

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Fresh northwest to west winds, fair and moderately cold.

Washington, March 19—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Monday; Tuesday fair, slightly warmer. Moderate northwest winds.

Toronto, Mar. 19—The weather has been fair today throughout the Dominion and mild in the west.

Temperatures.

	Mta.	Max.
Prince Rupert	36	52
Vancouver	38	50
Kamloops	44	64
Calgary	26	56
Edmonton	20	52
Medicine Hat	6	30
Moose Jaw	12	28
Winnipeg	2	25
Port Arthur	22	25
Parry Sound	2	24
London	15	25
Toronto	12	29
Ottawa	24	24
Montreal	4	20
Quebec	12	16
Halifax	2	20

*—Below zero.

Around the City

News Agent Loses Leg.

F. Perron of Edmundston, employed by George Linkletter, Moncton, manager of the Canadian News Co., who recently slipped and fell between two cars on the Transcontinental Railway and was run over, has had to undergo an operation for the amputation of one of the legs above the knee.

Steamer Calvin Austin Coming.

Because of the discharging of the steamer Herman Winter by fire at Portland, the Eastern Steamship Corporation has ordered the transfer of the North Star from the St. John-Boston route to the Portland-New York service. The Calvin Austin, which has been on the Boston-Portland line, comes to St. John this week and will replace the North Star. The Bay State will take the place of the Austin.

Trains Very Late.

The Maritime Express, due here yesterday at 11.30, did not arrive until nearly 4 p. m. The Canadian Pacific train from Montreal, Saturday, was several hours late. Heavy snow in Quebec province and Maine and northern New Brunswick was the cause of the delays. It is expected that today's trains will make better time as shovelling and plough gangs were busy yesterday. Freight traffic has been delayed also.

Addressed Men of 140th.

"Soldiers of the King" was the subject of a very edifying and impressive sermon by the Rev. Gordon Dickie to about ninety members of the 140th Battalion in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at West St. John yesterday afternoon. A vocal solo by A. Smith, who was in charge of the music for the afternoon, was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Minister's End Approaching.

Word has been received here that Rev. J. E. Davis, who for many years has been suffering from leprosy, is in a serious condition at Tracadie hospital and that the end cannot be long delayed. A letter received here from one of the sisters at Tracadie states that the disease is making rapid progress. Rev. Mr. Davis contracted the disease while engaged in missionary work in India years ago. He is a Baptist.

Soldiers Entertained.

The ladies of St. Stephen's church entertained about sixty soldiers at their weekly social last evening in the Sunday school room of the church. D. McArthur, in his pleasing and witty manner, occupied the chair. The following musical program was greatly enjoyed by those present, after which refreshments were served: Miss M. De Soyres, vocal solo; Miss H. Irvine, vocal solo; G. Davis, cornet solo; E. Bonnell, vocal solo; Private Harris, 69th Batt., vocal solo; Private Cummings, 115th Battalion, vocal solo; M. Honk, vocal solo. The National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Sergeant Major Evans Dead.

Roland J. Evans, of 22 Germain street, received word from Ottawa on Saturday advising him of the death of his son, Ernest Fenety, sergeant-major of No. 2 Divisional Ammunition Column. A letter received by his mother on Monday last conveyed the news that he was in a hospital in France but expected soon to be out and back to duty. Mr. Evans sent a cable enquiring whether it would be possible to have the body brought home. The reply which came last night said it would not be possible to do so at present.

The Sunkers Matatus.

Mayor Fyfe last evening that he had not yet issued a permit for the lifting of the Matatus. He went over to the west side yesterday afternoon and saw all that is visible of the steamer. He did not think arrangements to raise the vessel could be perfected before Wednesday. The mayor has called the attention of the port's authorities to the need for keeping a clear channel to the dock. The mayor states that a chemist who was consulted said that so long as the cargo was submerged there was no danger from the carbide. By the exercise of due care the chemist thought the carbide could be handled safely after the vessel is raised.

CLAIM WEST SIDE DOCKS ARE "TOO OPEN"

Complaint That Watch Against Strangers is Not as Close as it Should Be.

Some of the military officials claim to have good reason for asking that something be done to make it more difficult for people to get to the Sand Point docks, and on board the steamships. While a strong military guard is on duty night and day at the docks and at the entrance to the same, the soldiers have no authority to stop any person who is supplied with a pass, and who is allowed through the gates by one of the city guards. It is claimed that among the Longshoremen are one or more men of the enemy country, and it is also rumored that there is a German working on the ocean liners in port.

