

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.

Maritime—Fresh northerly winds, fine and a little cooler.

Toronto, April 20.—The pressure is highest tonight over the Great Lakes, while an energetic disturbance is centered in Saskatchewan. A few scattered showers or thunderstorms have occurred in the southwestern counties of Ontario, also in Saskatchewan, otherwise the weather has been everywhere fine.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	20	50
Victoria	42	56
Prince Rupert	38	52
Vancouver	42	54
Kamloops	42	56
Edmonton	42	54
Battleford	40	70
Medicine Hat	44	78
Moose Jaw	36	66
Regina	34	61
Winnipeg	24	64
Fort Arthur	36	42
Toronto	50	68
Ottawa	44	54
Quebec	38	52
St. John	34	64
Halifax	42	70

Around the City

Presentation to Soldier.
Private Samuel Ferguson, of the 26th Battalion, was presented by fellow Orangemen with a signet ring in the Orange Hall, Germain street, last night.

Fur Collar Found.
A lady's fur collar was found on Germain street yesterday afternoon and handed to the police. The owner can receive the same on application at the central police station.

Released on Deposit.
Clair Keith was arrested on Main street yesterday on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was allowed out last night on leaving a deposit of sixteen dollars for his appearance in court this morning.

Wan Military Cushion.
The military cushion, donated to Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. E. D., by Mrs. R. D. Damery for patriotic purposes, was drawn by ticket No. 150, held by Mrs. James Gerow, 46 Garden street. The cushion will be on exhibition at the Knights of Columbus hall this afternoon and evening.

May Mobilize at Sussex.
It was rumored yesterday that the 55th Battalion, which is now being recruited, may mobilize at Sussex and that the men will go under canvas there for their training. It was said that the military grounds at Sussex offered fine opportunities for training the men, without the necessity of long marches as in the case in St. John.

To Conserve Water at Fires.
Commissioner Wigmore has a plan for placing proper valves on the water mains leading to buildings having sprinkler systems so that in case of necessity the water could be cut off without going into the building. Sprinkler systems do good work up to a certain point but as soon as the fire gets to large proportions the leads from the large pipe are liable to break off and then the water is wasted and in case of a six inch main draw water that could be used to better advantage in other ways. The commissioner's idea is to have vaults built over the stop cocks in the mains leading to the structures. These vaults would have regular manholes so that the water could be turned off when necessary. It is likely that this plan will be carried out on all future installations.

ST. JOHN MAN ON PACIFIC COAST

A very interesting letter has been received by J. F. Tilton from A. J. LeLachur who is now spending a vacation on the Pacific Coast. Mr. LeLachur mentions having gone up Mt. Hamilton to the Lick Observatory and enjoying a number of other side trips in that picturesque neighborhood. His opinion of California has undergone some changes in the past few weeks. In his letter Mr. LeLachur mentioned that he expected to find lots of magnificent flowers growing wild everywhere, but so far has failed to notice any of them. It is true there are lots of flowers but they are all cultivated and seem to need just as much attention as they do in New Brunswick. The only difference being that the Californians can have their beautiful blossoms for practically all the year, while in St. John the season lasts for only a few months.

Mr. LeLachur visited the Panama Pacific Exposition and says "Canada's building is attracting a lot of attention at the fair and this it certainly deserves. The building may be equalled by one or two others of its class but the inside display is beyond comparison with anything else on the grounds. I have not been over the whole fair yet, but so far have found nothing to come near it and have heard no one say that there is anything better. The only Maritime Province man I have seen registered here is Owen Coll of St. John who was at San Diego a few days before me."

INTERESTING LETTER FROM N. B. OFFICER

Sound of Gun Fire Tremendous—Sleeping in Sheds—Anticipate Success.

While a great many boys have enlisted here to fight for their king and country, it is well known that there are many owning this province as home who have gone to the front from other sections of Canada. One in particular is Lieut. W. B. Shaw, a former New Brunswicker, who, when war was decided was residing in Victoria, B. C. He was one of the first to enlist, and is now fighting in the trenches in France.

The following is an interesting letter from him published in a Victoria paper:

The madame is just now laying the table for dinner. M. G.—has just returned from town with some fish, and we intend to have a spread. Last night the sound of gun-fire was tremendous and the flashing of lights in the sky was simply wonderful, making a truly beautiful display. The shooting sounded so close that we all turned out. I took charge of the guard, and in extended order we kept a lookout for some time. The guns, however were not so close as we thought, and the strong wind blowing from the quarter accounted for the unusually loud roar. The battery turned out in full working order ready to move.

"Mr. T.—is at present talking to the monsieur in broken French, and two of the women folk are very much amused. You should see our bedroom—a mere shed with straw on the floor. But it is not half bad when one is very tired, and I never feel keen to get up in the morning.

