

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Strong winds and gusts from the westward, fair, becoming much colder.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Forecast: Fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair with rising temperatures; western gales diminishing.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes last night has developed into a storm, which is now centered in New Brunswick. Gales have prevailed today in Ontario and Quebec, with a change to colder weather, while in the Maritime Provinces it has been mild and rainy.

The temperature continues low in British Columbia and the western provinces.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	26	30
Victoria	32	32
Vancouver	30	34
Calgary	16	18
Moose Jaw	20	21
Winnipeg	10	12
Regina	21	25
Winnipeg	24	24
Perry Sound	12	16
Toronto	15	19
Kingston	14	24
Ottawa	8	26
Montreal	13	28
Quebec	18	30
St. John	30	38
Halifax	32	42

—Below zero.

TWO MEN WERE LAST NIGHT SAW PARLIAMENT FIRE

Hon. J. A. Murray and Clarence Jamieson, M. P., tell of impressive sight—Digby member was blown some distance.

Two eye-witnesses of the fire which destroyed the Parliament buildings at Ottawa were in the city last night. Hon. J. A. Murray and Clarence Jamieson, M. P., of Digby, as news before, he said, were the people of Ontario realizing that this is Canada's war.

The popular member for Digby was in the House at the time the fire started. He said he was taking notes of the speech of Mr. Loggie of Northumberland, when the fire started, as he expected to reply. He reached the cloak room and was blown out of the hall-way by the explosion of some substance, apparently, he saw spots of flame, evidently caused by a chemical. Mr. Jamieson leaves for home today.

Hon. Mr. Murray Thru.
Hon. James A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, who was in the city last night, told a standard reporter that the destruction of the parliament buildings was a heavy blow to the citizens of Ottawa. The minister of agriculture arrived in the capital the night of the fire. He watched the conflagration from his hotel, the Château Laurier, and notwithstanding the tragic spectacle presented the burning of the magnificent pile was one to impress everyone. Some of the women among the spectators shed tears when they realized that the famous buildings were doomed to destruction.

The flames as they gradually ascended the tall central tower and then shot to the top opened in the form of an umbrella and dashed into a myriad of sparks.

While the minister had no positive proof, it was his opinion that the home of the people's representatives was buried by alien enemies. Ottawa was now more seriously impressed than ever that Canada is at war.

Around the City

The Battle Line.
The Battle Line Tanagra, Captain Dalton, sailed from New York for Bordeaux yesterday.

Were Further Remanded.
In the police court yesterday afternoon a number of prisoners were remanded in from jail and further remanded.

Looking for Business.
A firm in Greece has asked the Board of Trade to put it in touch with firms dealing in preserved sardines, lobsters, crabs and the like.

Annual Drive.
The young people of St. Matthew's church will hold their annual sleigh drive tonight. After the drive refreshments will be served in the vestry of the church.

Allan Liner Man Injured.
Yesterday morning Andrew Lannen, assistant steward on the Allan liner Corinthian, was taken to the General Public Hospital where he received treatment after falling into the hold of the vessel on Saturday morning.

Lectured in Maine.
Rev. R. H. Stavert, of Norton, Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America, returned on Saturday night from a lecturing trip to Norway, Oxford and Portland, in the State of Maine.

Col. Gunning the Guest.
The officers of the 16th Battalion, with Acting Commander Col. Gunning, were the guests of Manager McKay at the performance in the Opera House, last night. After the performance Col. Gunning was the guest of the 14th officers to a luncheon at Bond's cafe.

Deserters Arrested.
Some days ago it was reported that a few sailors from one of the naval vessels in port had deserted and the officials were keeping a sharp watch for them. It was reported yesterday that two of the sailors were found in Toronto and placed under arrest. It is expected that they will be brought back to St. John.

The Civic Vacancies.
It was stated yesterday by Mayor Prink that he had not yet made any further recommendations for the position of chairman of the Board of Assessors since the offer of F. C. Smith had been declined. Mr. Sharpe remains at work in City Hall. Several applications have been made for the post of county treasurer. These will be dealt with by a special meeting of the Municipal Council to be arranged later.

Evangelical Alliance Meets.
The regular monthly meeting of the Evangelical Alliance was held in St. Andrew's church yesterday morning. Rev. R. J. Haughton presiding. Rev. W. H. Barracough gave an address on the importance of a church attendance campaign and suggested a census. The matter was left over for the present. In his report, as secretary, Rev. J. C. B. Appel announced that Rev. Dr. Rochester and Rev. Mr. Myers of Toronto would be here at the end of the month in the interests of the Lord's Day Alliance.

Presented with Mynnal.
Miss Evelyn M. Watkins, who has made her home for a number of years with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Spencer, Middle Ave., left on last evening's C. P. R. for Riverton, Wyoming, where in future she will reside with her father, the Rev. A. F. H. Watkins. Mr. Watkins was at one time the curate of St. Luke's church here, and is at present time the Dean of Wine River, Wyoming. Before her departure Miss Watkins was the recipient of a beautifully bound hymnal from the members of St. Luke's choir, of which she was a member.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF "INTIMIDATING" GIRL

John Conachey placed under arrest last evening—Followed young woman on street.

A rather rough looking man, who gives his name to the police as John Conachey, was taken in charge last night by Patrolman Hopkins, and is charged with intimidating a young lady on the streets.

