

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Light winds, showery and cooler. Washington, Aug. 29—Northern New England—Partly cloudy, continued cool Thursday, Friday, fair and warmer; moderate and variable mostly north winds.

Toronto, Aug. 29—Southern Ontario: Near the shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario has for the past two days been the northern boundary of an extensive rain area which has been nearly stationary over the middle states, and while in northern Ontario and all other parts of Canada the weather has been through the immediate vicinity of the lower lakes it has been unsettled.

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

Around the City

Lost No. Time. Messrs. Kane and Ring who were awarded the contract on Tuesday afternoon to erect No. 5 shed, lost no time and commenced work yesterday morning.

Musical Revue at Welsford. The young ladies and gentlemen who so successfully presented the musical revue at Grand Bay on Monday evening will go to Welsford tomorrow evening and hold their entertainment in the Orange Hall of that place.

May Play in Amherst. Arrangements are being made by the Thistle baseball team to visit Amherst on Monday where they will play a game with the picked team of that town. It is the intention of the manager of the Thistles to take along his strongest line-up for the day.

The Chancery Court. Harding vs. Church will be continued before Mr. Justice White, in the Chancery Division, tomorrow afternoon. This is for an accounting of a partnership. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., and Mr. A. H. Hastings, K. C., are for the plaintiff; Mr. M. G. Toed, K. C., for defendant.

Broke Collar Bone. Alfred G. Boudreau broke his collar bone in a bicycle accident at Public Landing, last Sunday, was operated on at the General Public Hospital yesterday. At late hours last night he was reported to be resting fairly comfortably with excellent chances for recovery.

LITTLE LUMBER BY SEA. RAILROADS GET TRAFFIC

Vessels Are Scarce and the Freights High—Old Coasting Fleet Well Thinned Out—Lumber Piled as Fast as Sawn.

A lumber man stated yesterday that there was a scarcity of vessels here to carry lumber to the States, and the lumber market at the present time is exceedingly dull.

A shipping broker when asked regarding the matter said that there was nothing here at the present time for vessels to carry back to the States when they brought cargoes to this port. The freight rate at present for carrying lumber to the States from St. John was from eight dollars a thousand, but very few cargoes have been shipped this year, and it is said that tonnage is being shipped by water, but considerable is being carried through by rail. It is further stated that New Brunswick lumber is being piled as fast as sawed.

It is only recently that the British government sent three steamers, the first in months, to Campbellton and Dalhousie, to load heavy spruce for England and France.

Very little lumber is being shipped from Maine by vessels, as tonnage of all sizes is very scarce. The old coasting fleet has been pretty well thinned out by the losses of the last few years, and it will be months before many of the fleet now building can be ready for service. The new fleet, furthermore, is composed chiefly of vessels rather too large for coasting between Maine and Boston and New York, and it looks more than ever as if in a short time the railroads will have the traffic all to themselves.

Only three of the mills at and near Ansonia are sawing, and only small cargoes for bay ports have been shipped thus far by water. At Calais a like condition prevails, nearly all the lumber going forward by rail, which means of transportation. It is said, is not only much more convenient for buyers of small lots, in that direct delivery may be made at nearly all points, thus saving cost of rehandling and trucking, but also cheaper than the present high water rates.

From \$4.50 to \$5.50 per M is being sold from Maine ports to New York. Considerable pine is being sawed, planed and matched in various parts of Maine for army cantonments, and all of it is going by rail. One Bangor mill is running day and night on army orders.

CANOE OF EXCEPTIONAL LENGTH MADE OF SKINS PASSES THROUGH CITY

Thought to Belong to McMillan, the Arctic Explorer—Party Did Not Pass Through Last Night.

Probably the first effects belonging to the Professor Donald A. McMillan, the Arctic explorer, who arrived in Sydney on Sunday night, to pass through St. John, was a canoe. On Tuesday night, it has been learned, an exceptionally large canoe, billed from Newfoundland, and consigned to a broker in New York via Vancouver, passed through the Dominion Express office at the depot. Although the officials of the company were reticent when asked about the primitive water craft, The Standard learned from other sources that the canoe was obtained from Newfoundland, and the informant, although not certain, was of the opinion that it was expressed to the States by a member of the Arctic exploration party.

