

THE WEATHER.

Forecast. Maritime—Moderate to fresh southwesterly winds, fair, with a little higher temperature.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair and somewhat warmer Wednesday; Thursday probably fair; fresh southwest and west winds.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The weather today has been fair through the Dominion, with continued low records in Manitoba and northern Saskatchewan and somewhat higher temperature than yesterday in the other provinces.

Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature. Includes Dawson, Victoria, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax.

Around the City

Has Rank of Colonel. Lt.-Col. Sturdee has been placed on the retired list, with the rank of colonel.

Arrested for Theft. Jeremiah Hanley, a soldier, was arrested last evening by Police Constable McLeese on the charge of robbing William Foster, a civilian, in an alley off Water street.

Greek Church Service. Rev. Fr. Gorsky, a Russian priest of the Greek Catholic Church, is on his way to St. John to hold services for the members of that communion living in this vicinity.

Apple Growing. An organization meeting was held yesterday of the St. John River Orchard, Ltd., the company which is taking over the demonstration orchard at Brown's Flats, planted several years ago by members of the Board of Trade.

The Gould Arbitration. In the arbitration matter of A. R. Gould and associates vs. the Province of New Brunswick, hearing was to have been resumed yesterday morning.

COUNCIL WILL NOT SELL LAND TO CANADA NAIL AND WIRE CO.

The Common Council yesterday accepted the offer of the Dominion government for the city land at Reed's Point required for the new elevator, but they reserved a 600 foot strip on the southwest corner for street purposes.

Fur Coats. Just four coats left at Dykeman's, two Muskrat and two Near Seal. The Muskrats are made from the best No. 1 Canadian skins and are worth \$90.00 each.

HON. B. F. SMITH ANNOUNCES PROGRESSIVE NEW ROAD POLICY

Minister Will Announce Details in House of Scheme That Will Be Gratifying to the General Public—Conference of Structural Bridge Superintendents on Tuesday at F.Ton.

That a new and progressive policy take place in the executive council chamber at Fredericton on Tuesday next. It is the intention to have a general discussion of conditions throughout the counties of the province with a view to standardizing the work and having more unity of action generally.

"We are planning on many reforms during the coming season," said Hon. Mr. Smith. "We propose to embark in a scheme of roadbuilding and maintenance which will be gratifying to the general public. I expect to be in a position to announce details of the scheme at the session of the Legislative Assembly."

A vast amount of special road work has been accomplished by the department since Hon. Mr. Smith took charge last fall. Under Hon. Mr. Smith's regime special attention has been paid to skirting and ditching in order to prepare for the work of the coming season.

While in the city yesterday the Minister announced that he had called a conference of the structural bridge superintendents of the province to

ELOPED FROM ST. JOHN AND GET ARRESTED

John Oswald McGibbon, Militia Officer, Fined \$100 and Pretty Young Bride Freed in Glasgow Court.

A loving couple who left St. John last month got into trouble in Glasgow, Scotland, and John Oswald McGibbon, a Canadian officer, had to pay a fine of \$100 in court as the aftermath of a runaway marriage and a honeymoon spent at sea.

On their behalf Robert Marshall said that McGibbon had been an officer in the Canadian army, and had just recently resigned. The only thing he had done wrong was to be found still wearing the king's uniform.

P. F. McKenna, procurator fiscal, said there was nothing behind the case other than what had been stated. Both defendants belonged to good families in Canada. They arrived in Glasgow from St. John, and gave the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Osborne.

Wearing Uniform. If McGibbon was not entitled to wear his uniform he was open to another charge and if he was entitled to wear it he would doubtless have to explain to the military authorities why he was here.

Defendants' representative pleaded that they should be dismissed. They had suffered an innocent stratagem, adopted to get into this country. They were both young and had been passionately attached to each other since they were 15 years of age.

The whole matter seemed to be one of those silly romantic things which people were apt to do. But the regulations must be carried out. McGibbon was fined £20 and the case against his bride was dismissed.

COMMISSION OBJECTS TO SOME FEATURES

Of Taxation Report—Matter Will be Considered at Meeting of Council This Morning.

The city council did not reach the consideration of the report of the Assessment Commission at its meeting yesterday, but the matter is on the taps for discussion at the meeting in committee this morning. More than ordinary interest is being manifested in the action which the council will take in the matter.

MORE BILLY SUNDAY EXCURSIONISTS BACK

St. John Citizens Enjoyed Trip to Boston and also Evangelists Performances—Sunday Preached to 1,320,000.

The second section of the delegation from St. John and other parts of the province which went to Boston to hear Evangelist Billy Sunday arrived in the city at 5.30 last evening by steamer.

