

Around the City

LEFT FOR VALCARTIER.
Corp. C. F. Garnett and Private W. Gove, of the 25th Kilites Battalion, left last evening for Valcartier to rejoin their unit.

TRANSFERRED TO 26TH.
Capt. A. L. Barry, of Newcastle, and Lieut. J. Graham, of Kentville, of the 132nd Battalion, have gone to France to reinforce the 26th Battalion.

KILLED IN ACTION.
Mrs. J. A. Kelly, of Shediac, has received the sad news that her nephew, Cyril Burns, has been killed in action in France. Private Burns belonged in Halifax.

STRUCK A PEDESTRIAN.
Automobile No. 3511 struck a pedestrian last evening at the junction of Mill and Pond streets. Fortunately the car was not travelling at a very fast rate and a slight jolt, the man escaped injury.

REPAIRS TO SEWER.
The men of the water and sewerage department are busy in replacing a portion of an old wooden sewer in Sheriff street with terra cotta pipe. The section being replaced is about fifty feet in length and joins up with the big brick sewer.

WINS A COMMISSION.
Robert H. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, of Newcastle, who went overseas with the 26th Battalion as a private, has won a commission and is now qualified for shoreland work as a Lieutenant. He also has a brother at the front in a Toronto unit.

NO COUNCIL MEETING.
Only three members of the council were present at the opening hour yesterday morning and no business was transacted. The mayor brought up the signing of the usual agreement with the Dominion Public Works Department releasing them from any liability for damage done to the wharves by the dredging done for the city. The mayor was empowered to sign this agreement, and it is expected the work will be begun at once.

SITUATION UNCHANGED.
Nothing new has developed in regard to the coal situation and Mayor Hayes said last night he did not expect any further word for a few days. He has ordered 10,000 tons from the Century Coal and Coke Co., but has not as yet received any acknowledgment of the order. He expressed the opinion, however, that the coal would be here in plenty of time and everybody would get enough to keep them warm. The question of distribution has not been taken up as yet, and it is expected the work will be begun at once.

DISCOUNT BRINGING MONEY.
The giving of a discount of ten per cent. on water rates paid before the 3rd day of October has resulted in an increase in the amount coming in at this time of year, and the water works clerks have not had to work overtime as yet to care for the business, the number of those paying was considered very satisfactory, and the water officials at City Hall, to the Standard yesterday. The big rush would probably come in the last week, as it did with the payment of the assessment, and it was expected that a record payment would result as a consequence of the giving of the discount.

Y. M. C. A. IS BUSY PLACE AT THE PRESENT-TIME

New Physical Director, S. S. Marshall, Giving Classes Thorough Instruction—Has Had Much Experience.

The Y.M.C.A. is a busy place these days as the officers are hard at work in getting things in readiness for the opening of the season's activities, which will take place about the first of October. The swimming classes have already started, under the capable leadership of the new physical instructor, S. S. Marshall. Great interest is being displayed in the lessons in the tank and the enrollment for the classes has been large. A special feature of the work is the life saving tests. Mr. Marshall is a graduate of the Silver Bay Summer School, and while there he studied swimming and life saving under Corson, the swimming expert. He has also had two summers experience as a life guard at the Northfield Summer Conference at Northfield, Mass., so that he will be in a position to make the classes of interest to the boys as well as giving them a thorough foundation in the art of swimming. Classes are being held for the school and working boys as well as for the older members. Before taking up Y.M.C.A. work Mr. Marshall followed the sea for six years. He was graduated from the U. S. merchant marine training ship Ranger and then took up work connected with the U. S. navy collier service. He later signed on with the liner St. Paul as lookout quartermaster and later as quartermaster; the steamer at that time sailing between New York and Southampton. He started his Y.M.C.A. work at the U. S. army post at Fort Slocum as physical instructor. He was later called to the Y.M.C.A. at Bath, Maine, and thence to Rockland, Maine, where he stayed until he was called to the local Y.M.C.A. Before going to Fort Slocum as physical instructor Mr. Marshall taught two years at Mount Hermon School, situated at Northfield, Mass.

