

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds; mild and mostly cloudy with some showers. Washington, March 8.—Northern New England—Local snows Friday; slightly colder in New Hampshire and Vermont; fair Saturday and probably Sunday; fresh west winds. Toronto, March 8.—Light snowfalls have occurred today in Ontario and Quebec, and rain in the Maritime Provinces. In the west the weather has been fair and comparatively mild.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Guest at the North End. Soaked inside and out, one unfortunate individual found refuge at the North End police station last night.

Arrests Last Night. Five soldiers held on request of military authorities and two civilian drunks were the occupants of the cells at police headquarters last night.

The Knights of Columbus. Grand Knight Dr. W. P. Broderick presided at the meeting of the Knights of Columbus last evening when a large class of candidates were initiated. A smoker was enjoyed by the members and an impromptu programme of songs and readings was carried out.

Examined Home Nursing Class. Dr. Emery, Dr. Kenney and Capt. Loebe gave an examination to the Home Nursing Class last evening in the Luxor Temple rooms in the Masonic Temple building. Despite the unfavorable weather there was a large attendance, numbering about 37 members. This class was ably instructed by the late Dr. Hogan, and under his supervision it has reached a high state of efficiency.

Lectured on Loire. Last night in the Art Club rooms on Peel street, the members present were delighted with an illustrated lecture given by W. F. Hatheway on Loire, France. The lecturer thoroughly described this beautiful city and during the course of the lecture about fifty excellent lantern slides of the castles and ancient kings were thrown on the screen. Dr. James Manning presided and owing to the inclement weather the attendance was large. It is most probable that Mr. Hatheway will repeat the lecture in the near future.

To Serve Out Terms. S. H. Getson, one of the guards from the Dorchester penitentiary, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of conducting two ticket-of-leave men back to prison to serve out their terms. The prisoners are George Watson, alias Lavine, and Frank Dorian. The former is a soldier who has recently been in several scrapes and arrested and who had failed to report as a ticket-of-leave man. Dorian is the man who was arrested for breaking and entering the Cathedral on Waterloo street a few weeks ago. Guard Getson leaves for Dorchester with the prisoners this morning.

Company Not Responsible. A private concern has been distributing a St. John business men's telephone directory, which in many ways is said to be a desirable book, but according to the manager of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, is the result of some inconsideration, inasmuch that some persons who have obtained this book, and thinking it is from the Telephone Company, have discarded the official directory and therefore are unable to obtain numbers of all the telephone holders. The manager of the company yesterday stated that the N. B. Company were not responsible for the business issue and advised phone subscribers to keep the official book distributed by the company.

Children Had Narrow Escape. Yesterday afternoon, while children were going home from school a heavy section of iron railing fell from the roof of Dr. Boyle Travers' residence, 23 Sydney street, and crashed to the sidewalk. Two electric light wires were broken and a few school children had a narrow escape from having their lives crushed out. Speaking of the matter, shortly after the accident, a citizen said that in the erection of buildings during recent years these iron railings are not used, and it is most probable that those placed on buildings years ago are at the present anything but safe, and an inspection of the same should be made. These railings were placed above the gutters on buildings for decorative purposes and unless kept in good repair they become extremely dangerous.

New Spring Coatings. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing their new spring coatings in Polk Cloths, Chevots, Coverts and Tweeds. In plain colors, mixtures and striped effects. These goods were purchased direct from the manufacturers some months ago and are being sold at the same prices as last year, viz., \$2.00 and \$2.25 per yard. They are all 64 inches wide, and 3 1/2 yards, or 3 yards will make a spring coat.

READY TO PROVE BY SOLEMN AFFIDAVIT THAT OPPOSITION RAISED CONSCRIPTION CRY

Candidates Personally May Not Have Raised Issue, But Their Supporters Made the Canvass, Says D. A. Stewart Who Replies to Statement of A. T. LeBlanc—Other Government Supporters Stand Firm in Their Charges.

That he can prove by the solemn affidavits of responsible residents of Restigouche that the conscription issue was raised by supporters of the opposition candidates in an endeavor to prejudice the electors of Restigouche against the Murray government, was the strong assertion made by D. A. Stewart, one of the government candidates in that county, in a conversation over the long distance telephone with The Standard last evening. While the opposition candidates attempt to deny the charge, candidates and leading supporters of the government stand firm in their charges that the canvass was used and are prepared to prove their statements. Mr. Stewart made the following important statement to The Standard over the telephone last evening and asked that it be made over his own name: "I notice by this morning's Telegraph that Mr. A. T. LeBlanc, one of the opposition candidates in Restigouche county, made a denial at the opposition convention that the conscription issue was raised at the recent elections in this county. Mr. LeBlanc said further that he had written a letter to Messrs. Culligan and Stewart demanding that they give him the name of any person who alleged that he or Mr. Currie had made use of any such canvass. I want to take this early opportunity to emphatically deny the receipt of any such letter from Mr. LeBlanc, and I want to say to him that I never made the statement that either he (LeBlanc) or Mr. Currie personally made a canvass against the Murray government on the conscription issue. What I do say is that the canvass was used on their behalf by some of their supporters.

