

**THE WEATHER**

Forecasts:

- Maritime—Strong winds and gales from southwest and west, clearing, colder on Wednesday.
- Washington, Jan. 10.—Forecast: Northern New England—Rain or snow, and colder Tuesday. Wednesday fair and much colder; strong southwest to west winds.
- Toronto, Jan. 10.—The disturbance which was over Minnesota last night is now centered over Western Quebec. It has caused milder weather from the Great Lakes eastward, with light rain in southern Ontario and snow in the Lake Superior district, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In the west it has been very cold.

Temperatures

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	24	28
Victoria	20	24
Yankee	16	24
Calgary	26	16
Medicine Hat	22	18
Edmonton	32	28
Battleford	32	24
Prince Albert	24	20
Moose Jaw	16	14
Winnipeg	12	8
Port Arthur	0	10
Parry Sound	24	38
London	34	41
Toronto	34	42
Kingston	26	38
Ottawa	8	38
Quebec	2	26
Montreal	10	34
St. John	4	32
Halifax	4	28

—Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Arrested for Fighting.**  
William Buckley and Hartley Brooks were arrested yesterday for fighting in the East Side ferry toll house.

**Cape Breton Man Dead.**  
Dr. Henry C. Hache, a prominent physician of Somerville, Mass., is dead at his home in that city. Dr. Hache was born in Cape Breton 50 years ago.

**Early Morning Fire.**  
At 6.15 o'clock yesterday morning the fire department was called out by an alarm from box 45 for a fire in a closet in the dwelling on the corner of Charlotte and St. James street. After some cutting and the use of the chemical fire was extinguished.

**British Tars Here.**  
The R. M. S. P. steamship Caracot is expected to arrive this morning from the West Indies with the mails, a complete general cargo, and a large number of passengers. Among the passengers on board are about two hundred men from the British navy who are being transferred.

**Herring Industry Has Set Back.**  
The frozen herring trade down the Bay and in the vicinity of Campbell and Grand Manan has had a set back during the past few days. The supplies of fish in the various bays have fallen off greatly and shipments to the Eastport market have accordingly been light.

**Looking For Business.**  
A letter has reached the Board of Trade from a wooden-ware firm in Massachusetts, asking for prices on certain small articles of hardwood, one of which is a dowel coat-hanger. The firm says they are in a position to use them in very large quantities. They may be manufactured out of maple, birch, red oak or white ash.

**To Entertain Marines.**  
It is planned to have the city provide some form of entertainment for 200 marines who will arrive here shortly from the West Indies. The Citizens' Recruiting Committee considered the question yesterday, with the result that Secretary Armstrong was instructed to communicate with Mayor Frink regarding it.

**Maine Women To Work.**  
Canadian women residing over the New Brunswick border in Maine have formed "The Ladies' League of Victory" for the purpose of operating in the making of apparel to be shipped to the Canadian and English soldiers in France and Belgium. The headquarters of the organization is at Fort Fairfield. Socks, mittens and other articles will be made and forwarded to the authorities in St. John for shipment across the water.

**Afternoon's Police Court.**  
In the police court yesterday afternoon Frank Hopper who was charged with having two soldier great coats in his possession was allowed to go, as it had been explained that Hopper was only holding the coats having loaned some money on them to soldiers. John J. Davis, given in charge by Edwin Quirk for being disorderly, was allowed to go on his promising to take the pledge for six months. Gertrude Nugent, on the charge of vagrancy, was further remanded to jail.

**Officers of 'Prentice Boys.**  
At a meeting of King Edward Lodge No. 50, P. A. B. F., held last night in their hall, Guilford street, West St. John, Worshipful Master J. Howe of No. 25 installed the following officers: Wm. Smith, W. M.; Wm. Price, D. M.; John Hersey, chaplain; Albert Bailey, treasurer; John Griffin, financial secretary; Richard Jones, recording secretary; Richard Craft, director of ceremonies; lodge trustees, John Carleton, Isaac McLeod and Wm. Donohue; hall trustees, Wm. Smith, L. E. Rolston and Clifford Price. After the business of the meeting had concluded those present enjoyed a short entertainment and refreshments.

**DOMINION ALLIANCE DID NOT APPROACH OPPOSITION**

**Officials affirm that overtures for a hearing at Convention today were made by Executive Chairman Foster—Issue forced by Government's action.**

Members of the Dominion Alliance deny that a committee was appointed by that body to wait upon the opposition convention and request a hearing, as implied by a motion adopted by the latter body at last evening's session. E. N. Stockford of the Alliance said last night that the impression conveyed by the motion was incorrect.

