

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts. Maritime—Fresh Northwest winds; few local showers at first, but mostly fair, stationary or a little lower temperature.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Northwest England—Partly cloudy Friday; Saturday rain; moderate northeast and east winds.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Dawson, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Nelson, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Will Arrive Tonight. The following returned soldiers who arrived yesterday at Halifax will probably reach the city tonight: Privates R. J. Palmer, St. John; W. J. Reid, Chatham; N. Searles, Sussex; J. Rushton, Westchester; A. Budd, St. Stephen; A. Burton, Fredericton; S. J. Winslow, St. John; W. Crawford, Fredericton; C. Peacock, St. John; J. D. Cameron, St. John; C. Caplin, Moncton; R. E. Anderson, St. John; A. Brown, Hazelton; B. Crawford, Sackville; L. Ginson, Peel; M. Hayward, St. John; P. McConaghy, Fredericton.

Subscriptions Announced. The Overseas Field Ambulance Depot, Major G. G. Corbet, O. C., wishes to acknowledge the following donations to their fund: Miss Alice Morgan, \$25.50; Mrs. F. L. O'Regan, \$32.00, and \$61.60 from the Ladies' Auxiliary of Clan MacKenzie Society for the purchase of bag pipes.

Railway Commission to Meet. The Board of Railway Commissioners intend holding a meeting on December 31st to deal with Rule 17 regarding the classification of freight. The St. John Board of Trade received a communication yesterday from the Hamilton Board of Trade asking that this board concur with Hamilton in requesting the railway commissioners to postpone meeting until a later date, as the 31st does not give time enough to consider the evidence prepared by the railway experts.

Retail Fish Market. Fresh fish was scarce in the local market yesterday. No changes in recent prices have occurred, except in the case of halibut, which brought 25c. per pound, an unusually high figure for this fish. Haddock and cod were 10c.; mackerel from 15c. to 30c. Only a small quantity of other fresh fish was obtainable. There has been a fair demand for dry and pickled fish, but trade, generally, it is stated has been only fair during the past few days.

By a judicious display of stick-to-itiveness Gundry's has achieved next to the impossible. Notwithstanding the handicap of a very narrow street frontage, Gundry's has so arranged the room that very little can be detected. By the addition of new showcases, lights, etc., the beautifully selected stock carried by the house is soon seen to good advantage and makes a selection without loss of time. St. John shoppers appreciate the best and will more and more commend the efforts put forth by Gundry's as they get better acquainted with the system in vogue. Gundry's is rapidly becoming THE JEWELRY STORE OF ST. JOHN.

Dresses. Handsome afternoon and evening dresses of the "Betty Wales" style are being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s in a large range of colors and materials. This is the dress that is creating such interest among expert dressmakers in the large cities. So far F. A. Dykeman & Co. are the only ones showing the real "Betty Wales" dresses in St. John. Prices range from \$15.00 to \$24.50.

A CLEVER CONCEIT. With each purchase Gundry's is enclosing a combination of Christmas cards and stickers so very handy in doing up a gift parcel. This consists of a nice card for the address, a gum label of the "Don't open till Xmas" variety, and two Xmas stickers for closing the parcel. These do not represent much value but they save you trouble and are just as nice as you can buy in a book store.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS EASILY SUPERIOR TO THE GERMANS

Captain Loy Sifton, of Moose Jaw, who is Returning to Front After Furlough Says Men from this County Learned the War Game Quickly, but Thoroughly—Now Better than the Germans in all Departments.

"The Canadians are doing magnificent work at the front and your New Brunswick Battalions are sharing largely in the glorious deeds," said Captain Loy Sifton of Moose Jaw, Sask., a returned hero who was in the city yesterday on his way to rejoin his regiment on the firing line.

Young Sifton was a law student at Dalhousie Law School in Halifax when the war broke out and laid aside his books to "do his bit" at the front. He went to France as a lieutenant in the 14th Battery of the 4th Brigade and was later transferred to the 44th Battery of the 11th Brigade and was "carrying on" with this unit when he was seriously wounded on August 4th last. He has been in Canada on leave of absence of seven weeks. He did good work at the front and is anxious to get into the fighting again at the earliest opportunity.

"How does the Canadian artillery compare with the Imperial artillery?" asked The Standard.

