

**THE WEATHER.**

Forecasts  
Maritime—Moderate winds, fine and cold.  
Washington, Feb. 22—North-east, New England—Cloudy Thursday; Friday, probably rain or snow; fresh northeast and east winds.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	32	42
Victoria	38	50
Vancouver	30	46
Kamloops	40	46
Edmonton	32	40
Medicine Hat	34	42
Battleford	30	38
Winnipeg	20	28
Port Arthur	12	24
Parry Sound	16	30
Toronto	28	38
Ottawa	18	28
Montreal	10	20
Quebec	2	16
St. John	14	22
Halifax	22	26

—Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Keys Found.**  
The North End police report that Bernard Levine found a bunch of keys on the West Side and left them in the North End station.

**Shovel the Snow.**  
The police constables have received orders to report all persons who violate the city by-law by not having the snow removed from the walks surrounding their premises.

**The Weather Yesterday**  
Three inches of snow fell in the city between seven o'clock yesterday morning and eight last night. The temperature averaged about twenty degrees during the day, lowest being fifteen and highest twenty-four.

**Public Utilities.**  
The New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission held their regular monthly session yesterday afternoon in the government rooms. Matters of routine were taken up and it was decided to resume the hearings in the Sackville power case on March 6th.

**Death of a Soldier.**  
The death of Private H. T. Allaby, of C Company of the 115th, occurred at Norton, Kings county, yesterday. The funeral will be held at Norton on Friday the 25th, at ten o'clock a. m. The matter can be arranged a detachment of the 115th will go up to the funeral.

**Will Hold Enquiry.**  
It was announced in Fredericton yesterday afternoon that M. G. Teed, K. C., of St. John, had been appointed to carry on an investigation into charges against H. M. Blair, secretary of the Provincial Public Works Department. Mr. Teed, it is reported has accepted the commission and the enquiry will start at once.

**For Conducting Lottery**  
M. J. Murphy and Dr. J. D. Maher were before the police magistrate yesterday afternoon on the charge of conducting a lottery. Detective Briggs, who made the report, and N. C. Cameron, who gave the information, gave evidence, after which the magistrate stated he would look into the evidence and if he thought it necessary he would send for the defendants in a few days.

**The Mill Pond Proposal**  
If the plans of E. O. Lahey and J. A. Barry materialize the Carleton mill pond will disappear. The proposition they made to the Mayor and Commissioner of Public Lands yesterday was that they be given a lease and they would then fill it up with the material being taken from Courtenay Bay. Before the proposition is presented to the common council the city engineer will make a report on the matter.

**No Selection, Yet**  
The position of chairman of the Board of Assessors is still vacant and from present appearances is likely to remain so. The Mayor and commissioners met yesterday and considered several names. The Mayor said last night that if the matter was not settled soon the city would have the opportunity of contributing to the profits of the banks this year as the interest on the necessary overdraft would be high.

**Western Bishop Here**  
The Rev. Albert Paschal, D. D., Bishop of Prince Albert for the last fourteen years, arrived on the noon train yesterday. He is the guest of His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, by whom he was met at the station. Mr. Paschal's diocese comprises most of the northern part of Saskatchewan. The Sisters of Charity of St. John diocese, head house on Cliff street, here, conduct very successfully an orphanage and hospital in his episcopal city.

**Prisoners Remanded**  
Paul Pedro, the Italian, who was arrested a couple of months ago for assaulting a five year old girl, was in the Police Court yesterday afternoon and was further remanded to jail. Mand Thompson, charged with keeping a bawdy house; Fannie McGonnell, Jane Collins and John Naves, charged with being inmates, were before the police magistrate yesterday afternoon. Sergeant Geo. R. Baxter and Officer Frederick Lucas gave evidence as to the character of Fannie McGonnell. The magistrate said he would look into the evidence and give a decision tomorrow. Amy Michaud and Francis Francour were also remanded to jail.

