

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Southerly to westerly winds; some showers, but partly fair. Toronto, Sept. 3.—Showers have occurred again in many parts of Ontario and locally in the Maritime Provinces, while in the other provinces the weather has been fine. Frosts occurred this morning in some sections of southern Saskatchewan.

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AROUND THE CITY

Special Policemen. Chief of Police Clark requests all the special officers chosen to do duty during exhibition week to report at police headquarters this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Band Concert. A large crowd of people greatly enjoyed a concert rendered by the Temple Band under the leadership of Bandmaster McNichol, on the King Edward band stand last night.

A Blow Out. The C. P. R. Boston express due here at 11.25 last evening was nearly two hours late in reaching the city. Soon after leaving McAdam Junction a cylinder head blew out on the engine and another locomotive had to be secured from McAdam. The Halifax express was held till after the arrival of the Boston.

Trades Congress. The trades and labor council met last evening, and proceeded with arrangements for the convention of the trades and labor congress which meets here this month. Owing to the war and disturbed industrial conditions it was said the attendance is not likely to be as large as expected, but that there would be several hundred delegates.

High School Alumni. At the meeting of the High School Alumni held last night about fifty were present. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Miss Jessie Lawson; first vice-president, Miss Alice Walker; second vice-president, Miss Hazel Smith; secretary, Miss Louise Best; treasurer, D. Gordon Lingley. Additional members of the executive: Miss Margaret Dodson, Miss Grace Macneil, Miss Marion Crookshank and W. J. Finon.

Wants New Brunswick Farm. An Ontario farmer wrote to the Board of Trade yesterday that he had sold his farm in Ontario and was coming to New Brunswick to buy a farm, as he believed that with the conditions produced by the war a man engaged in farming in New Brunswick having easy access to the markets of Great Britain and France could make more money than in any other part of Canada.

Stopped Nonsense. For the past few days and nights there has been a citizen walking about the city under the influence of liquor and wearing the uniform of a local regiment which he was disgracing. Last night a guard of three soldiers called on the man's boarding house, took his side arms from him and paraded him through the streets to the armory. Shortly after he was paraded back to his quarters, and shortly after the same guard returned to the armory taking the man's uniform, but not the man with them.

With the Soldiers. The company of the 2nd which has been organized for permanent service had a busy day yesterday. The morning was spent at drill at the armory, and in the afternoon they marched out to the rifle range and spent two hours at target practice. Every day in addition to the regular drill at the armory the men of the company are taken on route marches with a view to hardening them for any work they may be called upon to do in defence of the country. Both officers and men are taking to their work with enthusiasm. The artillery battery on Partridge Island is hard at work and is getting in good shape, while the men are in excellent spirits.

THE MARKETS

There have been many changes in the prices of commodities in the local markets this week, the general trend being for increases in all departments except meats. Sugar and flour, however, remain unchanged in price. Cream of tartar continues to demand high figures. Canned goods are higher, except in the case of corned beef. Flours remain as last week, but oat-meals, both rolled and standard, have increased twenty-five to thirty-five cents. Cornmeal has increased five cents, but hay and oats remain about the same as a week ago. Meats are prices now: Lamb twelve cents as against fourteen cents last week; pork twelve cents, a decrease of three cents from last week's quote. Potatoes are now coming in freely, and are of good quality, the wholesale price yesterday averaging seventy cents per bushel.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Johnston W. Clark of Vancouver, B. C., arrived in the city yesterday and is visiting her parents, C. B. Lockhart, M. F. P., and Mrs. Lockhart. Mrs. M. Chisholm of Moncton, N. B., arrived in the city yesterday attending the Bridge-MacNeill nuptials.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO CALL FOR FUND TO AID DISSESSED TO WANT WAR

Citizens Patriotic Committee Announce Collection of \$16,500 of date—More will be Needed Before Winter is Over.

So far the Citizens' Patriotic Committee have collected \$16,500 for the soldiers and families fund, and in addition to this have another \$2,500 promised, though the collectors appointed by the committee have not yet, by any means, covered the territory assigned to them. Those active in the movement to look after the wives and families of the men who have gone to fight for the Empire think that a much larger sum than this will be required, but they believe the response of those who are stopping at home and are able to give to the cause will be generous enough to assure the soldiers' families against want while their husbands and sons are at the front.

Applications. It is said that there is a disposition on the part of the relatives of soldiers to place a wide interpretation upon the purposes of the fund. While one woman and her children went hungry for several days rather than apply for relief to the committee, many of the relatives of men going to the front have applied for a share in the distribution of the fund, in the belief that it is divided on a more or less equal basis among the relatives of all volunteers without reference to their needs. An application was received from one volunteer who has lived in St. John for a few years, asking the committee to look after his family which is in England, and which he was never able to bring out to St. John.

Conditions. The three city commissioners in conjunction with the secretary of the Board of Trade, are giving a good deal of attention to the work assigned them, and they have quite a number of applications for assistance. They have already got an insight into certain phases of life in the city that they might not otherwise have gained, and have some harrowing tales to tell of the conditions under which they have found people living.

May Be Hard Winter. It is believed by those who have made a study of the conditions of the poorer classes in the city, that there will be this winter an unusual demand for charity or help from the more unfortunate classes of the community, because it is anticipated that as a result of the war times will be dull and little employment offering. It is claimed by townshomans that the hope that there will be a big export of foodstuffs through St. John this winter, even if realized, will not materially relieve the situation, because the handling of grains and foodstuffs does not give much employment. Imports, which are usually of the kind which give considerable employment, will be small, and very little lumber will be shipped, so long as business is dull in Great Britain.

