

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Strong winds occasional snow or rain. Washington, Jan. 9.—Forecast Northern New England—Overcast, colder Wednesday and Thursday, cold wave; strong shifting winds. Toronto, Jan. 9.—A moderate depression extends from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces and snow has occurred in many parts of Ontario and Quebec. The weather has been cold, with local snowfalls in Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan, and fair and comparatively mild in Alberta.

Table with columns: Temperature, Min., Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, Port Nelson, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Fire Loss Appraised. The loss of Messrs. A. and I. Isaacs by Sunday night's fire has been adjusted. The damage to the building was appraised at \$350 and to the stock at \$2,700.

One Cottage Burned. W. Stanley Cody went to Cedar Point yesterday morning and found that his cottage had been destroyed by fire Monday night. He estimated his loss at \$600.

They Claim Damages. Writs have been issued against the St. John Railway Co. by Sarah C. Armstrong and Margaret A. Fleming. They claim damages, alleging that through negligence they were thrown off a car on June 5, 1910.

Auto Chain Found. County Policeman Saunders found an automobile chain on the Loch Lomond Road last night and the owner can receive the same on applying to the finder, whose phone number is M. 2449-46.

Report Will be Sent to Mayor. The council of the Board of Trade met last night and took up the report of the taxation committee on the proposed new assessment act. The report was very fully discussed but it was decided not to make it public until the mayor had been given a chance to study it.

Electric Car Damaged. Electric car 72 collided with a heavy lumber wagon on the Marsh Road last evening and was so badly damaged that it had to be taken to the repair shop. The car is the property of John Driscoll, and without a driver, the horses were crossing the road from the Lively lumber yard to a stable, when the car collided with it.

Arrested for Theft. Fred Bell, who is better known to the police under the name of "Spider," was arrested yesterday afternoon about two o'clock by Detectives Barrett and Duncan, on the charge of stealing a hide from the St. John Hide Company, Dorchester street extension. Bell has served a term in prison for stealing on a previous occasion. He has been residing in Hampton for some time. He will appear in the police court this morning.

St. John District, L. O. L. The St. John District Orange Lodge held their installation ceremonies last evening in the Orange Hall, Germain street. The following officers were installed: Charles E. Artbars, worshipful district master; H. C. Lawton, deputy district master; Frank Purdy, chaplain; W. H. McDonald, district recording secretary; Neil J. Morrison, district financial secretary; Christopher White, district treasurer; Isaac Mercer, district director of ceremonies; F. B. Thompson, lecturer; Robt. O. Johnson, inside tyler.

Dr. Christie Injured. As the result of a collision last night about 8 o'clock on the other side of the Marsh bridge, Dr. James Christie received a bad shaking up and a bruise on the head and his wagon was broken. Dr. Christie was driving towards the city when he collided with Private Charles Osborne. Fortunately neither of the parties were driving fast, otherwise the result would have been more serious. Dr. Christie was thrown from the wagon, striking his head on a stone. He was carried into Cusack's grocery store where Dr. C. M. Kelly was summoned. As the injuries were but slight he was able to proceed home shortly after his head had been dressed. Private Osborne was more fortunate than the doctor and escaped uninjured.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Marr and Miss Marr, of Halifax, left last evening for New York after spending a few days in the city.

ADDRESS FROM GRAND JURY TO THE NEW JUDGE

Hon. Mr. Justice Chandler Presides Here—No Bill in Rex v. Dritz.

Yesterday's session of the Circuit Court marked the first occasion since his elevation that His Honor Mr. Justice Chandler has presided over the court. The session was marked by warm greetings to the new jurist. In the morning, President J. R. Taylor, K.C., of the local law society, extended congratulations to Judge Chandler, while at the afternoon session of the court the following address was presented to the new judge by the members of the grand jury: To His Honor Mr. Justice Chandler: We, the members of the Grand Inquest for the city and county of St. John desire upon this, the first occasion of your presiding at this Circuit Court, to congratulate you upon your elevation to the dignified and honorable position which you occupy and to assure you that we feel sure that during your tenure of office the happy relations which have always existed between the Bench and the Grand Jurors of this city and county will be maintained. Your Honor's long and successful experience at the Bar enables us to predict with confidence that all business coming before you will be dealt with in a practical manner, expeditiously and in keeping with the honorable traditions which have always characterized the Bench of New Brunswick.

In tendering our congratulations upon your elevation we desire to wish to your Honor many happy new years, full of enjoyment of the dignity of your position and the opportunities for public service which it opens to you. No Bill Found. The grand jury failed to find a true bill in the case of Rex v. Dritz and the prisoner was accordingly discharged.

C. W. HALLAMORE MADE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Presentation Planned to F. E. Hanington—Good Year Financially and Membership Increasing.

(Between forty and fifty members attended the annual meeting of St. George's Society, which took place last evening in the Knights of Pythias building, Germain street. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: C. W. Hallamore, president; R. W. W. Frink, first vice-president; T. H. Estabrooks, second vice-president; R. G. Schofield, Sec.; W. H. Hayward, Assn. Sec.; P. T. Stern, Treas.; Rev. L. R. Sherman, chaplain; E. T. Sturdee, historian.

It was decided by the society to present Past President F. E. Hanington with a jewel suitably engraved. Mr. Hanington has been one of the most enthusiastic members of the society and has for the past eleven years continuously served the society in various offices. The reports presented last evening showed an increase in the membership during the year of five, while at the meeting four new names were proposed. During the year the society contributed fully \$500 to charitable and patriotic purposes. At the close of the meeting the members present, on invitation of President Hallamore, retired to Bond's restaurant where refreshments were served. An enjoyable toast list brought forward many happy responses. The evening was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

Children's Dresses. Why worry and fuss over making children's dresses when you can buy them ready made at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s at almost the price that you pay for the bare materials. Dresses that are made by people who know how look much better than dresses made by amateurs, that is why the dresses that are now on sale are calling forth so many favorable comments. The materials from which these dresses are made are all wool serges, poplins, and tweed effects. The prices run from \$3.00 to \$6.50 each, and each dress is worth the price.

Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for cigarette cases, signet rings and military brushes. A grand selection of these articles is always kept in stock. The famous wrist watch is also shown in many styles.

Prince Edward Island Steamers. Commencing today steamers "Prince Edward Island" and "Stanley" will make daily trips, except Sundays, between Pictou and Charlottetown, leaving 7 a. m.

THE REV. E. H. CREED, METHODIST MINISTER, IS DEAD IN FRANCE

Enlisted With 55th and Died With the 26th.

MINISTER IN HAMPTON WHEN JOINED COLORS

Refused Appointment as Chaplain—Went as Private to be With Men on Firing Line.

In the casualty list printed in the Montreal Star on a recent date was the name of E. H. Creed, and he was mentioned as having died in France. As he was not listed as "killed in action," or "died of wounds," it is presumed he died of illness. E. H. Creed was a Methodist minister in the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference. In 1910 he was stationed in Hampton and at that time enlisted as a private with the 55th Battalion.

Rev. Mr. Creed had been offered the position of chaplain, but thought that he could be of more service in the ranks where he could assist the men while in action and would be nearer to the fighting line. After the 55th reached England Private Creed was made corporal, and was attached to the Red Cross section in the army. He was transferred from the 55th to the 40th and afterwards to the Fighting 26th in which unit he was attached to the machine gun section in Company A. It is presumed he was with the 26th when he died. Rev. Mr. Creed was an Englishman by birth and in 1901 went to South America and was stationed in British Guiana. He came to New Brunswick in 1909 and held a charge at Lindsay, near Woodstock, and afterwards was transferred to Harcourt, where he remained for three years. For two years he was the minister in Hampton and in that town two years ago his wife died.

He was a man of sterling character, of splendid devotion and beloved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was in the prime of life, and has two brothers in the ministry, one in England, the other in South Africa. His next of kin is in England, and he leaves no children. His death will be learned of with regret by a very wide circle of friends.

VERDUN HERO HERE; GOING BACK TO FRONT

Sergeant Louis Vergnes Won Two Big Decorations for His Great Work.

Wearing two striking decorations, the war cross and the Soudan medal, two of the highest honors in the gift of the French government, Sergeant Louis Vergnes of St. Pierre reached the city yesterday afternoon en route to New York on his return to the front. Few, if any members of the famous French army have had a more distinguished and successful career at the front than the young hero who is going back into action after a furlough of three months in St. Pierre. For twenty-five months he has been "carrying on" and he says he is ready to fight for that period, and a great deal longer, if necessary, for the triumph of the Allied cause.

Louis Vergnes boarded the Halifax express at Truro and he was given a most enthusiastic reception at the various points en route to this city. He is unable to converse fluently in English, but through the kindness of Julien Morazo, a prominent merchant of St. Pierre and Misqueon, who accompanied the young soldier to New York, The Standard was able to take advantage of his services as interpreter and learn something about the hero. Sergeant Vergnes' double honors have come to him for conspicuous gallantry. He had the happy faculty of going across "No Man's Land" and killing off the enemy in good numbers. He led many successful raiding parties and was the hero of the Verdun French infantry in the defence of Verdun.

Sergeant Vergnes was with the Canadians for a time at the front. He paid a fine tribute to the work of the men from the Dominion and says that they are big figures in the great conflict. "The Allies will not have peace until the enemy makes good the damage she has done," said young Vergnes. The sergeant is a married man with a wife and a little girl of three years. "They are worth fighting for," he told the reporter through the interpreter. "And I am ready to fight for them until we have won out." Mr. Morazo said that there had been a big enlistment from the St. Pierre district, fully 800 having joined the colors. He is going to New York on business. He reports the best year in fighting that St. Pierre has ever enjoyed.

FIVE MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Twenty Recruits in City in Last Two Days—Kilties Now Number 515—Inspection of 165th.

HONOR ROLL.

D. Gilbert, Fredericton, N. B. L. Patterson, Fredericton, N.B. J. M. McQuarrie, Hartland, N.B. M. Timms, Fredericton, N.B. 9th Siege Batta'y.

Within the last two days 20 men have been secured in the city for overseas. Yesterday five men reported for duty. Besides the above four, one man requested that his name be not published. Five were also rejected yesterday as medically unfit.

Passed 500 Mark. The Kilties Battalion have now 515 men on the muster roll. It is expected that at least 50 men will be secured for the unit this week in view of the fact that the officers of the battalion are planning a most active campaign in the interest of their battalion. Today the 236th Battalion will be inspected in the art of musketry by Major Breenan, district musketry inspector. Major Breenan arrived in the city yesterday from Halifax, and left last night for Fredericton.

French-Canadian Inspected. Yesterday afternoon the French-Canadian Battalion was drawn up on the Barrack Square where they were inspected by Major Breenan of the headquarters staff at Halifax. The 165th Battalion has the honor of being one of the best trained battalions in the use of the rifle that has ever been recruited in the Dominion, and yesterday their unity of action which marked the drill was commended upon most complimentary by the inspecting officers. Each individual rifle was inspected by Major Breenan. Lieutenant Belliveau was the orderly officer for the day.

Ambulance Up To Strength. The 8th Field Ambulance Training Depot is now up to full strength, but as soon as the draft leaves for overseas there will be required more men to fill the vacancies.

Yesterday Lieut.-Col. Mersereau, of Halifax, and Captain Corbell, of the New Brunswick command, made a detail inspection of the men and the quarters. The splendid condition of the quarters was commented upon by the officers. Everything in its place and a place for everything can well be applied to the quarters of the Ambulance boys. The manner in which the boys carried on the stretcher drill demonstrated that they are now quite capable of doing the stretcher bearing work at the front as well as attending to first aid cases.

PLAN REGISTRATION OF PROVINCIAL PLUMBERS

Domestic Sanitary and Heating Engineers in Semi-Annual Session Yesterday.

Representatives from the city, Fredericton, Moncton, St. Stephen and Woodstock, to the number of forty, attended the semi-annual meeting of the domestic sanitary and heating engineers, which took place yesterday in the McLaughlin building, Union street. In the absence of President D. J. Shea of Fredericton, the chair was taken by Vice-President George S. Dorman. Many matters appertaining to the welfare of the society and to the improvement of sanitary conditions throughout the province were discussed. The convention expressed its approval at the advancement made along sanitary lines in the last year under the direction of the local Board of Health. The conditions existing in factories, stores and tenements have been greatly improved. The meeting heartily endorsed the action of the Board of Health in closing houses deemed unfit for habitation.

The society's representative on the Provincial Board of Health is Frank S. Walker of this city, while George Blake is the representative on the Fredericton board. The society hopes in the near future to have representatives taken from the local boards throughout the province. One of the questions about which the society propose taking action in the near future is the registration of plumbers and all those having the work of installing sanitary fixtures. Care in registering only competent men, it is contended, will assist in improving sanitary conditions. Several new firms were elected to the membership of the association at yesterday's session. The next place of meeting will be at Sussex in July next.

Cheery Warmth for Chilly Spots. There are certain places in most houses—places where one would like to sit and read, or sew or chat—that furnace or heater heat never seems to reach, and where PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATERS would bring you quick, abundant, genial warmth, its cheery glow imparting an air of real cozy comfort. You can't turn it too high, it won't smoke, and doesn't smell. PRICES—\$4.15, \$4.70, \$6.50, \$8.25. OIL STOVE SECTION—SECOND FLOOR. MARKET SQUARE - W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - KING STREET

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