

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Decreasing winds, showers in some localities, but partly fair, with a little higher temperature.

Washington, May 9.—Forecast: Northern New England—Cloudy Thursday; Friday fair; continued cool; moderate northwest winds.

Toronto, May 9.—The disturbance which was off the middle Atlantic coast last night is now centered near Halifax, causing strong winds and rain throughout the Maritime Provinces. The weather continues rather cool in Ontario and Quebec and quite warm in the western provinces.

Temperatures:	
Min.	Max.
Dawson .....	32 46
Prince Rupert .....	36 46
Vancouver .....	46 52
Kamloops .....	44 78
Calgary .....	30 68
Medicine Hat .....	38 74
Edmonton .....	44 78
Battleford .....	40 78
Prince Albert .....	33 76
Saskatoon .....	39 74
Moos Jaw .....	35 72
Regina .....	32 70
Winnipeg .....	32 70
Parry Sound .....	36 66
London .....	36 66
Toronto .....	40 68
Kingston .....	40 68
Ottawa .....	38 62
Montreal .....	40 68
Quebec .....	40 68
St. John .....	42 68
Halifax .....	32 46

## Around the City

**Railway Offices Moved.**  
The general passenger department of the Dominion Atlantic Railway Co. has moved its office from Kentville to 117 Hollis street, Halifax.

**Summer and Winter.**  
A man was seen wearing a new straw hat on Douglas avenue on Monday afternoon and on Wednesday, if he continued to wear it, he no doubt added ear tabs when the snow began to fall. Some climate. The prospects are far an early winter.

**Want to Manufacture Birch.**  
The secretary of the Board of Trade has received an enquiry from a Glasgow manufacturing concern in regard to opportunities for building a mill to manufacture birch. Mr. Armstrong sent literature pointing out the advantages St. John possessed for a plant of this kind.

**Public Utilities Commission.**  
A special meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held yesterday afternoon at the government rooms for the purpose of hearing an application from the St. John Power Co., but as they had not been able to prepare their case in time, the commission considered routine matters and adjourned.

**Y. M. C. A. Notes.**  
A meeting of the association membership was held Tuesday evening to elect three association members to act with three members of the board of directors in nominating the directors to be voted on at the annual meeting to be held on May 15th. The three members elected were C. E. Upham, P. A. Willet and A. P. Blake.

**Meeting of Carpenters.**  
A representative gathering of carpenters assembled in their rooms in the Oddfellows' building last night to discuss matters of interest pertaining to their trade. The president of the association, W. W. Williams, occupied the chair. After the regular routine business was concluded several recommendations in connection with the trade were in order.

**National Service Sunday.**  
Sunday has been set apart as National Service Sunday, any day that will be observed in all the churches in the province. All ministers have been requested to convey to their several congregations the urgent appeal for greater food production. This request has been jointly issued by the minister of agriculture and the director of National Service.

**Buried at Harvey.**  
The funeral service of the late Mrs. Coffey of West St. John was conducted on Tuesday afternoon at Harvey by Rev. J. P. MacKay, assisted by Dr. J. A. Morison of West St. John, who delivered the funeral sermon. A large number of relatives and neighbors gathered in the church to show their respect for the deceased who had been born and brought up in the community. Mrs. Coffey was the daughter of the late Edgar Briggs of Harvey. Interment took place in the burying ground near the church.

## CONSIDERABLE FALL OF SNOW LAST NIGHT

**Director Hutchinson Says Total Precipitation Over Half An Inch—Heavier Storm in May, 1915.**

Last evening's storm was hardly in keeping with propitious spring weather. There was quite a generous fall of snow during the evening, the total precipitation, composed of both rain and snow reaching over half an inch. The snow, however, was quite light and soon turned into slush, making the walking very disagreeable.

