

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales from east and north, with snow or sleet.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—There are strong indications that a storm now near the Middle Atlantic coast will develop into a storm. The weather continues intensely cold from Saskatchewan eastward from Lake Superior, and moderately cold from Lake Huron eastward.

Temperatures.	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	32	46
Victoria	32	40
Vancouver	28	40
Kamloops	8	22
Calgary	22	22
Prince Albert	42	24
Moose Jaw	38	24
Regina	44	24
Winnipeg	36	22
Port Arthur	24	22
Parry Sound	10	24
Toronto	10	22
Ottawa	10	22
Quebec	8	24
St. John	16	28
Halifax	18	32

Below zero.

## Around the City

## Eye Glasses Found

A pair of eye glasses found on Sydney street yesterday afternoon by Policeman Gibbs was turned over to the Central Police Station.

## Disorderly Soldiers

John Gammon, aged forty, and Alfred Kay, aged forty-two, were given in charge of the police yesterday by Sgt. Edwards who requested that they be detained at police headquarters on account of being drunk and disorderly in the army.

## A Theatre Party.

A party of the non-commissioned officers of the Army Service Corps held a theatre party last evening at the Opera House. They secured two boxes and were present accompanied by lady friends. An enjoyable evening was spent by the party.

## Routine Business

The Public Utilities Commission held its monthly meeting here yesterday afternoon and dealt with routine matters. Those present were J. O. Dickson, A. B. Connell, Felix Michaud and the secretary, F. Robertson. On February 3rd the commission will meet here to hear the application of the Woodstock Electric Co. for permission to make a minimum charge of seventy-five cents a month.

## Sterns is in Demand

Irving Sterns who was before the court yesterday morning on preliminary hearing for passing forged cheques will be in court again today and will probably be sent up for trial. Last night Chief of Police Simpson said that he had received word about Sterns from two other places and in one place he is wanted and a warrant has been sworn out for him.

## The Innocent East.

That the girls of East St. John know how to play the game of basketball according to the girls' rules, and at the same time are able to adapt themselves to the boys' rules was shown at the last game played between the girls of East St. John and the basketball team of St. Andrew's Church in the latter's gymnasium. The first half of this game was played under ladies' rules and the East St. John girls defeated their opponents by a score of 21 to 4, which is going some. The latter half was played according to the boys' rules, but though the East St. John girls claimed they were not acquainted with the boys' game they defeated the city girls by a score of 12 to 7. East St. John, which is looked upon as a rising suburb, is said to be of the opinion that the ladies' game requires a deal more intelligence than the boys' game. This is no doubt a point of view.

## N. B. BED FOR A WOUNDED SOLDIER

Contributions acknowledged—Small amount desired to aid wounded from Province.

A week or ten days ago Lady Tilley issued an appeal for money toward the endowment of a New Brunswick bed in the hospital to be established at the front by the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Order of St. John of Jerusalem). The first hundred of the five hundred required has already been subscribed as follows: Lt. Governor Wood, \$25; St. Stephen Red Cross Society, \$10; Lady Tilley, \$10; Donald Munro, M. L. A., Woodstock, H. F. Taylor, M. D., M. L. A., St. George, Mrs. Chas. B. Barker, Margerville, Mrs. Clara T. Barker, Margerville, L. P. D. Tilley, Miss Annie Berryman, Mrs. Archibald, West St. John, \$5 each; Mrs. Alex. Nodden, \$4; Miss Elnsey Clements, \$2.50; Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. Fred C. Barker, Margerville, T. T. Rowan, \$2 each; Mrs. C. B. Allen, Mrs. Belyes, Gagetown, Mr. Herbert Scoville, Gagetown, Mrs. Jardine, Shediac, Miss Elsie Jardine, Shediac, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Shediac, Mrs. H. Carmichael, Houlton, a friend Mrs. Geo. Nicholls, Halifax, Miss Muriel Robertson, Rousesay, Miss Alice Tilley, Miss Margaret Lilley, Master Samuel Leonard Lilley, \$1 each; baby, H. St. John Marven, Springfield, 25c.—\$108.75.

