

**THE WEATHER.**

Forecasts:  
Maritime—Fresh southeast, shifting to southwest; cool and showery.

Toronto, June 15.—Showers have occurred today in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the temperature continues unseasonably low throughout the west. Rain has been almost general in Ontario and Quebec, being particularly heavy in the Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys, and the weather is cool in all districts.

Temperatures: Min. Max.

Dawson	50	56
Victoria	52	64
Vancouver	52	72
Calgary	44	58
Regina	38	48
Prince Albert	38	48
Winnipeg	38	48
Port Arthur	44	66
Toronto	54	69
Ottawa	58	66
Quebec	56	68
St. John	50	64
Halifax	48	56

**Around the City**

**Spanish Products.**  
A firm at Palma de Mallorca, Spain, writes the Board of Trade asking to be put in touch with firms that might do business in Spanish products.

**Will Meet Today.**  
On account of the special meeting of the municipal council yesterday afternoon, the meeting of the city commissioners was postponed until today. It is likely that the commissioners will be in session immediately after the noon committee meeting.

**Gets Big Fine.**  
Magistrate Allan held court in Brookville last evening, when Max Morris was found guilty of selling beer at Cudbrook on Sunday last and was fined \$50 and costs. Max paid the fine and it took about all the profits that he made on the Sunday selling.

**Edgell Church School.**  
The closing exercises of Edgell Church School for girls at Windsor, N. S., took place yesterday, in the school and on the grounds. In the morning a delightful concert was given in the school hall, which was largely attended. During the afternoon the diplomas and school prizes were presented.

**Belgian Relief Fund.**  
Mayor Prink received the following subscriptions to the Belgian relief fund yesterday morning: Mrs. J. K. Taylor, \$10.00; Residents of Brockway, York Co., per Mrs. B. E. Boone, 6.10; Mrs. Horace King, 5.90; Mrs. W. W. Baird, Cleveland, Ohio, 1.00.

**Moonlight Excursion.**  
Two or three hundred excursionists attended the moonlight excursion without the aid of a moon last night on the St. John river. The outing was under the auspices of the Temple Band, and the steamer May Queen carried the excursionists. Despite the fact that it was a dark night, which finished up with a rain storm, those who attended apparently enjoyed themselves.

**The Regimental Fund.**  
The following subscriptions to the Regimental fund started by Mayor Prink for the 26th Battalion were received this morning: Mrs. Fred Crosby, \$5.00; Fred Crosby, 5.00; William S. Allison, 10.00; Benjamin Mirey, 1.00; J. C. Long, 2.00; A. G. McMillan, 1.00.

**Steamer D. J. Purdy.**  
The steamer D. J. Purdy arrived from Fredericton yesterday afternoon with a fair passenger list and a heavy cargo of hay, potatoes and live stock. Among the passengers were W. Frank Hatheway of this city, and Joe. Allingham of Gagetown.

**Comfort Association.**  
The Soldiers' Comfort Association of West St. John will meet in the Odd Fellows' Hall this evening at eight o'clock, and all interested citizens are invited to be present. The association members are hard at work in the West End gathering in comforts for the boys who are fighting in the trenches and it is expected that in a short time a large quantity of the things greatly needed by the brave soldiers will be sent to them.

**Miss Retallick to Wed.**  
The wedding of James C. Robertson, accountant with the Ames Holden McCready Co., and Miss Helen Retallick, daughter of John Retallick, will take place this afternoon at 4.15 o'clock in the Carlton Methodist church. They will be unattended. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Robertson will depart for New York on a honeymoon trip. On their return they will reside in West St. John. Many handsome presents were received by the popular pair. A set of handsome inlaid oak chairs was received from the employees of the groom. Handsome pieces of silver were received from the members of the Calvin Presbyterian church choir, where Miss Retallick has been organist, and from the Moose Dramatic Club of which Mr. Robertson was a valued member.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PRESBYTERIAL OPENS IN ST. JOHN**

**Delegates Welcomed To This City by Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank.**

**WOMENS GATHERING Committee Will Present Their Various Reports On Thursday.**

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of St. John Presbyterian, the women's gathering for the Presbytery of St. John which embraces the Maritime Provinces was opened last evening in the St. David's church.

The executive met this morning and this afternoon. Those present included the president, Mrs. C. T. Purdy of Moncton, Mrs. E. H. Thomson of Roby, Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank and Mrs. R. A. Jamieson of St. John, with Mrs. A. W. Thompson of Pictou, Mrs. Blackwood and Miss Wallace of Halifax, representing the general organization of the synod district.

The meeting opened last evening with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. J. H. A. Anderson. An address of welcome was given in a very feeling manner by Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank in which she welcomed the delegates to St. John. A very charming reply was made by Mrs. Stephens of St. Stephen on behalf of the visiting members.

The appointment of committees followed next which resulted in the following: Nominating committee—Mrs. J. H. Thomson, St. John, convenor; Miss Stephens, St. Stephen; Mrs. Jas. Ross and Mrs. J. E. Anderson. Finance committee—Miss Josephine Campbell, St. Stephen; Mrs. M. H. Marcell, Florenceville.

