

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.
Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwest and west winds; fair and cold.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair with slowly rising temperature Tuesday; Wednesday fair; warmer, fresh west winds.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—The weather has been fair and very cold today from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces, while in Manitoba and Saskatchewan the temperature has been higher than for several days past.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	16	10
Prince Rupert	34	44
Victoria	42	48
Vancouver	42	46
Kamloops	28	38
Edmonton	14	24
Medicine Hat	6	16
Moose Jaw	5	15
Regina	4	14
Battleford	0	10
Prince Albert	8	22
Parry Sound	32	11
London	18	11
Toronto	18	10
Kingston	21	4
Ottawa	24	6
Montreal	14	6
Quebec	14	4
St. John	8	10
Halifax	2	12

—Below zero.

Around the City

Arrested for Assault.
William Hill was arrested about eight o'clock last night on Water street, on the charge of assaulting Edward O'Connell in view of the police. O'Connell has been held as a witness.

Woman Wandering About.
Anna Cormier, aged 24 years, was gathered in by the police at 12.45 o'clock this morning on the charge of wandering about Princess street and not giving a satisfactory account of herself.

Going Back.
Sergeant Beal, who has three sons now at the front, and was himself recently invalided home from the front, has again signed up for overseas service with the 25th Railway Construction Battalion. Sergeant Beal saw service with the 8th Battalion in the first division.

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.

No Trouble in Cuba.
The Cuban consul, Mr. Caesar Baranco, said last night that he had been instructed to give an official denial to the report which appeared in the news despatches to the effect that a plot to overthrow the Cuban government had been unearthed. It is thought that possibly the preparations which were being made as a precaution in the event of trouble with European powers gave rise to this report.

Bright Prospects in Carleton Co.
J. C. Hartley, K. C., the well known Woodstock barrister, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Victoria Hotel. He is enthusiastic over the outlook for the good government party in Carleton county, where he says, there is every indication that Hon. Mr. Smith and his colleagues will repeat the crushing blow they administered to the opposition candidates four months ago in the by-elections there.

A False Alarm.
About 7.30 o'clock last evening the fire department was called out because of an alarm from box 23 on the corner of King and Germain streets. When the first piece of apparatus arrived at the box there was no person there, but a man who was standing on King street instructed the firemen to proceed to an alley off Germain street. No fire could be located, and no reason found for the sending in of the false alarm.

St. David's Y.P.A.
Last night's meeting of the Y.P.A. of St. David's church was devoted to the Canadian Northwest, and the programme was prepared under the direction of Dr. J. H. Burton. Miss Nellie McIntyre, vice-president, occupied the chair and the following programme was carried out: Paper on the Canadian Northwest, N. C. Cameron; solo, Miss J. Dunham; pictures of the Canadian West, Dr. J. H. Burton; solo, Capt. W. B. Wilkes; God Save the King.

Missionary Lecture.
An interesting lecture was given last night in the Sunday school room of the Central Baptist church on Lester street, by Mrs. A. L. Flemming. She spoke "Mission work among the Eskimos," as her subject, describing the work done there by the missionaries in a very entertaining manner. Other numbers on the programme were a solo by Miss Jennie Lyons and a piano solo by Wendall Belyea. The proceeds of the lecture will go towards the work of the city mission. It was held under the auspices of the B. Y. F. U. of the church.

KENNEDY BUILDING WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT

Firemen and Members of Salvage Corps by Excellent Work on Severely Cold Night Prevented Destruction of Building—Fixtures of Union Bank of Canada Injured by Water—Old Building Was Burned in 1915.

About 3.10 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the Kennedy building, 83 1/2 Prince William street, formerly known as the Jardine building, and an alarm was sent in from box 26. Immediately on the arrival of Chief Blake a second alarm was sent in. The firemen found a difficult blaze to fight, but they worked hard and confined the fire to the old elevator shaft. The damage to the building and the contents is placed at about five thousand dollars, and everything is well covered by insurance.

Old Structure Rebuilt.
When the building was rebuilt, the old elevator shaft was transformed into toilets on each floor. It was in one of these toilets that the fire of last night started. The origin of the fire is unknown, but from all appearances it started in the toilet on the second floor of Prince William St. On this floor is situated the offices of F. S. Farris, the provincial manager of the Excelsior Life Insurance Company; Kane & Ring, contractors, and W. H. B. Sadler, a manufacturer's agent.

By the time that the fire was discovered it had worked up through the ceiling of this toilet into the toilet on the floor above and continued until it went through the skylight on the roof at the top of the shaft. The two top floors are used as a warehouse for H. W. Cole, Ltd., and were heavily stocked with groceries of all description. On the third and fourth stories the fire worked for a small distance along the floors and here the Cole stock was considerably damaged, mostly by water.

Efficient Salvage Men.
The Salvage Corps with an efficient crew of members performed wonderful work in covering the fixtures and stock in the different sections of the

CONVENTION IN THE CITY THIS EVENING

Government Forces in St. John Will Nominate Four Strong Men Tonight—Will Complete Gov't Tickets.