AMERICAN MARKET FOR LUMBER SHOWS BIG IMPROVEMENT

George B. Jones, M. L. A., Says His Export Business to United States Has Increased 100 Per Cent. This Year—To Commence Woods Operations.

Geo. B. Jones, M.L.A., the well known Kings county lumberman, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Victoria Hotel. Replying to inquiries from The Standard, Mr. Jones said that the American lumber market had improved very considerably within the past few weeks, and that there was a keen demand for New Brunswick lumber by American dealers at the present time. The market, Mr. Jones stated, had been dull for the past month or two, but conditions had resumed normal. Mr. Jones told The Standard that his company had shipped fully 100 per cent. more lumber to the American market this season than in former years and he said that his information was that other operators had also materially increased their shipments. The big difficulty with which the exporters have had to contend has been the scarcity of cars. If the necessary freights had been available, he said, there would have been an even larger export business.

With respect to the trade with the English market, Mr. Jones said that the absolute impossibility of securing tonnage had operated to hinder the usual extensive business of the New Brunswick lumbermen. Aside from a few isolated cases he said that practically no timber had been shipped overseas during the present year. A good many of the operators are already completing preparations for the season's operations in the woods. Mr. Jones reports that in about a month his men will go into the woods to cut. The cost of labor has increased materially and provisions also showed a big increase in cost over last year's prevailing prices.

RECKLESS MOTOR CAR RACERS COLLIDE WITH ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE

Fatal Accident Probably Narrowly Averted by Frank Jones on Waterloo Street Who Ran His Car on Sidewalk.

Only the prompt action of Frank Jones in running his automobile almost upon the sidewalk averted what must surely have been a fatal accident on Waterloo street last night about a quarter to nine o'clock. Mr. Jones was going out Waterloo street when he saw coming toward him two cars racing and obloquers said they were going not less than forty miles an hour. Seeing that a collision was imminent Mr. Jones crowded his car over into the gutter and partly up the sidewalk, but even then did not escape being hit. As the car nearest him passed it struck the mud guard over the rear wheel and bent it down hard against the tire. The blow was heard a block away and sounded like a blow. The car kept on and turned into Sydney street. Mr. Jones turned his car and followed until he caught up with them and got the number of the car which had struck him. The number was 6411. Several persons who saw the accident said there was no question that only for the presence of mind shown by Mr. Jones a fatality would have resulted, and predicted that unless motorists stopped using Waterloo street as a speedway some person would be killed there yet. The number of the second car was not ascertained last night, but the hope was expressed by those who saw the happening that it would be a lesson to them.

TOLD OF THE BRAVERY OF SCOTCH FISHERMEN

How Peaceful "Toilers of the Deep" Accounted for Crew of German "U" Boat.

By a visitor from the States, whose brother has just returned from the Old Country, a Standard reporter was told the following incident, which goes to prove that the valor and bravery of the Scotch fishermen, who are doing patrol duty, is equal to that displayed by the men fighting in the front lines. On one occasion, a patrol boat, manned by ex-fishermen, was held up by a German submarine, the captain of which then commanded those on board to row over to the U-boat. They were then made prisoners. The Hun commander then ordered the British captain to direct through a channel between submarine nets, for the purpose of attacking a section of the British fleet lying at anchor, in one of the large naval bases. Nothing daunted the brave Britisher gave directions whereby the submarine was trapped in one of the nets, and some hours afterwards the British naval authorities gathered in the spoil, together with the dead bodies of the self-sacrificing fishermen and their foe. One more U-boat was accounted for at the cost of several brave lives.

