

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Fresh southwesterly to northwesterly winds, fair and a little cooler.

Toronto, April 12—The weather has been cooler today in Ontario, accompanied by snow showers, and showers have occurred in the Maritime Provinces. In the west it has been fine and quite warm.

Temperatures

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax.

Around the City

Kid Glove Found.

The police report finding a lady's kid glove on the street yesterday and the owner can procure the same by application at the North End station.

Boston Train Late.

The Boston express due here at 11.20 was more than an hour late last night. It was said that the delay was caused at McAdam Junction where a wait was made for the express from the north. The Halifax express was held till after the arrival of the Boston train.

St. John Soldier Ill.

Joseph T. Knight received a cablegram yesterday to the effect that his nephew, John T. Knight, who is a member of the 24th Battery, who left Fredericton some time ago, is ill in the Shorncliffe Hospital in England. Private Knight is being attended for a case of quinsy and his condition is not serious. He expects to join his comrades in a short time.

Going to the Front.

Miss Edith McCafferty, daughter of Francis McCafferty, returned from Boston yesterday, after taking special post graduate course in nursing, and will leave for Halifax shortly, where she will sail with other Canadian nurses for overseas service. Miss McCafferty's many St. John friends will be glad to know that her offer has been accepted by the military authorities.

Firemen at Drill.

For some months past the local firemen have been attending drill in the Schofield building under the able direction of Robert Atchison and the men have not only become very efficient but have enjoyed it. Last night it was announced that instead of drilling two nights in the week that the men would drill only on Monday nights in the future and every fireman is requested to be at the drill hall at eight o'clock sharp next Monday.

Retail Merchants

A meeting of the entertainment committee of the Retail Merchants Association was held at the home of the president, A. O. Skinner, last evening, and arrangements were made for giving the delegates to the convention which meets here today an automobile trip around the city beginning at four o'clock. The convention will meet at eleven o'clock this morning at the Seaman's Institute. A large attendance of retail merchants from all over the province is expected.

Mr. Fowler To Speak

An excellent opportunity to hear the political questions of the day discussed by an eloquent and well qualified speaker will be afforded by the North End Conservative Club on Thursday evening, when George W. Fowler, M. P. will address a public meeting to be held under the auspices of the club in the Temple building. There will be a brief musical programme. The chair will be taken at eight o'clock sharp. The meeting promises to be an exceptionally interesting one.

Council Meeting Today.

The weekly meeting of the city commissioners is scheduled for this afternoon. Commissioner Russell will likely again bring up the matter of giving a lease of a city lot at the foot of Britain street to Messrs. Sterling for a brass foundry. The consideration of the granting of a lease of 25,800 square feet of land on the tracks of the C. P. R., near the Fairville station will also be considered. At the last meeting of the council there was an offer to rent this plot of ground for \$25 a year. Commissioner Russell recommended the lease but several of the other commissioners thought the matter should be considered further. The lot in question has a frontage on Station street of 20 feet and trackage of about 360 feet.

DIED.

LILLEY—At 21 Cranston avenue, on April 12th, Ellen Lilley, widow of Wm. Lilley, aged 68 years. Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 o'clock. SCOTT—At the General Public Hospital, St. John, on April 12, George A. Scott of Welsford, aged sixty-five years. Funeral at Welsford on Tuesday.

CANADIANS WERE IN FIERCE FIGHT AT NEUVE CHAPELLE

Wounded member of First Contingent, now in St. John, tells of interesting experiences — Germans more afraid of bayonets than fire of machine guns.

Invalided to Canada, after having been wounded in the battle around Neuve Chapelle, W. N. Marie, a member of the First Canadian Contingent, is in the city, waiting for letters which will decide whether he shall go to Boston or to Alberta. When the war broke out Mr. Marie was in Alberta, and enlisted in the Bicycle Corps. Having served in the Imperial Army for twelve years and being a veteran of the Boer war, he was sent into the trenches at the time the Germans were making a series of desperate drives around Neuve Chapelle.

"It's a new kind of war, this thing going on in Europe," said Mr. Marie to a reporter. "I don't consider it a proper war at all; it's more like a blooming slaughter. I served all through the Boer war and was in action a lot of times; I have been in a lot of scraps with blacks on the West Coast of Africa; but this business we were at in Neuve Chapelle was something different. I have had both thumbs on triggers of a machine gun, mowing down Germans just as you would mow down grain with a scythe. Time after time the Germans charged at our trenches in solid masses and the machine guns would sweep them down like grass before the rush of a hall storm. I don't know why they came on in solid formation; they were simply throwing their lives away. Maybe they felt the need of the moral support of numbers. In a sham battle they would not charge in that way.

