

LOCAL NEWS

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, April 19.—The low area of low barometer, which on Saturday morning was passing off the middle Atlantic coast, during the night developed into a severe storm and gales, with snow has since prevailed in the Maritime Provinces. The weather was fair and mild in the rest of the province.

Ontario and Quebec.

Maritime: Moderate north-east to north gales with snow or rain; Tuesday, north and west winds, clearing.

Washington, April 18.—New England: Fair tonight and probably Tuesday, continued cool, frost tonight, fresh west to north-west winds.

The temperatures: Max. Min.

Victoria	56	40
Kamloops	48	30
Calgary	50	36
Edmonton	52	38
Prince Albert	44	32
Winnipeg	48	26
White River	42	24
Sault Ste. Marie	50	30
Toronto	56	38
Ottawa	58	40
Montreal	50	34
Quebec	44	26
St. John, N. B.	38	28
Halifax	38	30

One Drunk Fined.

One drunk, arrested in Devon last evening, spent the night in the local police station, and on appearing before Magistrate Jeffrey this morning was fined \$5.

Fredericton Bills Passed.

In the Legislature on Saturday the bills to enable the City of Fredericton to grant concessions to the John Palmer Co. and to amend the City of Fredericton Election Act passed the committee stage.

Social Club.

The citizens who are forming the Social Club are meeting in the Board of Trade rooms tonight. Important reports will be made by committees. It is understood this club is certain of going ahead and a long felt want filled in the social life of the city.

Prayers for Safe Passage.

At St. Dunstan's church yesterday Very Rev. F. L. Carney made reference to His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc having left on Saturday evening for New York on route to Rome, and asked the prayers of the congregation for a safe passage to Rome and back again.

Elected by Acclamation.

There will be no contest for aldermanic honors in Devon tomorrow, Newton Jarvis, who was in the field against R. A. Malloy and J. E. Miles in Ward No. 4, having withdrawn. The Mayor and other aldermen were elected by acclamation.

At Hospital Last Night.

The Golden Rule Circle of the King's Daughters entertained the boys at the D. S. C. R. Hospital last evening. A splendid programme was carried out, the boys joining heartily in several choruses, and hearty refreshments were served about ten o'clock.

Able to Leave Hospital.

Miss Jean Campbell, who has been ill for the past two months with pneumonia, and for the past five weeks at Victoria Hospital, has so far recovered from her illness that she expects to be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Married on Saturday.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the George street Baptist parsonage on Saturday afternoon, when William Bruce Lloyd and Alice Cornelia Day, both of Chipman, were united in marriage by Rev. Z. L. Fash. The young couple left by the evening train for Chipman, where they will reside.

The Late Mrs. A. Grass.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Almyr Grass took place on Saturday afternoon from her late home at Russellagore and was largely attended, many from this city being present. Service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Carpenter, and interment was made in the Baptist cemetery.

Death at Municipal Home.

The death occurred at the Municipal Home last night of Mrs. Mary Yeomans, after a lingering illness, aged 77 years. The funeral took place this afternoon with service at St. Dunstan's church at 2 o'clock by Very Rev. F. L. Carney and interment was made at the Hermitage.

Partridge Shooting This Fall.

A bill was introduced in the Legislature on Saturday by Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines, to authorize an open season for partridge shooting again this fall, if the increase in the number of birds should warrant it. He also introduced a bill to permit fishing in the lakes and streams of the provincial game refuge.

Recovered Body Drowning Victim.

The body of Winslow Thomas, who was drowned at McNutt's Mills on Friday afternoon while picking ice under some logs, was recovered on Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock at Green's interval, about a mile below where the accident occurred. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home, Rev. Mr. Robinson conducting the service and interment being made at Taymouth.

To Attend Sister's Funeral.

Miss Isabelle McTaggart received a telegram on Saturday from River Charles, Restigouche county, announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. Jas. Dickie. Deceased had been ill for some time and while her death was not unexpected it will be learned with sincere regret. She is survived by her husband, three children, her father, Archibald McTaggart, of River Charles, two sisters, Mrs. W. Cook, of River Charles, and Miss Isabelle McTaggart, of this city, and one brother, John McTaggart, of the C.N.R. of this city. This is the second time the death messenger has visited this family in the past few months, another sister having passed away in January. Mr. McTaggart left on Saturday to attend his sister's funeral.

FOUR FAMILIES
LOST DWELLINGS ON
WOODSTOCK ROAD

Angus Campbell, Orlo Brewer, Joseph Gorman and William McDonald—Burned Out.

TOTAL LOSS OF \$15,000
AND LITTLE INSURANCE

Location is Outside the Fire Limits and Only Motor Truck Was There.

Four single detached dwellings houses on Woodstock road, owned and occupied by Joseph Gorman, William McDonald, Orlo Brewer and Angus Campbell, valued at about \$15,000, were burned to the ground this morning by a fire originating from a spark from the chimney of the Campbell house which was fanned into a blaze by the high wind off the river.

At 5:45 a. m. an alarm was telephoned to the fire department that a fire had broken out in the house owned and occupied by Mr. Campbell, but by the time the motor truck arrived the house was found in flames and was so far gone that it was impossible to save it. Only the driver of the truck was on the scene at this time and he received aid from neighbors in the adjoining houses. The furniture in the four houses was removed before the fire had gained much headway in the last three, but much of it was broken in the process of removal. The fire spread from the Campbell house to the Gorman house and from there to the McDonald house, whence it was swept to the Brewer house by the wind. These houses were soon a mass of flames and the fire also spread to the Brewer barn, where it was fought and conquered by the people of the neighborhood. The house occupied by Mrs. Albert Treadwell and owner by William Walker also caught fire, but the flames were extinguished by the aid of chemicals before the blaze had done much damage.

