

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.
Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds, fine and a little cooler.
Washington, Oct. 6.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair, slightly cooler Saturday; Sunday fair; moderate west and northwest winds.
Toronto, Oct. 6.—The weather of today has been fine throughout the Dominion with the temperature higher than yesterday in the western provinces and slightly lower on Ontario eastward. There are indications of another cold wave in the west.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	26	34
Prince Rupert	34	66
Victoria	46	66
Vancouver	36	62
Calgary	40	44
Medicine Hat	36	60
Moose Jaw	33	48
Regina	23	33
Prince Albert	24	56
Saskatoon	40	65
Port Arthur	32	64
Parry Sound	42	48
Ottawa	54	64
Montreal	58	64
Quebec	50	74
Halifax	50	60
St. John	50	60

Around the City

A Couple of Drunks.
A couple of drunks were the only persons taken into custody by the police last night.

Swimming Scows Removed.
Yesterday morning the swimming scows on the West Side were removed to winter quarters. During the past season they have proved most useful as an aid to those learning to swim.

Runaway Stopped.
Policeman Gorman stopped a runaway horse belonging to Frederick McCormick yesterday afternoon on Mill street. The horse was slightly out and the harness broken. Fortunately the driver was not at all injured.

A Patriotic Dance.
A dance was held last night by the Ladies of the Royal Blue Lodge in their rooms on Germain street, the proceeds going towards boxes for the soldiers at the front. An enjoyable time was spent by the large number of guests present. These dances will be held monthly throughout the winter, on the first Friday in every month.

No Arrest Was Made.
Upon the arrival of the Montreal train yesterday a young man was pointed out to the I. C. R. police officer, John Collins, by a passenger as having caused him considerable trouble while on the train. As the complainant, however, was leaving the city and would not remain to press the charge, the officer was obliged to let the young man go.

Trafalgar Day.
His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has addressed a letter to the mayors of the towns and cities and wardens of municipalities, suggesting that the work of collecting funds for the British Red Cross on Trafalgar Day be undertaken by the ministers and ladies of the various churches, and that a meeting of those named be called at an early date to arrange for the work. Mayor Hayes has agreed to call a meeting and notices will be sent out in a few days calling those interested together.

Report Was Untrue.
In a recent issue of a Campbellton paper it was announced that the firm of A. R. C. Clark & Co., who had the contract to put in sewers in the town of Campbellton, had their plant seized last week. To a Standard reporter last night Contractor Clark stated there was no truth in the statement, their plant had not been seized, that he had been in communication with the Campbellton papers which published the report and these papers have promised to retract their statements.

Out for 1,000 Members.
The organization meeting of the membership committee of the Y. M. C. A. will be held next Tuesday evening when final plans will be arranged for their big drive to increase the membership to 1,000. At the present time it is between five and six hundred. The members of the committee are: E. V. Morrow, W. E. Anderson, F. T. Barbour, L. Brennan, J. C. Henderson, Kenneth Wilson, George I. Higgins, W. V. Gale and Frank Thorne.

Board of Trade Items.
The Board of Trade has received a letter from Mr. Fennell, expressing his satisfaction at the action of the city in granting the sum of \$5,000 to the British Sailors' Relief Fund. He also said that he found the card sent by the Women's Canadian Club very interesting, and was taking it with him in his tour of Ontario, and would try and get some of the Women's Canadian Clubs there to take action along similar lines. A letter from Marshfield, Oregon, asking for information in regard to fisheries was also received yesterday. A film corporation in Vancouver, who are making national films, wrote asking about the possibilities in New Brunswick.

LT.-COL. MACKENZIE TELLS HOW "THE FIGHTING 26TH" "MOPPED UP" THE GERMANS

New Brunswick Battalion Made History in Recent Fighting—Commanding Officer Pays High Tribute to Bravery of the Lads who Fell in the Cause of Empire.

