

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.

Maritime—increasing winds, gradually shifting to west and north, with snow and rain.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Forecast: Northern New England—Local rains or snows Thursday; Friday fair and cold; fresh southwest to west winds.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—The depression which was over Lake Superior last night now covers southeastern Ontario, causing strong winds over the lakes, attended by light falls of snow and sleet. It is also causing snowfalls in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys, and snow and rain in the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	50
Vancouver	42	50
Calgary	20	28
Moose Jaw	12	28
Medicine Hat	24	32
Edmonton	16	30
Battleford	10	24
Prince Albert	12	24
Regina	22	30
Winnipeg	24	32
Port Arthur	26	34
Parry Sound	26	34
London	30	38
Toronto	32	40
Kingston	32	40
Ottawa	32	40
Montreal	32	40
Quebec	30	38
St. John	30	38
Halifax	32	40

Around the City

Goos to Bear River.

Rev. Dr. Richards goes to Bear River this morning. He is to be the speaker at the annual roll call of the Bear River Baptist church.

Juvenile Wanderer Found.

John Monahan, aged 13 years, was arrested about eleven o'clock last night by Detectives Barrett and Briggs for wandering about Sydney street.

Violated Interdiction.

Yesterday morning Detectives Barrett and Briggs arrested George Duke and John McGorman. The latter is on the interdiction list and Duke is charged with supplying him with liquor.

Board of Trade Council.

The Council of the Board of Trade was completed yesterday by the election of six additional members as follows: J. B. Cudlip, W. E. Golding, C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A., E. Allan Schofield, C. S. Philips and W. K. Ganong.

A Still Alarm.

The chemical engines were called out by a still alarm last evening from a slight fire in some bagging in the basement of Hugh Doherty's residence 295 St. James street. There was no damage.

Supplying Liquor to Soldier.

Peter J. Richards was arrested shortly before one o'clock yesterday afternoon by the military police, who charged him with being drunk in the Armory and with supplying liquor to a soldier in uniform. Richards is a civilian.

Where Passports Can Be Obtained.

Some few days ago it was announced that persons leaving Canada for the Old Country would have to be supplied with passports before they would be allowed to land. Word was received yesterday that passports can be received by persons leaving this port, from J. V. Lantalam, Dominion Immigration agent.

Mrs. Bridget Robinson.

The death took place last evening at the residence of 150 Wright street, of Bridget, wife of John D. Robinson, and daughter of the late Michael and Bridget Foster of Fredericton. The deceased was a sister of the late Frank H. Foster who passed away a few weeks ago in this city. She leaves besides her husband, one son, James Robinson of this city. The funeral will take place on Friday morning.

For Returning Soldiers.

The diversion of the steamship business from Montreal to St. John has resulted in a large number of returning wounded soldiers being landed in this city, and it is anticipated that there will be about 150 landed weekly during the winter months. The feeling is widespread that the return of those who have, in such heroic spirit, suffered in health and from wounds while fighting for the Empire, should not pass unnoticed. A sub-committee was appointed some time ago to receive these brave boys, and through the generosity of a number of citizens were able to welcome the soldiers with packages of fruit, chocolate, cigarettes and cigars. The committee intend to have suitable gifts for all the returning soldiers, and all who are desirous of contributing the above articles are kindly requested to send the same to Mrs. H. A. Powell, 29 Queen Square.

Full of natural flavor—BRAYLEY'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

Waterproof.

Estey & Co., 49 Dock street, have made special preparations in "high grade" clothing and rubber boots and shoes for wet weather and slushy streets.

THIRTEEN YEAR OLD LAD GETS OFFICIAL POSITION ON LOCAL RECRUITING STAFF

What a Personal Letter to Sir Sam Hughes, K. C. B. Brought to Little "Billy" Trifts of Richmond Street—Will Likely Wear the Khaki.

Imbued with the martial spirit of the family, Master William Trifts, the thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Trifts, of 30 Richmond street, recently wrote to Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, offering his services in behalf of the Empire. Busy man as he is the minister did not pigeon-hole the letter as many busy men would probably have done. Today Billy Trifts is the proud possessor of an autograph letter from Sir Sam expressing the minister's delight at the lad's patriotic zeal. The head of Canada's Militia Department went even further than that. He told Billy he would be glad to assist him in any way possible and directed him to see the chief recruiting officer.

May Wear the Khaki.

Yesterday the lad called on Capt. L. P. D. Tilley and showed him the minister's letter. Captain Tilley gave the boy a note to the officials at the armory. So it is possible Master Trifts will soon wear a mascot's uniform of khaki.

