

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:
Maritime—Moderate to fresh west and northwest winds, fair and colder.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The weather has been fair today in nearly all parts of the Dominion, and except on the Pacific coast and in the Maritime Provinces it has been quite cold.

Temperatures:		Min.	Max.
Dawson	.....	20	24
Prince Rupert	.....	28	34
Vancouver	.....	32	38
Victoria	.....	32	34
Edmonton	.....	20	11
Regina	.....	18	12
Prince Albert	.....	20	21
Winnipeg	.....	24	28
Moos Jaw	.....	22	26
Saskatoon	.....	22	26
Port Arthur	.....	22	26
Parry Sound	.....	10	11
Toronto	.....	7	10
Kingston	.....	10	18
Ottawa	.....	1	10
Montreal	.....	6	16
Halifax	.....	20	24

Below zero.

Around the City

Smoker Tonight.
The Beaconsfield Conservative Association will hold a smoker at eight o'clock tonight in E. J. Neve's Hall,ufferin Row, West End. All are invited to attend.

Royal Standard Chapter.
A special meeting of the Royal Standard Chapter will be held this morning at eleven o'clock in the chapter room, German street.

V. A. D.
Members of the V. A. D. will please attend a special and important meeting in the Stone church schoolhouse this evening at eight o'clock. They will be addressed by Lieut.-Col. Corbett of the Field Ambulance Depot.

Women's Canadian Club.
Members will kindly accept this notice of the illustrated lecture to be given this afternoon by Dr. R. H. Welsh of McGill University. His subject will be "Punch and His Merry Men." The lecture will be held in the hall of the Natural History Society at 3.15 o'clock. Admission will be by 1917 membership tickets.

Lecture at Rotherham.
There was a good attendance in the assembly hall, Rotherham, Saturday evening, when Dr. R. A. Welsh, of McGill University, lectured on "Punch and His Merry Men." More than a hundred men were present and were greatly interested in the lecture which was under the auspices of the graduates of the Netherwood Red Cross branch.

Ash Wednesday Services.
February 21st is Ash Wednesday, the first day in the Lenten season. Special services will be conducted by the different Catholic churches throughout the city. There will be masses on that day in the Cathedral, at seven, eight and ten o'clock. After each mass the blessing and distribution of the ashes will take place. In the evening there will be services consisting of Rosary and benediction at 7.30. And on each week day evening service will be held.

Tag Day a Success.
That the Kindergarten tag day was a complete success was attested Saturday night when the returns had been handed in by the collectors. The sum of \$2,600 was realized as follows: City, \$1,600; Fairville, \$800; West St. John, \$100; Mrs. Retallick, \$10. At last accounts Rotherham had not been heard from, but it is expected that suburb will send in a large amount. Those in charge of the movement were most gratified by the results which exceeded last year.

Foulled Satin.
Most extraordinary is the sale of satin now being held at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. The purchase of this lot of satin was a mere accident as they are worth more than double the price which they were bought for. They are 27 inches wide, navy brown with toulard pattern and of a soft, rich tulle. The price while they last will be 38c. yard. There is not enough in the lot to go around, so respond quick if you want to participate in this bargain.

Canada Will Contribute.
According to the last estimate of naval men in England 400,000 men will be needed to man the mighty fleet of England for the next year. This means that Canada will be called upon to supply several thousand men to the Empire's great fighting machine. For the past month recruiting for the navy has been very discouraging, especially in the city. And this notwithstanding the fact that Petty Officers Riley and Bennett have been carrying on a personal campaign in the city and along the water front. P. C. Robinson arrived in the city on Saturday after visiting many of the towns in the province for the purpose of organizing a recruiting staff for the navy. It is hoped that this week will see a change for the better in naval circles.

Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarettes Cases, Signet Rings and Military Brushes. A grand selection of these articles is always kept in stock. The famous Wrist Watch is also shown in many styles.

CITY CANDIDATES HOLD BIG RALLY IN SEMI-READY BUILDING

EIGHT ON THE ROLL OF HONOR ON SATURDAY

Recruiting Continues to Make Good Showing—General News of the Military Units.

HONOR ROLL.