"Since the opening of last spring's campaign at St. Eloi, the Canadian artillery have compared most favorably with the British gunners," said the captain. "It is also the consensus of opinion that the British gunners are now easily the equal of the German gunners. The Germans are good fighters and I think were superior to our boys at the outbreak of the war, due to the vast training they had undergone. But as the war progressed our gunners gained in efficiency and now can easily hold their own with the Hunns. The Canadians particularly have learned the game in a comparatively short time. To a large extent I think this can be accounted for by the fact that most of the officers in the Canadian artillery are university men—who have received a thorough training at their colleges in mathematics. With this excellent idea of the theory they were quick to grasp the practical portion of the work and have proved admirable officers. Again a large number of the gunners are university men and this has served to eminently qualify them for the important work that is being carried on.

"Without detracting from the efficiency of the Imperial drives it is my conviction that the Canadian drivers excel them. For the most part our drivers are men who have been brought up on the farm and have been familiar with the care and training of horses for years. They can take their horses through almost impassable roads. Our drivers certainly understand their horses and the horses seem to understand them."

"What about the ability of the Canadian infantry?" asked the reporter.

"There is no doubt in the world that our infantry has surpassed the German infantry in every direction right from the start of the war," said Capt. Sifton. "Really I cannot say too much in praise of the officers and men of the infantry. They never give up. The Germans will plead for mercy but the Canadian infantry men, lead by gallant officers, will fight to the last ditch. I saw your 26th New Brunswick Battalion in action and believe me it did splendid work and enjoys a most enviable reputation."

Captain Sifton also spoke in glowing terms of the work of the Canadians who are members of the flying corps. The air men, he said, had been of great assistance to the artillery, as it was largely due to their work that the enemy had been frustrated in their attempts to register the Canadian batteries.

"The Canadian Tommy has no better at the front," said Captain Sifton. "It is true that our men have not had the lengthy military experience of our opponents, but they have lots of pluck and initiative which is far better. The Canadians believe enlisting have almost invariably held good positions when they had the opportunity of exercising their judgment. They make fine fighters and are always enthusiastic in every engagement in which they participate.

"It was a great pleasure for me to learn that a class-mate of mine at Dalhousie, Major Keller Mackay, who took over a field battery from Fredericton, had met with such great success on the firing line. In addition to receiving the D.S.O. he has been raised to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and this promotion was certainly well merited."

Captain Sifton was accompanied to St. John by his brother, Clifford Sifton, who contemplates spending a few weeks in the East before returning to his home in Moose Jaw.

TEN MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Canadian Engineers Secured Greater Portion of that Number—General News of Local Military Units.

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C. H. Black, who arrived in the city yesterday, has been engaged in lumbering in St. John county and his services will be greatly appreciated in the ranks of the battalion.

Fred Mayes, the only son of S. H. Mayes of 237 Winslow street, enlisted in the Canadian Engineers. He is only nineteen years of age, but has been a valuable employe in the electrical department of the New Brunswick Telephone Co.

Another popular young man who donned the khaki yesterday was Laurence Hardins, who has been employed in the engineering department of the St. John Street Railway Co. He only recently reached his 20th birthday.

The usual routine work was carried on by the 16th Battalion indoors yesterday. The spacious barracks furnished plenty of room for platoon and company drills. Today the usual work will be carried on; Lieut. Cyril Lieut. Bertie next for duty.

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Yours very truly,
L. COLFITTS,
Forest Glen,
West. Co., N. B.

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Below will be found a letter from a producer who advocates a municipal milk delivery plant as the only solution of the problem of milk at reasonable prices to the consumer.

River Bank Dairy Farm,
Forest Glen, West. Co., N. B.,
Dec. 6, 1916.

To the Editor of The Standard,
St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir—I have been intensely interested in the discussion in your valued paper concerning the high price of milk as delivered to the consumer in your city. As a practical dairy man I think I know something of the cost of production of this altogether necessary article of human diet and having this knowledge I feel that I can safely assure you that under the present wasteful system of delivery by competitive milk wagons you cannot reasonably expect, while other dairy products stand at or near present ruling figures, to have milk delivered at the consumer's doors at a price lower than that now paid.

I firmly believe, however, that there is a more excellent way whereby from one to two cents per quart can be saved to the consumer by the elimination of waste incident to the overlapping on milk routes by different dealers where three or four or even more wagons traverse the same streets, each dealer having here or there customers on the same street. So far my limited intelligence has discovered on

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The meeting reached decision in favor of the large expenditure which would be entailed by an extension of the street railway system to install an oil or gasoline engine for the purposes of manufacturing electricity for the hospital. The matter was referred to the Board of Health to prepare plans and call for tenders. It is likely that the work will be undertaken at an early date.

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