

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts
Maritime—Strong winds and gales from southwest and west, mild, with showers.
Toronto, Jan. 31—The weather continues very cold in British Columbia, white in the western provinces it has moderated somewhat. From the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces it has been generally overcast, with occasional showers and unseasonably high temperature.

Temperatures.

Table with columns for City, Min., and Max.
Victoria 18 28
Vancouver 6 22
Kamloops 8 22
Calgary 8 1
Battleford 4 2
Moose Jaw 4 2
Regina 10 7
Winnipeg 22 0
Port Arthur 12 4
Parry Sound 30 34
Toronto 36 53
Kingston 32 44
Ottawa 22 42
Montreal 20 40
Quebec 18 30
St. John 32 40
Halifax 30 44
Below zero.

Around the City

A Wife Beater.
Wm. Foster was arrested on a warrant last night on the charge of assaulting his wife.
Queen Hotel Closed.
The Queen Hotel on Princess street was closed yesterday, the former lessee surrendering the lease.

Fur Collar Found.
A gentleman found a lady's fur collar in front of this office, and the owner can receive the same on application at the business office.

Soldiers Arrested.
Two soldiers were arrested for being drunk last night. One of the prisoners is an Indian who was arrested by Police Constable Donohue and journeyed.

Charged With Assault.
A French soldier named Adams was given in charge of the police last night by the proprietor of the Royal Clear Store on King street for assaulting him in his place of business.

The 52nd Was Cared For.
A picture postal card has been received from Pte. E. J. Perry of the 52nd Battalion, by one of the Standard staff, saying that all is going well with them. Judging by the picture of the camp printed on one side, they appear to be well provided for as to accommodation, in fact the camp has almost the appearance of a growing settlement.

Business Transfer.
Mr. A. N. Smith, who for the last four years has conducted a restaurant and lunch counter at No. 7 Mill street, on account of ill-health has found it necessary to retire and Mr. W. H. Sharpe, formerly of 26-28 Charlotte street, has purchased the business and will conduct it along the same lines as Mr. Smith also retaining the same staff of help. Mr. Sharpe says he is still on the wrong side of the street.

Hibbard Claim Settled.
It is stated that the claim of the Hibbard Construction Company against the St. John & Quebec Railway Company has been settled. The Hibbard Company and the sub-contract for the section of the road between Fredericton and Woodstock. They completed the work two years ago, but an amount equal to five per cent of the contract price was withheld from them. There were also some items in dispute. The terms of settlement are not known.

Seamen's Mission.
A large number of sailors attended the temperance meeting at the Institute last night. The meeting was held under the auspices of Exmouth street Y. P. A. and was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Gordon Stevens presided and the Rev. Mr. Earle of Carleton Methodist church gave an excellent address. Several musical selections were given during the evening by Miss Myles and Messrs. Currie and Stevens. Mrs. J. Seymour distributed the pledge cards. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

An Interesting Debate.
A large and interested audience gathered last evening in St. David's church schoolroom to hear a debate on the subject "Should women follow the dictates of fashion or not?" conducted by the Young Peoples' Association of the church. Good arguments were put forward by both sides, and many a laugh was indulged in by the audience in the course of the evening. The judges, Messrs. D. W. H. Magee and N. C. Cameron and Miss Annie Parks awarded the decision in favor of the affirmative side, led by Fred W. Gilvan. Mr. Gilvan was supported by Harold Fowler and Miss Jessie Jamieson, and the opposition was ably led by G. J. Fraser, who was upheld in his arguments by Miss Marion Cruikshank and Howard M. Jamieson. A. R. Crookshank acted as chairman for the evening. Another feature of the evening's entertainment was a solo by Clarence Gilvan.

PERSONAL.
Lieutenant James B. Dever returned to Halifax yesterday to continue his course at the military school.

RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE 140TH BATTALION

Lt.-Col. Beer to command with Lt.-Col. Harold Perley as Senior Major—Two Companies for St. John—Complete list of officers.

The recommendations of Lieut. Col. George W. Fowler for the establishment of the 140th N. S. Regiment were announced from Sussex last evening. Two companies of the regiment, A and B, will be stationed in St. John for the winter months, C Company will go to Fredericton and D Company will be divided amongst Hartland, Perth, Andover and a fourth station yet to be named.

Lt.-Col. L. H. Beer, formerly of the Prince Edward Island Light Horse, will be in command, with Lieut. Col. Harold Perley, formerly of the 52nd regiment, as senior major and second in command. The junior major will be announced later.

