

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, fair at first, showers by night. Toronto, Sept. 14.—A shallow depression covers the Great Lakes, while pressure, is now highest over Dakota. The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion with the exception of a few local showers in Ontario. Temperatures: Min. Max. Dawson 34 44 Prince Rupert 42 63 Victoria 54 78 Vancouver 42 72 Edmonton 32 60 Saskatoon 26 53 Prince Albert 26 52 Calgary 28 65 Medicine Hat 30 48 Winnipeg 38 48 Port Arthur 50 56 Parry Sound 56 72 London 61 74 Toronto 62 76 Ottawa 60 74 Montreal 66 74 Quebec 60 72 St. John 50 80 Halifax 52 80

Around the City

City Cornet Band to Meet. The members of the City Cornet Band will meet in the band room at 7:45 this evening in uniform.

A Duet. The North End police station featured two imitations last night. One a Russian gentleman, the other a female.

A New Policeman. Leonard O'Shea, a husky looking man, was sworn in a police constable yesterday and went on duty last night.

English Mail. An English letter mail closes this afternoon at four o'clock, also a newspaper and parcel post mail at three o'clock.

An Old Timer. A woman who has been arrested on many occasions was gathered in again by the police last night on the charge of drunkenness.

Band Concert Enjoyed. A large and delighted crowd was on the King square last night, when the Temple band rendered an excellent programme of music under the leadership of William Jones.

Returning to Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vail were in the city yesterday and leave this morning for Madison, Wis., where Mr. Vail is the rowing coach at the college in that place.

Arrested for Stealing. Two boys were arrested last evening by Detective Barrett and Bridges on the charge of breaking into the warehouse of Selick and Friedman, 33 Nelson street and stealing 36 empty bottles.

Bentley Street School. Excavation was started yesterday morning in Bentley street in connection with the proposed new school. Building operations will go forward speedily, and the roof will be in position before the severe winter weather, it is thought. The structure will be ready for use in August next year.

Fire at Silver Falls. Early yesterday morning a cottage at Silver Falls belonging to the city was destroyed by fire. The building had been under lease to Andrew Stephens, but he had moved away on Tuesday leaving some furniture behind. The value of the building is placed at \$1,500; insurance \$1,000.

Provincial S. S. Association. Yesterday afternoon in the board room of the Bible House, the executive of the council of the Provincial Sunday School Association were in session with His Worship Mayor Hayes in the chair. Encouraging reports were read by the officers. The general secretary, W. H. Ross, in his report, outlined the work accomplished during the months of July and August. The report of the treasurer, A. H. Chipman, showed the financial standing of the association in a splendid condition. The provincial convention will be held at St. Andrews on November 15-17. Among the speakers will be W. C. Pearce of Chicago, Rev. I. W. Williamson, Dr. Brown and Rev. G. M. Young.

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YOUNG MEN HEARD THRILLING SPEECHES—BUT DON'T OFFER TO DON UNIFORM IN 140TH

Four Possible Recruits the net Result at Meeting in Imperial Last Evening. Addressed by Col. Beer, Col. Guthrie and Others—Crack Battalion Still 75 Men Short of its quota.

The meeting at the Imperial Theatre last night in the interests of the 140th Battalion was well attended by the men and women of St. John, but the results were not by any means of a satisfying nature. After a number of stirring and eloquent appeals from men who have been at the front and know the need for men, one man, and he a returned discharged soldier, came to the platform and announced his willingness to again put on the khaki. After the meeting three others came and stated their willingness to go if they would pass the doctor. The Mayor presided and the speakers were Lieut. Col. Guthrie, Corp. Viets, Sergt. Bradbury, Capt. Conroy, Lieut. Col. Beer, Lieut. Mooney and Major Morgan.

Mayor Hayes.

His Worship Mayor Hayes, in opening the meeting, said that the 140th Battalion would soon be going overseas and although he did not like to make comparisons, as the battalions which had already gone overseas, have won the highest praise, yet the 26th Battalion has been regarded as our own battalion. On making inquiries he has learned that only 325 men of the 26th claimed St. John as their home, while the 140th Battalion has 400 men who claim this city as their home. Besides this battalion has 21 officers from here.

He spoke in the highest praise of the work accomplished by the battalion during their visit to Valcartier. Also the reputation made by them at Valcartier during their stay there.

Before introducing Colonel Guthrie, Mayor Hayes said: "If I were able to enlist or if any person were to ask me what battalion I would recommend, I would have no hesitation in saying the 140th Battalion. Because I am sure that no other battalion has gone from this city which I can recommend more highly, and I feel that every individual in the city should help Col. Beer obtain the number of men he requires to bring this battalion up to strength."

Col. Guthrie.

