

THE WEATHER. Forecast. Maritime—Strong northwest and west winds, fair and decidedly cold. Washington, Dec. 29—Northern New England—Fair Saturday and Sunday without decided temperature changes; moderate west winds. Toronto, Dec. 29—Fair and cold weather prevails from Saskatchewan eastward to the Maritime Provinces, while in Alberta it has turned somewhat milder. Temperatures. Min. Max. Prince Rupert 30 40 Victoria 28 36 Vancouver 29 39 Kamloops 12 8 Calgary 6 40 Edmonton 20 10 Regina 23 4 Medicine Hat 22 4 Moose Jaw 27 9 Battleford 24 9 Winnipeg 12 6 Port Arthur 18 2 Parry Sound 2 10 London 10 20 Toronto 12 24 Ottawa 6 20 Montreal 0 8 Quebec 8 2 St. John 4 10 Halifax 10 14 —Below zero.

Around the City

An Enjoyable Dance. A well attended dance was held in the Orange Hall on German street last evening under the auspices of True Blue Lodge, L. O. L. These dances are given every Friday night, the proceeds going towards patriotic work.

New Pastor at Fairville. At the quarterly meeting of the officers of Fairville Methodist church held last evening it was decided to extend an invitation to Rev. Thomas Marshall of Fredericton to become the pastor of the church at Fairville, subject to the approval of the Methodist Conference to be held in July.

Want Prohibition Delayed. It is understood that the liquor interests are getting busy these days and intend to try and hold up the coming into effect of the prohibitory law in this province on May 1 next. It is understood that a delegation representing them has, or will, in the near future wait on the attorney general with a request to this effect.

An Important Meeting. An address by the Marchioness of Aberdeen and Tamar in the Imperial theatre on Wednesday afternoon January 3, at 4 o'clock. Subject, "Reconstruction After The War." The Women's Canadian Club invite members of all patriotic societies as well as members of the club to be present on this important occasion, and to take seats on the lower floor of the auditorium where, through the kindness of Mr. Golding, seats will be reserved for them.

Requests for Grants Coming in. The mayor has already received a number of applications for grants for the year 1917 from organizations which have been receiving them each year. These will be taken up early in January and will probably be passed, although the mayor pointed out that any grants made for the coming year would have to be assessed for as the council would not have very much general revenue in 1917. The big item in the general revenue receipts has been the liquor license money and this will be lacking this year.

County Market. There was only a moderate display of provisions in the local market yesterday. Poultry still commands rather high prices, but the quality is good as is the case with meats. A few prices are here given of those commodities most in demand. Roast beef, 16c to 25c; per pound; pork, 20c to 23c; lamb, 15c to 25c; turkeys, 40c; geese, 35c; chickens, 30c; ducks, 32c to 35c. Fresh eggs sold for 50c. per dozen; case, 44c. Butter brought 50c. per pound for roll and 45c. for tub. In the vegetable department prices ruled the same as last week, potatoes still bringing 40c. per peck.

Promotion for Lieut. Wood. Lieutenant Wood, who has been in the city for the past three months as chief recruiting officer for the R. N. C. V. R. in New Brunswick, has received word to report to Halifax, where it is understood he will be put in command of a war craft. Since coming to St. John Lieut. Wood has made a host of friends who will deeply regret his departure from the city. His work throughout the province in the interest of the navy has met with signal success, he having secured sixty recruits for the naval branch of the service. The courteous and gentlemanly manner in which he solicited men for the navy is an example of a true Britisher, and one which recruiting officers throughout the Dominion might profitably emulate. Just where the new duties will take the general lieutenant is not known, but he can rest assured that the best wishes of St. John folk will attend him in his future office.

A very largely esteemed position is being circulated by the friends of Mr. R. P. Fisher, whose name is mentioned as a candidate for the provincial membership.

INCREASED LUMBER CUT PREDICTED

J. W. Brankley Says Many Operators to Take Chance on Healthy Condition of Market.

Miramichi Lumber Company Willing to Meet Mine Operators More Than Half Way At All Times.

The healthy state of the lumber markets has actuated many of the operators to make a chance on disposing of a large cut and indications are that the season's cut will be above the average," said J. W. Brankley, of the Miramichi Lumber Company, general manager for New Brunswick, a subsidiary concern of the International Paper Company. Mr. Brankley is in the city on a business trip, a guest at the Royal Hotel. He told a reporter from The Standard that conditions generally were good on the North Shore, and indications pointed to a prosperous year during 1917. The Standard learns that an interesting dispute has arisen between the Miramichi Lumber Company and the operators of the tungsten mine at Burnt Hill on the Miramichi. The mine is situated on the freehold lands of the company, and it is claimed that the mining men entered on the lands without any authority from the company. This paper has been informed that Mr. Brankley is prepared to afford every facility to the miners for the operation of the mine, but that he will not tolerate the indiscriminate destruction of lumber without securing reasonable remuneration. There is also danger to the hands from fire and the company desire while acting reasonably in the matter, that every protection should be given to their important interests. As to any reflection on the company respecting their sympathies in the present war, Mr. Brankley has always been willing to do everything in his power to advance the interests of the Allies' cause.

UNIVERSITY BOYS HERE ON WAY TO JOIN ARMED

Lieuts. A. Lessard and Bernard S. Elger v. Band for England to Join the Royal Flying Corps.

