

THE WEATHER.

Forecast. Maritime—Strong winds of moderate gales from northwest, fair and becoming much colder. Washington, Dec. 28.—Northern New England—Partly cloudy and colder Friday; Saturday fair; moderate west and northwest winds.

Temperatures.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, etc.

Around the City

Arrested for Assault. Yesterday afternoon Samuel Armand was arrested by Police Constables Jones and Saunders on the charge of assaulting and beating Albert Williams in view of the police.

Eclectic Reading Club. The Eclectic Reading Club met last evening at the Sigm O' the Lantern tea room. The evening was in charge of Mrs. Silas Atwood, who was also hostess.

A Christmas Treat. There was a happy gathering in the Stone Church school room last night, when the Sunday school scholars enjoyed a Christmas treat.

Violently Resisted Arrest. When George Lavigne was arrested on Charlotte street yesterday afternoon for being drunk, he not only violently resisted, but injured Police Constables McInnis and Hogg, by kicking them in the face.

Policemen Eat Goose. The police officers on the night squad who partook of their lunch in headquarters at eleven o'clock were given a most agreeable surprise last night. A friend and admirer of the blue coats presented them with a large, well cooked, juicy goose.

Excellent Calendars. The Standard has received a very pretty calendar from F. S. Bennell, provincial manager of the Northern Life Assurance Company.

Retail Fish Market. There is but little to record respecting fish in the local market. Prices remain dear with stocks rather plentiful.

Ladies' Coat Bargains. The time has come to get rid of what coats are on hand at P. A. Dyckman & Co.'s, and they have gone through the entire stock and have got the prices to such a point that will almost induce anyone to buy a coat whether they want one or not.

The Late Benjamin Babbitt. H. W. Woods, M. L. A. reached the city yesterday from Gagetown, where he had been attending the funeral of the late Benjamin Babbitt, which took place on Tuesday afternoon.

BIG INCREASE IN SHIPMENTS HANDLED BY THE TRANSPORTS FROM THE PORTS OF CANADA

St. John Shares Largely in the Tremendous Increase in Traffic—Work Under Direction of Naval Department and Committee of Government of Which Hon. J. D. Hazen is Chairman.

An indication of the vast increase in traffic through Canadian ports is afforded from a comparison of the returns for the past seven months with a corresponding period for 1915. There has been a tremendous increase in the shipments handled by the transports. The port of St. John has shared largely in the increased traffic.

The work in connection with the transports is under the direction of Mr. Harris, formerly with the C. P. R. There is also a committee of the Dominion government which advise concerning the matter. Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, is the chairman of this committee.

The statements follow:

Table showing Average number of transports in service for 1916 and 1915, broken down by month and tonnage.

In addition to the above 432 launches were forwarded.

Table showing Number of transports in service for Nov. 1916 and Nov. 1915.

In addition to the above 58 launches were forwarded.

A. H. HARRIS, Acting Director Overseas Transport.

TEN APPLIED; FOUR ACCEPTED

Bright Prospects for Securing Recruits for Navy and Army—With the Engineers

HONOR ROLL.

- William Birmingham, Eng. Patrick Gilmour, Eng. Herbert Warden, Blair, N. B. Royal Navy. Wm. Robb, St. John, N. B. Canadian Engineers.

Ten men made application for enlistment in the Empire's army yesterday in the city. Of this number only four were able to pass the doctor. Measured by the many inquiries received by Commander Wood, the naval service in Canada is rapidly gaining favor.

OFF for St. Johns.

Some conception can be gained of the high class of men who are enlisting in the Canadian Engineers by scanning the list of men and their trades, who left last night for St. Johns, Quebec, the training depot for the unit.

OBJ. CT TO CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ACT

City Council Not Satisfied With Sliding Scale for Assessing for the Patriotic Fund.—Replies From Coal Dealers Laid on the Table.

The city council at the committee meeting yesterday morning discussed the assessment for the patriotic fund and the replies from the milkmen and coal dealers. They disapproved of the sliding scale of assessing for the patriotic fund and the mayor was authorized to take the matter up with the attorney-general and if necessary attend the meeting of the government at Fredericton to protest against this feature of the act.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT TO A. E. TRENTOWSKY, JR.

Albert E. Trentowsky, the nine year old son of Albert E. Trentowsky, St. James street, met with a very painful accident last evening. While sliding near Queen Square the little chap broke his right leg above the ankle.

Skating on Lily Lake.

The St. John Ice Company's teams were at work yesterday ploughing the snow off a large section of Lily Lake, with the result that it left an excellent sheet of ice for skating.

FAMOUS BRITISH WAR VETERAN IS IN CITY

Captain Arthur L. Duff Who Has Seen Much Service, on Visit to Friends Here.—Other Military Notes.

Captain Arthur L. Duff, a famous officer of the Imperial forces, is in the city visiting friends. Captain Duff is a London man who has seen service at the Dardanelles, Saloniki and France. He is also a veteran of the South African war.

Aside from saying that the British cause would ultimately triumph in the present great war, Captain Duff refused to be interviewed. He will spend a few days in St. John and plans on visiting friends at Halifax.

65TH GUNNERS BRINGING IN MANY NEW RECRUITS

Captain Berrie to Submit Plan for Recruiting Campaign for His Battery.

Captain J. C. Berrie of the 65th Overseas Battery, stationed at Woodstock, had a conference with Lt.-Col. J. L. McAvity yesterday afternoon with a view of arranging for the recruiting campaign which it is proposed to inaugurate for the 65th. Today Captain Berrie will submit for the consideration of the chief recruiting officer a detailed plan of the proposed campaign, and it is likely that authorization will be given for the carrying out of the arrangement.

The interest that the gunners of the 65th are manifesting in the matter of securing recruits is strikingly evidenced by the results that they have secured during the Christmas vacation. The boys from Moncton passed through the city last evening on their return to Woodstock and they had with them three recruits who were en route to join the battery. Captain Berrie also received gratifying reports from Woodstock, where the boys of the battery succeeded in bringing in no less than five recruits during the Christmas vacation.

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