

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate winds, some local showers, but partly clear.

Washington, June 15—North-eastern New England—Overcast Saturday, cooler in the interior; Sunday, fair, with moderate temperature; general moderate variable winds.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Battleford, Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

For Summer Months. W. Frank Hatheway and family are leaving the city for Roc, Perce, where they will spend the summer months.

Small Fire Yesterday. The fire department was called to box 47 yesterday morning for a slight fire among a few sacks in the consumers' sack supply company's building on Sydney street. Little damage was done.

Street Car Accident. The West Side street car service was somewhat dislocated early last evening when a street car had an axle broken at the junction at Tilton's corner. The car went nearly to the Deaf and Dumb Institute before coming to a stop. It is possible that the line will be cleared before the service starts this morning.

To Organize Veterans. The Moncton Times says: "It is learned that in the near future Mr. 'Bud' Tippetts, of St. John, president of the War Veterans Association of that city, will visit Moncton for the purpose of forming a similar branch of the association among the returned men here. There are about one hundred returned men in Westmorland county, more than fifty per cent. of them being located right in Moncton, and it is felt that the time is about ripe for organization."

Shipbuilding Project. H. C. Schofield and J. A. Grant, who have been at Ottawa in connection with a shipbuilding project, returned to the city yesterday full of optimism as to the success of the undertaking. While both stated that it was too soon to make a definite statement in connection with the matter, they expressed themselves as satisfied with the progress made so far and were hopeful that in a few days a more definite statement could be made.

The Summer Holidays. Two weeks more of school and the kiddies will be free for the summer vacations. The schools will close this year on Friday, June 29, and the boys and girls are already counting the hours which most elapse before that happy event takes place. A number of the boys got rid of the trouble and worry of writing examination papers this year by enlisting in the greater production campaign, but those who stayed at home are now in the midst of the most trying time of the entire school year, and one which cannot come to an end too soon. It is expected that the closing exercises this year will be largely of a patriotic and memorial nature as this is the jubilee year of the Dominion.

Sussex Mercantile Co. Fined. In the Sussex court yesterday, before Magistrate Fokins, J. Benson Mahony, registrar of the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Society, charged the Sussex Mercantile Company, Ltd., with doing business illegally, not having a qualified pharmacist as manager, and conducting a retail drug business and not complying with the New Brunswick Pharmacy Act. W. A. Ewing was present representing the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Society, and Ralph St. John, Froses, the defendant company. Registrar Mahony had a witness to prove that the defendant company made an illegal sale, but the witness was not put on the stand, for through Mr. Froses the defendant company pleaded guilty and were fined \$30 and costs.

MOTOR CAR OWNERS ATTENTION! Do you want better roads? If so, why not join the New Brunswick Automobile Association and help them, and they will help you. Fees for 1917 \$5.00. Remit to J. F. Tilton, treasurer, P. O. Box 1210, St. John, N. B.

Gundry's has received a fresh lot of Ladies' Wrist Watches. These are gold filled cases, the celebrated Champ movement 15 jewelled and guaranteed, selling at \$15. This is an advance of \$1.00 due to the war tax of 1 1/2 per cent.

PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL. St. John—Shoppers fortnight. Write for special rates, June 15 to June 30. Among the visitors in the city this week are the Misses Ethel and Edith Peck, of Hopewell, Cape Breton, who are spending a few days with their sister, Miss Elizabeth Peck, Princess street. Boush Camp Meeting, June 25 July 9.

SUGAR PROFITS AS LESS THAN TWO PER CENT.

Annual Meeting of Lantic Directors Held Yesterday—Record Breaking Business.

The annual statement of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, submitted at the annual meeting of the directors yesterday, showed that the company's business for the year passed the \$8,000,000 mark, an increase of 25 per cent over that of the previous year ending April 30, 1916. During the month of April of this year the company did the largest business in its history.

S. A. COMMISSIONER RICHARDS IN THE CITY

Head of Army Operations in Eastern Canada, Newfoundland and Bermuda—Conducted Rousing Meeting Last Night.

Commissioner Richards of Toronto, who has charge of the Salvation Army operations in Eastern Canada, Newfoundland and Bermuda, arrived in the city last evening on his return to Toronto, after visiting Halifax and a number of other places in Nova Scotia. During his present trip to the east he conducted the opening exercises of two new army buildings in Halifax and Trenton, N. S. He also conducted arrangements for extensive improvements in the Moncton citadel, and the rebuilding of the army hall at Springhill. Commissioner Richards conducted the service last evening in No. 1 citadel.

The commissioner is a convincing speaker and his address was greatly enjoyed by an audience that filled the hall. The boy scouts and girl guides were present, and the united city bands of the army gave several pleasing selections. Mrs. Adjutant Lee also presided in a solo. The meeting was presided over by Major Barr.

