

**THE WEATHER.**

Forecasts:  
Maritime—Light to moderate winds; fine, stationary or a little higher temperature.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy; moderate winds.

Toronto, Sept. 11.—The weather has been fine today throughout the Dominion, and for the most part moderately warm.

Temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	38	48
Prince Rupert	48	54
Victoria	50	62
Vancouver	54	66
Kamloops	52	72
Calgary	48	70
Edmonton	48	64
Battleford	48	70
Prince Albert	44	70
Medicine Hat	44	76
Regina	49	73
Winnipeg	54	72
Port Arthur	55	72
Perry Sound	54	80
London	54	79
Toronto	58	78
Ottawa	46	76
Montreal	46	70
Quebec	42	66
St. John	42	62
Halifax	40	66

**Around the City**

**Band Concert Last Night.**  
A large crowd of people assembled on the King Square last night and listened with much pleasure to an excellent programme of music rendered by the City Cornet Band.

**Price of Shaving.**  
The recent decision amongst some of the barbers to charge 15c. for a shave instead of 10c., does not appear to have been generally followed, since the old price still prevails in several of the city establishments, to the delight of the majority of shavers.

**Gymnasium in Cliff Street.**  
The new gymnasium in course of construction in Cliff street, near Waterloo street, will, it is expected, be formally opened by Bishop LeBlanc next month. A swimming tank has been installed and a race track completed.

**Labor Day Fair Committee.**  
A meeting of the general committee of the Labor Day Fair will be held in the Board of Trade room on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as special business will be taken up then.

**Disorderly House Raided.**  
Acting Sergeant Journey and Police Constable McNamee made a raid on a house at No. 2 City Road last night and found the proprietress, Minnie Burns, a colored woman, Jeremiah Daley, an old offender, and Private Arthur Howe of the 62nd Home Guard, both white, and all under the influence of liquor. The woman is charged with being the keeper of a disorderly house and her male companions as being inmates. Daley strongly objected to being arrested and resisted violently.

**Wants Another Race.**  
Mr. Jack Warwick, who was defeated by L. Sutherland in the 200 yard sprint at the sports held by the residents at Seaside on Saturday claims that had he not fallen he would have defeated Mr. Sutherland. Mr. Warwick is anxious to run Mr. Sutherland again this Saturday in order to prove his superiority in the running game over Saturday's winner. It is likely that the match will be arranged.

**Last Direct Trip.**  
The Eastern Line Corporation steamship Governor Cobb, Captain Mitchell, arrived in port yesterday morning on the last direct trip of the season between St. John and Boston. Besides a good cargo the Cobb brought 350 passengers which is considered a large number coming east this time of year. After discharging and taking on cargo the steamer left about eleven o'clock for Boston via Eastport, Lubec and Portland, Maine.

**Railway Official Here.**  
A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central Railway, and chairman of the commission appointed by Premier Borden to investigate conditions in connection with the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific, spent Sunday morning in town looking over the terminal facilities. He came down from Moncton early Sunday morning and was shown around the harbor and Courtenay Bay by Thomas Bell. It is understood that one day last week he was at Halifax and he is making a tour of Canada in order to familiarize himself with railroad conditions. He left at 10:45 Sunday on a special train for Banor.

**Four Months for Rose.**  
On Friday night last Tony Rose, an Italian, was arrested for the third time and as he is locked up as a vagrant, and was not wanted in the city, the order of the court was that he be shipped out of the city. This was easily done for he was placed on a street car and sent out into the country. He is now at Glen Falls and he remained in that vicinity until Sunday afternoon when he was placed under arrest by County Police Officer Saunders. Yesterday he was taken before Magistrate Adams in the Brookville court and was sentenced to a term of four months in the county jail.

**LT. COL. BEER TELLS OF THE VERDUN HERE CRACK 140TH - ON WAY HOME**

**"St. John Tigers" Have Made Great Reputation at Valcartier.**

**SOON OVERSEAS IS THE REPORT**

**Officer Commanding and Party of His Staff in City to Secure 100 Men to Complete Battalion.**

Lieut.-Col. Beer, O. C., 140th Battalion arrived in the city yesterday accompanied by a number of his officers in search of 100 men to fill the ranks of the crack battalion at Valcartier, as that many had been turned down in the final medical tests which were very severe.

The battalion would go overseas some time during the present month and any person desiring to go overseas without the necessity of a long training in Canada had the opportunity now, not only of avoiding the long and sometimes tedious training here, but to go with this crack Canadian battalion, and one which was practically certain to go to the front as a unit.

Col. Beer said last night the battalion had been highly complimented on the showing it made in trench warfare at the camp by the staff officers. When they were inspected by General Lesard they passed the test with flying colors and received the highest commendation from him for their work from the O. C. down to the man.