Mr. Stockford said that yesterday he received information from Rev. Thomas Marshall, vice-president of the Alliance, that President Donald Fraser had received an invitation to attend the convention and lay before it the views of the Alliance on temperance legislation desired.

"I told Chairman Foster of the executive committee of the opposition party," said Mr. Stockford, "that if the convention wanted to see representatives of the Alliance I would be much obliged if it would set the time. I told Mr. Foster that in my opinion they had been forestalled by the government."

**ROBINSON DESIRES TO QUIT AS LEADER OF OPPOSITION**

**Provincial Convention of party appoints Committee to induce him to remain or to select successor—Party strikes snag on Temperance issue.**

The guiding spirits of the provincial opposition party who assembled in this city last night were confronted at the outset by two serious problems—the practical resignation of their leader, Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, and the temperance question. The action of the government in deciding to introduce prohibitory legislation at the next session of the legislature caused the opposition worry and in tackling that issue a troublesome snag was encountered.

A motion that "the request of a Dominion Alliance committee to meet the convention be granted" was adopted. It developed, however, that the Alliance made no such request—that on the contrary the opposition approached the Alliance on the subject.

The convention appointed a committee, headed by Councillor James McQueen of Shediac, to confer with Mr. Robinson in the hope of inducing him to remain at the head of the party or, failing in that, to recommend another leader. A large number of the delegates, it was said, favored the selection of Frank B. Carvell, M. P. of Carleton, should Mr. Robinson adhere to his determination to withdraw, but there are reasons for believing that the Woodstock man is decidedly adverse to being placed at the head of the provincial opposition. Others, including himself, favor Mr. W. E. Foster of the Board of Trade.

When the convention was called to order by Mr. Foster, chairman of the executive committee, in the rooms on Germain street, formerly occupied by Scovill Brothers, Ltd., at 8.30, most of the Liberal leaders in the province were present.

The Machine Took No Chances.

The headquarters of the convention were decorated with numerous flags, a large illuminated Union Jack adorning one of the windows. All who entered the rooms were confronted with large placards at the door informing them that the convention was only for those opposed to the provincial government and that participants must register their names and receive a badge. By means of this arrangement the party leaders hoped to bar out anyone not known to be in sympathy with the men in control of the opposition machinery.

Admission was denied to reporters, although many of the delegates were of the opinion, which was expressed privately, that the proceedings should be open to the public through the medium of the press.

The opposition leader and Chairman Foster of the executive committee in the call for the convention, stated: "A representative delegation from every county is desired because the time has arrived when in spite of the earnest attention demanded by the whole Empire in the war and its problems our provincial affairs must have the consideration of thinking men, and the discussion and preparation of policies best calculated to advance the interests and promote the prosperity of our province must be the first business of the convention. Resolutions touching upon many questions of importance have been considered and prepared by our executive committee and will be submitted for approval."

The first business was the election of a chairman, and Hon. C. J. Osman of Hillsboro was the unanimous choice of the delegates.

Mr. Robinson is Tired.

After a few preliminary remarks, Chairman Osman called on Mr. Robinson. When the applause had subsided Mr. Robinson, according to a report handed out afterwards by County Organizer Frank Hann, complimented the organizers and the chairman of the executive upon the work they had done during the year. He regretted that he as leader had not been able to give that position the attention it demanded and deserved and he asked that he be relieved in order that the opposition party might not be hampered by the inactivity of one who should lead energetically. He believed the opposition deserved success and he wanted the large body assembled to

give the matter their earnest attention. A committee was appointed to talk the matter over with Hon. Mr. Robinson and to recommend a leader if he felt unable to continue.

The committee named was: James McQueen, Westwoodland; David Livingston, Westwoodland; A. F. Bentley, St. John Co.; A. T. LeBlanc, Restigouche; Fred Sharpe, Kings; J. P. Byrne, Gloucester; W. A. Smith, Sumbury; C. L. Smith, Carleton; A. T. Legere, Kent; P. M. Tweedie, Northumberland; R. T. Hayes, St. John city; L. A. Dugal, Madawaska; Geo. H. King, Queens; Clement Cormier, Moncton city; P. J. Hughes, York; Walter Lynott, Charlotte.

