

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate to fresh southwest to south winds, fair, not much change in temperature; local showers on Thursday.

Toronto, Sept. 12—Showers have been general today over Lake Superior, otherwise fine weather has prevailed over Canada.

Temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Saskatoon, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Lap Robe Found.

A lap robe found on Paradise Row, yesterday, awaits the owner at police headquarters, North End.

Monthly Meeting S. C. A.

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers' Comfort Association will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of Centenary church.

Insurance Men to Meet.

A general meeting of the Metropolitan Insurance agents will be held in the city today. The majority of these gentlemen arrived in the city yesterday.

First Aid Classes Resumed.

The first meeting for this season of the first aid classes of the St. John Ambulance Association was held last evening in the Red Cross rooms. Great interest is being taken in the work for the coming season and a fairly large class is expected to take up the work in connection with first aid.

Football Season Opens.

On the Barrack Square yesterday afternoon the football season opened in the city when the first match in the King Edward Football League was played. The King Edward team defeated the Whooey team by a score of four to three. The game was an interesting one from start to finish.

Peace, Perfect Peace.

There was certainly perfect peace at police headquarters last night. There was not the usual howling of a "Long Way to Tipperary," or other chants from a half dozen or more drunken inmates of the cells. The reason for such unusual quietness was that there was not one arrest during the entire day.

Tugboat Reported Sold.

It was reported yesterday that G. S. Mayes had sold his steam tug Roebling to a Halifax firm, but it could not be confirmed last night as Mr. Mayes was out of the city. This tug was for a number of years engaged in towing at Halifax from which place she was purchased by Mr. Mayes. The boat has been laid up in Rodney Slip, West St. John, for some months past.

Home From the West.

Simon A. Jones of the firm of Jones & Schofield, arrived in the city on the Maritime express last night from the West. Mr. Jones was one of the transportation committee of the Board of Trade who recently visited Winnipeg, Fort William and Port Arthur. While away the committee inspected the freight and elevator systems and grain exchange, and acquired considerable information which will assist in solution of local transportation problems.

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M. R. A.'S FALL OPENING OF MILLINERY ON THURSDAY.

This important event which almost every woman in St. John and vicinity looks forward to with much interest takes place on Thursday and the following days in the millinery salon, and will be a surpassing exhibit of the best styles for the new season.

LARGE STOCKS.

In their enlarged premises F. A. Dykeman and Co. are showing a much larger stock than usual. Their ladies' and children's fall ready-to-wear garments are all on display, and such a gathering together of the choicest materials and productions has not been seen in St. John in years. Their ladies' suits, notwithstanding the scarcity of materials, are made up from the choicest of cloths that can be depended upon, in color and wearing qualities, and the prices are but little higher than usual, due to the firm's splendid buying facilities. Suits are from \$13.95 to \$42.00. Coats from \$8.50 to \$35.00.

Orders Received To Prepare for Two Battalions Here

Will Arrive from Valcartier as Soon as Transportation Can be Arranged, is Word Received Yesterday by Col. Guthrie.

AMBULANCE TRAINING DEPOT WILL VACATE ARMORY AND REMOVE TO MARTELLO HOTEL—LT.-COL. McAVITY MAY BECOME MEMBER OF HEADQUARTERS STAFF—CAPT. G. EARLE LOGAN ADJUTANT OF 97TH AMERICAN LEGION.

Through the combined efforts of the Hon. J. D. Hazen and Lieut.-Col. Guthrie, St. John is to be an armed camp this winter. Every available building suitable for the immediate housing of troops in the city will be utilized. This was made known yesterday for a certainty. Immediately upon the arrival of Col. Guthrie he was the recipient of a despatch from headquarters at Halifax to make preparations for the arrival of two battalions, which will leave Valcartier as soon as transportation can be arranged. Just how long these troops will remain is uncertain but owing to the facilities for training and embarking troops here it is likely they will be here until the next shipment of troops after those at Valcartier leave.

Colonel Guthrie got in touch with Lieut.-Col. Corbett, officer commanding the Ambulance Depot, which now numbers 149 men, and at present occupying the armory, and informed him that they would have to vacate the armory and obtain quarters elsewhere. Col. Corbett and Major S. S. Skinner, second in command of the Ambulance Depot, in a further conference with Col. Guthrie decided that they would remove to the Martello Hotel in Charlottetown, which is at present unoccupied by troops, and will just about accommodate 160 officers and men.

At present the two companies of the 242nd Battalion in charge of Lieut. D. Blair are occupying quarters at the exhibition building. When they took over these premises there was an understanding with the O. C. troops to the effect that they would move at any time other troops came. As there is just room in the exhibition building and armory to accommodate two battalions comfortably, these two companies consisting of about 500 men will be transferred to the West Side and quartered in the immigration building, at present occupied by a 62nd detachment. As two companies of the 140th Battalion were quartered there last winter, besides the officers, there is room for both units in the building.

Arrangements are being made to put the building in proper condition for the housing of the two units and they will probably move in tomorrow. Recently it was announced that Lieut. J. K. Scammell had been authorized to raise a draft of machine gun men, numbering 50, but so far it is not known just where they will be placed.

As the 9th O. S. Siege Battery has returned from Halifax to Partridge Island, which is also the depot for all detention prisoners and contagious medical military patients; with the Martello Hotel being occupied by the Field Ambulance Depot, and the immigration building tenanted by the 242nd Forestry Battalion and a detachment of the 62nd, and the exhibition building and armory taxed to their full capacity, it is not known where Lt.-Col. McAvity on Headquarters Staff?

CHARLES ROBINSON, SECRETARY OF RETURNED SOLDIERS' COMMISSION, WAS AN EYE-WITNESS OF THE QUEBEC BRIDGE DISASTER

Charles Robinson, Secretary of Returned Soldiers' Commission, was within 200 feet of Giant Span when it collapsed.

Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission arrived in the city on the express last night from Quebec and is about the first eye-witness of the bridge disaster on the St. Lawrence to reach the city.

Speaking of the disaster to a Standard reporter last night, Mr. Robinson said he was within 200 feet of the bridge when it collapsed. Both banks of the river were lined with people, who came from all parts of the States and Canada, and there must have been fully 125,000 assembled.

When the enormous steel span left the pontoons there was the wildest cheering from thousands of throats, while the whistles on the steamers helped to make a mighty din. It was then that a large number of those assembled left the scene. Mr. Robinson, however, was not one of those to leave and had a good view of the scene. He says that at first he noticed a slight tremor on the span on the southern side. It was then seen to sag, and in a very short time the entire span fell about thirty feet into the water. There was not the slightest sign of any shaking of the other parts of the bridge on the northern or southern ends. It all happened so quickly that those who were looking at it were awe-stricken, and it is indeed a miracle that a greater number of men were not taken down to a watery grave with the structure.

Drawn Down To Death.

There was a great noise when the 5,100 tons of steel struck the water and caused a great wave to be sent up. The unfortunate men who went down with the span were hauled underneath the surface by the suction and killed. Immediately following the collapse there was the wildest excitement among those on shore, on the steamers and smaller craft in the river, and those who were left on the main sections of the bridge. Some of the workmen could be seen being saved from the water, and those who were picked up were hastened to shore and rushed to hospitals to have their injuries attended to.

It was hardly five seconds from the time that Mr. Robinson saw the southern end of the span tremble until the entire span fell about thirty

E. J. MOONEY MOVIE FROM THE FRONT

Popular St. John Boy who went to France with Mounted Rifles Returns on Furlough.

A large number of friends as well as the relatives of Lieut. Edward J. Mooney were at the Union Depot last evening to meet the gallant young officer who returned after spending nearly a year and a half on the firing line in France.

Lieut. Mooney enlisted in St. John in February, 1915, in "B" squadron of the 6th C. M. R. in which there were several other officers from the city who were formerly attached to the 28th Dragoons. Lieut. Mooney owing to his insight into military affairs was put in charge of the machine gun section of the 6th C. M. R., which mobilized at Amherst. He was transferred from this unit to the 4th C. M. R. and which was in charge of Captain Scovill, who was captured on June 2nd and is now a prisoner of war at Offgusskrigenfangeanstalt Guterhof.

Lieut. Mooney received a shrapnel wound in the cheek on May 1st at Sanctuary Wood, Ypres, which nearly deprived him of his eyesight. He was fortunate in securing the services of Col. Lister, a foremost oculist in the city of London, and with the exception of losing a small piece of his cheek bone, came through the operation all right.

Speaking of the work done by the New Brunswick soldiers at the front, Lieut. Mooney said that they had won the admiration of every man in France.

In glowing terms he praised the ability of Major C. H. McLean and Captain Scovill, who were held in the highest esteem by the men.

Speaking of Major Magee, he said that he had the pleasure of meeting him near the famous Plug street, and while in conversation with him a colonel in the British army came up to them and congratulated Major Magee for effectively bombarding a town which had been used by the Germans as an observing post. Lieut. Mooney said that Major Magee was ranked as one of the best heavy artillerymen in France.

Among the officers met by Lieut. Mooney at the front were Lieut.-Col. Harrison, Lieut. Vasey, Lieut. Kelley and Lieut. Norman McLeod. He spoke feelingly of several St. John boys whom he knew had made the supreme sacrifice and whose names have already been made known in the city.

He made special reference to Lieut. Herbert Everett of St. Andrews, who showed remarkable courage and coolness under fire, when he crawled right up to the first line of trenches and re-organized his bombing party, although he risked his life in so doing.

Lieut. Mooney is on leave until October 22nd, when he is to report to Shorncliffe, having volunteered for the flying corps. Whether his plans will be changed owing to the fact he is to be offered a commission in the 23rd Battalion, as second in command of the company commanded by Major D. Allen Laurie, is not known.

feet below into the river. There was not any sign of the structure breaking or twisting as some reports say, but about the time that it was seen to strike the water, Mr. Robinson says, he saw it turn over on its side as if turning turtle and in an instant it sank from view in nearly 200 feet of water.

Mr. Robinson remained about the scene of the disaster for some time after the accident, and as near as he could learn eleven men lost their lives, four of these unfortunate workmen were on the southern side of the span and seven on the northern when it collapsed and took them with it to their death.

Mr. Robinson had a brief talk with some of those who escaped and were rescued and found that they knew practically nothing about what caused the collapse of the span, these men said that it was certainly something that was unlooked for. They were deeply grieved over the loss of some of their comrades, but gave thanks to God that they themselves were saved.

Faulty Jack May Have Caused It.

Some of the men whom Mr. Robinson was talking to had been at work on the bridge and escaped with their lives and could only give what they thought was the cause of the accident, while the real cause may never be known. Some of them say they suppose that the accident was due to the failure of one of the jacks to work right and this perhaps caused one of the supporting chains to jolt and the whole system of jacks and cables to give way. The south shore spectators, where Mr. Robinson was situated the time, had the best view of the accident as it was on that side that the span was first seen to terminate.

The plan of raising the span consisted in lifting it to a series of four pins situated at equal divisions on each side and upon those the weight of the structure was suspended. It is thought by some of the workmen to whom Mr. Robinson was talking, that the slipping or breaking of one or any of these pins caused a sag and the collapse followed.

While the engineers appear to be at a loss as to the real cause of the accident they are agreed that nothing broke or gave way.

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