

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.
Maritime—Moderate winds,
fine and a little milder.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Fore-
cast: Northern New England—
Fair rising temperature Tues-
day, and probably Wednesday;
fresh north winds.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—The pres-
sure is now highest over New
England and the Middle States,
and comparatively low over
Northern Canada. The weather
today has been mild and
rainy in British Columbia, fine
and mild in the western prov-
inces, and fine and decidedly
cold from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	50
Vancouver	42	50
Calgary	22	54
Edmonton	24	46
Battleford	6	42
Moose Jaw	18	30
Port Arthur	24	32
Perry Sound	22	32
Toronto	27	34
Kingston	12	4
Ottawa	12	2
Montreal	12	2
St. John	8	6
Halifax	0	10

—Below zero.

Around the City

Naval Officer Suffering.

The ambulance was called to West
St. John last night to convey a naval
lieutenant from the steamship Sicilian
to the General Public Hospital. The
officer is suffering from appendicitis.

New Brigadier in Charge.

Col. McLean, the new Brigadier, has
assumed charge of the district and one
of his first official acts will be the in-
spection of the different units in the
city. Yesterday he inspected "A" com-
pany of the 69th. It is expected that
the new officers will be ready in a
couple of days.

Missionary Institute

The meetings of the Missionary In-
stitute in Centenary church yesterday
were largely attended and the differ-
ent papers much enjoyed. The lecture
by Rev. George Bond on "The Roof
of the World, Tibet" was very much
appreciated by those who were privi-
leged to hear it. He had some splen-
did views and everybody went away
feeling that they had learned
something about the "Hermit Nation."

"A War of Silence"

The secrecy with which the war is
being conducted on the other side was
shown last night on the arrival of the
Sicilian. One of the passengers was
Major A. V. Hill of the Imperial Army
Headquarters Staff, who has been
transferred to Bermuda as paymaster.
When asked as to conditions on the
other side and how the war was going
on he said: "You know more about the
real situation over here than we do
in England. Very little real news is
given out and we learn more from
outside sources than from the
official news."

WILFRID GRIBBLE
IS NOW FREE MANSocialist orator, sentenced
for sedition, released from
jail yesterday.

Wilfred Gribble, the Socialist, who
some time ago was sentenced to a
term of two months in jail, having
been found guilty of sedition, was
given his liberty yesterday afternoon
and shortly after four o'clock left the
big stone prison on King street east
a free man.

Gribble was found guilty of refer-
ring to the King as a puppet, and stat-
ing that the "King and country bleeds
you." He was sentenced to jail by
Justice Crockett.

About a fortnight ago officers of the
Trades and Labor Congress interview-
ed the Prime Minister about the case
and were given a favorable hearing.
There was some delay in giving Grib-
ble his release owing to the necessity
of awaiting a report from the trial
judge. Gribble had served over half
of his term when he was freed.

ST. JOHN'S BIG SHOPPING
DAY, THURSDAY FEB. 24

At a meeting of the advertising
board of the retail merchants' "dollar
day" committee, held last evening in
the office of the Retail Merchants' As-
sociation, it was decided to hold a
"big bargain dollar day" on Thursday,
February 24th.

A large number of merchants are
co-operating to make this the greatest
shopping day in the history of St. John.
Cheap fares are being arranged on
the railroads and no doubt large
crowds will throng the stores on that
day. It is understood that the names
of the merchants participating in this
"dollar bargain day" will appear later
in the advertising columns of the
daily papers.

WHAT RETAIL MERCHANTS SAY
ABOUT THOSE "SPOTTED" CASES

Letter from Secretary N. C. Cameron in reference to
story published yesterday.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 14th, 1916.
To the Editor of The Standard.

Sir—An article has appeared in to-
day's issue headed, "Trouble Brewing
in Ranks of the Retail Merchants' As-
sociation." This report is misleading
to a great extent. A statement was
made in this article that friction exist-
ed in the grocers' section of our as-
sociation. I might state that there is no
friction in the grocers' section today
that I am aware of. The annual meet-
ing of this section was held in our
board rooms on Thursday evening last,
Feb. 10th, when the officers for the
year 1916 were elected.

