

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh northwest-
erly winds, fair and moderate-
ly cold.

Toronto, March 19.—The At-
lantic disturbance has remain-
ed nearly stationary over the
Gulf of St. Lawrence, and an
area of high pressure is con-
tained in the western provinces.
Snow has fallen in eastern
Quebec and northern New
Brunswick; elsewhere the
weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria.....	40	54
Vancouver.....	38	54
Calgary.....	30	46
London.....	18	46
Port Arthur.....	16	28
Perry Sound.....	8	24
Moose Jaw.....	8	29
Regina.....	9	29
Winnipeg.....	16	22
Toronto.....	25	40
Kingston.....	18	36
Ottawa.....	14	36
Quebec.....	14	36
St. John.....	26	40
Halifax.....	30	46

Around the City

Courtenay Bay Fire.

Last evening a barn on the Cour-
tenay Bay wharf near the Norton Grif-
fiths works was destroyed by fire. A
horse and rig owned by William Ellis,
a carpenter, was consumed and the
loss will be about \$350.

The Opium Case.

The trial of Hop Lee, charged with
being the proprietor of a resort on
Mill street where opium is used for
other than medicinal purposes, and six
other Chinese, charged with being in-
mates, will be commenced in the po-
lice court on Wednesday afternoon
next.

James Moore Captured.

On March 5th William Moore, James
Moore and Pearl Hampton, three boys
who were doing time in the Boys' In-
dustrial Home on the charge of theft,
made good their escape from the in-
stitution. A couple of days later William
Moore and Hampton were arrested.
Last night Sergt. Scott and Patrolman
McNamee arrested James Moore and
locked him up in a cell at central
station.

Could Not Find Him.

It was reported to the police last
evening that a man was lying drunk
on the Magee wharf near the East
Side ferry dock, and was in great
danger of falling over the wharf. When
the police arrived on the scene they
were unable to locate the man after
searching all over the place and it is
thought that he was able to get away
before the officers arrived.

Lost Pocketbook and Money.

A lady telephoned to the Chief of
Police last night to the effect that she
had lost her pocketbook containing
quite a sum of money in bills and that
her name was in the book. She claim-
ed to have been in attendance at the
Imperial Theatre but was not sure just
where she lost the money. She has
one chance of recovering the money
and that is if an honest person is the
finder.

Conductor Coffey Dead.

Thomas Coffey, one of the oldest
and best known conductors running
out of St. John on the Intercolonial,
died suddenly at Moncton yesterday
afternoon. He was not feeling well
on Thursday, but visited the despat-
cher's office and asked for another
man to be sent out on his run. He
then returned to his home and his
condition became serious. He gradu-
ally sank till he passed away about
5:30 yesterday afternoon.

Conductor Coffey had a wide circle
of friends in all parts of the Maritime
Provinces who will learn with regret
of his sudden passing away. He was
considered one of the most popular
officials on the road.

Police Court.

David Shaw, a member of the moun-
ted rifles, who was slashed by David
Hennessey on Charlotte street on
Thursday evening, testified that he
had been doing nothing at all to Hen-
nessey, when the latter came along
the street and stabbed him twice.
Fortunately, the soldier escaped with
a couple of scratches. Hennessey
was sent below for future disposition.
In the case of William Forrester,
charged with breaking doors in the
house of his father-in-law, Jacob
Wood, Marsh Road, the latter testi-
fied that the defendant broke three
doors in his house, valued at about
\$15. The prisoner was remanded.

Spring Dress Materials.

There are several reasons why you
should connect the name of P.A. Dyer
man & Co.'s store with the thought of
your new Spring dress goods. In the
first place they import all of their
dress materials from headquarters.
The second place they pay cash for
them, thereby getting the closest
prices. The third place you are sure
to get the newest weaves and the most
reliable texture at their store. Their
dressmaking department will make
them up for you in a most satisfactory
way. Their special line of Bradford
serges at prices from 63 cents up to
\$1.50 per yard are the celebrated sun
resisting dye, and will give the best
of satisfaction.

