

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Fair to moderate winds, fine and moderately warm.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Saturday and Sunday, somewhat warmer, fresh south-west winds.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—A disturbance which is centred far north, near Hudson Bay, but extends southward to the Great Lakes, is moving eastward across Canada. A few showers have occurred today in the western provinces, with a change to cold weather, while from Ontario eastward it has been fine and warmer.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	34	66
Prince Rupert	46	80
Vancouver	54	82
Kamloops	46	78
Edmonton	40	60
Calgary	44	60
Battleford	44	58
Regina	46	66
Prince Albert	46	66
Saskatoon	43	57
Moose Jaw	46	62
Parry Sound	44	72
London	44	72
Toronto	46	72
Ottawa	46	72
Montreal	50	70
Quebec	46	64
St. John	52	70
Halifax	62	74

## Around the City

No Standard Monday.  
Monday, Labor Day, The Standard will not be published.

Two Boys Escape.  
Yesterday morning two prisoners in the Boys' Industrial Home, East St. John, escaped and the police have been notified to keep a watch for them. One of the boys belongs to this city.

Bard Concert Last Night.  
There was an exceptionally large concourse of people present at the band concert given by the City Cornet band on King Square last night. Perfect weather and a splendid program of music combined to make the evening a pleasant one.

In Darkness For a While.  
Owing to a fuse blown out on the pole in front of T. J. Durick's drug store on Main street, residents at the north end of the city were without light for about twenty-five minutes last night. The mishap occurred about 7:45.

The Sardine Business.  
Richard O'Leary and G. S. Lee of the firm of O'Leary and Lee, were in the city last evening, guests at the Royal Hotel. Messrs. O'Leary and Lee were returning from St. George, where they had gone to make preliminary plans for their sardine business next season at Letang.

The Estate Case.  
The cross-examination of Charles A. Clark was continued by J. A. Barry at the County Court yesterday morning in the case against W. H. Estey, charged with misappropriation of funds. In the afternoon Mr. Clark's clerk, A. V. Cowan, was on the stand much of the time of the court being occupied in the examination of cheques. The court adjourned at 6 o'clock until Tuesday morning next.

Private Huettis Wounded.  
Mrs. Huettis of 207 Rockland road received word yesterday that her husband, Pte. Ernest M. Huettis had been admitted to a hospital in France on August 19 suffering from wounds in the back, knee and hand. Pte. Huettis crossed over with the 115th, and later was drafted into the 26th. His former home was in Lower James but for some time prior to enlisting he had been working in the city. His wife, formerly Miss Jessie Ferris, has two brothers on active service, and had a brother-in-law killed in action last September.

Patriotic Fund Meeting.  
A joint meeting of the executive of the Patriotic Fund and the Ladies' Auxiliary, was held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms to consider the matter of engaging the services of a paid clerk worker. Judge Forbes presided. The need for a lady worker to act in conjunction with the Ladies' Auxiliary in the visiting of homes was placed before the meeting. It was pointed out that many times when the call came for a visitor, the lady who had the district was not immediately available, and a paid worker would be on the job all the time. The meeting endorsed the movement, and it is likely an appointment will be made soon.

Injured Men Doing Well.  
The condition of Camille Gallant, who was injured by the breaking of a stinging on the Cliff street school house, which is now in the course of construction, was reported last night as "resting comfortably." He, along with Peter Blanchard and Michael Murphy, fell about twenty feet, when a stringer gave way under the weight of the three men and two others, who by a quick jump got clear of the stinging. Blanchard suffered contusions of the eye and left side of the face, while Murphy received a severe shaking up and several scalp wounds. At the infirmary last night Blanchard was said to be resting easy. Murphy was taken to his home on the West Side yesterday afternoon, after having his wounds dressed at the hospital.

Returned Soldiers Parade.  
All returned officers and men G. W. V. A. requested to attend parade for opening Labor week fair. Meet at Corner Douglas Ave. and Main street Monday 1:30 P.M. Temple and City Cornet Bands will attend for parade to St. Andrew's Hall. Autos for those unable to walk.

## LT.-COL. ARMSTRONG TELLS OF MAGNIFICENT WORK OF CANADIANS AT THE FRONT

Canadian Artillery Leads the Way in New Methods All Along the Line—Soldiers Will Welcome Conscription—Local Officer on Important Overseas Mission—Saw Many New Brunswickers—Chats Interestingly of Conditions at the Front—Victory is certain.

