

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts: Maritime—Fresh to strong southerly, shifting to westerly and northwesterly winds, with sleet and rain; clearing and colder on Sunday. Toronto, Feb. 23.—Light falls of snow and rain have occurred in the lake region and the Ottawa Valley and light snow in Quebec. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair and in the west continued decidedly cold.

Temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: Min. and Max. for various locations including Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Saskatoon, Calgary, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax.

Around the City

Harry Cahill Recovering. Inquiry at the hospital last night elicited the information that Harry Cahill, who was injured at Carleton on Monday, was gradually improving.

Slightly Improved. The condition of Justus G. Cheeseman, who was injured in the Fairville wreck was slightly improved last night.

Young Boy Captured. Detective Duncan arrested a young fellow Thursday night at the request of the Fredericton police. Chief Finley arrived in the city yesterday to take the boy back to the capital.

Rothsday Won at Hockey. A speedy game of hockey was played yesterday afternoon at the Queen's rink between the Rothsday College and the St. John High School teams. The visitors won by a score of 9 to 0.

Today at the Opera House. The vaudeville programme at the Opera House makes a complete change today, and includes the third episode of The Crimson Stain mystery. Matinee this afternoon at 2:30; two shows tonight, at 7:30 and 9. Election returns will be announced tonight.

Mrs. Francis Hachey. Mrs. Francis Hachey of 136 Pond street died early yesterday morning. She was twenty-one years of age and is survived by her husband and one child, two brothers and two sisters. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon from her late residence.

Had Leg Broken. William Long, a lumber surveyor, boarding at the Ferris Hotel, slipped on the Main street sidewalk yesterday afternoon and received a badly fractured leg. He was carried into T. J. Durick's drug store where Dr. Hogan set the broken limb and then had the injured man conveyed to the hospital.

St. John Bible Society. The St. John branch of the Canadian Bible Society met last night in the Bible House, Germain street, at 8 p. m., in annual session. Rev. J. A. MacKellan acted as temporary chairman and Rev. D. J. MacPherson as secretary. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. N. Rogers; Vice-presidents, Revs. J. A. MacKellan, D. J. MacPherson, Neil MacLaughlin and R. P. McKim; secretary, A. A. Wilson; treasurer, R. T. Hayes; advisory committee, J. N. Rogers, S. H. Davies, J. E. Arthurs, A. D. Law and J. W. Flewelling.

SPECIAL ELECTION WIRE IMPERIAL TODAY.

There will be no supper-hour recess at the Imperial this afternoon but the big show will be kept open with the show going on continuously until it merges into the evening performance at seven o'clock. The reason for this is to give the general public the opportunity of receiving the election returns of the special Western Union wire installed on the Imperial stage. The polls close at four o'clock and long before five o'clock a large percentage of the results will be known. It is confidently expected that the city returns will be complete shortly after five o'clock. Reports from adjoining counties and from the province as a whole will keep pouring in the evening and in addition to the individual reports, the whole story will be summed up for those present every half hour. In fact persons attending the Imperial this afternoon and paying the regular admission after the polls close can remain until the closing hour, ten o'clock if they so desire. It is expected, however, that a great many people will take advantage of this special supper show and after hearing the reports up to six o'clock will go home to their meal fairly well satisfied as to how the election has resulted.

VICTORIA RINK CARNIVAL, Tuesday, February 27th. Don't forget VICTORIA RINK GRAND CARNIVAL, Tuesday, February 27th.

Band this afternoon, also this evening, at Victoria Rink.

OPPOSITION CANDIDATES AFRAID OF JOINT DEBATE PLEAD OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

Fail to Appear at Imperial Theatre to Discuss Issues of the Campaign—Messrs. Tilley, Potts and Campbell Given Splendid Reception.

The opposition candidates in the city advertised in the best possible way for the government the weakness of their case, when they last night, on the plea of other engagements, refused to accept the invitation of W. H. Golding and discuss jointly with the government candidates the issues of the campaign. Mr. Golding had placed at the disposal of the electors the Imperial Theatre in order that they might have an opportunity of hearing the candidates of both parties in joint debate and act as a jury between them. The government candidates had other engagements, but when a progressive government was secured in the justice of their cause, they immediately cancelled them and notified Mr. Golding that they would be pleased to be on hand and take advantage of his very kind offer. The opposition candidates knowing that the statements which they have been making would have to be met and answered, sent their regrets, as they knew that they had no defence which would stand the test of a joint debate, but they might as well have gone and taken their medicine for the electors know well why they were not present. It is rumored that the pressing engagement of the opposition was preparing their excuses for defeat. At ten o'clock, the hour at which the meeting was to begin, the theatre was filled and W. H. Golding, manager, in a short address, threw the house open to the candidates and explained his reasons for so doing. He said that as the campaign was short and realizing that the people would like a chance to hear both sides at once he had decided to give an opportunity, and had extended an invitation to both parties to have their candidates address the electors. The offer had only been accepted by the government candidates and they would be heard. He asked R. B. Emerson to act as chairman. Mr. Emerson accepted and introduced as the first speaker Major Tilley.

PRISONER PREPARED TO LAUGH AT LOCKSMITHS

Joseph Leger Arrested For Theft Last Night by Detectives Barrett and Briggs Had Fine Supply of Keys.

