

THE WEATHER.

Forecast. Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, mostly fair and cool, a few local showers.

Toronto, April 16.—The weather today has been fairly mild in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, quite cool in the other provinces. Light sleet and snow has fallen in many parts of southern Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Table with columns: Temperature, Min., Max. Rows include Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Battleford, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Regina, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

V. A. D. Important meeting this evening Stone church school room, 8 o'clock.

A Duet. Two drunks were gathered in by the police and passed last night as guests at the concert station.

Two Indians Held. Two Indians, Jennie Martin and Noel Vicar, spent the night at central police station, held on request of the authorities of Restigouche county, who will send an officer down for them today.

A Runaway. Several children playing in St. James street last evening, narrowly escaped being knocked down and injured, as a runaway horse attached to a buggy dashed along. The animal was, however, stopped by two young men before any damage was done.

Little Girl Bitten. A dog that had been injured by a street car on King Square yesterday morning, became crazed and bit Daley Brown, a twelve year old girl, in the left hand. The girl's injuries were treated in the Smith drug store, while Sergeant Journey shot the dog.

Soldiers Entertained. A number of the members of the battalions now in the city were entertained by the No. 1 Badminton Club, of St. James church, last evening. The kindly committee of the club was away from their own homes was much appreciated by the soldiers.

Concert Realized \$132. The proceeds from the concert held last Thursday in the City Hall, West End, amounting to \$132 clear of expenses. This money will be paid over to the executive of the Children's Aid Home to be used for the work of the Home. The committee in charge of the concert are very grateful to the Daughters of the Empire for the loan of the piano used.

Seriously Ill in France. Mrs. Arthur Kennedy of Sheriff street received a despatch yesterday from Ottawa informing her that her son, James Leo, is seriously ill in No. 2 Stationary Hospital, France. He enlisted in the 140th Battalion but soon after his enlistment he was transferred to another in which his father is a member. Prior to enlisting he was employed with James McEade, sheet metal worker, on Mill street. He is twenty-two years old.

Ministerial Meeting. The regular monthly ministerial meeting of the Presbyterian clergy of St. John was held yesterday morning at St. Andrew's church, and matters of a routine nature dealt with, supplemented by a paper by Rev. W. M. Townsend on "The Modern Man and Public Worship." Rev. Dr. Clarke, Halifax, who has been supplying at Knox church, was present at the meeting.

Will be Raised Today. John C. Chesley of the Marine and Fisheries Department yesterday visited the government steamer John W. Mason, which struck a rock off Black Point on Sunday night. It was reported in the city that the steamer had sunk, but such is not the case. With the exception of slight damage to the hull the steamer is none the worse for the mishap. Mr. Chesley said that an attempt will be made today to float the steamer and with a fair wind there should be no difficulty in putting her right. The John W. Mason was purchased from S. P. Gorov by the government and has been kept busy since the purchase.

More re Gundry's Auction Block. In introducing this system of moving goods, Gundry's assures the public that it is just what it is, A CUT PRICE BLOCK. Anything shown on it will be at a reduced price. Only one article will be shown at a time. A daily peep at the window will tell you as much as anything can.

H. M. S. PINAFORE. His sisters, his cousins and his aunts, with all the other popular characters on H. M. S. Pinafore, will be at the Opera House on April 26th and 27th. It will be the big musical event of the year. Tickets are now being sold by members of Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. E. Be sure to secure yours early.

PRICES OF FLOUR SOAR HIGH; BUT DUTY REMOVED AND REDUCTION MAY COME

Important Action of the Borden Government Will Afford Wider Markets for Canadian Farmers — Manitoba Brands Jumped Forty Cents Yesterday and Ontarios Leaped Sixty Cents.

Almost simultaneously with the announcement that the Dominion government had placed wheat, wheat flour and semolina on the free list, local dealers were advised of another advance in the price of flour, Manitoba brands going up forty cents and Ontario brands showing an increase of sixty cents. The new wholesale prices will be \$12.40 for Manitoba brands and \$11.85 for Ontario brands. The announcement that the government had taken steps to remove the existing duty was received in the city last evening. The following Ottawa despatch received by The Standard is self explanatory: The government has placed wheat, wheat flour and semolina on the free list, thus opening the United States markets to these products. Under reciprocal clauses of the United States tariff the country will admit free wheat and wheat products of any country which admits American wheat without duty. The Canadian tariff has heretofore prevented this privilege being availed of. The action taken by the Canadian government this afternoon removes the duty and automatically opens the United States market to Canada and the Canadian markets to the United States. The order is due to difficulties of export abroad owing to the shortage of ocean tonnage, the fact is that for Canadian wheat of lower grades the British market has been practically closed. The duties removed are ten cents a bushel on wheat, and 45 cents on flour. At the present time the trade in the eastern provinces is supplied by the western millers, and owing to the duty, which has prevailed, there has been no importation from the United States. It is almost impossible to form any definite idea of what effect the removal of the duty will have on the price here. Local dealers interviewed by The Standard last evening expressed divergent views on the question, and it remains to be seen whether the prices will be materially reduced. W. F. Hatheway was of the opinion that the removal of the tariff would force the western firms to lower the price. While the existing prices were between \$11.50 and \$12.50, the average price before the war was \$6 to \$7. He considered that prices were entirely too high, and that American competition would operate to reduce them materially. H. G. Weeks said that the Canadian grade was of a considerable higher grade than the American, and that naturally meant a difference in price. He thought that there might be some reduction during the summer, but he was not in a position to say at this time whether it would be of any extensive proportions. Another local dealer said that he was quite confident there would be no reduction by reason of the removal of the duty. He gave as his reasons the fact that for some years past the prices of Canadian flour have been as low as the American prices. There would, perhaps, be times when the quotations would vary somewhat one way or the other, but generally speaking he did not think there would be anything gained by a reduction in price to the consumer.