KILLED IN ACTION



PRIVATE H. B. FERRIS. Private Ferris enlisted in the 165th Battalion Band, which was recruited in Toronto. On the arrival of the unit in England he entered the ranks in order to cross over to France. He was recently wounded and gassed, and died before removed to hospital.

RUSSIAN ROUBLE INVESTMENT IN PROVINCE

\$400,000 Worth Purchased Last Year in New Brunswick, But That Was Before Nicholas Was Shied Off Throne.

Among many vagaries of the investment market during recent months nothing has created more interest locally than the slump in Russian securities. It will be remembered that a year ago, or less, a lot of these securities were sold in the Province of New Brunswick. It is estimated by brokers here that, counting those purchased locally and others bought direct, at least \$400,000 worth of New Brunswick, while the sum may possibly reach \$500,000. The Russian rouble at ordinary times is worth 45 cents. The thousand rouble certificates or bonds, which were sold here were offered at \$20, giving 32 cents for the rouble, were looked on as a good gamble. About a year ago the price ran off a little from that figure, but afterwards came up to somewhere around 35c. Since then it has gradually slumped. The low mark was reached on Wednesday of this week when New York quoted the rouble at 11 1/2c.

There was some recovery on that day and yesterday's quotation was 14c. This means that people who paid \$20 for a thousand rouble bond a year ago could have sold it on Wednesday for \$115, a loss of roughly 60 per cent. while they they might dispose of it for \$140 and lose only \$180 on the transaction. Among brokers this Russian investment is looked upon today as a far better betting proposition than it was a year ago. It is said that the sorely disturbed condition of Russia. There is a fair and regular market in New York for these securities, but so far as is known New Brunswick holders are not showing any great disposition to sell, and swallow their losses. They are on the contrary holding in hope of recovery which is not improbable.

What J. M. Robinson Says. That New Brunswick investors in Russian roubles for war purposes need have no worry about financial loss because of the revolution in Russia that has served to reduce the quotation was the statement made yesterday by The Standard by J. M. Robinson of J. M. Robinson & Sons. On the contrary Mr. Robinson takes the view that investors will realize a handsome profit if they hold on to their holdings of Russian bonds and the investing public generally.

"New Brunswick investors bought Russian roubles when they paid from \$300 to \$210 per 1,000 roubles. The nominal quotation in New York today is from \$140 to \$143 a thousand, but I understand from further wires that anyone wishing to purchase cannot buy the actual bond at anything like that price. All one can secure is an option good for thirty days to purchase them at \$220 per thousand; and that for those options they would have to pay \$305 on a 50,000 rouble option for thirty days and about \$450 on a 100,000 rouble-option for sixty days."

"My personal opinion is that anyone who can buy these Russian 5 1/2 per cent. internal loan bonds due in 1936 at today's prices is bound to make a very substantial profit. Russian resources are enormous, and while the country is in the throes of a revolution conditions are not nearly as bad as they were in France at the time of the French revolution and it is a well known fact that those who bought French Government obligations during that period at bargain prices profited very substantially. It should be remembered that in normal times these Russian bonds are worth \$110 a thousand. The risk that anyone purchasing these bonds is taking is a risk of repudiation by any future Government establish-

FORMER MEMBERS OF 165TH BATTALION JOIN FLYING CORPS

Promotions for St. John and Provincial Officers—French Acadian Battalion Has Been Converted Into Forestry Unit.

Since their arrival in England the 165th Battalion, at the request of its members has been converted into a forestry unit. This decision left a surplus of officers and many of the former lieutenants in the battalion have gone to different units in England and France. Word was received here yesterday that Lieut. Arthur Cyr and Lieut. Jos. Legere, two well known officers of the battalion, had secured appointments with the Royal Flying Corps and were now engaged in training for their new work in England.

Other interesting information in regard to New Brunswick officers was also received in the city yesterday. News of the promotion of Major Alex. McMillan to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel was welcomed by the many friends of this popular officer who was recently awarded the D.S.O. for distinguished war services. Word has also been received of the promotion of Lieut. A. Landry, a son of the late Sir Pierre Landry, to the rank of flying officer. For the past two years Lieut. Landry has been at the front and was mentioned more than one occasion for distinguished services with the Canadian artillery. He enlisted as a gunner with the artillery at Fredericton under command of Major J. K. MacKay, D.S.O. and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Captain J. S. Davis, formerly of this city, who was the adjutant of the 132nd Battalion under command of Lieut. Col. McCreeman, has proceeded overseas from England and has in consequence reverted to the temporary rank of Lieutenant. Temp. Lt. Col. W. H. Muirhead, a well known Nova Scotia officer, who has many friends in New Brunswick, has been given the command of a Nova Scotia battalion at the front.

PTE. RALPH COWAN RECOVERING NICELY

Gives Graphic Description of Battle in Which He Was Wounded in Letter to Parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cowan, Cedar street, received a letter from their son, Pte. Ralph P. Cowan, who was admitted to the Bath War Hospital, Bath, Eng., on Aug. 20th, suffering from gunshot wounds in the left arm. He writes that he is doing well and recovering the best of care. He was wounded on the 15th of August on Hill 60. Pte. Cowan enlisted with the unit commanded by Lieut. Col. Wedderburn and went overseas with the unit. After a short time in England he was transferred to another unit and crossed to France. This young man had celebrated his 20th birthday only two days before he was wounded.

In the letter just received he gives a graphic description of the battle. He says they went over the top in the grey dawn of morning, each soldier with a load like a pack mule. His load was a rifle with fixed bayonet, a shovel, machine gun ammunition and a gas mask. They went through the German lines to the third line of trenches over the bodies of Germans with their comrades falling all around. When he was first hit he thought it was a piece of earth which had struck him, then he saw the blood running down his arm and realized that he was wounded. He went back to a shell hole where a first aid station had been established and held the arm dressed. While this was being done he saw "Jim" Dever run along the top of the crater and called to him. "Jim" came down, shook hands with him and then went on with his men. After the wound had been bound up Ralph went back to the dressing station and was sent from there to England.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR BOYS' WORK MEETS

Report on Camp Conference Received—Plans for Fall and Winter Outlined.

The regular fall meeting of the New Brunswick Provisional Advisory Committee for co-operation in boys' work, was held yesterday afternoon in the board room of the Y. M. C. A. with representatives from the different Protestant denominations Y. M. C. A. and Sunday school Associations in attendance, owing to the departure of the former president, Rev. Gilbert Earle, for new fields in the West Indies, his resignation was respectfully accepted. Rev. P. R. Bayward was elected the new president of the committee.

The committee submitted its report on the camp conference, held at Chipman last July, which showed that the work in the country and this seems to me to be entirely out of the question." Mr. Robinson added that he himself had quantities of rouble bonds costing \$500 per thousand and that he was not worrying over the investment in the least.

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conference had been a most successful one. October 28th and closure on the 28th. A committee consisting of Revs. P. R. Bayward, R. T. McKim and E. A. Westmorland, and Messrs. Robert Reid and A. M. Gregg was appointed in connection with the running of the conference. Plans were outlined for the Boys' conference session. A special committee on promotion work in the province was appointed with W. E. Anderson as chairman. The committee plans to carry on more definite work in other provincial centres besides St. John. Mr. L. A. Buckley, Maritime Boys' Work Secretary, was present at the meeting. The full drive in boys' work was outlined and it was decided to hold the annual Boys' Work conference in Fredericton; the conference for leaders opening Thursday night, October 25th, and closing on the 28th. One of their best numbers is a round cape effect of fine quality Marabou, neatly finished with tails at back. Price \$9.90, white and nigger. There are many other clever styles really too numerous to describe, as some of these best items come in exclusive patterns and are not duplicated, thus assuring their customers of a positive individuality when purchasing these patterns.
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