

DISCHARGES WILL BE GIVEN MORE RAPIDLY

MEDICAL BOARDS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED

Everything Expected to be Proceeding Smoothly by Next Week—30 or 40 per Day Possible.

The prospect for the soldiers obtaining their discharges in the near future is brightening considerably. A large number of medical boards sat today at the Carleton Street Hospital. The medical end of the affair is now being straightened out and with the boards once running smoothly it is calculated that from thirty to forty discharges a day can be granted.

Yesterday and today the medical boards were being formed and the last of them will probably be completed by the first of the week. After that the soldiers can be hurried through their discharges at a much increased rate. Up to date the soldiers have been discharged at the rate of from four to ten per day and as they commenced to feel impatient waiting for their discharges, it was decided to strengthen the District Depot Staff and to form new medical boards to cope with the work. Six medical officers in all will be working at the discharges and things ought to run smoother in the future than they have in the past.

Lieut. Col. W. J. Osborne and Capt. T. R. McNally returned last evening from St. John where duties connected with the New Dispersal Station required their attendance. Capt. McNally announced today that the Dispersal Station was proceeding in fine style and would be ready for duty when it was needed.

Prohibition Case Up

The case of a local physician who was charged with a violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act came before Magistrate Limerick yesterday and was adjourned until January 20th.

Model School Salaries Increased

The salaries of Misses Harvey, Gallagher and Caswell, teachers in the Model School were increased \$100 per year by the Board of Education yesterday.

Contract Awarded

The contract for the Morrow Bridge parishes of Lincoln and Burton, Sunbury County has been awarded to the Kennebecasis Contracting Co., Limited of St. John. The price is in the vicinity of \$31,000.

Wood and Hay Plentiful

Wood and hay were plentiful in the market this morning. The former sold anywhere from \$3 to \$12 a load while the hay which was the best of island hay was eagerly snapped up at \$17 a ton and was soon sold out.

Rivals in Business

The youths of Devon and Barker's Point are competing in business with the Fredericton youths. The business is rabbit-hunting and those in it are earning a little pocket-money by their endeavors. In Devon rabbits are selling at 22 cents a pair while in the city they are bringing 25 cents.

Looked White to Them

The passengers on the steamer Carquet which arrived at St. John on Thursday from the West Indies included several colored children. They had never been north before and saw snow for the first time at St. John. "Oh, look," shouted one of them as the boat entered the harbor, "the ground is all white here."

To Issue New Stock

The Royal Bank of Canada at its annual meeting a few days ago decided to issue new stock to the amount of \$2,000,000. The price to shareholders will be \$150 which means that the rights will be worth about \$8 each. Mrs. W. T. Whitehead and Mr. H. G. Kitchen are among the largest holders of Royal Bank stock in this city.

Week End Market

In spite of the cold weather the week end market was well represented this morning. Meats were the chief article of produce. Chickens brought 45 and 50 cents a pound. Beef sold from 11 to 14 cents a pound. Pork sold for 22 cents a pound. Potatoes sold for \$3 a barrel. Butter brought from 55 to 60 cents a pound.

Contribution to Overseas Club

Mrs. William Collins, 304 York St., recently collected from personal friends the sum of £2 3s. 5d. which she forwarded to the Overseas Club Tobacco Fund, Aldwych, London, W. C. Q. The money has been gratefully acknowledged in a letter just received and will be expended in "smokes" for the soldiers. The letter states that "smokes" were needed now as much as ever.

CIVIL SERVICE DELEGATION WAS BEFORE GOVT.

NECESSITY FOR GREATER SALARY IS SET FORTH

Legislation for Housing Contemplated—Joint Action With Dominion re Labor Bureaus.

A delegation consisting of Messrs B. M. Hill and W. E. McMullen met the Provincial Government last evening regarding the Provincial Civil Service. The delegation explained their object and gave figures to show that the cost of living had increased out of proportion to the salaries received by many of the provincial employees. The delegation spoke of the hardship endured by the employees who received small salaries and had families to support. The government gave a very careful hearing to the delegation. The Premier said that although the province had received a larger revenue than before the demand of teachers and the University was very heavy. He promised to give the delegation an answer in the near future.

To Establish Labor Bureaus

Mr. E. McG. Quirk of Montréal was before the government in connection with the establishment of labor bureaus in New Brunswick. These will be established jointly by the Dominion and Federal Governments. The municipalities will be asked to supply office accommodation. A representative of the Soldiers Civil Service Re-establishment will be in each office. Fredericton, Moncton, St. John and a point on the North Shore will have bureaus.

Grant For Housing

Premier Foster announced last night that after consulting with the municipalities he would have an act prepared with regard to housing with a view of obtaining for New Brunswick a portion of the grant for housing which will be made by the Dominion.

Masonic Election

Alexandria Lodge, No. 33, A. F. and A. M. of North Devon met last Monday evening at their regular meeting for the installation of officers for the coming year. The officers were installed by Past Master Whitman Brewer and are as follows: A. W. Coombes, W. M.; Alfred M. Brewer, S. W.; Nathaniel Jones, J. W.; Albert Boone, Chap. A. W. Rockwell, Treas.; J. Walter McFarlane, Sec.; Gordon R. Brewer, S. D.; E. H. Clarkson, J. D.; Lloyd B. Johnson, S. S.; Albert Miles, J. S.; Whitman Brewer, D. of C.; William Rickard, I. G.; J. G. Hall, Tyler.

MINIMUM TEACHERS' SALARIES

BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSIDERS MATTER

Grammar School for Edmundston—Legislation Contemplated re Education of Isolated Pupils.

Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Supt. of Education announced today that he has asked for the following legislation: That there be set aside a sum to be fixed by the Board of Education from time to time and not exceeding \$5,000 per year to provide school privileges for isolated pupils either by paying the board of these pupils in districts maintaining schools or providing for their conveyance to the same.

To amend Sec. 23 (2) School Manual with reference to Marshlands to make it harmonize with Sec. 9.

To amend Sec. 72 (4) to make it possible to enlarge a school site.

The applications of St. Stephen and other towns for increased powers of assessment were approved.

Education of Deaf

As the buildings in St. John used formerly as a school for the Deaf have been taken over by the Department of Militia and Defence, arrangements have been made by the Board of Education for the School for the Deaf at Halifax to receive pupils from New Brunswick.

Minimum Teachers' Salaries

At the meeting of the Board of Education yesterday the Chief Superintendent reported that he had prepared a tabulated list of the valuations of the School Districts of the Province from \$1,000 to \$100,000 with a view to having minimum salaries for teachers prescribed according to ability to pay and asked that a committee of the Board be appointed to consider and report.

A committee to be nominated by Premier Foster will deal with the matter.

Grammar School For Edmundston

It was decided also by the Board that after July 1st, 1918, Edmundston is recognized as entitled to a Grammar School grant.

Students Returning.

The students attending the U. N. B. and the Normal School and Fredericton Business College are commencing to arrive in the city today to resume their studies on Monday.

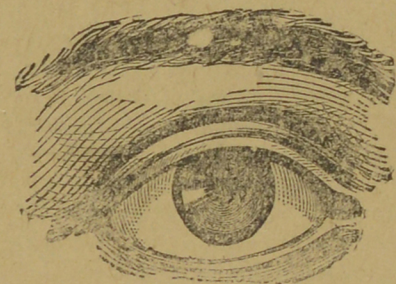
Sitting Magistrate Resigns

Mr. J. Bacon Dickson has resigned as Sitting Magistrate of the City of Fredericton and the Provincial Government has accepted his resignation.

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