

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts: Maritime—Winds becoming fresh to strong, southeast to south, fair and mild today rain during the night.

Washington, March 7.—Forecast: Northern New England—Increasing cloudiness and warmer Thursday, followed by rain; Friday cloudy, fresh to strong south winds.

Toronto, March 7.—The disturbance mentioned last night is now centred in Wisconsin. Rain is falling over the southern portion of Ontario, and snow over the northern portion; elsewhere in Canada the weather is fair.

Temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Rows include Dawson, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Battleford, Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Government Meeting. The government held a meeting last night in Fredericton at which matters of routine business only were under discussion.

Sleigh Found. A baby's sleigh was found on Long Wharf yesterday afternoon. It was the owner at the North End police station.

Meetings for Intercession. This evening over one hundred homes in various parts of the city will be open for prayer under the direction of the forty churches engaged in the city-wide mission.

The Chinese Case. Argument in the Chinese gambling case was heard in the police court yesterday afternoon. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appearing for defence, and Detective Duncan for prosecution.

Had Stolen Goods. A small boy arrested a few nights ago for not giving a satisfactory account of himself, is now held for having stolen goods in his possession.

School Boys' Class. About 300 parents and friends of the day school boys assembled in the Y. M. C. I. gymnasium yesterday afternoon and they were greatly interested in the work of the boys' class.

PLEASANT EVENT AT MEETING OF NORTH END W.C.T.U. LAST EVENING

Mrs. Alice Eagles Presented With Bouquet and Fountain Pen in Appreciation of Services.

A very interesting event took place at the regular meeting of the North End W. C. T. U. last night, when the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Alice Eagles, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a fountain pen, as a token of appreciation of the faithful work which she has rendered to the Union during the past eight years.

PERSONALS

Private Benson Robinson who is a member of the 236th pipe band, arrived in the city last night from Fredericton on a ten days furlough, he having been ill in hospital for the past six weeks.

Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges of Fredericton entertained at tea last night in honor of her guest, Miss Jarvis, of this city.

Meeting tonight of Y. W. P. A. at 8.15.

CONSCRIPTION NOT A QUESTION FOR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SAYS ORGANIZER E. S. CARTER

Chief Organizer, Speaking Officially for Mr. Foster and Opposition Party, Shows Falsity of Canvasses That Government Candidates Charged Were Made to Influence the Electors—Candidates at Opposition Convention Deny Such Canvasses Were Used, but Reputable Men on the Government Side Still Hold to the Contrary—Mr. Carter's Significant Statement.

"THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH THE QUESTION OF CONSCRIPTION. THAT MATTER IS ENTIRELY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT," said E. S. Carter, provincial organizer for the opposition party, speaking officially for Leader Foster and the opposition party to The Standard at the Royal Hotel last evening.

Mr. Carter's statement has more than ordinary significance. It is an admission that the Murray Government had nothing to do with conscription and that the voters of the people in the provincial contest would have no effect, directly or indirectly, on this question.

The oppositionists deny that the anti-conscription canvass was used. The Standard has the word of reputable gentlemen on Government side to the contrary. But the main point is that the opposition organizer, speaking officially and for his party, shows there was no warrant for such a canvass and that the Murray Government or any other provincial government had nothing to do with conscription, that being a Federal matter.

Mr. Foster was seen first and he referred the reporter to Mr. Carter as the gentleman who would make the official statements on behalf of the party. Mr. Carter received the reporter courteously at the hotel.

DENIES USE OF CANVASS.

"Every candidate at this afternoon's meeting gave an emphatic denial to the report that the conscription canvass was used in the recent election," said Mr. Carter. "There were some very strong statements by the candidates, Mr. Burgess especially giving a strong denial to the charge of Mr. Pirie that opposition speakers had used the canvass that a vote for the Government meant the immediate introduction of conscription."

"Of course you will admit that the Murray Government or any provincial government had no power to deal with conscription and that therefore a vote for or against the Government would not have any effect on the conscription issue?" asked the reporter.

