

THE WEATHER. Forecasts. Maritime - Northeast to northwest winds, decreasing in force, clearing and cool. Toronto, April 9 - A fairly important disturbance is centered off Nova Scotia, and moderate gales, with snow and rain, have occurred in the Maritime Provinces. It has been fair and comparatively cool in Ontario and Quebec, and mild in the western provinces.

Around the City. The Rotary Club. Dr. J. H. Barton will be the chairman at the meeting of the Rotary Club to be held in Bond's at 6.15 o'clock this evening. Last week's talk was of a saving nature, while the talk this evening will be of a destructive nature. M. E. Agar who was an eye witness of one of the numerous Zeppelin raids on England, will tell what he saw, and will also give his experience in the submarine zone. In addition to this Hon. R. J. Ritchie will speak on "Facts." After the luncheon the members are invited as guests of the president to attend a performance at the Imperial theatre, and reserved seats will be provided for all who attend.

An Unpleasant Storm. At an early hour yesterday morning snow began to fall, accompanied by a light breeze from the northwest. Towards noon the weather became milder and the snow stopped falling, while the wind shifted more towards the north. It commenced to snow again at 5.30 o'clock, it became somewhat colder, the wind increased, the snow fell quite heavily and was blown into drifts at some places. At 2 o'clock this morning it was still snowing, the level was covered by about five inches and there was good sleighing. Last year St. John experienced a snow storm on the 27th of April, and again as late as the 27th of May. The lowest temperature yesterday was 28, and the highest 32.

Buried Yesterday. The funeral service of the late James Wilson was held Sunday afternoon at the home of the deceased, 155 Leinster street, and was very largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Gordon Dickie, pastor of Saint Stephen's Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was for many years a valued trustee. A quartette from the church sang the hymns "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Peace, Perfect Peace." Among the many beautiful floral tributes was a "broken wheel" from the Balboogie Club, symbolic of the break in a large circle of friends, the friendship dating back to the days of young manhood and cemented with the passing years.

To Join Forestry Battalion. Eighty-four men left Saturday night for Quebec to join the 224th Forestry Battalion. These men were in the city two days and during that time their conduct was highly commended. When the time came to leave every man was on hand and ready to go. The Bugle Band of the 69th played to the station and gave three cheers for them as they pulled out, which were returned right heartily. They were joined on the way by five men from Kings county, five from Albert, one from Moncton, and thirty-two from Newcastle and Chatham. Eighteen left for Quebec last Monday from Restigouche county. New Brunswick raised its quota for this battalion in one week, and a fine husky looking lot of them they are. Lieut. Miller, of Centreville, being unable to obtain a commission, went with them as a private. Capt. White of the 67th Battalion accompanied them to Quebec.

West Indian Facilities. The Board of Trade has been advised by Sir George E. Foster, (Minister of Trade and Commerce), that he has been for some time trying to get some additional tonnage for service between Canada and the West Indies. He has induced the Department of Railways and Canals to place a steamer on that route, which will leave about April 16, and bring return cargo from the West Indies. He suggests that Saint John people who desire cargo space for imports should get in communication with the manager, Mr. Gutelius. This steamer, as he understands it, will take freight at current rates. The demand (the minister writes) for moccasins is very large from Quebec, Montreal and Saint John and can be no means be more than fractionally provided for by this steamer. There is a possibility also of an extra steamer being put on by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, if they can get one released from the Admiralty. If this vessel goes on a cargo will be taken at current rates, as she does not come under the subsidy arrangements.

RESIGNS PULPIT CHARGE TO DON KING'S UNIFORM

Rev. F. S. Porter, of Germain Street Baptist, Sends Letter of Resignation to His Congregation - Will Become Chaplain of 104th Battalion.

The Rev. F. S. Porter, who has been pastor of the Germain street Baptist church for nearly six years, last night tendered his resignation to take effect at once in view of the fact that he had accepted an appointment as chaplain for the 104th Battalion. The resignation, which Mr. Porter read, was as follows: St. John, N. B., April 5, 1916. To the Officers and Members of Germain St. Baptist Church. Dear Brethren:— The exigencies of the present critical hour, in this most appalling period of world convulsion, make necessary and inevitable great and sudden changes in the hitherto peaceful and uninterrupted course of life. Those who but recently were pursuing their quiet vocations without let or hindrance find themselves today in the ready maelstrom of destruction. All life, whether individual or institutional, stands alike to suffer change and shock in these momentous days. The irresistible call of national necessity overrides all other considerations of lesser character. That call is stern and inexorable appealing to each individual in one form or another. All true citizens of the beloved Empire, whose very existence is threatened in this colossal struggle, are looking themselves over, interrogating their own hearts, and choosing, with no other constraining influence than that of conscience, what their simple duty is in this great emergency. In such circumstances it can hardly be considered a matter of wonder or surprise that your pastor should contemplate the possibility of active service for King and Country. Being within the military age and of sound physique he could hardly view with equanimity and self-satisfaction his country's dire needs and his brave fellow-citizens' appalling sacrifice of blood and treasure. Moreover, while others were called to suffer he has found it impossible to claim exemption for himself on the ground of family or professional considerations. The desire has been constant and irresistible to share with the heroic defenders of our hearths and homes something of their toils, perils and privations. Though cherishing such feelings through all these weary days of agony and suspense the doors of opportunity for such special service were closed again and again, and only late has the possibility once more presented itself. Within very recent days the military authorities have called upon me for the performance of official duty in the capacity of chaplain in the 104th New Brunswick Battalion soon to go overseas. The recommendation is intended to go into effect as soon as it may be granted release from my present duties as pastor of this beloved institution. In view of the uncertainty of the war's duration, and having regard to the future welfare and efficiency of the church, I deem it most expedient and prudent that my pastoral relation which has been unbrokenly maintained in the bonds of spiritual fellowship and love for about six years be now finally severed. Inasmuch as no fellowship of life is more sacred or tender than that which subsists between us in this holy relationship, it will be readily apprehended that this conclusion could not be reached without keen regret and mental struggle. I ask you, however, in consideration of all the exceptional circumstances to grant my release as indicated. I would respectfully request that my term of service expire on April 12, one week from tonight, when opportunity will have been given the church to act upon this urgent recommendation. If satisfactory arrangements can be made and it is your wish and will, I should regard it as a special privilege to occupy the pulpit on Easter Sunday and administer the ordinance of baptism to the candidates for church membership. And now, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Lovingly, Your pastor, (Sgd.) FREDERICK S. PORTER.