Resolution and courtesy committee—Mrs. Millar, McKensie Corner; Mrs. R. D. Ross, St. Stephen. These committees will act during the session and will present their reports at the close of the session on Thursday.

In the secretary's report which followed, the secretary, Miss B. Walker, emphasized the spiritual side of the work and loyalty to our own undertakings, loyalty to the King of Kings and loyalty to our own women. It was a very excellent report and contained many practical suggestions.

Mrs. A. W. Thompson, Pictou, N. S., president of the general society, gave an address and in the course of her remarks spoke under four different titles as follows: Social influences, educational side of our own work, benevolence, and the scope of missionary work and the spiritual element in it. Mrs. Thompson's address was excellent and she urged the members to bear in mind all the practical suggestions given in the reports and addresses.

The programme for the session is as follows: Wednesday, June 16th, at 9.30 a.m. Devotional exercises, led by Mrs. George McFarlane; minutes; reports of county vice-presidents; report of Home Mission secretary; deaconess report; discussion; paper, Mrs. A. R. Melrose; third session.

Wednesday, June 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Devotional exercises, led by Mrs. J. K. Flemming; minutes; greetings; report of secretary of young people's work; report of M. B. county vice-presidents; duet; paper, "Does mission hand work pay, and how?"; question box; president's address; fourth session.

Wednesday, June 16th, at 8 p.m. Devotional; music; introduction, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan; address, Rev. Principal MacKinnon; music; offertory; address, Rev. W. W. Malcolm; closing exercises; fifth session.

Thursday, June 17th, at 9.30 a.m. Devotional exercises, led by Mrs. J. H. Thomson; minutes; treasurer's report; dedicatory prayer; report of nominating committee; report of credentials committee; report of committee on resolutions and courtesies; place of next meeting; hymn 501, "God be with you till we meet again."

**CLOSING EXERCISES OF NETHERWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**  
The closing exercises of Netherwood—church school for girls—Roby, were held yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large number of spectators and friends, many going to the closing from this city. The Rev. Canon Daniel presided and after the opening service the pupils gave a short musical programme, which included songs and piano solos by Miss Dorothy LeRoy. Miss Mary Henderson was valedictorian.

After the addresses by His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton, and Miss Hubbard, Dean of Royal Victoria College, Montreal, and the presentation of diplomas and prizes by the Bishop, Dr. Walker and Miss Lillie Raymond, the guest, adjourned to Netherwood, where they were entertained by the school. The younger girls went through some Swedish drill and danced some pretty folk dances. The senior school presented scenes from the "Rivals" on the lawn, finishing up with a most graceful minuet danced by eight couples in old-time costume. Refreshments were served on the lawn and the city guests returned on the five o'clock train.

**German Diary Says Canadians Will Attack And May God Help Us**

That the soldier boys from Canada and especially from St. John are not given much to worry while fighting in the trenches against the Germans can be readily judged from the tone of the letters that they send home to friends. They all thoroughly understand that their position is most dangerous, but they have been well trained, have proven themselves equal to the seasoned fighters and are taking their work at the front as a matter of course. They are not afraid to fight, and now that they have well received their baptism of fire, it is a case of do or die with all of them. Many of them write home, telling about the horrors of war, of the hard times that they are having, etc., but there are others who mention war as a secondary consideration and despite the fact that their comrades are being wounded or killed by their side and the shells are bursting all round, these soldiers are thinking of what is looking on in their old home town. For instance, a few weeks ago Gunner Harry Pike, who is fighting with the heavy artillery, under the command of Major Magee, merely mentioned that he was having a hot time of it and then asked for information. "If there was any baseball played in St. John this summer?" Yesterday afternoon a member of The Standard staff received a letter which is not only interesting but rather amusing from "Sapper" Leo G. Quigg of Fairville. "Sapper" Quigg is attached to the second brigade headquarters of the signal section, first Canadian division. He writes from France on May 29th. He does not get any of the fighting, but is anxious that he and Corporal George F. Craft, also of Fairville, are not being wrongly judged by the fair sex in Fairville or St. John. He is not looking forward to being killed but expects to be home again before many months, so any lady friends might read his letter with interest and take it for granted that the Fairville boy is happy and content. He is being constantly in the greatest danger of losing his life. The letter received is as follows:

Dear Will,— I met Bruce MacKinnon at the firing line and got my address from him. He has a home in Fairville. It is rumored around there that George Craft and myself got married in England. Don't you think that this is hurting our reputation with the ladies in the village and St. John? We wish that you could deny it for us in the columns of your paper, for it is not true. We are certainly giving it to the Germans now and we expect to be back home by Christmas. Please straighten out the little wrong about us, and if we can do anything for you we will with pleasure. Thanking you in advance, we remain, yours truly, Spr. Leo G. Quigg, Corporal George F. Craft.