Mr. Carter reiterated his statement that the conscription canvass had not been used, and further declared that such a canvass should not enter into provincial affairs as he said that the conscription question was entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the provincial Government and solely within the province of the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

Taking the denials of the opposition candidates at their face value, there still remain the statements of responsible members of the Government party that the conscription issue was raised and that the electors were told that a vote for the Government was a vote for conscription, which meant that the sons of French residents of the province would be dragged from their homes and shot down. Whether the canvasses were used by the candidates or whispered around by their followers and whether a considerable proportion of the French electors of the province were deceived, the people of the province, both English-speaking and French-speaking, shall judge. The important matter, however, at the present time for the electors is the statement of Mr. Carter, representing Mr. Foster and the entire opposition convention that the provincial Government had nothing whatever to do with the question of conscription, which, he said, was entirely for the consideration of the Dominion Government. It is plain to the candidates of both political parties that conscription is a matter, as Mr. Carter says, entirely for the consideration of the Dominion Government. Consequently, if canvasses were used as charged, Mr. Carter's own statement last evening proves them to have been utterly false and unworthy.

MR. FOSTER TO LEAD THE OPPOSITION

Chosen at Representative Gathering Yesterday and Will Seek Election as Premier—No Announcement Yet Regarding New Cabinet.

W. E. Foster was yesterday chosen the leader of the new provincial government, and he will seek election at a by-election for the premiership. Mr. Foster is a successful business man of this city, and while new to the legislature, the disposition of the public generally will be to give him a fair show, providing he is successful in securing the endorsement of the electors for himself and his ministers at the polls. Judging by the sentiment prevailing in many constituencies at the present time that will be a very difficult matter.

The Standard asked Mr. Foster last evening if he had anything to say relative to yesterday's meeting or his plans for the future. Mr. Foster referred the reporter to Mr. Carter, chairman of the press committee, whom, he said, was authorized to make the statement to the press. Mr. Carter's statement is published elsewhere in this issue. With regard to his future plans, he said he hoped to be in a position to announce the composition of the new cabinet as soon as the present government had cleaned up the remaining business and tendered their resignations to the Lieutenant-Governor.

RELATIVE OF LLOYD-GEORGE IN THE CITY

In Younger Days Was Companion of the Now Famous Welshman.

St. John has had within its borders for some time past a relative, and in his younger days a companion, of the biggest man in the British Empire today, Premier Lloyd George, in the person of Capt. Davy S. Davies, master of one of the steamers now in the harbor.

Capt. Davies when called on by a Standard reporter, yesterday, was not very communicative. He said he was only a distant relative of Lloyd George by marriage, his brother having married a sister of the famous Welshman. He had not seen the premier for a great many years, as his duties as a master mariner kept him away from home most of the time, and since he had been a member of the cabinet Lloyd George had to spend most of his time in London, and therefore they had not met.

He had nothing to add to what had already been told of the early life of Lloyd George as everything of interest had been published, in fact he had learned much himself from the books which had been written on his life.

CHECKERS VICTORIOUS

Yesterday afternoon on Black's at 1281, the C. P. R. checkers defeated the office staff by a score of 1339 to 1281. The scores follow:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Rows include Carleton, McNeill, Welsford, Coleman, Morrissy, Office Staff, Griffin, Sime, Whitney, Campbell, Taylor.

200 HUNDRED WOMEN REACH THE CITY

Arrived Last Night and Will Disembark This Morning—Number of Newfoundland Men in Party.

A steamer hearing about 200 returned soldiers arrived in port last night after an uneventful trip across the Atlantic. The party were in charge of Major R. Cramm of the 5th Battalion, who is home on leave until June 4th. With the exception of the Newfoundland men, the party remained on board for the night. Three members of the 26th Battalion are in the party and one of the 25th. Their names are: Ivan Jones, James Padden, Thomas Bryant, 26th, and Frederick Webster of the 25th.

The party will disembark this morning. The citizens' reception committee and the representatives of the different patriotic societies will tender a welcome to the boys this morning.