A WALL OF DEAD MEN.

"We mowed them down, but still they came on till there was a wall of dead men five feet high in front of our trench. It was sheer slaughter. One thing about the Germans is queer. They will face machine gun and rifle fire and stand a terrible punishment, but they don't like cold steel. They would clamber over walls of their dead and wounded, but when our boys sprang from the trenches and made for them with fixed bayonets they invariably broke and fled.

"It was fierce work. When you were facing a German charge the excitement keyed you up. All you thought of was making the best play with your machine gun. You knew it was a case of kill or be killed, and you had no compunctions about mowing the beggars down. But afterwards—well, I felt pretty bad at times. Our trenches were not of the best; the mud was up to our knees. And even the dug-outs where we snatched a bit of sleep, or tried to, were mostly mud. I tell you after handling a machine gun against a German charge I did not sleep much. I would get into a blanket and lay down, and then I would have a bad attack of nerves. I would lie thinking about everything, and wondering why I should be there shooting down Germans. I knew they all had mothers, wives or sweethearts, just like the rest of us. That was the terrible thing about it. I did not mind the fighting; that was exciting enough, but the thinking about it all—that was terrible. If I dozed off I would begin to dream, and in my dreams I would remember things that did not impress me much when the fight was on; horrors that in the excitement of action only made a slight impression on me. Have you seen men mowed down by machine guns? When a man is hit in the breast he throws up his hands, gives a blood-curdling shriek and generally topples backward. When a man is hit in the legs he gives a sort of squawk, and pitches forward on his face. It is not a pretty business.

GERMANS ATTACKED AT NIGHT.

"Most of the German drives were made in the night time. And in the morning what you saw in front of the trenches was sickening. Dead men sprawling in grotesque attitudes; wounded men squirming and crawling with frightful noises among the dead. Here and there a man, his face a mangled horror, would sit up and squirm around, blind and not knowing which way to crawl. In front of our trench, we had not been able to put up much barbed wire. But one morning after a desperate charge of the Germans there were men hanging to the barbed wire entanglement, looking for all the world like scarecrows in a farmer's field.

While I was in the trenches we did not have to put up with shell fire from big guns; we were too near the German trenches. But in the daytime the Germans frequently tried their trench mortars on us, though they did not do a great deal of damage. My special chum was killed, however, a few feet from where I was.

Asked if he had stories to tell about German barbarities Mr. Marie said he had heard a few, but had no personal knowledge of reported atrocities.

"When men are killing one another they don't have any brotherly feelings," he added. "But I didn't hate the Germans except when they were coming at us. I know they are brave men, whatever else they are. I think the boys in the trenches on both sides have a certain amount of respect for one another. But war is war, and it is no use getting squishy about it. No doubt the Germans have done a lot of things they should not have done, but I think probably when you're fighting on an enemy's territory you do some things that are not nice. I have helped kill off blacks in Africa in a way that was not very sportsmanlike."

"One thing I know is that the boys while waiting in the mud of the trenches are doing a lot of thinking, and something is going to come out of it that is going to surprise some people, though I haven't figured out yet what that is going to be."

After doing his bit in the trenches Mr. Marie resumed his duties with the bicycle corps and while carrying a message along the front was shot in the leg by a sniper, and spent some weeks in a hospital.

While in the Imperial service before he was shot twice.

WAR STAMPS MUST BE USED ON THURSDAY

Letters and Post Cards Will Cost One Cent More Than at Present.

The post office officials here were notified yesterday that ordinary postage stamps could be used for checks and other commercial purposes in place of the special war tax stamps.

The extra war stamps on letters and post cards must be used on and after Thursday and the stamps have been placed on sale in the post office here. All letters and post cards mailed in Canada must have an extra one cent stamp affixed. This will mean that all letters mailed must have stamps to the value of three cents affixed while post

cards must carry two cents in stamps. The extra stamps are supposed to be affixed by the sender. Due notice has been sent to all post offices and notices have been given through the newspapers so that the postal officials expect little confusion when the new war tax is inaugurated on Thursday.

PERSONAL.

Gilbert L. Duffy, of Seattle, is in the city, the guest of his cousin, Mrs. H. G. Marr, German street.

Mrs. W. J. Lewis and Mrs. R. V. Parker, of Kentville, N. S. are guests of Mrs. H. G. Marr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Flewelling announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Katherine, to Lieut. G. Stewart Grimmer, 6th C. M. R.

