

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate winds, chiefly northerly, generally fair, not much change in temperature. Toronto, Mar. 22.—Snow flurries have occurred in the peninsula of Ontario and near the Bay of Fundy, but the weather in Canada generally has been fine, and in the west continues very mild. Temperatures. Min. Max. Victoria . . . . . 48 64 Vancouver . . . . . 44 66 Kamloops . . . . . 38 62 Prince Albert . . . . . 24 42 Moose Jaw . . . . . 18 53 Winnipeg . . . . . 22 44 Fort Arthur . . . . . 16 34 Parry Sound . . . . . 28 46 London . . . . . 30 39 Toronto . . . . . 33 43 Ottawa . . . . . 32 34 Quebec . . . . . 26 34 St. John . . . . . 30 32 Halifax . . . . . 30 28

Around the City

Telegraph Poles. A tender for the supply of telegraph poles for the British post office has been received at the Board of Trade office, where it may be consulted by prospective tenderers.

Farewelled Thursday. The congregational farewell to Rev. J. H. MacVicar, D. D., who is proceeding to China for mission work, will be held on Thursday. It is anticipated that there will be a very large number present to wish Dr. MacVicar success in a sphere of usefulness which has always appealed to him.

Car Jumped Track. Street car No. 90 jumped the track at the foot of King street about 5.30 yesterday afternoon but no damage was done to the car and the passengers sustained no injuries except a shock to their nerves. The car did not go far after leaving the track and another car coming down King street was quickly coupled up with the runaway and pulled it back on the tracks. Little interruption to traffic was caused.

PERSONAL.

H. Guernsey of England who has made considerable investments in real estate in St. John and who at the outbreak of the war went to the old country arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Royal.

Judge Landry was in the city yesterday. Scott Guptill, M. L. A., arrived from Grand Manan yesterday and left on the evening train for Fredericton.

SALE OF CURTAINS AT M. R. A.'S

This will be a clearance of odd accumulated curtains consisting of Scotch Net, Irish Point, Lorraine, Marie Antoinette, also in Scrim. Some curtains are a bit soiled; the rest are in perfect condition. This will be a fine chance to save, as these curtains from two to six pairs of a pattern, will be offered at from one-half to one-fifth of the regular prices. The sale will start this morning at nine o'clock in the Curtain Department, second floor.

LEFT IN THE WOODS

Owing to the scarcity of snow this winter there will, unfortunately, be a large amount of lumber left in the woods. It should be protected against fire. Should any insurance be required on this, apply to Frank R. Fairweather, 12 Canterbury street, St. John, N. B.—Insurance, Fire Protection Apparatus, Typewriters.

THE KITCHENER COAT

Ladies' garments are taking on a military style which is meeting with the readiest of reception. Among the new styles that are being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store is the Kitchen coat. It is made from pure wool serge, comes in navy, kings blue, scarlet and khaki. It is finished with brass buttons and the military style is carried out to perfection. It is priced from \$7.50 to \$9.75. Sizes from 16 up to 18 years for misses, and for ladies from 34 to 40.

THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SHELLS FOR RUSSIANS

Montreal, Mar. 22.—It is stated, on high authority, that the Russian government has placed with the Canadian Car & Foundry Company an order for the making of two million shells, valued at \$30,000,000. All of the work that cannot be done by manufacturers in this country will be handled by firms in the United States.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

FUNERAL NOTICE. Members of St. Andrew's Society are requested to meet at 87 Charlotte street on Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late ALEXANDER GUNN. By order, ALEXANDER MACAULAY, President.

"MAYOR AND ALDERMEN" ON THE TIMES "SLATE" DECLARE ARTICLE WAS WHOLLY UNTRUE

"Unwarranted and Unfair" Says J. W. Vanwart — "High Handed Piece of Business" Says A.M. Rowan — "Dirty Work" Says E. C. Elkin—Others Express Similar Views.

The Times again last evening once more put itself on record as a producer of faked news, when it published what it claimed to be a slate supported by those behind the movement to effect a change in the present form of civic government. That the slate had never been selected by the men behind the movement made no difference to the Times. Practically every man mentioned by the Times has denied knowing anything of the matter and all say they were never even asked to go on the slate. Several had never even seen the petition that was being circulated in the interests of the aldermanic system.

John W. Vanwart. John W. Vanwart, who has been behind the movement for the return to the old system of civic government, denied last night that he had been selected for mayor. He said the Times article was unwarranted and unfair and indicated that the organs of commission government were coming to realize that the tide was strongly in favor of the movement to restore the old system.

"You cannot too strongly deny the story of the selection of a slate by those behind the movement," said Mr. Vanwart. "The matter of candidates will be for the citizens after the plebiscite has proven, as I believe it will prove, that the voters of St. John are satisfied that the present system of civic government has not produced the results those responsible for it expected."

