

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate winds, cool and unsettled with local showers then clearing.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Forecast: Northern New England—Unsettled Tuesday, Wednesday fair.

Toronto, Oct. 19.—The weather today has been fine and moderately warm from western Ontario to the Rocky Mountains, while from the Upper St. Lawrence Valley to the Maritime Provinces it has been comparatively cool and unsettled, with heavy showers in New Brunswick and southern Nova Scotia.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Battleford, etc.

Around the City

Will He Call? If the newboy, who on Wednesday afternoon last sold two evening papers to a customer in Hawker's Drug store, Prince William street, and in doing so changed a dollar, calls at The Standard office he will hear something of interest.

West Side Fire. Last evening the West End fire department was called out by an alarm from box 116 for a fire which had caught in James McLennan's tailoring shop on Union street. The shop is on the upper floor of C. E. Colwell's building and the fire is thought to have caught from a stove. About three hundred dollars damage was done to the McLennan section of the building, while the lower floor which is occupied by Mr. Colwell, a coal merchant, was damaged by water.

Retail Merchants. The committee appointed at a recent meeting of the city retailers has arranged for another meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building this evening. An address will be given by N. C. Cameron of Ontario on subjects that should be of vital interest to all retailers. He will explain the work of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada. All retailers should attend the meeting this evening. Organization will likely be completed and officers elected.

Inquest. Coroner Dr. W. F. Roberts held a preliminary enquiry last evening at Temple Hall, North End, as to the death of Ernest Pitt who was thrown off or fell from a scow alongside number thirteen crib, West St. John, at 2:30 p.m., on October 1st and who died subsequently at the General Public Hospital. Technical evidence was adduced respecting the loading of the scow and the methods of dealing with the craft. The enquiry was adjourned until Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. J. Gregory, Dr. M. Case, H. Cushing and Captain J. French gave evidence.

MANY ATTENDED THE MISSION

Despite the inclement weather a large crowd assembled at St. David's church last evening for the first of the series of meetings to be conducted by Dr. Herridge of Ottawa, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Laymen's Missionary meetings here. Rev. Gordon Dickie presided and spoke words of welcome on behalf of the Presbyterians of the city. Rev. J. H. Anderson assisted in the service. A large choir gathered for the occasion and the singing was inspiring. Miss Madeline deSoyres sang a solo very acceptably.

In his introductory remarks Dr. Herridge expressed the opinion that the large congregation present was proof of a purpose to take the mission seriously. While the services he proposed to conduct might be called revivals, they would be different in their methods of appeal. He said they did not purpose to count spiritual effects by statistical methods. The blessing of God could not be weighed or measured, but will come only when we are ready for it. Taking for his text "There was war in Heaven," he retold the idea that heaven was a place of perfect calm. Before we reach the blessed and where there shall be no more death the former things must pass away. Dr. Herridge reminded his hearers that we are often impressed with the influence of surroundings. Men frequently said if they were differently situated they would be better and do better. Doubtless all are influenced by their surroundings, but it is equally true we influence our surroundings. The heaven of omnipotence cannot force upon us a blessing for which we are not prepared. If by any mischance the wrong people got into heaven they would be ill at ease. Either heaven itself would cease or they would have to depart. In conclusion Dr. Herridge urged the congregation to take the mission seriously and not to think of themselves, but of their duty, to the end that heaven might be established on earth.

SOME OF THE FACTS ABOUT "THOSE PATRIOTIC POTATOES"

Insinuations in letter in Telegraph shown to be utterly silly by facts—Questions tended to discredit gift, and The Standard investigated.

The Telegraph yesterday, under the caption "Those Patriotic Potatoes," published a letter from an anonymous correspondent in which questions were asked concerning the shipment of potatoes as New Brunswick's gift to Great Britain. Stripped of insinuations, the points upon which the Telegraph's correspondent asks information, and the facts as learned by The Standard yesterday are as follows: 1—Were the potatoes sorted before they were placed in barrels and bags? A.—Yes. The Government purchased one of the most up-to-date sorting machines in the market and the potatoes were carefully sorted. 2—Were the rotten ones taken out? A.—Certainly. 3—Were they properly packed? A.—Yes, by a most experienced official. 4—Has the quantity been checked or any proper tally kept? A.—Yes. Every car has been carefully tallied and a record kept of the output of every car as well as of the number of barrels packed each day. 5—Is there any certain means of knowing how many potatoes actually go on board the ship, and how many of these are actually in good condition? A.—Yes. When the shipment is complete it will be known to a bag and a barrel how many potatoes are aboard. Every bag is carefully examined and only the best potatoes taken. The shipment is of fine quality and will represent the very highest standard of this year's potato crop. If the Telegraph's correspondent did not wish to create a suspicion that all was not right with the potato shipments and merely desired to learn the facts, The Standard is informed he could have had his thirst for information satisfied by the Secretary for Agriculture, J. B. Daggett. Now, however, since the Telegraph has opened its columns to an anonymous correspondent who claims to seek information, possibly it will reprint the facts here given and which are known to be absolutely true.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture has assembled practically all the potatoes which the provincial government is sending to Great Britain as a gift to the Empire in its time of trouble, and the work of loading the potatoes on the Thomson liner Sellaia was started yesterday. The steamer is taking lumber shipped by private firms as well as the government consignment of potatoes. The potatoes will be shipped in barrels and bags, with the barrels underneath and the bags on top. J. B. Daggett, secretary of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, was in the city yesterday, and will be here today. The potatoes are being carefully selected, and only potatoes of the best quality and in good condition are being shipped away. The department has taken potatoes from practically every district in the province, and the consignment will be representative of the ability of the province generally to produce potatoes. Every package in which the potatoes are to be distributed in Great Britain will be labeled with a mark showing that they were grown in New Brunswick, and the shipment should prove a valuable advertisement for the province. The department will have all ready for shipment by Friday, and it is expected the Thomson boat will sail on Saturday or next Monday.