Addresses were made by Mr. Carvell, O. Turgeon, M. P. of Gloucester; A. B. Copp, M. P. of Westwoodland; A. F. Bentley, ex-M. L. A. of St. Martin's; Councillor McQueen of Shediac and Senator G. G. King.

W. E. Foster moved that the request of "a Dominion Alliance committee to meet the convention be granted" and that the committee be asked to call the convention at 10.30 o'clock this morning. This motion was adopted.

A committee on resolutions and platform was appointed as follows: Wm. Currie, Restigouche; P. J. Veniot, Gloucester; D. J. Buckley, Northumberland; A. T. Legere, Queens; E. A. Smith, Westwoodland; C. W. Robinson, Moncton city; Dr. Lewis, Albert; E. S. Carter, Kings; W. E. Foster, St. John city; A. O. Skinner, St. John city; W. J. Mahoney, St. John city; A. F. Bentley, Charlotte; P. J. Hughes, York; Dr. J. E. Hetherington, Queens; Milton A. Smith, Sumbury; John Y. Flemming, Carleton; P. B. Carvell, Victoria; L. A. Dugal, Madawaska; Arthur T. LeBlanc, Restigouche; Dr. McAllister, Kings.

The platform will be laid before the convention at today's session. It will deal with crown lands, highways, temperance, railways and electoral reform.

The sentiment among many of the delegates, as ascertained informally by a Standard reporter, is that when a general election comes, any independent candidates should not be proposed by candidates of the regular opposition party.

The Same Old Crowd

Few new faces were seen at the convention. Among those present from out of town were a number of ex-M. P.s and ex-M. L. A.s and others whose faces have been often seen at Liberal conventions in the past days. The list included: Hon. Mr. Robinson; Frank B. Carvell of Woodstock, member of parliament for Carleton; Hon. Charles H. Lablouis of Dalhousie, former ex-chief commissioner of public works, and at present Liberal candidate for the House of Commons; A. B. Copp of Sackville, Liberal M. P. for Westwoodland and ex-leader of the opposition party in the legislature; P. J. Veniot, Bathurst, ex-M. L. A. for Gloucester; O. Turgeon of Bathurst, Liberal M. P. for Gloucester; Hon. L. P. Parris of White's Cove, Queens county, ex-member of the Robinson government; Senator King of Chipman; Dr. J. E. Hetherington of Cady's, Queens county, prospective candidate; C. J. Osman, ex-M. L. A., Hillsboro; Dr. J. T. Lewis, Hillsboro; David Livingstone, Hillsboro; John P. Beatty, Hillsboro; Dr. D. H. McAllister, ex-Liberal M. P. for Kings-Albert; G. H. King of Chipman; J. M. Tweedie, Chatham; D. J. Buckley, Newcastle; Dr. Ernest A. Smith of Shediac, ex-mayor and president of the Liberal Association of Westwoodland county; Councillor James McQueen, Shediac, attorney, and a Liberal leader in his section; Councillor Alphonse T. LeBlanc of Shediac, traveling passenger agent of the Intercolonial Railway under the Liberal government, and Liberal leader among Shediac Acadians; E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer; J. A. Reid of Charlottetown, Restigouche county; P. J. Hughes of Fredericton, Liberal and attorney-at-law; E. M. Sherwood of Hillsboro; A. T. Legere of Richibucto; Phileas Galant, Richibucto; C. Cormier, Moncton; C. M. Legere of Memramouc, ex-M. L. A.; A. C. Fawcett and William B. Fawcett of Sackville.

Good too at the Victoria's tonight.

**GEORGE CASE BEFORE GRAND JURY TODAY**

**Seditious Language, in recent address, in charge against Socialist Leader.**

Among the cases which the grand jury will consider today is that of Wilfred Gribble, the Socialist leader, who was arrested a month ago charged with sedition. The Crown alleges that Gribble, in an address in Socialist Hall, Union street, made remarks reflecting on King George.

After a hearing in the police court Gribble was released on bail furnished by his wife and A. H. Hanington of his company.

The Socialist leader said last night that he had received a message stating that his father, a Presbyterian minister of Edgmont, Ont., is dying, but that owing to the terms of his bonds he would be unable to go to his bedside.