The buildings were covered by insurance to a certain extent, but it was stated this morning that the net loss by the fire would be over \$1,000 on the four buildings alone, not counting some machinery in the Brewer barn which was destroyed by the fire.

While the fire was out of the city fire limits much comment has arisen over the fact that although the motor truck was on the scene at 5:45 o'clock no general fire alarm was sent in until 7 o'clock, over an hour later, when the houses were practically in flames. Neighbors of the families burned out state that had a force of bucket brigade might have been formed to carry water from the brook to the three houses which had not caught up till 6 o'clock.

The prevailing high wind was a big factor to fight against, as it reared several times, blowing the flames against the fire-fighters and burned their clothing in some instances.

FIRST STEAMER IS
COMING TOMORROW

Majestic Going on Fredericton-St. John Route—Tug Boats Arrive Here.

The steamer Majestic, the first river steamer to start out this season, is expected to arrive here tomorrow and will run for a week on the Fredericton-St. John route.

By the time the Majestic goes on the Washdmoak route it is expected the D. J. Purdy will be ready for the Fredericton-St. John route. It is understood there will be only one steamer on the through route this year, which means only an inadequate three-times-a-week service. W. J. Southern will be agent for the steamboat company again this year.

Six tugs with a large crew of men are engaged in swinging the St. John River Log Driving Company's booms today and it was said this morning that by the middle of the week the work would be so far advanced at Lincoln, Sunbury county, where the Mitchell booms are located, that the river would be sealed. The crews will start on the drift drive as soon as the booms are in place. Five of the tugs arrived safely during the week and from St. John, but reported a good deal of floating ice in the river.

DIED AT HALIFAX.

Miss Frances O'Dell, One of Owners of Rockwood, Passed Away.

Friends in Fredericton have learned with profound regret of the death at Halifax last week of Miss Frances O'Dell, one of the owners of Rockwood, the beautiful O'Dell estate property in this city, and who for many years had spent the summers here. The late Miss O'Dell had been in poor health for a month, but it was less than a week before her death, which occurred last Wednesday, that her condition became serious. Miss O'Dell was the second daughter of the late Senator Wm. O'Dell and granddaughter of the late Mr. Justice Bliss. The Halifax Chronicle, referring to her death, says: "Miss O'Dell was a devoted member of the congregation of St. Luke's and then of All Saints' cathedral and her demise will be mourned by a very wide circle of friends, who will sincerely sympathize with her two sisters, Ella and Mary Kearney. Her brother, Major Henry O'Dell, of the British Army, died in India some years ago. Her mother was a sister of Mrs. Binney, wife of the late Bishop Binney."

Disappearance of a Member
Of 24th Battery One of the
Mysteries of the Great War

Gunner Robert Hector Hamilton, Who Came Here from Toronto to Train for Overseas, Disappeared After Being Wounded.

What is declared to be the most remarkable disappearance of a Canadian soldier in the late war is that of Gunner Robert Hector Hamilton, son of G. F. Hamilton, of 40 Wells street, Toronto, who trained in Fredericton, and served in France with the 24th Battery, 5th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery.

His disappearance is inexplicable and relatives have been in communication with the families of New Brunswick men who were in the same unit. W. H. Morrell, who was one of three brothers from Newcastle and whose widow resides at Springhill, was killed at the same time Gunner Hamilton is known to have been wounded. It is said that a stretcher bearer, whose home is at Nelson, N. B., assisted in carrying out the missing man after he was wounded and every effort is being made to get some trace through that and every other source.

Gunner Hamilton was severely wounded in the forehead by an exploding German shell (which instantly killed five of his comrades, and fatally wounded another), about one o'clock on the morning of the 8th August, 1918, carried to the Regimental Aid Post, where his wound was dressed, and was then delivered of the Advanced Dressing Station, operated by No. 8 Canadian Field Ambulance, at Domart, France, about two o'clock the same morning. From there he was taken shortly afterwards in an ambulance car to the next advanced dressing station, also operated by No. 8 Canadian Field Ambulance, at Gouzelles Wood, where his wound was dressed again; and from there sent in the same ambulance car with another wounded comrade to the main dressing station, operated by No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance at the "White Chateau," near Boves. His comrade was fully recorded as having been admitted to that main dressing station, and as having died of his wounds there; but, at that point, Gunner Hamilton absolutely disappears, and no trace of him has since been found.

Many Miles Back of the Line.

The mysterious nature of his disappearance will be appreciated when it is realized that he was delivered, in an unconscious condition, to a systematized medical unit of the army, and in that condition placed in charge of its officers; and reached a point many miles behind the firing line, where there was no disturbance by the enemy. His condition was such that he could not move around himself, and thus escape. To have escaped himself he would first have to regain consciousness, and then elude the

vigilance of his custodians; and if, for any reason, others might have taken him away, they would have had to elude such vigilance in a similar manner. If he had died, he must have been buried, and in order to be lost, would have had to escape the observation of the Army Medical Corps, the Chaplain Service and the Burial Officers, who must of absolute necessity, have had knowledge of his death and burial. Some of these things, however, must have happened, if he were lost; and yet, so efficient was the system by which wounded men were cared for, and recorded, when they reached a medical unit, such as Gunner Hamilton did, that the military authorities say it would, after having reached it, be impossible to lose him. If a disappearance under such remarkably peculiar circumstances, should have occurred in civil life, motive or design would at once have been suspected; but nothing of that nature could possibly suggest itself in this case.

Body Was Exhumed.

In the process of the search for Gunner Hamilton it was learned that two unidentified men had passed through the main dressing station at No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance, throughout which Gunner Hamilton should have passed on the morning of (Continued on page seven.)

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