GRAND LODGE P. A. P. B. AT ARDEN, ONTARIO

The annual session of the Grand Lodge, P. A. P. B. of British North America was held in Arden, Ontario, June 12 and 13 and the delegates from this city who attended report it one of the best and most successful sessions ever held. The number of delegates present was large and all parts of the Dominion were represented. Those who went from here were Councillor William Golding, Arthur Morrow and William Smullen. They returned to the city yesterday full of enthusiasm over the meeting and predicting a better year than ever for the order. Councillor Golding was elected Grand Master by the unanimous vote of the gathering, no opposition being offered. The Grand Lodge passed a strong resolution in favor of conscription as the only solution of the problem of supplying the armies of Canada with the required number of men.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand Master, William Golding, Fairville; senior deputy Grand Master, Andrew Mason, Ottawa; junior deputy Grand Master, Hugh Ragen, Toronto; grand secretary, C. O. Brickman, Belleville, Ont.; assistant grand secretary, James Alexander, Arden, Ont.; grand treasurer, James Bates, Toronto; grand lecturer, Arthur Morrow, Grand Bay, N. B.; deputy grand lecturer, William Brown, Preston, Ont.; grand director of ceremonies, Alexander Allen, Toronto; inside guard, Samuel Parker, Ontario; outside guard, Frank Lacy, Gananoque.

SUMMER FURS FOR PRESENT DAY WEAR AT F. A. DYKEMAN & CO'S. A collection of extremely modish Neck Throws. Included in the showing are White Iceland Fox, Black Fox, Civet Cat, Red Fox, Coon, and Bat. All are of the newest, smartest shapes, including the new shawl collar. Prices are most moderate.

PROHIBITION HAS BROUGHT ADVANTAGES

Remarkable Changes Moral and Social Recorded—Prosperity Enjoyed—Business Excellent—The Police Records Show Marked Decrease in Arrests.

The prohibition has brought with it manifold advantages is evidenced by generally agreed opinion in every respect. Its influence has been felt and remarkable changes, moral and social, are recorded. Those who at first were doubtful as to the benefit derivable from its adoption are today loud in their acclaim of its salutary effects. On all sides are manifested the good that this new era in the life of the community is fraught with. Despite the expected hardship that was to ensue, a prosperity unequalled in the history of this city is being enjoyed.

In an interview with one of the leading citizens closely in touch with social and civic affairs The Standard learned that the measure advanced by the present opposition party spelled great things for the welfare of the community, conceived as it was with the idea of improving New Brunswick's morale, it has passed all expectations, remarked the gentleman. "We notice its action everywhere. Business is sound and improving. For instance, during the period before prohibition the collection of accounts was a difficult matter, so much money was expended unwisely."

One of the smaller merchants interviewed told The Standard representative that he could see a vast difference in conditions. Business is much better and money seems to be more plentiful.

Police Records. The police records show marked falling off in the number of convictions for drunkenness. Weeks have passed without an offender. The total number of persons convicted for drunkenness, as stated by the Chief of Police, D. W. Simpson, during the period from May 1st to the present, totalled only fourteen. The arrests for this period numbered thirty-seven, covering various charges, many of which were juvenile offenders. The police records show but two charges for drunkenness in the Moncton citadel, and one on May 28th to June 13th. "Other offences due to drunkenness have likewise decreased," said the chief of police. On May 21st there were eighty-five prisoners confined in the jail. Upon June 1st this number had decreased to fifteen, and since that time there have been only three commitments. The record for the month of May, 1916, showed that one hundred and one persons were arrested for being drunk.

Prohibition Comes to Stay. The majority of temperance people streets nowadays is a reality, and the hea comes to stay, and argue that the results achieved in the Dominion. Such is the tendency of opinion at the present time among temperance people. Although prohibition has caused quite a shake-up, inasmuch as many were thrown out of employment conditions in this respect are gradually assuming their normal state. Other branches of industry have offered employment to those affected, and the great inconvenience that was feared would arise from this source has been largely overcome. The munition factories have taken up a considerable number of those formerly employed in dispensing liquor, and an impetus has been given to labor. Many, who before prohibition came into force were engaged in no definite work have, joined the ranks of the workers, and in many ways are doing their little bit in the building up of the country.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES CALLED TO MEETING

Subject of Conscription Chief Issue—Labor Leaders State Anti-Conscription Meeting is Talked of.

Mayor Hayes has called a meeting on Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the Board of Trade rooms, of representatives of the various patriotic societies in the city, for the purpose of considering the advisability of holding a public meeting, to give the citizens of the city an opportunity to express themselves on the subject of conscription. Invitations have been sent out to the heads of the various patriotic associations, asking them to be present.