A twilight recital will be held in St.
Andrew's church Saturday afternoon,
March 20th, from four to five o'clock.
D. Arnold Fox, E. Bowman, Mrs. L. M.
Curren, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Guy, Mrs.
Gunn, Mrs. MacMichael and Miss Blen-
die Thompson will take part. Silver
collection at the door.

CORONER'S JURY RETURNS
STRONG VERDICT IN CASE OF
SOLDIER WHO DIED IN CELL

John Casey Died From Alcoholic Poisoning but "Had
He Received Proper Medical Attention He Might
Have Survived," Is Opinion of Jury.

The enquiry into the death of John
Casey, who was found dead in a po-
lice station cell last Saturday evening,
was concluded in the court house last
night before Coroner W. F. Roberts.
The jury, after a deliberation of 45
minutes, returned the following verdict:
"Just before midnight:
"We, the jury empanelled to enquire
into the death of John Casey, find
that he died between the hours of
seven and nine o'clock on the evening
of March 13th in a police station cell
and the cause of death was alcoholic
poisoning, accelerated by exposure
and a weakened condition caused by a
recent illness.

"We feel that had he received pro-
per medical attention he might have
survived.
"We recommend that the police be
cautioned and instructed if there is
any doubt as to the physical condition
of a prisoner to immediately summon
a doctor.

"We also suggest that improvements
be made in the cells for the comfort
of prisoners. Further that the patrol
system be made more efficient. Sign-
ed—George R. Cragie, Wm. F. Cronk,
Earl Kincaide, Wm. S. Ferris, O. B.
Akerley, John V. Holland and Patrick
McGuire.

On the opening of the court last
evening the coroner and jury visited
the central police station and made
an examination of the cell in which
the body was found.

The first witness was Horace Mc-
Leese, who testified that he had been
connected with the police force for
seven months. During this time he had
arrested men who were hopelessly in-
toxicated and had noticed some of
them frothing at the mouth. On the
Saturday in question witness was do-
ing patrol duty on York Point beat
shortly after six o'clock. He saw four
or five soldiers on Smythe street, a
man was lying on the sidewalk. Wit-
ness asked the soldiers what they had
there, and they said it was Jack
Casey, an ex-soldier, and that he was
sick. On being asked if he had been
drinking they said it was all right,
what liquor he had they gave him and
they would look after him.

Witness asked what they were go-
ing to do with him and one soldier
told witness that it was his place to
compel a hotel to take the man in.
They said they had money but they
could not take the man to the armory
as he was not a member. Witness
told them they would have to do
something when one of the soldiers
said they had done all they could with
him. Witness said he would have to
take the man to the police station. The
soldiers did not want to have Casey
arrested and told the officer he did
not know his duty.

Witness sent for the patrol wagon.
Casey was groaning. Officer Rankine
then arrived and witness telephoned
for the patrol but was unable to get
any answer. Casey was then carried
to the I. C. R. lockup. Witness then
called up the central police station and
explained that he had arrested a man
who had only been out of the hospital
for a few days and he was instructed
to bring the prisoner to the central
station. It was twenty minutes from the
first call for the patrol wagon was
made until it arrived. On the way to
the police station Casey appeared to
be helpless. About 6:50 o'clock he was
placed on the floor of a cell. Witness
thought the prisoner was sick from too
much drink. Witness delivered the
prisoner to Officer Hopkins and in-
structed him to watch the man that he
did not choke. Witness had been told
that Casey was refused admittance to
a hotel owing to the condition he was
in.

Deputy Chief Recalled.

Deputy Chief Jenkins was recalled
and in reply to a question from For-
eaman Cragie witness said that all
drunks were taken to the cells and it
is left to the discretion of the police-
men as to a prisoner's condition.

Foreman Cragie said that in this
case there was some doubt if this man
Casey was drunk or sick and it was a
dangerous proceeding to place him in
a cell without knowing just what was
the matter with him.

Policeman W. J. Rankine told of
making the arrest with McLeese. Ca-
sey was unable to stand up and wit-
ness assisted in carrying the man to
the I. C. R. lockup. Witness did not
think the man was sick but only very
drunk.

