

**THE WEATHER.**

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate to fresh south and southwest winds, fair; not much change in temperature.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Forecast: Northern New England—Scattered showers Friday; Saturday fair; moderate south winds.

Toronto, August 3.—Showers and thunderstorms have been general today throughout the western provinces, while a few scattered showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec.

**Temperatures:**

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	44	80
Victoria	52	68
Vancouver	52	66
Kamloops	53	62
Calgary	52	68
Edmonton	52	64
Battleford	56	68
Prince Albert	54	74
Medicine Hat	54	76
Moose Jaw	55	88
Regina	56	87
Winnipeg	62	90
Port Arthur	60	70
Parry Sound	52	84
London	59	89
Toronto	69	89
Ottawa	58	78
Montreal	62	74
Quebec	56	74
St. John	60	64
Halifax	48	60

**Around the City**

**Only Three Arrests.**  
Only three men occupied the cells in police headquarters last night.

**A Delightful Concert.**  
The Temple Band occupied the King Edward stand last night and delighted a very large crowd of people by rendering an excellent programme of music.

**Flour Prices.**  
There was a further advance in the price of Manitoba flour yesterday, an additional 20c. per barrel bringing the jobbers' quotation for this brand to \$8.15. Recent advances in Ontario bring the present price to \$7.10 as against \$6.75 a week ago.

**Is Slowly Improving.**  
Captain Arthur W. McKinnon, commander of the steamship Prince George, who was seriously injured by falling into the drydock at East Boston, a few weeks ago, is making slow but satisfactory recovery at his home in Yarmouth, N. S. It will be a couple of months before Capt. McKinnon will be able to resume command of his ship.

**Retail Fish Market.**  
Fish is fairly plentiful just now. During the last day or two there has been a good run of small salmon (haddlers), the price asked being 16c. per pound. Large salmon bring from 26c. to 30c. Halibut is rather scarce and brings 20c. per pound. Haddock and cod, cleaned, are retailed at 8c. per pound. There have been no important changes in the prices of dried fish. Trade is reported as being about the same as is usual at this time of the year.

**Presentation to Soldier.**  
Private Harry Ellis, of the 140th Battalion, was presented yesterday afternoon by his fellow employees of Broadstreets with a kit consisting of various articles, including a flash light, silver drinking cup, pocket book, military mirror and combination knife and fork. He was also presented with a \$5 gold piece on behalf of the firm, George S. MacBeth making the presentations in appropriate language. Private Ellis, who, by the way, was at the time employed in the mailing department of The Standard, received many congratulations for his patriotic action in enlisting to do his share in the present conflict.

**Killed in Action.**  
Mr. James Hargraves, 97 Sheffield street, received official word yesterday from Ottawa to the effect that his son, Hugh, had been killed in action on July 25th or 26th. Before enlisting in the 26th Battalion, Pte. Hargraves was employed in Boston. Prior to his residence in Boston the deceased soldier was a member of the Northwest Mounted Police for three years. In a post card received by his father two weeks ago he stated that he was in perfect health. Besides his father, Pte. Hargraves is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Michael Ritchie, 97 Sheffield street, and Mrs. Theodore Morrison, 384 Sheffield street.

**New Striped Silks.**  
F. A. Dykeman and Co. are showing an exceptionally nice range of washable striped Pongee and Habitu silks. They are regularly worth 90c. per yard, and are now putting them on sale at 65c. per yard. The colors of the stripes are pink, pale blue, green and heliotrope. They also have a very rich striped pongee silk at \$1.69 per yard. The stripes are red, gold and green shades.

Gundry's are showing a large range of small diamond rings at very low prices. One lot at \$12.00 is a wonder. These are nice clean white diamonds of good size, set in 14 kt. gold. They are bigger and better than you will get elsewhere for \$12.00.

Victoria "Wet Wash" Laundry is the best—they cleanse the clothes thoroughly. 2 to 10 Pitt street, Phone 250.

**COL. M'AVITY GUEST OF ST. JOHN CITIZENS AT BANQUET LAST EVENING IN UNION CLUB**

**A Fitting Tribute to Officer Commanding Gallant Battalion Which Has Brought Honor to St. John and the Province—Eloquent Addresses by Hon. Mr. Hazen, Mayor Hayes, Senator Thorne and Others—Best Way to Show Appreciation of the 26th is to Fill Up Battalions Now Recruiting, Capt. May Says.**

The complimentary dinner tendered to Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity last night by the citizens of his native city was an unqualified success. In the vicinity of one hundred of the leading citizens of the city gathered at the Union Club to do honor to one who has brought honor to himself, to the city in which he lives, the province and to Canada. Not a little of the credit for the splendid showing which has been made by the fighting 26th is due to the leadership of their colonel. The tribute paid to Col. McAvity last night by his fellow citizens was a well deserved one. He sacrificed large business interests in order that he might do his bit for the Empire in her hour of need and it is only fitting that a word of appreciation should be extended to him for the magnificent service he has rendered.

