

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh westerly to northerly winds, local snow flurries, but generally fair and colder.

Washington, Mar. 29—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; moderate northwest winds.

Toronto, Mar. 29—The cold wave is centered tonight over Manitoba, but its energy is diminishing. The weather has been cold from the Great Lakes eastward, attended by some light local snowfalls or flurries, while in the west it has been everywhere fine, and in Alberta quite mild.

Temperatures. Min. Max. Victoria 48 50 Vancouver 48 50 Kamloops 42 50 Edmonton 26 44 Battleford 12 30 Prince Albert 12 30 Calgary 28 46 Medicine Hat 28 46 Moose Jaw 12 39 Regina 15 36 Winnipeg 6 26 Port Arthur 2 29 Parry Sound 0 29 Toronto 14 37 Ottawa 22 34 Montreal 22 34 Quebec 20 34 St. John 26 44 Halifax 30 45

Around the City

Disorderly Boys Dispersed. The police were called to Albion street yesterday afternoon to disperse a crowd of disorderly boys.

Drunk and Disorderly. Last night Daniel McDermott, an Irishman, was arrested on Mill street and is charged with being drunk and disorderly. It is said that Daniel was in a fighting mood and was offering to fight nearly every woman who happened to pass near him.

Dog Killed. Yesterday afternoon a motor car ran over a dog and killed it on Erin street. The remains were allowed to remain on the street and the police have reported the matter. It will no doubt be removed by the street department this morning.

Wife Deserter Captured. Detective Fred Lucas arrived in the city on the Boston Express last night having in custody Samuel Wilkinson, the young West End man who was arrested in Woodstock and who is charged with deserting his wife.

Rev. Dr. Chown Coming. Rev. Dr. Chown, of Toronto, will arrive in the city today and is to address a meeting in Centenary church this evening on the subject of Patriotism and Conservation. G. Hunter White will preside and an offering for the patriotic fund will be taken. Dr. Chown will visit the different conferences in the province.

Sam Meharry In Lowell. The Standard is in receipt of a snap shot of Sam Meharry, the leading man of the Thompson-Woods Stock Company of last season, which shows the genial Sam standing in front of the theatre in Lowell where he is located this season. While Mr. Meharry looks happy and prosperous, it is a safe bet that his sunny smile would be even more in evidence if he was with us in St. John instead of at Lowell.

More New Settlers. Fifteen new settlers from various parts of Great Britain arrived on the S. S. Scandinavian, and were sent to positions provided for them by the provincial superintendent of immigration. A letter received from Mrs. A. Bowler, widow of New Brunswick's former representative in London, states that she is sailing on the S. S. Pretorian on April 24th with a party of new settlers for New Brunswick. It is said that there will be about 100 persons in the party, including children of farmers who will seek a home in this country.

Successful Tea and Sale. The tea and sale held in the Seamen's Institute proved a very delightful affair, the large hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the tables looked most attractive and inviting. Four well filled stalls found many willing buyers. The ladies auxiliary of the Institute are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts the splendid sum of \$106 being realized for the benefit of the mission. The winter's work at the Institute has been faithfully carried out, though working under many difficulties. The loss of the city grant and great reduction of the steamship contributions being felt very keenly. Many sailors have visited the Institute during the winter months, and they greatly appreciate the efforts made for their comfort.

Mrs. Kazian E. Hoyt. The death of Mrs. Kazian E. Hoyt, widow of Reginald Hoyt, took place yesterday afternoon at her residence, 56 Sydney street. The deceased left four children, Herbert C. and William L. of this city, Mary E. of Westfield, and Florence A. of the Travellers' Aid Society. Messrs. Frederick Gorbell of Moncton, Samuel L. Gorbell of Toronto and George Gorbell of Boston are brothers, while Mrs. John Gibbs and Mrs. Sarah Short of St. John are sisters.

UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF CITY GRANTS

Retail merchants want Council to restore grants—Will oppose amendment to Assessment Law.