The letter is written on paper supplied by the W. M. C. A. with the words printed on the envelope and paper. "On active service with the British expeditionary force."

The Standard is very glad to inform all the young ladies in Fairville or St. John that the two soldiers mentioned are still single and hope that Sapper Quigg's prediction that he will return home safe and sound for Christmas will come out true.

Mr. William M. Campbell, care of Customs House, St. John, N. B., Can. Dear Will,— Received your letter of May 3rd about one week ago but have just got around to answering it. My opinion of the war is this: The Germans are being driven back slowly but surely and the war will end just as soon as the Kaiser gets it pounded into his noodle that he can't capture anything we hold and that in time we will be in Germany. By all accounts there are very few troops in front of us but a machine gun can very soon get a charging battalion so you see we can't advance rapidly and have a little can't get through our lines for practically the same reason. The only way we have them licked in my opinion is with the bayonet and our boys love nothing better than to give Germans a good licking. I am enclosing some letters which I picked up last night in the trench which the Germans were in all winter. You most likely can get someone to translate them for you and they might be interesting. Don't worry about me being in the thick of the fight. My work is just on the spot where the shells are dropping and I don't think anyone in the whole army has such a nerve-racking job as a line man. The infantry charging and not subject to shell fire, despatch riders rush past all bad spots and the same with ammunition wagons but our poor beggars are always in the places where the shells are dropping as there is where our wire is cut. The Canadian Signal Company has been awarded six D. C. M.'s and there may be more. Those who deserve them most are the ones who do not get them. It seems Corporal Cassells of Montreal in No. 1 Section who worked on the line I was on has been given one and he did not do half as much work as some of us but the Brigadier saw him. Of all the line men who worked on the line another lance corporal and myself are the only ones who came out the first night, April 22, and stayed till Tuesday morning, May 4, without a rest except what we could snatch between breaks. The rest were either killed, wounded or lost their nerve and any of them whose nerves went cannot be said to have white livers as my nerves went more than once but I stuck. The poisonous gas is nothing. The Germans crucified a sergeant in the 48th Highland-

ers to the door of a barn with their bayonets and I know because my chum in the 48th saw him. The draughts that have come to us are trying to make people think that the fighting here is worse than Ypres but it is not one-tenth as bad. I guess they want people to think they have seen the worst but when 120 shells drop on about one and a half miles of road in one minute, and that was the road I was on all the time, and here about 120 per day you may be as sured it is here there will be another battle as terrible again during the war. I suppose you have heard before this that Harry Adams of Millidgeville avenue has been awarded a D. C. M. I do not know exactly what for, but he did not skulk around like a lot of them when the Germans were only 50 yards from them and shells flying thicker than hail, that's not exaggeration either for he was penned in a house and if a shell had not burst and blown a hole in the brick wall of the room he was in he would have been burned alive but he did not get scratched. These narrow escapes are nothing, miss is good as a mile. I have lost two horses since we got in France, one in St. Jean, just beyond Ypres, and the other down here. I was working in the field and the horse was standing under a roof on one side and a hundred pieces of shell in him and I got none. Well, I must stop and go to bed. I have six more letters to answer. I have this minute been told that a diary was found on a German with this on it: "I was in the trenches with you and I did attack that night and took an orchard. The Canadians have put the fear of God into them alright. Well, so long, good friend."

BOB, June 3, 1915.

Dear Will,— Received the bunch of papers and your letter of May 17th. Many thanks. Let me tell you we are showing them all the way. Have just, a few days ago, shown the Irish and Coldstream Guards the way. Are they asking for drafts for the 1st contingent yet? We need I guess about 20,000 men to bring us up to strength again. I see by the papers that Lloyd's are offering even more money than the war will be finished by Jan. 31, 1916, but I don't know what to think. We are moving forward all the time slowly but surely. I believe we will have La Basse by the time this letter reaches you. It is rumored we are going back a long way for a rest and refitting but I don't know how true it is. They will have to do something with us pretty soon or there will be nothing left to do any more. The little heads as have been fighting in the warm parts. Well, I must close, as I am late watering and feeding my horse now. With very best wishes to you and all.

Your friend, BOB.

The following letter was received by E. W. Chase, 153 Hawthorn avenue, from his son, Charles Chase, who left St. John with the Divisional Ammunition Column, and is now with the 6th Battery:

Dear Mother:—A few lines to let you know I am well and hope this will find you all the same. I received your own eyes. They are using the gas again. I have seen Jack Nutall, he is a sergeant in the 10th Battalion; also William McLellan, he is with the field post office. I also saw Chris Graham yesterday and had a little talk with him. He sends regards. We are billeted in an old house, all the windows have been blown out and all of one side. Yesterday the Germans sent over about eight or ten shells where we were, but they did not damage.

CHARLES.

**SPECIAL MATINEE OF CHOCOLATE SOLDIER THIS AFTERNOON**  
There will be a special matinee of "The Chocolate Soldier" today at the Opera House with the same big cast and careful detail of production as at the night performance. The curtain will rise promptly at 2.30.

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