At eight o'clock the gathering sat down to dinner with the mayor presiding. He had on his right the guest of the evening, Lieut. Col. McAvity, and on his left Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The following very tempting menu was provided:

Clear Consomme.  
Botted Harbor Salmon.  
Tartare Sauce.  
Turkey Croquettes.  
Tomato Sauce.  
Roast Spring Lamb.  
Mint Sauce.  
Fresh Peas.  
New Potatoes.  
Cucumber and Tomato Salad.  
Strawberries and Cream.  
Maple Ice Cream.  
Celery.  
Cheese.  
Coffee.

During the course of the dinner music was discoursed by Jones' orchestra.

The toast list: The King, Dominion of Canada, Our Guest, City of St. John, Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were read from Lieut.-Col. Guthrie and George C. Cudlip. The King was drunk with the usual musical honors.

Mr. Justice McKeown was called on to propose the toast to the Dominion of Canada, which was responded to by Hon. J. D. Hazen. He said that while Canada was great in a material sense, it was not of that phase which he wished to speak, but of the spiritual greatness which had been shown in the last two years. When the call came it found Canada ready to respond, and she had kept to receive the sacrament of blood and pain alongside the Mother country. When he retired from public life he had stopped public speaking, but since the war began he had felt it his duty to do what he could to help along the cause of recruiting. He would not take up much time as there was a man present who was one of those directly responsible for the part which Canada had taken in the war, one who had done his part well, and fully measured up to his opportunity, Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries.

Hon. Mr. Hazen.

On rising to respond to the toast Mr. Hazen was given a great reception and it was some little time before he could be heard. He said he had been taken rather unawares, as he did not know until he sat down that he was to respond to this toast. The gathering was proud of their guest, one who had done much to bring credit to Canada. Since the 26th left our shores the attitude of the people had been one of watchful, passionate interest, and there could be nothing more appropriate to the pride or stirring the feeling of the people more than the record of the 26th Battalion. When it became known that Col. McAvity was on his way home every citizen of St. John was anxious to greet him and hear his story. It would be idle for him to try and tell what Canada had done since the war started for the purpose of protecting the democracy of the Empire, and to keep flying the flag which stood for liberty and justice. When he and Judge McKeown were boys together attending school nobody had ever thought that the time would come when Canada would be at war and the militia was regarded as playing soldiers, without any thought that they would ever be required for actual service. Such a thing as war with our neighbors to the south was never thought of, and it was thought that we were too far away from any other country to be at war with them. But with the development of the empire came responsibility to all parts of the Empire to assist in its maintenance and when the Mother country was threatened there was not a man worthy the name who was not willing to give of his best and the component parts of the far-flung Empire made answer that they were ready to give the last man and the last dollar they possessed if necessary in order that the meteor flag of Britain should still float in triumph. When it became evident that war would come and a few days before the actual declaration the Premier of this country sent an offer to the Mother country, and in less than two months after the declaration of war 35,000 Canadians were in England for the purpose of doing their share in putting down the doctrine of might is right.

Canada Ready to Do Still More.

These were followed by others until today 350,000 sons of Canada were in khaki, of which number 200,000 were overseas. If the war lasted another year there was no doubt that Canada's contribution of men would be 500,000, fully equipped and paid by Canadian money. He was proud to have the opportunity to respond to this toast to a country which was doing its duty as best it was able. Before the outbreak of war Von Bernhardt had said that any assistance which might be rendered by the colonies of Britain would be negligible. The best answer to that was the work which the Australians had done at the Dardanelles, the Canadian, New Zealand and South African troops on the battle fields of Europe. It was a matter for thankfulness that in June of this year the Allies were able to take the offensive and we were now assured that the Allies would triumph gloriously. Canada was also doing her share in the industrial carrying on of the war. At the present time 150,000 men in Canada were turning out millions of dollars worth of munitions. Canada was also doing her part in a financial way. Not only was she paying the entire cost of her army, but she had provided credits for the manufacture of munitions for the imperial governments. The price had to be paid, and while it was a heavy one of sorrow and grief to many homes, the price of human liberty ever since creation had been human blood. Those who thought of that Canada-bred men were willing to pay that price.

Mr. Hazen was followed by Walter Pidgeon who sang "My Own Canadian Home."

Toast to "Our Guest."