**CASES BEFORE COUNTY COURT OF FIRE CHIEF IS SUBMITTED**

**Sydney Isaacs Fined \$2 in Lottery Case - Violet Strayhorn's Case Now Before Court.**

In the case of the King vs. Sydney Isaacs, tried yesterday morning before His Honor Judge Armstrong of the County Court, the accused defended himself without aid of counsel, against the charge of running a lottery in his store. The witnesses examined were Thos. Barrett, Geo. E. Briggs, and Inspector Wickham, and Mr. Cameron of the Retail-Merchants Association. The jury was composed as follows: L. D. Millidge, R. H. Skinner, John J. McNamee, Jas. Sandal, E. C. Wilson, Jas. A. Little, J. A. S. Kierstead, R. J. Cox, J. K. Parsons, F. C. Spiddle, F. C. Robinson, Jos. H. Ross. It took but a few minutes for the jurymen to reach a verdict; they found the prisoner guilty of violation of the law, and recommended that he be fined a nominal sum. The court then adjourned to re-open at 2.30 o'clock. At that hour His Honor the Judge, sentenced Isaacs to a fine of \$1.00 in lieu of the statutory penalty, and \$1.00 additional in place of the other sentence.

The next case on the docket was that of the King vs. Violet Barr alias Strayhorn. The prisoner was accused of having unlawfully sent to Jos. M. Roche, of the firm by that name on King street, a certain letter demanding of him, with menace, a set of furs, the said demand being without reasonable or probable cause and she, then well knowing the contents of said letter. Attorney General Baxter is prosecuting and J. Starr Tall appearing for the defendant. The Crown witnesses examined were Joseph M. Roche, Arthur D. Alward, Horace A. Porter, Thos. H. Hutchison, Thos. Barrett, Geo. E. Briggs, Wm. H. Sharpe; the prisoner then took the stand in her own defence. The court adjourned a few minutes before seven o'clock, with the accused still in the witness box. The case will be continued this morning at ten. Owing to the nature of the evidence it is practically impossible to report the facts as they are or are supposed to be.

**Sailors Sleight Party**  
A large number of man-of-war sailors, who arrived in the city yesterday from Bermuda, were treated to a surprise when they were met by a heavy snow storm, having only a few days ago left a summer climate. A couple of the tars were seen carrying through the streets young stuffed alligators, which they intend sending as curios to their homes in the old country. About a dozen sailors chartered a horse and sled and enjoyed a sleigh drive through the streets; for the majority it was their first experience on runners.

**A Lady Injured.**  
Yesterday afternoon a lady slipped on the smooth floor cover over a coal hole in the side walk on Prince William street, and severely injured one of her limbs. She had to be assisted into one of the stores and in addition to the injury suffered from shock. It is a fact that some of these covers have become very smooth and having a slight amount of snow on top prove very dangerous.

**Tennyson Smith's Campaign.**  
Tennyson Smith held a very successful meeting for children yesterday afternoon in the Congregational church. About 200 were present and out of that number 82 signed the pledge. At the evening meeting E. S. Henlar occupied the chair and Mr. Smith's subject was "The searchlight turned on the liquor traffic and traffickers." The large audience present heard a splendid address and Mr. Smith presented some startling figures showing the ramifications of the traffic in social and political life.

**Presented with a Watch.**  
Everett S. Porter, of the Canadian Drug Company, has severed his connection with that concern and has gone to Halifax to take a military course, having enlisted for overseas duty. Before leaving yesterday he was presented with a wrist watch. The presentation was made by John Russell, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Porter's fellow employees.

**Big Night for Soldiers.**  
The 115th are planning a big time for the night of March 4th at Victoria park. Their own band will provide music and a good program is being prepared. This will be known as 115th night and they want the rink crowded. The sport committee has been chosen for the battalion and is as follows: J. B. Dever, D. B. Weldon, C. W. Pickard and C. Gilmore.

**How Gordon Morrell Died.**  
In a letter recently received by friends, it was stated that the death of Gordon Morrell of the 26th Battalion, occurred while he was out of the trenches. It was about two o'clock in the morning; he was employed in carrying ammunition, when a German bullet struck him in a vital spot and he was dead before any of his companions could get to him.

**PERSONAL.**  
A. B. Connell of Woodstock and F. P. Robinson of Fredericton were in the city yesterday to attend the monthly meeting of the Public Utilities Commission and registered at the Royal.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF IS SUBMITTED**

**What Chief Blake Has to Say of Work of Department for Past Year.**

The report of Fire Chief George Blake was before the City Council on Tuesday and was referred to the Commissioner of Public Safety. It will be printed in the city acolytic. The report is as follows:

St. John, N. B., Dec. 31st, 1915. To His Worship the Mayor, and Common Council of the city of St. John:

I have the honor to herewith submit my annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1915.