For a canoe the craft was unusually large and for that reason attracted considerable interest. In addition to its size the style was much different from the ordinary ones. It was manufactured exclusively of skins held together by stout and staid rawhide. Those who saw it thought the size would be too much for one man to carry, but owing to the light material used in its construction, it was exceedingly light in weight. The ribs were of bone, and from all appearances one would think that each one had been designed especially for the position which it occupied in the boat. Unlike in ordinary canoes, the seat was situated about three-quarters of the way back thus allowing the bow to raise well out of the water.

It was thought that the explorer and party would pass through the city last night on their way to New York, but such was not the case.

MILITARY MEN SPEAK ON MILITARY SERVICE BILL

Say It Will Not Interfere with Voluntary Enlistments—Opportunity Still Open to Those Desirous of Joining Colors.

Military men speaking on the Military Service Bill, which by the way is now the law of the land, told The Standard yesterday that it would not in any way interfere with the voluntary enlistment of men in Canada's army. It is contended by several that it will take some time before the enforcement of the new measure can be made effective on account of the many details of a local nature which will have to be attended to. While the government is attending to the working out of such details the voluntary recruiting system in the Dominion will continue, as if no conscription bill had been passed.

FORMER ST. JOHN MAN DIED SUDDENLY YESTERDAY

William Ritchie of Hampton Found Dead in His Chair—Founder of Stewart and Ritchie Shipbuilding Firm.

The death of William Ritchie, a former resident of this city, took place suddenly yesterday morning at his home in Hampton at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Mr. Ritchie arose in his usual health yesterday morning and after breakfast went out on the veranda of his home about 9.30 to read the morning newspaper, a short time later he was found dead in his chair.

Mr. Ritchie was one of the best known business men of the city among the older generation. He lived here until about twenty years ago when he moved to Hampton to make his home, but was often seen around the city. He was the founder of the firm of Stewart & Ritchie, who were one of the leading firms in wooden shipbuilding here. They built some of the best ships for which this port was so justly proud.

He is survived by three sons, William (Norman), the celebrated cartoonist, with the Boston Post, and who has a national reputation, George and Dr. Stephen G., both of Halifax; one daughter, Miss Rose, who resides with her father at Hampton. Stanley D. Crawford of this city is a son-in-law. The funeral will be held from the Union Depot on Friday afternoon on the arrival of the suburban train. Interment will be made in Fernhill.

POSITION FOR EVERY GIRL. Young women only who buy a scholarship in shorthand or bookkeeping on or before Monday, September 3, at the Curtis Commercial Institute, Oddfellows' Hall, 87 Union street, will get same for \$25.00 less than regular rate charged by business colleges, and have position guaranteed, money to be returned if they fail to obtain employment after finishing course. More and more young women are wanted by banks and business houses.

ACTIVITIES OF M. B. SOLDIERS SHOWN BY OFFICIAL CASUALTIES

Lieutenant Manning Again Wounded—Two Chatham Boys in Hospital—St. John Lad Gives His Life—First Indian Wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston of Chatham have received word that their son, Pte. Arthur Johnston, has been admitted to the 12th Field Ambulance Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the back. He went overseas with a new Brunswick Battalion, going to France, December last. He has been in the trenches since February 1916. He and Pte. Mallet another Chatham boy were the only two from that town to pass through the Vimy Ridge battle unscathed. However, since that battle Pte. Mallet has been wounded, and by a singular coincidence word of his injury reached Chatham on the same day that Mrs. Johnston received word regarding her son.

