

### ONLY WAITING FOR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RECRUITING NOW

#### New Brunswick and P. E. Island Likely to Be Given Opportunity of Providing One Battalion as a Unit—Mayor Frink Speaks of Plan for Organizing Guard of Older Men—Might Spur Young Men On.

Wednesday, Oct. 21. Though it was announced in the Telegraph yesterday that six battalions of infantry, about 2500 men in all, would be requisitioned in the second contingent of Canadian troops, the local infantry officers are still waiting for the official announcement and pending its arrival, so little beyond what has not ceased to be done for several weeks at the army, namely enrollment for subsequent foreign service.

The news that a second draft of so large a number will be required from here has been received with much satisfaction. This would be increased very much if it could also be learned that the New Brunswick contingent would be in one unit or perhaps with the Prince Edward Islanders.

According to the press information from Ottawa it is likely that there will be two training centres in the maritime provinces and St. John would then be one of them and will of course be the provincial government of New Brunswick did not face a position to support Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvilly's proposal to raise and equip a New Brunswick regiment at their own expense there is every indication, if the unofficial news is correct that the fact is about to be attained in another way by the selection of New Brunswick as a territorial unit for the recruiting.

That there are such and others enough to make the regiment a good one with simple reserve for those who may be rejected on medical examination there is not the slightest doubt. There are five infantry regiments from which the men can be drawn, the 62nd, 67th, 71st, 75th and the 79th regiment besides the First Field Company, Canadian Engineers, and the Corps of Guides. It only wants the official permission for the recruitment to be made.

No mention is made of artillery or cavalry in the telegraphed statement of requirements but the 3rd New Brunswick regiment, Canadian Artillery, has been recruiting for some time past for the last fortnight. There is now at Partridge Island the nucleus of a battery whenever the call comes. As for the local cavalry, the position is "as you were."

Dr. William B. McVeey, who has volunteered his services hopes soon to have special orders to go to Halifax to take up a special course in military hospital duties. He is awaiting word from headquarters.

Mayor Frink has gone a step further in his scheme for the formation of a corps of Old Guards for the defence of St. John in case of a military emergency to open a roll of those who over the age of 45 would like to volunteer for a service that their ages takes outside the scope of the militia department.

"I have no wish to overstep the bounds of the work of the militia department but there has been such a demand for the formation of a home defence corps by men of middle age that I feel it my duty to give the opportunity for these men to get together if they wish to do so." This was Mayor Frink's comment yesterday when asked.

"So many men have come to me with the suggestion that a strong corps should be formed of men over the military age limit that I have been convinced there is an actual demand for the formation of the corps. In addition to the men willing to serve in the ranks I have received several offers from retired military officers who are willing to act as instructors.

"In order to learn how many men want to join such a corps I am considering making arrangements to open a roll at city hall to receive the signatures of the volunteers.

"The idea of this organization would be to give men an opportunity to receive service an opportunity to prepare for any emergency which might arise in the way of home defence. The men would not be asked to give up a great amount of

### WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ST. JOHN MARKETS

The prices of foodstuffs have gradually descended by earth. The process has been slow since the agricultural boom season of the outbreak of the war, reminding one of the careful manner in which a man comes down from a tree three or four hours after his fruit has been shaken in the woods.

The quotations given out by the wholesale merchants yesterday although not showing any great changes from last week give assurance that the coming season is not going to be the "hard season" that was predicted by pessimists. In the majority of cases prices are normal and in our own products some prices are lower than they have been at this season for years so that there will not be any more expensive time than before.

Yesterday's wholesale prices are given below.

COUNTRY MARKET. New potatoes, bush, 0.50 to 0.60. Beef, western, 0.18 to 0.14. Pork, per lb, 0.07 to 0.09. Veal, per lb, 0.12 to 0.14. Eggs, henney, per doz, 0.38 to 0.35. Creamery butter, per lb, 0.32 to 0.34. Cabbages, per doz, 0.70 to 0.80. Green tomatoes, (bbl.), 0.75 to 1.00.

CANNED GOODS. The following are the wholesale quotations per case. Salmon, red spring, 4.00. Pineapple, sliced, 2.00. Raspberries, 2.02 to 2.05. Corned beef, 1.00. Apples, 1.00. Squash, 1.00.

PROVISIONS. Pork, Canadian mess, 28.50. Pork, American clear, 27.00. Pork, American extra, 28.50. Lard, compound, 0.11. Lard, pure, 0.18 to 0.19. Molasses, fancy, 0.34 to 0.38.

GRAINS. Middlings, car lots, 23.00. Mid. small lots, bag, 30.00. Bran, small lots, bag, 29.00. Crushed hay, car lots, 17.00. No. 1, 18.00. No. 2, 15.00. Oats, Canadian, 9.25 to 10.00.