During the year the department responded to 112 alarms, of this number ninety-one were on the east side, and twenty-one on the west side. The department also responded to forty-two still alarms, thirty-seven on the east side, and five on the west side. False alarms eight.

The total loss of insurance paid by the various companies amounted to \$265,000 (approximate).

The largest fires we had during the year were the C. H. Peters Sons, Jardine building, and W. H. Thorne & Co.

The apparatus remains the same as last year with the exception of the new motor pumping engine which will prove a valuable addition to the department. We have also added 1,500 feet of additional hose.

The fire alarm system is in good order and I am pleased to learn that our commissioner suggested that a permanent fireman be employed, as I consider this very necessary for the proper working of the system.

The hose of the department is in good condition, but I feel that an additional supply should be on hand should we require it in case of emergency.

The horses of the department are at present in very good health, but we had a great deal of sickness among them during the year. Several new horses will be required during the coming year.

I again beg to call your attention to the ever increasing danger from electric wiring that is being done throughout the city and in my opinion an inspector is very necessary.

I wish to again remind you of the necessity of an aerial truck in the department and trust that the same will be procured as soon as possible.

Considering the size of our city, the apparatus and equipment which we possess, the department has certainly done very creditable work.

I regret that during the year the department suffered severely in the loss of two of its most valuable members, William Davis of the west side, and Capt. George Barker of the east side. Both of these men were capable and efficient firemen and it will be a very difficult matter to fill their places. Mr. Davis was attached to the department for a number of years during which time he was always ready to respond to an alarm, willing to do his duty without fear or favor and the loss of his services will be keenly felt by the department.

I cannot speak too highly of the work of Capt. Barker as a fireman, no better man has ever responded to an alarm, and it mattered not from what section of the city the alarm came he was always on hand. Fires large and small were alike to him. "Duty first" was his motto and he was a popular member, and I think I can safely voice the sentiment of every member of the department when I say—we miss him.

In conclusion I wish to tender my sincere thanks to our officers and men of the department as well as the officers and men of the Salvage Corps for their valuable assistance during the year.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEORGE BLAKE,  
Chief St. John Fire Department.

Chief Blake also submits a detailed list of all fire alarms to which the department responded during the year 1915. It is similar to that already published in The Standard. An inventory of all property owned by the department also forms part of the report.

**Alive With Bargains.**  
The whole store at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s is bristling with real live bargains for Dollar Day. A handsome dinner dress with a bodice cap for \$1.00; a silk shirt waist for \$1.00; a yard of pure wool serge, worth \$1.25 for \$1.00; Paillette silks, two yards for \$1.00, or as many more as you want at the same rate. Linens, a big assortment of handsomely embroidered linens, runners, cushion tops, shams, etc., four for \$1.00.

We have just mounted a large number of small diamonds. These rings will range in price from \$10.00 to \$40.00. Before leaving yesterday he let struck him in a vital spot and he was dead before any of his companions could get to him.

**DOLLAR DAY BARGAINS IN TOOLS**  
For carpenters, masons, machinists, blacksmiths, and for the handy man about the house—on second floor—specials for today, remember—at Thorne's.

**Free Public Lectures.**  
Illustrated talk on Turkey by Mrs. H. Lawrence, Natural History Rooms, today, Feb. 24th at 4 o'clock.

**RALPH PARKER IS STILL ALIVE**

**No Record at Ottawa of Death of Popular St. John Soldier.**

The many friends of Ralph Parker will be glad to hear that so far as can be ascertained there was no foundation for the report of his death. His father received word yesterday afternoon that the Minister of Militia had called for further particulars. Since going across he has been transferred to the 63rd Trench Mortar Battery and he has also been promoted to bombardier.

In a letter received by Mrs. F. A. Young from her son Harold he speaks of seeing Ralph and said he had received a stripe for sticking by his gun all night during a very heavy fire from the German guns. He said the stripe was known as the King's stripe and could only be taken away by the King. Speaking about these trench mortars he said he understood that three of the men who had been transferred with Ralph had been killed by the explosion of their own shell and that Ralph had a narrow escape, which is possibly the way the rumor of his death started.

**MRS. O'REGAN NOW RECEIVES PENSION**

**Delays in Case of Hero's Widow Have Been Overcome and She Receives Money Due.**

The following unsolicited letter received at the patriotic office tells in a measure its own story. Mrs. O'Regan's case presented some features that resulted in numerous delays on the part of the pension office. Private O'Regan was transferred to the Princess Pats after service for some time in France and there were difficulties in identification. Mrs. O'Regan and her husband had come to Canada from England and it was necessary to prove that she was the person she claimed to be; all of which took a long time. Many persons were interested in her case, among them the Attorney-General, all of whom will be as delighted as she is grateful that she is now in receipt of the pension due herself and little son.

Mrs. Mary V. O'Regan, of 32 Barker street, widow of Private T. O'Regan, of the P.P.O.L.I., C. E. F., who was killed in action along with several of his companions, while doing trench duty at the Battle of Ypres, has just received the full pension due to her since the death of her husband on May 4th last. She wishes to thank the members of the Patriotic Society, especially Mr. Allan and Mrs. Lawrence, who were interested in her case, also Mrs. George McAvity of the Soldiers' Wives League, for her kindness since the departure of Pte. O'Regan with the First Contingent.

**DIGBY WELCOMES WOUNDED HERO**

**Special to The Standard.**  
Halifax, N. S., Feb. 23.—Warmly welcomed by the civic authorities, especially the Mayor, Mr. Allan and Mrs. Lawrence, at the steamboat pier, Lieut. John C. Debalinhard, son-in-law of Wm. B. Stewart, arrived by the St. John boat today. In the absence of the mayor the deputy mayor, O. S. Dunham, headed the civic delegation. Lieut. Debalinhard was accompanied by his wife who came from Yorkton, Sask., to meet her wounded husband. The streets were decorated with bunting in his honor. He is Digby's second son to return from the front wounded, the other, Sergt. Woodford Connell, being one of those who greeted Lieut. Debalinhard today. Lieut. and Mrs. Debalinhard will return to their western home in the near future.

**Angry Driver, Smooth Shod Horse.**  
There was some excitement around the corner of Brussels and Exmouth streets for a short time last night when a man slightly under the weather tried to drive a smooth shod horse up the icy hill. He got up a short distance when the horse fell. He got up and started to beat it. Finally a soldier and some other men went to his assistance and got the horse on its feet, led it down to Brussels street and sent him on his way.

**Soldiers at Basketball.**  
A military basketball league is in course of organization at the Y. M. C. A. between the 115th, 140th and the 69th Battalions and it is expected that the first game will be played on March 4th.

**Mrs. Emeline Hilton.**  
At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles B. Whitcomb, Houlton, Friday the death took place of Mrs. Emeline Hilton, aged 80 years. One step-daughter also survives. The deceased was born in St. Stephen.

**Soldiers at the Y. M. C. A.**  
About 220 members of the 69th called at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday and enjoyed the use of the shower baths.

**Dollar Day Specials**  
In Household Needs and Other Lines  
**At Thorne's**

Surpassing Bargains For Today Only

Wear-Ever Aluminum Windsor Kettles, 4 qt. capacity, Regular \$1.50, Today	81c.
Wear-Ever Aluminum Pressure Kettles, 2 1/2 qt. capacity, Regular \$1.00, Today	45c.
Mrs. Pettie Sadirons	1.00
Framed Mirrors	1.00
Knife Boxes	1.00
Sterno Solid Alcohol Stove, Regular \$1.00 Value, Today	70c.
Sterno Gas Stove, Regular \$1.50 value, Today	\$1.00
Sterno Cooking Outfit, Regular \$2.00 value, Today	1.50
Tea Kettle, Regular \$2.00 value, Today	1.25
Sterno Solid Alcohol, Regular 15c. value, Today	10c.
Sterno Solid Alcohol, Regular 50c. value, Today	35c.
Steam Cookers, Regular \$3.00 Value, Today	\$2.50
Long Handled Dust Pan, Regular 50c. value, Today	25c.
Extra High Grade Nicheled Tea and Coffee Pots	65c., \$1.71, \$2.17, \$2.19, \$2.50, \$2.61, \$3.00

**GET YOUR SHARE OF THE BARGAINS WHILE THEY LAST.**  
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

**Big Dress and Waist Silk Sale**  
98 Cents a Yard for Full Double Width, 39 inches, in Black and All Colors

This make is guaranteed for wear. The weave now so popular, every yard is Pure Silk, two yards a waist length, costs only \$1.96; 6 yards a costume length, for \$5.88.  
Sample by mail only. Order promptly before leading colors are sold out.