"The Canadians are doing magnificent work at the front. Our artillery, both heavy and light, have quite taken the lead in this war and have introduced new methods which have been adopted all along the front," said Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong, who reached the city yesterday after a two months' visit overseas.

All the officers and men with whom I conversed are anxious for conscription. They appreciate the great need of men, and moreover, they feel that they should be relieved for a short time at least from their continuous hard work at the front. The Canadian troops are going forward with a determination to win the war. They are optimistic for the future, but realize that it may be some time yet before victory is achieved," added Colonel Armstrong.

Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, as previously announced in The Standard, went to the front on a special mission—the nature of which cannot be divulged. However, he had occasion to personally observe the progress of the great war, spending twelve days in France. He was enthusiastic in his praise of the gallant work of the Canadian troops in the great struggle for the cause of humanity. News about the New Brunswick troops would naturally prove more interesting to provincial people, and Colonel Armstrong was asked relative to the work of the officers and men from this province. The colonel saw nearly all the officers of the 26th Battalion, and referred in glowing terms to the important work accomplished by this famous fighting unit at the front. Just at the time of the colonel's visit, the battalion was under the command of Major Brown, Lieut.-Col. A. E. G. MacKenzie, the commanding officer being absent on leave. The colonel found the 26th up to strength. In fact he stated that there were more reserves in England for the New Brunswick units than for any other recruiting district. That was largely accounted for by the fact of there being but one battalion from this province in the trenches. From Nova Scotia there are three battalions at the front, while both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have a battalion in the fifth Canadian Division, which was in England during Lieut.-Col. Armstrong's visit. At that time the authorities were awaiting the result of the conscription measure in order to determine whether or not it would be necessary to break up the division for the purpose of supplying reinforcements.

The colonel characterized the work of the Canadian artillery as splendid. Among others he saw Lieut.-Col. Frank Macgee, who is in command of a group of heavy and siege artillery. In various ways the various batteries which were raised in St. John, and which are all giving a very good account of themselves," added Lieut.-Col. Armstrong. "Both officers and men, while having no thought of giving up, would like to see the happy termination of the war sooner than they expect," said the colonel.

Colonel Armstrong spoke of seeing Lieut.-Col. Harry Harrison, who is in command of the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column, as well as Lieut.-Col. Massie, of the second divisional train, Canadian Army Service Corps. He said that it was the general prevailing opinion throughout the whole corps that the second division was the best fed in the corps. "That is saying a great deal," he added. "The colonel considers that there are no complaints whatever with respect to the food served to the soldiers."

"Are there any complaints at all?" asked the reporter. "Well, the men naturally complain about the mud," said Col. Armstrong. "It is a characteristic of the mud—different from any we see in Canada, rather sticky, and resembling very thick porridge, although it is very slippery."

"The Canadian troops are happy and cheerful. They feel confident of the result. Indeed the Allies have the upper hand of the Boches at every stage."

Colonel Armstrong said that he was particularly impressed with the physique of the Canadian troops. The men were well picked over before being sent to the front, and every man looked thoroughly fit. The moment one enters the Canadian area he notices the difference in troops, the



LIEUT.-COL. B. R. ARMSTRONG.

lead such a fine body of men," said Colonel Armstrong. General Currie was formerly the officer commanding the 5th Canadian Garrison Artillery at Vancouver, corresponding to the 3rd C.G.A. in this city.

Colonel Armstrong said that the feeling in England was that the war would have been won this year had Russia held fast to the task she had undertaken. The impression was general in England that conditions in Germany were very bad.

"The organization at the front strikes one as being most complete," said Colonel Armstrong. "New units have been formed to carry on certain special work. Light railways are being used more generally for the transport of arms and supplies, replacing the horses and teams which were formerly used."

"Every inch in France appears to be tilled land. The growing crops are handled by the women, children and old men. I recall seeing one woman with her leg amputated close to the hip, presumably as a result of war injuries, standing with the hoe in the field, the desolation of the war work and the women and children live with the men in these areas, which are under shell fire."

While in England the colonel visited most of the Canadian camps, including the largest training area at Shorncliffe. He went to France by train, thence taking a motor to the front. His return trip by motor from the front was made in record time, his party leaving the Canadian Corps Headquarters, within three or four miles from the front line at 2:30 o'clock p.m., and arriving in London at 9:30 o'clock p.m.

