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Dividends On Watered Stock Is Main Issue

First Sitting of Commission On Power Company Affairs

Company's Argument is That They Need The Money—Counsel For City Says It Is Required Only Because of Inflated Capitalization—Conference on Procedure This Afternoon — No Action on Request for Immediate Increase

The first session of the commission appointed to inquire into the affairs of the New Brunswick Power Company, Limited, and to decide the merits of the company's request for permission to increase the rates for their various utilities was held this morning in the provincial government rooms, Prince William street. The hearing took the form of a preliminary statement on behalf of the company and a reply on behalf of the city.

For the company, Homer Loring related the events in the history of the company, which have led up to the present situation, and dealt with increased cost of operating and the various matters which, he said, had made it necessary for them to ask for increased rates. He declared that the June dividends had exhausted the company's surplus, and that unless the increaseswere granted immediately, the company would be unable to meet its interest and dividend charges in September. He asked that temporary increases be authorized immediately, under the power conferred an the commission by the act of legislature.

In his reply, J. A. Sullivan, counsel for the city, said that the estimated deficit of $70,000 for the year 1918, as presented by Mr. Loring, was practically equal to the amount which R. A. MacIntyre, city auditor, had found was added to the interest and dividend charges of the company at the time it was taken over by the present owners. He said that nothing had been produced to show that this extra charge represented any additional value, and argued that the granting of a temporary rate increase would be equivalent to authorization of the bond and stock issues, on the part of the commission, and approval of the principle that the citizens must pay charges on any securities the company wished to issue.

F. R. Taylor and Dr. Baxter also spoke briefly, and there was some general discussion in which the commissioners participated.

When the commission arose at one o'clock, no action had been taken towards granting the request of the company for an immediate increase in rates.

The commissioners and counsel were to meet this afternoon to discuss matters of procedure, and it is not likely that the commission will sit again until after the report of an auditor, who is to be appointed to go over the company's books, has been submitted.

Guy W. Currier of Boston, chairman of the commission, presided, with Henry Holgate of Holgate & Ross, engineers, Montreal, and Albert S. Rychey of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, as the other members of the commission. F. R. Taylor, K.C., of this city, and Homer Loring of Boston, president of the Massachusetts Association of owners of Street Railway securities, appeared for the N. B. Power Company, and J. A. Sullivan of Boston, Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., city solicitor, and Dr. W. B. Wallace were present in the interests of the city and the citizens. G. P. Leonard acted as offical stenographer.

Those present at the opening of the hearing included Mayor Hayes, Commissioners Fisher and Bullock, F. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, A. P. Barnhill, K.C., Percy Thomson and H. P. Robinson, directors, and H. M. Hopper, general manager of the company, Joseph Bodell of Providence, R.I., representing owners of securities, and J. M. Robinson.

The chairman, in opening the hearing, announced the purpose for which the commissioners had been appointed, and read the Royal Commission, under authority of which they acted.

The Company's Case

The case for the company was opened by Mr. Loring. He gave an outline of the history of the street railway in St. John under various owners until the present. Speaking of the transfer to the present owners, he said that a commonly accepted belief, that the transfer was for the purpose of stock-jobbing, was incorrect and that re-organization was necessary as the St. John Railway Company had reached the end of its resources and its possibilities of financing. He told of increased costs of operation and of supplies, and put these forward in support of the claims for higher rates. The company had reached the situation where all the company's accumulated surplus was required to pay the June dividends on the prefered stock. The company, he said, was not setting aside sufficient amounts for depreciation and possible damages. If the expenses and revenues continue during the next six months on the same scale as during the first half of this year, the net revenue will show a total of $105,000, as compared with $205,000 last year. The street railway earnings have decreased, and this decrease will continue. The wage question is imminent and the coal companies cannot guarnatee against an increase in coal prices.