"I find plenty to do and it is much better to have one's time occupied. The weather has been miserable until today. It is magnificent now, and I have had an opportunity to go about the district considerably. A great deal of fighting recently took place in this vicinity, and hastily made graves are apparent everywhere. It is very interesting to note the various peculiarities of the country. Nearly all the houses, for instance, have a niche about five feet square under the eaves, which contain peculiar little figures of sculpture. Crucifixes are to be seen everywhere, and in all the churches there is a large space specially constructed in the walls to hold them.

"We were up at the town yesterday. When the Germans were there they were surprised by a party of British troops who were without ammunition. This made little difference, however, the British fixed bayonets and charged. The Germans fled, as they usually do before a British charge.

"I do not mind saying that the picture last night—search-lights playing in the sky looking for aeroplanes; star rockets exploding, and the violent cannonading at midnight, was a picture that I never dreamed possible. No one at a distance could have any adequate conception of it. However, it does not affect our cheerfulness. We carry on with the same jokes and the same indifference.

"I am very pleased that we are about to enter the game in earnest and to do our 'little bit.' I am very sanguine and am looking forward, after having done our duty, to a happy return. Each day we will take each duty and pleasure as it comes, anticipating all that is good and right."

ISRAEL E. SMITH DIED YESTERDAY

Was prominent in the activities of West St. John—In Common Council for years.

The death of Israel E. Smith took place yesterday at his home Lancaster street, after an illness extending over two weeks. Mr. Smith, who was seventy-five years of age, was born at Ormococt, and came to St. John thirty-one years ago. He established a grocery business, which he has conducted ever since. He was a public spirited citizen and for several years represented Guys ward in the common council. He was a deacon of the Ludlow street Baptist church, and was a prominent member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, the Independent Order of Foresters and the Royal Orange Association.

He was a brother of the late A. C. Smith, M. L. A., and is an uncle of B. F. Smith, M. L. A., of Carleton county. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Loretta Currie of Fredericton; three daughters, Mrs. John Emerson, West St. John; Miss Harriet Smith, of the teaching staff of the Albert school, and Miss Isadora Smith, a graduate of the Long Island College Hospital; and one son, W. B. Smith, manager for the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. in the Maritime Provinces.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from his late residence. Interment will be in Cedar Hill.

CONTRACTS FOR MUNITIONS OF WAR GIVING MUCH EMPLOYMENT

T. McAvity & Sons will employ 160 men, finishing Lyddite Shells—Horton & Son have large Saddlery Contracts—Mr. Hazen looking after interests of St. John firms.

"Making of munitions of war has given considerable employment to people in St. John, and it is likely to continue to do so for some time to come. T. McAvity & Sons now have crews of men working night and day in their Water street works, preparing various component parts of shells, and are fitting up machinery in the old machinery hall of the exhibition building, where they will start work about the middle of May finishing up 4.5 lyddite shells. The Fleming Foundry has a contract to finish shrapnel shells, giving work to a considerable number of men. Practically all the shell castings are made by the Nova Scotia Steel Company and sent here to be machined.

George McAvity of T. McAvity & Sons stated yesterday that their contract for finishing lyddite shells would keep them busy for about six months. "We are at work now installing machinery in the exhibition building," he added. "About 75 per cent. of this will be new plant, and we will hardly be able to start operations before the middle of May. At the outset we will employ about 30 men on the shell work. As soon as possible we will arrange to work night and day, and will need about 160 men altogether. We are advertising for machinists and tool makers; we have received quite a number of replies so far; and expect to get all the men we want without trouble. The shells we will work on at the exhibition building are the High explosive kind. We expect to get the shell castings from the Nova Scotia Steel Company, though later on we may do something in the way of casting them in our own foundry.

"In addition to the contract for the 4.5 shells, we have a contract for working on the component parts of smaller shells. Some of this work we are doing for the C. P. R., which has a large contract for shells. We are also doing work of a similar nature for manufacturers in different parts of the Maritime Provinces."

Speaking of their ordinary business, Mr. McAvity said conditions were about normal in the Maritime Pro-

vinces, but there was little doing in the west. "We have in the past been selling a great part of our output in the west, and with that cut off we find the war business a great advantage, as it enables us to keep our men pretty well employed," he added.

Saddlery Contracts.

H. Horton & Sons have been busy on war contracts since last October, and this firm has recently received contracts from the British and French governments which will keep them busy till about the first of July. Their latest contract is for 1,000 sets of saddlery for the British and French governments. This week the firm has received an order for about \$20,000 worth of saddlery. Altogether the firm is now working on contracts worth about \$45,000. It has about 70 people employed, and its pay roll is over \$1,000 a week. Some of the contracts which the firm has made have to be finished next month. At their factory work is being carried on night and day, though the night shift is not as large as could be put on.

