

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Fresh to strong westerly to northwesterly winds, local snow flurries, but generally fair and colder.

Toronto, March 2.—The pressure is low over Eastern Canada and in the middle and south Pacific states, and highest over Manitoba. The weather has been everywhere fair, with the exception of snow flurries in a few localities.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	..40	46
Victoria	..33	50
Vancouver	..38	46
Kamloops	..28	46
Edmonton	..0	18
Moose Jaw	..0	26
Prince Albert	..4	18
Medicine Hat	..8	30
Calgary	..16	34
Winnipeg	..14	32
Port Arthur	..12	12
Parry Sound	..18	30
Toronto	..18	37
Ottawa	..16	36
Montreal	..20	34
Quebec	..18	26
St. John	..16	30
Halifax	..24	30

—Below zero.

## Around the City

## Drunk in the Armory.

Oscar Roberts was given in charge of the police last evening with the request that he be detained on the charge of being drunk and disorderly in the armory.

## At the Armory.

The boys of the Wiggins Institute entertained the soldiers in the Y. M. C. A. quarters at the Armory last evening. An excellent programme of music and recitations was carried out under the direction of William Pearce. The military Y. M. C. A. has arranged for an entertainment every evening this week at the armory.

## Hard on Lumbermen.

George B. Jones, M. L. A., for King's County, was in the city yesterday. When interviewed by a reporter Mr. Jones said affairs in his constituency were about as usual, except those affected by the unseasonable weather. There was no more snow in the woods than in St. John, and this was a serious matter to lumber operators.

## Lumber Shipments.

J. Bennett, of London, England, has returned to St. John from a trip to Portland, where he made arrangements for the shipment of about 1,000,000 feet of lumber to Great Britain. Mr. Bennett said the great difficulty now was to secure ships to carry cargoes of lumber to England. He hoped, however, to be able to make considerable shipments from St. John.

## Seamen's Institute.

There was a good attendance at the temperance meeting held in the institute last night. The Rev. W. R. Robinson gave a most helpful address to the men. Miss Comben played several selections on the piano. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Mrs. J. Seymour presided. On Sunday evening President R. M. Smith was the speaker. H. Walker sang several solos during the evening. The meeting was well attended by the sailors.

## Had a Sudden Bath.

Edward Doherty, the well known boatman, had a chilly experience in Sand Point yesterday afternoon. He was engaged in running lines from the steamer Granplan to the No. 2 berth when, in some manner, he was caught by a line and thrown from his boat into the water. He did not become in the water until he was safe in the boat again, and after a change of clothing and being of a rugged build Boatman Doherty appeared to be none the worse for his impromptu bath.

## Want Ward System.

Petitions were put in circulation yesterday requesting the city council to provide for a plebiscite on the question of the abolition of the commission form of government and a return to the ward system. It is said that the petition is of a tentative character, its object being to make a test of public sentiment in regard to the virtues of the commission form of government in the estimation of the people. If the petition is signed as freely as those who are opposed to the commission form of government believe it will be, a vigorous public campaign for a return to the British form of civic government will be started.

## Presented to Soldier.

Through the courtesy of Commissioner McLellan the members of the stretcher bearer corps of the 26th Battalion had the use of No. 1 fire hall last evening for a smoker. About fifty guests were present and during the evening Sergeant Major Atcheson of the A. M. C., was presented with a handsome gift. The presentation was made by Sergeant Chisholm of the Stretcher Corps. An enjoyable programme, including songs by Harry Bainbridge and William Brown, speech by M. J. Finnigan and recitation by Mr. Singer. Sergeant Chisholm was heard in guitar selections. The gathering broke up with the singing of God Save the King.

