

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Winds increasing to gales from eastward; fair at first, followed by snow.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Forecast: Northern New England—Overcast Thursday; Friday fair; somewhat lower temperature; fresh variable winds.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—The temperature has remained low today in Manitoba and Northern Ontario, while in other parts of the Dominion it has been fair and only moderately cold.

Temperatures.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax.

Around the City

Railway Secretary Here.

Among the visitors to the city yesterday was W. C. Paver, secretary of the C. G. R. employees' provident fund.

Concert and Tea.

The Good Cheer Circle of the Johnson Lodge, L. O. B. A., held a successful concert and tea in the Orange Hall, Germain street, last night for the purpose of raising funds to purchase goods to send to the boys at the front.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brownell of this city who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Fred. M. Benson at Woodland, Me., have returned home.

UPPER CANADIAN BATTALION TO COME

It was reported in the city last night that the 216th Battalion, which was recruited in the upper provinces, would arrive in the city today.

The military authorities had not up until last night been advised of the fact. As the report came from an authoritative source it is probable that Thursday of next week was meant, as a battalion is expected to arrive shortly in the city for an indefinite length of time.

SEEKS APPROVAL OF "TRAM" RATES

The Public Utilities' Commission for the province was in session yesterday at the government rooms here.

Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gendry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarette Cases, Signet Rings and Military Brushes.

PROVINCIAL RECRUITS WILL REINFORCE NEW BRUNSWICK UNITS ON THE FIRING LINE

Twenty-Six Reserve Battalion Formed—13th N.B. Reserve Battalion to Reinforce 26th and 104th—Latter Regiment Going to Front as Unit—News of Other Maritime Battalions.

From authoritative sources it is learned that in future New Brunswick recruits will be used to reinforce units from this province at the front, while recruits from other provinces will be used to reinforce the units from their respective provinces.

The announcement of this new policy on the part of the militia department will be received with very genuine satisfaction. In the past the system was in vogue of sending the men to whatever units men were required at the moment, irrespective of what provinces they came from.

The formation of these battalions has now been changed, and in place of the few battalions in the past, there will now be twenty-six reserve battalions in England, numbered from 1 to 26.

I.C.R. CHANGES EFFECTIVE ON SUNDAY NEXT

C. M. Hayes, Head of Passenger Department in the City—What Ottawa Hears

There is nothing further that I can add to the statements of our general manager, Mr. Gutelius, to your representative last week in regard to the curtailment of the passenger train service on the Canadian Government Railways.

Local train now running between Campbellton and Moncton to be run only between Newcastle and Moncton. The local trains which will be discontinued as above are:

TO TAKE STEPS TO SOLVE THE FARM LABOUR PROBLEM

Dominion Commissioner W. J. Black Announces Forward Policy of Agricultural Department—Good Words for Hon. Mr. Murray and Government for Advanced Post-war Legislation—Opportunities Here.

"A great responsibility rests on the farmers of the country at the present time in maintaining the food supply," said W. J. Black, Dominion Commissioner for Agriculture, who passed through the city yesterday from Amherst on his return to Ottawa.

"Hon. Mr. Burrell's measure will not interfere with the recommendations of the members of the national service board who, as you know, are endeavoring to make it possible for the prosecution of the country's industries during the war. But there are several men who at the present time are engaged in the cities who could do better work during the present crisis on the farms. The steps to be taken by the minister will mark a

rising to the occasion and meeting the present emergency," said Mr. Black.

"Knowing Mr. Black to be a big figure in the agricultural life of Canada, the reporter thought his opinion on the post-war scheme of the New Brunswick government for colonization work would be of very material value.

"You have wonderful possibilities in New Brunswick," replied Commissioner Black. "I had the pleasure of making a tour of the province last fall and I was greatly impressed with the opportunities that exist for successful development of the industry of agriculture. I look for big strides in your province in live stock raising and dairying. There is no doubt that very great progress will be made under the direction of the new head of these branches, Professor Mitchell, who is an expert, and a successful organizer. Your province was certainly fortunate in securing his services."

SAILORS ENTERTAINED AT RECRUITING ROOMS

Fine Programme Last Evening Was Greatly Enjoyed By Visiting Tars

It is not merely a figure of speech that sailors are called "Jolly Tars" and for heartiness of enjoyment and evident pleasure at being entertained it is hard to beat a party of sailors.

Miss Ermie Climo sang solos and were obliged to respond to many encores. Mr. Steve Matthews recited to the great pleasure of the men.

The meeting broke up about eleven o'clock with cheers for the king, the ladies, the marine service and the royal navy.

LADIES' HOISERY. A scarce article, but coming in strong now at Dykeman's. They are showing a splendid Cashmerette stocking, good weight, and good wearing qualities at 29c. per pair.

"LITTLE ALMOND EYES" Japanese entertainment in Exmouth street church tonight; tickets fifteen cents.

WANT 'PHONE LINE EXTENDED TO CLONES

Annual Meeting of Welsford and Hampstead Telephone Company—Encouraging Reports—New Directors.

The annual meeting of the Welsford and Hampstead Telephone Company took place at Welsford on Tuesday. The large number of stockholders present at the meeting were well pleased with the showing of the company during the past year as evidenced from the reports of the year's work.

40 MEN FROM WEST SIDE CHURCH AT THE FRONT

Encouraging Financial Report Submitted at Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church Last Night

Forty young men, members of the First Presbyterian church, West Side, have gone to the front. It was announced at the annual meeting of the church held in the lecture room last night.

The former board of trustees was selected as follows: Emory Bettisworth, S. D. Wilson, A. V. Fraser, Albert Ruddock, Thomas Rippey, Frank Stuart, W. L. McDiarmid, Alexander Donaldson and Miles Christoffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncaan G. Mayes of Queenstown, N. B., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Madeleine L. to Mr. J. Arthur Moore of Gagetown, N. B., the wedding to take place at an early date.

Now's the Time for Coasting Parties

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