**GEORGE F. BARNES DIED LAST NIGHT**

**Prominent citizen and business man passed away after few weeks illness.**

In the death of George Frederick Barnes, which took place about eight o'clock last evening at his home, 19 Goodrich street, St. John loses one of its most prominent citizens and business men. The deceased leaves, besides his wife, two sons and three daughters. The sons are Walter and Allan of this city, while the daughters are Mrs. Arthur Weeks of Detroit, Mrs. William Hunter of this city, and Miss Louise at home. James W. and Emance Barnes are brothers.

The deceased had been ill about four weeks with heart trouble, at one time recently it was thought he was improving and would be around again, but he suffered a relapse from which he never recovered. James F. Barnes was the senior member of the firm of Barnes & Company, Ltd., printers and stationers, at 84 Prince William street. He was a man of excellent disposition and beloved by a very wide circle of friends.

The late Mr. Barnes was an active worker in the Coburg street church, a member of Pioneer Lodge of Odd Fellows, and has always been a staunch Conservative in politics.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon from his late home, the services commencing at 2.30 o'clock.

**\$1,000 DAMAGE DONE BY FIRE LAST NIGHT**

**Blaze in Marcus' building Mill Street burned much furniture.**

Damage to the extent of about one thousand dollars was done to the Marcus building on Mill street by fire and water last night.

It was shortly after nine o'clock that a soldier and Police Officer Journey discovered a fire near the stove in Frank Nyberg's store at 48 Mill street. An alarm was sent in from box 5 and when the department arrived the flames spread rapidly and the interior of the store was ablaze.

The store was well stocked with old furniture as Mr. Nyberg is a cabinet maker. The furniture caught fire but after the firemen got a few streams of water at work the blaze was under control, but before the store was badly gutted and the furniture almost destroyed.

The fire worked its way through the sheathing on the store ceiling and into the dining room of Thomas O'Grady's residence up stairs over the store. The O'Grady home was filled with smoke, while the dining room and hall were badly damaged.

Mr. O'Grady has one thousand dollar insurance on his furniture, the policy being held with the firm of Messrs. Nixon and McLellan. The damage done in the residence is easily covered by insurance.

Two local brass bands will be at the Victoria rink Wednesday night giving a continuous musical program.

The inventory sale at Dykeman's store still continues. A lot of boys' wool-underswear is being sold at one-half price. Children's white bearskin mitts 35 cts. a pair. Pillow slips 40 and 42 inches wide, two for 25 cts. One yard wide shaker flannel, 15 cts. quality, at 11 cts. a yard. Children's toques, 50 cts. quality, at 15 cts. Ladies' and children's fine winter coats, all very much reduced.

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**All Goods Marked at Greatly Reduced Prices**

Men's and Boys' Sample Undershirts. Winter weights in plain and ribbed wool and fleecelined.

Men's Shirts, Sale prices, Each 40c., 50c., 60c., 75c., 90c., \$1

Boys' Shirts, Sale prices, Each 30c., 50c., 60c.

Men's Combinations in fine ribbed wool, size 40 only. Sale price \$2.25

Sample Colored Shirts, popular styles, good patterns and new colorings. Mostly 15, 15 1-2 sizes and Boys' 13 and 13 1-2. Sale prices 37c., 49c., 69c., 98c.

Sample Night Shirts in striped flannelette. Sale prices 55c., 69c.

Sample Pyjamas in striped flannelette. Sale prices 89c.

Sample Half Hose in tan and black Cashmere, all greatly reduced. Sale prices 3 pairs 65c., pair, 23; 3 pairs 90c., pair 33c.

Sample Handkerchiefs, mercerized, hemstitched—fancy borders. A real bargain. Sale price 3 for 20c.

Sample Lined Gloves, men's sizes in tan and grey Mocha and tan Cape leathers, reliable makes with good warm linings. Every pair a bargain. Sale prices 60c., 75c., 90c., \$1.00

Tan Mocha Gloves with natural fur lining. Sale price, Pair \$1.50

A Small Lot of Men's and Boys' Sweaters at greatly reduced prices. Men's buttoned neck style, in navy red trimmed and grey red trimmed. Sale price, Each \$1

Boys' Coat Sweaters, with high button-up collars, in dark maroon color only. Sale price, Each 90c.

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House Dresses—Percales in blue and white, grey and white, black and white stripes, spots and checks, 36 to 44 bust measure, Each \$1, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.45

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Children's Sweaters—Plain grey, brown, cardinal, convertible shawl collar; ages 10, 12 and 14 years, Each \$2.25

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