Director Hutchinson said last evening that while a gentle snow storm was not unusual here, the storm was by no means unique. Only two years ago there was a heavier snowfall at much later date. On May 25th, 1915,

## PULP PLANT IS NEARING COMPLETION

**Lumber Mills Commencing Operations and Driving is Well Advanced, Says E. A. McCurdy—Tonnage Question a Difficult One.**

E. A. McCurdy, the well known bank manager of Newcastle, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. A good deal of Mr. McCurdy's spare time is devoted to advancing the interests of the Miramichi through his position as secretary of the Board of Trade at Newcastle, a position which he has held since the re-organization of the board.

Replying to an inquiry from The Standard, Mr. McCurdy said that conditions in Newcastle were satisfactory at the present time. Three of the large lumber mills in the town and vicinity had already commenced their season's operations and others would be starting sawing in the immediate future. Some of the drives of the smaller streams, particularly the Hannay river drive, had been brought in successfully, while the driving on the main branches of the Miramichi was quite well advanced. With good weather conditions he looked forward to the larger drives being brought in without any large quantities being held up.

There is yet some snow in the woods, Mr. McCurdy said, that the new pulp plant at Millerton was nearing completion and that when in operation the industry would mean big advancement in that section. The building has been erected and the plant is now being installed. The company plan on commencing the manufacture of pulp about the first of June. The extract factory at Millerton is now being operated by a stable concern and conditions generally there are good.

Mr. McCurdy said that the tonnage question was still an important one so far as the Miramichi lumbermen were concerned. There has been practically an utter failure to get ships to carry the lumber and this condition may ultimately force some of the operators to close their mills. But it is hoped that most of the lumbermen will continue sawing and store their lumber in the yards in anticipation of ships being secured in the early future.

Mr. McCurdy is a brother of the Hon. P. B. McCurdy, M. P., the parliamentary secretary for the militia department at Ottawa.

## TWELVE FULL BATTALIONS N. B.'S SHARE

**Province Has Given This Number Since Sept., 1915—Thousands Have Enlisted Before This Date—But Exact Number Unobtainable.**

The Standard has been able, through the kindness of Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity, to obtain a comparative monthly statement of the enlistments in New Brunswick since the month of September, 1915, up until April, 1917. During this period this province has supplied the Empire with 12,717 men, approximately twelve full battalions. Besides the men accounted for in the report it must be remembered that many natives of the province have enlisted in military units in other parts of Canada, and the province in which they enlisted are credited with them.

November, 1916, was the premier month for men. On this occasion 1,526 men signed on. Not until April, 1916, according to the report, was anything near this number reached. In April, 1,141 men were secured. The month of April was the next best in the matter of recruiting, when 1,075 was the total number enlisted.

In November, 1916, 1,525 signed on, as contrasted with 291, who were recruited in the same month the following year, 1916. This was the poorest month in the history of recruiting in the province.

The official list is as follows:  
Year 1915:  
September, 667 men; October, 758; November, 1,526; and December, 637, 1915.

Jan., 591 men; Feb., 668; Mar., 1,075; Apr., 1,141; May, 647; June, 627; Apr., 424; Sept., 405; Oct., 287; Nov., 261; and Dec., 270.

1917:  
Jan., 207 men; Feb., 542; Mar., 609; and April, 556.

Lecture on Japan.  
Despite the stormy weather a large audience was present last evening in the schoolroom of St. James' church to hear Miss Loretta Shaw in a splendid illustrated lecture on Japan. About fifty colored views were shown, illustrating the different phases of Japanese life and conditions. After the lecture the Ladies Auxiliary of the church served refreshments.

## ALL WORKERS OUGHT TO BE COMPENSATED

**For Injuries Received in Discharge of Duty is Claim of Labor Representative.**

## COMPENSATION ACT COMMISSION MEETS

**F. R. Taylor, Representing Railroad Interests Advocates Amendments to Present Act.**

The commission appointed to frame a Workmen's Compensation Act met last night in the government rooms and heard W. F. Hatheway, J. W. Bruce, representing the labor interests, and F. R. Taylor, representing the Canadian Pacific Railway and Dominion Express Co.

