

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Nov. 21.—The most remarkable feature of today's weather has been a storm of much severity with snow in British Columbia and the continued abnormally low temperature in the Western Provinces and eastward over the Lake Superior district. From Southern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces the weather continues mild.

St. John 30 36
Dawson 22 26
Prince Rupert 14 24
Victoria 24 30
Vancouver 26 28
Kamloops 6 20
Calgary 22 26
Edmonton 16 26
Moose Jaw 15 22
Winnipeg 14 22
Port Arthur 0 2
White River 12 18
Pelly 28 42
London 28 43
Toronto 36 46
Kingston 34 46
Ottawa 26 42
Montreal 32 44
Quebec 28 34
Halifax 34 38
Below zero.

Forecast
Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly northerly, cloudy with a little lower temperature.

Northern New England—Cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday; colder Wednesday; fresh shifting winds.

AROUND THE CITY

FOR CAVALRY SCHOOL
Lt. Col. T. R. C. Newcomen, M. C., who is to take command of the Cavalry School of Instruction in Moncton, arrived in the city Saturday and left yesterday with Lt. Col. H. C. Spurling, D. S. O., for Moncton.

CHILD DEAD
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Gorkick will sympathize with them in the death of their infant son, James Earle, aged two months, which occurred at his parents' residence, 423 Haymarket Square, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral service was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

THE LAST JOINT
The last joint in the new Spruce Lake main was placed yesterday. The pipe will remain without water for a few days, but it is expected that by the last of the week the water will be turned into it. After it has stood under pressure for some time the city will make a thorough inspection before taking it over from the contractors.

COUNCILLORS BUSY
A busy programme for committees of the municipal council has been arranged for this week. On Wednesday a committee having in hand the question of mothers' allowances will meet and frame a resolution to be forwarded to the provincial government. A committee appointed to consider measures to meet the unemployment situation will also hold a session on Wednesday. On Thursday a meeting of the buildings committee has been scheduled and matters in connection with the removal of rock near the site of the old court house will be considered.

WEEKLY MEETING
The weekly meeting of the Methodist Ministerial Association was held yesterday morning in Centenary Church. Rev. H. E. Thomas read a paper, an exegesis of Matthew xi, verses 28-30, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." A general discussion of the paper took place and will be continued at the next meeting. It was decided to submit the resolution forwarded to the Mayor regarding the unemployment situation to the Evangelical Alliance at its next session for consideration and action. Those present were Rev. H. B. Clarke, Rev. Neil MacLachlan, Rev. E. G. Fulton, Rev. H. E. Thomas, Rev. J. K. King, Rev. Jacob Heaney, Rev. Wm. Lawson and Rev. J. M. Rice.

Y M C I DRIVE
The Y. M. C. I. drive for membership started yesterday morning and all indications point to a big success. The captains for the wards are: Brooks, J. A. Barry; Guys, C. O. Morris; Wellington, H. J. Sheehan; Kings, J. B. Quinn; Queens, W. J. Magee and M. Bohan; Dukes, B. J. McCafferty; Sydney, Jas. L. Suroge; Victoria, J. J. Whalley; Dufferin, Richard Sullivan and Joseph Harrington; Lansdowne, J. P. Quinn and M. A. Malone; Lorne, B. J. McIntyre; Stanley, J. McInnesman; Prince, J. L. McNulty; Fairville, Wm. Murphy; East St. John, J. E. Quinn; Simonds, George Gallagher.

PERSONALS

K-PERSONALS
C. B. Allan arrived home on Sunday from Toronto, where he attended a meeting of the central council of the Red Cross. Miss Ethel Jarvis, who also attended the meeting, will return today.
Halifax Recorder: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rainnie leave shortly for Lake Placid, N. Y.
Montreal Gazette: Miss Mary Doherty, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. J. Bradley, Rosely avenue, Westmount.
Lady Laurier, wife of Sir Henry Laurier, arrived in Amherst on Sunday night and will spend a week there, the guest of her brother, George T. Vallance.
The Rev. F. S. Dowling, pastor of St. Andrew's church, leaves this morning for Moncton to attend the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance.
Mrs. T. E. Girvan left last night for her home in Halifax.
Charles H. McDonald, of this city, left last evening for Halifax.
F. S. Whittaker and Lorne Whittaker left last night for Halifax.

CANDIDATES IN ST. JOHN-ALBERT CONSTITUENCY ATTENDED SPECIAL MEETING OF G. W. V. A.

Each Answered Series of Ten Questions Propounded by Vets Relating to Interests of Returned Men—Mr. McLellan Ready to Create Trouble in Parliament—Dr. Baxter Thought Business at Ottawa Would Go On in Much the Same Way if Mr. McLellan Were Member of Parliament.

Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, Canada's Minister of Customs and Excise; Dr. Murray MacLaren, Conservative candidate in the constituency of St. John-Albert; Dr. W. F. Broderick and H. R. McLellan addressed a special meeting held yesterday evening which crowded the G. W. V. A. hall to full capacity. The speakers dealt with a number of questions which had been submitted by a committee of the Great War Veterans' Association in regard to the interests of returned men. The returned soldiers accorded Hon. Dr. Baxter and Dr. Murray MacLaren a splendid reception on their arrival, and heartily applauded the candid and honest manner in which they answered and discussed each matter thoroughly. Dr. G. G. Corbett, acting president of the G. W. V. A., presided as chairman; and each speaker was limited to one-half hour.

Only one interruption occurred in the course of the evening, when one of the returned soldiers informed H. R. McLellan that the government had distributed a questionnaire to returned men asking for an expression of their desires in regard to the disposition of the canteen fund, and further declared that the government would properly carry out the wishes of the returned men. This information considerably non-plussed Mr. McLellan, who was apparently intending to embark on a rampage of some description in regard to the matter.

Questions Submitted
The following questions were submitted to the four candidates: 1. Will you support legislation which will grant pensions to ex-service men, completely compensating them for the loss of their earning power? 2. Are you in favor of granting pensions sufficient to enable the dependents of deceased soldiers to live according to the Canadian standard? 3. Are you in favor of setting aside an amount equal to one year's pension on the death of the pensioner, will be paid to those who have assumed responsibility for sickness and funeral expenses? 4. Are you in favor of giving preference to returned soldiers in appointments to the civil service, making such appointments permanent after six months' satisfactory service? 5. If No. 4 answered in the affirmative, will you support legislation, no matter by whom introduced, to bring the Canadian National Railway and Canadian Merchant Marine within the scope of the Civil Service Act with respect to appointments? 6. Will you support the appointment of a returned soldier to the Civil Service Commission? 7. What is your attitude towards the reimbursement of all ex-service men and women of the amount of the pay and allowance lost by fluctuation of currency while serving overseas? 8. Inasmuch as there are a number of men made cripples by reason of the war and their pensions are inadequate to support them, will you use your influence to have the federal government give them immediate employment in the capacity of clerks, watchmen, etc.? 9. Are you in favor of all ex-service men and women who may have received gratuity in lieu of pensions, being accorded the right of medical rebond? 10. Are you in favor of the erection and maintenance by the federal government of homes for aged and infirm veterans?

First Speaker
The first speaker was Col. Murray MacLaren who declared that he was glad to be present at a meeting presided over by an old comrade with whom he had served overseas. The subject of the interests of returned soldiers was a familiar one to him, and he regarded that question as a non-partisan one. It should be lifted above party lines and dealt with as a matter of justice to the men who had served their country. He stated that returned soldiers should be treated in a just and liberal manner.

Col. MacLaren then proceeded to review, in a brief and concise way, the acts of the Government in regard to returned soldiers. In regard to the Lands Settlement Act, the number of returned soldiers who had been settled on the land was 26,700. This had cost the country in the way of loans and otherwise the sum of \$54,700,000. Overseas men were also given a grant of 160 acres of land, together with a civic grant of a stipular acreage, where they had been found fit to carry on such work. In addition to those who received vocational training, while undergoing hospital treatment, fifty thousand returned men had received vocational training. The total number of men placed in employment was 169,000. The Soldier's Civil Rehabilitation scheme, under which these men were trained and given medical treatment, had cost the sum of \$102,000,000. The number of men who received pensions in Canada was 73,000, and the amount paid in this respect to the end of 1920 was \$81,000,000. There was also a further sum paid in pensions to the 31st of August of this year amounting to \$32,000,000. The number of persons who had benefited under the Pensions Act was 127,000.

Another scheme which had been brought into effect was that of the payment of War Service Gratuity. The sum of \$14,000,000 had been paid by the Government in this connection. Many returned soldiers to the number of 21,333 had been placed in positions in the Civil Service. Dependents had also returned from overseas to the number of 7,000, and this had cost the country \$2,000,000. Those were some of the main items which the Government had put into effect.

To the first question, the speaker answered that he considered it referred to those men who had been in receipt of an average income. A representative committee of the House of Commons had been appointed to investigate the scale of pensions and report to Parliament. That report had been put into legislation. If it was not on the basis that it did compensate the men for the loss of their earning power, he was in favor of the whole matter being placed before a committee of the House of Commons for full investigation, and he would support such report.