"If Mr. LeBlanc wants to go into this matter further I am prepared and willing to discuss it with him. I am prepared to give him the names of responsible persons, electors of Restigouche county, who will make affidavits that the canvass was used in an endeavor to defeat Mr. Culligan and myself. Mr. LeBlanc has only to ask me for the names and they will be readily given."

DAVID A. STEWART. Mr. Stewart's strong statement shows no backing down from the stand he originally took that the canvass was used, by followers of the opposition. If Mr. LeBlanc is as anxious as he pretends to be to learn the facts, it is clearly his move. The public will be interested to know what he will be his course in the matter.

The Telegraph devotes columns of space to general denials by the opposition candidates that they employed the canvass that a vote for the Murray government was a vote for conscription. On the other hand responsible public men of the province, such as Senator Bourque, himself an Acadian, Hon. A. P. Culligan and Dr. O. B. Price refuse to retract their charges that the issue was raised. Taking the returns in the various constituencies of the province the public can easily judge which are the more likely parties to be believed in the matter.

The Standard is still of the opinion that in Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent, Westmorland and Victoria counties, as well as Moncton city, the conscription issue was raised and raised effectively. Now that the opposition have officially admitted that the Murray government or any provincial government has nothing whatever to do with the question of conscription, it is to be hoped that these constituencies, if afforded the opportunity, will give a fair and just verdict based on the record of the two parties.

SMALL WORK TO START ON PAPER MILL IN KINGS CO. IN 2 WEEKS

136 Ballots of the Government Party Were Spoiled by the Work of the Opposition Forces in the Recent Election. Donald Fraser Announces Early Commencement of Work in Connection With the New Pulp and Paper Plant at Edmundston.

"We expect to start breaking ground in two weeks in connection with the erection of our new pulp and paper plant at Edmundston," said Donald Fraser, a member of the well known lumbering firm of Fraser, Ltd., who was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. Mr. Fraser added that the matters which were outstanding between the town council of Edmundston and his firm had been entirely settled and that the town would seek the necessary legislation to provide for a specified figure of taxation for the company at the next session of the legislature. Mr. Fraser is now in Boston in connection with the American business of this well known firm. J. E. Michaud, M. L. A. elect for Madawaska, and a member of the Edmundston council, told The Standard that the people of Edmundston were greatly interested in this large project of Fraser, Ltd., and anticipated unprecedented development as soon as the plant was in active operation. Messrs. Fraser and Michaud returned to their homes yesterday.

Mr. Robinson Will Be Attorney-General—Positions for Mr. Veniot and Mr. Dugal—Permanent Organization Planned. While Mr. Foster will not announce the composition of his new cabinet for a week or more, it is understood that the opposition leader has practically decided to invite the Hon. C. W. Robinson to take the attorney-generalship. Mr. Veniot is prominently mentioned for the ministry of public works, while Mr. Dugal is certain to be taken into the cabinet as member without portfolio. The other members are not decided upon yet and while the changes in the original plans to have the members chosen by the opposition convention has served to upset the canvasses by the various aspirants the men mentioned are still pressing their claims through their friends to Mr. Foster.

It was said last evening that Mr. Carter would be offered the position of Minister of Agriculture in the new Foster administration. The opposition party has decided to open permanent headquarters in the city. The top floor of the Furlong building will be fitted up and permanent officials will look after the organization of the party in the city and province.

SIX MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Some Number Enlisted As on March 8th, a Year Ago—General News in the Military Units.

The same number of men enlisted in St. John yesterday as did one year ago, when Colonel Wedderburn was recruiting for the 115th Battalion. Six men were secured, but one man's name is withheld from publication. Considering the steady flow of recruits from this city for the past year St. John has reason to feel proud that the eligible young men are coming forward so well to fight for their King and country.

Bantams Meeting With Success. According to advice received at the Bantam Recruiting Depot from Lieutenant Walsh, the 218th Bantam Battalion is meeting with signal success throughout the Maritime Provinces. The headquarters of the Bantams at Amherst receives from two to three recruits a day. Sergeant O'Rourke secured a man yesterday for the Bantams in the person of John Slattery, Lieutenant Walsh is expected to return to the city on Saturday.

