just carry on a small farm at Gadsby."

Major McMorris was a member of the original Princess Pats whose great achievements at the front have been one of the outstanding features of the present great conflict. He sailed from Quebec with his unit, a portion of the first Canadian contingent, in September, 1914, and after spending a short time in training at Salisbury camp, crossed to France and went into action on December 20th, 1914. He participated in every engagement in which the Princess Pats took part. During the winter of 1915 the heaviest fighting was on the St. Elot front, while the Pats moved up to Ypres in the spring.

"Please don't ask me anything about my own experiences," said the major, when asked if he would tell something of the many engagements in which he participated. "You can say that the Canadians are doing great work and that the boys are ready to carry on till the victory is complete."

Major McMorris was wounded at Ypres in April, 1915, and after an enforced stay in French and English hospitals returned to the front in August, 1915, and continued fighting with the Pats until April of this year, when he was recalled to Canada to take his present position.

The major considers the first winter's fighting on the Saint Elot front as the heaviest in which he participated, but says that his regiment had many other severe engagements. "We cannot minimize the fact that the German soldiers are good fighters and that they will require all our energy to make the victory a complete one," said Major McMorris.

Major McMorris paid a flattering tribute to the officers and men of the 211th Battalion which reached the city last evening from Calgary. He said that his own regiment and the 211th had been quartered at Sarcee camp at Calgary for the past three months and he had the opportunity of noticing the efficiency of the 211th. The 211th, he said, was largely recruited from the American population in the Province of Alberta. "Colonel Sage, their officer commanding, is a man of wide military experience and has achieved remarkable success in the recruiting and training of his battalion," said Major McMorris.

The major is enthusiastic over the success that has attended recruiting in Alberta. He points out that from a population of 400,000, including a large number of alien enemies, the province has raised no less than twenty-six infantry battalions as well as a considerable number of other units, representing in all a total of 35,000 soldiers, which is in excess of ten per cent. of the entire British population of the province. If Germany, for instance, had done proportionately well she would have 7,000,000 in the field, while France would have 5,000,000 men and Canada 800,000 men. "I don't want to say a word against the Mark time Provincials, but if you had done as well proportionately as Alberta you would have recruited 80,000 men. Considering that there are more than 50,000 Germans in Alberta and that fully 100,000 residents are American born, I think you will agree with me that our record to say the least is a good one," declared Major McMorris.

Calgary Battalion 900 Strong, Reached the City Last Night. Will Detrain at Union Depot at 9 O'clock this Morning—Men will be Quartered in Dairy Building.

Two trains bearing the 211th Calgary Battalion arrived in the city last night but they will not detrain until 9 o'clock this morning. It was about midnight when the troop trains pulled into the Island yard and their arrival was greeted with much cheering. The 211th is composed of a sturdy body of men who in stature resemble the men of the 222nd western battalion which was recently stationed in the city for a month.

Military officials last night were unable to state just how long the battalion would be in the city, but it is thought their stay will not be very lengthy. There are about 900 men in the 211th and it is likely that it will proceed overseas under strength, and be used as drafts to reinforce depleted units at the front. The men, although somewhat disappointed in not being able to recruit to full strength before leaving the prairie province, are nevertheless determined to uphold the honor which has fallen to the great west since war was declared.

His Worship Mayor Hayes, the commissioners and the reception committee, of which A. O. Skinner is chairman, will meet the battalion at the depot at nine o'clock and extend to the officer commanding, the officers and men a hearty welcome. Citizens are requested to display flags and bunting in honor of the newcomers. The 211th will be quartered in the dairy building.

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. W. Churchill of Hantsport, N. S., wife of Capt. Churchill, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Armstrong. She is accompanied by her daughter.

Mrs. E. J. Barus of St. John is spending a few days in Moncton at Hotel Brunswick, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Twigger.

Captain J. Barnett of the 187th Overseas Battalion is at the Royal. This battalion is temporarily stationed at Amherst. It was recruited in the province of Alberta and is under command of Lt. Colonel C. W. Robinson, a well known western officer who has seen much active service at the front. After recovering from his wounds, received at St. Julien, Captain Robinson returned to Canada to accept the command of the 187th. Captain Barnett is a New Brunswick boy, a native of Hartland, and son of Postmaster John Barnett of Charlottetown county centre. He is a graduate of the Dalhousie Law School, Halifax.