"During the course of the war it will be surely pleasing to know that a bed for a New Brunswick soldier will be available at the front—a bed provided for by funds contributed by his own people," said Lady Tilley yesterday. The amount acknowledged here includes some large contributions, but Lady Tilley wishes it to be understood that smaller contributions of from 25c. upwards will be just as welcome as those of larger amount.

## CITY COUNCIL COULD NOT DO ANY BUSINESS

Meeting Had Not Been Legally Called and action Taken Could Not Stand—Again Friday.

The city commissioners met yesterday afternoon, Mayor Frink was not present at first, and Commissioner Wigmore took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the Commissioner of Harbors, Ferries and Public Lands had two sections of his report approved. Then Mayor Frink appeared in the council room and asked "How are you going on with this meeting? Who called it?" Commissioner Wigmore explained that it had been the habit of the commissioners when a meeting was not held on the regular day, to hold it the next day.

Mayor Frink thought that he had to call a meeting when it did not come on the regular day in order to make it legal. A copy of the charter was produced and it was found that a meeting on other than the regular day had to be called by the Mayor or two commissioners.

The meeting then naturally broke up for no one seemed to have called it, and as one commissioner said, "It has the appearance of a spontaneous meeting." Before the commissioners left the room they decided to meet on Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

The business done, which will have to be done over again, was as follows: The recommendation of Commissioner Russell that the offer of \$800.00 from James Carleton for the fee simple in lots Nos. 880 and 881, Guys Ward, of which he is the lessee, be accepted and deed given under the common seal was approved.

It was also approved the offer of Smeaton D. Wilson of \$500 for the fee simple in lot No. 498 Brooks Ward, be accepted and the deed given.

The commissioners also recommended that the term of the new lease to the Canadian Pacific Railway for land fronting on Rodney wharf be twenty-one years instead of seven as formerly ordered. This matter was under discussion when Mayor Frink appeared and the meeting broke up.

## Farmers of Canada to be Called in Conference by the Government.

The great demoralization of agriculture in Europe imperils the food supply of the British Empire and the Overseas Dominions should increase their agricultural production in an effort to maintain the vast quantities of food supplies needed to ensure the ultimate victory of the Allies.

To this end the Dominion Government has arranged a series of agricultural conferences, to be held throughout Canada, to explain and discuss conditions in countries where livestock and agricultural production have been and will be affected by the war. Agricultural specialists have been making a study of agricultural production throughout the world and are now prepared to place information before the farming community that will be of value to every farmer and to business men generally.

The duty and the opportunity of Canadian farmers to increase the aid and assistance which they have already given to the Empire in this war will be discussed by able speakers. The call for Canadian farmers to attend these agricultural conferences comes to them from the Government of Canada, but more than that, it comes to them from the entire British Empire. It is their duty, if at all possible, to attend the meeting in their district and to do everything in their power to assist in bringing about the object for which it is being held.

## PERSONAL.

W. Frank Hathway will leave today for a trip of indefinite length to the West Indies. He will leave on the C. P. R. express at noon and connect at Halifax with the R. M. S. P. steamer for Demerara and intermediate points. Mr. Hathway has been confined to the house for the last two months by ill health and is taking the trip in the hope that it will benefit him. If he finds the change beneficial he may remain in the south for some time.

Miss E. M. Granville left last evening on her return to Providence, R. I. after a two months' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Granville, Adelaide street.

## Ladies Suits.

See the handsome ladies suits which P. A. Dykeman and Co. have on sale at \$12.00 each. Some of these suits were priced as high as \$20.00. They are also showing a lot of very handsome silk waists made from paillette silk at almost half the usual price. White waists on sale at from 75c up to \$2.65 each.

