

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts: Maritime—Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds, partly fair with a few showers.

Washington, June 1—Forecast: Northern New England—Overcast with probable showers Saturday and Sunday, not much change in temperature, moderate southwest winds.

Toronto, June 1—Showers have been general today in Quebec, and they have occurred locally in Alberta. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Battleford, Moose Jaw, Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

WANTED At Once, Four Marine Engineers. Apply, Thos. Nagle, 147 Prince William Street.

Fishermen Arrive. Monday being a holiday the County Court will not be held and the jurors need not attend until Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

No Court Monday. Many of the Bay of Fundy and Eastern Maine fishing vessels have arrived from the Magdalen Island. They secured large supplies of herring for smoking and a fair amount of bait.

Novelty Shower. A number of friends of Miss Geneva Fraser tendered her a novelty shower at the home of her aunt, Mrs. G. Stanley Crawford, 361 City Road. Many beautiful gifts were presented to Miss Fraser, who will soon be the principal in a happy event.

Early Closing Starts Today. There was an unusual number of people on the streets last night on account of the early closing today. The different mercantile houses did a good business, while the confectionery and fruit stores attracted many of the shoppers. Today marks the first half holiday for the summer for many of the clerks employed in St. John.

Operation at Infirmary. The many friends of J. C. Curtis will be pleased to learn that he has returned home after undergoing a serious operation performed by Dr. Kelly at the infirmary. He wishes to thank the sisters and nurses at the infirmary for their kind attention and treatment, and also doctors Kelly, Fleming and McDonald.

A Cotton Shower. A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hennigar assembled at their home, 185 Princess street, last evening, and tendered them with a surprise party, this being the first anniversary of their wedding. The gathering of about 40 or 50 friends took the form of a cotton shower and many useful articles were received. Games were enjoyed, and refreshments served, and the party broke up about midnight.

A Novelty Shower. A novelty shower tendered to Miss Geneva Fraser, at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. G. S. Crawford, 361 City Road, was the occasion of several pleasant hours Thursday evening, for a party of friends and her associate employees of Waterbury and Rising's, King street. She was the recipient of many useful gifts. Miss Fraser will be principal in an interesting event to take place in the future.

Help Still Scarce. There is still a marked scarcity of help in the province and enquiries are received frequently from the country districts, where work is plentiful in the saw mills and on farms. Many men are engaged in fishing and are therefore not available at the present time. A concern in Charlotte county is in need of no less than 300 employees. A firm of cannery there want 150 women and girls and fifty men. The city is also short of laborers.

Flour and Bread Prices. Following the lead of Manitoba, Ontario flour dropped fifty cents and the wholesale quotations now are: Manitoba, \$14; Ontario, \$13.05. In the last three weeks flour has fallen of \$2.50, but there is no sign yet of a reduction in the price of bread. One baker claimed that flour was just where it was when the increase was made and until there was some further drop in the price he did not see how the price of bread could very well be cut.

An Unusual Accident. Quite a unique accident which might have had a more serious ending took place at the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Company's wharf. While a horse and wagon owned by Joseph Gahan was being backed towards the waterfront the horse continued backing as it neared the edge, but a crib of logs which was moored at the wharf prevented the wagon going into the water. The weight of the vehicle however proved too heavy for the horse, with the result that the animal was hoisted by the shafts and thrown back over into the crib. Willing hands soon extricated the creature from its unfortunate position, and except for a few minor bruises it was none the worse for the experience.

THE RATE HUMPS TO \$2.48 ON THE HUNDRED DOLLARS

Two Dollars and Eighteen Cents for General Purposes and Thirty Cents for Patriotic Fund—Increase of Forty-Three Cents Over Last Year.

The tax rate for the citizens of St. John this year will be \$2.48 on the hundred dollars, many up of \$2.18 for general purposes and thirty cents for patriotic funds. This is an advance of forty-three cents on the hundred dollars over last year when the combined rates were \$2.05 made up of \$1.95 for general purposes, and ten cents for patriotic.

