

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast.  
Maritime—Strong winds or gales, southerly to westerly, with occasional snow or rain.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—A moderate disturbance is centred tonight near the middle Atlantic coast, while an area of high pressure covers the western portion of the continent. The temperature has been a little higher today in nearly all parts of the Dominion, and local snowfalls have occurred in the Lake region.

## Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	40	44
Kamloops	22	38
Edmonton	30	0
Prince Albert	26	11
Medicine Hat	16	0
Winnipeg	18	0
Port Arthur	16	0
London	7	12
Toronto	8	14
Kingston	8	16
Ottawa	6	16
Montreal	6	16
Quebec	16	14
Halifax	4	26

—Below zero.

## Around the City

**St. John Conservative Club.**  
All members of the St. John Conservative Club are requested to attend in their rooms tonight at 8 o'clock. M.E. Agar will be the speaker of the evening.

**Two Inebriates.**  
Two inebriates spent the week-end in the North End police station.

**False Alarm.**  
At 4.30 yesterday afternoon a false alarm was rung in from Box 122, corner of Main and Bridge streets.

**Firemen's Relief.**  
Messrs. T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., have donated \$50 to the Firemen's Relief Association in recognition of the department's work at a recent fire.

**Fancy Sale.**  
The ladies of St. Andrew's church will hold one of their popular fancy sales on Saturday, Feb. 10th, in the flower store, corner Princess and Charlotte streets.

**Half Dozen Drunks.**  
The police arrested six common drunks on Saturday, and they will appear in the police court this morning. These were the only names on the police blotter last night.

**Pte. Comfort Wounded.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Comfort of Lower Derby received word last week to the effect that their son, Private Harry Comfort, had been wounded. He left with the 132nd Battalion but was later transferred to a western unit.

**Lower Derby S. C. Society.**  
The Lower Derby Soldiers' Comfort Society have been very active since October. They have since that time sent sixty pairs of gloves and the same quantity of socks to the boys at the front. A meeting of the society was held on Saturday night at Mr. Spurgeon Amos's.

**New Bridge at Perry Point.**  
Hon. B. F. Smith, minister of public works has announced that he expects to call for tenders for the new bridge at Perry Point, King's County, this week. The new bridge will be of modern design and it is hoped to complete the structure without any delay.

**Deaths of the Week.**  
Sixteen deaths were reported to the Board of Health last week as follows: Pneumonia, four; influenza, one; nephritis, bronchitis, appendicitis, heart disease, heart failure, cardiac dropsy, mitral insufficiency, chronic bronchitis, pulmonary tuberculosis and pulmonary infarction, each one.

**Playgrounds Association.**  
Under the direction of Miss Hester the very capable physical instructor and teacher of oratory of the Girls Club, the "Comedy of Errors" will be presented in the High School assembly hall on Friday evening, Feb. 16. Proceeds for Playground Association needs. A delightful programme is in preparation.

**K. P. Official Visit.**  
A party of about twenty of the members of the Knights of Pythias of this city headed by Robert Slipp, grand vice-chancellor, will leave tonight on the 6 o'clock train for Fredericton to pay an official visit to the Fredericton and Maryville lodges. Monday night will be spent with the Fredericton lodge, and Tuesday with the Maryville lodge. The arrangements for the trip are being made by past G. C. Hugh H. McLellan.

**Firemen's Notice.**  
All members of the West Side Fire Department are requested to meet at No. 7 Engine House, 7.30 this evening.

**Pinafore Rehearsal.**  
Rehearsal of Pinafore at 8 o'clock tonight.

Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigar 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.

## COMPLETE NEW PULP PLANT ON APRIL 1ST NEXT

Mr. Volckman Speaks on Progress being Made on the Erection of New Mill at Millerton—To Also Manufacture Paper.

J. D. Volckman, the well-known North Shore pulp and paper manufacturer, was in the city yesterday, guest at the Royal Hotel. He told a reporter that he expects that the pulp plant of the New Brunswick Pulp and Paper Company, Ltd., at Millerton would be completed about April 1st. A large portion of the machinery from the old plant which was saved from the fire will be used in connection with the new mill. This machinery to the value of about \$70,000 will be installed at once. Mr. Volckman, who is a nephew of Sir Robert Perks, announced that this well-known old country capitalist would be heavily interested in the new mill. Mr. Volckman has also been successful in interesting Upper Canadian paper men in the project. While it is not the intention to manufacture paper at once, it is the intention that the mill shall ultimately turn out paper in large quantities.

## HOW 104TH BND BOYS ENJOYED NEW YEAR'S DAY

One Hundred Dollars Donated by Carleton Band Members at Home Give Musicians in England Bountiful Banquet.

In a recent letter received from John C. Fitzpatrick, a member of the 104th Regimental Band, at Witley Camp, Surrey, England, the young bandsman states that all of his fellow members are well. In part he said the Christmas proved a most enjoyable day for all.