The youthful patriot has four relatives enrolled in the armies of the Empire. All are St. John men. An uncle, Charles O'Brien, is a bomb thrower in the 14th Battalion, now in France. He is a brother of Mrs. Trifts. Another uncle is John Trisk of the ammunition column of the 26th Battalion, also in service in France. A cousin, Louis Gorman of the 14th Battalion, was wounded at the front and came home last month. Michael Finnigan, also a cousin, is with the 26th.

A brother of the lad was anxious to enlist but the family persuaded him not to join the militia at this time because of his youth.

Billy is a pupil at St. Malachi's school and is regarded as a particularly bright lad, as his letter indicates. He has long had his mind on the great conflict and has frequently expressed the wish that he were older, so that he could fight for his flag. When Billy wrote to the Minister of Militia last Wednesday he did not tell his parents. They did not know it until his mother found a copy of the letter in his room.

The Lad's Letter.

He is very proud of the minister's letter and intends to keep it in his possession always, as a reminder of one of the happiest incidents of his life. The letter Billy wrote follows:

"Dear General Hughes,

"I hope you will read the following letter with interest. First, I am a boy about 13 years old. My name is William ("Billy") Trifts. I have two

GOOD WISHES FROM DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Col. F. V. Wedderburn Receives Interesting Autograph Letter from Governor General.

Lieut.-Col. F. V. Wedderburn yesterday received a personal letter from Field Marshal, the Duke of Connaught congratulating him on the excellent work the colonel has done for the Boy Scouts. Col Wedderburn was obliged to discontinue his activity among the boys because of his militia duties. The letter from the Governor General follows:

Government House, Ottawa, 30 November, 1915.

Dear Colonel Wedderburn:—

Gerald Brown, Honorary Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association, has shown me your letter giving you work for the Boy Scouts Association in the Maritime Provinces.

I can quite understand your doing so, to take over command of an Overseas Battalion, which will most certainly require all your time and attention, but before you leave the Boy Scouts I must congratulate you on the splendid work you have done in the past for them, which has so much assisted the Boy Scout Movement in the Eastern Provinces. In thanking you for all your past work, I wish you every good luck in your appointment as Officer Commanding the 115th Overseas Battalion.

Believe me yours sincerely,

Arthur.

Lt. Col. F. V. Wedderburn, Commanding 115th Overseas Battalion, St. John, N. B.

Fancy Sale and Tea in St. Stephen's Church School Room today at 3 o'clock. Musical program. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

uncles and one cousin in the war. My cousin just returned from the war as he was wounded in the leg by a piece of shell at the battle of Ypres. One of my uncles went with the first contingent and in fact my cousin and uncle went together from here in the 62nd Fusiliers. My other uncle went from here with the D. A. C., and is now in France.

"My uncle and cousin got transferred into the 14th Battalion. My uncle who was transferred to the 14th Battalion is now corporal of the bomb throwers in that battalion. I may also mention that when the 6th Mounted Rifles were down here I was a favorite among them.

"And now what I ask of you is to let me help me repair automobiles as I have had lots of experience (now that I hear Lord Kitchener is calling for men to do this work.) My parents do not know that I am writing this to such a great man as you, but when I get an answer I will tell them. Besides I could not go away as my parents would not let me. Perhaps I could help an officer in recruiting office or at any other soldierly work at which I could wear khaki. Hoping to get a pleasing answer from you soon, I remain,

"Yours truly,"

"WILLIAM TRIFTS,"

"30 Richmond street,"

"St. John, N. B."

Sir Sam Hughes' Reply.

The minister's letter is as follows:

"Minister's Office,"

"Ottawa, Dec. 2nd, 1915.

"Dear Master "Billy,"

"Let me thank you for your most interesting letter which I received a few days ago, relative to your desire to assist, in some way, in this great struggle.

"I highly appreciate your patriotic spirit, and will be only too glad to assist you in any way possible.

"I am, also, delighted to learn of your two uncles and cousin now doing their 'bit', and sincerely hope that your cousin will soon be completely recovered from his wound, which you state he received at the Battle of Ypres.

"If you will be good enough to see the Chief Recruiting Officer there, and show him this letter, I am sure he will be pleased to assist you in obtaining your desire.

"Wishing you every success, and with kindest regards,

"Faithfully,"

(Sgd.) "SAM HUGHES,"

"Master Wm. Trifts,"

"30 Richmond street,"

"St. John, N. B."

"HELLO" GIRLS IN CITY FOR CONVENTION

Telephone Company Entertains Its Chief Operators from Towns Outside St. John.