"The company is confronted with a desperate situation," he said. "The amount to be applied to interest and dividends in sight for September 1 is less than $10,000. If these charges cannot be met the result will be disastrous. The citizens are as much interested in maintaining the company as are the security owners. The need for greater revenue is urgent, and we therefore must ask that provision be made to permit the company to secure increased revenue."

Undue Economy

Regarding the operation of the company, Mr. Loring said he had found no evidence of extravagance; if there was any ground for complaint it would arise from undue economy.

In reply to the chairman, Mr. Loring said that the company was not prepared to recommend definite rate increases; they thought it better to leave that to the commission and they would be glad to confer with the commissioners on that subject. They did not want to introduce increased rates which would defeat their object by reducing the patronage.

To Mr. Holgate, Mr. Loring said that the average for several years showed a consumption of 3-6 pounds of coal for each kilowatt hour of electricity produced. The coal per unit of electricity had been decreasing steadily, until recently when coal of the same standard could not be secured.

Mr. Loring remarked that there was no information pertinent to the inquiry which the company was not willing to produce.

Mr. Sullivan—"Does that mean the stock books and ledgers?"

Mr. Loring, after a pause, "yes, if the commission regards them as pertinent to the inquiry."

For the City

Mr. Sullivan, addressing the commission, on behalf of the city, said that the request of the company for immediate relief did not come as a surprise, as warning had been given. Mr. Loring in support of his request had submitted a statement of company's finances for the first half of 1918 and an estimated statement for the second half. Only one copy had been furnished the city, and he would have to ask that time be granted to permit the city to have these statements, and further details they would want, checked up.

So far as he had folowed Mr. Loring, the estimated deficit for 1918 was equal to the carrying charges on the stocks and bonds over and above the stocks and bonds of the St. John Railway Company when taken over by the present company. The increase in capitalization amounts to $1,153,300, and in basing a request for increased revenue on this capitalization, the company was asking the commission to approve of this issue and to guarantee interest charges on it.

This raised the question whether the increased liabilities represented any new capital and no information had been furnished by the company on this subject. Mr. Macintyre, the city auditor, said that no new capital was introduced into the company. If this were so the commission must decide whether they would authorize increased rates in order to pay interest on securities which represent no investment and time must be taken for this purpose. That, he said, was the answer to the request for immediate increase in rates.

Claim Is Unfair.

The company was not basing its claim on a fair value of its property but on its capitalization. That was not a proper basis as it might have no relation to the true value, either the original cost or the present value. That true value cannot be established until any statement presented by the company had been checked by engineers and an accountant. With regard to the Waterman and Sloan reports, the city did not impugn them but neither did it accept them, at least until they had been checked up. That was the root of the matter, and until these reports had been checked up he did not see how the commission could grant even temporary relief.

Regarding the financial statement submitted, Mr. Sullivan said that it was a self-serving statement on which the commission could not adjudicate.

Mr. Sullivan referred to the increased gas rates which, he said, appeared to promise an increased revenue of $45,000 for the year. He believed that no further action need be taken until it is seen how these rates work out.

Regarding the electrical rates, Mr. Sullivan said that he believed it would be shown that they produced a fair return on the investment. The Waterman report, he said, showed that the average revenue per kilowatt hour has been 5.7 cents, and the average net revenue was 2.93 cents, which he characterized as an extraordinarily high return.

Regarding the street car fares, Mr. Sullivan said that the common fare throughout the United States was five cents, but without any reflection on their fare collectors, he thought some of those companies would be very glad to receive 4.39 cents for each passenger actually carried. The question of the relation of increased costs of operation and its relation to fares was a fair one, but one which could not be settled without fullest investigation, for instance into the proportion of the company's charges which are charged to the railway department.

Mr. Sullivan also pointed out that increased rates will have the result of reducing the business done and if this goes far enough the company would be no better off, but their patrons would be inconvenienced and mulcted.

The commission also must consider the question of total revenue in its relation to the various branches of operation and consider whether the user of electric current, for instance, should be required to pay not only a fair price for his current but also help to make up a deficit in another department.