The lists as filed by the assessors yesterday call for the collection of \$1,108,000 this year on a valuation of \$41,233,800, an increase of \$2,403,400 over last year. The valuation for patriotic purposes is \$52,833,800 as all tax exempt real estate except church property is liable for the patriotic tax. The list as filed shows the following valuations:

Table with columns: Category, 1916, 1917. Includes Land, Buildings, Personal estate, Incomes, County, City, Streets, Fire, Police, Sewerage, Ferry, Schools, Light, Fire Hydrants, Recouping over-expended balances, Libraries, Charitable Grants, Assessment Law Commission, Parks, Red Cross, British Fund, Exhibition Buildings, Debenture Interest, Slaughter Houses.

A careful perusal of the schedule will bear out the contention that the increase is not due so much to increased expenditure this year as to the action of the city council last year in not facing the problem, and the effect of that action is that the citizens have to pay two years' increase in one. For instance, last year the sewers, fire hydrants, grants and parks were not included in the assessment. The sewers and fire hydrants were taken out of water maintenance fund, while the grants and parks were supposed to be taken out of general revenue. This proved altogether inadequate and part of the money spent for that purpose last year is included in this year's assessment. Also included in this year's assessment is the charge for the British Sailors' Relief Fund, and the Assessment Commission, but the money was spent last year. An entirely new item is that for "Recouping unexpended balances," and this is another case of assessing this year for last year's expenditures. A large proportion of the increase in the rate for ferries is also due to overcosts carried over from last year and the total of these items accounts for seventeen cents of the twenty-four cents increase in this year's rate. Streets are responsible for nearly four cents of the increase, the figures being 33.2 as against 29.7; fire shows a decrease, this year being 19.7, last year 20.3; police show an increase from 15.4 to 16.6. The county rate shows a decrease of one cent, the rate for this year being 48 and last year it was 49, this decrease is due to the fact that the allowance for contingencies this year is only 10.8 while last year it was 12.2. This makes net increase in the rate of twenty-three cents for this year. Following a comparative statement of the items making up the rate for the two years, 1916 and 1917:

Table with columns: Category, 1916, 1917. Includes County, City, Streets, Fire, Police, Sewerage, Ferry, Schools, Light, Fire Hydrants, Recouping over-expended balances, Libraries, Charitable Grants, Assessment Law Commission, Parks, Red Cross, British Fund, Exhibition Buildings, Debenture Interest, Slaughter Houses.

VERY QUIET YESTERDAY IN MILITARY CIRCLES BUT FOUR RECRUITED Poorest Day for the Week—Lieut. McBeath in Moncton—Pte. Dyke to Arrive on Monday with Party of Recruits.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade held yesterday, a communication was read from the Department of Trade and Commerce regarding the hard coal price situation, some complaints regarding the prices charged for electric power were read and it was decided to postpone the monthly meeting of the board one week. The acting commissioner on the high cost of living wrote that he had made inquiries into the hard coal situation. He had found that an outstanding rate of \$3.45 per long ton for all rail haul from the anthracite coal mines to St. John existed and this with other charges would bring the price to the dealer landed here up to \$10.50 per ton. On the face of the matter this would look as though land carriage was the cheapest, as it had cost \$11.72 per ton to land coal here by water this spring, but after careful investigation he was of the opinion that the difference was more apparent than real, and the cost of both was about the same. He had been unable to ascertain whether the companies would or would not ship by rail to St. John, but he found out that they did not. Several users of electric power have written to the board protesting against the new rates of the New Brunswick Power Co., and the council appointed a committee to take up the question with the Power Co. and to arrange a settlement. Some of the examples submitted to the board were as follows: One firm under the old rates paid last year for power \$7.20, under the new they will pay \$7.2; another paid \$8, new rate \$60; another \$10, new rate \$60; another \$21, new rate \$60; another \$27, new rate \$185; another \$45, new rate \$72. The new rates are based on a minimum charge of \$1 per month per horse power of the motor. It was decided to postpone the monthly meeting of the board until Monday, June 11, in the afternoon, as next Monday is a holiday. W. Sanford Evans, chairman of the General Bay Canal Commission wrote that he would be glad to accept the invitation of the board to address them and would let them know when he could come. Petrograd, Mgy 31, via London—Maxim Gorky, the noted Russian author, publishes a sensational account of an attempt by D. Rizov, the Bulgarian minister at Berlin, to inveigle him into clandestine negotiations for a separate peace. In the Novaya Zina, of which Gorky is the editor, he prints Rizov's secret despatch with concrete peace proposals, and although he himself is an almost fanatical advocate of peace, denounces Rizov.

HONOR ROLL. G. L. Crozier, St. John. Forestry Unit. R. N. Wetmore, St. John. Divisional Signallers. Earl Phinney, St. John. Harold Nightingale, New Bedford, U. S. A. 9th Siege Battery. Yesterday was the poorest day for recruits for the week. But four were secured in the city for overseas units. The Siege Battery secured a fine looking chap from New Bedford, who recently arrived in St. John. Lieut. McBeath left yesterday for Moncton and other provincial places in connection with the work of recruiting for the Engineers. Private George Dyke, whose recruiting work in the northern sections of the province has been highly commended upon by his senior officer, is expected to arrive in the city on Monday from Perth with a party of sturdy New Brunswickers for the Machine Gun Section. Mrs. Warren C. Winslow, of Wentworth Hall, Elliot Row, received official notification from Ottawa yesterday that her son, Gunner Arthur Osmond Winslow, was officially reported seriously wounded in the side and admitted to No. 4 General Hospital, Danvers, Canada, May 22. The news brought much distress to her. Three of her sons are in uniform, one of them in a valid home.

PERSONALS. Mr. E. J. McCready, Sussex, announces the engagement of his only daughter, Mary Lavina, to Byron Fresse Hall, Penobscot, the marriage to take place at an early date. She engagement is announced of Miss Maria Armstrong, Springfield, Mass., to Mr. Eber J. Kierstead of Groton, Mass., both formerly of King's county. The wedding is to take place in June. Dr. Wilbur William Andrews and Mrs. Andrews, of Regina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mabel Greenwood, to Mr. Francis Garret Hopper of Regina. The marriage will take place early in June. Dr. Andrews was for years Dean of the Science Faculty at St. Allison. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Love, of Gibson, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hazel Vesta, to Alex. M. Burns, formerly of Moncton, but now of the Canadian Government Railway office at Gibson. The wedding will take place at the middle of June. Alexander Cochrane will leave this morning for Bridgetown to spend the week-end and holiday with his mother.

WELSFORD HERO GIVES UP LIFE. Special to The Standard. Welsford, June 1.—Frank A. Woods, Armstrong's secretary, has received official notification from Ottawa that his eldest son, Kenneth, had been killed in action in France, May 13. The young hero had not yet twenty years of age and enlisted in the unit commanded by Lieut. Col. Fowler. Shortly after his arrival in England he was transferred to the famous New Brunswick battalion and was serving with them when he fell. He was a graduate of the Provincial Normal School but had never taught as he enlisted on his graduation. He was a great favorite with all who knew him and the sympathy of the entire community will go out to the bereaved parents. Besides his father and mother, two younger brothers and a sister survive him. He was a member of the Anglican church at this place.

Board of Trade Notice. The Board of Trade will meet in monthly session on Monday, June 11, instead of June 4th.

DIED. SMITH—At Fredericton, on May 31, Audrey Allen, aged 18 years, daughter of David N. and Lulu R. Smith, of Lower Jemseg. Funeral at 10 a. m. Sunday at the parish church, Lower Jemseg. GREEN—At the St. John County Hospital, on June 1, Bertha L. beloved wife of G. J. Green, and fourth daughter of Wallace and Matilda Dempsey of Auburn, N. S., leaving her husband, father, mother, four brothers and five sisters to mourn their loss. (Nova Scotia papers please copy.) Funeral Sunday afternoon from 159 Queen Street. Service at the house at 3 o'clock. Burial at 3.30.

IN MEMORIAM. DAVIDSON—In loving memory of Corp. Clifford H. Davidson, killed in action, somewhere in France, June 2nd, 1916. His memory like the ivy clings. By A FRIEND.

