

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Fair, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, March 16.—A pronounced disturbance is centred tonight in Iowa, and pressure is highest in the northwest states. The weather has been fair today in all portions of the Dominion.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Regina, Battleford, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Port Arthur, Fort Snelling, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, and Below zero.

Around the City

Arrested for Assault. A soldier was arrested last night on a warrant for assaulting his wife. The arrest was made by Police Constable Gorham.

Before Magistrate Adams. A soldier from the 183rd Battalion was before Magistrate Adams at Brookville, last night, for using obscene language and creating a disturbance. He was fined \$5.

Flags at Half-Mast. Lieut. Gov. Wood who is in the city, received a telegram from the secretary of state yesterday ordering that the flags on all public buildings be placed at half-mast on account of the death of the Duchess of Connaught. Governor Wood requests that the flags remain at half-mast until after sundown on Monday, the day of the funeral.

Fire Investigation. The investigation into the recent fire in J. P. Bullock's residence on German street was resumed in the police clerk's office yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Bullock was the only witness and she denied that she ever used gasoline in cleaning clothes. She admitted having had a white pitcher, such as her maid referred to at a recent hearing, but said that it was filled with hot water and not gasoline. The case was adjourned for one week for the purpose of hearing another witness who at the present time is out of the city.

Entertain Soldier Boys. An entertainment was given in the Orange Hall, on German street, last evening, by the ladies of True Blue and the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association to the boys of the 183rd Battalion. The programme was as follows: God Save the King, Highland March, Mrs. Brown's address of welcome, Grand Mistriss Mrs. Akorly; solo, Eva Spencer; recitation, Mrs. Spencer; instrumental duet, Misses Wood and Kierstead; solo, Miss Craig; piano duet, Eva Spencer and Clara Vey; recitation, Mr. Spencer; solo, Eva Spencer, and closing songs by the boys of the 183rd. The evening closed with refreshments.

Sergeant-Major Hanlon Returns. Wearing his characteristic smile, Sergeant-Major "Jack" J. Hanlon of the 26th Battalion, reached the city yesterday. Mr. Hanlon is a Fredericton boy, the son of the late Dennis Hanlon, a former well known resident of the capital. He was with the North West Mounted Police for several years but returned to the east to answer the call to arms in his native province. Sergeant Hanlon looks well and plans on a short visit to his former home before returning to the front. He speaks in the highest terms of the officers and men of the 26th, referring to Major Markham particularly, under whose command he served for a considerable time.

LIEUT. RALPH EATON WON HIS COMMISSION WITH FAMOUS 26TH

Badly Wounded on Somme Front, but Hopes to Return to Join 26th in Three Months—One of the Best of a Gallant Battalion

When Ralph Eaton enlisted with the 26th Battalion in 1915, the community of Kentville, the prosperous Nova Scotia centre, gave one of its most promising young men to the colors. Mr. Eaton joined in the ranks but it was not long before his ability won for him his sergeant's stripes. He crossed with the 26th and was through the many severe engagements in which this battalion participated. Young Eaton's gallant work in the third battle of Ypres in June last was rewarded by his promotion to lieutenant. He was through the heavy fighting on the Somme and was severely wounded in September last. Lieut. Eaton returned to the city yesterday. He was warmly greeted by several local friends. While his injured eyes are of a serious character he is expected to return to the front as soon as his three months' leave has expired. He reports that the 26th are at the front and spoke in appropriate terms of the work of many officers and men.

MILLION DOLLAR SHIPBUILDING PLANT FOR ST. JOHN PRACTICALLY ASSURED

The St. John Shipbuilding Company, in Process of Organization, Will Establish Yards for the Construction of Wooden Ships, With Steel Shipbuilding a Probability of the Future

Five Hundred Men Will be Employed at the Outset of New Venture, but this Number will be Largely Increased as the Industry Develops—Citizens of St. John Will Have Opportunity of Investing in Ships to be Built—Thomas Nagle Tells of Plans

That St. John is to have a million dollar shipbuilding company, which will build wooden and eventually steel ships, provided of course that the citizens show sufficient interest in the venture to subscribe for stock in the vessels to be built, was the statement made to The Standard last evening by Thomas Nagle, who has interested himself in the formation of such a company and whose plans now are sufficiently well advanced for public announcement.