With reference to the employment
of a detective, I may say that this is
correct, the same having been done
at the request of a large number of
retail grocers. The wholesale grocers
in the City of St. John some time ago
signed a statement in writing that
they would sell only to legitimate re-
tail dealers. Since that time com-
plaints have been made by retail de-
alers that certain wholesale grocers
were selling to their customers. I was
appealed to, and while we had strong
suspicions as to who were the guilty
parties, our representative was given
instructions to visit every wholesale
dealer in the city so as to show no
partiality whatever for the purpose
of purchasing household goods direct.
Our representative did not misrep-
resent himself as instructed by one of
the wholesale grocers, and positively
stated that he was a customer living
in the City of St. John and was not a
retailer, and had the goods delivered
to his own house giving the street and
number, and no goods were purchased
by means of false pretences, as stated
by one of the wholesalers.
I quite agree with your statement

that a serious situation has developed
with reference to food so-called whole-
sale houses, who have been selling to
the retail merchants and at the same
time selling to the same merchants' cus-
tomers, this having been undertaken
in writing, treating it as it were a
mere "scrap" of paper.

This matter is being dealt with by
the grocers' section of the St. John
Branch of the Retail Merchants' As-
sociation, and no doubt the guilty par-
ties will have to answer for their mis-
deeds.

The grocers are not the only ones
affected, as it has also been found
that these same wholesalers were sell-
ing retail, confectionery, cigars, etc.,
at wholesale prices to the customers
of the retail merchants.

With reference to the above section,
I may say that at the annual meet-
ing of the grocers' section they unani-
mously endorsed what action had been
taken in the matter, and extended an
unanimous expression of confidence to
me as Provincial Secretary and the
work we have been doing.

In all fairness to this question, I
would ask that you give this as large
a heading in your paper as you did
the article in this morning's issue, and
head it "Trouble brewing for certain
so-called wholesale grocers," and you
might strike it right. I have personally
interviewed most of the wholesale
grocers with reference to our action
in this matter and without exception
they are in sympathy with what we
have done.

The guilty have everything to fear,
the honest and upright nothing.

Yours truly,
N. C. CAMERON,
Secretary New Brunswick Board,
Retail Merchants' Association of Cana-
da.

PITIFUL CONDITIONS FOUND
IN SEVERAL ST. JOHN HOMES

What an official of one of the Patriotic Societies
learned yesterday under the guidance of Central
Office detectives.

For some time in The Standard there
have been reports that a number of
houses in the city were conducted in a
disgraceful manner by women whose
husbands were at the front fighting for
their King and Country, that it had
been found necessary for those in con-
trol of the Patriotic funds to take such
action that these women would not re-
ceive further assistance for themselves,
but in a case, where there were a
number of small children in the fam-
ily, the little ones were cared for.
The police officials have found many
such bad in some of these houses
that the places have been raided and
the culprits were dealt with in the
police court. In nearly every case
where the police have made a raid,
they have found a great neglect of
small children, and worse than the
poverty displayed, these little children
were obliged to live in the company
of drunken men and women under
most disgraceful conditions.

The stories told of such houses could
hardly be believed by some of the
members of the Patriotic Funds com-
mittees, and as "seeing is believing,"
in most cases, a prominent lady, who
holds office in one of the committees,
requested that she be shown just what
existed in some of the places referred
to.

No persons have a better knowledge
of these houses than the two live wives
of the detective department, viz., De-
tective Barrett and Briggs. These
two officials were the first to unearth
such houses, and in nearly every case
where they have called officially at the
houses they gave the proprietress
warning and good advice. When they
found the advice was not heeded, and
matters were going on as bad as ever,
a raid was made.

Yesterday afternoon the lady official
of one of the committees, who wished
to see for herself the conditions exist-
ing, was escorted to a few of the
houses by Detectives Barrett and
Briggs, and was astonished at the
sights she witnessed.

The first house visited was in an
alley off St. Patrick street, better
known to the public as the little two
story house where young Bramson shot
Detective Frank O'Leary a few years
ago. In this old dwelling there resided
Mrs. Mary Mason, who, on Saturday
night, was arrested for being the pro-
prietress of a disorderly place, her 13
year old daughter, two sons who are
soldiers, and another soldier named
Reynolds who were taken into custody
as inmates. Mrs. Whitlock found in
the house was also taken into custody
as an inmate. In the same house is
the family of Mrs. Gay. When the
officers and the lady called yesterday
they found that Mrs. Gay was away
from home and her mother was taking
care of the three children. It was
claimed that the father of the family
was away from the city. The apart-
ments were poorly furnished and the
stove around which the old woman
and the children huddled to keep
warm, was reported to the officers as
having been given to the family only
a short time ago.