At a meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association last evening a resolution was unanimously adopted, declaring the City Council should take measures to provide for the restoration of the city grants to various charitable and semi-public organizations which it has been in the habit of making for years on the grounds that such organizations were engaged in very deserving enterprises and should receive the support of all citizens. The amendment to the assessment act which is to come before the legislature at Fredericton next Wednesday was considered and a resolution opposing the proposed amendment was adopted without a dissenting voice. The association took the stand that the amendment should not pass as no provision had been made to take care of the deficiency in the city taxes which would be caused by the exemption of incomes. A delegation of about fifteen merchants was appointed to go to Fredericton to oppose the amendment, and all members of the association are to do so will accompany the delegation. It was left to the secretary, N. C. Cameron to make arrangements with the secretary of the Board of Trade to arrange for a special train, as it was said that the Board of Trade would also send a delegation to Fredericton to oppose the measure. The matter of a new assessment law will be taken up later by the association. It was said that the commission charter provided for the appointment of a commission to look into the whole matter, and prepare a new assessment law which would be complete in every detail, and that consequently the idea of amending the assessment act piecemeal should not be tolerated.

A provincial convention of the Retail Merchants' Association will be held in St. John on April 13th and 14th in the Seaman's Mission Hall. Elaborate arrangements will be made for the entertainment of the out of town delegates and a strong committee was appointed to draw up an entertainment programme. Among other things it was suggested that the delegates be given an automobile drive about the city, shown through local factories and entertained at a banquet and a theatre night. A large number of merchants are expected from all parts of the province. The association now has about fifty branches throughout the province.

ANOTHER MINISTER FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

Rev. W. G. Lane may be called out with his regiment for home or foreign duty.

Rev. W. G. Lane of Esmouth street Methodist church, who is chaplain of the 93rd Cumberland County, (N.S.) Regiment, may be called out for active service. According to a Halifax newspaper, Rev. Mr. Lane would be eligible for service providing he passed the medical tests, although he is over the age limit. When interviewed by a Standard reporter last evening Rev. Mr. Lane said he had heard nothing of the matter. He had understood that the Cumberland County Regiment might be called out and he as chaplain would likely be called too. He was past the age limit but would likely be able to pass the medical test. He had had no official word but he thought it very doubtful if his regiment would be called upon as a unit for foreign service. More than half the men in the ranks had already enlisted and were on active service. It was possible, however, that the remainder might be taken for home defence or garrison duty but he had nothing definite to go upon. He was doubtful if he, himself, would be called upon.

Rev. Mr. Lane was through the South African campaign and would be a valuable member of any regiment on active service.

PERSONAL

Hon. John E. Wilson went to Fredericton last evening. Hon. James A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, passed through the city last evening on his way to Fredericton from Sussex. Dr. O. B. Price, M. L. A., Moncton; Philip Grannan, M. L. A., L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., St. John, and George B. Jones, M. L. A., Apsahqui, went to Fredericton last evening on the Pacific express. G. Earle Logan, George A. Clark, and J. A. Barry went out on the Pacific express yesterday. Thomas Carson, M. L. A., of St. Martins, went to Fredericton yesterday. O. M. Melanson, deputy speaker of the legislature, passed through to Fredericton last evening.

DIRECT LINE OF STEAMERS TO HAVANA

Hon. J. A. Murray has arranged for sailings by Munson Line—First steamer on April 15.

Arrangements for a direct line of steamers between St. John and Havana, Cuba, have been completed by Hon. James A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, and the first steamer in the new service will sail from St. John on April 15. The steamers will be subsidized by the Dominion government and it was on behalf of the Federal government that Mr. Murray made the arrangements. Several weeks ago at the banquet here to Hon. Geo. J. Clarke, Premier of the province, Hon. Mr. Murray announced that he had been authorized by the Dominion government to arrange for a direct line of steamers and it was in line with this announcement that yesterday Mr. Murray was able to say that the steamers had been secured and the matter approved by the Dominion government.

Three sailings have been decided upon and it is hoped to make the sailings permanent with steamers leaving here twice each month. The first steamer will leave here April 15, the second on April 30 and the third on May 15. The steamers will be supplied by the Munson Line, of which Wm. Thomson & Co. are the local agents.

In conversation with The Standard last evening Hon. Mr. Murray said he hoped to see the business between Canada and Cuba grow to large proportions. He felt that Cuba offered a good market for much of the farm produce of New Brunswick, and he felt that the people would appreciate the inauguration of the service.

OVER 500 MEN ENLISTED IN 55TH BATTALION

Col. Kirkpatrick will announce list of officers to-day—3,000 volunteers for Railway Construction Corps—Army Service men here for West.