Gilbert Duffy, a member of the staff of the Seattle Times, is in the city, the guest of H. G. Marr, German street.

Mr. Duffy was present at the opening of the exhibition in San Francisco. He is here on a holiday trip.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney General, went to Fredericton last evening.

Hon. John E. Wilson, Hon. James Murray and Hon. D. V. Landry passed through the city last evening to Fredericton for the session of the legislature.

O. M. Melanson, deputy speaker of the legislature, was a passenger to Fredericton last evening. George B. Jones, M. L. A. of Apohaqui, went through to Fredericton on the Pacific express last night.

SCHOOL BOARD WILL STAND BY ITS ESTIMATES

Will Ask Commissioners for Quarterly Installment of \$2,500—School Teacher in West Wants Position Here.

At the meeting of the School Board last evening it was decided to ask the city commissioners to pay the board \$2,500, or one-quarter of the amount by which the commissioners cut the board's estimates for the year. This action was taken because the board felt they had trimmed their estimates at the first of the year as low as possible, consistent with the proper maintenance of the schools. At the same time the members of the board agreed to exercise every possible economy.

An interesting feature of the meeting was a presentation of a letter from a school teacher who went west some time ago, applying for a position as principal or assistant principal of one of the schools. "The tide is evidently beginning to set eastward," observed the chairman. Margaret Adams applied for a position on the teachers staff.

Enoch Thompson of Latour school reported that the teachers, pupils and others had bought a piano for the school and asked that the trustees accept the piano and insure it. The gift was accepted with thanks. Supt. Bridges reported that J. Stewart Henry had gone to Ottawa to attend a military training course. He would be gone for six weeks.

Trustee Day moved that Mr. Henry be granted leave of absence, with half pay.

Trustee Bullock said if they did anything they should grant full pay, but the city commissioners had thrust them back and they had no money.

Supt. Bridges—"It has been so arranged that the board can grant him \$40 without extra expense."

After some discussion Mr. Day's motion was carried. The board confirmed the action of the superintendent in placing Miss Hale in Mr. Henry's place.

The Women's Canadian Club was granted the use of the High School assembly hall for the evening of April 19th.

Supt. Bridges stated that the Women's Canadian Club with other societies proposed to hold a celebration on Loyalist Day, May 18th, and Mrs. Kuhnring had asked whether the schools would furnish a children's chorus.

Dr. Bridges said the schools could furnish a chorus of 500 or 600 voices. The trustees decided to grant the request of the Women's Canadian Club provided they incurred the expenses.

Trustee Coll reported on the work of the delegation which went to Fredericton to interview the law-committee in regard to the city's bill to legalize the civic assessment. He said the Attorney General and members of the law-committee declared that the bill would be amended in such a way that it would not establish a precedent or conflict with the powers of the School Board. The act would not impair the board's rights; if the board had to expend \$10,000, the city would have to provide it, even if it charged the amount to next year's assessment.

On motion of Trustee Bullock the visitors to Victoria annex were authorized to arrange for repairs to a line fence.

Mr. Agar brought up the matter of expenditure for repairs. Mr. Bullock said this was very important; already they had expended \$1,800, nearly one-fifth what the city had expended in the past. He thought school visitors should be limited in the expenditures they were allowed to make on repairs, consistent with economy.

Chairman Emerson said the feeling was that the board should be careful and economical, but could not guarantee that they would not over-expend the amount allowed them by the city. Trustee Manning—"We cut and pruned our estimates in the first place. We were satisfied that the \$10,000 was necessary on the first of January; to say it is not necessary now is to stultify ourselves."

Mr. Coll—"We should ask the city council now to furnish us \$2,500 for the first quarter of the year."

The chairman—I will do that. Chairman Emerson referred to the death of the late Dr. Manning, formerly secretary of the School Board, paid a graceful tribute to his memory, and on his suggestion it was decided to draft a resolution of condolence with his family, and to record the same in the minutes.

The truancy officer reported 98 pupils in irregular attendance and 19 truants.

The secretary's report for last month showed 7,721 pupils enrolled; in attendance, boys, 3,849, girls, 3,811. Average daily attendance was 6,720. Number of teachers visits was 297.

Those present were Chairman Emerson, trustees Bullock, Day, Coll, Agar, Manning, Mrs. Dever, with Supt. Bridges, Secretary Leavitt and assistant.

Wanted Kitchen girl. Apply Royal Hotel.

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