During the past few weeks, the firm of H. Horton & Sons has shipped two carloads of military goods to Russia by way of Vancouver.

All the orders received by this firm from the British, French and Russian governments were placed through the Canadian government. The firm has done considerable work for the Canadian government, but finished all its Canadian contracts some weeks ago.

The Wilson Box Company of St. John recently filled an order for 2,000 shell boxes for war purposes, and in view of the fact that a large quantity of shells will be partially prepared here, it expects to receive further contracts for shell boxes later on.

All shells which are being made up here will probably be sent to Quebec to be loaded.

Mr. J. D. Hazen is looking after the interests of St. John firms in regard to all the army contracts let by the governments of the Allies, as well as by the Canadian government.

BOTH SALVAGE CORPS ELECTED OFFICERS

Good work done during the year by these organizations.

The annual meeting of No. 1 Salvage Corps and Fire Police was held in their rooms, Union street, last night, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Captain, K. J. MacIsaac; lieutenant, G. H. Tapley; secretary, E. Percy Howard; treasurer, E. A. Ellis; foreman No. 1, W. J. Currie; foreman No. 2, James Stirling; foreman No. 3, G. C. M. Farren; foreman No. 4, W. L. Stewart; surgeon, Dr. L. A. Langstroth.

The secretary reported that during the year the company responded to seventy-one alarms and worked forty-eight hours.

After the meeting adjourned the doors were thrown open to a large number of guests who were entertained to refreshments and a fine programme. Harrison's orchestra was present and rendered a number of selections. Nat. Farnum, the comedian from Mack's Musical Revue Company playing at the Opera House, was given a rousing reception when he made his appearance and kept the audience in good humor with numerous stories and finished with singing a song just received from England, entitled "Are We Down Hearted."

Addresses were given by Mayor Frink, Commissioners Wigmore and Russell, also Magistrate Ritchie. Other numbers on the programme were solos, Mr. McCaffrey, R. Healey, H. Godkin, Messrs. Olden and Thomas Robert Douglas, H. Dawson, W. Nugent, R. Thomson, C. Olden, R. Thomson, C. Combs, Robt. Carson, Howard Smith, J. Healy, T. Crofton, Joseph Matthews, F. Dawson. Steve Hurley gave a reading and the accompanist were T. Crofton of the steamship Mis-sissippi and Clarence Love of the Mack's Musical Revue Company.

No. 2 Salvage Corps

The North End Salvage Corps and Fire Police met in annual session in their rooms in No. 5 fire station last evening and elected officers for the coming year. The reports of the officers showed the organization to be in good condition. After the business there was a social hour spent by the members. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

Captain, John Thornton; lieutenant, J. C. Purdy; secretary, William Brown; treasurer, William White; foreman No. 1, George Carvell; foreman No. 2, L. D. Brown; foreman No. 3, Fred Campbell; foreman No. 4, Walter Logan; surgeon, Dr. C. M. Pratt.

Caring for Orchards.

S. I. Peters, Dominion Fruit Inspector, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Peters said there was a good deal of activity among orchardists this spring, and that fruit trees were being better looked after than usual.

CENTENARY BROTHERHOOD CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Successful Year Reported—Dr. Anglin Gives Good Address—Officers Elected

The Brotherhood of Centenary church celebrated their anniversary last evening in the audience room, a large number being in attendance.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough presided and reviewed the work of the past year. He made suggestions regarding plans for the ensuing year.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. Officers for the year were elected, and the financial report of H. V. Mackinnon showing healthy monetary conditions was submitted and agreed to. Dr. J. V. Anglin gave an address on hereditary influences, and spoke of the effects of training as an influence to counteract adverse conditions in the mental and physical characteristics of the human being, explaining that nature takes infinite pains to reproduce the traits coming from the father and mother and that the old idea about the survival of the fittest is by no means incorrect.

The officers for the year are as follows: Hon. president, Rev. W. H. Barraclough; president, G. E. Barbour; first vice-president, T. H. Hutchinson; second vice-president, E. J. Fleetwood; third vice-president, H. V. Mackinnon; secretary, F. C. Smith; treasurer, W. C. Jordan; pianist, Stanley Smith. The following were added as members of the executive: F. T. Barbour, Walter Doherty and R. H. McKendrick.

Refreshments were served towards the close by an efficient staff of ladies connected with the church for whose kindly aid three cheers and a tiger were given. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

THE ST. GEORGE'S ENTERTAINMENT

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