Lieut. Col. Kirkpatrick, O. C. of the 55th Battalion, arrived in the city yesterday. He said a list of officers had been sent to Ottawa some days ago, and that he expected to be able to make an announcement of the officers' establishment today. The appointments will be provisional. Over 500 men have been enlisted for the battalion in different parts of the province. "While recruiting has not been very fast, we are getting a very fine class of men," said Col. Kirkpatrick. "The men recruited now go on subsistence pay. They will be mustered at first at the various recruiting centers, and later I think they will be mobilized at St. John. We don't expect to do very much towards the organization of the battalion till the 26th get out of here. Before long we may start a recruiting campaign such as was conducted to bring the 26th up to strength. Dr. Gardiner of MacAdam will be here today to conduct the final medical examinations of the men enlisted. Recruiting in St. John has been fair. Quite a number who were enlisted for the 55th Battalion have been transferred to the 26th to take the place of men dismissed. This will make St. John's quota in the 55th Battalion appear small so far."

Col. Kirkpatrick will be in the city for about a week. It is expected that Capt. H. F. Woodbridge, Capt. W. J. Osborne and Lieut. F. A. Fitzpatrick of the 71st York Regiment, and Lieut. A. W. Gregory of St. Stephen will receive commissions in the 55th.

Soldiers From The West

Yesterday three companies of the Army Service Corps arrived in the city from western points to join the division train under the command of Lt. Col. Massie. They arrived on a special train, coming over the I. C. R. They proceeded at once to West St. John where they will remain in colonial quarters until they are provided for them, probably in the exhibition buildings. Members of the corps who numbered about 300 came from Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. The Montreal company numbering ninety is commanded by Major R. Knox, with Captain G. M. Cooper, and Lieutenants G. H. Balyville, A. R. Matthews and H. A. Stewart. Lieut. Col. C. W. P. Ramsay, commanding officer of the Canadian Railway Construction Corps, arrived in the city yesterday, and proceeded to

EXPECT MANY TOURISTS HERE THIS SUMMER

But many more could be attracted here if Tourist Association had money for advertising—Handicapped by lack of City Grant.

"The prospects are that the tourist traffic to New Brunswick this summer will be large, though owing to lack of funds for advertising the number of tourists coming here is not likely to be as great as we could hope for if we were able to carry on a judicious advertising campaign," said Mrs. Barnes, secretary of the New Brunswick Tourist Association, when seen by a reporter yesterday.

"This ought to be New Brunswick's year for getting tourists, and it would be well if we were in a position to make a special effort to induce tourists to come here. This summer few Americans will go to Europe, but if the war is ended this year, as we all believe, then next year everybody able to take an extended vacation will go to Europe to view the ruins and general havoc wrought by the great war. Our great opportunity for interesting people in New Brunswick comes this summer, but unfortunately we are not able to make the most of it. The city has cut off its grant of \$750 to the Tourist Association, and the steamship companies, railways and hotels are not giving us as much advertising for our booklet as formerly. The Eastern Steamship Company which went into the hands of a receiver some time ago has cut its advertisement space by half. The I. C. R. is taking its usual advertising space, but we have lost the international railway advertisement. An effort has been made to induce the merchants of St. John to increase their advertising in our booklet, but they have had so many demands made upon them by the Patriotic, Red Cross and other funds that they are unable to make up the deficiency. It takes a good many ten dollar advertisements to make up the grant the city has cut out this year."

Does the New Brunswick Tourist Association get much assistance from other towns in the province, the reporter asked.

"Quite a number of hotel men advertise in our booklet, and some merchants," replied the secretary. "But there is hardly as much co-operation as there ought to be, considering the association is a provincial one, and aims to attract tourists to all parts of the province. Fredericton had a tourist association which received a grant of \$1,000 from the local government, but that was all the money it spent. We have tried to interest boards of trade in other towns, and some of them gave small sums towards providing slides which we showed at the exhibition in New York. These slides attracted a great deal of attention."

"If all the towns in the province which want tourists would co-operate with us and put up a little money for an advertising campaign we could induce many tourists to come here this summer. A little advertising just now would be more effective than a lot of advertising later on. With the opening of spring people get the roving fever and begin to look up magazines and papers for information about places where they might spend an enjoyable vacation."