The next house visited was that of

Mrs. Whitlock, near the Mason house.
Mrs. Whitlock is the woman who was
arrested Saturday night as an inmate
of the Mason house, and like Mrs.
Mason, her husband is at the front.
Mrs. Whitlock's son is a soldier, and
the latter's wife was found in charge
of five children, whose mother is in jail.
The five children in question range
from six months old to ten years. It
was indeed a sad sight that met the
sight of the visitors. The house is very
poorly furnished. There are no cov-
ers on the floors. The room in
which the children were huddled was
cold, and the living quarters consist
of a kitchen and a bedroom. The one
bed is apparently used for the whole
family of six. When the older chil-
dren were asked why they did not at-
tend school, they answered that they
did not go to school in the winter
time. The condition of affairs was in-
deed very sad.

After leaving the Whitlock home the
officers escorted the lady to other
places.

In addition to the houses visited the
detectives state that there are five or
six other houses in the city which are
also noted as resorts where conditions
are almost, if not quite as bad as the
ones mentioned.

After the visits to the houses the
lady, who was permitted to witness
the conditions, and heard the story
told by the detectives, remarked that
"The money that was being given by
the patriotic societies for the benefit
of soldiers' wives was in these cases
being spent for the purpose of getting
some of the soldiers' wives into drink,
and these cases in particular were most
distressing."

Disorderly House Case.

The case of a Duke street disorderly
house was gone into yesterday in the
police court. A man and a young wo-
man from the North End, who were
arrested as inmates, paid the sum of
fifty dollars each into the court and
departed. The woman who was ar-
rested as being the proprietress had
not yet been disposed of. She is
another of these "soldier's wives"
whose husband is in France fighting
for his country, while she whom he
trusts has been acting in a dis-
graceful manner. It is stated that
when the police raided the house they
found matters most disgraceful, and
of late the police officers have unear-
thed a number of such places that are
a disgrace to the city.

Attend the mammoth ice sports to-
night in the Victoria Rink. Big list
of entries, all events well filled. Ex-
hibition of high class fancy skating
by expert demonstrator. Come and
see the races.

To clean a watch or to put in a
main spring is a very simple matter.
Yet many so-called watch makers do
not even do these small jobs well. On
the more difficult work they are sim-
ply lost. Why? Never mind. That's a
scandal. Gundry's work preserves
your watch and gives you satisfaction.

SCHOOL BOARD
DRAWS LINE ON
ITS JANITORS

No Man Will be Employed
in That Capacity Who
Should Be Wearing the
King's Uniform.

At the monthly meeting of the
School Board last night there were
present the following:—R. B. Em-
erson, chairman; Dr. Bridges, Com. Ras-
sell, Thos. Nagle, Dr. Jas. Manning,
Geo. H. Day, H. Green, Mrs. Dover,
Mrs. Taylor, Secretary Gordon Leavitt
and Trustee Officer McLean.

The application of Miss J. J. Mc-
Beath, of Charlotte County, was read
and referred to the committee on
teachers' applications. Miss Corbett
was granted leave until Easter with
full salary. The Board was informed
of the receipt from the city of the
cheque for \$15,551.27.

The following report was read by
the secretary and adopted:

No. of teaching days 21
No. of schools 182
No. of pupils enrolled 7,585
Boys 3,704; Girls 3,881
No. of pupils in average daily
attendance 6,422
No. of teachers' visits 207
The trust officer's report showed
\$0 irregular—63 boys and 28 girls—
and four cases of truancy. This num-
ber is not considered large owing to
the epidemic of grippa.

During the month the Board of
Health reported two cases of scarlet
fever and three diphtheria.

Commissioner Russell asked Dr.
Bridges to make a report at the next
meeting of the board as to the num-
ber of teachers eligible for superannu-
ation.

SHIPPING FEDERATION
OF CANADA THANKS
MR. HAZEN AND HIS DEPT.

Also Appreciative of Con-
sideration and Assist-
ance Received During
Year From Other Govern-
ment Departments.

At the annual meeting of the Ship-
ping Federation of Canada, which
was held on the 9th instant, in a re-
port which appears in the Montreal
Gazette, Col. Andrew A. Allan, the
president, reported that only nine ves-
sels entered and departed with the
Federation in the Canadian trade had
been lost through the operations of
German submarines during the past
year.

In concluding his report Colonel
Allan said:

"Thanks to Government.
"During the year just closed, I am
pleased to state that our relations
with the various Government Depart-
ments have been, as in the past, most
cordial, and our hearty thanks are due
to Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Ma-
rine and Fisheries, and to Mr. John-
ston, Deputy Minister of Marine, for
their courteous and considerate at-
tention to all matters which have had
to bring to their notice.