Bandsman Fitzpatrick also sent a very pretty menu card of the Christmas dinner given by the warrant officers and sergeants of the 104th. The card is a very pretty one and the bill of fare most tempting. The toast list included: The King, Canada, The Colonel, The Folks at Home, To Our Absent Friends in France, and The Chairman.

On the last page is also printed the nominal roll of the sergeants' mess. Another menu card received is that of a New Year's dinner given by the 104th Band. This dinner was made possible on the receipt of about one hundred dollars which had been collected by some of the old Carleton Cornet Band members who were left at home when their bandmaster, Murray Long and other fellow members enlisted with the 104th.

The dinner was in every way equal to that given a week previous by the sergeants, and the toast list was similar, with the addition of the toast to the "donors" of the dinner. On the last page of the card is printed the names of the bandsmen showing the membership to be forty-two. A couple of photos of groups of band members were also received and they show the musicians to be looking in the very best of condition.

## PLEASANT SURPRISE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Rev. F. N. and Mrs. Wentworth Presented With Purse by Members of Waterloo Street Baptist Church.

The home of the Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Wentworth was unexpectedly invaded on Saturday night by a large company of the members of Waterloo Street United Baptist church. It had been learned by gullie that it was the anniversary of Mrs. Wentworth's birthday, and the surprise was in order to wish her many happy returns of the day. Ladies immediately took possession of the kitchen and dining room, and soon were serving a dainty repast to the unexpected guests. A magnificently ornamented birthday cake, made by Mrs. Jacob Smith, added much to the joy of the occasion. The surprise was intensified when Deacon James Patterson, after a very graceful speech, handed Mrs. Wentworth an envelope containing a handsome sum of money with directions to spend it on a Limoges china tea service of her own selection, the balance for Mr. Wentworth to purchase additional sectional bookcases. Speeches and music followed. The invading army retired about eleven p.m., leaving the pastor and his wife greatly appreciative of this generous token of their love and esteem.

## RECRUITING BOOMING IN ST. JOHN

Eighteen Men Signed Roll Saturday — Men From 165th Go to Toronto for Special Course.

**ROLL OF HONOR.**  
A. Campbell, St. John, N. B.  
Fred Higgins, Porter's Sta., N.B.  
J. A. Higgins, Porter's Sta., N.B.  
C. Ross, Hampton, N. B.  
Canadian Army Ser. Corps.  
Chas. H. Bergerson, Anderson's Siding, N. B.  
J. Thibault, Anderson's Siding, N. B.  
R. Clark, New York City.  
Geo. Bradstreet, Salem, Mass.  
165th Battalion.  
M. Henry, St. John, N. B.  
J. P. Nicholl, Caraquet, N. B.  
Spurgeon Narow, Dumbarton, N. B.  
Joseph Olson, Holland.  
George E. Freeze, Penobscot.  
Edward Collins, England.  
Clifton Campbell, Sussex, N.B.  
25th Railway Battalion.  
Bernard Shuope, Yarmouth, N.S.  
Canadian Engineers.  
W. B. McKenzie, Moncton, N.B.  
65th Battery.

## With the French-Canadians.

The French-Canadian Battalion only worked half day on Saturday. In the afternoon the boys spent their time at the rinks and amusement houses.

Three men applied for transfers to the 236th Battalion, which were granted. They were Privates C. Church, H. Garland and J. Hayward.

The following officers and non-commissioned officers have left for Toronto where they will take the special course now in progress for the instruction of physical training and bayonet fighting: Lieut. E. F. Violette, Company Sergeant Major Daigle, Sergeant C. Joyce, Corporal H. Legere, Corporal J. P. Saulnier and Corporal F. J. Nause.

Major E. Stehelin is spending a few days at his home in Church Point, N. S. Captain Richard, adjutant of the 165th Battalion, is also enjoying a leave of absence.

The battalion paraded to divine service yesterday morning to St. John the Baptist church. Regular routine work will be carried on today. Orderly officer for the day is Lieut. R. A. Pertus.

## The Field Ambulance.

The unit did not hold a Sunday parade yesterday owing to the number of men who recently left for overseas. There is still room for about 75 men for the ambulance. As a rule it does not require much time to fill up a non-combatant unit, but such is not the case with the Field Ambulance. There are a number of men in the city soliciting members for the unit but the results so far are far from gratifying. There were no recruits secured on Saturday for this unit.

Lieut. A. R. Laing of the Army Service Corps left for Halifax on Saturday in the interest of the Army Service Corps. The recruiting office which has been opened in the city in the Bank of Montreal building is now in charge of Sergeant R. F. Jones. Sergeant Jones told The Standard yesterday that there was a grand opening for chauffeurs in the unit. Men who are at all acquainted with the running or mechanism of automobiles are welcome to the Army Service Corps. A man enlisting in this branch of the service is sent to Toronto on the training depot of the unit, and he is there given a theoretical and practical course in motor vehicles.