The company will be known as The St. John Shipbuilding Company and will operate under a Dominion charter. The capital of the new concern will be \$1,000,000 and its yards will be located at or near St. John. The purpose is to first build wooden ships, with all sail or auxiliary oil burning engines as power. In the vicinity of 500 men will be employed, and the company will be ready very soon to start work on the construction of the yards and plant.

Discussing the matter with The Standard Mr. Nagle said: "So much has been said of the desirability of establishing a shipbuilding industry here that we have now decided to put it to the test. The St. John Shipbuilding Company is prepared to erect the necessary yard and plant for the building of wooden ships of 1500 tons and over. These ships will be built on the principle that obtained in the old days of shipbuilding here—separate companies being formed for the building of each vessel, the owners to sell or operate the vessels as they may select. The parent company will build the ships for cost plus ten per cent, and turn them over to the owners at that figure."

CAN START VERY SOON. Asked as to when the new company expected to start operations Mr. Nagle said it would require at least a month for the construction of the yard and plant. Then one vessel could be started, and it should be possible to have at least three underway during the summer.

The city will probably be asked for some slight concessions to assist in starting the new venture but Mr. Nagle anticipated that the assistance would be promptly granted in view of the very great benefit the establishment of such an important industry would be to St. John. "The chief difficulty to be faced at the outset," said he, "is the supply of timber and the securing of workmen. At first it will probably be necessary to bring expert ship-carpenters and ship-fitters here from other places until local men become proficient in those lines, for the old generation of shipbuilders, who made the name of St. John famous all over the world, has passed away and there are comparatively few younger men who are skilled in that line. It may also be difficult to get timber and we expect that it will be necessary to use British Columbia fir in the construction, with birch or American oak bottoms.

ORDERS ALREADY SECURED. "I have no doubt as to the success of the enterprise for already some work has been done in the direction of securing orders and the plant is assured of business sufficient to make a good start. After that it is up to the people. The war has made such great demands upon tonnage that ships of all classes are earning enormous profits and there should be a fine market for all the vessels that can be constructed here for many years to come."

Eventually it is the intention of the company to instal a marine railway for ship repair work, and to engage in steel shipbuilding. At the present time, however, the scarcity and high price of steel makes such a plan impracticable. The establishment of a plant such as Mr. Nagle has in view would mean an addition to St. John's population of at least 500 skilled and highly paid workmen. This number would of course be increased as the industry develops so the possibilities of the enterprise are very great.

All preliminary arrangements, the selection of site, securing of capital for the parent company, etc., have been completed. A Dominion charter will be applied for at once and unless unforeseen difficulties arise the indications are that the new enterprise will be in active operation during the present summer.

AN IMPORTANT POST IS GIVEN TO STANDARD MAN

Major Markham, one of the Many Standard Men who have Done Well at Front, Becomes Assistant Commandant at Sussex.

It is learned from an authoritative source that Major Alfred Markham, a returned hero, who has seen much active service, will go to Sussex with in the next few days to take the position of assistant commandant of the troops there. Major Markham will be the chief of the staff which will assist Major J. Hamilton in the administration of the military affairs of Sussex. Major Markham has a long and creditable military record. He was an active figure in the peace regiments before the outbreak of war and was one of the first to volunteer for active service. He did his bit well and was recalled to Canada after a splendid record, contrary to his own personal desires. Major Markham is one of the large number of men from The Standard to join the colors. He is regarded as one of the most efficient cavalry officers in the Dominion. Is a most successful officer in the various other branches of the service. Two of his sons are now on active service. Major Markham's many friends will congratulate him on his new office. General McLean is also fortunate in having such an admirable officer to recommend for the important duties incidental to the military work at Sussex.

