

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Winds increasing to gales from eastward with snow or sleet. Washington, Jan. 31.—Forecast: Northern New England—Snow Thursday; Friday clearing and much colder; strong east winds shifting to northwest gales. Toronto, Jan. 31.—A moderate disturbance is centered tonight south of Lake Erie, while a pronounced area of high pressure and cold covers the western provinces. The weather from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces has been mostly fair, with moderate temperatures. Temperatures. Min. Max. Dawson... 14 24 Victoria... 18 30 Vancouver... 10 25 Calgary... 10 25 Edmonton... 14 26 Battleford... 10 23 Prince Albert... 10 24 Saskatoon... 10 20 Moose Jaw... 10 24 Regina... 10 24 Winnipeg... 10 24 Port Arthur... 10 24 Parry Sound... 14 24 London... 25 29 Toronto... 21 26 Ottawa... 18 22 Montreal... 14 20 Quebec... 10 16 St. John... 10 14 Halifax... 10 14 Below zero.

LARGEST REVENUE FROM OCEAN TRAFFIC IN CITY'S HISTORY

Commissioner J. V. Russell Announces That January Established New Record for Revenue for City Wharfrage—Over \$5,000 in Excess of January, 1916—A Striking Indication of the Development of Local Port.

All records for traffic through the port of St. John were broken last month, the port business being the largest in the history of the city. Commissioner J. V. Russell yesterday made this important announcement which is substantiated by the official returns from his department. The returns show a total revenue to the city from wharfrage of no less than \$20,888, which amount is over \$5,000 in excess of the figures for January, 1916, when \$15,090.59. In January, 1915, the total revenue was \$12,397.05. The revenue for the past month was several thousand dollars in excess of the revenue for either March and April of previous years, and these months usually develop the most heavy ocean traffic of the season. "The new year has certainly opened auspiciously from our standpoint," said Commissioner Russell to The Standard yesterday in referring to the vast increase in the revenue from ocean traffic. "Last month no less than forty-eight vessels were loaded through the port of St. John. This number is considerably in excess of the number handled in the same month for either 1915 or 1916. The number for 1915 was twenty-nine, as compared with thirty-three for January last year. We are naturally pleased with the increase as it serves to illustrate the great development of the port, and to impress one with the undoubted fact that in this port we can load steamers and get them away as quickly as at any other port in the Dominion. Indications point to the further increase in traffic and of course there will be a corresponding increase in the city revenue," concluded Commissioner Russell. When it is considered that there is no more city wharfrage than last year, the great increase is all the more gratifying. The city's revenue is based on the rate of fifteen cents per ton on the freight for port wharfrage, as well as a charge on the steamer's tonnage for side wharfrage. Those in charge of harbor matters are enthusiastic over the returns for the past month. Considerable satisfaction is felt over the fact that there has been no delay occasioned in the loading and unloading of the steamers. Indeed the steamship people are more than pleased with the manner in which the traffic has been handled at this port. Advice from Ottawa are to the effect that the transport business through the port of St. John continues to increase in volume. This traffic is handled in an expeditious manner and to the entire satisfaction of the authorities both here and at Ottawa.

TEN MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Busy Day for Local Units—The 165th Men Were Paid—Siege Battery Looking for Recruits for Overseas.

- HONOR ROLL. Joseph McKenna, St. John, N. B. Melburn Comeau, Digby, N. S. Canadian Engineers. Leo Curran, St. John, N. B. 25th Battalion. S. Ruby, St. John, N. B. C. A. S. C. Charles Wheaton, St. John, N. B. G. Goodine, St. John, N. B. Fred Ross, St. John, N. B. Angus McDonald, Cape Breton, N. S. L. Johnston, Chatham, N. B. M. Olsen, Chatham, N. B. 25th Railway Construction Battalion.

Up until last night sixty-one men enlisted in the city since Monday. This is a creditable showing in view of the fact that St. John has been contributing weak after weak more men than many cities, the population of which is greater than that of St. John. Ten men signed the roll of honor yesterday. Six of the number were for the 25th "Now or Never" Battalion, two for the Engineers, and one each for the 23rd and C. A. S. C. Lieut. Morton informed The Standard last night that owing to the splendid response of the men in New Brunswick to the call of the 25th the company which was authorized to be recruited will be up to strength within three weeks. It was the intention of the military authorities to quarter the company in the city, but as the 250 men are practically assured, the men will be granted sustenance allowance until they leave for headquarters.

Keep Track of the Weather Man. To preserve an even temperature in the home, the office, store, school, or other building, a thoroughly reliable thermometer is indispensable. The "Tycos" Thermometer of which we offer you a large and well assorted line to select from, is noted for its accuracy, nicety of finish, and general superiority. PRICES Range from 15c. to \$2.15 each. SEE OUR KING STREET WINDOW. Market Square—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—King Street

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Advance Showing of Early Spring Styles STRAW HATS. The Most Fashionable Models in Untrimmed and Ready-to-Wear Millinery on Display This Morning. This premier showing will give our patrons an early opportunity of becoming familiar with the advanced ideas, and to purchase from this exhibit of Select Millinery Creations for Early Spring. IN MILLINERY DEPARTMENT. STORES OPEN AT 9 AND CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK. KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE.