Two bright looking Toronto boys, Lieut. A. Learn and Lieut. Bernard Snelgrove, are in the city, guests at the Royal Hotel. They expect to leave in the near future for England, where they will join the Royal Flying Corps.

"It's a most fascinating life, and I think we will like it fine," said Lieut. Learn to a reporter of The Standard at the Royal Hotel yesterday. Both Messrs. Learn and Snelgrove are Toronto University students, who have laid aside their books to enter the war game. They were accompanied to the city by thirteen other students of the university, members of the overseas branch of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, who are going to England to take commissions in the Imperial army.

A party of ten nurses from Toronto are also in the city and expect to sail shortly to take up nursing in the Canadian Hospitals in England and France. "The war has operated to greatly decrease the attendance at Toronto University," said Lieut. Learn. "In fact I am told that all the Upper Canadian colleges have suffered materially in their attendance from the large number of students enlisting. There are very few claps in their senior year at Toronto. Some of the medical students have returned from the front to complete their course. The majority of the present students are boys who are below the age of enlistment."

Lieut. Learn said that several hundred students from Toronto University had already volunteered and gone overseas. About twenty-five medical students and a hundred and sixty-three dental students who have just been graduated, after successful summer course, have volunteered for overseas, practically to a man. Lieut. Learn spoke enthusiastically of the success of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps. The course, is being carried out at the leading universities throughout the Dominion, including the institutions of learning in this province. At Toronto University he said that the course was practically compulsory for the students, and that excellent progress was being made in the turning out of trained lieutenants.

Victoria Rink. Band this afternoon; also in the evening.

EXCURSION TO BOSTON RE BILLY SUNDAY MEETINGS.

A WESTERN BATTALION COMING HERE?

Semi-Official Report That St. John Will Get Another Battalion.—Sump in Recruiting.—Col. Mersereau Here.

A report emanating from semi-official sources to the effect that another battalion will soon arrive in the city to spend a few weeks, is well worthy of credence. It is not yet known when the battalion will arrive, but it is probable that it will be some time during the second week in January. As far as can be learned the battalion has been recruited in Western Canada and is practically ready for overseas duty. Further information concerning the new unit is expected any time after Monday. Everything is now in readiness for the quartering of troops in the city in case they should be despatched here by the military authorities. Should this battalion come to St. John it will be quartered at the exhibition building.

On Inspection Trip.

Lieut. Colonel Mersereau of the headquarters staff at Halifax arrived in the city yesterday. He has been in New Brunswick for the past week inspecting the different military units stationed in the province. The 236th Kilties Battalion were inspected at Fredericton. The inspection was both general and detail. The Kilties were highly commended upon for their appearance and discipline. The 60th Field Battery were inspected at Woodstock, detail inspection being made of the members who comprise the draft which may proceed overseas as an hour's notice. The boys are the picture of health and strength and will surely give a good account of themselves when they are called upon to blast the way to Berlin. This morning Lieut. Colonel Mersereau will proceed to Partridge Island where he will inspect No. 9 Siege Battery. When the boys of the battery were informed that they would be inspected they were quite elated, one remarking that "we are not long for Partridge Island if we are to be inspected."

SPECIAL CASE ARGUED BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE

Hon. Mr. Justice McKeown Has Interesting Point to Determine in Assessment Dispute.

Before Chief Justice McKeown, of the King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court, in chambers yesterday afternoon, counsel argued the special case of the City of Fredericton against David F. Maxwell, C. E. The point of law involved is whether the defendant is a resident of the City of Fredericton within the meaning of the Local Assessment Act. It is contended on behalf of Mr. Maxwell, that he does not make his home in Fredericton, but is merely a visitor there periodically in connection with his duties as consulting engineer on the St. John Valley Railway.

Counsel in the case agreed to argue a special case as provided under the New Brunswick Judicature Act, there being no dispute as to the fact. R. B. Hanson, of Fredericton, represented the plaintiffs and Attorney-General Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., acted for the defendant. The court considers.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Margaret Mann and daughter, Rita, of Boston, are guests of Mrs. Mann's sister, Miss Canard, 143 Union street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, of Charlottetown, who spent Christmas in St. John, have returned home.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Recent transfers of property have been recorded as follows: St. John county—W. M. Mackay to William Webber property in Orange street; J. D. McLaren to H. L. Smith, property in Lancaster; Alice McM. McManus to J. D. McLaren, property in Lancaster; N. B. Telephone Company, Limited to Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited, property in Prince William street.

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W. O. H. DODDS HAS BEEN MADE A BR. GENERAL

Local Friends of Popular Yarmouth Man Hear News of his Rapid Promotion.—Won the D. S. O.

With Death of Fayette Brown General Dodds Becomes Head of Mutual Life Insurance Co. of N. Y.

Local friends were delighted with the news which reached the city yesterday of the military and business promotion of a former Yarmouth man, W. O. H. Dodds. For some years past Mr. Dodds has been a resident of Montreal, but made frequent visits to St. John. When the war broke out Mr. Dodds was a major in one of the local battalions and immediately volunteered for overseas service. It was not long until he was on the front line, and his deeds of valor won him his rank and winning military glory, fate has been advancing his fortunes in a business way on this side of the Atlantic. By the death of Fayette Brown, long the general manager for Canada of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, with headquarters at Montreal, Brigadier General Dodds succeeds to that important position. The company appointed him even with the belief that the war might continue for some time yet, and that General Dodds would not leave his military duties. General Dodds is yet a young man, and the future no doubt has in store for him even greater possibilities.

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