NORTH END CONSERVATIVE CLUB MEETS

Elect Officers at Enthusiastic Meeting—Discuss Winter Plans—Dr. Pratt new President.

The new officers of the North End Conservative Club elected at the annual meeting last evening are as follows: Hon. President—Hon. J. D. Hazen. President—Dr. C. M. Pratt. 1st Vice-President—Walter Logan. 2nd Vice-President—John Hughes. 3rd Vice-President—Henry Niles. Secretary—W. L. Brown. Treasurer—Judson Belyea. Additional members of the executive—John Thornton, J. H. Crockett, Louis D. Munro and James Porter. The meeting was largely attended and very enthusiastic. There was some discussion as to the arranging of a programme for the winter season, and the matter was referred to the executive with instructions to arrange for public meetings to be addressed by prominent members of the party and for occasional entertainments. R. W. Wigmore was called on for a brief speech, and spoke of the progress of the party in St. John, of what the government had done to improve the port and advance the interests of St. John generally, and of its evident determination to do its duty in the Empire. The new president, Dr. Pratt, also spoke, stating that he hoped that under his presidency the club would be as successful as it was in the past and that he would be accorded by officers and members the same loyal support that had been given his predecessors in office. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were of a very satisfactory nature, showing that the club had made substantial gains in membership and was now in a prosperous financial condition. A musical programme in which Robert Carson and others took part completed the proceedings of the evening.

Father Matthew Association. The members of Father Matthew Association opened their winter activities last night with an entertainment for members in St. Malachy's Hall. There was large attendance and an enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening cigars and refreshments were served. The programme consisted of the following: Address, Edward Hanneberry; piano selection, Harry McQuade; vocal solo, Louis V. Casack; violin solo, M. O'Neill; piano solo, Robert Garnett; reading, Steve Hurley; vocal solo, John Lynch; reading, Harold Powers; vocal solo, Edward Hanneberry; reading, Jos. McGrath; piano selection, Frank O'Hara; reading, James Carberry; comic solo, V. Casack; violin solo, M. O'Neill; address, James Barry; vocal solo, Frank Garnett; address, Rev. Father O'Keefe (former chaplain); vocal solo, Louis Morrison; solo, John P. Kelly; address, John Stanton (president of St. Joseph's Y. M. A.); vocal solo, Ed. O'Hara; addresses, R. J. Walsh, Mr. O'Leary, Rev. Father Howland and Father McLaughlin. At the close Tipperary and the national air were sung. The committee in charge of the entertainment was J. McQuade, James McHugh, Joseph McGrath, J. H. McQuade. The nominating and election of officers will take place next Monday night.

TENDER RECEPTION TO BISHOP LEBLANC

There was a large attendance at the reception tendered to His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc by the St. John Council of the Knights of Columbus, last evening. R. J. Murphy, Grand Knight, presided and about two hundred members of the council were present. Mr. Murphy delivered the address of welcome to the guest of honor and His Lordship made a felicitous response. Rt. Rev. Mons. Chapman, C.G. Chaplain of the St. John Council, and Rev. Charles McCormack, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Peter's also spoke. An orchestra under the direction of J. L. Mulhally rendered a delightful programme of music. Solos were sung by M. T. Morris and T. C. Olive, and others taking part in the programme were Fred Hazel, Joseph Hazel and Harry J. O'Neill. A feature of the programme was a number of moving pictures, including the burning of Rome, which was explained by S. C. Hurley while the pictures were being run off. The function was a success in every way and much enjoyed by those present.

The Federal Life Co. of Hamilton, has donated the sum of \$5,000.00 to the National Patriotic Fund. ST. JOHN CONSERVATIVE CLUB. The monthly meeting of the St. John Conservative Club will be held in the rooms, Market Building, Tuesday evening, October 20. A full attendance of members is requested as business of importance will come before the meeting.

GREAT WORK BEING DONE BY THE CROSS

Work Carried out in Rapid Manner and Supplies are Steadily Going Forward to Depot.