The chairman—"Would that argument apply also to short and long haul passengers on the street cars?"

Mr. Sullivan—"Yes, it would. I can see no reason why every one should pay the same rates. The flat rate has been fixed as a matter of convenience as much to the company as to the patrons."

Fining the City.

Granting temporary relief at once would be equivalent, Mr. Sullivan said, to finding the city guilty and fining it, without hearing the city's side of the case. The city is not classed as a wealthy community and the question of what the traffic will bear must be taken into consideration. It is quite possible that the community cannot furnish sufficient revenue to meet the charges on the securities for which the company claims returns. If not, several alternatives are open. The stockholders may have to stand a loss; the city might take over the plant and operate it under public ownership; there is also the alternative of private ownership with a measure of public control. The latter, he said, usually arises from a company's claim that it cannot operate at existing rates and its patrons' unwillingness to accept their word for it.

In this city the request for increased rates is based on an inflated capitalization and he did not see how even temporary increases could be granted justly without full investigation.

Mr. Loring pointed out that the act of legislature authorizes temporary increases and said that Mr. Sullivan's plea was for a delay which might necessitate the services of a coroner rather than a physician. He said that the Waterman reports had been in the hands of the city's representatives for two months, sufficient time to have it checked up.

The existing labor situation had not been dealt with by Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Loring said.

Mr. Sullivan—"I dealt with your estimated deficit of $70,000."

Mr. Loring—"But not with the possible wage increases."

Mr. Sullivan—"You furnished one estimate and now you want to embroider on it a super-added estimate.

After some further argument, Mr. Loring closed with the statement that the company needs the increased rates and needs them now.

Mr. Taylor addressed the commission briefly, tracing the progress of the company's efforts to secure higher rates. He reached his climax when he said that, at a conference held in Fredericton, Messrs. Agar and Dykeman announced that the purpose of the city was to drive the company into bankruptcy so that the city could buy it in cheaply.

Dr. Baxter expressed surprise that such sentiments should be attributed to these citizens, but that was not the issue. The city's attitude, as he interpreted it, was not an unwillingness to allow the company increases which may be justified, but a determination that no increases should be granted which are not justified. The sudden action of the utilities commission in granting a tempor-

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RESIGNATION OF KUELHMANN IS REPORTED

Paris, June 28—(Havas Agency)—Dr. Von Kuehlmann offered his resignation as German foreign secretary on Wednesday, says a Zurich despatch to the Journal. The despatch adds that it is believed the emperor will accept the resignation.

Wants Ludendorff.

Amsterdam, June 28—The campaign for the removal of Von Kuehlmann is growing in strength. Emperor William is willing to dismiss him and Chancellor Von Hertling is not disposed to retain him, according to despatches received here.

In the Reichstag and the press anger at his confession of hopelessness in victory for the Central Powers and his display of vacillation by his second speech in trying to avert the consequences of his first speech, is rising.

In a violent attack on Von Kuehlmann in the Reichstag on Tuesday, Deputy Hasse, independent Socialist, says Vorwaerts, suggested that on the receipt of a certain telegram Chancellor Von Hertling hurried to the house openly to hand Von Kuehlmann the "silken cord." Deputy Haase described Von Hertling, Von Kuehlmann and Von Payer, the vice-chancellor, as "fig leaves to hide the nakedness of the military government," and asked why the real ruler of Germany, General Ludendorff, was not made chancellor.

Copenhagen, June 28—Count Von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, will pay a visit today to German army headquarters to attend an important conference, according to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung.

Increase Faith in Victory.

Washington, June 28—M. L. Michaelovitch, Serbian minister, in a statement last night declared that the address by Dr. Von Kuehlmann, German minister of foreign affairs, betrayed for the first time the fact that Germany no longer believed in victory by force of arms and consequently tried to obtain it by other means. For this reason, he said, the nations fighting the Central Powers should have greater faith than ever in their final victory by force.