Among the eighteen men for Newfoundland there was one, Anthon Bonne, who has served nearly two years and a half in the army. He is a resident of a small village near the city of St. John's. He told The Standard last night that he had seen service at the Gallipoli and on the Somme. He said that on the Somme the first day of the grand offensive last summer, out of the whole Newfoundland battalion, including the reinforcements, only 83 men answered the roll call next morning. The boys gave a night on the Halifax train for North Sydney, where they will take the boat to the Island.

There are about fifteen men for the Maritime Provinces. The list includes the following officers and nursing sisters: Major R. Cramm, 5th Batt.; Major R. Mayrand, medical officer; Capt. T. B. Green; Capt. A. Fournier, Nursing Sister J. I. Bell, Nursing Sister C. F. Cameron, Corp. J. Cameron, Pte. R. M. Peart, C.A.M.C.; Major W. H. Grant, 3rd Batt. Reserve; Major W. N. Knowles, Major G. E. McLean, 167th Batt.; Major A. Burnside, 120th Batt.; Major R. E. Noble, 155th Batt.; Major L. H. Ingram, 142nd Batt.; Major D. Green, 9th Batt.; Capt. H. Brown, 9th Batt.; Capt. J. G. Moncrieff, 4th Batt.; Capt. G. E. Short, C.P.R.; Capt. J. D. Roy, Capt. G. S. Hanmore, C.A.V.C.; Lieut. L. Arcand, 42nd Batt.; Lieut. J. M. McTaffart, Port George; Lieut. J. Mont, 102nd Batt.; Lieut. F. M. Gilbert, C.A.S.C.; Lieut. C. W. Tibbott, Engineers; Lieut. S. G. Rennie, 1st Can. Machine Gun Co.; Lieut. T. Magladery, 15th Batt.; Lieut. T. A. Murray, R.C.R.; Capt. J. C. McMillan, Nursing Sister E. C. L. Richmond, Nursing Sister E. P. Popin; Hon. Capt. J. K. Fairhall, 4th Batt. Reserve; Hon. Capt. T. W. Jones, Y.M.C.A. Conduction Officer; Major E. K. Eaton, R.C.R.; Major C. G. Greenshield, 24th Batt.; Major C. C. McClellan, 42nd Batt.; Major G. E. Brown, C.A.M.C.; Lieut. C. Ivey, Engineers; Abraham Johnson Beverley, formerly Imperial A.S.C.

NINE ON THE HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Army Service Corps the Most Popular Unit Shown—"Buffs" in a March Out—General Military News.

HONOR ROLL. 16th Field Ambulance. R. D. Johnson, Windsor, N. S. L. E. Vaughan, Windsor, N. S. 236th Battalion. John Roberts, England. C. A. S. C. V. S. Dingley, St. John. Richard Whalley, St. John. Alex. McInnes, New Mills, N. B. Frank LaPointe, New Mills. Edward Hickey, New Mills. Royal Navy. John Mahoney, St. John West.

St. John has reason to feel proud of the number of recruits secured daily in the city. Yesterday nine men were signed on for overseas service. This total for the day shows that the city enlistments have not fallen off nearly as much as they have in other cities where the population in many cases is much larger than it is in St. John.

The Canadian Army Service Corps was the favorite unit yesterday, five of the total signing on for that unit. The Royal Navy also secured a man in the person of John Mahoney. He will proceed to Halifax to report to the naval authorities today.

Held Route March

The 198th Canadian Buffs held a route march yesterday morning. The battalion was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Cooper. It has been officially announced that the Canadian Buffs are to remain in the city for some time. As far as can be learned more troops are to be quartered here for the winter. There may be, however, a battalion or two for a few days en route.

The following men who recently enlisted with the Canadian Engineers at St. John went forward to the En-

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gainers' training depot during this week: Philip Goguen, bricklayer and plasterer. John Valley, locomotive engineer. Murray Crothers, driver. Charles Hunt, steam engineer. Thomas Lacey, painter. Henry W. Boyd, carpenter. Alfred Dupuis, telephone lineman. Geo. H. MacDonald, driver. Walter Chester, driver. Harry Beach, machinist. Alick McDonald, carpenter. Robert McNicol, carpenter.