PRODUCERS OF MILK GET THE 6c. RATE TODAY

Have Raised Price to Deal to 48 Cents per Can—Fairville Boycott Continues to Develop.

Today the farmers producing milk for the St. John market increase their price to 48 cents per can, or six cents per quart, and they declare that no milk will be shipped unless the dealers agree to pay that price.

It is understood that a number of the dealers have been notified by the farmers of the increase but no action has as yet been taken by them in the matter and they will probably pay the increase which the farmer is asking.

The common clerk on Saturday sent out copies of the list of questions prepared by the council to all the milk producers in the county who sell milk at retail in the city. If the replies are all received by Tuesday noon the council will have a lengthy session if it deals with them, as somewhere in the vicinity of 50 sets of questions have been sent out by the common clerk and it will take some time to go over them all.

The boycott in Fairville is still in force and the number of those who are either cutting down the amount used or doing without altogether is growing. The ladies have expressed the intention of using just as little milk as possible, while the milkmen are asking ten cents per quart, and a number of families in which there are no small children have cut out the use of milk entirely, and those which have small children have cut down the amount by half or more.

Practically all the milk sold in Fairville is delivered by farmers who produce it, and some of them are still selling at the old price and claim that they can make money at it. If their contention is correct the Fairville ladies claim there is no reason for the increase by other men selling milk in that place and they will do without rather than pay the increased price.

A large number of families in the city have also cut down the quantity used since the increase in price as a protest against the raise and the boycott against ice cream is spreading.

ARRANGING FOR VISIT OF CAPTAIN GUINNESS

The Honorable Rupert Guinness to be Here on Saturday in Interests of Naval Recruiting.

"The British Navy was never more efficient than at the present time," said Lieut. C. C. Chorley of Essex, Eng., who has been on active service since the outbreak of the war, to The Standard yesterday.

Lieut. Chorley was engaged in perfecting the preparations for the visit here on Saturday and Sunday next of Captain the Hon. Rupert Guinness, C.B., C.M.G., A.D.C., R.N.V.R., of London, who is in Canada in the interests of recruiting for the navy.

Captain Guinness is the Unionist member of the British parliament for South East Essex and the son and heir to Lord Ivor, head of the brewing firm of Arthur Guinness & Son. He raised in 1892 the London Division of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve of which he is the senior officer and was recently made A.D.C. to the King. He is a prominent sportsman, having won the Diamond and Windfield sculls from Guy Nichols. Lady Guinness, a daughter of Earl of Onslow, accompanies him.

Captain Guinness came to Canada for the purpose of raising 5,000 men for the British navy. The Dominion government through Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Naval Affairs, very kindly offered to provide this contingent and it will be officially styled the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Overseas Division.

Captain Guinness will address a meeting at the Imperial Theatre on Sunday afternoon next at 3.30 o'clock. Lady Guinness will also speak at this meeting as well as at the Women's Canadian Club on Saturday afternoon.

FROM COURELETTE.

On Saturday John Nuttall, Sr., was the recipient of two interesting souvenirs from the Battle of Courlelette, sent by his son, Sergt-Major Jack Nuttall. They were brought to him by a returning soldier. One is a typical German pipe, curved stem, and very large bowl filled with brass cap. The pipe is still redolent of the tobacco which probably had brought solace to some advocate of a lost cause. The other was a fute enclosed in a leather case. It, as well as the pipe, showed signs of having been much used. No doubt it had helped while away many a weary hour in the trench, for the German is a music-loving mortal. Mr. Nuttall is justly proud of the relics. They were viewed with interest by a large number of people on Saturday.

Bushman and Bayne in Romeo and Juliet at Opera House today.

Obtain Tickets at Imperial. Those who wish tickets for the City Cornet Band grand drawings can procure them at the Imperial Theatre from two till five this afternoon and from seven till nine this evening. The drawings commence immediately after the last performance tonight.

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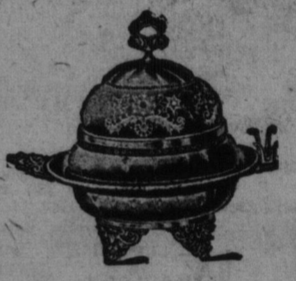
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