CORSET SALE. Comprising Manufacturers' Samples and Odd Numbers at Clearance Prices. Sale Starts This Morning. These Corsets are in White Coutil, and most of them are manufacturers' samples, slightly soiled, and odds in broken sizes. Strongly made and reinforced. Short and long hip models, with low or medium bust, four and six hose supporters. This is an exceptional Corset Bargain opportunity, as they are all to be sold at prices to ensure entire clearance. Sale Prices, 40c, 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1.10, \$1.50, \$2.00 Pair. SPECIAL CORSET OFFERING—During this sale we will offer Special Corset in sizes from 19 to 28 in. This Corset is a medium bust, long hip model, four supporters. Extra Value at 75c Pair. No Approval. Corset Department. No Exchange. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

Around the City

Skating Accident. While skating Miss Mildred King, a popular young woman of Germain street, fell on the ice and suffered a severe sprain of the right wrist. The injury was treated at the General Public Hospital.

Alarm of Fire. The fire department was called out shortly after six o'clock last evening by an alarm from box 41. The fire was in a blacksmith shop on the new elevator site and the building was damaged considerably.

Bella McNair Improving. Miss Bella McNair, daughter of Mrs. Frank McNair, Apohaqui, who was severely burned on Germain street last week, is improving at the General Public Hospital. Her early recovery is looked for.

Drunk and Resisting. Last night two soldiers were arrested near the corner of St. James and Charlotte streets by Sergeant Journey and Constable Hendrickson, and the soldiers are charged with being drunk and violently resisting arrest.

Boatwreck Cargo. Last evening four youths who are members of a steamship doped at West St. John, were arrested and locked up in cells at police headquarters, and the quartette are charged with booting cargo on board the steamship. They will be given a chance to make a defence, if necessary, in the police court this morning. It is only a couple of days ago that two other seamen from the same ship were arrested on a similar charge.

Harbor Revenue Increase. An increase in harbor revenue of \$5,686.40 for the month ending yesterday is shown on comparison with the earnings for the month of January last year. In January, 1917, the total earnings were \$20,776.99; last year the total earnings were \$15,090.59. In addition to increased revenue, the harbor report for the current month will note that an increase of 15 departures in the transatlantic service was recorded. In January, 1917, 48 sailings took place and in the previous year the January sailings were 33.

Seamen's Institute Concert. The Seamen's Institute concert held last night in their rooms on Prince William street was largely attended and the different numbers heartily enjoyed by a delighted audience. The major part of the programme was provided by members of one of the ocean liners in port. Local talent also assisted in making the evening a pleasant one. James Donegan made an admirable chairman for the entertainment. The following participated: Mrs. S. Audette, J. Hayes, Charles Olden, F. Roberts, H. Collins, A. Dean and F. Mitty accompanied.

Collision Was Averted. Quick thinking and rapid action alone prevented what might otherwise have been a most serious accident last evening. As a fire team, in response to a still alarm, was hurriedly proceeding down Sydney street a street car was travelling rapidly along Princess street and its motorman apparently failed to hear the fire siren. A collision seemed inevitable, but the driver of the fire team, acting with remarkable promptness, throwing all his weight on the reins was able to pull his horses around to the left into Princess street, just as the car, with brakes on, slowed up and stopped alongside, then moving on the fire team proceeded to the scene of the fire.

Henry G. Marr and John H. Marr left last evening on a two weeks' business trip to New York and Upper Canada.

MAJOR M'AVITY GETS AN IMPORTANT COMMAND

Local Officers for the 65th Battery—Lieut. Morton Says St. John Second Only to Toronto in Recruiting.

It is announced that Major Percy McAvity has been appointed to the command of the special company of men who reached the city this week from England and are now stationed at West St. John. Major McAvity is a returned hero a member of the famous 26th Battalion. The appointment will prove a popular one. Before his departure for Woodstock, yesterday, Major Evans said that he expected to have an important announcement to make in a few days with respect to new officers and non-commissioned officers for the 65th Battery. The large number of drafts which have gone forward from Major Evans' battery has depleted the number of officers and N. C. O.'s which necessitates new appointments. Although the major will not discuss the matter at the present time, it is understood that two well known St. John men and a Newcastle artillery officer are likely to get berths with the 65th for overseas service. That St. John city in the matter of recruiting for the past two weeks was second only to Toronto in the actual numbers secured was the pleasing statement made to The Standard last evening by Lieut. Morton, who is directing recruiting in New Brunswick for the 25th Construction Battalion. Mr. Morton has met with signal success in his efforts to secure recruits and St. John's splendid showing is due in a large measure to his vigorous efforts.

COUNCIL WILL NOT AGREE TO DISMISSAL OF THE STREET Supt.

But May Approve of His Transfer to Another Branch of the City's Service.

The city council will not approve of the action of Commissioner Fisher in dismissing Albert Winchester, the street superintendent. That was the statement made at City Hall yesterday. Some of the commissioners, however, are of the opinion that if the commissioner of public works remains firm in his decision to dispense with the services of his street superintendent, rather than create a deadlock in the matter that it would be desirable to continue Mr. Winchester in another branch of the city service. The street superintendent has been in the employ of the city in various capacities for fifty-two years. Under the city's charter the commissioner's action in dismissing any official must be approved of by the council. The matter will no doubt be on the taps for discussion at the board meeting on Tuesday next.

18,000 NEW BRUNSWICK MEN JOIN THE COLORS

Interesting Figures of Recruiting in This Province—128 Men Secured During the Last Fifteen Days.

Since November 4, 1916, the Province of New Brunswick has sent forth to fight for Canada and the Empire no less than 18,044 men. It is probable that in addition to this number fully another thousand natives of the province have enlisted in other parts of Canada, since that date. Prior to that time no official record of the men enlisting in the different provinces were recorded, but as far as can be ascertained about 6,000 men, who claim New Brunswick as their birth place, responded to the call to arms during the first fifteen months of the war. This brings the total number of men tendered to the mother country by the province of New Brunswick up to 18,000. St. John county has contributed since the first official records were reported, 2,224, or practically three full infantry battalions. Westmorland is next on the list with 1,497; York with 1,039 in third, and Northumberland with 809 in fourth. For the month of January three counties did not contribute a man to the cause. They were Queens, Sunbury and Madawaska. The total for the month is 307. This includes all the men signing on at any recruiting office in the province. Below is printed the number of men secured since November 4, 1916 in each county, and the number for the month of January:

Table with columns: County, For Jan., Since Nov. 4th, 1916. Total: 307, 18,044. Counties listed include St. John, Kings, Queens, Charlotte, York, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska, Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent, Westmorland, Albert.

Out of the 128 men secured in the province within the last fifteen days, Canadian born were very much in the majority. There were 111 Canadians out of the total. The other nationalities were as follows: English, 8; Scotch, 5; Irish, 1, and 3 others. The 165th Battalion received 18 Canadians; the 23rd Battalion, 22 Canadians; 2 Englishmen 3 Scotchmen and 1 Irishman; 25th Battalion, however, are of the opinion that if 15 Canadians, 3 Englishmen, 1 Scotchman and 3 others; 9th Siege Battery, 2 Canadians; 65th Field Artillery, 2 Canadians; 8th Field Ambulance Depot, 4 Canadians and 1 Englishman; Machine Gun Draft, 6 Canadians; Canadian Engineers, 9 Canadians, 2 Englishmen and 1 Scotchman; Canadian Dental Corps, 1 Canadian; Divisional Ammunition Column, 12 Canadians; No. 2 Construction Corps, 1 Canadian; Field Artillery Draft, 4 Canadians; Canadian Army Service Corps, 1 Canadian; Royal Navy, 5 Canadians, and the Home Guards, 5 Canadians.

165th Paid Yesterday.

About \$15,000 was distributed among the men of the French Canadian Battalion yesterday. The battalion, headed by the 16th band, paraded to the Bank of Montreal and each individual cashed his cheque. Notwithstanding the fact that nearly every member of the battalion had in the vicinity of \$20 in his pocket the best of order prevailed throughout the city. With the exception of the business community and the men themselves a pay day with the 165th passes without any special notice. Private Charles Saulis of "A" Company was discharged from the military hospital yesterday. Routine work will be carried on today with Lieut. Cyr as orderly officer. Lieut. E. A. Legere is next for duty. Military Notes.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The senior gym class, accompanied by members of the Young Ladies' League, held an enjoyable sleigh ride last night. After proceeding out to Torryburn they returned to the Y. M. C. A. where refreshments were served and an informal programme enjoyed. The Algonquin group of the Y. M. C. A. held a supper last night to which the staff of the association were invited. The affair was much enjoyed by all, especially an interesting talk by Mr. Ives Anglin. Tickets for the lecture by Mrs. E.A. Smith of "Belgium Then and Now," in Exmouth street church, Monday, Feb. 5th, are on sale at Nelson's book store. Proceeds for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Kewpie Suits for Kiddies.

The new price if applied to these suits would be one-third more than P. A. Dykeman & Co. are selling them for. The suits consist of Overalls, Sweater and Cap, and come in staple colors, such as Cardinal, Khaki, Brown and Navy. They will fit boys from two to six years of age. There is nothing so comfortable for a boy as one of these Kewpie Suits. Brushed wool or plain knit. Prices run from \$3.25 to \$5.50 per suit.