## The Chatham Fire.

The switchboard in the telephone office at Chatham, which was damaged by fire Tuesday afternoon, has been replaced in position and nearly all the lines were in operation again last night. The building was badly gutted but the loss is said to be covered by insurance.

## FIERCE FIGHT AMONG WHEELS OF BROOKVILLE

Men of 26th Battalion line Fighters and Annihilate German Division—In the Open all Day.

The men of the 26th Battalion again proved themselves fine fighters and by their gallant work yesterday afternoon cut off a large convoy of German supplies which were taken off the cars at Brookville. The officers of the New Brunswick battalion showed fine strategic ability and the way in which they handled their men and cut out the enemy was the cause of much wonder to the people of the countryside.

The cracking of rifles and the shouts of the men first warned the people in the vicinity of Brookville that there was something doing, and it was said that a few timid ones took refuge in cellars. There was absolutely no danger for the inhabitants for the Canadians swarmed over the hills and dale and killed or captured all the Germans in the vicinity. The number of prisoners could not be learned last night, but the officers expect to have them counted by noon today.

The men of the 26th with their officers left the army about nine o'clock yesterday morning and marched to the race track at Coldbrook. There dinner was served the men, but the officers had to depend on what they carried with them and it was said that this was rather scanty, but quite in keeping with active conditions. None of them suffered from the lack of a square meal and they were able to take active part in the battle and then march home again without suffering to any great extent.

After the dinner at Mooseseath the battalion was divided up. A party representing Germans, took charge of the Brookville terminal and when word of the approach of the party representing the Canadians was brought in the officers in command of the "Germans" made a counterattack and had not been for the gallant action of the Canadians the enemy might have taken possession of the district. Anyway the Canadians took up strong positions and got some close knowledge of defensive and offensive work in the snow. The conditions of the countryside were good for fighting and the whole battalion was in action for several hours during the day. After the Canadians had maintained their position and either killed or captured all the Germans the troops again got together and marched back to the city.

The German part of the battalion, it was said, showed grit and in face of a withering rifle fire stormed a hill at the point of the bayonet and would not be killed, although by all the rules of sham fights they had been killed several times over. On the way back to the army the battalion marched down King street and was reviewed by Lieutenant Governor Wood, who was stationed on the balcony of the Hotel. The outing was adjudged a complete success and it was said that every man in action stood the strain well and all returned to the army in good shape.

## Army Service Corps

The members of the Army Service Corps also had a route march yesterday. They paraded through some of the city streets and presented a fine appearance. The men of this corps have been stationed in Carleton and have rounded out shape fast. They have become proficient marchers and have mastered much of the drill.

## SEAMAN'S MISSION TO MAKE APPEAL FOR AID

Cancelling of City Grant and loss of Concert receipts causes Society to face deficit.

A special meeting of the Board of Management of the Seamen's Mission Society was held yesterday afternoon. The finance committee reported that the institute faced deficit on account of the cancelling of the city grant of \$250 in addition to loss of receipts from concerts on passenger steamers. The members of the management expressed great dissatisfaction with the action of the commissioners in withdrawing the grant. It was decided to appeal to the public for greater support to enable the institute to continue its work. W. Rae Wilson was appointed collector and he will start at once on his duties.

## SALE OF WATER-DAMAGED CRETONNES AT M. R. A.'S.

These cretonnes are assorted colors in floral and conventional designs. They have been slightly damaged by water although some are in practically perfect condition. This will be a bargain of the very exceptional kind, as the material will be offered at less than half price. There is, however, only a limited quantity and the sale price will be 5c. a yard. The sale will start this morning at 9 o'clock sharp in the House Furnishings Department, second floor.

## CLEARANCE SALE AT M. R. A.'S OF LADIES' FUR COATS

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## A NEW SYSTEM OF TAXATION FOR THE CITY

Commissioner Potts Has Prepared a Resolution For Exemption of Small Incomes.