In a letter received yesterday by Col. J. L. McAvity from Col. A. E. G. Mackenzie, this gallant officer, who is now in command of the "fighting 26th," gives some very interesting information regarding the great work that the New Brunswick battalion had done in recent battles. The New Brunswick boys have been through some very hard fighting, but have won the highest of honors, a large number were wounded and killed, and of the latter Col. Mackenzie speaks in the highest terms. In speaking of the 26th "mopping up" a village, the colonel states that the 26th performed the trick in grand style, capturing many guns and five or six hundred prisoners, a number equal to the number of New Brunswick boys who performed the "trick." The letter in full is as follows:

France, Sept. 23, 1916.
Dear Colonel:—
Just a line or two about our recent venture. We have been most highly complimented by everyone from the corps commander down and I am sending a personal letter from the brigadier to the home papers if they wish to publish it. I think the battalion did very well indeed and any praise they receive is well merited. You have heard of battalions "going over the parapet;" there was no parapet for us to go over, just the shell-pitted ground with the village to be attacked 2,500 yards away. A whole brigade formed up in the open under shell fire, the worst we have ever seen, and we have seen St. Etienne and Zillebeke. Five o'clock we "kicked off," two battalions just in front of us fifty yards or more away, we in the rear waves. This meant of course more shelling. In front a German balloon was looking us in the face and no doubt directing the artillery fire. It was like a parade movement on Manchester's field, only we had no shells there and we had no waving of swords here. The men crept forward yard after yard dodging the barrages of fire. We did not dodge them all and many a poor chap was wiped out on the way across. On went the crowd in front and on went we. The village was reached at last and our special job started. We had to clean out the Hun from his dugouts, put his machine guns out of business and mop up his snipers who were making trouble for us. We did it in good shape and bagged between 500 and 600 prisoners. (We are officially credited numerous prisoners, more than our whole strength). This was all in daylight. That night we had strong patrols through the village and our men dug themselves in behind and in the village. The next night we dug ourselves in on the east of the village with one company in reserve. We repelled numerous counter attacks. The next afternoon the Montreal battalion attacked through us and suffered heavy casualties, and we had that night to repel counter attacks. We deemed the situation critical and we sent up our reserve company. We were relieved about midnight and glad we were to get out.

Brigade Made History.
When we got out we realized the brigade had made history and that the 26th New Brunswick Battalion was not ashamed of itself. I am afraid we have made in the past few days a great reputation for us. Our casualties considering the action were comparatively slight, between 300 and 400. We only took in twenty officers and we came out with nine including the M. O. I wish I could tell you about some of our men. Frank Fairweather was killed by a bomb. Ward was wounded by a shell. They all died almost instantly. Brock's name should be written large in the history of this battalion. He was with the Army Service Corps and was transferred to us at his own request. He felt he was not doing his full bit there and I think realized that with his ability and courage he could be of great use to us. He was. He was a tower of strength to his company, and his quiet courage was a great inspiration to his men. Clark from St. Stephen, a recent arrival, more than made good and in a trying and difficult situation set an example of devotion to duty. Ward, as you know, was splendid as usual. He was a New Brunswicker in everything but the accident of birth. Capt. Williams from Woodstock, I think, died early in the day. He was a recent arrival and was doing good work. I can not say enough of Fairweather, Brock, Williams, Ward and Clark. They all died like heroes. Of the wounded I say nothing. They are alive only because their time had not come. They were equally brave and courageous. Percy was hit, I believe, not dangerously, on the trip across. I do not think any of them were dangerously hit. The thing is that this is the first brigade in the whole army since Mons (so we are told) who attacked absolutely in the open and attained an important objective. I wish I were a Gibbs or a Thomas to rest, which one of the St. John newspapers declared has affected the potato crop, is not prevalent in York, Carleton and Victoria counties, and also stated that the potatoes shipped from those three counties have been pronounced excellent in quality by the dealers in Toronto. The prevailing price being paid by the dealers in Carleton and Victoria is now \$2 per