16 SHOWED THEIR SPIRIT YESTERDAY

Very Successful Day for Recruiting in This City — General News of Military Units.

- HONOR ROLL. 9th Siege Battery. W. Gresham, New Glasgow, N. S. J. Smart, Fredericton, N. B. C. E. Bishop, St. John, N. B. James Thompson, St. John, Arthur Osborne, St. John. W. Ritch, St. John. 3rd C. G. A. J. B. Prince, St. John, N. B. 26th Battalion. J. D. M. Brown, St. John, N. B. T. Johnson, St. John, N. B. 8th Field Ambulance. M. G. Hetherington, St. John. C. A. S. C. B. Van Blarcom, New Brunswick. W. A. Jones, St. John, N. B. Canadian Engineers. J. J. Riley, England. Merlin Hovey, Ludlow, N. B. Kititas Battalion. George Bradstreet, St. John. E. Cuthbert, Newcastle, N. B.

There were just as many men to sign the honor roll in the city yesterday as in nine of the counties in the province last week. The fine weather and the military atmosphere no doubt acted as a stimulant to recruiting. The 9th Siege Battery secured the largest number, three of the recruits in this unit are U. N. B. students. J. J. Riley, who has been engaged in recruiting work in the navy, signed on with the Canadian Engineers.

Returned from Quebec. Lieut. J. H. Crockett of the 9th Siege Battery who has been in Quebec taking a special course of heavy artillery returned to the city yesterday. Lieut. Crockett passed a very creditable examination. The papers were considered quite difficult by military men. He reported to his unit yesterday on the island.

Left for St. John. The Canadian Engineers sent an excellent draft of men to the training camp at Quebec on Saturday night. The party all passed the medical board with flying colors, and are bound to give a good account of themselves. The party includes experts of every description whose services will be greatly appreciated in France. The following comprised the party: Bamford Coates, carpenter, 8 years at Camp Sussex; Thomas Ward, driver; Percy Jones, building contractor; Robert W. Stewart, carpenter; George A. Johnson, electrician; Wm. A. Balse, foreman carpenter department, C. G. R. shops; Dorris Martin, lumberman; Charles H. McMillan, fitter and locomotive engineer; B. A. Perley, mechanic's helper; Anthony Deveau, mechanic's helper; David Carter, driver; Edward W. Dunham, carpenter; Robert S. Aird, driver; James W. Stevens, electric motorman; Beverly Long, shoemaking smith; a returned soldier; James Butler, carpenter.

En Route to Halifax. A party of soldiers arrived in the city last night on their way to Halifax where they will go before a medical board. The party have been doing garrison duty in the West Indies. The boys were attired in khaki suits of a lighter shade and of summer texture. They had to put on their great coats as soon as the steamer docked on account of the difference in the temperature.

OPponents OF THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS PLAN FOR ST. JOHN

Meeting in Board of Trade Rooms Decided it Would Be Most Inconvenient if Merely Local.

Every chair in the Board of Trade room was occupied last evening and a number of men were standing at the public meeting, called for those opposed to the present daylight saving by-law coming into effect until such time as it may be brought into general use. H. A. Schofield occupied the chair, and it was a fully representative meeting of the citizenship. Among those present were representatives of the labor unions, street railway, telegraph workers, telephone, railroad workers, theatrical men, wholesale and retail merchants.

Chairman Schofield read a draft of a resolution to be sent to the common council, and which will receive the signatures of people who are opposed to the by-law. The spirit of the meeting was not in opposition to the daylight scheme, as a daylight saving means but did object to the isolation of St. John in

Brighten Up the Shabby Spots

JAP-A-LAC advertisement. Just now, shabby spots about the house begin to look their worst—the time when you can work wonders with a brush and a tin of JAP-A-LAC. Includes text about Varnish, Stain, Clear Varnish, Enamel, and Aluminum Floor and Porch Paint.

