

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts: Maritime—Strong winds and gales, northeasterly to easterly at first with rain. Washington, May 22.—Forecast: Northern New England—Rain Wednesday; Thursday probably fair; strong south winds.

Toronto, May 22.—The disturbance which was in the southwest states last night is now centred over the peninsula of Ontario, causing strong winds and gales over the great lakes, accompanied by heavy rain which is now spreading into Quebec.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Medicine Hat, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

The Refiner's Record. The Atlantic Sugar Refining Company made a new high record in April, selling over 15,000,000 pounds of sugar, with the product valued at \$1,355,000 for the month.

Garden Land Supplied. To encourage the greater production movement P. S. Thomas has supplied his employes with land, seed and fertilizer, to raise garden produce this summer, and help cut down the high cost of living.

Excellent Band Concert. The 217th Regimental Brass Band rendered an excellent programme on the King Edward band stand yesterday afternoon which delighted a large audience. Those present were mostly women and children, there being only a small number of men. The reason for this is that there are very few, if any, men out of employment in the city at the present time.

WHY DID GOVERNMENT TURN DOWN CLAIMS OF RETURNED HERO?

W. H. Toomey, a Qualified Man, Had Strong Support for Position of Plumbing Inspector, but He Was Not Appointed.

The members of the European War Veterans' Association have expressed displeasure at the action of the local government in turning down the claims of one of their members for the position of plumbing inspector for this city. A returned hero, qualified in every way, made application for the position. He was W. H. Toomey of this city who had a splendid war record and was deserving of recognition from the administration in power. However, his claims were not recognized, the government not living up to its promises made in the matter.

PRISONER ARRESTED FOR A DOUBLE THEFT

Arthur Johnson is Charged with Stealing a Ride on a Train, and a Watch from a Baker.

Arthur Johnson, who was arrested Monday evening on the charge of stealing a ride on the Boston express, is now charged with stealing a watch valued at \$25 from Fred Nobles of the York Bakery.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Rt. Rev. Mr. Barnes of Oxford, England, will lecture in the Y. M. C. I. hall this evening at 8.15. Subject: Catholic education. Admission 25c.

DISGRACEFUL CONDITION OF SOLDIERS' QUARTERS IN IMMIGRATION SHEDS

Men Have Not Been Issued with Underclothes for Months—Some Have Received No Pay Since March 5th—Quarters Unclean—Vermin in Sleeping Apartments—Men Claim They Are Not Properly Treated—Major Frost Says He Is Not To Blame.

Complaints have been voiced regarding the conditions under which members of the Special Service Company live. This company, which performs local guard duty and other branches of home service, is quartered in the immigration building at West St. John.

Yesterday, S. H. Mayes, chairman of the Returned Soldiers' Reception Committee, and a Standard reporter visited the building and made an inspection of the quarters. They also interviewed several members of the company as to their accommodation and clothing and the facts gleaned were, to say the least, startling.

Soldiers in Bad State. Before the 165th Battalion left for overseas every member of that unit went before a medical board. Those unfit for service overseas were detailed for special duty on the West Side. They reported the first week in April for bed and rations with the 62nd Battalion, but apparently no provision was made for new clothing with the result that there are members of the special company without underclothing, while those who are fortunate enough to possess a suit have not had it washed for two months. The condition of the clothes can readily be imagined.

In addition to the fact that they have not been provided with clothing, the majority of the men have received no money since March 5th, when they were paid by the paymaster of the 165th Battalion. According to the men, on that occasion they drew five dollars. Since then they have been denied sufficient money to buy a package of cigarettes.

THE VETERANS WILL ATTEND UNVEILING

Of Tablet to Lieut. Chas. M. Lawson—Major Johnston to Officiate—Empire Day at the High School.

The members of the European War Veterans' Association will attend the Empire Day exercises at the High School this afternoon. The proceedings will be of especial interest to the veterans in view of the fact that a portrait and tablet in memory of the late Lieut. Charles Murray Lawson, formerly of the High School staff, will be unveiled. The unveiling will be done by Major Gordon Johnston, one of the returned officers of the famous 26th, a comrade of the deceased officer.

MISS EDITH HEGAN EXPECTED TOMORROW

Daughter of George Hegan of this City Has Been on Active Service for Two Years and a Half—Lately in Russia.

Another nursing sister from this city has reached Canada after a long service in war work at the front. George Hegan was advised yesterday that his daughter, Miss Edith T. Hegan, had arrived at Quebec, accompanying a party of returned soldiers. Miss Hegan is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow and she will doubtless receive a hearty reception from her numerous friends.

NOTICE FOR PERMANENT SIDEWALKS

Ratepayers of Lancaster Declare in Favor of Bond Issue for that Purpose.

