

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts: Maritime—Fresh to strong southerly winds, with showers and local thunderstorms.

Washington, Aug. 9—Northern New England—Partly cloudy Friday, with occasional thunder showers; Saturday fair; moderate northwest to west winds.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature (Min. Max.). Rows include Dawson, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John.

Around the City

The Police Court. Two men appeared in the police court yesterday morning on the charge of drunkenness. They were remanded pending inquiries as to where they obtained their liquor.

Juvenile Thieves. During the past few weeks small boys have been responsible for a number of thefts. Yesterday morning the police rounded up three youngsters who have been charged with stealing.

County Hospital Commission. A meeting of the commissioners of the St. John County Hospital was held yesterday morning at eleven o'clock in the office of County Secretary J. King Kelley. The chairman of the commission, H. B. Schofield, presided and routine matters only were discussed.

Four Recruits. Four stalwart young men from Boston and vicinity came in on the Boston express last night to join the ranks of the 8th Field Ambulance Corps. Their names are: T. Dowling, Medford; R. Webster, Cargill, Andover; Herbert D. Smith, Boston, and C. Ross, Andover.

Furious Runaway. Handolph & Baker's horses attached to a loaded sleigh, and driven by John Hamilton, ran away on Main street yesterday morning when the neck yoke broke. The horses ran from near Portland street to Mill where they were brought to a standstill. The breaking of harness and injury to horses' legs was the only damage done.

The Fish Market. There is a great shortage of fish on the market and the dealers have barely enough to last them over the week-end. Salmon, which is about done, has taken a jump upward in price, a centre cut selling for 10c, and a cut for 8c. Shad has also gone up, due to the light amount on the market, and is selling for 40c to 50c each. Haddock and cod are selling for 15c and 14c a pound; smelts, 15c a pound; herring, 15c a pound, and kipper 4c each.

Haymakers Got Money. Haymaking is being carried on under ideal conditions and a large crop is being housed in splendid condition. Since the season started two weeks ago there have been several electrical storms, which were quickly followed by bright sunshine. The most serious stumbling block is the scarcity of fuel. From \$3 to \$5.50 a day and board is being paid by farmers for the services of haymakers and even this high wage fails to attract the kind of men who understand the work.

Juvenile Court. In the juvenile court yesterday morning an eight-year-old boy was charged with wandering about the streets at 11:50 o'clock Wednesday night. The boy's mother, Mrs. Isabelle McKay, was in court. It was shown that the woman had been previously before the court on the charge of neglecting her children. Both the mother and son were remanded, and later allowed to go with a severe warning. Two other boys were charged with wandering about the streets at 10:40 o'clock at night. They were allowed to go with their parents under suspended sentence.

Successful Golf and Tea. The Red Cross tea and golf at the Riverside Golf Club yesterday was very successful, considering the unpropitious weather. About twenty of the ladies took part in the golf matches and several tables of bridge were formed and a good sum was realized for the Red Cross work. The winners in the golf game were: 1st, Miss Hare; 2nd, Miss Steaton; 3rd, Miss Muriel Robertson. In a game of o'clock golf the winners were: 1st, Miss Muriel Robertson; 2nd, Mrs. Pope Barnes; 3rd, Mrs. W. J. Ambrose. The prizes were balls, donated by W. J. Ambrose.

Herring Scarce. Whereas a year ago this time herring was sold for \$10 a hoghead this fish now commands \$40 a hoghead, but, according to owners of the fish wharves in the bay, they are not making their fortune in the business, due to the scarcity of herring. Because of this lack of herring and the fact that large quantities are being exported a top notch price, herring has been unusually scarce in the bay for several days, and the average catch on the part of the weir owners has been between four and five hogheads, which is considered a small catch for this time of year.

SALE OF PROPERTIES FOR ARREARS WILL BE SMALLEST ON RECORD

Gratifying Returns of Taxes in Saint John County—Arrears Sales on 1st of November.

Upwards of \$24,000 Already Paid in by the Residents of Lancaster—St. Martins' Good Showing.

The number of county properties to be sold this year by the municipality of the city and county of St. John for arrears in taxes will be much smaller than for any year since the act authorizing the sales went into operation. When spoken to by The Standard yesterday in regard to the tax returns for 1917, County Secretary J. King Kelley, K. C. said that generally speaking the amount of taxes paid was most satisfactory. The properties in arrears would be sold under the provision of the act on November 1st next. The first notice of the sale will appear in two newspapers on August 25th and will continue for thirty days. The complete returns from Collector J. H. Brittain for Lancaster show that upwards of \$24,000 have been paid in taxes by the residents of that parish. The standing of the parish with respect to the payment of the assessment is so satisfactory that there are only eleven properties in the entire parish which are more than one year in arrears. The showing of the parish of St. Martins is also most gratifying. There are only sixteen properties in this parish on which the assessment for 1916 remains unpaid. Of this number several are owned by soldiers on active service and aged and infirm people and in these cases the properties will not be sold.