W. F. Hatheway was the first to be heard. He advocated some amendments to the present act at once in view of the fact that it would probably be two years before the new act could be framed and put in force.

Proposed amendments. First he wanted the definition of the word workman enlarged to include cartmen, boom men, clerks in wholesale and retail stores, as he contended that they had as much right to protection as any one else. Then he thought the method of payment should be amended so that injured persons would be paid at least monthly and not have to wait until recovery from the injury. He was also in favor of increasing the compensation, both as to capital sum and weekly payment.

New Act. In connection with the new act he favored state insurance as against private, as experience had proven that the workman was more sure of his compensation under state administration. In answer to a question from the chairman Mr. Hatheway said he favored a Workmen's Compensation Act rather than the present Employers' Liability Act.

In answer to F. R. Taylor, he said he favored the Workmen's Compensation Act because the employee was more likely to get his money, and he believed it would also be cheaper for the employer.

In answer to Mr. Sugrue, he stated that he favored compensation acts because the worker did not take the risk of the work; his pay was for service rendered, and the employer was supposed to take the risks of the business.

J. W. Bruce, a labor organizer, was then heard. Mr. Bruce said the labor party were asking for compensation acts on the basic principle that the employee was a part of the industrial machine and should be cared for. This principle had been so far recognized that in practically all countries the old defense of contributory negligence had been abandoned. They felt that all workers should be included under the act, not as in some of the provinces the labor men were in favor of state insurance, as they felt the workman received a square deal in that way, and it did away with any attempt at coercion on the part of the employer. They also thought the rates should be high enough to provide full wages for the injured workman and did not favor contributions by the workmen. They were also asking for medical attendance during injury as a part of the compensation.

F. R. Taylor, who represented the C. P. R. and the Dominion Express Co. was then heard. Mr. Taylor said the present act was not entirely satisfactory to employers, but he was inclined to think with some amendments would be all right. He was inclined to think the Province of New Brunswick had too small a separate commission and advocated handing the matter over to the county court judges.

In answer to Mr. Tisdie he said he favored weekly payments to injured workmen. He thought 75 per cent. too high, and this should be reduced to the level of the other provinces of the Dominion, and the right of the employee to sue under common law rescinded.

F. J. G. Knowlton, chairman, presided and Messrs. Cadby, Dalley and Sugrue of the commission were present.

## LOCAL OFFICER NOW IN FRANCE

**Lieut. Fred P. J. Travis, Who Went Overseas with Imperial Draft, Joins Fighting Battalion in Trenches.**

Word was received in the city yesterday that Lieut. Fred P. J. Travis of this city had left Spoonsburg, Ont., and had joined a fighting battalion in the trenches. Lieut. Travis is only 18 years of age, and is one of the youngest, if not the youngest officer from New Brunswick on the firing line. He took his course at the Royal School of Infantry at Halifax and rose to his commission after the new regulations, because operative making it incumbent for applicants to first enlist as privates. Lieut. Travis went overseas

## CHAS. O'BRIEN SAVED A GOOSE EGG FOR CITY

**Was the Only Man to Enlist Yesterday—Sgt. Wetherall Transferred to 62nd—Kitties Secure Men in Fredericton.**

**HONOR ROLL.**  
Charles O'Brien, St. John, N. B. Canadian Engineers.

Had not Charles O'Brien been convicted that it was his duty to volunteer for overseas service, the recruiting records would have shown another goose egg for St. John city. This week is not as favorable from a recruiting standpoint as last. Unless the remaining days of the week show a decided increase it is doubtful if the county will head the list in the weekly returns.

Transferred to 62nd. Sgt. W. Wetherall, a former member of the Times staff, but who recently enlisted in the C.A.S.C. and was in charge of the office in the city, has been transferred to the 62nd Regiment. He entered upon his new office duties yesterday at the exhibition building. He is the only member of the clerical staff so far appointed.