"Some time ago the Telegraph asked who was behind the petitions. I answered that I was, I, thereupon, became the subject for ridicule and abuse by both the Telegraph and the Times. This does not hurt me but it shows the organs of commission government are becoming desperate."

"I may say that I started the movement for a return to the old form of my own accord because I believed that under the present system the city was not getting proper value for the money spent and I believe it still."

A. M. Rowan, the North End hardware merchant, whom the Times selected on the slate to run for alderman in Lorne Ward, was indignant

EXPECT EMPRE WAR WILL END IN AUGUST; INTERESTING LETTER FROM DR. MACLAREN

This is Opinion of English Generals Says St. John Medical Officer in Letter to Hon. J. D. Hazen — Letters From St. John Boys in Northern France.

Letters written by St. John members of the first Canadian expeditionary force are being received by friends and relatives and show that the men from this section are giving a good account of themselves. Hon. J. D. Hazen received a letter a few days ago under date February 20th, from Dr. Murray MacLaren, who is in charge of No. 1 General Hospital of the Canadian expeditionary force. Among other things, Dr. MacLaren said that General . . . . . Brigadier General of a cavalry brigade at the front lunched with him the other day. He thinks the war will end in August, and said that the opinion that seemed to filter down from the highest in command at the front was that the termination of the war would be in July. He entertained no doubt about its successful conclusion.

Dr. MacLaren said: "Our hospital now is clearing patients out rapidly, as the supply has largely stopped since the contingent left. We have had about 3,000 cases since we started work, the largest number at any one time being 1,210. Officers and men have worked incessantly under difficult conditions and really deserve the highest praise. Most of the work on the plains has fallen to this hospital. The mortality has not been large. Meningitis cases of course form a considerable portion of the fatalities, some cases being fatal in two days of the onset. A number were admitted unconscious. However, the disease seems to be markedly diminished. I hear there are some cases of it on the continent. Pneumonia has been the other important factor in mortality. Notwithstanding these diseases, our mortality is not high. We have had in this hospital, in all forty-two fatalities. We have had a large number of operations with most satisfactory results. I am very much pleased with the efficient work of my officers, many of whom are talented men."

Dr. MacLaren added that they were getting weary of waiting to go abroad, as all ranks came for that purpose, but he hoped in his next letter he would be able to say that the hospital had been moved over to France. "Netheravon where the hospital is situated, was formerly the home of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. It was bought by the British government and converted into a cavalry school. It is well adapted for present needs as far as it goes, but is not sufficiently large for the sick, so they require a number of other hospitals."

WANTED, MORE POLICEMEN

Mayor Frink Will Probably Ask Military Authorities to Provide Patrol.

It was reported yesterday that the Chief of Police had asked for more men for the force. It was said that on account of so many soldiers being in the city the regular policemen had to give much of their attention from the regular work of police duty. When asked about the matter yesterday Mayor Frink said he understood there had been some talk on account of the police having work in connection with the soldiers. He thought the matter was not serious but that it could be adjusted satisfactorily. He would probably ask the military authorities to provide a patrol or else have some arrangement whereby the soldiers would return to barracks early in the evening. He thought if fewer were allowed out all night that the police arrangements would be adequate.

John Willett. Ex-Alderman John Willett, when asked if he had been selected for the slate said: "I have never heard of a slate before. I have never been asked to go on it and I do not believe such a slate was made up by those back of the idea."

John B. Jones. John B. Jones said he never heard of such a slate before. He had never been approached in the matter and knew that no such arrangement had been made.

G. Herbert Green. G. Herbert Green had never been asked to serve on such a slate and his first intimation of a slate was what he saw in the Times.

E. C. Elkin. E. C. Elkin said: "I never saw one of the petitions and I certainly was never asked to go on a slate. I think it is a dirty piece of work to use a man's name without first consulting him. It has formerly been the custom in cases of this kind for the newspapers to call up the men concerned and find out if there was any truth in the report."

James Sproul. James Sproul had never been asked to go on such a slate and the first he heard of the matter was when he read it in the Times last evening.

Others on the list could not understand why their names had been used and all felt that the Times should have first found out if there was any truth in the article before publishing it. "Merely another Times lie, no need to discuss it," was the opinion expressed by one citizen and this seemed to be the view of most of them.

With love, your son, DURLIN FLETCHER. No. 1 Field Ambulance. Ottilie White. Mrs. Blanche White, 90 Exmouth street, has received an interesting letter from her son who is in Northern France with the automobile section. His letter, omitting personal references, follows: On Active Service, Northern France, March 5th.