The visitors enjoyed themselves thoroughly at the Hub and while all did not endorse Billy's methods and language they declared that he was well worth hearing and had accomplished great good in Boston, even if he failed to swing the old town into the no-license column.

The evangelist closed his Boston campaign Sunday night. More than 60,000 attended four services on the closing day and 5,196 became trinitarians. During the Boston campaign Sunday addressed 1,320,000 persons, of whom 60,509 hit the trail or agreed to lead a Christian life.

FOUR MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

General Benson in City and Will Inspect 165th Today—General Military Notes.

HONOR ROLL. H. G. Lordy, St. John, N. B. Chas. Duplessis, Gibson, N. B. 25th Railway Battalion L. Landry, Amherst, N. S. C. St. Landry, Moncton, N. B. 165th Battalion.

Four men were yesterday accepted for overseas service—two for the Royal Construction Battalion and two for the 165th Battalion.

Sergeant-Major Beattie and Sapper Ennos of the Canadian Engineers are leaving this morning for Grand Manan in the interest of that unit. They will visit several of the larger settlements on the island before returning.

The Engineers have recruited for the first 21 days of the month 292 men. Besides this number Sergeant-Major Beattie received word yesterday that a draft of 50 men from Vancouver, as well as a draft from Calgary, had entrained for St. John, Quebec, the depot for the unit.

65th Require Men. It is reported that a draft from the 65th Battery, which is stationed at Woodstock, will be leaving for quarters elsewhere within the next two weeks.

This unit is now open to receive recruits, who are desirous of joining the artillery. The equipment provided for instruction in the 65th Battery, is second to none in any training camp in the Dominion. They have their own guns and horses and under efficient officers the men advance rapidly in this branch of the service.

165th to Be Inspected. The 165th Battalion will be inspected today by General Benson, of Military District No. 6. General Benson arrived in the city yesterday and since his arrival he has been very busy inspecting the different military institutions and units in the city.

The inspection today will be carried out in detail. It is rumored that this may be the last inspection of the Acadian Battalion on this side of the water, but inquiries into this report failed to find any foundation to the rumor.

257th Railway Battalion. "Now or never," says the Railway Construction Battalion. The Standard was informed yesterday that already eight men have been secured for the unit. As these men have signed for the New Brunswick company before recruiting efforts have got under way, it augurs well for the popularity of the unit in this province.

Lieutenant Morton, who is in charge of the recruiting office for this unit on Water street in conversation with a Standard representative yesterday, said that if every man and woman would act as a recruiting agent, and if each one played his or her part fairly, it would not take very long to secure the men that are necessary to build "the road to victory."

\$4.00 IS PAID FOR POTATOES; HEAVY DEMAND

Hon. B. Frank Smith Says that no Competition From Europe and Light Crop in U.S. Makes Demand for Provincial Potatoes.

Hon. B. Frank Smith, minister of public works, in an extensive dealer in potatoes, told The Standard, in reply to an inquiry yesterday, that the market for potatoes was good at the present time. Excellent prices prevailed, as high as \$4 being obtained in Carleton county in recent shipments.

"Shipments have been curtailed to a considerable extent due to the great shortage of cars," said the minister, "but nevertheless considerable quantities have been shipped to Upper Canada and Cuba. The demand for the New Brunswick potatoes is of course larger than in former years due to the fact that there is no competition from European shippers, while the American crop being lighter than in former years serves to make an extraordinary demand for the provincial output. Fully fifty per cent. of our potatoes are going to Cuba, which is a heavier percentage than in previous years."

Hon. Mr. Smith says that there is no doubt that the province can raise potatoes of the very best quality and he looks for big possibilities for this industry during this and the coming years.

Victoria Rink. Good ice and band tonight.

Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarette Cases, Signet Rings and Military Brushes. A grand selection of these articles is always kept in stock. The famous Wrist Watch is also shown in many styles.

Hockey Time. With Hockey season at its height, you will find in our Sporting Department a carefully selected line of the most reliable Hockey Sticks and Hockey Supplies that leading producers have to offer.

Trimmed Hats -:- Feather Hats. At Very Special Prices Now. Untrimmed Hats -:- Velour Hats. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

BAMBOO Clothes Baskets SPLINT. EXTRA QUALITY. STRONG IN CONSTRUCTION. We have just received a large shipment of these baskets and are now offering great values in this line.

Remnant Sale Of Scrim, Marquisettes, Madras and Curtain Nets. Short Ends, one to six yards in length, suitable for making odd window or sash curtains.

YARNS Extra Qualities and Special Weights. For Patriotic Knitting. Join the vast army of patriotic women who are employing every spare moment of their time in knitting socks for the boys at the front.

Viyella Flannel. Avoid all imitations. None genuine unless each piece bears the name "Viyella" on every five yards. DOES NOT SHRINK and retains the same soft finish after repeated washings.

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