The government party in St. John city will meet in convention this evening in the Semt-Ready building, corner of King and Germain streets, to select candidates for the approaching provincial elections. That the convention will nominate strong men to carry the cause of good government to victory is beyond question. Following the nomination there will be short speeches.

Lorne Ward.
The supporters of the provincial government party will meet in Orange Hall, Simonds street, each evening until after the election.

Brooks and Guy's Ward, West Side.
The supporters of the provincial government party will meet in Prentice Boys' Hall, each evening until after election.

A Blue Bird Tea.
Brunswick Chapter, L.O.D.E., is holding a blue bird tea this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Scammell, Douglas avenue. Home cooking on sale, Admission 25 cents.

Scotch Tweed Rugs.
These are the days when such things as rugs or anything that will keep out the cold are doubly appreciated. Those splendid rugs that are on sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s are real cold expellers. They are made in good old Scotland where they do not slight things that they undertake, and they have the good old Scotch colors. Prices ran from \$2.65 up to \$7.50 and at these prices they are one-third less than the present day prices.

CAMPAIGN TO FILL RANKS OF KILTIES

Citizens Committee of One Hundred to be Formed and Effort Made to Get Five Hundred in One Month.

At a meeting held in the Knights of Pythias Hall last night it was decided to form a citizens' recruiting committee of 100 to help in the campaign to fill the ranks of the 236th Kiltie Battalion.

Leut.-Col. McAvity was chairman and R. E. Armstrong was elected secretary. Leut.-Col. Guthrie told of the need for men to fill the ranks of the battalion which now had about 500 men, and he wanted to enlist the services of the citizens in a campaign to last one month.

In addition to Col. Guthrie, E. A. Schofield, E. T. Sturdee, E. A. Smith and Charles Robinson spoke, and it was moved and seconded that a committee of 100 be formed with the mayor as chairman and R. E. Armstrong as secretary, to work in conjunction with the officers of the battalion in an endeavor to fill up the vacancies in the ranks.

It was also decided to ask the assistance of St. Andrew's Society, Clan MacKenzie and other organizations. A nominating committee composed of E. A. Smith, T. H. Estabrooks and E. T. Sturdee was appointed to nominate the balance of the committee. E. A. Smith was appointed chairman of the advertising committee with Captain Money as military secretary; T. H. Estabrooks of the finance committee with Leut. Peters as military secretary and E. T. Sturdee of the canvassing committee with Capt. Sturdee as military secretary.

PROVINCE DOES WELL FOR WEEK

St. John Still in the Lead With 113 Out of the 186 Men Secured—Westmorland Supplies 30.

All recruiting figures for the past year were broken last week when 186 men were secured in the province for the different units recruiting in this area. The reason offered for the signal increase is the recent campaign by the Railway Construction Battalion. St. John county contributed 113 men to the total.

The weekly returns from the respective counties follow:

St. John County—	165th Battalion	10
	236th Battalion	4
	218th Battalion	11
	257th Battalion	50
	9th Siege Battery	3
	65th Field Battery	3
	8th Field Ambulance Train	2
	Canadian Engineers	11
	Machine Gun Draft	3
	C. A. S. Co.	16
	R. C. N. V. R.	1
		113
Westmorland—	257th Battalion	1
	Special Railway Battalion	15
	Canadian Engineers	1
	65th Field Battery	2
	Div. Amn. Column	6
		30
Restigouche—	257th Battalion	6
	236th Battalion	1
	Home Service	4
		11
Kings County—	8th Field Ambulance Train	2
	257th Battalion	6
		8
York County—	257th Battalion	5
	9th Siege Battery	2
		7
Carleton—	257th Battalion	4
Charlotte—	257th Battalion	3
	Forestry Battalion	1
		4
Northumberland—	165th Battalion	1
	257th Battalion	2
		3
Kent—	Div. Amn. Column	1
Gloucester—	Div. Amn. Column	1
	Albert	0
	Victoria	0
	Madawaska	0
	Queens and Sunbury	0
	Por 165th Battalion from N. S.	4

Total for week 186
J. L. McAVITY, Lt.-Col.,
Chief Recruiting Officer for N. B.

A Hot Drink Anytime
A Cold Drink

Whatever the requirement, whether in sickness or in health, whether at home or while travelling, you can have a drink of Hot or Cold Coffee Tea, Cocoa, Milk, or Beef Extract—even food for baby—at any time, day or night, if you but provide yourself with one or more

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MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPT.



New Spring Dress Goods

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The New Cream and Grey Stripe Worsteds—Small, Medium and Large Stripe; 48 in. wide \$2.65 Yd.
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Roman Stripe Worsteds—In New Color Combinations; 56 in. wide. \$2.70 Yd.

STAPLE SUITINGS

Gabardine, 50 to 52 in. wide. \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.10, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75
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