Casey Found Dead.

Policeman John F. Kane testified
that Officer McLeese informed him at
seven o'clock that Casey was very
drunk and in bad shape. McLeese
said he had told the officer in charge
of the station of Casey's condition.
Officer Hopkins was in charge at the
time and was relieved by Officer Lu-
cas. Officer Lucas went out of the
station at 7:55 o'clock. Witness went
to the cells and found Casey was dead.
He then informed Dr. Dunlop.

To Foreman Cragie—The cells are
not well lighted. The only means a
prisoner has to communicate with the
officer in charge is to make a noise on
the iron door of the cell. There is
no bell connected with the cells. It
would be better if there was more
light.

Policeman F. C. Hopkins testified
that on Saturday when the prisoner
was brought to the police station offi-

cer McLeese said the man was dead
drunk, and had only been out of the
hospital for a few days. McLeese told
witness to keep an eye on the man as
he might choke. McLeese turned the
man on his side saying it would be
better. Witness did not convey this
information to Officer Lucas when the
latter came on duty. The orders from
the chief are that the cells are to be
visited every half hour. A previous
order was to visit once every hour.

Officer Lucas Called.

Officer Fred Lucas was called and
said he had not been informed of
Casey's condition when he went on
duty. Witness was called out of the
station at 7:55 o'clock and did not re-
turn for an hour and then heard the
man was dead. The cells were not
well lighted.

Alex. Long was next called and
stated he had the ambulance and pa-
trol wagon in charge. He was in-
structed to answer all calls within the
city limits. On Saturday afternoon
last when the call was made for the
patrol one of the drivers was out with
the ambulance and the other driver
was at his supper. The patrol wagon
responded about 6:20 o'clock.

The Chief of Police.

David W. Simpson, chief of police,
testified to being informed that the
prisoner Casey was dead and to call-
ing a physician who pronounced the
man dead. The cell in which John
Casey died is not a modern one in
any particular. Modern cells are fit-
ted up so they can be seen into from
all sides, fitted up with cots and light-
ed well. The present conditions in the
cells could be rectified. The benches
could be removed, cots put in and
grated flooring put in. As to the pre-
sent system the man in charge is obli-
ged to visit prisoners not less than
every half hour. He thought it was
very necessary to have the officers
instructed in first aid work.

Discharged from 26th.

Lieut. Gordon M. Johnston of the
26th Battalion, testified he knew John
Casey.

To Foreman Cragie—Casey had
been in the guard room and had been
a non-commissioned officer and lost
his stripes because a better man came
along. He was sent to the hospital
for diphtheria. Casey was discharged
from the battalion on orders from
Halifax.

Foreman Cragie said he thought
Casey had not been discharged prop-
erly and a soldier had as much right as
an officer.

This concluded the evidence and
the jury retired.

CHRIS. GRAHAM
WRITES FROM
FIRING LINE

Children Playing in
Streets as Towns Are
Shelled—Farmers Pre-
pare for Crop as Usual.

Chris Graham, who is representing
the Y. M. C. A. with the Divisional
Ammunition Column in France, in a
letter to his mother, tells of the life
of the soldiers at the front. The let-
ter is dated February 28, but no place
is named. The letter is as follows:

"The sun has been shining all day
and a strong dry wind has been blow-
ing, so we have gotten rid of a lot of
moisture. If it would only stay fine
for a time we would like it, for the
mud is getting pretty bad, especially
in the horse lines. The men are fairly
comfortably billeted in houses and
barns, but the poor beasts for the most
part are exposed to the elements.
"The overhead part would be all
right, if they had a dry bed. When
the ground gets all mucked up it
makes a poor bed. The conditions
here are not so bad as people generally
suppose. The guns on both sides
keep blazing away, but everybody is
so well entrenched that very little
damage is done, especially by the Ger-
mans.

"The farmers are going on with
their work of preparing for a crop.
They are trimming the hedges and
going right on as though there was
no war. It is the same way right up
to the firing line. Children are play-
ing in the streets of the beleaguered
towns as though nothing unusual were
a happening.