Colonel Guthrie said that Colonel Beer of the 140th Battalion, "the St. John Tigers," is asking this city for 78 men to fill up the battalion, one of the finest that ever assembled on the fields of Valcartier, and one of the finest to proceed overseas.

"Colonel Beer needs an introduction to the people of St. John," said the speaker. "He has already distinguished himself as a man and a soldier. He came back from the front line, after doing his part in the war and now he is going to return as the officer commanding the 140th Battalion."

Col. Guthrie said that there were enough young men in the audience to more than supply the few asked for by Col. Beer. He mentioned the fact that too many of the young men in the city were taking the question of enlisting too lightly. A large number of eligible young men can be seen every night walking the streets or frequenting ice cream parlors.

Corporal Viets.

Col. Guthrie then introduced Corp. Viets of Digby, who had the misfortune to lose his right while fighting with the famous Princess Pats. When Corp. Viets arose to speak he was greeted with applause. At the conclusion of which, upon the call of Col. Guthrie, three hearty cheers were given by the audience.

Corp. Viets said in part: "I can assure you that there is not a more surprised man in this city tonight than myself. It was only a few minutes ago that I was asked to address this audience and I can assure you it is to me a great honor. One of the first things which came to my notice when first I arrived home last winter, was the easy way in which the people were taking this war. They do not appear to take it seriously. There is a vast difference between here and England. Over there if you could see the suffering and wounded arriving back from the front you would realize what this war means."

Corporal Viets referred to the number of men promised by Canada and felt sure that this number would be sent overseas.

Sergt. Bradbury.

Sergeant Bradbury was the next speaker and he appealed to the young men in the city with whom he played football on the Marathon grounds, saying he was going overseas to take part in the greatest of all games and asking them to accompany him. He spoke of the disappointment it was to the 100 men who had been rejected on account of the severe medical test recently held at Valcartier. He said that a number of the men rejected expressed their sorrow in tears. In concluding Sergeant Bradbury said he felt sure the 140th would uphold the honor won by the 26th Battalion.

Captain Conroy.

Before introducing the next speaker Capt. Conroy, his worship made the statement that he was one out of about 90 men who had enlisted from the Portland street Methodist church.

He had enlisted first as a private in the 104th Battalion, but was afterwards transferred to the 140th, given the rank of captain, and appointed chaplain. Captain Conroy said that the word he wished to bring before them more than another was privilege. The men of St. John had a great opportunity and one which would never come again. They were living in a grand and awful time, the Empire was engaged in a life and death struggle for all that made life worth living. This was the first war of all time in which the right was so clearly on one side, and the men who were privileged to be of physical fitness and of military age should consider carefully their duty in this matter. One question which every man would have to face in the future was, could you go, and did you?

The men of St. John had an opportunity now to go with one of the best units which had gone from Canada, and one whose three senior officers had seen service at the front and knew the name. Were they going to take advantage of the opportunity?

Lieut.-Col. Beer.

Col. Beer said that it was a great pleasure for him to address a gathering of the citizens of the Loyalist city of St. John, especially as this was the first time he had an opportunity of personally asking them for recruits for his battalion. He also extended the thanks of himself and his men for the care and attention given the unit while it was stationed here last winter. He assured the audience that his men had a warm spot in their hearts for the people of this city especially the ladies. He had come to the city for a purpose, and it was for the citizens to say whether he would accomplish it or not.

About ten months ago he had left France and he had felt like a deserter ever since. He had left the boys fighting for him and for all those at home, fighting for the freedom which could only be found under the British flag, for the honor of the wives, mothers and sweethearts of every one in the audience. In view of the fact that these men were fighting for them and needed help he asked "why stand idle here?"

These men who were fighting would some day come back; they were all good citizens of the country, and after the war they would be in a position to rule the country.

The government of this country had seen fit to entrust to him 1,000 of these good citizens and in so doing had placed a great responsibility on him, but he hoped that he had the necessary ability to lead them properly. His battalion was now at Valcartier and a few days ago they had lost one hundred men who were turned down as medically unfit, and in this connection he paid a tribute to the worth of Major F. A. Good, and said that the battalion had lost the services of one of the finest soldiers and gentlemen he had ever met.

The men who were turned down had done their bit just as surely as the men in the trenches and were worthy of as much praise.

He had come to ask for enough men to fill up the ranks of the 140th which was going overseas in a few days. He had been told that there were between two and three thousand men of military age in St. John who had not yet offered yet, and if this were true much when he came to the city for one hundred. He could not conceive of any reason why any young man who realized the situation should huff back, and he thought that any man of ordinary intelligence understood the need today.