A SPECIAL SALE OF KID GLOVES

Notwithstanding the scarcity of kid gloves F. A. Dykeman & Co. have been fortunate in securing a lot of French kid gloves at a most attractive price. Although the price of these gloves is very low they are able to guarantee every pair of them. Gloves that are sold under \$1.00 are usually not guaranteed, but these will be sold at 75 cents for the first lot, and 80 cents for the second lot. The 80 cent lot comes in tan, black and white, while the cheaper ones are in tan only. As the quantity of gloves in both lots are limited, you will do well to get your Easter gloves by responding quickly to this advertisement.

WANTED at once, a piano player. Apply to Wanmaker's.

The West Side to inspect the arrangements for quartering the corps. He said that 3,000 railway men had offered their services to the corps, though only 600 were required. Owing to the large number of volunteers the selective process would, he thought, take about ten days. Only 200 men have been enlisted so far, and of these about 100 are now on the West Side. No list of officers has as yet been authorized. Col. Ramsay was well satisfied with the arrangements for the accommodation of the men here, and expects to have the corps mustered and in training in about ten days. Capt. T. E. Bishop, M. D. of No. 8 Field Ambulance has received authority to sign on four more men for medical duties overseas.

The 26th Battalion had a route march yesterday to Manchester field where tactical manoeuvres were in order. The Army Service Corps drilled near their quarters in Carleton.

Carpenters' Tools. You will find the highest grades of leading makers represented in our extensive line of Carpenters' Tools which includes Stanley and Sargent's Planes, Braces, Breast Drills, Levels, Mitre Boxes, etc., Ford Auger Bits, Fowler's Chisels, Sheffield Chisels, Diston Saws, Carborundum Oilstones and Grinders, Jenning's Patent Expansive Bits, Automatic Drills, etc. W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - MARKET SQUARE AND KING STREET

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Our Stores Open 8.30 a. m.; Close 6 p. m. Each Evening During January, February, March. WE HAVE JUST ADDED TO OUR WASH DRESS MATERIALS. Many novelties in Fancy, Beautiful Voiles, in printed rosebud, Dresden and blotch patterns. Pure White Rice Voiles. White Crepe Cotton in printed designs, 36 in. wide, only 28c a yard. In Wool Dress Department: the much-wanted White Wool Material with Black Lines. White Polo Cloth for Coats. All-Wool Tweeds for Skirt and Coat Costumes. Fine Coating Serges in Navy, Black, Mid Brown, Cadet Blue, Purple, etc. Heavy Cream Serges for Spring Coats. White and all colors in Corduroy for small children's Coats, Hoods, etc. MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

The Enterprise "Royal Grand" Is Made to Please the Cook. You Want a Range that is roomy, will bake evenly and well, don't you? One that will give the most heat for the least fuel, one so strong and durable that it will not burn out, but will last for years. THE ROYAL GRAND WILL FILL ALL OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS. The money that is used in constructing this range is spent for durable materials and skilful workmanship. —THE STOVE WITH A GUARANTEE— Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Commencing April 1st M. R. A. Stores Will Open at 8.30 and Close at 6 o'clock. Saturday Evenings Open Until 10 o'clock.

Easter Millinery. A Carnival of Exquisite Beauty in Hats and Accessories. Distinctiveness and Exclusiveness Combined With Economy Emphasize the Choice Offerings in This Vast Exhibit. Authentic and smart styles are in evidence everywhere—such great numbers of distinctive and exclusive creations that there will be a wealth of pleasure in a careful examination of them. The beautiful imported hats will win instant admiration and no less interesting will be the chic copies of French and English models. Included among the shapes are new Shepherdeas, Helmet, Pill Box, New Sailors and smart Continental styles, displaying light and dark colors, all black with white trimmings, also black relieved by a deft touch of color. The very hat you would appreciate for Easter is here, somewhere, in this immense display. Come and see how easily it may be identified, and how reasonable in price it will be when found. Dress Hats, from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Tailored Hats, from \$2.00 to \$10.00. Children's Trimmed Hats, from \$1.00 to \$8.00. Children's School Hats, from 50c to \$3.00. Untrimmed Hats, in straw, chip, tagel, etc., in almost endless variety of shapes and colors, from 50c to \$4.00. Hat Trimmings, immense assortments of all kinds, comprising Flowers, Fruits, Feathers, Braids, etc. MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited