

THE WEATHER.
 Forecasts.
 Maritime—Strong east and northeast winds and rather cool with rain in most places.
 Washington, April 23—Northern New England—Probably rain Monday, Tuesday overcast; strong lifting winds.
 Toronto, April 23—Local showers have occurred in Ontario and Western Quebec and also in Saskatchewan, but the weather over the Dominion has been for the most part fair and rather cool.
 Temperatures.
 Min. Max.
 Victoria 38 56
 Vancouver 34 56
 Edmonton 28 46
 Medicine Hat 28 56
 Battleford 32 42
 Winnipeg 32 62
 Pelly Sound 38 62
 London 27 57
 Toronto 28 47
 Kingston 44 50
 Ottawa 40 50
 Montreal 46 58
 Halifax 40 48

Around the City

ELECTION RETURNS — OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT.

Masonic Grand Lodge.
On Tuesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock the annual session of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. will be held in the Masonic Hall on Germain street.

Has Returned to Duty.

Word was received in the city yesterday that Lieut. George Morrissey had reported for duty again with his regiment. His many friends will be glad to learn that he was not seriously injured.

Police Look Neat.

The members of the police force appeared on the streets yesterday with their new summer tunics, caps and white gloves. The blue coats certainly made a very neat appearance.

Automobiles Reported.

Officer Lucas reported John Boyea, 50 Waterloo street, for driving an automobile on the 22nd inst., which was not registered according to law. He also reported Mr. Seeley for driving an automobile without the 1916 number plate attached on the 22nd inst.

Arrested for Bootlegging.

Yesterday afternoon a man named Jones was arrested by Detectives Barrett and Briggs for supplying liquor to a soldier. The prisoner said that he was not supplying liquor, that he only carried a bottle of water, and that the soldier was making "spits." What he meant by "spits" was that the soldier had a quantity of alcohol and three times mixing it with the water, so that it could be used as a beverage.

For King Albert Day Fund.

Contributions are still coming in for the King Albert day fund. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Regent of Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. E. D. E. gratefully acknowledges the following additional amounts: \$10 from Miss Emma B. Besterbrook of Orancton, this making a total of \$28.75 received from her of which amount \$10.40 was collected in Peterville; \$5.55 from Mt. Allison Ladies' College, through Miss Melrose; \$5.05 from Miss Bessie J. Adams of Tide Head, Restigouche Co.

PERSONAL.

Miss Helen Marr is spending the Easter vacation in New York.
Mr. James Bryden of Riverside, Albert county, is a visitor in town, spending Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, King street.

DIED.

HANSON—On Saturday evening, 22nd inst., at the residence of A. C. Skelton, 175 King street east, George Hanson, widow of Lieut.-Col. Hanson, of Berthier, Que.

GIBSON—At Red Head, on the morning of the 23rd, after a short illness, Margaret J., widow of Andrew Gibson, leaving one son and two daughters to mourn.

Funeral on Tuesday, the 25th inst., from her late residence. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock. Interment in Fernhill. Coaches leave head of King street at 1:15 o'clock.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The members of Johnston L. O. No. 24 are requested to meet in their hall, Germain street, on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, April 25, to attend the funeral of their late brother
J. OSCAR GRANT, P. M.
Members of sister lodges respectfully invited to attend.
By order of the W. M.,
ROBERT WILLIS,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MATINEE AT STAR THEATRE THIS AFTERNOON.

The management of the Star Theatre have arranged a special matinee for this afternoon to enable the school children to see a splendid Easter bill. The programme will consist of the following productions: Chapter 23 of "The Diamond From the Sky," entitled "On the Wings of the Morning;" an American two-part picture "In the Candle Light;" and a Keystone comedy "Shot Guns That Kick." This bill of pictures will also be shown to-night and tomorrow night.

LAST MINUTE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY

Commissioner McLellan Spoke Three Times on Saturday Evening — Other Candidates Spoke Briefly.

Commissioner H. R. McLellan held forth in three theatres on Saturday night and it being the last opportunity to hear speakers on civic affairs before election day, there were large audiences. At 8:30 o'clock, as soon as a programme of pictures had finished in the Empress Theatre in West St. John he addressed the audience. At 9:30 o'clock he started to speak to an audience in the Star Theatre in the North End, at this meeting he was obliged to shorten his address on receiving a telephone message to the effect that there was an audience at the Imperial Theatre and there were no speakers present.

Arriving at the Imperial there was not even a chairman, and the commissioner was received with loud applause as he stepped on the stage and commenced his address. Some few minutes before Commissioner McLellan finished his address James Sugrue, the labor candidate, took a seat on the platform, and was well received at the finish of Commissioner McLellan's address Walter Golding, the manager of the theatre stepped on the stage and stated that there were other candidates sitting in the audience. He invited these candidates to take a seat on the stage. No person appeared to accept the invitation, and Mr. Sugrue addressed the audience for about fifteen minutes. There were then calls for Mayor Frink, and his Worship responded and made a short address. Calls for Mr. Hayes, the candidate for mayor were made, and that gentleman also responded and spoke briefly. Calls were given for Messrs. Fisher and Sharpe, but neither responded.

In his address Commissioner McLellan took up the line of criticism he used against him. One was extravagance. He readily admitted that he had been extravagant in his own personal matters, but emphatically denied that he had been extravagant in civic affairs. He believed that for every dollar expended for the city he had received a dollar's worth of value. During four years of office he had turned in unexpended balances of nearly \$50,000, when he could have expended this amount, and had the authority to do so if he had wished. He referred to a canvass made in favor of one candidate, that the members of a congregation of a certain church should vote for the respective candidate because he was a member of that congregation. "Now here is where I stand between two stones: I antagonize Mr. Williams because I would not permit the erection of a garage by him alongside of the Stone church, while I, myself, am ashamed to admit that I am not a close attendant at any church. I believe that if there is anything on earth we should respect it should be our church, and I did not propose that I at least would be a party to any proposition which would inconvenience, or disturb the members of any congregation while at worship. Having prevented the construction of this garage, and having antagonized Mr. Williams, I am now facing opposition from some members of this congregation who were canvassing on behalf of one of the members who had signed Mr. Williams' petition for a garage, and had also written a letter in justification of his signature.

Continuing the speaker said there was still another canvass against him, to the effect that he was instrumental in causing the resignation of a civic official who is now a candidate for commissioner, because he had asked that gentleman to impose more taxes on the smaller taxpayers, and that gentleman's conscience would not permit him to do so. The speaker said that he gave credit to that gentleman for having a conscience, but thought that he evidently had not understood the true intention of the commissioners when they asked him to find the required amount by increased valuation. The speaker said he believed the gentleman referred to supposed that the commissioners intended that he should increase all taxpayers valuations, and that his conscience would not permit him to do so, for he has fifty years had the valuation of the smaller taxpayers placed up to their full limit. The commissioners intended that he should get out and find the increased valuation among those who in the past had not paid their proper proportion of taxes.

The speaker said it had been urged that he was a dangerous man to the larger taxpayers on account of the influence he would have with the present chairman of assessors. Personally the commissioner said that he had no desire to see any taxpayer pay one cent more than the proper proportion, because he fully realized that with everybody paying the just proportion the taxpayers would be better satisfied with the amounts of their tax bill.

There was one thing he did hope, that no matter what the results of the election might be the contest would have produced one result, a greater interest being taken in the future by the taxpayers in the operation of the civic departments, which simply means the growth of a community spirit. The speaker finished amid prolonged applause.

Mr. Sugrue in his brief address referred to the taxation question and

ONLY ELEVEN SIGNED ROLL DURING WEEK

St. John Made Poor Showing in Recruits Last Week — Three on List Saturday.

ROLL OF HONOR.
F. A. Pritchard, St. John.
H. Levesque, Montreal.
F. A. McEntee, Gaspé, Que.

Last week was a very lean one for recruits in St. John. Eleven men were all that succeeded in passing the doctor and signing the roll of honor. A great many more tried but failed for one reason or another to pass.

The school for officers and N.C.O.'s will open today in the Armory and it is expected that a large number will be in attendance to take the course. Captains Correll and Coyne will be in charge. Two male stenographers are needed at headquarters and they are willing to accept men who are not able to pass as fit for overseas. Here is an opportunity for someone who wants to serve his country but has not been able to get by the doctor.

The men of the 115th went to church yesterday according to their different denominations, it being Easter Sunday. Lieut. Nisbet reported for duty on Saturday. The following N.C.O.'s returned from Halifax on Saturday having completed the course which they were taking there. A Company, Sergt. Vincent, Sergt. Chappell; B. Company, Co. Sergt-Major Ditzell, Sergeants McLellan, Mooney, Brown, Stone, Gibbons, Parlee and Bill; C Company, Sergeants Dorman and White; D Company, Sergeants Green, Tabor and Crawford. Sergt. S. H. Simonsen has been appointed a Provost Sergeant. One man, Norman J. Speedy, was taken on the strength. Today Lieut. E. A. March will be orderly officer and the day will be spent in musketry exercise, platoon and company drill and physical exercises. The officer in charge of the platoon will be Lieut. FitzRandolph. The officers of the guard will be Lieuts. Steeves and Short. A firing party of one sergeant and thirteen privates will attend the funeral of Pte. Seymour and fire salute over the grave. The band of the battalion will also attend. The signalling corps, under Lieut. Nisbet is being rapidly organized. L. Corporals McGregor and Grimmer have been promoted to Corporal.

Yesterday the 140th attended Divine service in St. David's church. Today the officer of the day will be Lieut. J. R. Calkin and the day will be spent in the usual round of duties. The men have begun the more advanced part of their drill and are making splendid progress in their work.

HEAVY NOTE IS EXPECTED

Interest Keen in Today's Civic Fight and Each Candidate Confident of Success.

Today is election day and it is expected that a heavy vote will be polled. Interest in the contest has grown keener with the near approach of the time for casting the ballots and all the candidates seem to be sure of election. The ballot must be marked with black pencil or ink, any other will spell the ballot and cause it to be rejected. The polls will open at eight o'clock in the morning and close at seven o'clock in the evening. Those who can would do well to vote early in the day as there will probably be a rush near the time for closing.

A special meeting of Johnston L. O. No. 24, will be held in their hall this Monday evening, in connection with the death of their late brother, J. Oscar Grant.

Grand Concert by 104th Band of Sussex, City Hall, West End, April 25.

pointed out that the candidate who had been posing as the labor men's candidate and felt his doing something for the labor man, should have resigned from office fifteen years ago and taken with him the rest of the assessors. He said he also felt confident that those who supported commission government were going to carry out their promise to the labor man at that time and on Monday night return the labor candidate as a commissioner. Mayor Frink in his address commended Commissioner McLellan's remarks on unexpended balances. Mr. Hayes in his short address said he had not been sure that the meeting was to be held until the evening. He asked the assistance of all the friends of the candidate running for commissioner, and if elected mayor would do all in his power to serve the people faithfully.

A PIONEER BATTALION AUTHORIZED

Captain Tilley Receives Orders to Recruit for One Men Wanted for Home Defence.

Capt. Tilley, chief recruiting officer for New Brunswick, has received instructions to recruit a company for a new Pioneer Battalion, also men for home defence. Following are the orders issued from headquarters on Saturday in respect to these matters:

Fourth Overseas Pioneer Battalion
Authority was granted at headquarters this morning to begin recruiting for the Fourth Overseas Pioneer Battalion, one company of which will be recruited in the Maritime Provinces. The headquarters of this battalion are at Ottawa, and it is in command of Lieut.-Col. P. Weatherbe, formerly of Halifax.

Capt. A. L. McDougall, an engineer and contractor of several years experience, and who has done considerable work during the last two years in New Brunswick will be in command of the maritime province company. At least 250 men are required from the maritime provinces for this battalion.

The class of men required are tradesmen, men of good physique, road makers, linemen, smiths, railway trackmen, bridge builders, men accustomed in the use of explosives and men of general laboring experience. Men enlisted in this unit will receive the same pay as any other overseas unit, and also the same separation allowance. The battalion is the same as an infantry battalion, and its training is practically the same. It is a combatant force, and is trained to go into the trenches when not being engaged in constructional work. Of course, its chief duty is to supply details, build trenches, roads, etc., under the direction of the engineers.

Until further orders are received recruits for this battalion will remain at their homes, but it is expected that the maritime province company will be mobilized at some point in the maritime provinces very shortly. It is probable that this battalion will proceed to France as soon as recruited up to strength. Please report to this office the number of recruits for this battalion which you secure from day to day.

Men for Home Service Duty.
Men are urgently needed for the 63rd and 66th Regiment for Home Service Duty in the Halifax Garrison, and also for Home Service duty in the first Canadian Garrison Artillery at Halifax. Men may be accepted for home service who are unable to pass the medical examination for overseas service on account of slight objections arising from flat feet or varicose veins, etc.

NORTH END MAN WOUNDED

William Kingston of 508 Main street received word yesterday that his son, Pte. Kingston had been wounded in the thigh and had been admitted to hospital on April 21st.

Will you take time to examine our diamond display and compare our prices with those offered by Toronto, Montreal or local houses. Will you accept an invitation to stop in and permit us to show you what we have and what we can do in the way of diamonds? Allan Gundry.

Ostrich Feather Ruffs.

Came a little late for Easter, but they are nevertheless just what is wanted for this season of the year when furs are being taken off and something lighter needed. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing a splendid range of these at three popular prices, \$2.35, \$3.00 and \$5.00. They come in white, black, black and white, purple, fawn and Copenhagen.

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