Additional staff officers are as follows: Adjutant—To be named later. Asst. Adjutant—Lieut. G. H. Leunbury, 62nd Regiment. Medical Officer—Captain Don C. Malcolm, A.M.C., superintendent of the General Public Hospital of St. John. Paymaster—Captain J. B. Harper, 62nd Regiment. Quartermaster—Captain D. H. Fairweather, R.O. Chaplain—Honorary Captain Rev. M. E. Cowan.

Machine Gun Officer—Lieut. J. K. Scammell, 28th N. B. Dragoons. Signalling Officer—Lieut. P. O. D. Stevens, 74th Regiment.

A Company (St. John). Major and Officer Commanding the company—Lieut. A. D. Carter, 74th Regiment and formerly of the 29th. Captain and second in command—Lieut. P. B. Young, 63rd Regiment.

Lieutenants—F. DeL. Clements, 3rd C.G.A.; H. E. Galvin, 8th Hussars; A. W. Thorne, 28th N. B. Dragoons; William G. McGinley, 28th N. B. Dragoons. Supernumerary—Lieut. J. H. Manning, 62nd Regiment.

Attached for training and instruction—Lieut. F. A. Courtenay, 62nd Regiment.

B Company (St. John). Major and Officer Commanding the company—Lieut. H. Priestman, 71st Regiment. Captain and second in command—Lieut. D. Stewart Bell, C.A.S.C. Lieutenants—Frank Armstrong, 74th Regiment; H. G. Ashford, 28th N. B. Dragoons; L. S. Edgett, 74th Regiment; H. Price, 8th N. B. Hussars. Supernumerary—Lieut. J. H. Kirk, 74th Regiment.

Attached for training and instruction—Lieut. F. A. Courtenay, 62nd Regiment.

C Company (Fredericton). Captain and Officer Commanding the company—Lieut. G. Q. Dowling, 71st Regiment. Captain and second in command—Lt. W. H. Teed, 62nd Regiment. Lieutenants—E. E. Smith, 67th Regiment; Mt. Allison, C.O.T.C.; W. A. McDougall, 67th Regiment; A. W. Good, 71st Regiment; G. D. Osgood, 74th Regiment. Supernumerary—Lieut. R. B. Macfarlane, 71st Regiment.

Attached for training and instruction—Lieut. J. Bennett, 71st Regiment; R. B. E. Wilson, 67th Regiment.

D Company (Hartland, Perth, Andover and a Station to be Named). Major and Officer Commanding the company—Major S. D. Smith, corps reserve, 3rd C.G.A. Captain and second in command—Capt. F. J. Newcombe, 74th Regiment. Lieutenants—E. E. Smith, 67th Regiment; E. S. Roberg, 62nd Regiment; E. J. Cronin, 62nd Regiment; C. P. Grannan, 62nd Regiment. Supernumerary—Lieut. G. B. Woodson, 70th Regiment.

Attached for training and instruction—Lieut. C. E. Baker, 62nd Regiment.

W. B. HOWARD HONORED BY MANY FRIENDS IN ST. JOHN

Popular C. P. R. man guest at dinner in Union Club last night—George Ham came from Montreal to attend.

The mayor of the city and the other friends of W. B. Howard, district passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, who are by no means few in number, tendered him a dinner last night at the Union Club. They all felt they were sorry to lose him, but, nevertheless, they shed no tears, for his successor, M. G. Murphy, who swapped places with him, was on the job. The occasion was a joyous one and although Mr. Howard was averse to leaving the city he expressed his feelings and allowed his friends of the city and of the C.P.R. to say a few words.

C. B. Foster, general passenger agent of the road, and Honorary Col. George H. Ham of the headquarters staff, were on hand to console with St. John in the departure of Mr. Howard and to say a few words in his behalf.

Mr. Murphy, who by the way needs no introduction here. Mayor Frink had a few words to say and they were not wholly uncomplimentary to Mr. Howard. The mayor said that Mr. Howard's business career had been carefully watched in St. John. "And I found that whenever the opportunity offered," continued His Worship, "he delivered the goods."

When His Worship spoke in a serious vein, he said that had it not been for the Canadian Pacific Railway we would not see the expeditionary shipment of troops and supplies that Canada has sent.

The next speaker, Judge Harrison A. McKeown, paid his compliments to "Billy" Howard. "He had done well by this city by the sea," said Judge McKeown. Then referring to the war, Judge McKeown said that St. John is going to do its duty. "When Mr. Howard leaves us," said the Judge, "he will carry with him the best wishes of St. John."

When Mr. Howard rose to "do his bit" he was greeted with a reception which he probably will not forget. He said that it was with feelings of regret that he left so many of his friends in the city. "The happiest years of my life," he said, "have been in St. John, where I have been treated with so much kindness. It has been my own home. I hope to visit you again."