Pte. B. W. Carvell. That his son Pte. Burpee Webster Carvell, previously reported seriously wounded, was now officially reported dangerously ill at No. 3 Australian General Hospital, Abbeville, suffering from gunshot wounds the arm, was the disquieting news received by Mr. James H. Carvell, 20 Water street yesterday. The wounded soldier, previous to his enlistment, was employed by Scovill Bros., King street, and is well known on the West Side, where he had a large circle of friends, who will regret to hear of his serious condition. Sixteen years of age at the time of joining the 104th Battalion, he took a special course at Halifax, and was later transferred to that branch of the service when wounded.

is Wounded; Not Dead. A paragraph recently published mistakenly stated that Lieut. Roland Smith, son of R. Morton Smith, had met death in the war. It is a fact that this officer is in the casualty list, but only as wounded. Particulars as to the nature of his injury are being awaited.

Lt. J. H. Manning Wounded. Word was received yesterday by Dr. James Manning of 158 Germain street, that his second son, Lieut. James Harold Manning, had been wounded for the second time. No particulars were given, and many are anxiously waiting for further word. Lieutenant Manning went overseas with the 140th, and was later transferred to another battalion. He was wounded at Vimy Ridge in the battle in which his brother, Lieut. Frederick C. Manning, received his death wounds.

Only last week a letter to his family stated that he was intending to return to the front from England, where he has been convalescing, and he had not been in France a week before he was wounded.

Gunner Russell Killed. Elijah Russell of 313 Germain street has received a telegram from Ottawa telling him of the death of his brother, Gunner Harold Albert Russell, killed in action on August 15. Gunner Russell enlisted in the First Canadian contingent with the artillery, and had since seen much active service.

Besides his brother, he is survived by one sister in this city, Mrs. Henry Mather, his father, Isaac Russell, and his sister, Mrs. Nathaniel Russell, both of Bay Roberts, Nfld. also survive.

First N. B. Indian Wounded. Michael Paul of the Kingsclear Indian Reserve received official notification yesterday morning that his son Pte. John Paul had been admitted to the first Canadian General Hospital at Etaples, France, on August 18th, with severe gunshot wounds in the hand. Pte. Paul enlisted in "Woodstock" almost two years ago with the 6th Battalion and has been at the front practically the past twenty-three months. He was wounded on August 25th, last and after being in hospital he was back again to the trenches. There are only two boys in this family and they are both in uniform the other brother being with the 23rd Battalion at Valenciennes. Pte. Paul was the first Indian from New Brunswick to be wounded, and was among the first, if not the first Indian to enlist in the cause of the Empire.

Private Shannon Wounded. Pte. Anthony Shannon, of Derby Jct., a soldier of the Wireless Garrison, has received word that his son, Walter, who went overseas with a New Brunswick battalion has been wounded. Pte. Shannon has another son, William, overseas, and a third, James, at the wireless.

William Gremlay of Newcastle has been notified that his son Richard, who went overseas with a local battalion has been wounded.

Four New Dentists. The results of the registration examination for dentists for the Province of New Brunswick held about a month ago, were given out last night by Dr. F. A. Goddard. Of the six who took the examinations four were successful in passing on all subjects, while two failed on some of the papers and will have to write them at the next examination. Those who passed and are now entitled to practice their profession in the province were: Drs. J. F. Commins, W. R. Currie, O. J. Cormier and R. M. McGibbon.

After a Tugboat. W. H. Miller, a lumberman from Campbellton, arrived in the city yesterday with the intention of purchasing a light draft tugboat or engaging some person to build a hull for him. Mr. Miller says that a tugboat owned by him was destroyed by fire a few nights ago.

WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY. As Saturday is the first of September the stores of M. R. A. Ltd. will be open until ten o'clock, the duration of the Saturday half holiday being extended by him to the months of June, July, and August.

ENGINE ROOM BURNED OF N. B. GOLD STORAGE SUFFERS SLIGHT DAMAGE

Fire Broke Out Last Night—Origin of Blaze Not Known—Loss Covered by Insurance.

The fire department was called out last night at 9.15 o'clock to extinguish a slight blaze in the engine room annex of the New Brunswick Gold Storage Company's plant on Main street. The damage caused by the fire and water will not amount to much over \$75. The blaze was first noticed by the night watchman Mr. O'Dell, who sent in the alarm. Harry Ross, the manager of the plant, told The Standard last night while the fire was in progress, that to his knowledge no person had been in this section of the building for at least two hours prior to the breaking out of the fire, and he could not account for the origin of the blaze.

The section of the building damaged was by the engine crew for hanging up their clothes in, and with the exception of the roof and walls the interior of the room suffered little damage. Immediately adjoining the room is the boiler house and coal shed, but fortunately the good work of the fire department arrested the progress of the blaze before it had gained much headway.

The loss is covered by insurance.

NO AGREEMENT DRAFTED FOR NEW HOSPITAL WING

County Secretary Kelley Thinks Scheme Has Fallen Through—No Information What Government Intends to Do.

A Standard representative called on the county secretary, J. King Kelley, yesterday and enquired of him what progress had been made with regard to the building of a wing at the St. John County Hospital to care for returned soldiers who come back with advanced cases of tuberculosis. Mr. Kelley said nothing had been done and from information which he had received, he was inclined to think the whole scheme had fallen through. No agreement had been drafted by him because of this fact.

He had no information as to what the government intended to do in this matter or what arrangements would be made to care for the men who might come back afflicted with this dread disease.

SGT. MAJOR STEPHENSON WINS MILITARY MEDAL FOR SERVICE ON SOMME

"Fearless and Trustworthy," Says His O. C.—Dr. Gray in City Yesterday—Three Recruits for Day.

For distinguishing himself on the Somme, Sergeant-Major William Stephenson, brother of Mrs. John McElwaine, of 82 Brussels street, has been awarded the Military Medal. Word to this effect was received by Mrs. McElwaine in a letter from the officer commanding the 5th C. M. R. The officer stated in his letter that he had known S. J. Stephenson personally, and always found him to be fearless and absolutely trustworthy in every respect. Sergeant-Major Stephenson has been in active service for twenty-one months, which time, with the exception of a short period, he has spent at the front.

From Vancouver. Dr. Edward Gray, formerly of Salisbury, N. B., and now practicing in Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday, after having completed a journey from the coast on military business. Dr. Gray left last night for Boston, for a short visit, and will then return here to visit his brother, A. J. Gray, Orange street. Dr. Gray is a graduate in arts of St. Joseph's University, and a graduate in medicine of Harvard University. He is visiting physician to St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver. Successfully Passed.

Lieut. Jarvis O. McLellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McLellan, of this city, who is attached to Aldershot training camp, has successfully passed his examinations in the qualifying and machine gun course, and is now taking the musketry course. Lieut. McLellan has been serving since late in February, and hopes soon to go overseas. His friends will be glad to know that he has made good and was one of the best students taking the course.

May Be Deput. That when No. 2 Forestry Company at Sussex, under the command of Major Lionel Hamilton, proceeded overseas, a Forestry depot will be authorized at Sussex, is the opinion of military men here.

Three Recruits Yesterday. Three men signed on in the city yesterday for overseas units. Two of the party have requested that their names be withheld from publication. The other recruit, S. Kennedy, of Carleton county, signed on with the 5th Field Ambulance.

To accommodate parties attending the "Everywoman" show, the 10.30 R. C. R. suburban will be held until 11.15.

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COUNTY TAXES ARE BEING WELL PAID. Very Few Properties to Be Sold for Arrearsages This Year. The county of St. John is making a record in the collection of taxes of which any constituency might be proud, and very few properties will be sold this year because of taxes due. In the parish of St. Martins not a single property will be sold, as all the arrears have been adjusted to date. In Lancaster four properties are in arrears, but three of these are in the process of adjustment, and it is not expected that more than one will have to be sold. In Musquodiu there are eight properties which will probably have to be sold, as up to the present time no effort has been made to adjust matters. This is a record of which the county has a right to feel proud, said the county secretary yesterday to The Standard representative, and he was sure would bear comparison with any other county in the province. THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL. First-class. Moderate charges.

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