On the ranks they were the leaders and had set a mark which it would take some time to reach.

Three of the senior officers had seen service at the front, and this was probably one reason why the battalion has made such a good showing.

Col. Beer spent several months in France and knows the game as it is played there to a nicety. Major Rush, second in command, went overseas with the Strathcona Horse, and was lately staff captain of the 7th Infantry Brigade, which held the Ypres salient for over four months in some of the hottest fighting of the war.

Major Carter went across with the "Fighting 26th," served with them for some time, was wounded and sent home to recuperate. When he had sufficiently recovered to go back to duty he was appointed to the 140th and he is very popular with his men.

Men who decide to go with the 140th would not be trusting their lives to green hands, but men who had been there and knew the game from start to finish.

In the field of athletics the battalion had also made its mark at Valcartier. In the tug of war they trimmed everything in sight, and at baseball with fifteen teams competing they finished second.

The end of this unit also came in for its share of credit and was the band chosen to play at the staff dinners.

There will be three public meetings held in the province in the endeavor to get the 100 men necessary to bring the unit up to full strength, one at Fredericton, one at Woodstock, and one at St. John.

This morning Col. Beer and his aides accompanied by Col. Guthrie, O. C., New Brunswick command will leave for Fredericton, and a big public meeting will be held there tonight at which the principal speakers will be Col. Beer and Col. Guthrie.

On Wednesday they will proceed to Woodstock, and in the evening a big rally will be held there.

On Thursday they will return to St. John, and on Thursday evening a public meeting will take place in the Imperial Theatre. It is expected that the house will be packed, and that the men needed to fill up the ranks of the "St. John Tigers" will be on hand and enlist at that meeting.

This battalion had already brought credit to St. John, and it was hoped that the young men of this city would not allow it to go overseas under strength, especially as Col. Beer had good reason to believe that it would go to France as a unit.

The opportunity was before the young men of the city and Col. Beer said that he had enough faith in the manhood of St. John to feel sure that it would be taken advantage of.

**VETERAN OF VERDUN HERE**

**Sergt. Vergnes Helped in Heroic Defence Which Frustrated Dearest Hopes of German Leaders.**

Sergt. Louis Vergnes, 415th Battalion French Infantry, who has been in the city yesterday afternoon because of the overdue C. P. R. train bound east, proved a most interesting visitor aside from his natty blue-grey uniform and glistening medals won by bravery in his defense of Verdun.

The tri-color hero was on furlough for three months from his native Paris and took the opportunity to visit his large fishing fleet in the French dependency Isle de St. Pierre, Miquelon, off Newfoundland.

After the evening newspaper men got through with him—and his impromptu interview—afternoon he hurried out to be a hero in one of Britain's wars, the late South African trouble, in which he participated as a member of our own glorious G Company, which had the honor of capturing General Cronje.

During an auto spin up to Westfield and down the Bay Coast road as far as Lorneville, where Sergt. Vergnes was greatly interested in the fishing industry a deal of first-hand narration of the great Verdun struggle was told by the French soldier. He modestly confessed to receiving his French "Victoria Cross" for successful holding a trench for ten hours with only eight men while the German horde swarmed upon them time and again. Then he was wounded with shrapnel and laid in hospital ten weeks.

Sergt. Vergnes thinks the great war will last another year. He is certain the Kaiser is beaten on all counts—but it will take this extra few months as he puts it, "to polish him off well." Somebody jokingly asked the sergeant if he thought Wilhelm would eat his Christmas dinner this year in Paris. The reply was, "He'll be in luck if we don't eat ours in Potsdam."

It was while the auto party was returning to the city via the ferry that a most singular coincidence occurred. Toll Collector William Donahue of the West Side was told that one of the party was J. T. Dineen, one of his old G Company comrades in South Africa. There was instant recognition and reminiscences. Capt. N. A. Withers happened to be within hearing distance and he observed that his own brother had fallen in South Africa as a member of G Company. Mr. Dineen promptly bared his arm and showed a scar, stating that the bullet that killed Fred Withers passed through his wrist. He then gave the dead hero's brother much first-hand information concerning the sad facts.

Which all goes to show that this terrestrial footstool is after all only a little place.

**Y.M.C.A. BOYS ADOPT THE STANDARD TESTS**

**Programme for Coming Season Already Outlined—For High School and Senior Boys.**

A. M. Grege, Boys' Work secretary of the Y. M. C. A. has the programme for the coming season outlined in accordance with the Canadian standard efficiency test. The educational part of the programme will consist of talks on a variety of subjects as follows:

Meaning and Value of Education, Health Conservation, Character Building, Value of Team Games, History of Religion, Weather Wisdom, Public Speaking, Sex Education, Sculpture, Morning Watch, Development of Plant Life. The 3 C's, clean sports, weeks of speech, clean habits, four weeks of course on Studying to Teach, Books and Reading, Boy's right conduct in relation to his church, craftsmanship, principles and functions of government, wild birds of the province, standard classical musical composition.