Anti-Conscription Meeting. A few nights ago John W. Bruce, Toronto, general organizer of the Plumbers and Steam Fitters' Union, and James Suggs, a local labor leader, informed a reporter that a meeting against conscription would likely be held within a few weeks on the Market Square band stand. West St. John or some other place to be provided, if arrangements could be made. According to one of the labor leaders a discussion had arisen amongst labor men as to the advisability of holding an anti-conscription meeting later on in the summer, instead of the one that was scheduled to be held.

ENROLLED YESTERDAY

Little Tendency on Part of Men to Enlist Yesterday—Dance on the Island—Kilties Away—Capt. Nase Home.

HONOR ROLL. Ralph Ball, Boston, Mass. 8th Field Ambulance.

Yesterday was the worst day in the matter of recruiting experienced in St. John for some time. In addition to the name on the honor roll, one other application was accepted. He requested the his name be withheld for a few days. It was the opinion of the military men that when recruiting for the artillery was stopped that the infantry and other units that were working would enlist men, heretofore making application to these branches of the service. So far there seems to be little tendency on the part of eligibles to enlist in the infantry units. However, the plan has hardly advanced far enough to pass judgment. The need for infantry units at the front is much greater than any other branches of the service. Recently the casualties in the infantry forces at the front have been very heavy, and for this reason the aim of the authorities is to fill up the depleted units.

The Machine Gun Draft require but one man to establish its complement, and it is expected that before the day is over they will have secured their fifth recruit. It is not the intention of the authorities at present to stop the Machine Gun Draft from recruiting after it has attained full strength, so it may be that they will remain in the recruiting arena for a considerable longer time. With the possible exception of the last half dozen recruits signed on for this unit, all have had the privilege of undergoing a special course of instruction at Halifax. The advantages of this course will be of paramount importance when the boys of the unit engage in active warfare with the common enemy. Lieut. J. K. Scammell has spared no efforts in bringing the members of the gun draft up to the highest state of efficiency. So thorough has been their training that it is plainly noticeable not only in their march discipline but also in the splendid manner in which they execute the various drills.

Dance on the Island. A delightful evening at cards and dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by the non-commissioned officers, gunners of the 9th Siege Battery and their friends, last night on Partridge Island. Fully seventy-five lady friends left the city at seven o'clock for the Island. They were met by the boys of the battery and escorted to the dancing hall. Splendid music, comely and graceful dancers, together with a cheerful atmosphere combined to make the social function given by the boys of the battery one long to be remembered.

About sixty couples enjoyed the dancing programme, and the orchestra was compelled to respond to repeated encores. Those who did not care to indulge in dancing spent the major part of the evening playing cards. Friends of the boys, who are many, supplied the refreshments which were served by an army of good natured servants.

The guests were received by Mrs. P. W. Wetmore, wife of the officer commanding the unit, and Mrs. J. H. Crayford, wife of Lieut. J. H. Crayford, also of the 9th Siege Battery.

After spending the evening on the Island those from the city returned on the last trip of the Island ferry.

Kilties Left Yesterday. The Kilties Battalion will be at Lewis this morning at 7 o'clock providing they meet with no mishap on the journey. The unit left Fredericton yesterday morning. The first train left at 10 o'clock, followed by the second at 10.20. Both troop trains had on board 390 men. The total number of men actually in the ranks of the Kilties is somewhere between six hundred and seventy-five and seven hundred and twenty-five. Fifty of the battalion are already at Valcartier, having gone as an advance guard last week. Probably forty of the total battalion are in the hospital at Fredericton. A rear guard, numbering about thirty, has been left at Fredericton to clean up the quarters and receive any recruits which might be sent to the capital. There are about forty members of the unit out seeking recruits. Several of this number are at present in Boston.

The chief difficulty experienced in accepting men in the United States, according to a high military officer, is in getting them examined. There are about three hundred men now awaiting the medical doctor to be examined. In military circles no fear is expressed regarding the recruiting of the Kilties Battalion up to full strength. With another two weeks like the one just past, the indications are that the Kilties will have in the close vicinity of one thousand men in camp this summer.

Capt. D. Black will be in charge of the party in Fredericton and recruits enlisting throughout the province will be sent to Fredericton.

Saw Zeppelin Raid. Eighteen men, who were rejected at the final examination of the 28th Kilties Battalion, arrived in the city yesterday from Fredericton. They will be attached to the special service corps at the West Side.

Capt. Philip Nase, son of L. T. Nase, 189 Main street, who has spent the last year in France, returned to his home yesterday for a short stay. Capt. Nase was attached to the Imperial Army Medical service and saw

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