Taken from German Prisoners. Major F. P. May of the 62nd Regiment has received two postal cards from Pte. W. Staddon of the 96th Battalion, who was his batman while he was attached to the battalion. One of the cards is a field card similar to those used by Canadian troops. The other is a view card and was taken from an officer who had apparently received it from relatives in Germany. Major May has not yet been able to have the writing translated.

Left for St. John. Five stalwart recruits, in charge of Sgt. H. A. C. of Montreal, left last night on the C.P.R. for the Engineer's training depot at St. John, Quebec. Each member of the party has a fee and will be of material value to the unit. The members of the party were as follows: F. G. Wright, carpenter; E. Morton, carpenter; Jas. Richard, driver; Dennis Herbert, driver, and Harry A. Foster, steam engineer. It is not likely that these men will remain at the training depot for any great length of time.

With the Kitties. Donald Ross Ellwood, of Prince William, enlisted yesterday with the Kitties Battalion at Fredericton and J. H. Gardiner and M. A. Paul of Maryville also signed on for this unit. It has been announced in Fredericton that the Kitties will soon be vacating their quarters, so it is likely that before the first week in June the battalion will be leaving.

American for Ambulance. Harry Gasper of Philadelphia enlisted on Tuesday, yesterday for the 5th Field Ambulance Train. He will report to St. John today.

## ANOTHER BIG JUMP IN FLOUR PRICES

**Following Advance of \$1.50 Yesterday, Millers Cancel Quotations and Situation Becomes More Acute.**

The price of flour is still on the jump. Repeated advances during the past few months were followed by another increase of \$1.50 on hard wheat flour yesterday and phenomenal prices now prevail. The situation with respect to flour shipments has become so acute that millers almost generally have cancelled all quotations and travelers have been ordered to report all orders to head office for confirmation or refusal.

The advance in price yesterday brings the charge for the higher grades up to \$17 per barrel, a price unprecedented in the flour business. Further advances, it is said, are not improbable.

With a draft of officers for the Imperial war office, including Lieut. Louis Ritchie of this city, with whom he went to the front. He had the distinction of representing New Brunswick at the memorial service for the late Lieutenant Burgess of Commaught.

The officers of the 16th are now attached to the 13th Reserve Battalion under Col. Fowler and they are looking for an opportunity to proceed to France as soon as reinforcements are needed for the New Brunswick unit now in the trenches.

FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH.—Selling used for overseas service, with officer's uniform absolutely new cheap for cash. Write at once. Officer, care Standard.

Y. W. C. A. organization meeting. (Garrison street Baptist Institute, Tuesday, May 15).

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#### NEW VOILES.

Another shipment from New York of new voiles for dresses and waists has been received by F. A. Dykeman & Co. These pretty voiles are shown in floral, and need and rice effects. One very pretty style this season is a voile with white ground, and colored pencil stripes in cross bar patterns.

The prices of these voiles are very reasonable at from 38c. to 55c. per yard.

Samples sent on application.

Merchants, Attention.

All the merchants of the city are asked to attend a meeting in the board of trade rooms on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the 5 o'clock closing movement.

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#### INCREASED PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN

Employment Notice.

Persons wanting employment on farms or farmers in need of help, call write or phone James McIntyre, Provincial Immigration Office, 105 Prince William St., Phone Main 1297.

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This season's hit is well represented in the selection shown at Gundry's. Beautiful hand bags, with accessories from \$20 down to \$5. No better qualities, values or styles to be had.

#### A SUDDEN DEATH.

While eating dinner on his schooner Macon at No. 7 berth West End, at noon yesterday, Captain Wm. H. Gayton was seized with heart disease and died immediately.

Dr. F. L. Kenney was summoned and responded quickly, but the attack on time had passed beyond medical skill.

Captain Gayton, about sixty-five years of age, was considered one of the most successful maritime sailing men from this port, and had been in the employ of Peter McIntyre for a number of years.

He was his wife, residing at 26 Harcourt street, the deceased is survived by two sons, Captain Goodrich and William, at home; also two daughters, Alice, at home, and Daisy, a trained nurse.