On second floor you will find a great map in Ladies' White Velle Waists, slightly mused from being shown on counters. 50c. to \$1.00 will secure a waist worth two or three times the prices placed on them.

**MACAULAY BROS. & CO.**

**Dollar Day - BARGAINS - Dollar Day**

You should share in the economies this great event offers.

Below we offer some of the bargains to be found at our store:

**SPECIAL COMBINATION**—1 Oil Mop, 1 Self-Wringing Mop, 1 Bottle Polish, Regular \$1.50. Dollar Day Price \$1.00

Kitchen Combinations (One Dollar Each) Alarm Clocks, Brass Jardiniers, Washing Machines, Aluminum Tea-Kettles, Sissors

**JUST FOR DOLLAR DAY**

**Emerson & Fisher Ltd.**

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

**New Spring Neckwear**

This Neckwear showing is representative of spring's most charming creations, and for variety and daintiness will be in much favor with those in search of the most fashionable of the new neck fixings.

GEORGETTE COLLARS, Each	50c. to \$1.15
COLLAR AND CUFF SETS, Per set	\$1.10 to \$1.50
RICK COLLARS, Organdie and Voile, embroidered or plain, Each	30c. to 75c.
PICKFORD COLLARS, Each	\$1.00
ORGANDIE VESTEES, Each	50c. to \$1.20
LACE VESTEES, Each	\$1.00
MILITARY VESTEES, Each	50c. to \$2.00
LEATHER TIES, variegated colors, Each	\$1.10
WINDSOR-TIES, Messaline and Crepe, plain and fancy, Each	27c. to 75c.

NEW RUCHINGS. NEW FRILLINGS.

NECKWEAR DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.  
SEE KING STREET WINDOW DISPLAY.

**FIRST SHOWING OF NEW Spring and Summer Hosiery**

LADIES' SILK AND FIBRE HOSE in black, white, sand, putty, pearl grey, slate, suede, champagne, fawn and navy. Pair 80c.

LADIES' SILK HOSE in sand, champagne, sky, pink, battleship grey, pearl grey, King's blue, navy, bronze, hello, maize, yellow, old rose, purple, Alice blue. Pair \$1.50

LADIES' SILK HOSE in pink, sky, silver, King's blue, navy, ponceau, tanpe, Copenhagen. Pair \$1.00

LADIES' PURE SILK HOLEPROOF HOSE in black, white, tan. Box of three pairs (guaranteed for three months) \$3.00

LADIES' BLACK HOLEPROOF SILK-FACED HOSE. Box of three pairs (guaranteed for three months) \$2.25

LADIES' SILK ANKLE HOSE in pearl grey, slate, smoke, bronze, navy. Pair 45c. and 55c.

LADIES' SILK ANKLE HOSE, black. Pair 45c. and 55c.

LADIES' SILK ANKLE HOSE, white. Pair 45c. and 55c.

LADIES' WHITE LISLE HOSE. Pair 35c.

LADIES' WHITE LISLE HOSE (three pairs \$1.00). Pair 35c.

LADIES' WHITE COTTON HOSE (three pairs for \$1.00). Pair 35c.

LADIES' WHITE COTTON HOSE. Pair 25c.

LADIES' BLACK LISLE HOSE. Pair 45c.

LADIES' BLACK LISLE HOSE (three pairs \$1.00). Pair 35c.

LADIES' BLACK LISLE HOSE. Pair 35c.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE (out size). Pair 45c.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE (three pairs \$1.00). Pair 35c.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE. Pair 25c.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE, halbriggan sole. Pair 20c.

LADIES' NEW GAITERS \$2.25 to \$2.50

White Gaiters, Pair \$2.50  
Fawn Gaiters, Pair \$2.50  
Brown Gaiters, Pair \$2.50  
Beaver Gaiters, Pair \$2.50

TOGARDS ARE INDISPENSABLE UNDER THIN STOCKINGS

Togards are little, soft stocking protectors that fit snugly over the fore part of the bare foot underneath the stocking and will not cut up, and positively prevent the sheersiest stocking from wearing through at the toes. Pair \$1.00

HOSEY DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.  
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