Colonel Armstrong returned to Canada in charge of the largest party of returned soldiers that has crossed the Atlantic. There were 238 officers, 11 nursing sisters, and 1,157 non-commissioned officers and men in the party. Three colonels and eighteen lieutenant-colonels were members of the party. Leaving Canada for England the colonel was in command of over 4,000 troops, comprising thirty-seven different units, mostly drafts.

Lieut.-Col. Armstrong is being warmly welcomed in St. John by his numerous friends. He spent last evening with his father, Hon. Judge J. R. Armstrong at Robb's. The colonel has rendered important services to Canada and the Empire since the outbreak of the war, and the fact that he was selected to go overseas on such an important mission is a tribute to his energy, industry and ability in conducting the duties of his position. He will return shortly to Halifax to resume his duties there.

## MILK FAMINE IN THE CITY IS EXPECTED

Producers Ask for Increased Rate—Dealers Refuse to Pay—May Be No Milk Shipped Here After Today.

St. John is face to face with twelve-cent milk or a milk famine, and if the producers hold to their announced intention of not shipping unless they receive fifty-six cents per eight-quart can, the citizens of this city will have to do without milk at increased price as the dealers have come to the conclusion not to pay the increased demand.

This was the statement made to The Standard last night by W. H. Bell, Mr. Bell said the Kings County Milk Producers' Association had sent notice to the St. John dealers that after August 31st the price of milk would be fifty-six cents per eight-quart can, and cream would be sold at the rate of thirteen cents for every per cent. of butter fat. The communication also stated that each dealer must notify the secretary of the association of his intention to pay the increased price and give the names of the farmers from whom he was receiving milk. The secretary would then send notice to those farmers that they could ship their milk to the dealer.

The dealers met and talked over the situation and finally decided that they were not justified at present in paying the increase of two cents per quart demanded and offered an increase of one and a quarter cents per quart, or a price of fifty cents per can. They also offered to increase this to fifty-six cents per can if the price of feed went over fifty dollars per ton.

This offer was refused by the producers, who held out for the original price mentioned in their communication.

If the producers had accepted the offer of the dealers the price of milk to the consumer would have been raised to eleven cents per quart, an increase of one cent and the dealers would have stood the loss of the quarter cent per quart. The price asked for cream testing twenty per cent. butter fat would cost \$2.60, or thirty-two and a half cents per quart; a can of twenty-five per cent. cream would cost \$3.55 or forty and five-eighths cents per quart; a can of thirty per cent. cream would cost \$3.90 or forty-eight and a half cents per quart. The present retail price of cream is from forty to forty-eight cents per quart.

It is understood the producers are well organized and have nearly all the milk producers in Kings county in the association and, judging from a letter received from a farmer by a local dealer, that those who are not in the association will not ship any milk.

This farmer had agreed to continue shipping milk to the dealer, but until the strike was settled would be emptied out on the platform. He sent word to the dealer that he was sorry but he would have to discontinue his giving as his reason the above mentioned threat.

William Powell, a seaman determined in the matter and the probability is that very little milk will be for sale in the city after today until the question is settled. Should the city's needs be paid by the dealers the retail price of milk will be twelve cents per quart.

FRED FLOOD IS SEVERELY WOUNDED

Was Found Last Evening on Red Head Beach—Blowing Smoke Through Barrel of Rifle When it Exploded—Hopes Held Out for Recovery.

In a pool of blood and the wound bleeding profusely Fred Flood was found lying on the beach off the Red Head near the sand bar last night about 7:30. The boy, who is fifteen years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flood, was in the act of blowing the smoke through the barrel of a 22-calibre rifle when the gun exploded, the bullet passing through the mouth and lodging in the back of the neck. Dr. C. M. Kelly, who responded to a hurried call, told The Standard last night shortly after the accident that there was no mark of exit at the back of the neck and he was certain that the bullet was lodged in the neck or throat. Dr. Kelly said that when he reached the scene of the accident the young lad though suffering intense pain was conscious and notwithstanding the seriousness of the affair was in a very good condition.

William Powell, the driver of the ambulance, lost no time in responding to the call, and after first aid had been rendered by Dr. Kelly, the lad was rushed to the infirmary with all speed. The Standard learned from the infirmary that the unfortunate boy was resting quite comfortably and that an X-ray would be held this morning to locate the bullet.

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