

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds mostly northerly, cloudy, a few local snow flurries, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, Mar. 21.—The weather has been fine and very mild today throughout the west, while from the eastern half of the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces it has been cloudy, attended by a few light falls of snow or rain.

Temperatures.

	MIN.	MAX.
Victoria	46	66
Vancouver	44	66
Edmonton	32	62
Battleford	28	50
Prince Albert	22	46
Medicine Hat	28	50
Moose Jaw	25	54
Winnipeg	14	40
Port Arthur	24	25
Ferry Sound	24	42
Toronto	31	40
Ottawa	30	40
Quebec	30	34
Halifax	30	40

Around the City

To Quell Disturbance
Patrolman Journey was called in to Sing Lee's laundry in the West End Saturday night to quell a disturbance.

Transferred to Petticoat.
Gordon Crawford of the Charlotte street branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia has been transferred to the Petticoat branch. Prior to his departure he was presented by his fellow employees with a walking stick umbrella.

Police Activities
On Saturday evening the police was called into James Peck's house on North street to assist in ejecting three men who were not wanted there. Policeman Journey was called into a house on Watson street, West End, to assist in ejecting a person who was not wanted there.

Will Farewell Pastor.
Rev. J. H. MacVicar, D. D., who has tendered his resignation as pastor of St. Andrew's Church to go to the mission field in China, will be tendered a congregational farewell next Tuesday evening. Next Sunday Dr. MacVicar will deliver his farewell sermon to the members of the congregation.

Drank Acid; Is Improving
Reports from the General Public Hospital last night were to the effect that Private R. W. Graham of the 26th Battalion was improving and it was expected he would soon be out of danger and able to leave the institution. Private Graham is the young soldier from Little River, Gloucester county, who drank carbolic acid in the armory early Saturday morning.

Charged With Stealing Liquor.
Detective Joseph Walsh of the Allan Line Steamship Company on Saturday evening placed Henry Thibideau under arrest and charged him with stealing a quantity of liquor of the Allan Line Company. It is said that one whole case of liquor which was in the cargo on the steamship Hesperian was stolen. The steamer arrived in port Saturday and was being discharged when the top of the case was found broken and the contents stolen.

Broke His Parole
David Hennessey who is in jail on remand and is charged with cutting the clothing of a soldier with a knife a few nights ago will be charged with not reporting to police headquarters. He was a few years ago sentenced to serve five years in Dorchester penitentiary and was allowed out after being in prison for two years and was supposed to report every month. For failing to report it is said that he can be sent back to prison to finish out his term.

Pipes For Mr. Morien
Joseph Morien of Montreal who has been at No. 15 shed for some weeks looking after the hay pressing machines and getting them running smoothly left on Saturday evening for Montreal. While in the city he presented a great favorite with the men employed at the work and before leaving on Saturday the St. John men employed there presented him with a handsome set of pipes. The presentation was made by Manager Evans, and Mr. Morien accepted the present with a brief reply of thanks.

Evangelist Services Continue
A large congregation was present last evening at Douglas Avenue Christian church when Evangelist Lowell C. McPherson spoke of God's task in saving the ungodly and sinner. At the conclusion of the address three men went down the aisle to the front to confess to a desire to serve Christ. The pastor of the church is frequently baptizing people as these evangelistic meetings progress, the interest in the work being well maintained. Mrs. McPherson spoke in the afternoon to a large number of attentive listeners.

Easter Neckwear.
You will want some of the Easter neckwear when you see it that F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing. It is without doubt the most exclusive, the most charming designs, and the most attractive in price that has ever been shown. The assortment is very large, including the lily collar, the tulip collar, the rose collar, and the Queen Anne style. These are shown in fine orange with beautiful silk embroidery and many of them are entirely new styles, and are priced from 25 cents to \$1.50.

NEW BATTALION WILL BE MOBILIZED IN ST. JOHN

Hon. Mr. Hazen has arranged for the 55th to be stationed here along with Railway Construction Corps — The City will benefit.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has arranged with the Federal Department of Militia for the mobilization of the 55th Battalion in St. John. This was the word received by Joseph A. Likely, president of the Board of Trade, from Mr. Hazen on Saturday.

Talking with The Standard last evening Mr. Likely said he had written the Minister of Marine and Fisheries concerning the mobilization of the new battalion here, and Mr. Hazen had assured him that he had several weeks ago arranged for the stationing of the 55th in St. John. "This shows," said Mr. Likely, "that Mr. Hazen, as always, is working in the interests of St. John, and he deserves the credit."

Mr. Likely felt that the stationing of troops here was a good thing for the city. Besides the supplies for the soldiers, each man spent a portion of his pay. Mr. Likely figured that the location of the battalion here meant at least \$3,000 a day to the merchants and people of St. John.

Mr. Hazen had also arranged for the mobilization here of the five hundred men of the railway construction corps, which was being organized at present. This body would consist of trained railway builders, who should prove of great service during the coming season.

It is understood that ample arrangements for the accommodation of the new battalion have been made in St. John, and there will be no difficulty in housing the men.

Hon. Mr. Hazen has taken a deep interest in the welfare of St. John, and it was through his efforts that other troops were stationed here. He has also seen that St. John firms secured their share of the contracts for war supplies, and the busy factories and workshops of the city testify to his work for St. John.

The 55th Battalion, for which recruiting is now going on, will be made up of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island men. Recruits are fast coming in, and it is hoped to have the ranks filled within a short time.

The organization of the Railway Construction Corps is being undertaken by the C. P. R. for the Government. This body will consist largely of practical men, who are capable of laying tracks, putting down repairs, repairing bridges and doing general railway construction work. It is expected that these men will prove of great value in the operations in Europe during the coming year.

OPPOSITION TO COM. POTT'S POLL TAX BILL

Business men signing petition opposing bill — Trades Council will send delegation to Fredericton to support it.

More speakers are to be brought here by the Board of Trade to throw light on assessment problems and the present policy of collecting information by means of letters addressed to assessors in other cities will be continued. A committee of the board consisting of T. H. Eastbrooks, W. F. Burditt and A. H. Westmore has been instructed to carry on an educational campaign in regard to assessment matters and to take steps to place before the people all the information they can gather on the subject.

For the present the work of the committee will be confined to trying to arouse public interest in the matter. They have no present intention of undertaking to formulate a new assessment system for St. John, though it is possible that something may be done in this direction later on.

Meantime Com. Pott's proposition to exempt incomes up to \$1,000 from taxation and adopt a poll tax of \$2, carrying with it the right to vote in city elections, has been incorporated in a bill, and will, it is said, be presented to the legislature at this session. Strong opposition will be made against the passage of the bill, and a petition is being circulated asking the legislature to throw it out.

On the other hand the Trades and Labor Council are supporting the proposal and are arranging to send a delegation to Fredericton when the bill comes up for consideration. They hope to be able to take a delegation which will fill a special car and make some impression on the legislators.

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VARNISH STAIN: In Oak, Mahogany, Rosewood and Cherry. Quart, 50c; pint, 30c; 1-2 pint, 20c.

FLOOR VARNISHES: For hardwood floors. "Elastica" and "Granitino" give splendid satisfaction. Prices: "Granitino," 1 gallon, \$3.00; 1-2 gallon, \$1.80; quart, 90c; pint, 60c. "Elastica," 1 gallon, \$3.00; 1-2 gallon, \$1.90; quart, \$1.00; pint, 50c.

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LESSONS FROM HERMIT'S LIFE

Rev. Ralph G. Haughton in sermon dealing with conditions in St. John.

"Some lessons from Michael Griffin—the hermit," was the subject of a sermon by Rev. Ralph G. Haughton in Congregational church last evening. In opening his address Mr. Haughton said: "The subject which I have announced for consideration tonight, may seem rather strange and yet I believe you will agree with me that it is not so irrelevant or inappropriate as it might seem at first. On Tuesday morning last the Daily Telegraph, of this city, published a very interesting story. I find too that The Standard published an account of the same story on Monday morning. However, I am indebted to the daily press for my sermon story tonight."

"It was the story of a man named Michael Griffin, who was found dead last Sunday night in a squalid and filthy place—in a mean little room off Brittain street. It seems that Griffin had few intimate friends. Although he had lived twenty years in his hermit's shack, when it was learned he was dead, no one went near the place excepting the police. Conditions of squalor and filth were discovered and evidence of dire poverty."

"The police found a miserable fellow with nothing but a bed, with a few dusty dirty quilts over it, a stove, a delapidated table, a rickety old chair, and on the floor beside the stove a couple of armfuls of wood. A tiny oil lamp burned on the table and there was nothing in the way of food but a stale loaf of bread. Poverty and misery reigned supreme."

"The police in going over the place, more as a matter of form than anything, was amazed to find in the corner, hidden under a piece of wood, an old purse filled with dirty musty bank notes. In other places were found three more purses all just as stoutly stuffed. Hidden in another corner was a bank book with \$717.58 to Griffin's credit."

"In one of the little purses the hermit had crammed \$400 in five and ten dollar bills."

"Old Griffin lived as a hermit and died in misery and poverty, in the midst of plenty, which he was too miserly and greedy to use. The old miser and hermit in Brittain street was a fool. He paparized his body with his greed and nigardliness and he paparized his soul as well as his wretched wifeginess and his miserable hoarding."

"The first thing that impresses me in the about the hermit life of Michael Griffin is the needless penury, squalor and destitution of the man in the midst of plenty. Many people besides Griffin are today content with low aims. Many have no aims at all."

"The second lesson is that you cannot have true happiness if you leave the soul out or starve it with the spirit of hoarding and selfish living."

"The third truth from the life of Griffin is that a love of selfishness, a life that exists for itself only, is a miserable failure in the sight of God and man."

"Another lesson is that the things which alone count are the things which belong to our peace and they are not the material things. They are the

MORE SOLDIERS AWAY TODAY

Artillery men for Halifax and Fredericton—Church parades yesterday.

The soldiers stationed in the city attended divine service in several churches yesterday. The Catholic members of the 26th Battalion, headed by the City Cornet Band, attended nine o'clock mass in the Cathedral. A detachment went to St. Paul's church and the remainder went to Exmouth street Methodist church. The Army Service Corps, headed by the Carleton band, attended city churches. The men all made a fine appearance as they marched through the city streets and the bands helped considerably in making the parades successful.

Two detachments of artillery will leave St. John tonight. Nine men will go to Fredericton and another detachment will be sent to Halifax.

The men for Fredericton will be under Lieutenant P. G. Muirhead and they will leave here in the afternoon express, leaving here shortly after five o'clock.

Lieutenant Colin Mackay will be in charge of fifteen men, who will go to Halifax on the midnight express. Lieutenant Colonel Armstrong said last night that his detachment had not yet been made up but would be completed today.

The men who will go to Fredericton to join the 25th Field Battery are as follows: Edward J. Brand, 50 Waterloo street; Henry Stewart, 38 St. James street; George A. Carle, Partridge Island; Ernest S. Andrews, 32 Charles street; Talmage Porter, Westfield; Joseph K. Gallagher, Torriburn; Charles J. McKay, Brookville; Cecil W. McLean, 273 Brittain street; Roy Goldsmith, Brookville.

Spring Has Arrived

Three extra minutes of sunshine marked the opening of the spring yesterday. St. John would have had the extra three minutes had the sun shown here, but as the day was cloudy few people would hardly notice the difference.

The winter just closed has been one of the mildest known in St. John for several years. The snow fall was light and generally the weather conditions were not at all severe.

Several times during the winter the mercury sunk below zero but conditions in St. John were very favorable. The lack of snow was a handicap to the lumbermen, but in the northern part of the province there was plenty of snow and lumbering operations were carried on extensively.

There was a light fall of snow yesterday but it did not remain long enough to become disagreeable and the temperature was little below the freezing point. The prospects for an open spring are very encouraging.

FOUND IN ALLEY BADLY BEATEN

David Jones claims soldier assaulted him with a stick—Suspect under arrest.

Saturday evening about 7.30 o'clock Patrolman Armstrong found David Jones in Gaynor's alley off Charlotte street badly wounded. Jones had a large cut on his head and was bleeding badly. The officer conveyed the injured man to police headquarters and Dr. Dunlop, who was summoned, rendered first aid and ordered him removed to the General Public Hospital for further treatment. When asked how he had become injured Jones claimed that he had been struck over the head with a stick and the man who struck him was a soldier.

James Roper, a private in the 26th Battalion, was arrested as the man who assaulted Jones and was locked up on the charge of assault and causing bodily harm. The soldier claims he did not assault Jones with a stick. He says Jones went after him in the alley and attempted to rob him by going through his pockets. It was only to save himself from being robbed that he punched Jones with his fist.

A couple of witnesses, however, have been secured who will testify that they saw the soldier tear a piece of scuffling from a fence and, it is supposed, that it was with this that Jones was struck.

The Greatest Easter Hat Sale ever held in this city opens today at the store and showrooms of the Marr Millinery Company, Limited, as announced in their advertisement, (which gives full particulars) on page 2 of this issue.

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 GREY CHECK WORSTEDS, 54 inches wide. Per yard \$1.60 and \$1.75
 GREY AND BLACK CHECK WORSTEDS, 48 and 52 inches wide. Per yard \$1.10
 GREY MIXTURES in English, Scotch and Canadian Tweeds, 58 to 60 inches. Per yard \$1.10, \$1.15, \$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.75.
 NAVY WORSTESS (manish), 54 to 60 inches wide. Per yard \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.10, \$2.15, \$2.25, \$2.50
 NAVY BROADCLOTH, 52 inches wide. Per yard \$1.25, \$1.55, \$1.75, \$1.90
 NAVY ALIGATOR CLOTH, 52 inches wide. Per yard \$1.35
 BROWN WORSTEDS (manish), 52 to 56 inches wide. Per yard \$1.05, \$1.10, \$1.40, \$1.65, \$1.85
 BROWN GABARDINES, 52 inches wide. Per yard \$1.65, \$2.10, \$2.25
 BROWN BROADCLOTHS, 52 inches wide. Per yard \$1.10, \$1.55, \$1.75
 BROWN ALIGATOR CLOTH, 52 inches wide. Per yard \$1.10, \$1.55, \$1.85

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