SHED SPECIFICATIONS DEALT WITH IN COUNCIL

Commissioner McLellan Takes Exception to Section Five—Decided to Refer Section to the City Solicitor.

The plans and specifications for the wharf and shed at No. 5 berth, West Side, were under consideration by the City Council yesterday, and it was decided to call for tenders to close Monday, August 20, at eleven o'clock. Commissioner McLellan took exception to section five of the specifications, which he claimed was not fair either to the contractors or the city. Engineer Murdoch stated that this was a standard section in all contracts for work of this kind. After some discussion it was decided to refer the section to the city solicitor.

The section is: "Should the contractor fail to begin the work within ten days of the execution of a contract to perform same or, having commenced, suspend work without satisfactory cause, or prosecute the work in such a manner as to leave no reasonable prospect of completion within three months of the signing of the said contract, the commissioner, in behalf of the city of St. John, do have power and authority, should he deem it expedient, on giving to said contractor three days' previous notice in writing of his intention so to do, to enter upon and take full control of the work and discontinue the same. The contractor shall, in such case, forfeit all claim to proceed with said work or to recover any sum he may be due from the city for the said work."

Weldon and McLean wrote on behalf of the C.P.R., protesting against their valuation of \$4,600,000 for patriotic purposes, claiming that this was largely in excess of the real value and asked for a hearing in this connection. It was decided to hear them next Thursday morning.

Organizing Branches. Charles Robinson will visit Moncton, Chatham and Campbellton on the invitation of the returned soldiers in those places for the purpose of organizing branches of the Great War Veterans' Association. He will leave on Sunday for Moncton, where he will address a meeting Sunday afternoon. On Monday morning he will go to Chatham, where a meeting will be held Monday night and on Tuesday night a meeting will be held at Campbellton. On Wednesday Mr. Robinson will leave for Ottawa, where he and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale will interview the Military Hospitals Commission regarding the settlement of soldiers on the lead in New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, who will represent the province at the conference, requested that Mr. Robinson accompany him in order to have the benefit of his knowledge of local conditions and problems.

VISITORS IN TOWN WILL ENJOY A TOUR OF OUR STORE—ALL THE NEWEST THINGS DISPLAYED THEREIN. For every St. John citizen who goes away for the holiday, the great variety of more arrives in town, and of course doing the shops will be part of the trip's enjoyment. Whatever you do Madam Visitor, do not forget to visit our Ready-to-Wear section. It is one of the most attractive departments in the store, for the simple reason that the variety is wide enough to suit all tastes. Prices represent the very best of values. F. A. DYKEMAN & CO. THE PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL. First-class. Moderate charges.

SISTERS HERE TAKE INSTRUCTION COURSE IN PHYSICAL TRAINING

Captain R. Robinson Black is Well Pleased with Showing of Classes Here and at Fredericton and Truro.

Captain R. Robinson Black, organizer and inspector of cadets for the Maritime Provinces, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Victoria Hotel. The inspector has just returned from Truro, where he paid a visit to the Rural Science School and inspected the summer class of eighty-one students in physical training. The class was qualifying for the necessary "B" certificate in physical training to enable them to qualify for a high grade teacher's license. The class has been conducted under the supervision of Capt. Black since July 16th last. The inspector recently paid a visit to Fredericton, where he inspected a class of twenty-six students who have completed a similar course under the supervision of Capt. A. S. McFarlane, instructor. Yesterday Captain Black was engaged in this city in inspecting a large special class in physical training at St. Vincent's Convent. The class included a considerable number of the Sisters of Charity and was under the tutelage of Miss Sadie L. Thompson, instructor in physical training and attached to the non-permanent P. T. cadre. In conversation with The Standard Captain Black expressed himself as well pleased with the results that had been obtained by the various classes. Although certificates were not issued in every case, the increased efficiency and interest displayed by the students afforded him much satisfaction.

FAVOR VOTE FOR NEXT OF KIN OF SOLDIERS

Important Resolution Adopted by the Members of the Canadian Imperial League in Session Last Evening.

At a largely attended meeting of the Canadian Imperial League in the league room on Prince William street last evening, a resolution was passed to the effect that at the coming general Dominion election the right to vote be given to the female next of kin of Canadian soldiers now overseas. The measure created some little good natured discussion amongst the members, but when it came to the vote it was unanimously passed. The meeting was presided over by H. L. McGowan. The resolution is as follows: "Whereas it is rumored that a general election is likely to take place at an early date; and Whereas it is recognized by this league that the female next of kin relatives of members of the Canadian Forces are unable to vote; and Whereas the female next of kin relatives of said members ought to have some measure of franchise granted to them as a recognition of their sacrifices because of the war; Therefore resolved that this league memorialize the Right Honourable Sir Robert L. Borden, K. C., and his colleagues in the government of Canada the matter of granting to the registered female next of kin of absent soldiers the right to vote in the Dominion election, such votes to be accepted at the said election on the same manner as the franchise now extends or applies to the male voter; and Further resolved that the opinion of this league is that the matter of parliament should be extended and no election called until the return of the aforesaid soldiers at the termination of the war."