Deaths of Two Queens Co. Leading Citizens. John Mitchell Was Former Resident of This City—John W. Smith Passes Away at Home at Olinville. Word has been received by relatives here of the death of two prominent residents of Queens county—John W. Smith and John Mitchell—the latter a former resident of the city. A correspondent from Queens county sends the following account of their deaths: John W. Smith. The many friends of John W. Smith will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at his home Olinville, Queens county, Thursday, March 15. The deceased was 44 years of age, and besides his wife, daughter of Henry Curran, Link Road, Albert county, two sons, James A. John M., and one daughter, Beatrice M., he is survived by one brother, Richard C. and two sisters Mrs. Jane Galbraith, Mrs. John Daley, all of Olinville. Funeral will be held Saturday afternoon. John Mitchell. Much regret is felt owing to the death of John Mitchell, which occurred at his home South Clones, Thursday, March 15th. Mr. Mitchell was born in Ireland, October 16, 1841. He came to St. John with his parents at the age of seven years, and shortly afterwards to Clones, where he has since resided. He is survived by five children: Mrs. Andrew Appleby, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. John Quigley, St. John; Mrs. John S. Malley, Mary E. and W. Benjamin, of South Clones; also three brothers and one sister, George and James, of Clones; William, of St. John, and Mrs. Kidner, of Woodstock. Funeral on Sunday afternoon.

Resolution to Canadian Government Unanimously Adopted at the Last Meeting of Organization. At the last meeting of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society of St. John, at which James Barry presided, the following resolution was unanimously passed: Resolved, That this assemblage of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society of St. John, New Brunswick, convey to the government of Canada an earnest desire that justice shall at last be done to Ireland, the little nation that is the Motherland of our race—such action being only in accordance with repeated declarations by the English Allies that they are fighting to establish the rights of small nations. That as we and our fathers have never ceased to protest that the Act of Union was unfairly obtained in defiance of the Act of Remuneration of 1783, and is still maintained by the force majeure in opposition to the will of the great majority of the Irish people we now urge remedial action, this assemblage supporting the plan of Premier Lloyd George that the Dominions shall assist in the settlement of the Irish question. That as Canada has taken an active part in the present war on the ground that "when one portion of the Empire is at war it is all at war"—so too when one part of the Empire, as is the case in Ireland, is unhappily governed in opposition to the will of the great majority of its people, it is the duty of every part of this Empire to take active steps to see that justice is done to that portion of the Empire. And that in our better such justice can only be accomplished if the principle of nationhood be clearly recognized in Ireland, and self-government such as is enjoyed by Canada be accorded to her. Wherefore, be it further resolved, that whosoever shall act as delegates at this question, he desirous to lay this, our demand, before that body. In catering to the art loving public the method of fair trading adopted by Gundry's over seven years ago has become so popular that each year sees a marked increase in the number of customers and size of the stock. Buying for cash, handling only standard quality, one could scarcely find a more satisfactory house to trade with in all of Canada.

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NEW GARAGE FOR CHARLOTTE STREET. H. C. Mott Gets Permit to Erect Modern Structure—Will Call for Tenders at Once. one story buildings now occupied by the Sanitary Pressing Company, Union Bakery, Emery-Nordby Co., and Philip Goldstein, from Nos. 120 to 126. The owners of the new garage are Messrs. Ritchie, Sherwood and Ritchie. Now that the permit has been received tenders for the erection of the building will be called for immediately, and it is expected the garage will be opened for business this summer. The building will be of brick, with sandstone trimmings. On the first story, or ground floor, will be the show room with office in the front, and a gallery floor over the stock room and toilets, the rest of the ground floor will be used for the storage of cars. There will be no posts in the building; the roof being supported on trusses, and the light and ventilation will be from a monitor in the centre. The building will be up to date in every respect and as soon as the tender is accepted work upon it will be commenced. New Spring Dress Goods. They have come along as promptly and in as good shape as if conditions were normal. Although prices are a little higher you will find them reasonable, and as F. A. Dykeman & Co. eliminate all middle men in their purchases you can depend on getting these goods at the lowest possible price. They are showing some very attractive serges at prices ranging from 55c to \$2.50 per yard. Tweed mixtures from 75c to \$2.50 per yard. Shepherd Plaids from 55c to \$2.00 per yard. Fancy weaves from 75c to \$2.50 per yard. Three of a Kind. The police station held three of a kind last night. Drinking to excess is the charge.