

THE WEATHER.
Forecasts: Maritime—Fresh southerly, shifting to westerly and northerly winds, with showers and local thunderstorms.
Washington, Sept. 7.—Forecast Northern New England—Thunderstorms Friday; Saturday fair and cooler, fresh south winds.
Toronto, Sept. 7.—The depression which was in Iowa last night now covers the Ottawa Valley, while pressure is highest over Dakota. Showers and thunderstorms have occurred in nearly all parts of Ontario, and are now spreading into Quebec. In the west the weather has been fine and warm.
Temperatures: Min. Max. Dawson 32 58 Prince Rupert 50 54 Victoria 48 66 Vancouver 50 66 Battleford 44 70 Prince Albert 42 70 Calgary 37 70 Moose Jaw 37 80 Saskatoon 43 68 Regina 34 76 Port Arthur 50 72 Parry Sound 62 80 London 65 99 Ottawa 60 82 Montreal 58 73 Quebec 58 74 St. John 54 58 Halifax 56 70

Around the City

English Mail. Tomorrow a letter mail, also a parcel post and newspaper mail will close at 7 o'clock p. m.

High School Cadet Corps. Principal Myles hopes to have the High School cadet corps in uniform before the winter. Sergeant Dooe will continue to have charge of the corps which is now being organized.

Unit for Habitation. A house in Peters street which has for some time past attracted unusual attention because of its dilapidated appearance has been placarded by the Board of Health as "unfit for habitation."

Band Concert Postponed. Owing to the inclement weather last night the Temper Band did not render the programme of music on the King Square bandstand. If the weather permits the concert will take place to night.

Mother and Children Destitute. A case of destitution was brought to the notice of the Children's Aid Society yesterday morning. A woman, whose husband is in jail and has a bad record, was found with three out of her four children in great want. All were removed to the Municipal Home, pending further action.

Strmr. Gov. Cobb Arrives. The Eastern Line steamer Governor Cobb arrived from Boston and Maine ports about eight o'clock last evening. The Cobb brought a fair passenger list and a good freight. This is the Cobb's first trip to St. John for some weeks, owing to her being hauled up in Boston while undergoing a general overhauling.

Arrested for Assault. Harry Hanson, a year old Swede, was arrested at seven o'clock last evening by Sergt. Rankine and Constable Fuller, having been given in charge by Adolph Johnson, the proprietor of the West End House on the South Market Wharf. Johnson claims that Hanson struck him on the face and also broke a door in the house.

Moments of Gloom. Owing to some trouble in connection with the switchboard at the power house the entire city was plunged into darkness about 12.30 last night. The lights remained out for about six minutes. The cause of the trouble could not be ascertained, but so loud was the report when it occurred that the police officer who was on duty on Smythe street, hurried to the power house, thinking something serious had happened.

Knights of Columbus Election. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the regular meeting of St. John Council, No. 937, held last night in their hall, Coburg street: G. K. Dr. W. P. Broderick; D. G. K. Henry Regan; chancellor, Wm. Ryan; recorder, Harold Kane; Fin. Sec. P. J. Fitzpatrick; Treas. Robert Harrington; A.D.V. L. A. Conlon; warden, Maurice Delaney; I.G. J. L. McMannus; O.G., Edward Hiney. New member of the board of trustees, P. J. Gorman. The members of the council were out in force and the meeting was a most successful one.

Returning Soldiers. Privates Muncy of Bridgedale, Beal of Dorchester, John Marshall and Estey of St. John, will arrive in the city this morning on the Maritime express at 11.25 o'clock. This quartette of heroes are members of the Fighting 26th Battalion who have been invalided home and arrived at Quebec from England on the steamer Scandinavia. Private Marshall, who is a son of John Marshall of the Manawagonish Road, was severely wounded in the spine on November 16 and after spending a short time in the Wilmereux Hospital was transferred to Granville Hospital from which he was given his discharge.

SEASON HAS BEEN GOOD FOR THE TOURISTS

Travel Better Than at Any Time Since Outbreak of War is Opinion of Transportation and Hotel Men.

The fact that tourist travel in Canada is now greater than at any time since the outbreak of the European war is ascribed by transportation agents and hotel managers in St. John to the growing realization that passports are absolutely unnecessary to Americans in Canada. They are unanimous in declaring that this summer has been exceptionally good.

Mr. Geo. Carvell, passenger agent at the Government Railway ticket office, when interviewed, stated that tourist travel into Canada was better than for several years past, and also said that a better class of tourists was coming in.

A. C. Currie, of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, could not be reached, but Mr. Akerley, the cashier, stated that travel on their line was heavier this year than last. As for hotel managers, they are quite enthusiastic about the patronage accorded their hotels this summer. They all agree that business has been better than since the war started. Manager Reynolds of the Clifton attributes this increase to the fact that Americans are realizing that passports are not needed on entrance to this country.