SOLDIERS TO LEARN BRANCHES OF FARMING

Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission in Session—Practical and Theoretical Knowledge Will Be Sought After.

A meeting of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the secretary, Charles Robinson, 49 Canterbury street. Several matters of routine business were disposed of and a number of resolutions for presentation to the Military Hospitals Commission passed. The meeting also unanimously passed a resolution asking the provincial government to place the Agricultural School at Sussex at the disposal of the Military Hospitals Commission to be used for the purpose of giving returned soldiers of New Brunswick a real training in agriculture both practical and theoretical. Those present were: Colonel MacKenzie, Chatham; Colonel Forbes-Richibucto; Judge Wilson, Fredericton; J. D. Creighton, Newcastle; T. M. Barnes, Bathurst; D. A. Stewart, Campbellton; Dr. L. N. Burke and J. Masters, Moncton; L. A. Ganong, Edmundston; J. A. Peat, Andover; D. Munroe, Woodstock; D. S. Pescoe, Fredericton, and Rufus Steves, Sussex. The local members of the committee are: J. B. M. Baxter, Colonel Thomas Walker, James Sargue and Thomas Bell.

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HITCH OVER ADDITION BETWEEN COUNTY AND HOSPITALS COMMISSION

Tenders Closed for New Addition But County Authorities Say no Agreement.

The Suggestion of County Not Complied With and No Permission Given for New Work.

A hitch has arisen between the Military Hospitals Commission and the Municipality of the City and County of St. John relative to the proposed addition at the St. John County Hospital to provide the necessary accommodation for the treatment and care of the returned tubercular soldiers. Before entering into any agreement with the municipality in the matter it appears that the commission went ahead and called for tenders for the addition to the hospital. The tenders closed recently but no announcement has yet been made of the name of the successful tenderer for the work. Objection is taken by the municipality, who own and control the hospital, that the commission's action in calling for tenders without the approval of the municipality is a high-handed piece of work. It is pointed out that the consent of the municipality is a very essential thing as the municipality alone owns the building and controls the affairs of the hospital. A county official informed The Standard yesterday that no agreement had yet been arrived at either as to the location of the addition to the hospital or as to the care of tubercular soldiers. The suggestion of the municipality, who also would control the treatment and care of the military patients, the Dominion government paying the cost of maintenance at the rate of \$1.50 per day per patient.

SEEK MUNICIPAL GRANT TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF SOLDIERS' XMAS GIFTS

Local Committee of Women Will Be Heard at Meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday Afternoon Next.

Mrs. J. A. McAvity and Mrs. (Dr.) J. V. Anglin are the head of a number of city women who have addressed a communication to the Municipality of the City and County of St. John asking that a vote be made to defray the expenses of sending Christmas boxes to the men of the First Canadian Contingent from the city and county. The ladies request that the amount be apportioned from the amount collected from the patriotic assessment for 1916. At the present time there is a balance of approximately \$5,000 on hand in this fund and it is likely that the request of the ladies will receive most favorable consideration. The ladies are desirous of having the reply of the municipality as soon as convenient, it being their intention to commence preparations in the immediate future for sending the Christmas gifts to the gallant men who were the first to volunteer for overseas conditions. The request comes directly under the work of the finance committee of the County Council and County Secretary J. King Kelley, K. C., has sent out notices for a meeting of the committee on Monday afternoon next at three o'clock, when the matter will be considered by the committee.

MONTHLY MEETING OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Nine Children Admitted to Home Last Month—Rev. Mr. Scott Kept Busy—Many Applications for Children Received

The monthly meeting of The Children's Aid Society was held last night in the shelter, presided at by A. M. Belding in the chair. Rev. Mr. Scott presented his report which precipitated a long discussion. During the past month there have been nine children admitted to the shelter. Three have been taken out leaving a total of thirteen in the home at the present time. On August 5, there was a hearing before Rev. R. A. Armstrong and J. King Kelley, Justices to the Peace, concerning the future of the children as a result of which three children were committed to the care of the society. Rev. Mr. Scott has been busy during the month with a variety of cases that were brought to his notice. The future of many of the children in most are hopeful. Attention is being paid to the housing conditions of the people as it is felt that this has an important bearing on social work. Plans are being collected which it is hoped will be useful when in the future any organized effort is made to effect an improvement along these lines. Mr. Scott has during the month received a number of applications for children which have been duly answered. Following the reception of the agent's report the usual bills were passed and ordered paid.

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