Excitement. The cotton mills this summer have only been working three-quarters time and quite a number of manufacturing industries have been closed down. The opinion among charity workers is that unless the local manufacturing industries show greater signs of activity than they are doing now, the poor of the city will have a hard time this winter.

So far, owing largely to the demand for men on public works, there has not been a great dearth of employment for laborers. Women workers have had dull times during the summer, owing to the number of families residing in the country, but at present with the well to do returning to their city residences there is a fair demand for the labor of women.

The exhibition will make work for a certain class, and quite a number of people in the city are badly in need of work.

With considerably over 1,000 feet of crib work sunk this year, with three cribs under construction, and only two more to build to complete their contract the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company are making good progress with their work of building on the West Side, and barring accidents will be able to complete the work contracted within the time specified, giving St. John additional wharf accommodation this winter. A slight delay has been caused by the fact that a crib which was being brought out of Rodney Slip grounded, but this is a contingency which has occurred before, and with the approaching spring tides so difficulty is anticipated in floating the crib and getting it to its position. The contractors expect to sink three more cribs this month.

The Cape Company, which is doing the concrete work, is making good progress, having laid so far about 1,240 lineal feet of the concrete superstructure. They are pushing their work as fast as the sinking of the cribs warrant, and will not take long to finish up after the last crib is placed in position.

In regard to the work of filling in behind the quay walls, this is proceeding in a satisfactory manner. The contractors have four clam shell diggers at work, transferring the filling material from scows to the space behind the quay walls, and these are kept pretty busy. In fact several phases of the work of wharf building at Sand Point is being hurried on night and day.

Arrangements are now being made by the contractors for the erection of a temporary shed, and this, it is said, is erected before the opening of winter navigation places any special tax upon the harbor accommodations.

Foreign Flannellets. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing their fall importation of foreign made flannellets and they certainly are suggestive of comfort and warmth for the coming winter days. These flannellets are of the value nature, and also of cashmere finish, are especially attractive in patterns and are woven in a good old English way that gives them a softness and satisfaction. The prices run from 10c. to 25c.

Up to the present time several branches of the Red Cross Society have already been formed throughout the Province of New Brunswick and are doing splendid work. It is hoped that every town will have its branch and any information required regarding organizing, work to be done, etc., will be cheerfully furnished upon application to Lady Tilley, Carlton House, St. John, N. B.

Red Cross Societies. The Adventures of Kathlyn, which have been creating considerable interest in Imperial Theatre for over five months will be concluded with a surprising final chapter today and tomorrow on the Keith house. Those who have been following the narrative should by no means miss this concluding chapter, as there will be another two-act feature, "The Living Fear," by the Lubin Co., a comedy number, vaudeville and singers.

Members of Mack's Musical Revue will receive Friends Saturday Night. The members of Mack's Musical Revue are to hold a public reception on the stage immediately after the matinee on Saturday so that their many friends may have an opportunity to meet them personally. Miss Akers, the director of the company, is arranging some special features for the farewell performances on Saturday.

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GERMAN PEOPLE TO WANT WAR

Rev. J. A. and Mrs. MacKeigan had exciting experience in Europe—Held up by Warship.

Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, pastor of St. David's Presbyterian church, and Mrs. MacKeigan returned home from an extended tour of Europe yesterday. While in the Old Land Mr. and Mrs. MacKeigan had many thrilling experiences, but nowhere did they suffer any serious inconvenience.

On the Monday before the war was declared, Mr. MacKeigan was in Constance, and started that night for England. On account of there being only one train a day up through Germany, he made a detour from Constance to Belfort, the French city, which has been the scene of activities between the French and Germans. At Belfort the French citizens were singing the National Anthem and there was a general demonstration of a patriotic nature.

The route was then to Cologne where practically everyone was preparing for war. In all parts of Germany troops were preparing for action, and Mr. MacKeigan said that during the trip up through Germany he did not see more than half a dozen men not in uniform. Although it was about harvest time the men were all leaving for the front, and the women and children were left to harvest the crops.

While there was some demonstrations in Germany, Mr. MacKeigan said his party was treated with the greatest courtesy, and there was no demonstrations against the British. Many soldiers were in the train with him, but all were quiet and seemed rather reluctant about going into the war.

Mr. MacKeigan talked with several German army officers in different places, and they generally expressed themselves as having no cause to think that the British government was to blame for the conflict, and that the people were compelled to fight.

From Cologne he came up to Flushing where he took boat for England. On the way across the channel the steamer was held up by British warship and the wireless apparatus was dismantled. Another warship escorted the steamer to its destination. War had been declared while the party was leaving Flushing.

Coming across the Atlantic on the steamer from Liverpool to Quebec, all lights were darkened and the portholes were covered. The ship was also painted a dark grey and the funnel was painted over. In Constance Mr. MacKeigan was at a hotel opposite a barracks and he saw thousands of soldiers coming in and being equipped and sent away in corps.

In England during the first few days after war was declared there was a prolonged demonstration, but the people soon settled down to a dogged determination and went on with their business as usual. The recruiting stations, however, were crowded at all times, and the parks were used for collecting places for all sorts of supplies and transportation articles. All sorts of vehicles were being secured by the military authorities.

There was very little excitement in London, excepting during the evening in the vicinity of Buckingham Palace when large crowds collected and waited for something to happen. The people generally were quiet. Speaking of his experience Mr. MacKeigan said that the fact that the British government was wholly responsible for the present war, and the people of Germany in general were not in favor of it.

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