John Keefe followed, and then H. G. Allison presented Mr. Howard with a floral token. "We are losing Mr. Howard," said Keefe, "but we are welcoming Mr. Murphy."

When Mr. Murphy was permitted to speak, he admitted he was glad to get back. He said he felt more at home here than in any other place in Canada. Mr. Foster, who was also warmly greeted, told of the policy of his road in trying to get each man to know each other.

Mr. Ham said he was happy to be in St. John again. Speaking of the war he said that he had "no hesitation in saying that the Allies would win."

Fred Macmillan gave one of his famous Scotch melodies. The banquet closed with the National Anthem.

SONG BOOKS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED

Many purchasers disappointed, but they will receive the volumes soon—A higher postage charge required.

The Standard regrets that the second shipment of Heart Songs, a rush order of only three hundred copies, which was expected here yesterday afternoon, has not yet arrived. The shipment is being traced and whenever the books are received, announcement will be made of the fact, and orders already left at this office will be filled as long as the books hold out. Meanwhile, a requisition has gone forward for additional shipments and there will be no further delay in meeting the requests of customers.

It will be necessary hereafter for out of town buyers to enclose eighteen cents for postage, instead of the ten cents originally asked, as this is the amount required for delivery of the song books by parcels post. In the Maritime Provinces. Orders now in hand at the old rate will, however, be filled.

COLONIALS DID GREAT WORK AT DARDANELLES

Able seaman Mardon tells interesting stories of fighting in Gallipoli.

Able Seaman Mardon who was in the city with the party of sailors last week was stationed for a time at the Dardanelles, had some interesting tales to tell and brought away some very valuable curios. He said the work done by the colonial troops could not have been done by regulars, a fact admitted by all military men who knew anything of the task they accomplished. The credit, he said, was due to the fact that every man knew he had a job to do and did it. Colonial discipline may not amount to much but it was the thing for the work that had to be done there, where every man had to use his own brains.

Mr. Mardon was in charge of a boat taking the wounded off to the hospital ship and tells of taking off a boat load one day and finding the hospital ship full. They had to wait until another came up which was some little time. While waiting the hot sun made some of them delirious and they would call out all sorts of things. One was calling to his wife telling her to take good care of the kiddies. Another was calling to his mother, telling her not to worry as he was all right. Another had his commanding officer on his mind and kept calling "Keep back, Sir, I will get him. We have lost too many of our officers already. For God's sake keep back sir."

One thing Mr. Mardon brought back with him was a hunting knife, given to him by a dying Gurkha. In a boatload he was taking off of this man wounded in the stomach and with no possibility of recovery. He asked for a smoke which was given to him although against the rules. A short time later he called Mr. Mardon and asked for a drink which was given to him. Mr. Mardon he was dying, Mardon said: "Well, luck up, say a prayer and it will be all right." He said his head was so thick he could not remember one and asked me to say one and he would repeat it which I did." He then told Mr. Mardon that he could have his knife.

SOLDIER HAD A CLOSE CALL

Private Lynch fell over Wiggan's wharf—Rescued just in time.

At about 8.45 last night two or three men who were sitting in the car shed on the West Side heard loud shouting and immediately started to investigate the cause. They soon found that a soldier had fallen over the Wiggan's wharf and was holding on to the piling. It was close on high water and had he released his hold it is more than probable that he would have been drowned.

The watchman at the shed, James H. Pitt, with the help of John Nichols and the dock policeman, Michael Donovan, and Daniel H. Jones, street car motorman, got into a motorboat that was close at hand and hauled the man into it. They took him into the shed and found that he was in an exhausted condition and had apparently been partially immersed for a considerable time. The military authorities were at once communicated with and, by their direction, he was removed by a sergeant to the temporary military hospital quarters in the Immigration shed at Sand Point.

The man proves to be Private Lynch, a returned soldier who came over on the Corsican some time ago. It was stated last night that he was not in a dangerous condition.

"DIAMOND FROM THE SKY" AT UNIQUE THEATRE.

Something unprecedented in local picturedom is to happen this week. "The Diamond From the Sky," a serial story which has been so very successful in local theatres not situated in the city proper, will be shown at the Unique theatre, which, for the first time will thus be repeating after another local picture house. This is only after many weeks of suggestions and persuasions on the part of city patrons who are loath to understand why one of the best serials yet offered locally should not have been shown in a city theatre. The first chapter is announced for Thursday and Friday of this week, also Saturday matinee.

Amethyst, the February birth stone, in the better qualities is particularly suited for use as a personal ornament, nothing blends with pearls to a better advantage. Gundry has a fine selection of amethyst jewelry of the first qualities.

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