"We all do not see the very front
at once. One lot relieves another in
the trenches. They go about as one
goes to his day's work. In fact it is

COMMITTEE
ON ASSESSMENT
APPOINTED

Board of Trade selects
Committee to deal with
matter—Bay of Fundy
Steamship Services want
larger subsidies.

A meeting of the council of the
Board of Trade was held last evening
at which various important matters
were discussed. W. F. Burditt sub-
mitted an interesting report on the
town planning movement, which was
adopted. The substance of the report
has already been made public.

The question of adapting railway
time to standard Atlantic time was
brought up. A letter was read from
Supt. Groat of the C. P. R., saying the
company could not adopt Atlantic
time without seriously interfering with
its telephonic system of communica-
tion, and the matter was dropped.
The matter of city taxation came in
for some discussion and the secre-
tary was authorized to secure, if pos-
sible, a speaker to discuss the Ontario
assessment system at a public meet-
ing here. A committee consisting of
A. H. Wetmore, W. F. Burditt and T.
H. Estabrooks was appointed to keep
an eye on the movement to reform
the assessment system.

Letters were read stating that the
John L. Cann Company and the West-
port Mill Company were dissatisfied
with the conditions of service between
St. John and Yarmouth and St. John
and Westport, and it was decided to
hold a meeting on Tuesday next in
the Board of Trade rooms at which
business men interested will be given
an opportunity to express their views on
the question of subsidies to these lines.

CHIEF URGES
MOTOR PATROL

Would be Great Con-
venience and Eventually
Pay for Itself Says Chief
Simpson.

In speaking of the verdict rendered
by the coroner's jury last night re the
bettering of the patrol system, Chief
of Police Simpson said that he thought
a motor patrol vehicle would be a
great improvement over the present
system and would, in a very short
time, pay for itself. With the motor
vehicle the calls could be made more
promptly, and it would easily do away
with the outside lockups. As long as
there has been a police force in the
city there have been outside lockups
in different sections where prisoners
have been lodged.

Chief Simpson has made a rule
whereby when prisoners are arrested
the officer will summon the patrol
and have the prisoner taken to the cen-
tral police station where he will be
constantly under the watch of the po-
liceman on duty there. If the prison-
er is left in one of the outside lockups
he is not looked after by the officers
on the beats and if anything happens
to him he, being alone, he cannot sum-
mon assistance.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. A. C. Wilson arrived in St.
John last evening from Calais and
St. Stephen, at which towns she has
delivered a series of lectures.

Hon. John E. Wilson came to the
city last night.

Dr. O. R. Price, M. L. A. returned
to his home in Moncton last night.
L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A. came in
from Fredericton on last evening's
Boston Express.

Entertained

Miss Emma Prince and Miss Lillian
Maxwell entertained at their home, 35
Celebration street, on Thursday evening
in honor of Miss Edna Fitz-Rand-
olph's guest, Miss Hilton-Green. The
guests were Miss Fitz-Randolph and
Miss Hilton-Green, Miss Helen Mc-
Callum, Mrs. Hanningham, Mrs. E.
Chase, Mrs. T. E. Byer, Mrs. B. Leo-
nard, Miss Margaret Hamilton, Miss
Ada Hamilton and Mrs. E. Walker.
During the evening lunch was served.

as Kipling says: 'A part of the day's
work.'

"There are not many being hurt
now, for we have such elaborate
earth works.

"Many here think that there will be
a sudden ending to all this dreadful
business. It will be good to get back
again, although I am game to stay
and see it out.

"I have some excellent times here
with the soldiers. This morning I
preached to a large body of them at
the request of the officer commanding.
Tonight we have a Y. M. C. A. ser-
vice in another place. Many of the
boys are being helped to live clean
lives, although they have many temp-
tations to do wrong."

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gallon, \$1.00; quart, 50c.; pint, 30c. "Elastic" 1 gallon, \$2.00; 1-2 gallon,
\$1.00; quart, \$1.00; pint, 50c.

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