Mr. Doherty of the Royal stated that never since the summer of 1912 has business been so good. He was very optimistic about the future. Manager Duggan of the Duferin reported a good increase in business, but had one complaint to offer. He said that tourists coming to St. John stayed but a few days and then went on to Nova Scotia for the rest of the season. He thought that if St. John was advertised more in the states we would divert more of the tourist travel in our direction.

Y.M.C.A. DIRECTORS HELD FIRST MEETING

Plans for an Active Campaign Outlined—Warm Welcome for New Secretary.

The first meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. for the present season was held last night. Reports were received from the different committees and chairmen for the several committees were elected for the coming year. A welcome was extended to the new secretary by the president, F. A. Dykeman, on behalf of the directors, and Mr. Smith returned his thanks for the kind words of welcome.

The committee which had been appointed to consider the matter of a sidewalk in front of the building reported that a new walk would be built, and the space between the building and the walk filled in. The building committee reported that a programme of extensive repairs to the interior of the building was undertaken at once. Mr. Brodie reported that the swimming pool was being overhauled now. In the absence of W. C. Cross, chairman of the boys' work committee, his report was read by A. M. Gregg. He reported that the basis of the boys' work for the year would be "The Canadian Standard Efficiency Test" which is a national programme intended to develop the boys along educational, spiritual, social and physical lines, and has been adopted by all the associations in Canada. He also recommended that new furniture be procured for the boys' department and their pool tables be remodelled, which recommendation was adopted, and the work will be done.

The house committee reported that the dormitories were full. The physical committee reported that the tennis courts had been very successful this summer, and they proposed to hold another tournament this fall. The finance committee reported that the funds of the association were \$700 better than at the same time last year.

The following were elected chairmen of the various committees: Religious, J. Hunter White; social, A. F. Blake; physical, H. W. Rising; educational, W. K. Ganong; membership, G. E. Barbour; building, F. N. Brodie; house, D. C. Clark; boys' work, W. C. Cross.

Those present at the meeting were: F. A. Dykeman, president; A. M. Gregg, boys' work secretary; F. L. Smith, general secretary; F. N. Brodie, J. A. Henderson, Charles Coster, H. W. Rising, F. C. Smith, J. Hunter White, W. K. Ganong.

EIGHT MEN ON ROLL OF HONOR YESTERDAY

More Interest Shown in Recruiting—Officers of 140th Coming to St. John—Military Notes.

HONOR ROLL. John Spittal, Coldbrook, N. B. G. B. Fisher, Sussex, N. B. W. B. Titus, Yarmouth, N. S. W. K. Anderson, New Brunswick. 8th Field Ambulance Corps. J. S. Sears, New Brandon, N. B. W. Duff, St. John, N. B. G. E. Lobb, St. John, N. B. Thomas Doyle, Halifax, N. S. 242nd Forestry Battalion.

Within the last two days fourteen men have signed on in the city for overseas duty. This is just one less than the total number recruited last week. Eight men were added to the honor roll yesterday, four each for the 8th Field Ambulance and the 242nd Forestry Battalion, two companies of which will have their headquarters here.

Active recruiting for the 242nd Battalion began in New Brunswick on Tuesday and considering the difficulty in procuring men for overseas service, which is being experienced in the New Brunswick but throughout the Dominion, have already signed on several men. Quartermaster Sergeant Heans arrived here yesterday from Montreal for the purpose of opening up stores for the unit in the exhibition building. The men will be supplied with heavy clothing in place of the usual summer issue. This is due to the fact that the battalion will be sailing overseas as soon as recruited, and a summer issue of clothing is unnecessary for the climate which they will encounter on the other side.

To Visit St. John. Colonel Beer, officer commanding the 140th Battalion, in company with several of his staff, will arrive in St. John on Monday to inaugurate a whirlwind campaign to complete the establishment of the 140th Battalion before it sails overseas, which will be very soon.

Colonel Beer will speak, as also will several prominent citizens, at the Imperial Theatre, Monday night, during the presentation, and it is hoped that his efforts will not be in vain. From the theatre the recruiting speakers will proceed to King Square where an open air appeal will be made the young men to join the 140th Battalion with their fellow citizens, who are expecting the required number of men to return to Valcartier with their commanding officers.

From here the party will go to Woodstock, where they will hold a meeting on Tuesday night and on the following day, Wednesday, a meeting will be held at Fredericton. As this may be Colonel Beer's last trip to St. John before he sails for England, the citizens are requested to give the Colonel a rousing reception.