"Resolved that it is expedient in the public interest to totally exempt from taxation all incomes from personal labor and occupations, upto and including incomes of \$1,000 a year; also to exempt \$500 of each such income above \$1,000 and not exceeding \$2,000; also to impose a poll tax of \$2.00 and no more, upon all persons whose incomes are totally exempt from taxation and also to exempt from taxation household furniture where the value of that possessed by any rate payer does not exceed \$500. Also that the payment of poll tax carry franchise."

The resolution was prepared by Commissioner Potts and he announced that he intended introducing it at the meeting of the council yesterday afternoon. On account of the proceedings being declared illegal Commissioner Potts did not introduce it but said he would bring the matter up at the Friday meeting. His idea was to introduce this resolution and also to propose legislation to put the terms of it in force in the city.

Commissioner Potts said the city was in greater need than ever of a better regulated system of assessment and taxation and he hoped to have this matter adjusted as soon as possible.

## MILK DEALERS BEFORE COURT

Unlicensed Milk Vendors Reported by Board of Health—Must Comply with Regulations.

In the police court yesterday afternoon four persons were charged by the Board of Health with selling milk without a licence. J. R. Armstrong representing the board, explained to the court that the persons reported had been selling milk without a licence because the board would not issue a licence as their premises had not been passed by Dr. Johnston, the inspector. The premises of those reported had not reached fifty per cent.

The first case taken up was that of Major H. Green of Millidge Avenue. Mr. Green admitted that he had no licence, but could not understand why the board would not give him his licence as he kept eight cows and each was combed and brushed every day, the premises, he said, were clean, well lighted, the food and water good and he could fit his place up so it would be the part of some person that he was kept without a licence. It was shown by the prosecution that Dr. Johnston had made four visits to the Green premises and that all the percentages he would allow on the place was 42. The matter was allowed to stand for a week to give Mr. Green a chance to make improvements that will bring his place above fifty per cent.

William Ryan, who sells milk from the Second Farm, admitted selling without a licence but said that he would get out a licence just as soon as he could fit his place up so it would be passed by the doctor. This case was allowed to stand for a week.

Mr. Beyea, representing the Little River Dairy and Creamery Company, contended that he had taken on a licence, having just purchased the business. Thomas E. Robinson, of the Standard Creamery Co., said that he had no licence but was waiting until the doctor would examine one herd of cows which were in Sussex. The case was stood over for a week.

## Booze Fighters Not Wanted

From a statement made in the Police Court yesterday afternoon it looks as if the officials at the head of the Army Service Corps are not anxious to have booze fighters in their midst. Among five prisoners who were taken before the Magistrate one wore the King's uniform and his name as Thomas Connell of the A. S. C. and was charged with being drunk. Police Clerk Henderson informed the Magistrate that a telephone message had been received from Major McKean, the commanding officer, to the effect that he did not want Connell back in the corps and that the court might deal with the prisoner in the ordinary manner. Connell was then fined eight dollars or two months in jail. The prisoner made a request that he be escorted to the barracks that he might receive his back pay so he could pay his fine. He was sent into jail with the other prisoners.

## Welsford-Hampstead Telephone Co.

The annual meeting of the Welsford and Hampstead Telephone Company was held yesterday, at which very satisfactory reports were received and passed. The election of the board of directors for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Dr. A. A. Lewin, J. Willard Wilson, Geo. L. Lyon, John A. Kerr and H. W. Wood. Dr. Lewin was appointed president, H. W. Wood, M. L. A., vice-president, and E. C. Armstrong, secretary. The company has thirteen miles of telephone in operation between Welsford and Sumner Hill, which is giving good results and is planning extension.

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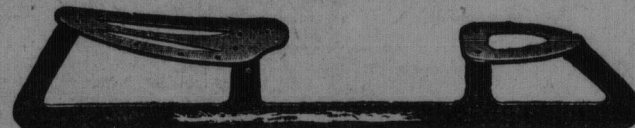
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