These talks will be for the High school and senior boys, and one will be given each Tuesday evening. Supper will be served to the boys at 6:15 and the talk at 7 o'clock.

On the physical side there will be a test each week in swimming, running, jumping and throwing. The Standard Efficiency Test programme is intended to develop the boy along three lines, spiritually, mentally and physically, and the same work is being carried on in every Y. M. C. A. in Canada.

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**LETTING OF NEW SCHOOL CONTRACTS**

**Bentley Street School to Cost \$71,354 According to Successful Bidders.**

**THE WORK WILL BE STARTED AT ONCE**

**B. Mooney and Edward Bates Get Masonry and Carpentry Contracts, with Messrs. Blake, Pullen and Webb & Son Smaller Portions.**

At the monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees last evening tenders were considered for the erection of the proposed new school building in Bentley street. They were as follows:

For masonry work, James Sproul, \$46,500; E. Ryers, \$47,861; B. Mooney & Sons, \$39,480.

For carpentry work, James McDade, \$20,079; Edward Bates, \$18,778; George M. Lawson, \$22,900; Stanley A. Williams, \$23,400; Ernest W. Green, \$20,849, by separate tenders of \$13,009, \$5,761 and \$2,079 for different work.

For heating and plumbing, James H. Doody, Jr., \$9,000; G. & E. Blake, \$7,740; Francis S. Walker, \$9,625; W. E. Emerson, \$8,174; W. A. Stepler & Co., \$2,875 (plumbing only).

For painting and glazing, John Johnson & Son, \$3,515; James Huey, \$4,208; James H. Pullen, \$2,350.

For electric wiring, H. Webb & Son, \$1,511.40; Frank E. Jones, \$1,691; Vaughan Electric Co., \$2,300.

For vacuum cleaner, H. Webb & Son, \$1,498; Vaughan Electric Co., \$1,504.

The Successful Ones. Tenders were accepted as follows: B. Mooney & Sons, for masonry, \$39,480; Edward Bates, for carpentry, \$18,778; G. & E. Blake, for plumbing, \$7,740; James H. Pullen, painting and glazing, \$2,350; H. Webb & Son, electric wiring, \$1,511.40; vacuum cleaner, \$1,498. The total of the tenders accepted, amounting to \$71,354 comes closely to the estimate of the architect, F. Neil Brodie, who placed the figure at \$70,000.

Work on the new building is to be commenced at once and it is expected that the structure will be ready for use by August 1 next year.

Those present at the meeting last night were: Trustees E. R. W. Ingraham, G. E. Day, G. H. Green, Dr. Manning, H. Colby Smith, R. B. Emerson (chairman), Mr. Dever and Mrs. Taylor, with Dr. Bridges, superintendent, and the secretary, A. Gordon Leavitt.

After the minutes of meetings both general and in committee had been read the chairman read communications. J. H. Dixon, clerk of the executive council, wrote that the issue of bonds for school purposes to the extent of \$75,000 had been approved by the government on recommendation of the Attorney-General. This appropriation is intended to cover the cost of the new Bentley street school.

An application from Miss Grace M. Grant for leave of absence was agreed to. Several matters were discussed with reference to repairs in the different schools.

On motion of Trustee Green, seconded by Dr. Manning, the visiting committee was empowered to see to any necessary renewals of heating apparatus and other matters, in King Edward school and to get work done at lowest possible prices. Some discussion arose as to repairs in the Winter street school; this matter, also, was left to the visiting committee.

Communications were read from the General Accident and Insurance Company, Toronto, and another company respecting insurance risks in the schools. These were referred to the finance committee to report back.

Some comments were made as to the water supply in the schools, with particular reference as to wastage. Trustee Green moved that janitors be authorized to turn off the water at four o'clock each afternoon. To this Dr. Manning objected, explaining that it was doubtful how far the board had power to take definite steps in this matter. Ultimately the question of water supply was, by unanimous agreement, left with Trustee Russell.

New Fall Gloves. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have a nice range of Canadian made Mocha Gloves. These gloves will outwear three pairs of kid gloves, and are sold at the low price of \$1.50. They can be had in white or grey with or without the heavy stitching on back.

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I. C. R. Suburban Changes. Suburban train No. 238, which has been leaving St. John at 9 a. m., and train No. 237 arriving at St. John at 11.30, are discontinued. Commencing September 11th, train No. 332 will leave St. John at 12.30 noon, arriving at Hampton at 1.30.

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