His Worship in proposing Our Guest said: He did not know of any proposal which had met with a heartier response than the one to honor Col. McAvity. The name of the man honored one in the business life of St. John, and now it was equally honored in the military. He felt that the city honored itself in honoring the gallant colonel of the 26th. The name evoked cheer after cheer and after drinking his health the gathering sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity.

On rising to respond the colonel was cheered by the first time he received a reception which will live long in his memory. He thanked those present for the reception and said he felt it was to the battalion as the O. C. was only one man, the unit was the thing. The 26th left St. John seventeen or eighteen and of that number nearly 300 had paid the supreme sacrifice. The 26th must have been some good for more men had been taken from them for officers for other units than any other two battalions. They spent a little over two months in England and they had to hold their own as they had to crowd the work of about four months into that time. On the 26th day of last September they marched into the front line trenches for the first time. On the 12th of October they got their real introduction to the Germans, in the crater fight of which he was only a spectator, being about 300 yards in the rear. The real test of a regiment comes when they see their dead for the first time, and he said the 26th stood it like veterans. Out of forty officers who went into the trenches with him only four had not been wounded and some had been wounded several times.

They had had a hard winter, the weather was bad and the trenches were filled with water. He had been in it up to his belt. They had a front of 800 yards and in that there were only 8 or 9 points where they could place any number of men. The Germans were just as badly off as they were. Either side could have gone back 100 yards and been on dry ground, but neither would retire because of the moral effect. The Germans were after them all the time, and in his opinion the only good German was a dead German. When Spring came things were better and early in March they had their line in good shape and were congratulated on the amount of work which they had done. In the last week they were there they lost over 100 men.

At St. Elou.

The Northumberland relieved them on April 3rd, and on April 4th they lost 500 men and were forced to retire. The 26th were sent to St. Elou, which is a salient and there they got a warm reception, and had a hard time for two or three nights. The boys were always ready for their work and willing to volunteer for any service. Today every officer was a specialist in some line, some of them in more than one. He was going to write to the boys and tell them what had been done for him and that he regarded it as a real letter day for the battalion, and he hoped when the battalion came home to let it be King street.

He was followed by a song by J. J.

At the evening meeting a resolution endorsing the action of Great Britain in entering the war and pledging the continued support of the people of this country to the end that victory may crown the arms of the Allied forces will be presented.

Immediately after the meeting the reception to the returned heroes under the auspices of the two Canadian clubs will take place at the Soldiers' Club. Another public meeting will be held at 8.30 in the evening in the square at which addresses will be delivered. The Temple band will provide music in the afternoon and the City Cornet band in the evening.

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The ladies of the Daughters of the Empire and the Young Women's Patriotic Association will take a collection at each meeting for the Patriotic Fund, and a generous response is looked for. Should the day be stormy the meetings will be held in the St. Andrew's rink. Among those invited to seats on the platform will be Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, the presiding officers of the various patriotic societies and the city commissioners.

It is hoped that all the business houses will close this afternoon as requested by the Mayor, and thus aid in making the observance of the day a success.

Mason, "England, Mother England."

J. A. Likely.

The chairman then called on J. A. Likely to propose the toast to the City of St. John.

Mr. Likely referred to the progress of the city in years past and ventured some predictions as to the future growth. He thought it was time we were looking into the possibilities of establishing a steel ship building plant here, as he felt that there was a great opportunity open.

Commissioner Wigmore.

Commissioner Wigmore said he felt it an honor to respond to the toast to the City of St. John. He was proud to take part in welcoming the guest of the evening who had brought such great credit to his native city. St. John had done her share in this war both in men and money, and was ready to keep on doing so as long as the necessity existed.

D. S. Robillard was called on for a recitation and responded with "His One Hair."

Senator Thorne.

Senator Thorne proposed the toast to The Canadian Expeditionary Forces. He traced the answer which Canada had made to the call. First they were asked for 20,000 and supplied 33,000, until now over 300,000 men were in uniform. Of this number none had brought greater credit to Canada than the 26th. Coupled with the toast were the names of Lieut.-Col. Anglin and Capt. F. F. May.

Lieut.-Col. Anglin.

Lieut.-Col. Anglin told something of the work of the C. A. M. C. in caring for the sick and wounded, and said that in less than 24 hours a man wounded in France could be safely in hospital in England. He also told something of the medical work in Egypt, where he had been stationed, just before leaving England he had seen Capt. Alban Sturdee and Col. MacLaren.

Capt. F. F. May.

Capt. May said he was proud to speak to the toast and to do honor to his commanding officer, Col. McAvity. The colonel was a friend to every officer, N. C. O. and man in the battalion. He suggested that the best way to show appreciation of the work of the 26th was to fill up the battalions now being raised in New Brunswick.

Songs were sung by John Keefe and James Henderson, after which the National Anthem was sung.