## Household Linens.

There isn't a housekeeper but what has some need of linens for the household. There isn't a housekeeper who cannot find from F. A. Dykman & Co.'s assortment some of the very linens for which she is looking, and at much less than the price she would naturally expect to pay for them. See their assortment of bath towels, all very large size and priced at 47, 50, 60 and 75 cents a pair. Extra good linen huck towels, hemstitched edge, 18 x 36, on sale at 50 cents a pair. Very fine huck towels, damask ends, 42 cents a pair. Table cloths, all fresh perfect goods, just recently received, priced at \$1.00 to \$2.75. Table napkins, best offer of the season from 90 cents to \$2.75 per dozen. Pillow cases can be had from 12½ cents to 25 cents a piece. Sheets from 67 cents to \$1.10 each.

## CITY ENGINEER MAKES REPORT

Activities of his department shown in detail — Water Works and Pipe lines.

The report of the city engineer, submitted at the meeting of the city commissioners yesterday afternoon showed that no new lands had been acquired by the city during the year, but negotiations were underway for the purchasing of land belonging to the Drury estate near Lake Latimer. The Mispaw Pulp Mill building was still standing but was not used for any purpose.

Conduit No. 1 had required no repairs during the year. During January, February, November and December the average delivery of water to the city from Lake Latimer was 9,53,000 gallons daily. Diver Edward Labeley was engaged to remove gravel from the outlet tunnel and the outlet is now clear. Conduit No. 2 has continued to leak, but there had been no increase in the leakage. It was recommended that permanent repairs be made during the coming season.

The thirty-three inch wood stave pipe had shown no leakage excepting that previously reported at the Little river. The Dominion Government fish hatchery had been in operation at Little river during the past year and had not in any way interfered with the delivery of water.

Eleven electric signs had been placed in the city during the year and these had been approved by the engineer. He recommended that the police keep watch on them in order to have the regulations carried out.

The field work on the North End survey had been completed with the exception of the necessary revisions and the office work is now going on. The work comprises: Base lines, 50 miles; offset lines, 115 miles; detail measurements, 250 miles. The cost to date has been \$3,184.73.

Further details of the work of the city engineer are shown in the report. The full report will be included in the book containing the other city reports.

## POLICE STATION A HOUSE OF MYSTERY

Though Chief of Police Said There Was "No News" Yesterday Things Evidently Moved.

There is always something doing about police headquarters these days and no matter when one enters the King street east building, it can be seen that officers are always on the move, and if the question is asked what's doing about today? the reply will generally be, nothing much of interest. While it was stated there was nothing new about the big building yesterday it can be safely said that there was considerable doing, and at least three policemen were well aware of the fact, and will not forget it in a long while to come. It is said that Patrolman McDonald, who was one of the late men appointed on the force has found there is much truth in the old saying, "A policeman's lot is not a happy one," and he, accordingly, threw up the sponge and has severed his connection with the force.

The next in line was Patrolman George Totten. This officer had been a faithful policeman for over fifteen years, and it was thought by many of his friends that George would remain wearing the blue coat and brass buttons until he died or became too old and feeble to remain on the job. He has also tired of being a cop, and has severed his connection with the force. A policeman who had the most trying experience, however, was Patrolman McFarlane. This officer would remind one of the old poem, "Off again, on again, Flanigan." McFarlane, for a number of years has been a good officer on the police force, and it caused no little surprise when he was seen to enter Central Station last evening shortly before eight o'clock carrying under his arm his coat, trousers, vest, belt, baton, handcuffs, revolver, and in fact the entire kit which is the property of the city of St. John. McFarlane was through with the job, and it has been hinted that it was not of his choice that he was getting through. He entered the office of the Chief of Police and had not been in there long until his clothing and other articles were given to an officer, an inventory of the same taken by the Deputy Chief, and the same placed carefully away, perhaps to be taken from the storeroom when it could be done by a new policeman.

Then came the second surprise in which McFarlane was the chief actor. He had been closeted with Chief Simpson for over an hour when the order was given for the clothing to be returned to the policeman, and the cop that was, then was not, became once more a cop. From all appearances it looks as if McFarlane will live to tell the story of being, "Fired and hired" all within an hour. McFarlane is a good man and a faithful officer, and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he has at least retained the clothing, and hopes are entertained that he will also retain his job.

Another new member of the force is Sheehan, donned the blue coat and brass buttons for the first time last evening and was seen to wander from central station and take his position on one of the beats. It is a case of "we live today and die tomorrow," and none save those in absolute authority can tell just what the morrow will bring forth.

With the departure of George Totten from the force he will be able to rub thumbs with Kilpatrick, Finley, Clark and others who used to be.

Richard O'Leary, of Richibucto, was at the Royal yesterday. C. Bruce Burpee returned from Montreal yesterday.

## INSPECTION OF LOCAL FORCES

ON FRIDAY

Major-General Lessard, General Rutherford and Staff expected here on Friday—Major Perley becomes Commanding Officer of 62nd.

Major-General Lessard, inspector general for eastern Canada, is expected here on Friday to review the local troops. General Rutherford and his staff are expected here at the same time. Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, of Halifax, was in the city yesterday, and watched the 26th Battalion at field manoeuvres yesterday afternoon. To a reporter Col. Thompson said the 26th was a fine body of men, and made a fine showing in field work, considering the length of time they had been mobilized.

The 26th left the armory at one o'clock yesterday afternoon and went to Fairville for field exercises, returning at 7 p. m.

Yesterday the command of the 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers, was taken over by Major Perley, who has been second in command of the regiment for some time.

Arrangements are in progress for recruiting the 62nd up to strength, as many of its officers and privates have enlisted in overseas contingents. The 6th Mounted Rifles and the 40th Battalion have been recruited to strength, and orders are hourly expected for their mobilization. The 40th Battalion will be mustered at Halifax where quarters have already been prepared for them. The Mounted Rifles will be mustered at Amherst.

At the residence of Thomas J. Morgan, Main street, Roy Tower, formerly of the Royal Bank, and now of the Mounted Rifles, was presented with a wrist watch, the presentation being made by H. J. McGoldrick.

## JORDAN MEMORIAL

SANITARIUM GIVING EXCELLENT RESULTS

The Superintendent, Dr. Townsend, will examine anybody on afternoon of first Thursday of month, at old Water Works Building, Carmarthen St.

Dr. David Townsend, superintendent of the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium, arrived at the Royal yesterday, and this afternoon will conduct a clinic at the rooms of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society in the old water works building on Carmarthen street. Dr. Townsend wishes it to be understood that these clinics or examinations are absolutely free of charge, and at the same time not a matter of charity. It is in part of his duty as an employee of the local government. Anybody who has any suspicion that they are afflicted with consumption have an opportunity of securing the advice of the Townsend on the first Thursday of every month, at the quarters mentioned above. Dr. Townsend is an expert on tuberculosis.

Speaking of the work of the sanatorium, Dr. Townsend said they had now 25 patients under their care, the capacity of the sanatorium being 30 patients. So far the results have been very gratifying.

## N. H. SOCIETY MEETS

Interesting Lecture by Dr. G.F. Matthew—New Members and gifts for Museum

At the regular monthly meeting of the Natural History Society last evening, the president, W. F. Burditt, occupying the chair, Dr. George F. Matthew gave an instructive lecture on prehistoric man in Europe. He dealt with the earliest known remains of man in various parts of that continent, amongst others the Piltdown skull, probably the oldest skull hitherto brought to notice and one showing the existence in the long ago of a low type of man. The work of early man in Spain and France was also referred to and also the matter of man's relationship to the monkey. Various points in connection with the lecturer's subject were discussed towards the close. The lecture was made additionally interesting by lantern and reflectoscope views showing, amongst other things, caves wherein men dwelt in pre-historic times.

Two new members were elected during the evening: Mrs. R. Kane and Miss Eva Scribner. It was reported that the following articles had been recently presented to the museum: Old Indian box, ornamented with porcupine quills, by Miss Grace Leavitt; curious natural rock formation, G. M. Wetmore; volume, Les Sulpiciens, history of missions, Etrangers on Acadie, Dr. Matthew.