MANLY WOMEN BELGIAN DAY CAST FIRST VOTE TODAY

Some 1,800 Women Voters on Today's Lists - The Law Regarding Soldiers.

Today is election day and the question of most interest to many is: shall the commission form of government be continued or not? One feature of the voting today will be the fact that about eighteen hundred women will have the right to vote, most of them for the first time, as the law giving to every woman owning property the right of franchise in civic elections, has come into effect since the last civic election. A plebiscite was taken at that election and resulted in a majority of votes being cast in their favor. About one hundred soldiers registered at City Hall on Saturday as wishing to exercise their franchise today. While not much has been heard around town, it is expected that a fairly large vote will be polled. The polls will open at eight o'clock in the morning and close at seven o'clock at night, thus giving everybody the opportunity to exercise their franchise. Two men only can be voted for, and the first four will be voted on again two weeks from today in the final.

THE POLICE COURT.

For attempting to hang himself with a pair of suspenders, James Wilson, in the police court on Saturday, was sent up for trial. Michael Mahoney and Joseph Bell, charged with assault, were remanded. Private James Mason, charged with assault to do bodily harm, was committed for trial. Further hearing of the case against Private Ulman was taken up Saturday morning in regard to the theft of seven dollars. Wm. J. McMillan said that a soldier purchased a glass of soda water from him giving in exchange a \$1 note for which he allowed \$4.60. He could not identify the prisoner. Waterplan Underskirts. They look like silk, they have the rustle of silk, the material is highly mercerized and has great wearing qualities. Although the material in these skirts has the same properties as silk it will wear four times as long and costs about one-half as much. They can be bought at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s at \$1.65 and \$1.95. Both numbers are of a very new and pretty design with a clever arrangement of trimming around a pleated ruffle. They come in a large variety of colors and all sizes including extra large.

SIX MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Yesterday With the Local Soldiers - Lt. McGinley to Halifax with Class of Non-Coms.

Yesterday the men of the 116th took things easy, the church parade was called off and they took a holiday. Five men were added to the strength of the battalion. The following promotions were in orders: To be Corporal, L. Corporal J. H. Murray all of C. Co. Today Lieut. Gilmour will be orderly officer and Lieuts. Buchanan and March will be officers of the guard. Routine work at the barracks will be the programme for the day. 140th. The members of the 140th attended divine service at St. Andrew's church yesterday morning headed by their band. The Roman Catholic members of the battalion went to the Cathedral headed by the life and drum band. At St. Andrew's the sermon was preached by the pastor of the church, Rev. F. S. Dowling, who took as his subject "The Magnesian Christ." He treated his remarks on the words of the woman of Samaria, at the well, found in John 4:11. "Sir Thou hast nothing to draw with." He took up first the negative side of the question and said, Christ had no magnetism of birth such as a Caesar. He had not the magnetism of a military conqueror such as Alexander or Napoleon. His magnetism was found first in the fact that He was a man of religion. Man was a religious creature and Christ preached a religion which appealed to men. His simplicity of life and overflowing sympathy was also one of the things which drew men to Him. Since His death the story of His life and work has been the main source of His Magnetism, and if the men present would read that story, and take the time to let it do its work it would draw them to the Christ today. He urged all present to let the story have a chance and they would have to own that there was magnetism in the Christ. To Take Bayonet Course. Lieut. W. G. McGinley of the 140th, left Saturday night for Halifax with the following N.C.O.'s who will all have the rank of sergeant while away: Collett, Beasley, Bradbury, Carvell, Starr, Markham, Ryder, Verrell, C. L. Doherty, M. E. Murphy, T. A. Rockwell, Askjelheim, Hale, Langille, Hayward and Morehouse, where they will take a course in bayonet fighting and physical training. Today Lieut. C. P. Grannan will be officer of the day and routine work will be in order. 69th. Yesterday the men of the 69th attended St. John the Baptist church, where mass was celebrated by the chaplain, Father Paquin. Today the morning will be spent in musketry exercise and in the afternoon a route march will be held.

PERSONAL

P. J. Veniot, ex-M. L. A., of Bathurst, was at the Dufferin on Saturday. J. L. Peeney, of Fredericton, was at the Dufferin on Saturday. John McCormack, L. Ferguson and H. H. Melanson, of Sussex, were at the Dufferin yesterday. B. P. Smith, M. L. A., of East Florenceville, in the Victoria. H. W. Woods, M. L. A., of Welsford, was at the Victoria Saturday. H. G. Marr returned from New York on Saturday. Dr. H. D. Fritz left Saturday for New York where he is to spend several weeks in attendance at the leading eye, ear, nose and throat hospitals. Will you take time to examine our DIAMOND DISPLAY and compare our prices with those offered by Toronto, Montreal or local houses? Will you accept an invitation to step in and permit us to show you what we have and what we can do in the way of diamonds? Allan Gundry.

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