One man in particular is mentioned as a German who resides in St. John with a wife and family. This man is out of work and according to his story is in great need of money to keep his family. It was stated that he called on the Mayor, admitted that he was a German and that he wanted work on board the ships in port, and was told that he should apply for a Longshoremen's Association ticket and get work. The German replied that he had applied but could not get a membership card. The German was also credited with saying that while he was denied a membership card, these cards were handed out to other Germans who were working on the ships.

The matter was taken up by other officials interested and the German was called on to give a statement. He admitted that he was a German and that he had a family residing in St. John. He said that he was registered and reported regularly, but that he wanted work and could not get it. He said he would quite willingly be interned if he could be assured that his wife and family would be cared for. He admitted that he had made application for a membership card into the Longshoremen's Association but had been refused. He denied however that he had stated to the Mayor that there were other Germans working on the winter port steamers.

It is known however that the Sand Point docks are not guarded as well as they are thought to be. While there are guards at the entrances, along the docks and in the warehouse, and patrol boats in the harbor, every person who goes on the dock is not challenged. On the morning that the explosion took place on board the steamship Matatus and that ship caught fire it is known that persons from the east side reached the dock by small boat, climbed up the side of the wharf and mingled with others on the dock. A few days ago four or five young men performed the same trick, and were not even challenged. In the above cases the young men who gained the dock without having to pass the guards on the Union street gates are well known citizens and good British subjects, but if they can get past without challenge it should be just as easy for a German or any other person who is out to do harm to the shipping or the docks.

A gentleman who visits the docks frequently remarked last night that it is a wonder that something had not happened at West St. John this winter.

Military Men Will Confer.

A meeting of the military men and the delegation from the citizens recruiting committee was held Saturday morning at the New Brunswick head quarters in the Masonic Hall, Germain street. After considerable discussion it was decided that the military authorities should take charge of recruiting matters and be assisted by the citizens committee. Major Peters, Captain C. F. Sanford and Captain Fraser were appointed to meet the general committee and talk over ways and means of carrying on the recruiting work.

Badminton Tournament.

The ladies of the Badminton clubs of Mission, St. James' and Stone churches held a tournament at Stone church school house on Saturday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon six ladies from the St. James' club played the Stone church ladies, the latter winning. Refreshments were served, and in the evening Stone church won from the Mission church club. A number of spectators enjoyed the games. It is planned next Saturday to hold a general tournament of mixed doubles, the best teams from each church competing.

Recruiting Committee.

A meeting of the citizens recruiting committee will be held today at 3.15 in the Board of Trade rooms to hear the report of the sub-committee appointed to confer with the military authorities.

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Follow the Band Tonight to Germain street recruiting rooms.

Follow the Band Tonight to Germain street recruiting rooms, "Big Time."

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ST. JOHN MUST NOT LET THE OLD FLAG FALL

Stirring Appeal By Rev. Dr. Campbell.

He and Major Barker Address Large Recruiting Rally—Conscription May Be Necessary.

Enthusiasm in plenty was aroused at last night's recruiting meeting in the Imperial Theatre by the speaker of the evening, Capt. the Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell of Sackville, and formerly of this city, who in a masterly and eloquent address urged the young men of St. John to do their duty and enlist in the service of the Empire. The meeting lasted only three-quarters of an hour and was well attended. The bandmen of the 15th Battalion, who were seated on the stage furnished some good music.

The presiding officer of the evening was Major L. W. Barker of the Siege Battery. Major Barker thanked the citizens of St. John, particularly the ladies, for their kindness in furnishing comforts for the men under his command. Their period of training here, he said, would long be remembered by them.

"The response in recruiting," said Major Barker, "has been fair. The 116th and 140th need to be filled. They are several hundred short. The young men of St. John can easily fill these battalions and many more. What is the matter with them?"

"We need men. Pass on the word to others that they are needed. Some have good positions and do not want to give them up. It will be necessary to find employment for the soldiers when they return to the home front. The end of the war is in sight. We cannot tell when the war will end. Canada has got to do her duty. We need men and these battalions must be filled up. Unless men come forward and do their duty it will mean conscription. Here in this loyalist city of St. John we don't want conscription. So come forward and be a volunteer, not a conscript. We can hardly realize what conscription would mean. How much better it would be to get volunteers and not conscripts."

Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, who looked exceedingly well in his khaki, eloquently pleaded the cause of the Empire. "Marvellous things have occurred," he said, "since war was declared a year and a half ago. We have come perhaps to the most critical time of the whole campaign. During the Spring and Summer of 1914 there was being prepared a treaty between Turkey and Greece to settle the difficulties in the Balkan states. It looked as if a solution was in sight. Just at that moment Austria entered the arena and opposed the treaty. The ultimatum to Serbia then fell like a bolt from the blue sky. Great Britain planned not to enter the war. Germany and Austria figured that with Great Britain out they were safe. The entrance of Great Britain was a great surprise to Germany. Germany had counted on internal troubles in England, the difficulties in Ireland and unrest in India to keep Britain out of the struggle. Germany has no idea of government for the people, of the people and by the people.