strong, almost. They came out of dugouts like flies to surrender and we got lots of souvenirs. The only thing was getting them out. Guns, machine guns, trench mortars, etc. fell to our share. We would not risk men's lives getting them out. We lost as it was lots of men taking out prisoners. We had as part of our bag two battalion commanders, one a baron, and numerous officers.
We, trench men, I thought I should tell you this story. It is very disconnected and disjointed but you will read between the lines as to what we have been through. We got out to our first stopping place about six a.m. where tea and rum (this should be eliminated by the censor) was given to the men. We went by bus to our night's stopping place and then here, where we have been for four days. Our muster parade on the first afternoon would make you feel sick. As the name was called out someone would answer "killed" or "wounded" or "missing" and some New Brunswickers or Canadian home would mourn or worry about some loved one who had done his best for our great cause. I started out to give you some news of the battalion, but I have rattled along and have almost reached the dimensions of one of Edd's March's articles on the periphery of the Liberal party. If you could raise us some more money it would be appreciated. The demands are greater than ever now and money is always useful. I wish we could raise enough for a set of pipes and the uniforms. The 26th are receiving money constantly from Nova Scotia, but New Brunswick has forgotten us in that respect.
Well, I must close. I have been used up with a cold and do not feel much like writing.
Yours sincerely,
A. E. G. MACKENZIE.

P. S.—If there is anything of use to the papers, you have my permission to publish.
DEALERS SAY POTATOES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE
No More Rot this Year than Usual—Stories of Prospective High Prices are also Denied.
The Standard yesterday interviewed a number of the largest dealers in potatoes in the city as regards the prices being paid to the farmers and the yield for this year. They characterized the statement that the farmers were being paid \$2.50 per barrel in the field as absurd, and some of them also expressed the opinion that there was very little more rot among the potatoes this year than usual. J. W. McAlary, of the McAlary Co., spent the greater part of last week on P. E. I. and he said that the farmers there were getting fifty cents per bushel f. o. b. cars for the very best quality of potatoes, which meant that they could be landed here in St. John for less than \$1.75 per barrel. The prices which are being paid for New Brunswick potatoes are about the same as last year, according to the dealers, who say they are paying the farmers \$2.00 f. o. b. steamer which brings the price to \$2.15 per barrel landed here. One dealer stated that he was unloading yesterday a car load which cost \$2.00 per barrel landed here, and he did not expect to see the price any higher than last year.
Hon. B. F. Smith's View.
"About 100,000 barrels of potatoes have been exported from Carleton county and a like number from Victoria county to date," said Hon. B. Frank Smith, Minister of Public Works, and one of the largest produce dealers in New Brunswick, yesterday. "The exportation this year, up to the present time, is fully 25 per cent greater than during the same period in 1915, especially from the counties of Carleton and Victoria, which are the largest potato growing counties in New Brunswick. This is accounted for by the fact that the price started high this year and the farmer was therefore given inducements to bring his potatoes into the market earlier than last year, when the market started low and the price came up gradually." According to Hon. Mr. Smith the rest, which one of the St. John newspapers declared has affected the potato crop, is not prevalent in York, Carleton and Victoria counties, and also stated that the potatoes shipped from those three counties have been pronounced excellent in quality by the dealers in Toronto. The prevailing price being paid by the dealers in Carleton and Victoria is now \$2 per

THE 165TH MAKES FINE APPEARANCE

Col. Daigle's Battalion was Warmly Praised by Citizens who Saw it on March Yesterday.

"They certainly do look fine," remarked a prominent citizen yesterday afternoon as the 165th Battalion, light marching order, in command of Lieut.-Col. D'Alais, marched along Charlotte street. Many such comments were passed by pedestrians who viewed the boys as they passed along the different streets on their route march. The brass band, under the direction of Sergeant Labadie, is one of the finest musical organizations that has been heard in the city for some time. Bandmaster Sergeant Labadie was responsible for the high state of musical efficiency which the 165th Battalion band has attained. The battalion marched around by the bridge and returned by the ferry. Corp. J. Amadee Chaisson arrived in the city yesterday from Valcartier in command of twenty-five men who had been quarantined at Valcartier. The battalion furnished a guard for the fifty men from the special service company which passed through the city last night. The bugle band of the battalion was in attendance at the recruiting meeting at Carleton last night and furnished a splendid programme of music.