Canadian Engineers.
J. Godfrey, Chatham, N. B.
S. Craig, Newcastle, N. B.
G. Henry McDonald, St. John.
16th Field Ambulance.
Harry Weston, London, Eng.
James Smith, London, Eng.
No. 3 Siege Battery.
J. A. Nicolle, Caraque, N. B.
C. A. S. Corps.
Albert J. Weatherill, St. John.
E. J. Blanchard, Caraque, N. B.

Eight men were secured on Saturday. The Canadian Engineers, the unit which must have quality and likes to have quantity in their results had a good day on Saturday. Jack Godfrey, a prominent athlete from Chatham and brother to Capt. Godfrey, captain of the 23rd Battalion, picked out this unit on Saturday and signed on. He is an expert saddler and harness maker by trade, having given up a good business in Chatham in order to enlist. He will prove a valuable man to the Canadian Engineers.

Ramuel Craig, a South African war veteran, and a fireman and carpenter by trade, from Newcastle, N. B., also signed on with the Engineers. George Henry McDonald, St. John, N. B., an expert metal worker, also signed on. An American, a carpenter by trade, also enlisted. In addition to the above applications for transfers from other units.

Today the Field Ambulance start their "man-getting" campaign. Each member of the unit will be assigned to their respective area, in which they will carry on a personal canvass among the eligibles. More than a hundred men are required to bring the unit up to overseas strength, and it is the intention of the officer commanding the Field Ambulance, Lieutenant-Colonel G. G. Corbett, to have the full complement of men before March 1st.

On Saturday there were two men secured for the unit, Harry Weston and James Smith, both of London, England.

On the Island.
Divine service was held yesterday by the Rev. G. F. Scott on Partridge Island, which was largely attended by the members of the Siege Battery. One man was taken on the strength of the battery, James Nicolle, of Caraque, A. A special recruiting effort will be made for the next ten days to secure at least seventy-five men.

The chaplain of the 165th Battalion, Father Gaudet, was the celebrant at mass on Partridge Island for the members of the 23rd Battalion. It is probable that the 23rd Battalion will leave the island today to take up their quarters in the exhibition buildings.

With the French-Canadians.
The battalion enjoyed a half holiday on Saturday. This following day, gave the boys an opportunity to spend some of their money. One man reported for duty on Saturday, E. J. Blanchard, of Caraque.

The band of the 165th Battalion were in attendance at the military funeral of Sergeant Craig which was held on Saturday afternoon.

Captain J. A. C. Willette, who has been in Halifax attending the Royal School of Infantry, returned to the city and reported for duty on Friday night. Lieut. A. A. Legere, who has been taking a captain's course at the Royal School of Infantry, also reported for duty on Saturday. At Halifax Lieutenant Legere was one of the first in his class successfully passing the examinations.

Lieutenant A. A. Legere returned to duty on Saturday after spending a few days visiting his relatives. The regular routine work will be carried on today. Lieutenant Legere is the orderly officer, and Lieutenant Cyr next for duty.

Messrs. Tilley, Grannan and Potts Discuss Campaign Issues in Foreboding Speeches—Dr. Campbell Unable to Be Present Sends Letter of Regret—Mr. Tilley Replies to W. E. Foster's Criticisms As to His Vote on Valley Railway and Other Matters—Mr. Grannan Answers W. H. Barnaby—Mr. Potts Questions Opposition Sincerity on Prohibition Legislation.

An enthusiastic rally of the Government party workers in the city of St. John was held on Saturday evening in the Government headquarters Semi-Ready Building, Germania street. There was a good attendance, all the wards being represented by large delegations, and the addresses by Messrs. Tilley, Grannan and Potts were received with much enthusiasm. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, who, through illness, was unable to be present, sent a letter expressing his regret.

Dr. Thomas Walker presided and introduced the speakers. L. P. D. Tilley was the first speaker. He said he had noticed in the newspapers that W. E. Foster, in addressing the nominating convention of the opposition had called upon him and his colleagues Mr. Grannan to explain their votes in connection with the Valley Railway.

Mr. Tilley said he had no hesitation in answering Mr. Foster on this or any other question of a political character. It was no secret that he and Mr. Grannan with others had opposed legislation going through giving the Valley Railway an additional grant of \$10,000 per mile until it had been definitely settled that the City of St. John would be the terminus of that railway, and the legislation must define how the railway would reach the city and by what route.