Fruit Growers Optimistic. S. L. Peters, Dominion Fruit Inspector, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Peters said there was a good market for apples at the present time, but that most of the New Brunswick crop for last year had been disposed of. He said his information was that the fruit growers of the province would plant quite a number of new trees this spring.

## VACANT LOTS IN THE CITY

What the city has in the way of land that is at present classed as vacant.

There are in the city 1,544 vacant lots at present assessed separately, and also 4,882 acres of property not subdivided. These statements were made in the report submitted to the City Council yesterday afternoon by S. K. Smith, who has been gathering information from the books of the assessors during the last week. The report covers several sheets and will be printed and copies supplied to the commissioners.

The report showed that the city possesses 313 lots in the city and 994 acres in Stanley Ward. These are all vacant. The total value of assessment on vacant lands is placed at \$733,579. Of the 5,030 acres of land vacant in the city 4,811 are in Stanley Ward. Victoria Ward has the greatest number of vacant lots with Dufferin a close second.

The following table shows the vacant lots in the different wards:

Wards	Assessable Vacant Lots	Assessable Acres	Value
Kings	.. 47	.. 24	\$29,350
Queens	.. 48	.. 24	43,750
Dukes	.. 66	.. 3	86,150
Brooks	.. 91	.. 265	18,650
Guya	.. 67	.. 1	17,550
Sydney	.. 65	.. 15	22,600
Wellington	.. 46	.. 1	14,300
Prince	.. 24	.. 1	8,600
Victoria	.. 410	134	162,550
Dufferin	.. 253	34	44,675
Landdowne	.. 264	16	82,300
Lorne	.. 125	7 1/2	98,500
Stanley	.. 108	4811	556

Totals 1544 4832 313 994 \$733,579

The report showed the owners of the different vacant lands and the assessment of each.

Some more of the information is to be tabulated and Commissioner Potts asked that the consideration of the bill for the taxation of vacant land be left over till the next regular meeting of the council.

## BOARD OF TRADE

CONSIDERING TAX REFORM QUESTION

Will Invite Experts on Assessment From Other Cities to Deliver Public Addresses Here.

A meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held yesterday, at which J. Hamilton Ferns, chairman of the board of assessors of Montreal, was present, and answered questions in regard to the assessment system of the commercial metropolis of Canada. It is the intention of the Board of Trade to have other experts on assessment systems from other cities come to St. John and deliver public addresses. The board of trade has considerable dissatisfaction with the assessment of St. John, and there is an apparent determination on the part of the business men composing the Board of Trade to start a tax reform movement.

While the campaign for commission government was in progress the assessment system was the subject of a good deal of criticism, and in the new city charter provision was made for the appointment by the city council of a commission to take up the whole subject of taxation and revise the assessment system. The commission, however, never exercised the power in this connection given them by the legislature.

## SPLENDID CUP FOR CITY CORNET BAND

Catholics of 26th Battalion Present Band with Silver Cup—An Appreciation of Band's Services.

Last night some of the members of the City Cornet Band called at The Standard office, one of their number bringing with him a handsome silver cup, on an ebony base, which has been presented to the band by the Catholics of the 26th Battalion. The cup bears the following inscription:

Presented to City Cornet Band by Catholic Men, 26th Battalion, C. E. F. In appreciation of Services rendered during their stay in St. John, February, 1915.

The presentation was made in the band room, King street east, last evening by Captain George Keefe, who expressed on behalf of himself and the other Catholic members of the battalion, his great pleasure in handing the cup to the band as a token of their appreciation of the good work of the band in connection with the battalion. P. M. Higgins, who received the cup for the band, responded suitably, remarking that it would always be treasured, not only because of its intrinsic worth, but of the motives that had actuated the gift. The cup will be on view, for a few days, at the store of J. B. Bardsley, Union street.

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