VACATION IN THE SCHOOLS BEGINS

Special Programme In Some Of The Buildings Today

HIGH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Twentieth Year Under Present Conditions—St. Vincent's Exercises in Y. M. C. I.—Fine King Edward Record—Some City Teachers Leave With This Term

This was a happy morning for the school children, the time of the exercises marking the beginning of the summer vacation.

The scene at the High School, Union street, was brilliant—an arresting array of white and flowers, backed with gay decorative work and national colors. The large auditorium was filled with visitors, including numerous school officials and representatives from various organizations interested in public welfare. The graduating class was addressed by Rev. H. C. Fraser of Knox Presbyterian church, who admonished the class—now on the threshold of serious life—along the lines of decision and principle. Dr. H. S. Bridges in presenting diplomas referred to the present closing as the twentieth anniversary of the present amalgamated High School and of its increasing success. Principal W. J. S. Myles spoke of the record enrollment this year and also mentioned the fact that four St. John High School pupils of 1916-17 passed first, second, fifth and sixth at McGill this year.

The programme of presentations, music and literary numbers was gone through with most interestingly as foretold in yesterday's Times-Star.

St. Vincent's.

Clad in simple white middies and not in the usual silk and satin of graduating frocks, the graduates of St. Vincent's High school, Cliff street, put their wartime beliefs into practice today and none can say that they did not look just as pretty. The class members were as follows: Katherine Ryan, Mary Elizabeth Kane, Mary Rosanna Mullin, Marion Clare McGrath, Alice Gertrude Nugent, Florence Elizabeth Dillon, Helen Margaret Corkery, Alice Irene Conlon, Mary Helen McGuire, Margaret Mary McCarthy, Evelyn Margaret Lawlor, Constance Vida Waterbury. Closing exercises were held in the large auditorium of the Y. M. C. I. building, which was crowded with visitors and pupils. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, Rev. Fathers Duke, Walker, Moore and other clergymen were present as well as Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools; R. B. Emerson, chairman of the board of school trustees; Mrs. Dever, Trustee Thomas Nagle and others. Sister Francesca, principal, supervised the exercises, which were exceedingly interesting, as indicated in another part of this issue. In felicitous speeches Dr. Bridges, Chairman Emerson and Trustee Nagle presented the graduates' certificates. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc also addressed the pupils. This evening at Bond's the St. Vincent's High School Alumnae will entertain the new graduates at a strictly wartime lunch followed by music and a social good time.

At St. Malachi's hall the exercises were held in the various rooms, boards were decorated with the work of the year in all branches and also a splendid display of ornamental and patriotic emblems. There were more than 550 boys in the different programmes.

At St. Joseph's school for girls, Sydney street, the scene was a pretty one. All the little ones were dressed in white or summer tints and their classrooms were gaily decorated with flowers, bunting and ornamental drawings. Programmes of a special character were carried out in the rooms simultaneously and numerous visitors were present. There were 450 little girls in the building.

Principal H. V. Hayes of the Victoria group with his eighteen different rooms of pupils, an aggregate of over 800, was a busy man today. At 10.45 the primary grades started their closing exercises in the assembly hall atop the Victoria building proper. These children included those of the annex. A little before noon the larger boys and girls commenced their programme in the same auditorium. There were visitors for both programmes and the pupils showed much taste in their decorations and merit in their public speaking and singing.

King Edward.

In addition to the excellent programme provided at King Edward school, Wentworth street, South End, much interesting data was given out. Trustees Dr. Manning, G. H. Green and H. Colby Smith were present and made brief remarks. King Edward is a splendid building and Principal Rex Cormier makes a fine report for its pupils the last year. Over 90 per cent of the scholars have been promoted, the health of the children has been excellent—due perhaps to the enforced one sessions for so long a period—the school has conserved greatly on fuel according to the janitor. The children have good records for conduct and deportment. Out of 423 pupils fifteen have a record of perfect attendance. Two teachers, Misses Ada Allen and Lillian Curry, retire from the staff this term. Miss Curry re-enters Mount Allison University. Both have been efficient, painstaking and successful teachers. One of the branches of school life of which the King Edward teachers feel proud is their cadet corps, which was inspected and highly complimented last week by Capt. Black.