Dentist With Field Ambulance. Captain Wilkes of the Canadian Army Dental Corps is busily engaged in looking after the teeth of the boys of the 16th Field Ambulance. Each man in the unit will have his teeth attended to before the departure of the unit. No announcement has yet been made when they will leave, but according to official advice they will not be in the city long after attaining full strength. The unit requires about thirty-five men to complete establishment. At the rate they are recruiting at the present it will not take many days before the 16th Field Ambulance will be up to strength.

Military Personalities. Hon. Dr. A. M. Covert, member of the Nova Scotia Legislative Council has been appointed captain in the 16th Field Ambulance. Mrs. T. Esport Ryder, wife of Lieutenant Ryder, has received a brass jar as a souvenir from her husband, who is somewhere in France. The many friends of Sergeant Major Westall, formerly officer in charge of the Field Ambulance Depot, may be glad to learn that he is again able to be around after undergoing no less than three operations at the Military Hospital.

Sergeant H. Darling, a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, was in the city yesterday en route to his home in Regina. Pte. Leveque, who was hurt in the train wreck which occurred while the 23rd Battalion was en route to the city and was compelled to enter the hospital in Winnipeg, joined the battalion yesterday.

J. D. McBeath of the Canadian Engineers left yesterday for Chatham.

Mantel - Clocks - Alarm. Have a good reliable clock in your home—clocks that are attractive as well as useful. Eight Day Mantel Clocks. Marble, Onyx, Mahogany and Black Enamelled. PRICES \$6.00 to \$22.00. ALARM CLOCKS \$1.25 to \$3.50. FANCY CLOCKS \$2.50 to \$6.00. AUTOMOBILE CLOCKS \$2.75 to \$7.00.

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LAW SCHOOL WILL DEBATE WITH U. N. B.

Some Question of Public Importance to Be Discussed by College Teams in May. It is probable that the King's College Law School debating team will meet a team from the University of New Brunswick on some public question during the middle of May. At the meeting of the Student Society, held yesterday afternoon, the secretary, W. E. McMonagle, '18, was instructed to write U. N. B. asking when it might be convenient for them to come to St. John. It is likely that the Law School will enter the Inter-collegiate Debating League next year. It was also decided that an amendment be made to the constitution providing for the office of an honorary vice-president. This office will be tendered to Dr. Silas Atwood, professor emeritus, as a tribute to the devoted interest he has taken in the students. T. K. Sweeney was authorized to purchase class pins bearing the school monogram, which are to be worn by the graduating year only. A committee consisting of William Kennedy, '17, T. K. Sweeney, '18, and the secretary were appointed to confer with the dean of the school on matters pertaining to the welfare of the society. They will report back to the members at the next meeting. \$11.00 will buy a good 15 jewelled, luminous dial and hands, heavy silver-cased, military wrist watch at Gundry's. This is a leader and worthy of every consideration. Another at \$6.50 is very satisfactory as a strong, cheap watch, nickel case, heavy hands and figures. Primecrest Cans. All persons in city and along line of railway in possession of cans or milk containers, etc., belonging to Primecrest Farms, Ltd., are requested to return to 682 Main St., St. John, before any expense is incurred in their collection. ASSIGNEE.

VERY LITTLE REMAINS OF THE IMMACULATE CARPET OF SNOW WHICH COVERED THE EARTH TO A DEPTH RANGING FROM SIX INCHES TO TWO FEET SINCE EARLY TUESDAY MORNING. THE STEADY RAIN WHICH COMMENCED TO FALL YESTERDAY NOON HAS PRACTICALLY REMOVED THE LAST TRACE OF SNOW IN ST. JOHN EXCEPT IN PLACES WHERE IT DRIFTED. IN SOME PLACES THE STREETS RESEMBLED MUD POND. IN OTHERS ONE ALMOST EXPECTED TO SEE A FERRY BOAT PLYING FROM ONE SIDE OF THE

STREET TO THE OTHER. SEVERAL CATCH BASINS IN THE CITY WERE EITHER FROZEN OR STOPPED UP AND THE WATER WAS FORCED TO FIND A RESTING PLACE ON THE SIDEWALK. LAST NIGHT AND DURING THE AFTERNOON COMMISSIONER WIGMORE HAD TWO STEAM BOILERS AND THREE CREWS OF MEN WORKING ON THE CATCH BASINS. THE MEN WORKED ALL NIGHT. BESIDES THE FEAR OF GETTING COLD BY WET FEET THERE WAS THE DANGER OF LOSING ONE'S BALANCE ON THE SLIPPERY SIDEWALK. THERE WERE SEVERAL WHO WERE SEEN IN THE ROLE OF EQUILIBRISTS, ESPECIALLY AT THE HEAD OF KING STREET. HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES AT BOTH THE EMERGENCY AND GENERAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL FAILED TO LOCATE ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN INJURED BY THE TREACHEROUS WALKING.