MILITARY NOTES.

Brig. General McLean in the City.
Brigadier-General H. H. McLean arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal, where he had been working in the interest of the 236th Battalion. He is leaving on Sunday for Ottawa on official business. Regarding the trip overseas in command of a company of Canadian officers, it is a certainty just when General McLean will leave.
Three Men on Honor Roll.
Three young men decided to affix their names to the roll of honor yesterday and appeared at the recruiting office to sign on. These men, who have heard the call and answered it, are: Frank C. Gardner, John J. Toner and George C. Worden, all of this city. They joined the 239th Railway Construction Corps.
The Killie Campaign.
The result of the first eleven days of the 236th recruiting campaign shows that 225 men have been secured for the Killie Battalion. Returns from individual counties for the week ending October 7th are:
Restigouche, 10.
Westmorland, 3.
Queens, 3.
York 1.
Kings 1.
It is expected to bring the number up to the three hundred mark by Saturday next.
The kills for the battalion arrived in St. John yesterday and will be forwarded to Fredericton for distribution among the men who are now in barracks.
Sir Drury Allan Recovering.
Word was received in Fredericton yesterday that Sir Drury Allan, son of the Hon. E. H. Allan, who has been wounded twice—on the 16th and 18th of September—by the roll of honor yesterday enlisted in the 49th Battalion in the West and has been promoted to sergeant in charge of the machine gun section. Prior to enlisting he was a civil engineer in the West. It is expected that after he has recovered sufficiently to return to Canada he will be recalled and given a commission in one of the battalions now mobilizing.

Late style in Ladies' and Gentlemen's signet rings. This ever popular gift is still being used in the plain patterns largely. Gundry's have a new line of signets this fall that may cost slightly more than some makes which are worth it. They have class. The best they ever offered.
The Attendance
at both day and evening of the St. John Business College far exceeds that of the fall opening of any of the previous years of the history of the College.
The second of the winter night classes will be this evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Sport Skirts.
One of the very daintiest skirts that has been shown this season is that on display at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. It is made from fine all wool serge, showing a large grey check. It has a belt and over straps round waist, and also two pockets. The skirt is without doubt one of the most effective styles shown, and the price is only \$4.75.

barrel, but there is some speculation regarding an increase.
"When the price of potatoes gets up to the abnormally high figure as at present the consumption is not as great as when the prices are lower," said Hon. Mr. Smith. "The New Brunswick potato exchange has already received orders for importation of potatoes from the West, the price being the same as at present prevailing in New Brunswick. The crop in New Brunswick is about a 75 per cent crop as the acreage this year was smaller than last and the class of fertilizer used not up to the standard, the result being a much lighter crop."

Your Home May Burn Next

Fire may break out any moment—just when you feel safest. Fire rarely warns—it just strikes like a bolt from the blue, swiftly, often murderously, taking precious lives and destroying also valued possessions which sometimes can never be replaced.

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Solled Clothes Baskets, \$3.50 to \$4.50		

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Home Journal Patterns and Home Book of Fashion containing the Smart New Styles for Women's and Misses' Wear.	Dainty Ribbons In all the new effects for Millinery, Trimming, Fancy Work, etc. Dorothy Dainty Ribbons in two widths to match, in different colors, 55c. to 85c. yard. Roman Stripe, Fancy Metallic, and Dresden Ribbons in a variety of designs and shades. Fancy Bandings and Patriotic Ribbons. Special lot of Hair and Sash Ribbons, 3 to 6 inches wide, 10c., 12c., 15c. and 35c. yard. ALL IN ANNEX.	New Veils and Veiling Black, White and Colors, 15c. to \$1.00 Mourning Veils, 75c. to \$3.00 Motor Veils, \$1.00 to \$2.50
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