The young lady in question, it is said to be daughter of a prominent city merchant and she informed the police that the man followed her on Charlotte, King, Princess and Union streets and finally followed her into Bond's cafe on Charlotte street. She was particularly nervous at being followed, for at the time, she was carrying with her a sum of money which the officer says amounted to about three hundred dollars. The name of the young lady was withheld by the police last night, but she said she would appear in court to prosecute the defendant. According to the officers last night the prisoner appears to be a stranger to them, and he will be dealt with in the police court today.

LOYALIST CHAPTER I.O.O.F. IN SESSION

Annual meeting largely attended— Good work in all branches recorded—A year of useful activity.

At the annual meeting of Loyalist Chapter, I. O. O. F., held at the Sign of the Lantern, Germain street, last night, officers for the year were appointed and several matters of routine in connection with the activities of the chapter dealt with. It was announced that in all branches of the work of the chapter the past year had been one of much encouragement and success, especially as regards the Red Cross work. There was a large attendance at the meeting and the proceedings throughout were full of interest. Reports of last year's proceedings will be published in detail in the course of a few days. The following are the officers elected last night: Regent, Mrs. Hugh Mackay; first vice-regent, Mrs. W. Lockhart; second vice-regent, Mrs. Harold C. Schofield; secretary, Miss Gladys Hegan; standard bearer, Mrs. George McI. Bizard; echoes secretary, Miss Mignon Kerr.

TELEGRAPH'S SENSATIONAL YARN UNTROU

"German Spy Arrested in West End" existed only in reporter's imagination

It is again necessary to warn the public against accepting as true some of the "rumors" and "unfounded" reports being handed out under the guise of war news, or news indirectly connected with the war. It should be remembered that so far as St. John is concerned, the military authorities here prohibit the publication of such reports unless they are shown to be true or are not of a class to give information to the enemy.

While the disposition of the newspapers generally not to publish news of a suspicious character, or news containing information of value to the enemy there are exceptions and one of these was noticed in the "Telegraph" yesterday morning. That newspaper, under flaming headlines "Informed" the public that "A man whom the authorities suspect of being a German spy was captured on Saturday night by the guards on the shed at West St. John. The man taken into custody by the 16th guard at the west side docks on Saturday night was acting in a suspicious manner. On being challenged he attempted to get away but the guard caught him. He would not give his name or speak a single word. He was searched and plans of many of the coast of France and the British Isles were found on his person. He appears to be an absolute stranger in the city and everything points him out as a suspicious character."

When the officers of the 16th Battalion in charge of the military guard doing duty at West St. John, read this sensational story they were greatly surprised as it was "new" to them. Captain Goodspeed said that the article was F. G. Goodspeed, captain of the Guides in the intelligence department. Speaking of the matter to a Standard reporter last evening he said "I interviewed the officers of the 16th in the west end and they say they know nothing about such an arrest having taken place. As far as I can learn there is nothing to the story."

As far as could be learned yesterday no officer in authority could be found who knew of any such person being arrested, and while the "Telegraph" may have been "taken in" by some one who handed out wrong information, the people who read the article, received "news" which according to all officials who should know was absolutely unfounded.

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Hatchets	19c., 22c., 37c., 38c.	Pliers	10c., 15c., 45c.
Nail Hammer	19c., 22c., 37c., 38c.	Blacksmiths' Tongues	25c.
Chisels (assorted)	10c., 15c.	Blacksmiths' Clinch Tongs	65c.
Blacksmiths' Pinchers	30c.		
Axes, Single Bit, without handles	35c.		
Axes, Double Bit, without handles	70c.		

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New Goods Greatly Underpriced

At the Annual Spring Sale

This sale is now in full swing and many are taking advantage of the opportunity to supply their requirements economically, as there are substantial savings on all sale goods. Leather pieces have already advanced since the first of the year, but nevertheless we intend offering in this sale our entire stock of Hand Bags, Suit Cases and Trunks, and in many cases at much less than 1915 prices.

There have been selected a number of slightly defaced pieces and marked greatly below regular prices to clear quickly. Come—Buy now.

HAND BAGS, small, medium and large Club and English Kit shapes, in the popular kinds of leather, such as plain bag leather, Paris grain, Oak grain, long grain, fancy grain, genuine walrus, real Russia, pig skins, tans, brown and black; Bags with single and double handles, best frames, locks and catches. Sizes 12 to 20. Sale prices..... \$1.50 to \$28.25

SUIT CASES, in Keratol (very like leather) and real leather. The light marks will not lessen the wear at all, but you will find the cost a great deal less on this account. Suit cases in tan and brown shades. Sizes 24 and 28. Sale prices..... \$1.10 to \$24.50

TRUNKS in our own reliable make at special sale prices. We have included our extra stock of trunks in all styles and sizes.

GENERAL PURPOSE TRUNKS, sizes 32 to 42. Sale prices..... \$3.50 to \$21.00

STEAMER TRUNKS, sizes 32 to 40. Sale prices..... \$5.00 to \$15.75

HAT TRUNKS, canvas and black enamel covered. Size 20 by 20. Sale prices..... \$8.25 and \$8.50

GENUINE SCOTCH WOOL RUGS, all at much less than today's regular prices. Reversible Plaid Rug in many weights and grades suitable for driving, motoring, travelling and for home use. This is an exceptional opportunity to purchase for summer suburban home purposes. Sale prices \$1.75 to \$14.50.

SWEATERS, Boys' Coat styles, with high collars, red and grey. Sale price..... Each 90c.

BOYS' FINE JERSEYS, button shoulder, size 28 only, in brown and navy. Sale price..... Each 60c.

MEN'S COAT SWEATERS, a few at greatly reduced prices to clear, in navy, brown, red and grey. Good heavy weights and exceptional values. Sale prices..... Each \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$3.00

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