SPRING MILLINERY DISPLAY

Marr Millinery Co., Ltd. advertisement. THIS WEEK we will have a special display of Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, which were purchased by two of our buyers who only returned yesterday from visiting Montreal, Toronto and New York. Hundreds of New Hats, meeting Style's latest requirements, including the new sailors, the high-back hats and a number of the new aeroplane effects—the very smartest hats that are now being worn in New York.

Makes It Easy to Clean

Emerson & Fisher Ltd. advertisement. Perkins Combination Carpet and Vacuum Cleaner. Absolutely new in every respect. Perfect brush adjustment—operated by foot. Wheels flanged—no more tire troubles. Price \$8.50. The easiest, simplest and most practical brush adjustment ever offered. Ever-Ready Prize Contest Name—Now at Our Store.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LTD. STRIKING MODELS IN Spring Suits

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited advertisement. Patterns and Lines Complete in All Details. Includes list of suit models and prices: SCRIM—White, Cream, Blue, 2 1/2, 3 1/2 yards long. Plain Hem, attached or narrow heading on edge, 60c. to \$1.50 pair. MARQUETTE—Plain Hemstitched, 2 1/2 yards, \$2.00 to \$2.15 pair. MARQUETTE—Lace and Insertion, 2 1/2 yards, \$2.50 to \$3.00 pair. NOTTINGHAM LACE—2 1/2, 3 and 3 1/2 yards (single and double borders) 75c. to \$4.25 pair. IRISH POINT—White, Cream, Blue, 2 1/2 yards, \$4.50 to \$10.00 pair. IRISH POINT—Cream, 3 yards, \$6.40 to \$7.20 pair. IRISH POINT—White and Ecru (extra large) 7.25 to \$35.00 pair. EXTRA HIGH GRADE SWISS CURTAINS (IN IVORY)—Best French finish, selected designs, in graceful combinations Point de Bruges, Duchesse, Baroc, Point Venise, Louis XVI, Adams and Two-Toned Venice Patterns \$23.50 to \$35.00 pair. CURTAIN DEPARTMENT.

PERSONALS

John H. Bustin of Windsor, N. S., arrived in the city yesterday on a business trip. He is registered at the Victoria. Yesterday on the Boston train from Montreal, Toronto and New York. In England at the present time. William Henry Dixon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dixon of Sandy Point Road, received word yesterday that their son, Private William Henry Dixon, was convalescent from a severe attack of broncho-pneumonia. He is in No. 4 General Hospital in Ganters. John Harvey. Mrs. John Harvey has been notified that her son, Gunner John Harvey, has been slightly wounded while fighting in France. He is a former U. M. B. student and left Canada with an artillery unit engaged in this city.

ST. JOHN MEN ANOTHER PAID PRICE AT U.N.B. MAN WINNY RIDGE HOME AGAIN

Fred J. Carten Was Badly Wounded—Speaks of Kindness of Local Nurse, Miss Margaret Hare.

The news received yesterday that Lieut. Maurice Mullaney had been killed was learned with general regret. He left St. John seven months ago with a draft of officers for overseas service and upon arrival in England was attached to an engineering unit. In January he was transferred to a New Brunswick unit and placed in command of a platoon. Lieutenant Mullaney was not only a qualified officer in infantry but held a lieutenant's certificate in siege artillery. He qualified in this branch of the service in Halifax and on his return to the city was unable to secure a commission in the artillery and so accepted a sergenty with the No. 7 Siege Battery. He was later appointed recruiting sergeant and was in charge of the recruiting office in Prince William street for some time prior to proceeding overseas. Lieutenant Mullaney was a member of St. Peter's Young Men's Association for the last five years and during that period won the esteem of the entire membership. For a few years he held the office of secretary. He was also an enthusiastic member of the Knights of Columbus. In business he was on the staff of the late Thomas Gorman. Besides his mother he is survived by one brother, Charles, and one sister, Miss Doris. Alex. J. Hughes.

An official despatch received in the city yesterday announced the death of Alexander ("Sandy") J. Hughes, who died in Boulogne, France, from wounds received during the recent battles. After treatment in field hospitals, he had been removed to the Australian General Hospital in Boulogne and there his death occurred on Friday, April 13. The news was received by his sister, Miss Beulah A. Hughes of Orange street. One brother, now at the front, also survives. Although only a lad of fifteen at that time, Private Hughes enlisted at the time of the Boer war and served throughout the campaign with the Canadian contingent. On his return to Canada he remained in St. John for several years and then left for the west, locating in Moose Jaw, when the European war broke out he enlisted with a western unit with which he was serving at the front when he was hit. Sergt.-Major John Whitehouse. Word was received to the effect that Sergt.-Major John Whitehouse of 14 Harding street, a member of a local infantry unit now in France, had been wounded in the left leg and shoulder by gunshot, and had been admitted to No. 2 Australian Hospital in Boulogne. Sergt. Whitehouse was wounded in the battle of the Somme in last October, but his wounds at that time were not very severe and he was soon back on the firing line. Sergt. Whitehouse was in the employ of the Atlantic Sugar Refinery prior to going overseas. His wife is