Dear Mother,—Made another move last night and came about ten miles to another village, and hope we remain here for a while, because we have here the best conditions I have lived in since we landed in England in October last. The men are all sleeping in a large school house, and the sergeants are billeted out in private houses. Sergt. Casson and myself are in a house together; have a nice room, and sure it is some bed I've got. Don't know what I'll sleep like, because it seems so funny to be in a house, let alone have a bed, that there is hope of sleeping in. We have the cars all parked in the streets, and the shops alongside of the church in the Market square, an immense church (Catholic), that has been all destroyed, first by shell fire, and then the Germans put their dead in the church, covered the floor with straw and gasoline, and burned the whole thing. "Almost every house in the town has bullet holes through it, because there was very heavy fighting here for ten days before the Germans were driven out. "At the present time we are about 10 or 11 miles from the firing line. The report of the big guns is very distinct all day, even with the noise we are making at our work; worse than the last town we were in, because we are on lower ground now than the firing line. "We have real March weather here; heavy winds and rain nearly every day. We had an awful thunder, lightning and snow storm all combined the first of the week, and it was the worst I ever saw. "Have seen enough in the last month, mother, to keep me writing until this time next week, but let's hope it will soon all be over. If I get back safe to St. John I can tell you all about it at easy stages."

My last letter was written from the little school house which we made our first hospital. It was in a small village and only a quarter of a mile from the firing line, so you see we are right up against the real thing. When a man gets hit on the field in the morning he has to stay there till night, unless he can crawl back into the trenches, which is a risky business when the German snipers are on to their job. At night the ambulance men sneak along to the trenches and carry them back to the school house, which is the dressing hospital. The next morning we scrub the floors and clean everything up after the night's work and then we get the wounded fixed up ready to be moved back to the base hospital. Then the bodies of those who have not pulled through the night are taken out and buried. We have moved about twelve miles from the school house and now have a beautiful mansion in a good sized town, or rather what was a town before the Germans turned it inside out. This mansion belonged to the mayor of the town. It has fine stables and kennels at the back and the gardens must have been very beautiful last year. Some of the boys and I were

digging around in one corner of the garden to see what we could find when an excited little Frenchman came up and with many gesticulations took the shovel from us and soon unearthed a big tin filled with cartridges. He made us understand that he had buried them when the Germans were in charge and that if they had caught him it would not have been good for his health. When you look over this beautiful country and see how it has been scarred and disfigured you say, "It has sure had a bad attack of German measles." It is rather pathetic amid all the wreckage of war to hear the little song birds as they hunt about for a suitable place to build their nests. It is spring again and the birds which went south last fall are coming back. I wonder what they think of it all. Well, our Canadian boys are right in it and showing themselves the equal of any fighters in France. The French think we are great and are very kind to us. We get good food and lots of it. I have grown so big that I have had to trade overcoats with another fellow. We fellows do not live in the mansion, that is for the wounded. We have private apartments in the stable with plenty of hay to sleep on. We use the harness room for our dining room. There is a stove there, so you see we are pretty comfortable. At night the Germans use search lights which make it as light as day. We sometimes see their air ships, but our boys soon drive them away. I was glad to get the box of fudge. It was all right and soon entered the ranks. I get quite a few letters from college chums, and believe me it is good to hear from them. Well, I must close. I go on duty at 2 a. m. One poor fellow who was hit by shrapnell died last night. We are in lucky, having Dr. Duval for captain. He is great and all the boys like him. The St. John bunch are all well and happy.

Railway Tariffs. The Board of Trade has been advised of a sitting of the Board of Railway Commissioners at Toronto, March 29th to further consider the application of the railway companies operating in Eastern Canada for an increase in freight rates.

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STORES OPEN AT 9 A.M. AND CLOSE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK AT 6 O'CLOCK. Sale of Curtains Savings Ranging from Twenty to Fifty Per Cent. Commencing This Morning. With the task of spring cleaning so near at hand and when new curtains will be needed this sale should be welcomed by most housewives who are on the side of economy. These oddments of curtains have accumulated, some slightly soiled, others in good condition, and all offered at from half to one fifth of the regular prices. SCOTCH NET CURTAINS, white and cream, a large variety of patterns, two to six pairs of a kind, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 yards long. Sale prices per pair \$1.00 to \$3.50. IRISH POINT CURTAINS, white and cream, two to six pairs of a pattern, 3 and 3 1-2 yards long. Sale prices, per pair \$3.25 to \$7.50. LORRAINE CURTAINS, cream and ecru, beautiful designs, three to five pairs of a kind, 2 1-2 yards long. Sale prices, per pair \$3.75 to \$5.50. MARIE ANTOINETTE CURTAINS, white and ecru, two to four pairs of a pattern, 2 1-2 yards long. Sale prices, per pair \$3.25 to \$5.00. SCRIM CURTAINS, white, cream and beige, two to six pairs of a pattern, 2 1-2 yards long. Sale prices, per pair \$1.50 to \$5.00. ALSO ODD PAIRS OF LACE CURTAINS. If you have single windows about the house here is a chance to secure curtains at practically your own prices. NO APPROVAL. Curtain Department—Second Floor. NO APPROVAL.

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