FRUITS. Market walnuts, 0.15. Almonds, 0.17. California prunes, 0.09 to 0.12. Filberts, 0.12. Beans, red, 0.11. Peas, per lb, 0.10 to 0.12. Lemons, Messina, box, 8.50. Coconuts, per sack, 4.00. Bananas, 2.00. New figs, box, 0.15. California oranges, 4.00. California peaches, 1.75. California plums, 1.75 to 2.25. California pears, 3.25. Oranges, per sack, 4.00. Onions, Canada, per 75 lb. bag, 1.15 to 1.25.

FISH. Small dry cod, 8.00. Medium dry cod, 5.00. Pollock, 3.50. Grand Mackerel, 3.00. Smoked haddock, 8.00. Pickled shad, half-bible, 8.00. Fresh cod, per lb, 0.08 to 0.09. Bluefish, per doz, 0.50 to 0.60. Clipped herring, per doz, 0.50 to 0.60. Salmon, per lb, 0.12 to 0.15. Palatine, 0.00 to 0.05. Royalite, 0.00 to 0.15. Turpentine, 0.05 to 0.08. Extra lard compound, 0.00 to 0.21.

### REPORTS FROM FIELD OF ALLIED VICTORIES; LILLE LAID IN RUINS

Whether now holds Lille, it is a wrecked city. The work of bombardment, the largest quarter, including the station, and the most important business houses, are in ruins.

London, Oct. 23, 3.20 a.m.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News quotes a telegram from the Burgomaster of Westende, Belgium, as follows: "Victory is with the Allies. Seventy thousand men have been taken prisoner between Chalons and Longwy. Three guns and thirty-one flags have been captured."

London, Oct. 23, 2.35 a.m.—The Daily Telegraph's Boulogne correspondent writes: "Lille is a mass of ruins and ashes. On Monday evening numbers of German soldiers were seen in the suburbs. The bombardment ceased, but the distant firing still was heard south of the town until 1 o'clock in the morning."

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overflowing streams. They took this terrible grueling with unabated ardor and when the time came were not the last in the attack.

The German 15th and 20th Army Corps are known to have suffered very severely but the details will come later. The prisoners, both Germans and Austrians, have the appearance of men absolutely dead beat and famished, and are said to talk of nothing but peace will be declared.

On the extreme south the Austrians under the German command are suffering much more severely than the Germans on the Vistula front. South of Przemyel, General Brossloff is in command, which is a guarantee of complete success. Here also the Austrian corps is only a half organized force, the regiments being split up among various corps in the confusion caused either by distrust of the mixed nationalities or as a consequence of the enormous loss and suffered last month in the great Galician fight.

All along the front of over 200 miles the Russians are now advancing. The German rear guards are being driven out of forests and villages at the bayonet points.

London, Oct. 23, 1.50 a.m.—Westminster Abbey has been insured for \$700,000 against damage from aircraft attacks.

London, Oct. 23, 2.05 a.m.—Telegraphing from Petrograd the Daily Telegraph's correspondent says: "The latest Russian success cannot be described as a decisive blow, but it may easily prove to be the turning point in the hostilities. It is clear that the German advance toward the Vistula coincided with the virtual completion of the Russian preparations for carrying the war definitely into the enemy's country."

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### OBITUARY

Oscar E. Long. Tuesday, Oct. 20. The death of Oscar E. Long occurred yesterday after a short illness at his home, 74 Moore street. He is survived by his wife and one daughter. His funeral will be held today at 2 o'clock.

Robert Thompson. Alma, Oct. 19.—Robert Thompson died on the 17th, aged 80. He was buried today in the Methodist cemetery. The funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. J. E. Shandlin and Rev. T. B. Wetmore.

Andrew Malcolm. Thursday, Oct. 22. News of the death of Andrew Malcolm, one of the city's best known business men, came somewhat as a shock yesterday. Mr. Malcolm had been ill several weeks and died at his home at 2 o'clock.

John D. D. Wilson. John D. D. Wilson, a well known young man of Fairville, died Monday afternoon at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson. He leaves besides his parents, four brothers and five sisters. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. E. E. Fraser to Lulu M. Fraser, property corner King and Crown streets, \$1,000.

St. John County. Mary J. Salmon, et al. to C. A. Fisher et al., property in Simonds. Kings County. Heirs of W. W. Allen, to Susie T. Allen, estate of W. W. Allen, property in Simonds.

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Advertisement for Putnam's Corn and Wart Extractor, including an illustration of a man's foot with a corn and a small diagram of the foot showing the location of the corn.

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First Girl—"I don't care what kind of a husband I get." "Gracious!" First Girl—"So long as he's rich, handsome and 31,378 men."