The programme at this school was:

Chorus—Ye Mariners of England—School.

Address by principal, Rex. R. Cormier.

Song, Good Morning—Miss Comben's Class.

Recitation—Charlotte Baillie — Miss Payson's Class.

Song—The Cooling Spring—Miss Vadenburg's class.

Dialogue—Our Gardens—Seven pupils from Miss Fairweather's class.

Flag Song and recitation—Miss Payson's class.

Physical drill—Miss Ingraham's class.

Recitation—The Barrel Organ Song," Dorothy Lane—Miss Allen's class.

Song—Forty pupils of Miss Allen's and Miss Nicholson's classes.

Recitation—Holidays—Annie Barton—Miss Comben's class.

Dialogue—Red, White and Blue—Three pupils from Miss Vradenburg's class.

Recitation—The Tour of a Smile—Harry Cohen—Miss Curry's class.

Salutation of Flag—School.

God Save the King.

Trustees Dr. James Manning, G. H. Green and H. Colby Smith are expected to be in attendance, and will probably address the school.

At Centennial School there was not any concerted closing because the large hall is in use for night school and special examination purposes. The programmes were gone through with in the various rooms. There are ten classes in this building and H. C. Ricker is principal. The rooms were resplendent in decorative flowers, etc. Ten of Principal Ricker's class have been on S. O. S. work for some weeks in various farms throughout the province.

St. Thomas' School, Erin street, with its 200 children, held interesting exercises in the individual rooms, at which there were fond parents and official visitors in large numbers. Some specially clever art work graced the board in the principal's room.

At the Aberdeen School, next door, the visitors and children grouped around the large central corridor on the ground floor and heard a pleasing programme of songs and recitations, also some brief remarks from Principal Reverdy Steeves and visitors. The large hall in this building is now used for class purposes and lost to the children for congregational purposes. Miss Foster of the Aberdeen School staff is retiring this term.

At Winter street school the junior grades, housed in the annex building, held their programme on the top floor of the parent school, where a programme was carried out in the usual form. Principal W. A. Nelson says that the senior classes held an Empire Day celebration, which makes it the juniors' turn this time.

Victoria.

In Victoria school the programme consisted of two parts, primary and advanced. The first commenced at 11 o'clock, when the students gathered in the assembly room. The second part (advanced) began about 12 o'clock.

In the primary programme among those taking part were Norman Magnusson, Gladys Dykeman, Grace Anderson. Among those in the advanced department were Freda Hoyt, Robert Langstroth, Jean Young, Elsie Roup and Jean McAlpine.

St. Peter's.

In St. ePter's school programmes were carried out in the rooms. In the principal's room addresses were delivered by Rev. W. H. Rogers, C. S. B., of St. Thomas' College, Chatham; M. Coll of the Board of School Trustees, Rev. William J. Hogan, C. SS. R., rector of St. Peter's church, and Principal William J. Shea. The programmes carried out by the different grades were:

Grade VI.

Song—The Holidays—School.

Recitation—The Mills of the Dee—Ambrose McDonald.

Recitation—The Bird Trade—Joseph Rooney.

Recitation—The Boy and the Bee—Cecil Dingee.

Reading—The Bended Bow—Harold Lockhart.

Song—The Long Trail—Clarence Moore.

Dialogue—The Swallow and the Boy—John Davis, John Cadwell.

Song—O Canada—School.

Recitation—The AdviceGerard Rolston.

Recitation—What a Boy Can Do—Thomas Kindred.

Recitation—Belgium—Gerard Buckley.

Reading—The Canadian Boy—Arthur Barry.

Song—The Wandering Boy—Connie Carroll.