IMPERIAL LEAGUE BACKS GOVERNMENT

Expresses Strong Approval of Any Measures Necessary to Bring About Compulsory Military Service.

The determination of Sir Robert Borden to introduce a bill in the House of Commons favoring a selective system of conscription, meets with the approval of the Canadian Imperial League of this city. The league has adopted resolutions endorsing the plan and they have been telegraphed to the Premier. The resolutions declare: "Whereas, the introduction of a bill to bring about compulsory military service has been announced by the Premier, and

"Resolved, that the Canadian Imperial League, an organization of relatives of men at the front, earnestly declares its conviction that an adequate measure of compulsion by the government is an absolute necessity both for the support of the men at the front and for the future unity of the country; and

"Resolved, that this League urge upon the government that in view of the extreme gravity of the situation it shrink from no step necessary to make such compulsion operative at the earliest possible date; and further

"Resolved, that this League pledge its unflinching support to the government in connection with such a measure."

ANNUAL MEETING OF EXMOUTH ST. SCHOOL

Successful Year's Work—Reports Received and Officers Elected. The annual business meeting of the Exmouth street Methodist Sunday school was held in the church parlor on Tuesday evening, May 29, with the pastor, Rev. W. G. Lane, in the chair. The reports brought in by the various officers of the school showed the past year to have been a success. The average attendance was 213, which is in excess of the years 1915 and 1916. The finances of the school disclosed a considerable increase. \$777.07 was raised during the year, of which \$143.56 was for missions. A large portion of the amount raised was used in making extensive repairs to the different rooms. After all indebtedness had been paid a healthy balance of \$753.88 was left to commence the new year with. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: E. E. Thomas, superintendent; G. S. Stevens, assistant superintendent; Jas. Myles, honorary superintendent; W. L. Beville, secretary; H. D. Hopkins, assistant secretary; W. B. Marter, treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Adams, missionary secretary; R. R. Ruddock, periodical secretary; Mrs. E. E. Thomas, supt. of cradle roll; Miss L. H. Myles, supt. of primary dept.; Miss M. Sandall, supt. of beginners department.

WELSFORD HERO GIVES UP LIFE. Special to The Standard. Welsford, June 1.—Frank A. Woods, Armstrong's secretary, has received official notification from Ottawa that his eldest son, Kenneth, had been killed in action in France, May 13. The young hero had not yet twenty years of age and enlisted in the unit commanded by Lieut. Col. Fowler. Shortly after his arrival in England he was transferred to the famous New Brunswick battalion and was serving with them when he fell. He was a graduate of the Provincial Normal School but had never taught as he enlisted on his graduation. He was a great favorite with all who knew him and the sympathy of the entire community will go out to the bereaved parents. Besides his father and mother, two younger brothers and a sister survive him. He was a member of the Anglican church at this place.

Board of Trade Notice. The Board of Trade will meet in monthly session on Monday, June 11, instead of June 4th.

DIED. SMITH—At Fredericton, on May 31, Audrey Allen, aged 18 years, daughter of David N. and Lulu R. Smith, of Lower Jemseg. Funeral at 10 a. m. Sunday at the parish church, Lower Jemseg. GREEN—At the St. John County Hospital, on June 1, Bertha L. beloved wife of G. J. Green, and fourth daughter of Wallace and Matilda Dempsey of Auburn, N. S., leaving her husband, father, mother, four brothers and five sisters to mourn their loss. (Nova Scotia papers please copy.) Funeral Sunday afternoon from 159 Queen Street. Service at the house at 3 o'clock. Burial at 3.30.

IN MEMORIAM. DAVIDSON—In loving memory of Corp. Clifford H. Davidson, killed in action, somewhere in France, June 2nd, 1916. His memory like the ivy clings. By A FRIEND.