The original legislation provided that the railway should cross the St. John River at or near The Miskew and couple up with the Government Railway at or near Rotherham. It was found that the cost of the bridge across the river would amount to \$1,000,000, and the provincial government felt it was not justified at that time in proceeding with this additional expenditure. Hon. J. A. Murray and Mr. Tilley went to Ottawa and interviewed the Dominion authorities on the matter; they secured the promise that if the bridges were to be built the Dominion government would guarantee the bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 and provide the interest for a period of years.

Afterwards, however, it was found that there would be great difficulty in securing a proper foundation for such bridges, and that the additional expense of building them would not be warranted under existing conditions. The road could be completed and carried on at once by using the West Side route, reaching the city via Westfield. Under these circumstances the Government deemed it the proper course to pursue to push the completion of the railroad and the extension of the West Side route as the best and most expedient way out of a difficult railway proposition. Messrs. Tilley and Grannan and others supported it and the legislation was drafted covering this change. Had Mr. Foster been in the house at the time he no doubt would have voted for the same way.

The Board of Trade in St. John also took this view, and at that time Mr. Foster was a member of the executive of that body.

acts on the statute books of the province, their whole support both as legislators and private citizens.

Workmen's Compensation Act.
Mr. Tilley said he was proud to be able to state that he had strongly supported the amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act of the last session of the legislature, which provided that if a workman were killed or injured in the proper discharge of his duties, no matter how the accident occurred, there should be compensation by his employer. This change entailed no hardship as it merely meant that the employer would pay a little heavier premium to the liability insurance companies. This amendment had been made at the recommendation of the Trades and Labor Council and the Loneshoremen's Union, and the Government had placed it on the statute books. It became effective on July 1st last, and five days later three loneshoremen were killed on the West Indies coast by the sliding of sugar bales, and three families were robbed of their breadwinners. Occurrences of that nature showed the necessity for such legislation, which covered just such cases. He was also heartily in favor of the new compensation act which the Government now had in course of preparation, and for which a commission had already been appointed to draft the necessary legislation.

Mr. Grannan.
Mr. Philip Grannan who followed said he had noticed in the remarks of Mr. W. H. Barnaby who had, late in life, decided to step into the political arena, it was stated that it was time the citizens of St. John refused to send "scallawags" to the legislature. He was pleased to notice that Mr. Grannan or his colleagues were the scallawags referred to, so perhaps he was wrong for him to take any offense and he was quite content to leave it to the people to decide who the scallawags were. Mr. Barnaby certainly did not mean the speaker for it came very clearly to his mind that the same W. H. Barnaby a few years ago had appealed to him to stand as a commissioner, stating that because of his high standing with the people he would make an excellent candidate. Mr. Barnaby had also stated that after a long and arduous business career it was his wish to retire and take life easy. He felt sure that the electors of St. John would do nothing to interfere with his putting his wish into effect.

Mr. Grannan continued to say that he had listened attentively to the remarks of Mr. Tilley, and he wanted to reiterate every statement his colleague made in replying to Mr. Foster's criticisms of his votes on the Valley Railway and the temperance question. In closing he appealed to those present to vote and work for the whole ticket and send them back to Fredericton with a splendid majority.

Mr. Potts.
Mr. F. L. Potts in opening pointed to Mr. Foster's doubtful and equivocating attitude on the prohibition question. In his manifesto he had stated as the leading plank in his platform that if the government which he hoped to form came into power they would pass an act and submit it to the people by a referendum, and then if the vote was favorable, some time in 1918 introduce prohibition. Something must have happened to Mr. Potts on this plank because he, the speaker, had seen on the front page of an evening paper the statement that if the opposition were returned to power they would carry out the prohibition act already on the statute books of the province.

What had caused Mr. Potts to thus knock out of his platform one of his main planks? Mr. Potts emphasized the point that if the present Government were returned to power prohibition would be enforced in this province from the first day of May. The only thing to which Mr. Foster and his party stood officially pledged in the matter was to submit their act to a referendum.

Continuing, Mr. Potts pronounced himself as strongly in favor of the Government's road policy. He was sure that by it the revenue derived from automobile licenses would be used to provide for bonds for the building of permanent roads and that once built they would be kept in excellent condition by the adoption of the patrol system which had worked so successfully wherever tried.



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