The progressive policy of the Lancaster Highway Board in providing the people of the parish with modern up-to-date concrete sidewalks was heartily endorsed at a largely attended meeting of the rate payers held last evening in the Temperance Hall, Fairville, when the resolution protesting against the issue of bonds for \$100,000 for permanent sidewalks was voted down by a four to one vote.

Last year the highway board issued bonds for \$15,000 for the purpose of building concrete sidewalks and built three and seven-eighths miles, and this year they have a bill before the legislature asking for authority to issue an additional \$10,000 for the same purpose. Some opposition was manifested to this issue at a recent meeting of the Lancaster Board of Trade and last night's meeting was the outcome of the discussion that night.

About 8.15 William Linton called the meeting to order and M. Kane was elected chairman and A. J. LeBlanc secretary. The chairman called on those who were responsible for the calling of the meeting to state the object.

William Linton said he was one who was responsible for the meeting and it had been called to consider whether it was wise at the present time to issue any further bonds for sidewalks. The parish had already spent \$15,000 in concrete sidewalks and if the proposed issue went through it would only leave \$1,541 of the amount appropriated for sidewalk purposes for repair work. The highway board had about \$4,000 to spend for sidewalks and he did not think they should spend more than that amount this year. He also objected to the work because of the increased cost of material and labor which would make the sidewalks cost more and the taxpayers would get less for their money.

Amador Anderson. Amador Anderson was the next speaker. He thought that the present was a time to practice economy rather than to indulge in new expenditures. It was very nice to have the walk if they could be got for nothing, but he was sure the taxes would have to be increased and he felt the sidewalks could wait. He considered the roads to be more in need of money than the sidewalks. He then proposed the following resolution: "Whereas: There is at the present time a bill before the legislature of New Brunswick to allow the Parish of Lancaster to issue bonds for \$10,000 for sidewalks:

"And whereas: We are engaged in a great world war, the end of which is not in sight and which requires all the resources of the parish to be concentrated to bring said war to a successful issue:

"Therefore we the ratepayers of Lancaster put ourselves on record as against the issue of said bonds."

This was seconded by Adam Campbell who contended that this work should be left until after the war and then done by returned soldiers.

Councillor O'Brien. Councillor O'Brien said the statement had been made that the same value could not be gotten as last year, but he could tell the meeting that they could get better value, for he had an offer from a reputable firm to do the work at fifteen cents per yard less than the last year price, because they had learned from the experience of last year how the work could be done more cheaply and get just as good a job. The highway board considered it cheaper to build permanent sidewalks than spread ashes on repair work. The cost of which would pay the interest and sinking fund on the bonds. Something had been said about spending money on the roads, but so far as he knew the only bad piece of road in the parish was on Main street, Fairville, and the people who had to walk were entitled to as much consideration as those who drove. The new sidewalks would not increase the taxes because of the fact before mentioned that the amount usually spent on repairs would be available for interest and sinking fund. He then read a list of streets on which it was proposed to build the sidewalks showing that every part of the parish was to receive consideration. He was inclined to believe that the meeting had been called to serve certain interests but he was convinced that the interests were not those of the taxpayers of the parish.

MR. HAZEN TO EMPLOY

RETURNED SOLDIER IN HIS OTTAWA OFFICES

Minister of Marine, Ever Alive to Interests of Khaki Heroes, Will Take Frank Gray to Capital.

Now for Your Fishing Trip. The 24th of May marks really the beginning of the fishing season on lake, river and stream, and with this in mind, a look through your angling kit is now in order that you may learn just what is needed in Flies, Hooks, Lines, Reels, etc. In FISHING TACKLE we offer the largest and finest assortment you'll find hereabouts, special features including Porrett's Trout and Salmon Flies in all sized hooks; John Bull Trout and Salmon Lines; Karat Break Trout and Salmon Lines; Also Gut Hooks; Malloch Reels for Trout and Salmon. WOOD AND BRISTOL STEEL FISHING RODS Landing Nets, Dip Nets, Gaff Hooks, Fly Boxes, Fishing Baskets, SEE OUR SIX PIECE ALUMINUM CAMP COOKING KIT—VERY LIGHT AND COMPACT. ANGLERS' SECTION—SPORTING DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR. MARKET SQUARE W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. KING STREET

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HELP FOR THE FARMERS' WIVES. OF SPECIAL INTEREST. INCREASED PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN. Employment Notice. Farmers can secure the help of boys for the season by writing (giving age and wages) to James Glenister, Sup't. of Immigration, 108 Prince William street, St. John, N. B. Gundry's has just received a new supply of Wedding Rings, Bracelet Watches, Pendant and Bar Pins, most suitable for gifts. The stock shown by this firm is steadily improving and is today better adapted to the needs of the spring buyer in jewelry than ever before. FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH—Being unfit for overseas service, will sell officer's uniform absolutely new cheap for cash. Write at once. Officer, care Standard.