Recitation — Time Enough—Willie Buckley.

Recitation—The Watermellon—Gordon Morris.

Recitation—Change About — Charles Kennedy.

Recitation — Granda's Spectacles — Clement Cavanaugh.

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RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS EX-CZAR ASSASSINATED

Paris, June 28—A despatch from Berne to The Matin says that the court marshal at Darmstadt, Germany, has received a telegram signed "Tchitcherin" announcing that Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian emperor, has been assassinated. The assassination took place between Ekaterinburg and Perm.

The despatch from Berne gives weight to the increasing number of reports of the assassination of the former Czar. Darstadt is the capital of the Grand Duchy of Hesse. The former Empress Alix is a sister of the reigning grand duke. It is not unlikely that the Russian government, through Foreign Minister Tchitcherin, would inform the Hessian court of the death of Nicholas Romanoff before making it public through regular channels.

PENSIONS FOR A. P. EMPLOYES

New York, June 28—The board of directors of the Associated Press has established a system of employes pensions, disability and death benefits, effective July 1, 1918, and has set aside $100,000 in liberty bonds for its emergency reserve funds for the inauguration of the plan.

Bolsheviki Overthrown?

Turmoil of Rumors from Russia — One Says Grand Duke Proclaimed Emperor —Lenine and Trotsky in Flight—Kerensky Named as Man of Future

London, June 28—According to unconfirmed reports today the Bolshevik government has been overthrown, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen.

Moscow, the report adds, has been captured by General Kornfloff, supported by German troops.

Advices from the same sources assert that Grand Duke Nicholas has been proclaimed emperor.

Nikolai Lenine, the premier, and Leon Trotzky, the minister of war, are said to have fled to the Murman coast. General Kaledines is said to have cooperated with General Korniloff in the capture of Moscow.

Copenhagen newspapers give prominence to a Berlin despatch quoting the Tages Zeitung of that city as follows:—

"It is believed here that the Bolshevik government will soon be overthrown and that Kerensky is the man of the future in Russia."

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:—

St. John County.

H. E. Daley et al to J. A. Sheehan, property in Simonds.

Joseph Galey to W. E. Ashdowne, property in DeMonts street, Carleton.

Joseph Galey to F. S. Tilton, property in Carleton.

Joseph Galey to Gertrude L. Cairns, property in Carleton.

Joseph Galey to Helen M. Wetmore, property in Carleton.

Joseph Galey to F. J. Shreve, property in Carleton.

Joseph Galey to Jessie L. Lawson, property in Carleton.

Joseph Galey to Helen M. L. Upham, property in Carleton.

Helena O'Leary to J. J. Murphy, property in Smythe street.

Kings County.

Robert Chamberlain to Annie C. Mullett, property in Rothesay.

W. B. Dobbin to A. W. Dobbin, property in Rothesay.

R. J. Dysart to S. H. White Company, Limited, property in Westfield.

Ada J. McCutcheon to H. E. Skoy, property in Westfield.

Caroline McCutcheon to H. E. Skoy, property in Westfield.

Melissa Ryder, per sheriff, to G. B. Jones, property in Havelock.

W. G. Soper to G. B. Soper, property in Studholm.

Albert Stockton per mortgagee to E. A. Jonah, property in Cardwell.

C. M. Vail to H. O. Muir, property in Springfield.

Edna Watters to Jennie K. Watters, property in Westfield.

NEW YORK DEALER MUST GIVE $25,000.

New York, June 28—Jacob Kulla, a wholesaler charged with making excessive profits on the sale of large quantities of flour, was ordered by the federal food board here last night to contribute $25,000 to the Red Cross or forfeit his license.

INCREASE FOR PAPER AND PULPWOOD WORKERS.

Washington, June 28—An advance of ten cents an hour to pulpwood and paper industry workers has been granted by the war labor board. The federal trade commission has been asked by the board to make another increase in the selling price of newsprint paper.