Ambulance Corps. The Eighth Field Ambulance Corps, which has now 123 men on the muster roll, is progressing rapidly in field work. The stretchers have arrived at the barracks and under the efficient and capable instruction of Quartermaster Sergeant Sidson the boys are making rapid strides in stretcher bearing. Besides the drill and field practice, Dr. G. G. Corbett is daily instructing the men in first aid and general ambulance work. There is still an opening for fifty or sixty young men in this unit and it is hoped that they will soon be forthcoming.

Soldiers Entertained. A number of patients from the Military Hospital and the Parks Convalescent Home were entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. deSoyres and Miss deSoyres at their home at Duck Cove. Several of the residents summering at that place assisted in kindling a huge bonfire in the evening and a very pleasant time was spent. With reference to Militia Order No. 3, 1916, it is notified for information that individuals who wish to qualify as officers at C. E. F. School of Infantry and for such purpose enlist in the C. E. F. may, should they fail to qualify, be discharged from the C. E. F., if they so desire.

Ladies' Suits. In their enlarged premises F. A. Dykeman and Co. have an opportunity of showing their very much larger stock this year of ladies' suits. You would never notice that the prices had advanced. Their early spot cash purchase has given them a most comprehensive and stylish stock of ladies' suits to be seen in the Maritime Provinces. Prices run from \$13.95 to \$42.00.

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COAL PRICE IS TOO HIGH, BUT NOT OUR FAULT

This is Statement of Local Dealers Who Claim Profits are Smaller Than Before the War.

The Standard interviewed a number of coal dealers in the city yesterday in regard to the price of coal and the reasons for its being so high this year. They gave a number of reasons for the increase but all agreed that the principal factor was the increased freights which had to be paid for carriage from New York to St. John.

Before the war freights ran all the way from 75 cents per ton to \$1, and the average was about 85 cents. Last year they averaged about \$1.40 per ton, and this year they are up to \$3.50 with no sign of a drop. The threatened strike last spring also had its effect on the market. This strike was only averted by the mine owners paying the miners more wages, and giving them the eight-hour day, and in consequence the spring price of coal which is usually 50 or 60 cents less than the winter price remained at the winter figure, and the usual increase of ten cents per ton per month has been added to that so that at the present time it is costing the dealers on an average of 50 cents per ton more than it did at the same period last year.

Then another factor which enters into the price is the cost of labor in handling the coal after it reaches this port. Labor costs in the last two years have gone up from 10 to 20 per cent, and the cost of feeding the horses which they have to use in delivering the coal also increased. One dealer made the statement that they were not doing business on a smaller percentage of profit this year but they were actually getting a smaller profit per ton than they did last year or any time within the last five years at the lower cost of coal to the consumer.

In regard to the price of soft coal, the dealers claimed that the war was directly responsible for the increase in price. A large number of the experienced miners had enlisted and their places had been filled with men who could not do the same amount of work, and thus the amount of coal produced had been lessened. Another factor in the increased price of soft coal was the increase in the price of explosives, which had gone up about 400 per cent since the beginning of the war.

PATRIOTIC FETE LOTTERY WINNERS

The following were successful winners in the different lotteries conducted at the patriotic fete on the Barrack Square, Labor Day: No. 1, first prize, a ton of coal, S. K. Fraser, 17 Horsfield street; second prize, a scallop dish, W. N. McGreggan, St. Stephen. No. 2, first an ornament, Mrs. Breen, 167 Charlotte street; second, four, W. Bailey, Lancaster Heights. No. 3, first a set of carvers, Dr. Logie, 51 Waterloo street; second, safety razor, Mr. Morrison, Royal Bank. No. 4, a ton of hard coal, Dr. Emery, Coburg street; second, silver butter dish, S. Trueman, Duck Cove. The winners can obtain their prizes by calling at the Soldiers' Club this afternoon between three and five o'clock.

Orphans' Picnic Tomorrow. The picnic which J. D. O'Connell, Sussex, had planned for the orphans in the various orphanages in St. John at Rockwood Park last Saturday, and which was postponed on account of the weather, will be held tomorrow if the day is fine. The children will be taken from the different orphanages in auto busses to the park, and will be provided with lunch and those things which go to make up a real picnic by Mr. O'Connell, and in the evening will be returned to their respective homes by the automobiles.

Schr. Ruth Robinson Safe. Fears that had been entertained of the safety of the three-masted schooner Ruth Robinson, which left Liverpool on June 28 for Charlottetown, P. E. I., salt laden, have been dispelled by the news of her safe arrival at Pleasant, Newfoundland, where she put in August 14th for repairs to her steering gear. The schooner has been chartered for another trip across the Atlantic, probably loading lumber at Pugwash, N. S., for Liverpool.

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