Sergeant Jones, who is himself a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, said that railway men of every description were very much in need at the present. This unit has already recruited no less than 200 men in Halifax in the last two months.

Further information concerning this branch of the service can be obtained from the officer in charge of the recruiting depot on Prince William St.

## At Headquarters.

Lieut. Colonel Powell, formerly attached to headquarters in the city, arrived in St. John on Saturday and will again take up the duties of general staff officer of the Seventh Infantry Brigade. Colonel Powell informed The Standard yesterday that he was unable to state whether there would be any more troops coming to St. John this winter or not.

Since leaving the city Colonel Powell has been for the most part in Montreal carrying on important military work.

The friends of the genial officer will welcome him back to St. John.

## On the Island.

Divine service was held on the Island yesterday by the Rev. G. F. Scovil. All the officers and men were present. Two men were secured for the Siege Battery on Saturday, M. Henry of St. John and J. P. Nicholl of Caraquet, N. B.

## To Be Married.

News has reached Digby of the proposed marriage of Lance Corporal

## CITY OFFICERS WILL COMMAND NEXT DRAFT

Lieut. Alward and Lieut. Cudlip Will Take Over 100 Men from No. 9 Siege Battery—An Early Departure.

It is understood on good authority that two local men, Lieut. C. B. Cudlip and Lieut. Wallace Alward, will be the officers in charge of the draft of 100 men from the No. 9 Siege Battery which will leave shortly for overseas. Both officers are well known and are popular members of the local artillery unit. It is said that the 100 men to be drafted from the 9th Battery will pretty well deplete the local unit. How ever steps will be taken to give the men of the composite battery an opportunity to transfer into the overseas service and these men will form the nucleus of a new overseas battery at this station. The contemplated early departure of the draft from No. 9 is being welcomed by the members of this popular unit. The boys are anxious to get a short pass to their various homes for a few days, and while no definite announcement has as yet been made by Major Wetmore, the commanding officer, it is desired to give the boys a five days' leave of absence to afford them an opportunity to bid farewell to their relatives and friends.

## DR. W. S. CARTER THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE DCM'N. EDUCATIONALISTS

Important Convention at Ottawa Has Been Concluded — Technical Education and Other Matters Were Discussed.

Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education for the province of New Brunswick, has been elected president of the Dominion Educational Association. Dr. Carter has been in Ottawa for the past few days attending the sessions of the association. The foremost educationalists from all parts of Canada were in attendance at the meeting and the selection of Dr. Carter as head of the association is a tribute to him as well as an honor to the province.

Several important problems were discussed at the meeting of the association. The Gary system which is well known to New Brunswick teachers, came in for considerable discussion. Dr. Carter was one of the chief speakers at the meeting, and in the course of his remarks he took occasion to tell the convention that the school children of this province had raised \$5,000 for the Belgian fund.

## DENIES THAT POTATO MEN BOOST THE PRICES

Hon. B. Frank Smith Answers Ottawa Criticism of N. B. Potato Exchange — Someone There Tries to Discredit New Brunswick.

"That is a perfectly ridiculous statement," said Hon. B. Frank Smith, minister of public works, when asked in regard to the statement of Ottawa potato dealers that the New Brunswick potato exchange was interfering with the price of potatoes in Ottawa and enhancing the prices the dealers had to pay.

"Why, the best prices that the New Brunswick potato shippers are receiving today are in the markets of Cuba and Boston. It is a fact that we are able to receive twenty-five to fifty cents per barrel more in these markets than in Upper Canada, and we cannot supply the demand. The report that we are working for advanced prices in Ottawa is absolutely without foundation. It is just a case of some one trying to strike a blow at New Brunswick."

Viets to Miss Mary Moody, daughter of the late T. C. Moody of Yarmouth, Corporal Viets went overseas with the Princess Patricia's. He was wounded at the first battle of Ypres, losing his sight. Shortly after his return to Digby he was offered a position with the Imperial Insurance Company of Toronto, which he accepted, and is now in the service of the company at their Toronto office.

**Martello Tower New Quarters.**  
The party of young soldiers who arrived in the city recently from England will be quartered in the Martello Tower, West St. John. The party, which numbers about 180, will be in charge of Lieut. Pierce of the headquarters staff, who will be assisted by Lieuts. Stevenson and Marsh in training them.



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Black Duchesse Mousseline, 36 to 45 in. wide	.....	\$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.60, \$1.85, \$2.10, \$2.35, \$2.50 yd.
Black Moire Velour, 40 in. wide	.....	\$2.10 per yd.
Black Peau de Soie, 40 in. wide	.....	\$3.40 yd.
Black Habutai Silk, 36 in. wide	.....	65c, 85c, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35 per yd.
Black C. B. Satin, 20 to 22 in. wide	.....	75c, 85c, 95c yd.
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