Golf Clubs and Golf Balls. Prominently featured in our sporting department is our splendid line of Golf Clubs and Golf Balls which have been selected with special care from the best productions of the old reliable Spalding people. GOLF CLUBS—Gold Medal Drivers and Brassies, each \$3.00. Baffys, each \$4.00. All Iron Clubs, each \$2.50. GOLF BALLS—"Bob," each 40c; half dozen, \$2.25; dozen, \$4.00. "Red Dot"—Each 60c; half dozen, \$3.25; dozen, \$5.00. "Glory Dimple"—Each 90c; half dozen, \$4.75; dozen, \$9.00. "Midget Dimple"—Each 90c; half dozen, \$4.75; dozen, \$9.00. A Few Soiled Caddy Bags at Special Reductions. MARKET SQUARE - W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - KING STREET

SPECIAL PRICES TODAY. Panama Hats, Outing Hats, Trimmed Hats, Sailor Hats, Untrimmed Hats, Children's Hats. Marr Millinery Co., Limited

Oil Stoves! All Kinds For All Purposes. From the cheap wick stove to the "NEW PERFECTION" with cabinet top and oven, with which you can bake or roast—in a word anything that can be done on a wood or coal stove. THE NEW PERFECTION is the old stove of new principle and design. NEW PERFECTION—GEM AND HOT BLAST. Prices: \$1.25 to \$18.00. During the warm summer months it means Comfort—Economy—Satisfaction. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

DRY GOODS CARPETS FURNITURE. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LTD. KING STREET GERMAIN ST. MARKET SQ. Stores Open at 8.30. Close at 5 o'clock Fridays, 10 p. m. Saturdays at 1 o'clock.

BUSINESS SUITS. Good Tweeds and Worsteds in a variety of shades and patterns. Materials that give extra wearing service, look well, and keep their appearance. Business Men demand the Best in Clothes and appreciate the value of a favorable impression. These Smart Models demonstrate all the Popular Styles for this year. \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.00, \$20.00. MEN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. Wash Silks and Georgette Crepes. PLAIN WHITE HABUTAI WASH SILKS, used for Summer Blouse Waists; will wash like cotton, and do not require starching. 36 in. wide, 65c, 75c, 85c, \$1.10, \$1.20, \$1.25 yard. STRIPED WASH SILKS in a variety of Colors on White Ground, 36 in. wide, \$1.50 yard. STRIPED WASH SILKS—Lighter Weight in Various Colored Stripes, 36 in. wide, \$1.00 yard. GEORGETTE CREPE—For Blouse Waists, Dresses, Separates, Sleeves, Trimmings, and numerous other uses. White, Black, Light Blue, Pink, Rose, Gray, Prune, Mid. Navy, Dark Brown, Bluet, Copenhagen, Malze and Black. 38 to 40 in. wide, \$1.50 yard. SILK DEPARTMENT.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

Automobile Owners attention. If you are not already a member of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, and you are desirous of joining, please send \$5.00, fees for 1917 to the treasurer, J. F. Tilton, Box 1210, St. John, N. B.

During June, July and August. Our store will be open Friday evenings and close Saturdays at one p. m. Favor us by buying early as you have for many summers. Gilmour's, 68 King street, Men's Clothing, Tailoring, Haberdashery.

WANTED AT ONCE. 100 LABORERS WANTED AT ONCE FOR EXCAVATING. APPLY WATER OFFICE, CORNER LEINSTER AND CARMARTHEN STREETS.

City Market Hours. Notice is hereby given that the City Market will be closed on Monday, June 4th, and during the months of June, July and August will close daily at 5 p. m., with the exception of Saturday's when it will remain open until 10 p. m.

Commissioner of Public Safety. Gundry's has received a fresh lot of Ladies' Wrist Watches. These are gold filled cases, the celebrated Champ movement is jewelled and guaranteed, selling at \$15. This is an advance of \$1.00 due to the war tax of 7 1/2 per cent.

Don't lag ashes all your life—cook with gas.

BOSTON AND MAINE. MEN MAY WALK OUT. Boston, June 1.—A strike of 3,300 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Station Employees connected with the Boston and Maine system will begin on June 7, unless a demand for a wage increase of 25 cents a day is granted meantime, according to an announcement tonight by P. J. Coyne, general president of the brotherhood.

Hunt's store will be open all day today, and open tonight until eleven o'clock.