**ST. JOHN WILL OBSERVE WAR ANNIVERSARY**

Programme for Today's Meetings is Completed—Exercises in St. Andrew's Rink in Event of Bad Weather.

All that is needed now to make the observance of the second anniversary of the declaration of war a splendid success is fine weather. Arrangements have been concluded for the afternoon and evening gatherings on King Square and it is hoped that the people will turn out in large numbers to take part in the exercises.

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**ALL ABOARD FOR HAMPTON!**

**GRAND PATRIOTIC COUNTRY FAIR**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th**  
— UNDER THE AUSPICES OF —  
**THE ROTARY CLUB AND THE WILLING WORKERS OF HAMPTON**

**GAMES, SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS**

Of All Kinds, Including Dancing and Midway Features  
CONCERT IN THE OPERA HOUSE, by Professor John Lloyd and Assistants  
**REFRESHMENTS** of all kinds will be on sale at the Court House Grounds, including Lunch Parcels, consisting of Sandwiches, Cake, etc. Ice Cream & Soft Drinks

**MANY VALUABLE PRIZES**

have been donated for the Various Games  
— INCLUDING —  
**A HIGH GRADE PIANO BY THE AMHERST PIANO COMPANY**

which is to be offered at the four excursions it is proposed to hold during the next four Saturdays. Lottery Tickets will be sold at a very low price; the Drawing to take place after the last excursion.

**SOMEONE WILL GET THIS SPLENDID PIANO FOR LITTLE MONEY**

Many Other Valuable Drawings Will Be Held including Excursion Trips in different directions, which will be drawn for Saturday and the lucky number announced.

**Don't Miss This Great Opportunity**  
to enjoy a holiday and at the same time assist the families and dependents of the men who have so gallantly offered their services in this great cause.

His Honor Lt. Governor Wood and Mayor Hayes Will Be Present and The Temple of Honor Band has Offered Its Services

Paste These Important Facts in Your Hat and Devote Saturday to the Big Fair

Trains leave St. John as follows, daylight time: 9.10, 12.30, 1.15, 2.45, 5.15, 6.15. Please note that the 2 train is a special of fourteen coaches. Returning, trains leave Hampton at 5.30, 6.58, 7.25, 9.30, 10. Fare by rail return trip including admission to the grounds, adults 75c., children 50c.

The steamer Hampton affords a delightful means of reaching the picnic grounds, as this commodious steamer will leave her wharf at Indiantown at three o'clock sharp and those choosing this route will find their tickets good to return on the train. Price of tickets, one dollar for adults, and fifty cents for children, including admission to grounds.

Then do not forget the automobile route; many patriotic owners having donated their cars and drivers for the day, thus making it possible for those who do not possess a car to enjoy this luxurious means of travel at the rate of three dollars per passenger. Arrangements may be made with R. D. Patterson, of Carrite Patterson & Co., H. W. Rising of Waterbury & Rising, John H. Marr of Mart Millinery Co., where rail and boat tickets are also procurable.

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**MEN'S SAMPLE UNDERWEAR**  
At Greatly Reduced Prices  
**Commencing This Morning**

MEN'S SAMPLE UNDERWEAR, consisting of Balbriggan, Mesh, Porous Knit, Merino and Natural Wools. Mostly shirts, a few drawers, also Combinations in natural and white, many weights and qualities, principally medium sizes. Every garment will be a real bargain, and, if not in immediate need of underwear, lay your purchase away until next season.

Sale prices of Undershirts ..... 25c., 30c., 35c., 40c., 60c., 75c., 90c., \$1.10  
Sale prices of Combinations ..... 50c., 60c., 75c., \$1.00

MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT.

**Linen Room Specials for Today**

LOT OF HEMMED COTTON PILLOW CASES, ready for use. Each ..... 18c.  
MEXICAN DRAWN-WORK BUREAU COVERS, hemstitched ends, 18 by 54 inches. Each ..... 60c.  
INFANTS' BATH TOWELS, with white, pink and blue borders, very soft. Size 18 by 36 inches. Two for ..... 35c.  
ODD NAPKINS, TABLE CLOTHS, ENDS OF DAMASK, ETC., slightly soiled; all genuine bargains.

**ANNEX SPECIALS FOR TODAY**  
LADIES' COLLARS, TIES AND COLLAR AND CUFF SETS. .... 35c. and 45c.  
STAMPED AND TINTED CUSHION TOPS AND CENTRES. Each ..... 25c.  
SHOE TREES, 10c. a pair, three for ..... 25c.

**FRONT STORE SPECIALS FOR TODAY.**  
LADIES' CAPE GLOVES, tans, all sizes. Pair ..... \$1.00  
LACE TABLE COVERS (round). Each ..... \$1.25, \$1.35

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