Dr. MacLaren favored the formation of a committee of the House of Commons to investigate this matter, which finding he would support. He was not sure if the suggestion in question 3 was a good proposal in the interests of the smaller pensioner. The general allowance could be granted if necessary, and this matter should also be referred to a committee of the House of Commons. The speaker declared that he would support the decision of such committee. His answer to question 4 was in the affirmative. In reference to question 5, he did not know whether the Canadian National Railways could be brought under the scope of the Civil Service Act; but he did not see why the provision in the Act with respect to returned soldiers could not be applied. He believed that preference should be given to returned soldiers for clerical positions, watchmen and others. Men who had suffered disabilities should receive consideration. He favored the referring of the matter to a committee, whose report he would support.

Nominations For The Farmer-Labor Ticket

F. A. Campbell and W. M. Calhoun Chosen as Candidates at Labor Meeting.

At a meeting of the New Brunswick branch of the Canadian Labor Party, held last evening in the Trades and Labor Council hall, Prince William street, F. A. Campbell was nominated as the Labor member of the Farmer-Labor ticket for the constituency of St. John-Albert, and he and W. M. Calhoun will be the candidates for that combination.

Pelix S. McMullin was in the chair and about seventy-five men were present. He called on F. A. Campbell, who reported on the trip to Albert and his interview with the farmers. He stated that W. M. Calhoun had been nominated as the Farmer member of the Farmer-Labor ticket, and that Mr. Calhoun and George Russell were present and would address the meeting.

Mr. Calhoun said the farmers of the county of Albert would support Mr. Campbell and would pump him if there was no farmer on the ticket. He had not yet made up his mind whether he would accept the nomination offered him by the farmers, but would work for the Labor candidate in any case.

Mr. Russell spoke along the same lines. After some discussion the meeting endorsed the candidature of Mr. Calhoun, and F. A. Campbell was nominated as the Labor member of the ticket and accepted the nomination. In the evening Mr. Calhoun announced that he would run, and the following committee were named to look after the nomination papers: James Sharp, G. R. Melvin, W. A. Searle, A. D. Colwell, Ira D. Farris, Joseph Nixon and Manfred Day.

Dragged In Water For About An Hour

Fred Olsen Had Narrow Escape from Death When He Fell from Mud Scow.

Fred Olsen an employee on one of the dredging mud scows had a narrow escape from death early yesterday morning. With a companion the scow which they were on was towed from a dredge to a position off Black Point where the mud was dumped in deep water. While on the return trip Olsen slipped on the deck and fell overboard. His companion acted quickly and caught Olsen with a pike pole as he was fast drifting astern to his death. The companion was unable to pull Olsen on board and their shouts could not be heard by those on the tug boat which was quit a distance ahead. With wonderful endurance Olsen hung onto the pole and was towed behind the scow in the cold water for nearly an hour and was not rescued until the tug and its tow reached the dredge in Courtenay Bay and when Olsen was finally landed safely he was considerably exhausted and could not have hung out much longer. It is felt by the workmen that for their safety there should be some means of giving a signal in case of an accident.

Would Make Trouble
The questions were also discussed by the Liberal candidates, Mr. McLellan stated he would create some trouble if he were on the floor of the House of Commons and he also referred to the time when he thought he was still Honorary President of the G. W. V. A. but had been told that he was not.

Hon. Dr. Baxter assured the audience that the previous speaker did by any possibility get into Parliament the business of the country would continue to be carried on as it always had, notwithstanding his professed aversion to investigations and committees before the expenditure of large amounts of money. The business of Canada could not be carried on in a haphazard way.

Dr. Baxter for the Soldiers
The Minister of Customs and Excise stated that he strongly believed in justice being accorded to returned soldiers. Their interests should not be dealt with in a partisan manner, but should be lifted entirely above party lines of politics. Canada owed a duty to returned men and he believed that they should receive it.

Hon. Dr. Baxter referred to the fact that with one exception only Canada's scale of war pensions was larger than any other country. The pensions should be adjusted to conditions and meet all cases. They were subject to readjustment and he would strongly support any report of a committee appointed by the House of Commons in the matter. Cases might arise in two or three years of disability which could be traced to service in the army, and these should receive proper remuneration.

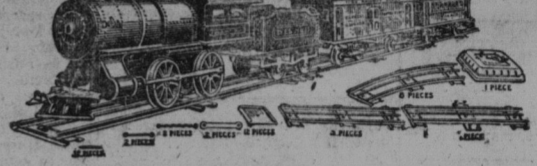
He believed that a committee of the House of Commons could fully investigate the second and third questions, which report he would support. Hon. Dr. Baxter favored that preference be given to returned soldiers in the matter of civil service appointments.

In regard to question 5, he thought that it would tend to break down the Civil Service Commission if these matters were placed under its jurisdiction, and he believed in preference being given to returned men. He also favored the appointment of one returned soldier on the commission as outlined in question 6. The points raised by questions 7 and 8 required investigation. The Minister of Customs declared he believed that a committee of the House of Commons



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