At the meeting of the Red Cross held yesterday afternoon in the school room of St. John (Stops) Church Lady Tilley gave a full statement of the provincial branch which has been formed and promised that soon the thirty-two or forty branches in New Brunswick would receive charters. Dr. Herridge of Ottawa in speaking told of their organizing and how the work was carried on, giving many useful hints to the workers. All were very glad to welcome Mr. Herridge. Many questions were asked him. The secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. Burden of Boston offering a box of surgical supplies for the Red Cross and asking where it should be sent. The collector of customs states that the boxes may come in free of duty. Mr. Judge writes from Quebec acknowledging the receipt of two cases of Red Cross supplies. (1) Fifty hospital shirts, (2) sheets and socks, pyjamas, etc. These will go forward with a shipment they are now making. Mrs. P. S. White reports the following donations—Mrs. Foster, men's white suits for hospital wear; Mrs. I. McAvity, one scarf; Mrs. I. S. Harding, three helmets; Women's University Club, from Mrs. Hutchinson, 48 Salisbury Road, Brookline, Mass., a splendid box of work done by Canadian women at home, fifty-three nightgowns, sixty-three suits pyjamas, eighty-seven pairs wristlets, 119 helmets, 122 pairs socks, fifty-six rolls flannel bandages, twenty-five hot water bottle covers, 224 handkerchiefs, 117 cholera belts.

They have almost doubled the cutting out committee and will be in a position to give out double the amount of work which will enable them to send out at least one box a week to the Red Cross Society. Mrs. White asks that all work be returned in the same name in which it is taken out to save confusion. Some of those responsible for the good work are: Mrs. Paynter, Mrs. Crahan, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Bigelow, Miss Burton, Miss E. Armstrong, Miss Comben, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. A. Emory, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Clarence Harrison, Mrs. McKell, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Wilson, Mrs. I. O. D. Williams, Mrs. S. M. Vaughan, Mrs. Patchell, Mrs. Robson, Miss Colter, Mrs. London, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Humphrey, Victoria street Baptist church, Trinity church, Miss Melick. Mrs. Robinson reported having collected 224 pairs of socks since 28th September and thanks the following for knitting: Wristlets, Miss Berry, Mrs. I. O. Beatty, Mrs. Charles Mulhally, Mrs. R. Hunter, Miss Ida Baxter, Miss Stella Payson; money towards yarn, Mrs. Ernest Fairweather, Mrs. G. F. Fisher, Miss Fannie Day, Miss I. H. Estabrook, Miss Mabel Saunders, Miss Hazel Smith, Miss Boyer, Mrs. Gorham, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Geo. Clark, Miss Simpson, Mrs. Branscombe, Saint David's church, per Miss Milligan. Thanks are due all who have sent socks through Miss Barbour. W. C. T. U., Patville (per Mrs. Oscar Hanson). Ladies at Honeydale, Saint Luke's church, Saint John, at home received, but it is expected that they will be assembled at St. John for training, pending their departure for England to join the 62nd Fusiliers have offered themselves for service with the second Canadian contingent. Col. Armstrong is recruiting men for the artillery detachment of the second Canadian contingent, and volunteers are being sworn in as fast as they present themselves. While no special efforts have been made to get recruits, the officers of the artillery are satisfied with the way men are coming in. Instructions as to the mobilization of the 1,000 men which New Brunswick will be expected to raise have not been received, but it is expected that they will be assembled at St. John for training, pending their departure for England to join the 62nd Fusiliers. Col. J. L. McAvity is taking the names of men wishing to volunteer in the infantry, and has hopes that he will be sent forward in command of the New Brunswick volunteers. The Field Ambulance Corps is sending five men to Halifax at noon today. They will, it is understood, take steamer for England to join the first Canadian force now on Salisbury Plains. Sergeant R. J. Bazley will be in command, and with him will go Arthur Wright, John Merrill, Wilton Carmichael, and W. J. Mahoney.

SOLDIERS ALL PREPARED TO GO TO FRONT

Eighty Members of Artillery and Sixty-nine from Permanent Company ready at once.

About eighty members of the artillery battery which has been in training on the island under Col. Armstrong have been sworn in for foreign service, and sixty-nine members of the permanent company of the 62nd Fusiliers have offered themselves for service with the second Canadian contingent. Col. Armstrong is recruiting men for the artillery detachment of the second Canadian contingent, and volunteers are being sworn in as fast as they present themselves. While no special efforts have been made to get recruits, the officers of the artillery are satisfied with the way men are coming in. Instructions as to the mobilization of the 1,000 men which New Brunswick will be expected to raise have not been received, but it is expected that they will be assembled at St. John for training, pending their departure for England to join the 62nd Fusiliers. Col. J. L. McAvity is taking the names of men wishing to volunteer in the infantry, and has hopes that he will be sent forward in command of the New Brunswick volunteers. The Field Ambulance Corps is sending five men to Halifax at noon today. They will, it is understood, take steamer for England to join the first Canadian force now on Salisbury Plains. Sergeant R. J. Bazley will be in command, and with him will go Arthur Wright, John Merrill, Wilton Carmichael, and W. J. Mahoney.

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