

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.
 Maritime — Fresh southerly winds, mostly cloudy and milder with occasional showers.

Washington, Dec 4.—Forecast: Northern New England — Cloudy Tuesday, rain at night or Wednesday; moderate to fresh south winds.

Toronto, Dec 4.—Pressure is high near the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and low over the central portion of the continent. The weather has been mild today throughout the Dominion, with showers in Ontario and some light local snow in Quebec.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	18	16
Victoria	38	40
Vancouver	36	42
Kamloops	30	40
Calgary	16	38
Edmonton	24	34
Medicine Hat	32	40
Battleford	32	40
Prince Albert	30	38
Saskatoon	24	38
Moose Jaw	34	39
Regina	33	48
Winnipeg	30	46
Port Arthur	24	36
Parry Sound	30	44
London	39	49
Toronto	39	49
Kingston	36	46
Ottawa	22	30
Montreal	16	26
Quebec	18	28
St. John	16	38
Halifax	22	40

—Below zero.

Around the City

Natural History Society.
 An interesting lecture on the rivers of New Brunswick, with lantern slides, will be given at the rooms of the Natural History Society tonight. No admission will be charged and the public will be welcomed.

He Fell Down Stairs.
 Last night a man who was under the influence of liquor fell down a flight of stairs in a Charlotte street rooming house. The ambulance was summoned and he was conveyed to the General Public Hospital where it was found that the only injury he received was a cut on the head. After the wound had been attended to he was discharged.

Booze Picture Taken.
 During the past few months local detectives and other police officers have made a great number of raids and arrests of persons for illegal sale of liquor. In these raids a large quantity of liquor was seized which has been stored at police headquarters. Yesterday afternoon the seized booze was carried into the jail yard and a photograph of the same taken. There were in all about two hundred bottles and a five gallon keg.

Exhibit of Enemy Samples.
 The exhibit of enemy samples has arrived in the city, and is now being placed in the Manchester Robertson Allison building on Prince William street. It is expected to have the exhibit all arranged and ready for showing on Monday next, December 11. The exhibition will last for about ten days, and it is hoped that all those in any way interested will make an effort to see these samples. They will be sent from here to Halifax.

Water Department Work.
 The 12-inch main in City Road has been cleaned as far as Clyde street and preparations are now being made to clean the next section, from Clyde street to Pond street opposite the foot bridge. The commissioner is taking advantage of the water being turned off to renew all the stop-cocks which need it, replacing the iron spindles with brass. A start will be made today if the weather permits to replace the two hydrants on King street, one in front of Macaulay Bros, and the other at Daniel's corner, with new type hydrants.

New Brunswickers in London.
 The following residents in the province recently registered their names at the Canadian High Commissioner's office in London: C. G. Armour, W. B. Jardine, P. Henderson and J. Dewar, all of Campbellton; Charlotte Brown, of St. John; Mrs. G. W. and Miss G. Fowler, of Sussex; Lieut.-Col. G. W. Mesereau, of Doaktown; Major A. Sterling of Stanley; Co. Sergt.-Major A. H. Troy.

Changing Car Service Rules.
 A matter of interest to some St. John firms will be dealt with in Toronto on Monday next, December 11, when the Board of Railway Commissioners will consider some changes in the car service rules. It is proposed to change the demurrage rate for each 24 hours from \$1 to \$4 and to cancel rule 2 which provides for free time beyond 48 hours under certain conditions. The reasons given for the changes proposed are the shortage and congestion of cars. Should these changes be made it will affect those merchants who have been in the habit of unloading cars in the yard here, and will add somewhat to the cost of handling certain lines.

THE CHOCOLATE SHOP, 26-28 Charlotte street. Hot Drinks, Lunches at all hours, and deliciously fresh candies.

MILK TOO HIGH, SAYS COUNCIL; ASKS DEALERS FOR REASONS; BOYCOTT AGAINST ICE-CREAM

Milk Dealers Visited City Hall, but Resolution Passed Before They Were Introduced.
King's Daughters Decide to Boycott Ice-cream—Winnipeg Holding Investigation into Cost of Food-stuffs.

The first official step in dealing with the milk problem was taken by the Common Council yesterday, when in committee they passed a resolution as follows:
 "Resolved, that in the opinion of this council excessive prices are charged for milk in the city of St. John."
 This will be ratified at the council meeting today, and the next step will be the asking for affidavits from milk dealers in regard to the cost of doing business. If the commissioners are not satisfied with the answers given then, the matter is turned over to the Minister of Labor and he appoints a commissioner to hold an investigation.
 The council may at their discretion submit a list of questions for the dealers to answer or they may simply ask for the cost of doing business.
 A delegation of the milk dealers, headed by Mr. Bell, attended City Hall but were not introduced until after the resolution had been passed.
 The city solicitor was present and advised the council as to the proper course to pursue under the order-in-council. They must first pass the resolution stating their belief that the price of any commodity was excessive, and then they could require a written statement under oath or affirmation from the dealers in said commodity.

ONLY TWO REPLIES.
 The Mayor announced that the only replies received in answer to the request of the council for reasons for the increase in the price of milk had been one from Primecrest Farms, couched in general terms, and a verbal statement from W. H. Bell representing a number of dealers.
 Commissioner Fisher moved that action be deferred until today's meeting in order that Mr. Bell might have time to prepare a written statement, but this was not seconded.
 Commissioner Wigmore thought that they should first ask for the sworn statement before passing any resolution.

THE NECESSARY RESOLUTION.
 Commissioner McLellan was of the opinion that the council should proceed along the lines laid down in the order-in-council, in order to be fair to both the consumer and dealer, and moved the resolution declaring that in the opinion of the council the price of milk was excessive. This was seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously.

MR. BELL'S STATEMENT.
 On motion it was decided to hear Mr. Bell, who was introduced. He was told of the action of the council and expressed his willingness to submit a sworn statement. He complained of some of the statements in The Standard, claiming that they were unfair.
 When questioned in regard to the item of two cents per can for handling in the country, which appeared in his estimate of cost of handling, Mr. Bell admitted that he did not have this cost in his own business, but had included it as he understood that some of the dealers had to pay it, and he considered it a fair charge.

CRITICIZES LETTER IN THE STANDARD.
 Mr. Bell last night called attention to the statement in the letter from "Abit-Ten" in yesterday's Standard, that milk was ten cents per quart delivered in New York, and claimed that this was not a fair comparison, as the quart measure there was the wine measure, while the imperial quart was used here.

IN WINNIPEG.
 In Winnipeg the price of milk was advanced one cent per quart beginning Friday, December 1, which brings the price up to 11 cents per quart. The reason given by the dealers was that on November 1 they had increased the price to the producer to 6.6 cents per quart. An investigation is now being carried on in Winnipeg under a high cost of living commission, and it is altogether likely that this increase will be one of the subjects considered.

ICE CREAM BOYCOTTED.
 At an executive meeting of the King's Daughters, held last night, it was decided to boycott ice cream and not to have any at the dramatic recital to be given by Rev. H. W. Piercy on Thursday evening next, as the high cost of milk interferes with their charitable work among the needy classes, where they supply a quantity of milk to the children.

FOUR MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Three of the Number were for the Naval Reserve—General Military Notes.

- HONOR ROLL.**
- Thomas Kane, London, Eng.
 - Horace Smith, York, Eng.
 - Frederick Quinn, St. John.
 - Naval Service.
 - Reid Geldert, Moncton, N. B.
 - Machine Gun Draft.

Four men signed on yesterday for overseas service. Three of the number were for the royal navy.
 According to a semi-official report it will not be long before a draft of 50 men from the Siege Battery will be leaving for overseas to reinforce the 7th Siege Battery. Just who the members are to make up the draft is not known. Yesterday the battery had their picture taken.
 The Field Ambulance held a route march through the city yesterday. This was the first march held for some time by the unit, and one could see a vast improvement in the march discipline of the men. By the time the unit will be leaving for overseas

SEVENTY-TWO MEN ENLISTED IN PROVINCE

Recruiting Last Week was About Up to the Average—St. John Leads the List with 48.

The number of men signing the honor roll in the province weekly still hovers around seventy. The number last week was 72. So regular are the returns from the different counties in the province that the recruiting officer in the city can almost foretell the number of men each county is to supply for the week. As usual, the county of Gloucester in company with several others is among the hills.
 St. John supplied two-thirds of the total enlistment for the week. The list follows:
 St. John County—
 16th Battalion 5
 236th Battalion 11
 No. 2 Construction Battalion . . . 1
 9th Siege Battery 9
 8th Field Ambulance Train . . . 4
 Canadian Engineers 10
 R. C. N. V. 5
 Home Service 3
 —48

York County—
 9th Siege Battery 2
 236th Battalion 7
 Canadian Dental Corps 1
 —10

Restigouche County—
 9th Siege Battery 1
 12th Artillery Draft 1
 Home Service 1
 —3

Northumberland County—
 Army Service Corps 2
 Home Service 1
 —3

Westmorland County—
 165th Battalion 3
 Kent County—14th Battalion . . . 2
 Carleton County—
 6th Field Battery 1
 Charlotte County—
 236th Battalion 1
 Victoria County—
 Royal Flying Corps 1
 Madawaska County—
 Queens and Sunbury Counties . . 0
 Albert County—
 Gloucester County—
 Kings County—
 —0

Team Struck by Auto.
 Jeremiah Damery was quite badly shaken up when an automobile collided with his team on Thorne Avenue, near Kane's Corner. Mr. Damery was driving a load of meat to the city from the slaughter house, when a Ford car containing four or more men, and being driven at a fast rate of speed without any lights burning ran into the team. The wagon was overturned, the shafts broken and Mr. Damery thrown violently to the ground. The automobile was not stopped but kept on its way and was driven through the Marsh Road. County Policeman Saunders was notified and from information he received states that he has a good idea who the owner of the car is. Further results may be expected.

New Glasgow Visitors Here.
 Among the visitors in the city yesterday were Norman Mason, and H. McCullough of New Glasgow, N. S., who are en route to Boston. Mr. Mason who is looked on as the "King of Theatricals" in Pictou County was warmly greeted by a number of his St. John friends. He is not only the proprietor of one of the best theatres in the Eastern Provinces but for many years has played the leading parts in a number of fine productions that have been put on by New Glasgow amateurs. These amateurs will re-member him a few years ago in this city in "The Old Homestead," and the company at that time excelled many of the professionals that have been here. The New Glasgow gentlemen leave for the Hub this evening.

A Mysterious Fight.
 About 8.45 o'clock there was considerable excitement on the south side of the King Square. Two men got mixed up in an altercation with the result that one received quite a severe beating. Another, in trying to act as peacemaker, received a blow which rendered him unconscious. A crowd soon gathered and although the police were quickly on the scene, those who were engaged in the fight had been taken away, and there appeared to be no person present who was willing to give the officers information. Accordingly there were no arrests made.

A CLEVER CONCEIT.
 With each purchase Gundry's 49 enclosing a combination of Christmas cards and stickers so very handy in doing up a gift parcel. This consists of a card for the address, a gum label of the "Don't open till Xmas" variety, and two Xmas stickers for closing the parcel. These do not represent much value but they save you trouble and are just as nice as you can buy in a book store.
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