"England, Ireland and Scotland gave their men and money to aid the Empire. The overseas colonies by the southern cross sent men to defend the cross of King George. Canada has sent and will send in all 500,000 men. This means that six per cent. of the people of Canada are being called to arms and to go forth to save the country. The Empire is in danger and efforts must be made to save it. But the old Empire will stand.

"Germany would like Britain's colonies. She had been training her people for the day when she would strike at Britain. The reason Germany spurns Kultur with a K is that Great Britain has control of the sea.

Up to St. John.

"Gentlemen it will cost to save Britain. It will cost to save the Empire. It costs someone's heart's blood to purchase our freedom. I am not so much afraid of men in France and Flanders and the men in training will let the old flag fall. They are ready to give up their lives. I am afraid there are people at home who do not appreciate the situation. Sometimes I am afraid we will let the old flag fall. The flag stands for the honor, strength and security of the nation. It will be absolutely impossible to keep the flag flying in France and Flanders if we let it fall in St. John. Every man physically fit there is but one thing for you to do and that is to enlist in the service of your country. I say to you people of St. John, the city of loyalty, the commercial capital of New Brunswick, what St. John thinks today New Brunswick will think tomorrow; what St. John does today New Brunswick will do tomorrow. A great responsibility rests on you. Lord Kitchener has said that 100,000 men available at the critical time would save the situation. Where will Great Britain get her reserves if you stay at home? So tonight I plead for men. The need of the hour is upon us. Do you think you are justified in allowing your neighbors' sons to fight for your sons. The

ST. JOHN WILL GET IMPORTANT SUMMER TRADE

Commissioner Russell Brings Encouraging Report from Ottawa and Montreal—Good Summer Expected.

That St. John is likely to have the best summer's business in the history of the port, that the large business in imperial supplies which has been handled so successfully in the present winter will be continued, at least in part, and that there will be direct summer services between this port and England, is indicated by Commissioner F. V. Russell of the harbors, ferries and public lands department, who returned on Saturday from a visit to Ottawa and Montreal. Commissioner Russell and Commissioner Wigmore went to Ottawa on Wednesday and the following day had interviews with Hon. J. D. Hazen and other members of the Borden Government. They found that Hon. Mr. Hazen had not neglected St. John, but was at work pressing our interests. He and other members of the Government were completely willing to assist the commissioners in every way possible and to co-operate with them to the achievement of their desires.

Commissioner Russell then went to Montreal where he interviewed Baron Shaughnessy. The commissioner said last night: "After interviewing Hon. Mr. Hazen and other ministers at Ottawa I went to Montreal where I saw the Canadian Pacific Railway authorities and presented the case of St. John to them. While I am not at liberty to go into details at this time I may say that from the assurances they gave me I am sure that St. John will have a summer service this year, and in fact the best summer in the history of the port has ever enjoyed. When the full facts are known the citizens will be surprised and pleased."

"I found Hon. Mr. Hazen and the other members of the Government completely willing to aid me and co-operate with the plans I had in mind." When they went to Ottawa Commissioner Russell and Wigmore felt that this port had made important concessions to the Government and Canadian Pacific railroad since the outbreak of the war, even at considerable inconvenience, the Government and the railroad could well make important concessions to the port during the summer months. In past years it has been customary for the lines which come here during the winter months to transfer their activities to Montreal whenever navigation in the St. Lawrence river opens in the spring. This of course saves the railroad haul to St. John, but this year it is expected to meet trading facilities will be overtaxed to handle it. Therefore it is reasonable to believe that a considerable amount of business will be handled by way of this port next summer. It is particularly certain that at least one regular line will continue to send steamers here all summer.

Yesterday there were sixteen trans-Atlantic steamers in the harbor and the railroad wharves had well within capacity to handle them. When the figures are available at the close of the winter port season they will show what an enormous traffic had been handled. The figures will show that all records for St. John in exports across the Atlantic have been broken.

In addition to the trans-Atlantic and West Indian trade during the coming summer season, largely increased lumber shipments to the United States are anticipated in view of the big demand for lumber in New York, Boston, Bridgeport and other places where immense building operations are in progress or in projection.

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Band and excellent ice at the Vio. tonight.

Follow the Band Tonight to Germain street recruiting rooms. Rousing meeting—Don't miss it.

Rev. Dr. Campbell recited a verse of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic," written in 1861, at the beginning of the Civil War in the United States, and several other poems. There were no other speakers.

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