The men already there were doing all they could and were carrying on, but they needed assistance and help, not that any red-blooded Canadian was willing to let another man do the work which was properly his.

The men who had gone had made sacrifices and it was time for some of those who had stayed at home to make a sacrifice if necessary and help the boys who were bearing the brunt of the battle in France and Flanders. He, himself, was sacrificing \$2,500 per year while he wore the uniform as that was the difference between the amount which the government paid him and what he would get in civil life. He asked if there was one man in the audience who would come forward and offer his services.

One man, J. J. Hill, came to the front and said he was ready to go. Mr. Hill is a discharged soldier. He went to England with the 12th Battalion, was transferred to the 26th, was wounded on November 28 in the knee, came home and is now ready to go again. He has already lost two brothers, one at Mons, and one at the first battle of Ypres, has had three cousins killed, and his father wounded at the battle of Loos, in September, 1915. He has two other brothers with the colors, one at Saloniki and the other in France. He said he wanted to get another chance at the Hun to try and make him pay for some of the losses which had come to him.

As no other recruits offered Col. Beer sat down and the chairman called on Lieut. Mooney who has just returned from the front.

Lieut. Mooney.

Lieut. Mooney said that this was the

THE 150TH TO BE QUARTERED IN THIS CITY

Word Received Yesterday that Battalion now at Valcartier will be here next Week.

Official word has been received in St. John that the 150th Battalion, 1,200 strong, in command of Lieut. Col. Barry, will soon arrive in the city.

The 242nd Forestry Battalion is to be quartered in the immigration building and the Field Ambulance Training Depot in the Martello Hotel.

At present there are 36 members of the 242nd Battalion in St. John, but several more men are expected to arrive shortly from Nova Scotia. The island of Cape Breton, which has already contributed more than her share to the defense of the Empire, sent six recruits to St. John for the 242nd Forestry Battalion. They arrived yesterday. The names are: E. Stubbart, David J. McMullin, Reserve; Thomas S. McArthur, Baddeck, Capt.; Charles McNeil, Edward Smith Reserve, and Joseph Agar, Witney Pier.

Joseph E. Barribeau of Rogersville also enlisted yesterday in the 242nd Battalion.

For Returned Soldiers. The following letter has been received from Major W. E. Hodgins, Adjutant General of Canada, by the O. C. Troops, New Brunswick command:

Dear Sir—Replying to your letter of 31st, I have the honor by directions to state that the Director General of Supplies and Transports, who is at the head of the Army Service Corps, states that he will be glad to take on any returned soldiers capable of doing army service work, and relieve those now at work.

Instructions have been forwarded to the recruiting stations throughout the province to pass over to Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission, any applications received from returned soldiers.

Major Hanington of the 145th Battalion, is in the city, and it is understood that he may soon be actively engaged in recruiting in New Brunswick. Major Hanington is a son of the late Judge Hanington.

Lieut. Ray Brewer, who recently returned from the front and who was formerly a member of the Waterbury & Rising staff here, is visiting friends in the city.

More members of the 236th Overseas Battalion have volunteered to join the 140th and will proceed to Valcartier on Saturday. The recruits are Privates Hill and Tobin. This will make ten members to join the 140th from the 236th.

Letters from England state that Private Robert King of Fredericton is now in hospital, suffering from the last wound which he has received in the war. The last wound shattered one shoulder and several ribs. Private King left Fredericton with the 71st Regiment band, which joined the 12th Battalion.

Gunner James J. Barbour, a member of the 1st Heavy Artillery, and who is suffering from shell shock and will enter the convalescent home here. He was met at the station by Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, and by members of the reception committee, and was taken by auto to his former residence, 30 Brussels street.

First time he had ever undertaken to speak in public as he was more used to doing things than talking about them. If the young men of St. John had seen the things that he had seen there would not be any necessity for asking them to go, and he believed that there were still men in this city with, as the boys expressed it over there "guts enough to go."

Col. Beer was asking for some men to fill the ranks of his battalion and he felt sure that he would not ask in vain.

Col. Beer made a second appeal for the men in the audience to come and help Mr. Hill do what he wanted to do, get even with the Hun for what he had done to him. The chairman then called on Major Morgan to say a few words.

Major Morgan. Major Morgan said that as a citizen of St. John he was heartily ashamed of the response to the appeal of Col. Beer. The 140th was the best battalion at Valcartier and men might be proud of serving in such a unit. This war was not over yet and men were needed at once and here was an opportunity to serve with a crack battalion.

Col. Guthrie. Col. Guthrie made another appeal but with no better success and the meeting was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

After the close of the meeting three men who did not wish their names given came to the platform and offered.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wetmore, Dr. and Mrs. Macaulay and George H. Waterbury have left on a motor trip to New York.

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