Corset Covers.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. have made a
special purchase of white cotton cor-
set covers consisting of over one thou-
sand pieces. They will be sold at four
prices, 19, 25, 29 and 50 cents. Any
lady who is interested in dainty corset
covers should see this stock. They are
made from the finest materials in the
latest of ways, with a touch of pink
or blue silk ribbon here and there. A
good many of the corset covers are
made from allover Hamburg and have
the trimming the same in the back as
the front, and even these can be had
at the popular price of 19 cts. each.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith in Belgium,
Then and Now, in St. David's hall to-
night. Come, everybody.

New Bargain List
of Tools.

For Carpenters, Mechanics, Masons, Blacksmiths
and the Handy Man About the House

They're just a bit discolored by
smoke and water, but really as good
as the day that we got them.

Cross-Cut Saws, Locks, Knobs, Hinges, at SWEEPING REDUCTIONS.
Best Cleavers 50c. Box Hooks 10c.
Files 5c. to 15c. Carpenters' Squares 12c. 25c.
Screw Drivers 10c. Chisels, assorted 10c. 15c.
Bench Axes 50c. Gouges, assorted 10c. 15c.
Axes, Single Bit, without handles 25c. and 35c.
Axes, Double Bit, without handles 70c.

An Extensive Assortment of Blacksmiths', Masons', Carpenters' and Me-
chanics' Tools, at RARE BARGAIN PRICES.
COME AND LOOK THEM OVER.

SECOND FLOOR MARKET SQUARE STORE.

MARKET SQUARE—W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD.—KING STREET

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.

During January, February and March our Stores will close Saturdays at 6 p. m., same hour as other days
of the week. Open each morning at 8.30

Mad-da-poll-am

MADDAPOLLAM is the name of a fine woven White Cotton for underwear. It is
taking the place, for many requirements, of Long Cloth Cottons.

Many knew the goods but do not remember the name. Ask for Mad-da-poll-am!
It comes extra wide, 42 inches, so in nightdresses, etc., cuts to better advantage than 36 inch
width. Maddapollam is fine for slip waists, infants' dresses, night gowns, and all fine underwear
for ladies.

42 inches wide in 4 grades—20c, 25c, 28c and 30c a yard

MACAULAY BROS. & CO.

MURESCO The Modern
Wall Finish

MURESCO covers more surface, and covers it better on one
coat work, than any other material on the market.

THERE IS NOTHING IN THE COMPOSITION OF
MURESCO INJURIOUS TO KALSOMINE BRUSHES.
Because of the nature of its ingredients it is highly sanitary,
and is being used extensively in hospitals, schools, theatres, col-
leges, etc.

It is made in white and sixteen colors and tints.
PACKAGES CONTAINING 5 LBS., 25 CTS. TINTS, 40 CTS.
COLORS, 15 CTS. TO 37 CTS. A POUND.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

Business Hours Are Daily from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Continued This Morning Linen Room Clearing-Up Sale

A great collection of remnants and odds and ends accumulated during the Free Hemming Sale and
now being offered at tempting bargain prices.

COME IMMEDIATELY. COME EARLY.

Annual Spring Sale of Furnishings for Men and Boys
New Goods are Being Sold at Reduced Figures. Buy Now and Take Advantage of
the Saving.

February Clothing Sale

This Annual Event is Providing Extraordinary
Values Which Are Being Taken Up Rapidly

Here Are Bargains in Fashionable Garments
for Men and Boys

Boys' Two-Piece Norfolk Suits—Strap, yoke and fancy styles in Tweeds, Saxons,
Worsted, greys, browns, greens, in mixtures, stripes and plain colors. These
will be offered with one and two pairs of bloomers at Three Special Sale Prices.

\$4.75, \$5.85, \$6.50

All Other Norfolk Suits will be Offered at February Sale Reductions.

Boys' Two-piece Suits—With plain, double-breasted coats and bloomer pants.
Sale prices \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.25

Boys' Straight Pants—In Tweeds and Worsted, sizes 14 to 17. Sale price, pair 50c.
Sale prices \$9.95, \$10.75, \$11.95

Men's Overcoats—In Vicunas, Meltons, Cheviots and Tweeds, all late styles.
Sale prices \$10.75, \$13.50

Men's Suits—In popular shades of Fancy Tweeds and Worsted.
Sale prices \$10.75, \$13.50

Also Remarkable Value in Boys' Regular and Fancy Overcoats.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Ladies' Cashmere Hose

LADIES' WHITE CASHMERE HOSE—A small lot just received in sizes 9 and 9½ only. Pair 85c.
LADIES' BLACK CASHMERE HOSE—In sizes 9½ to 10. Pair 80c.

HOSIERY DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited