THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Easterly gales with rain in Nova Scotia; snow and rain in New Brunswick.

Washington, Jan. 12—Forecast: Northern New England—Rain or snow and colder Wednesday, with northeast gales; Thursday fair.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—A pronounced disturbance which developed near the Gulf of Mexico is now centered near the New Jersey coast. The weather has been fair throughout the Dominion except on the coast of British Columbia, with comparatively higher temperatures in all the provinces.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	42
Vancouver	38	40
Kamloops	34	38
Calgary	16	34
Battleford	6	26
Prince Albert	8	12
Medicine Hat	24	36
Moose Jaw	15	33
Winnipeg	18	26
Parry Sound	28	32
Toronto	31	36
London	29	34
Kingston	30	32
Ottawa	20	32
Quebec	18	28
St. John	24	38
Halifax	10	38

Around the City

Keys Found

Two keys found by the police on Sydney street yesterday await the owner at the central police station.

Broke a Leg

Yesterday afternoon a sailor on the steamship Hesperios lying at No. 1 berth, Sand Point, slipped and broke one of his legs. He was conveyed to the General Public Hospital for treatment.

Condition Still Critical.

It was learned early this morning that the little girl, Isabelle Baird, who was severely burned at her home, 21 Clarence street, on Monday morning, was still in a critical condition at the General Public Hospital.

Elks' Officers

At a meeting of the Order of Elks in their rooms, Wellington Row, the election of officers which commenced on Monday night was continued. The following members were elected on the Board for the year: L. R. Ross, H. J. Fleming, F. Neill Brodie, F. E. Williams, A. M. Philips, Frank C. Smith was elected the secretary.

An Exciting Game Assured

The hockey match between Sussex and St. John must be fast. The players are in the best of trim, and as the game is a six-man game, it is impossible for it to be anything else but fast. Don't miss the game tonight. You will see one of the best and most exciting games of the season. Queen's Rink; admission 25c. Band in attendance.

A S C Men Have Good Time.

The men of the Army Service Corps in West St. John were entertained last night by the younger members of Carleton Presbyterian church, who provided bountiful refreshments and gave the visitors a genuine welcome. A programme of music and readings was carried out with great success. Among those of the corps who assisted were: Quartermaster-Sergeant Harding, Sergeant Duplisea, Sergeant Bond, and Privates Winsloy, Weston, Roberts and William Estey. Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King brought an enjoyable time to a close.

Chief Leaves Force

After many years of service to the city as Chief of Police W. W. Clark who recently resigned from office severed his connection with the force last night. When the policemen lined up for roll call in the central station the chief made a short address to them. He hoped they would all enjoy good health and success in the future. It is expected that Deputy Chief Jenkins will be in charge of the force until the new chief takes office. It could not be learned last evening who the next chief is to be, but it is said that he is a man of experience who will arrive in the city in a couple of days.

Police Raid

Special Officer James McBrine with the County Officer Saunders and Policeman Jeffery of the city force made a raid on the home of John Duffey, St. Patrick street last night about eleven o'clock and gathered in a patrol wagon full of prisoners. It was stated by the officers that they found John Duffy, who is a man about sixty-five years of age, and a soldier named William Kearns intoxicated. In other parts of the house was another soldier who gives his name as James O'Brien, also Alice Duffey, aged about twenty-six and the daughter of John, and Mrs. Mahoney, who is about sixty-eight years of age. All were under the influence of liquor and when they arrived at the central police station had to be assisted from the patrol wagon to the cells. All that was left in the house that was raided is a young son of Duffey's. Duffey has been charged with keeping a disorderly house and the others as inmates.

No Hard Times.

This year's whitewear sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s is meeting with greater success than any that they have had in past years. It must be because the inducements are stronger than usual. The dainty snow white garments at such attractively low prices makes it hard for the ladies to resist buying them. They have a table full of gowns with ten different styles priced at one dollar each; the most of them are made from soft laundered mull muslin and trimmed with the daintiest of ebroidery and silk ribbon. You will be surprised to find on this table gowns that are worth just double the price. They have another table full of gowns with lace and hamburg embroidery trimmed at 47 cents. A table full of corset covers at 19 cents, and many other lines on sale which will make it profitable for any lady to get her whole season's whitewear requirements during this sale.

Do not forget to attend the Great Fur Sale at H. Mont Jones.

MAJOR GENERAL RUTHERFORD PLEASED WITH LOCAL FORCES

Inspected 26th Battalion, Army Service Corps, and Artillery Battery at Partridge Island — Praised Commanding Officer on excellence of showing made by local soldiers.

Inspection by Major-General Rutherford, O. C., of the 6th Military Division, kept the officers and men of tre local military busy yesterday. The Major-General who was accompanied by Major Powell made a thorough inspection of the 26th Battalion and the Army Service Corps during the morning and early afternoon, and then went to Partridge Island where he inspected the artillerymen on duty there and looked into the matter of defences and accommodations.

After inspecting the 26th Battalion the Major-General addressed the company commanders and expressed himself as troroughly pleased with the appearance and work of the battalion. He said the battalion was one the officers and people of New Brunswick could well afford to be proud of. Considering the srot time the battalion had been organized he felt they had accomplished a great deal, and this showed the battalion was made up of the most promising material.

The Major-General also expressed himself to the commanding officers of the Army Service Corps and the Artillery Battery as being highly pleased with his inspection of these units.

In order to prepare for the inspection the 26th Battalion paraded at the Armory at 8.30 yesterday morning in full sevice equipment and marched out, with their fife and drum band at their head, to Clark's Field in Fairville, and drew up in review order. The Army Service Corps also marched from its quarters on the West Side to Clark's Field for inspection. Lieut. Col. McAvity and Capt. Brown the adjustant were mounted

Major-General Rutherford accompanied by Major Powell motored to Fairville in Lieut. Mackay's car, arriving there about ten o'clock. About an hour was spent in inspecting the battalion and Army Service Corps.

The General then gave the battalion a tactical scheme to carry out. The general plan of the scheme was on the lines of the manoeuvres carried out on the previous day. It was supposed that an invading force was being landed at Mahogany Beach from transports by means of small boats, but that a gale springing up forced the transports to put to sea after they had landed 800 infantry and half a battery of artillery. This force was known as the blue force. Col. McAvity commanding the red force sent out an advance guard under Capt. A. MacKenzie, and a report was made to him that the infantry had entrenched along Mahogany Ridge, and established a battery of three guns on the Sand Cove road.

Orders were made for the battalion to attack, and different companies were detailed for frontal and flank atacks, etc. But before the manoeuvres were well underway the weather began to look threatening and the General decided to abandon the manoeuvres, as the men had had a very hard day's work the day before. So after the battalion had dinner they returned to the Armory and spent the afternoon in routine drill. The General visited the Armory and saw them at work.

In the afternoon the General accompanied by his chief of staff and Col. Massie visited Partridge Island and made an inspection of the defences and accommodations there. In the evening he left for Fredericton to inspect the forces there.

ADDITIONAL TAX FOR INCOMES ADVOCATED BY MAYOR FRINK

His Worship would make Special War Tax for this year—Will move in matter at next meeting—The School Estimates given to Council—Other matters

Mayor Frink at the meeting of the city commissioners yesterday gave notice that at the next meeting he would introduce the following resolution:

That an Act be prepared and submitted to the Legislature at its coming session to amend the Assessment Act of the City of St. John, empowering the chairman of the Board of Assessors to levy a special tax in the year A. D. 1915 as follows: An assessment of one per cent. in addition to the rate which may be fixed on all incomes of $1,000 and in excess of $1,000 up to and including incomes assessed at $1,200, also an assessment of one and one-half per cent. on all incomes which may exceed $1,200 and up to and including all incomes assessed at $1,500, also an assessment of two and one half per cent. on all incomes assessed over $1,500 and up to $2,000 inclusive, also an assessment of three per cent. in addition to the rate which may be assessed on all incomes over $2,000 and up to $3,000, also an assessment of four per cent. on all incomes in addition to the rate which may be assessed over $3,000 and up to $4,000 inclusive, and also an assessment of five per cent. on all incomes in addition to the rate which may be assessed over $4,000 and such amounts as may be collected to be set aside in special fund for the purpose of meeting any extraordinary public financial charges arising out of the present war. The incomes of widows and spinsters to be exempted from the operation of this Act.

Mayor Frink, Commissioners Russell, Potts, Wigmore and McLellan with the common clerk were present.

The commissioner of public works reported that the sidewalk in front of the Haley house, Rockland Road, had been raised at instance of Mr. Haley and the money paid the city was due and that there was no amount to be paid back to Mr. Haley.

A letter from the provincial secretary notified the council that the resignation of the chief of police had been accepted and that the council was now responsible for the appointment of his successor. Commissioner McLellan recommended that until such time as chief was appointed that the commissioner of public safety be in charge of the force.

Commissioner McLellan notified the council that the tender of the St. John Iron Works for two new boilers for fire engines was the lowest and the tender was accepted. The prices submitted were: St. John Iron Works, $514; Phoenix Foundry, $650, and Union Foundry, $700.

The Mayor was authorized to have receipts issued for money received for city bonds. The receipts will call for interest and be in force until the bonds are delivered in May.

Commissioner McLellan reported that he could not recommend that Policeman Howard be paid by police department while with the Canadian contingent at the front.

The board of school trustees through the secretary, A. G. Leavitt, notified the council that the estimates for schools had been prepared and amounted to a total of $195,695.34. Some of this would be supplied through other sources and $182,875.34 would have to be assessed for. The mater will be considered with the other estimates. The details of estimates are as follows:

Teachers' salaries	$112,520.00
Officials	6,726.00
Care	9,860.00
Fuel, water, light	2,000.00
Coal	13,500.00
Repairs	9,670.00
Repairs to furniture	2,550.00
Rents	4,600.00
Insurance	100.00
Supplies	250.00
Maps and apparatus	300.00
Flags	50.00
Printing and advertising	400.00
Incidentals	2,585.00
Penny Savings Banks	25.00
Evening Technical School	325.00
Bond interest	450.00
Sinking fund	5,156.84

The council adjourned to meet this morning.

J. A. LIKELY STRONGLY OPPOSED TO INCREASED TAXES NOW.

Present not time for extension of City Departments—Continued increase of taxes would mean end of Commission Government.

The plans of the city commissioners for increased estimates for city departments and providing for additional public services were not approved by J. A. Likely, president of the local Board of Trade. In conversation with The Standard last evening Mr. Likely was outspoken in his opposition to increased taxes at this time. "I feel," said he, "that with the war in progress and business generally depressed, there should be no additional expenditures in the city departments. St. John so far has not felt the business depression as much perhaps as other places, but there is no doubt that the spring will be a hard one and everything possible should be done to keep expenses down.

"As soon as the war is over there is no doubt the business world will see greater prosperity than ever, but for the present we must go easy. I know that improvements should be made in the city but the present is not the time for expansion.

"I feel that if the proposed increases in taxes be continued it will mean the end of commission form of government here. Had the old city council spent the money as the commission plans, the city would have advanced just as well as under the present system. The commission form of government has not been the success people expected it to be. This is also the case in several American towns where the commission was tried and failed.

"As far as the proposed increase in estimates and taxes is concerned, I expect to call a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade as soon as possible and the matter will be taken up then."

Mr. Likely said the council of the Board of Trade would meet this morning if possible but there was a chance that the meeting would not be held till Thursday. In the meantime he expected to speak to Mayor Frink on the matter and ask that the estimates be not passed until the Board of Trade council had met.

INTERESTING CASE HEARD IN POLICE COURT

Frank DeL. Clements committed for trial on charge of securing credit under false practices.

The first stage of what promises to be an exceedingly interesting case was concluded in the police court yesterday afternoon when F. deL. Clements, a well known local business man was committed for trial on the charge of obtaining credit under false pretenses, the complainant in the action being the Bank of Nova Scotia.

After his committal Mr. Clements was admitted to bail in his own recognizance of $1,000, and that of two sureties, S. H. White, of Sussex, and Guy A. Randolph, of Randolph, in $500 each.

Fred R. Taylor, K. C., appeared for the bank, and Geo W. Fowler, K. C., M. P., and E P Raymond for Mr. Clements Mr. Taylor called Mr. Wallace, manager of the bank in St. John and produced four drafts, one for $360 drawn on Mr. H. G. Harrison, Main street; one for $375, drawn on the Sussex Mercantile Company; one for $345 drawn on Mr. A. E. Kierstead Chesley street, and one for $262.50 on the Carleton Produce Company, Chesley street. Mr. Wallace said all were discounted on the 7th of December, and returned unaccepted. Mr. Wallace identified the drafts.

Mr. Fowler cross-examined the witness and endeavored to show that the money was not obtained under false pretenses, but merely was accommodation paper and that it had been the practice of the bank to give Mr. Clements such accommodation for some time previous. Mr. Fowler also sought to prove that the Bank of Nova Scotia had all the assets of the Clements' Company as security to the exclusion of any other creditors there might be.

Archibald Pratt, ledger keeper of the Bank, produced the sheet from the ledger showing the entry.

H. G. Harrison, A. E. Kierstead and George Kierstead were also examined

The Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon session S. H. White of the Sussex Mercantile Company, was the only witness examined. He testified that on December 7th, 1914, his firm received a draft for $375, made by Mr. Clements. The firm did not owe Mr. Clements that amount, and there was no transaction for that amount by which he had a right to draw. Neither at that time nor since did witness owe Clements for any goods. The draft was presented to the Company but was not accepted.

This closed the case for the crown and Mr. Fowler said he would not call witnesses. The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Fowler in a brief statement to the court said it was an absurd case. If His Honor felt that it was a case where conviction could not be found against the defendant, then he should acquit him. Mr. Fowler felt that no jury would find Mr. Clements guilty.

Mr. Taylor said the facts as presented were uncontradictory. Mr. Clements had discounted four drafts drawn on banks representing them as trade paper, and they came back not accepted, and Mr. Clements had obtained the money under false representation.

The Magistrate then committed the defendant for trial.

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE SAINT JOHN CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Frank L. Potts selected as president — Prosperous year for organization.

The St. John Conservative Club held one of the most successful annual meetings in the history of the organization last evening, when about two hundred members were present. The reports of the different officers showed the club to be in excellent condition, and the election of officers resulted as follows:

Frank L Potts, president; Dr James Manning, first vice-president; W. W. Donohue, second vice-president; B. L. Sheppard, secretary; E. N. Jones, treasurer. James Sproule, Wm. Wood Frank Lewis, J. Dobbin, C. M. Lingley, B. A. Denniston, G. M. Robertson, J. H. Burley, Harry Lowe, Frank Goodwin, B. J. Dunphy, Harry Wilkes and Christopher Splane, executive committee Florence McCarthy and E. N. Stockford were selected as auditors.

The meeting was addressed by several of the members and the proceedings showed the organization to be full of energy

To Banquet Premier Clarke.

Friends and supporters of Hon. George J. Clarke, Premier of New Brunswick, will tender him a complimentary banquet in this city on the evening of Thursday, January 28th. Arrangements are being completed by a number of committees and the function is likely to be one of the largest held here for some time.

Do not forget to attend the Great Fur Sale at H. Mont Jones.

The British Navy.

The Rev. W. H. Barraclough will lecture in Centenary Hall tomorrow evening on the British Navy; the lecture will be illustrated with 100 slides. The proceeds are in aid of the Belgian and Red Cross Societies. Admission 25c.

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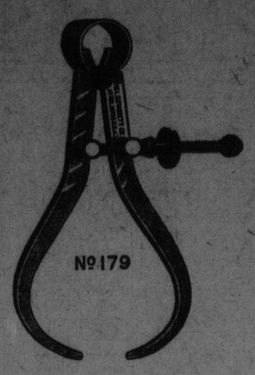

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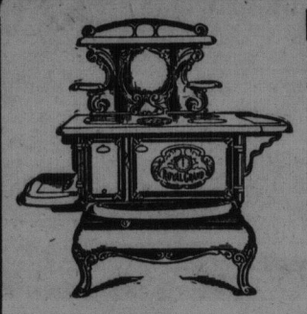

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