ELEVEN PARISIANS ARE KILLED IN AIR RAID.

Paris, June 28—(Havas Agency)—Eleven persons were killed and fourteen others injured through the explosion of bombs dropped by German airmen in last night's raid over the Paris district.

EIGHT DAYS IN OPEN BOAT AND LITTLE FOOD

Part of Ship's Company of Torpedoed Vessel Reach Nova Scotia

WERE FROM STEAMER DVINSK

Sunk Without Warning 700 Miles Off New York—Two Other Boat Loads From Vessel Still Missing

Shelburne, N. S., June 28—Twenty-four of the crew of the former Russian steamer Dvinsk, which was torpedoed 700 miles southeast of New York on June 18, were landed at Sandy Point, near here, late last night by the Gloucester fishing schooner James M. Marshall. They had been drifting in an open lifeboat for eight days before picked up on June 26. They subsisted all that time on a small quantity of ship's biscuits and water. When rescued they had only one day's water and two days' rations of biscuits left.

Phillip Larbalestier of Liverpool, England, boatswain's mate, who was in charge of the lifeboat, told the Canadian Press that the Dvinsk was torpedoed without warning in the forenoon of June 18. The torpedo struck the steamer's port quarter and she sank rapidly. The captain ordered the crew, numbering 140, to take to the boats, of which there were seven.

"We all got away safely," said Larballestier, "but some of our boats had a narrow escape, as the submarine shelled the steamer as we were rowing away. The submarine was submerged when she launched the torpedo, and the first we saw of her was when she opened fire."

The seven lifeboats kept together that afternoon, but during the night they separated, and next morning his was alone. He had a compass but no chart and although he knew his position roughly his navigation was mostly guess work. He estimates that his boat sailed or drifted 600 miles north and northwest.

"During that time," he said, "we sighted one small steamer and two small schooners, but they kept at a safe distance,evidently taking us for a suspicious craft. The second day after the Dvinsk was torpedoed I had put the crew on rations of one biscuit and a small quantity of water in the morning, and the same in the evening. When we were picked up we had hardly any left.

"The Gloucester fishing schooner James M. Marshall, Captain Rodriguez, bound for the fishing banks, rescued us at 7.30 last Wednesday morning when we were about sixty miles south of Seal Island, N. S."

The rescued boat's crew, all Britishers, will probably come to Halifax for transportation to England.

The landing at Shelburne definitely accounts for all but two boat loads of the crew. In these boats were thirty-three people. The Dvinsk was a troopship returning to the United States. She had no soldiers aboard.

PTE. S. R. HUNTER IS SHOT IN THIGH

Percy Hunter of Dichmond street, was advised this morning that his brother, Stanley R. Hunter, a member of a New Brunswick unit, had been wounded in the thigh with gunshot and had been admited to No. 57 Clearing Station in France. Private Hunter is a son of Mrs. W. J. Hunter, Sussex.

MORE GRAIN FROM STATES REACHES DUTCH.

Amsterdam, June 28—The Dutch grain ship Stella has arrived at Rotterdam from New York. She is the second grain vessel to reach Holland from America this week.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The western disturbance is now moving eastward across northern Ontario. Rain was almost general and fairly heavy yesterday in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and showers occurred during the night in Ontario.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh south and southwest winds, showery; Saturday, westerly winds, mostly fair and moderately warm.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh south and southwest winds, showery; Saturday, westerly winds, mostly fair and moderately warm.

Lower St. Lawrence and North Shore—Fresh to strong southerly winds, fair; Saturday, showery.

Showers.

Maritime—Fresh easterly winds, fair and cool; Saturday, easterly winds and some showers.

Superior—Fresh to strong westerly to northwesterly winds, some scattered showers, but mostly fair and cool today and on Saturday.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fresh northwest winds, cool, clearing.

Alberta—Fair and cool today and on Saturday.

New England—Probably showers late tonight and on Saturday, warmer, moderate south winds, increasing.