After searching diligently since Tuesday night for the thief who stole a watch from the Mr. Sullivan at the Grand Union Hotel and another from a room in the Hamilton House on Mill street, Detectives Barrett and Briggs last night located their man. His name is Joseph Leger. When searched at police headquarters the prisoner had on him all the implements necessary to gain access to any building where the door is secured in an ordinary way. Besides one of the latest skeleton keys the man had in his possession a bunch of keys of every description. Many of the keys were for opening trunks and suit cases, and as he had several checks on his person, the detectives think it was his intention to get the baggage with the checks and rifle the contents. The watch taken from the man at the Grand Union Hotel was sold to a second hand dealer. The watch is valued at \$45. The other watch which is not as good a quality as the one pawned, was sold for \$1 to a party on Brussels street. The prisoner admitted that he was guilty of both offences when examined. He is only a young man, not more than twenty-three years old.

FUNERALS. The funeral of Charles M. Bostwick, Jr., took place yesterday afternoon at three o'clock from his late residence, 110 Wentworth street, to St. John's (Stone) church. Private services were conducted at the home by Rev. W. A. Daniel of Rothsday, following which the body was taken to the church. A large and beautiful array of floral offerings was a silent but eloquent tribute to the memory of Mr. Bostwick and an expression of sympathy on the part of the community. At the church the choir sang several hymns most acceptably. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Dr. Joseph Andrews took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 51 Garden street. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. W. G. Lane and interment was made in Fernhill. The esteem in which Dr. Andrews was held was marked by a large number of floral offerings. The funeral of Mrs. Sophia Nisbett took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Pokok Road. Services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim, and interment was made in Cedar Hill. The funeral of Eugene Elmer Woodrow took place yesterday afternoon from his parents' residence, 61 Market Place, West Side. He was buried with military honors. A firing squad of twelve men, a corporal and two buglers under command of Sergeant R. LeBlanc, 165th Battalion, members of the European War Veterans' Association, members of the 16th, attended the funeral, together with a large number of civilians. Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison and Rev. W. P. Dunham conducted the services.

TEN ON THE HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Recruiting had Another Good Day—1,000 More Soldiers—News of the Local Military Units.

- HONOR ROLL. George Flannigan, St. John; James McCluskey, St. John; Bernard Kennedy, St. John; W. S. McKenzie, St. John; Charles Ross, St. John; 15th Field Ambulance; Philip Gocuan, St. John; Alfred Dupuis, Kent county; Canadian Engineers; Edward Rushton, St. John; 216th Battalion; Charles Smith, C. A. S. C.; Roy Albert Richards, C. A. S. C.

Ten men appear on the honor roll this morning. The 16th Field Ambulance was the favorite unit yesterday, six men signing up with that unit. One of the party has asked that his name be withheld for a few days. More Troops Coming. It is probable that at least 1,000 soldiers will arrive in the city within the next few days. No definite information as to the identification of the party has yet been received at headquarters. It is thought, however, in military circles that it is a western battalion that is due to arrive. At all events preparations are being made for the quartering of troops in the Martello Hotel, West St. John and the Immigration building.

Bantams Becoming Popular. Measured by the encouraging reports received from the Bantam recruiting depots throughout the Maritime Provinces, the 216th Bantam Battalion will not be very long in obtaining the number of men it requires signed on in St. John as well as elsewhere are now comfortably quartered in splendid quarters at Amherst. Lieutenant Walsh has arrived back from Amherst and is now engaged with an energetic staff, at the head of which is Sergeant O'Rourke, in soliciting the enlistment of the eligibles for the battalion. Many of the boys were sent back from England on account of their age have made application for the 216th Battalion, and it is understood that as soon as arrangements can be made with headquarters these boys will sign on with the Bantams.

Home to Vote. With the exception of the men whose homes are outside of the province, the 165th Battalion is away on furlough. The majority of the men left yesterday, although it was necessary for several to leave on Thursday in order to be home in time to vote. Lieut.-Col. D'Algle left last night for his home, also did Major Gallant. All the other units stationed in the city are somewhat depleted on account of the election. The majority of the men will return on Monday.

"One For Navy." One man was signed on for the Royal Navy yesterday, H. Blanchard, Bathurst, N. B. This is the first man who has enlisted in St. John for this branch of the service for some time. Now that the ice is again broken Petty Officers Riley and Bennett hope to keep the good work up.

CARTER ONCE ACCUSED "SWEET WILLIAM."

Dear Mr. Editor.—Read the letter of "An Old Voter" in The Standard today and realized it is the same Carter who formerly ran "Progress" and now would run the provincial government, who would pose as an apostle of purity. Memory went back to the time that E. S. was after the scalp of his present boss, "Sweet William" if I remember rightly, our Hon. friend was the custodian of the proceeds of the sale of the old Street Railway and while the courts were trying to decide who was entitled to the money, E. S. Carter, in the pages of "Progress" accused "Sweet William" and was going to drive him from public life. That was in the days when "Sweet William" posed as a Tory and before he flopped the fence to where the pickings were better and Central Railway affairs were thought of. Judged by their records neither one has changed much. Certainly Carter has as much dirt as ever.

ANOTHER OLD VOTER. Digby, Feb. 22, 1917.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

Owing to a notice received from the military headquarters, the Soldiers' Comfort Association resort to have to notify the public that individually addressed parcels and reading matter cannot be received or shipped through the local depot. This order to go into effect at once.

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

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