

### UNEXPECTED MARCH STORM BLOCKS ROADS

#### TRAINS DELAYED TODAY ON ALMOST ALL LINES

Zero Weather Followed Storm Last Night—Heavy Wind Caused Drifting and Increased Trouble.

A heavy snowstorm which set in early Sunday morning and continued the greater part of the day caused delay to trains today and put the country roads in a very bad condition. The storm came very unexpectedly after the mild weather of last week, the idea that March had come in like a lamb proving incorrect. The high wind which accompanied the storm caused much drifting of snow.

The C.P.R. train from the west today was an hour and a half behind time and the Newcastle express was half an hour late. The train from Centerville also was behind time. Snow was the cause of the delay in all cases.

March proved that spring was still a long distance away by following the storm with zero weather, the thermometer dropping to five degrees below the cipher last night.

Early snowplowing about the city Sunday morning was much appreciated by the citizens but in many cases drifts formed after the plows had passed. The snow put an abrupt stop to the fine skating on the St. John river and elsewhere.



His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Pugsley will be at home at the Queen Hotel on the afternoon of Thursday, the seventh of March, from four to six o'clock.

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One Arrest Made. One arrest was made during the week-end by the local police, the charge being drunkenness. The prisoner was allowed to go this morning.

Pastor's Illness. Rev. G. C. Warren, pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist church, is confined to his home by illness. The services at the Brunswick Street Baptist church yesterday were conducted by Rev. D. W. Roberts.

Fire Early This Morning. There was a small fire at the residence of Mr. James Delong, King street, at about seven o'clock this morning. The blaze was between the partitions and was soon extinguished. An alarm from box 17 called out the fire department.

Has Changed Camp. A letter from Gunner Walter Adams of this city, states that he is with the 12th Siege Battery which had been transferred from Witley Camp to Deep Cut Camp, Farnborough, England. Gunner Adams went overseas recently with a draft from the 9th Siege Battery at St. John.

Kindness Appreciated. Mrs. Charels Kee and family of Kingsclear, with to tender their thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy tendered them during their recent sad bereavement. They also wish especially to thank the members of the Devon quartet for the part they took in the funeral service.

Seriously Ill. The condition of Bruce, the little son of Rev. W. D. Wilson, shows little improvement and chances of his recovery are not bright. He was taken ill about three weeks ago. An operation for appendicitis was performed but it was found that the boy was suffering from other troubles.

Medal Received by Relatives. Little Robert Rush, son of Mr. Benjamin Rush of North Devon, has received the Military Medal awarded his uncle, Leo Rush, for bravery while serving in France with the 26th Battalion. The medal is highly prized by the relatives of the soldier who was so honored.

Death of Child. George Malcolm, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Booker, Smythe street, died early Sunday morning after a short illness. He was in his fifth year. The parents and three sisters and one brother survive. The sisters and Nina, Margaret and Harriet and the brother is Kenneth. The funeral took place this afternoon with service at 2.30 by Adjutant Miller of the Salvation Army. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery. There is much sympathy expressed for the bereaved family.

In Hospital in England. Lt. Col. A. E. G. Mackenzie of Campbellton, officer commanding the 26th Battalion for some time, is reported to be in hospital in England as the result of an attack of trench fever. Col. Mackenzie comes of a family which has done its part in the present war. A brother, Lyon, served with a pioneer battalion and another brother, Pearl, with the Army Service Corps. A younger brother, Colin, who was an undergraduate at the University of New Brunswick recently enlisted in the 65th Depot Field Battery at Woodstock. All four brothers are graduates or former students of the U.N.B.

### DEPARTMENT TO STIMULATE EGG PRODUCTION

#### POULTRY SUPT. TO VISIT 3 COUNTIES THIS WEEK

Eggs From Highest Laying Stock in Maine will be Imported in April and Distributed.

Mr. A. C. McCulloch, Provincial Poultry Superintendent, will leave tonight for Cody's, Queens county, for the purpose of establishing a poultry club. He will be there Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday will be at Rolling Dam, Charlotte county, for the like purpose. On Saturday he will be in Sunbury county. The counties in the northern and eastern sections of the province will be visited some weeks later.

The Poultry Division of the Department of Agriculture is trying to stimulate egg production in New Brunswick and the formation of poultry clubs is a means toward that end. Mr. McCulloch has made arrangements for the importation of twelve thousand eggs from the highest laying stock in the state of Maine, pure bred Barred Plymouth Rocks. These will be distributed among the members of the poultry clubs to be paid for later by arrangement with the department. This arrangement is that next autumn each club member must give to the department four chickens raised from the eggs distributed this spring or fifty eggs produced by the progeny and for hatching purposes equal to the eggs distributed by the department.

Egg Production Important. Increased egg production is important at the present period of high prices. Mr. McCulloch feels confident that the eggs purchased in Maine will do much toward improving the laying strain in this province. One flock from which eggs are to be secured had a record of fifty per cent. in egg production for the month of January last.

Will Supervise Mating. The members of the poultry clubs are to be given fifty eggs each on condition that they give the department either chickens or eggs from those hatched, and that the mating of the birds from the eggs and all progeny for two years be mated under the direction of Mr. McCulloch. This is for the purpose of preventing promiscuous mating. It is estimated that at the end of the two-year period the club members will have sufficient pure bred stock to be able to dispose of all old stock without diminishing the size of their flocks. Those who are not club members who wish to obtain imported eggs can do so at cost price, eight and a half cents each, providing that they follow the directions of the department with regard to mating for two years.

### 2 CANDIDATES IN FIELD IN WELLINGTON

#### CONTEST ASSURED FOR ALDERMANIC HONORS

Ex-Mayor Hooper Non-committal, but it is Believed He will Oppose Mr. R. B. Hanson.

A contest in the civic election which will be held on Monday next was assured this afternoon when Mr. D. W. Burpee was placed in nomination for Wellington ward. Ald. C. W. Barnett was nominated in the same ward some days ago. Another candidate placed in nomination today was Mr. F. L. Cooper in St. Ann's ward. Opposition to Mr. Cooper seems unlikely.

Other candidates placed in nomination some days ago were Mr. R. B. Hanson for mayor, Ald. T. S. Wilkinson for alderman in Carleton ward. Other nominations expected today are ex-Ald. W. E. Farrell for alderman in Queens ward and Mr. William McKay for alderman in Kings ward.

A contest for the mayoralty is expected although at noon ex-Mayor W. S. Hooper was very non-committal concerning his own candidature. It is expected, however, that he will be nominated as an opponent to Mr. Hanson late this afternoon.

#### The Valedictories.

The City Council will meet in committee tonight for the purpose of preparing for the council meeting tomorrow night. That meeting will be the last for the council as at present constituted. Mayor Mitchell and the aldermen who are retiring from the civic arena will deliver their valedictories. The mayor completes four years as the city's chief magistrate.

#### Soldier Has Two Wives.

A returned soldier who was married some months ago to a young lady residing in North Devon is now said to have a wife in the United States. The first wife began divorce proceedings some years ago in the state of Maine but did not continue the proceedings. The soldier married the second time believing that he had been divorced. He is now said to be in Houlton, where he has made his home for some years past.

The eggs will begin to arrive the first week of April and will continue to come for the following five weeks. It is the intention to get three hundred club members throughout the province. Under the arrangements for the giving of eggs or young birds to the department the scheme should be self-supporting.

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