The conference being held in this city by the New Brunswick Telephone Company is attended by eighteen of the outside chief operators and the St. John chief operator, making in all a total of nineteen. Those attending from the outside towns are: Miss Velma E. Grant, Andover; Miss Elsie Hubert, Bathurst; Miss Irene Adams, Campbellton; Miss Annie L. Kenney, Chatham; Miss Cecile Fournier, Edmundston; Miss Mabel E. Gallop, Florenceville; Miss Gertrude Clark, Fredericton; Miss Gladys Estey, Grand Falls; Miss Edna Jensen, Hartland; Miss Desale Breen, Moncton; Miss Margaret B. Appely, Newcastle; Miss Edith Lon, Richibucto; Miss Greta I. Menaffey, Sackville; Miss Irene V. Rollins, Saint Andrews; Miss Ida Spear, Saint George; Miss Elva M. M. Libbey, Saint Stephen; Miss Greta O. Waters, Sussex; Miss Bessie M. Kennedy, Woodstock.

The idea of the convention is to acquaint the operators with better service methods. It is all for the benefit of the service, and the operators will receive the best of instruction along this line. Yesterday afternoon they attended the studio and were photographed, later returning to the New Brunswick Telephone building on Chipman Hill. In the evening, a lecture was delivered on technical matters in the board room of the building. It is hoped today to show the young ladies around the city if the weather should be agreeable, and in the evening an entertainment will be enjoyed by a visit to the Imperial Theatre. On Friday evening a banquet

OPERINGS OF V.M.C.A. ROOMS FOR SOLDIERS

Mayor Frink Addresses Men of 69th—Col. Dansereau Makes Appreciative Reply.

The formal opening of the St. John County Hospital will take place this afternoon, and the general public are invited to be present from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m. Many prominent men and women will be present, including Lieut.-Governor Wood, Mayor Frink, city commissioners, the county secretary, representatives of the hospital committee and of city organizations. It is expected that a large number will attend and, in view of this, special arrangements have been made for a car service to East St. John.

Many difficulties have from time to time presented themselves in connection with the provisions of the hospital. Questions as to location, the nature of the proposed structure, and other matters, had to be considered and dealt with, and it was not until November last year that the work of construction commenced. Contracts had previously been signed by A. R. C. Clark & Son, masonry; R. J. Green, carpentry; J. S. Walker, plumbing and heating; and J. H. Pullen, painting.

The building, of which F. Nell Brodie was the architect, is destined to accommodate fifty-three patients. Those who have resided in the city for at least two years will be treated free. Those living outside the city and county of St. John, will not be admitted except on payment for treatment and board, or on a sufficient guarantee of payment.

Up to the present time the building has cost about \$104,000, of which sum there was a bond issue of \$50,000. The main building is of two stories with basement. The sill is of three stories and will be occupied by the nurses and other help. When completed it will be self-contained, will have its own lighting power as well as lighting power for the Municipal Home. The electric power plant is being established by the Vaughan Electric Company.

STORIES OF BAD FOOD FOR 69TH UNFOUNDED

Lt. Col. Dansereau Denies Rumors in Circulation—Men Well Satisfied in Every Way.

The food supplied to the 69th Battalion is satisfactory, according to Lieut. Col. Dansereau, who told a Standard reporter last evening that there was no truth in reports which have been circulating about the city that the men were dissatisfied with the quality and quantity of the rations served. He said that if the food had been of poor quality he would have been the first to see that good rations were supplied.

It appears that the bad food rumors originated through the purchases of pies, cakes, etc., by some of the men when the battalion first arrived in St. John. A number of the Montreal troops said that while they were not wholly satisfied with the rations served on the first two days after they reached this city, they had no complaint to make now.

The French Canadians express themselves as well pleased with their treatment here. The unfavorable weather for outdoor drilling is their only grievance.

The 69th had two route marches yesterday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Major Williams was in command in the forenoon and Capt. Mansueti in the afternoon. The parade grounds were too slushy for outdoor drill and late in the afternoon the men went through some tactics in the armories.

Tonight's Meeting.

Recruiting meeting tonight in Temperance Hall, West End. Speakers Rev. Dr. Morrison and A. M. Belding, musical programme.

Furs for Christmas.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are offering a very fine quality of furs at greatly reduced prices. This will give an opportunity for people to buy the nicest kind of a Christmas present at a great saving in price. Their handsome fox and wolf sets can be bought at one-quarter less than the regular price. They are showing some splendid \$75 muskrat coats at the special price of \$58.50. Their handsome forty inch near seal coats, \$115.00 quality can be had for \$85.00.

will be held in Bond's restaurant at 7.30 and the whole time of the conference will be taken up by entertainment and instructive work.

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LADIES' SILK HOSE—With Lisle tops and soles Pair \$1, \$1.50, \$1.60, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50

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