

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.

Maritime—Fresh west to northwest winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, March 20.—Light snow is falling again over the Great Lakes, elsewhere the weather is fair, and in the west quite mild.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	45
Vancouver	44	48
Edmonton	24	40
Battleford	6	34
Calgary	28	61
Moose Jaw	18	37
Winnipeg	30	36
Port Arthur	14	34
London	2	30
Toronto	32	39
Itawa	22	32
Montreal	18	22
Quebec	0	16
St. John	6	24
Halifax	10	26

Below zero.

Around the City

Tonight's Meeting.
Follow the band to the Germain street recruiting rooms tonight and hear the Rev. (Capt.) G. M. Campbell.

Fire at Fort Fairfield.
The Bangor and Aroostook railroad roundhouse at Fort Fairfield and two locomotives were burned yesterday. The loss was \$25,000.

Fighting For Britain.
Eastport has several young men who are fighting for Great Britain and the allied nations. They are Adison Sabine, formerly of St. John; Gordon C. MacIntyre, who enlisted at St. Stephen, and Harry Hoffman.

New Telephone Service.
A new telephone service became operative in Queen's county yesterday. There is now a direct line from Campbellton to Gasquet and it is expected that additional facilities will be provided later. One of the leading promoters of the new line is H. H. Mott of this city who has a summer home at Cambridge. Part of the system is represented by an incorporated company.

PERSONAL.

Attorney General J. B. M. Baxter arrived from Montreal yesterday.

James Lewis returned from Ottawa yesterday.

Miss MacKeen, of Rothesay, a niece of Lieut. Gov. MacKeen of Nova Scotia, is a guest at Government House, Halifax.

D. S. Secord, of Moncton, was at the Royal yesterday.

Miss R. Weir, of Moncton, is at the Royal.

Lieut.-Col. P. A. Guthrie, M. L. A., of Fredericton is a guest of the Royal.

Donald Munro, M. L. A., of Woodstock, was at the Victoria yesterday.

H. E. Fawcett, of Sackville, was at the Royal last evening.

E. A. Johnston, of Newcastle, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Carl Heustis, of Sussex, was at the Dufferin yesterday.

J. H. Corcoran of Moncton, was a guest of the Dufferin yesterday.

Olat Olsen and Mrs. Olsen, of Grand Falls, were at the Dufferin yesterday.

J. B. Hachey, M. L. A., of Bathurst, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Mrs. G. H. M. Lawson, of Harcourt, was at the Victoria yesterday.

A. G. Stymest, of Chatham, was at the Victoria yesterday.

A. Sherwood, of Fredericton, was at the Victoria last evening.

John Kennedy, of Salisbury, was at the Victoria yesterday.

James R. Brown, of Wilson's Beach, was at the Victoria yesterday.

J. Magee, of Moncton, was at the Victoria yesterday.

H. L. Crocker, of Millerton, was a guest of the Victoria yesterday.

Miss Nora Wetmore, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Nora Dooey, of this city, left for her home in Sussex this morning.

YESTERDAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS

Yesterday was spent by the men of the 115th in the usual round of work. The following promotions were in order: I. Corp. McDonald of C Co., to be corporal; Serg. Ross to be acting Co. Sergeant Major of C Co.; Serg. Montford to be acting Co. Sergeant Major of B Co.; Pte. Alward of C Co. to be L. Corporal; Pte. C. Rogers of B Co. to be L. Corporal. Today Lieut. Perley will be the orderly officer and routine work will be the order of the day.

140th.
The men of the 140th spent the day yesterday in the usual drill and instruction classes. Today Lieut. J. E. Calkin will be orderly officer and routine work will be gone through.

69th.
The 69th spent the day yesterday in bomb throwing and company drill. Today they will have bayonet fighting, company drill and musketry. In the afternoon C and D companies will have a route march.

Benefit tonight for the rink's own band. Follow the crowd to the Victoria Rink tonight.

SAY MARTELLO TOWER SHOULD NOT BE PRISON

Beaconsfield Appoints Committee to Protest—Capt. G. E. Logan Elected School Trustee.

The opposition of many of the people of Lancaster to the use of the Martello tower as a place of confinement for refractory soldiers came to a head last night and at a large and representative meeting of ratepayers of the district of Beaconsfield, held in the Tower school, a committee was appointed to confer with the militia authorities and make a formal protest. It was pointed out at the meeting that the detention prison in the old historic tower was in close proximity to the Tower school and that the environment was not desired for children. For some time there has been a strong feeling in the Beaconsfield district that the tower should not be used as a prison by the militia authorities.

The committee which will confer with the military officials is constituted as follows: John A. Barry, Fred R. Whipple and Analey Bettinson.

The meeting appointed another committee to advise a meeting in Fairville tomorrow night which will consider the low pressure in the water supply. The members of this committee are: John A. Barry, H. Colby Smith, Analey Bettinson, Thomas Smith, Fred R. Whipple, David Linton, Harold Mayes, George Maxwell, J. M. Roche, David Wells and Michael Kane.

Residents of the parish of Lancaster, especially those on the heights, have been complaining for some time of the low water pressure. Commissioner Wigmore stated at the time that in cold weather many householders allowed the water to run and that with the heavy demand made on the supply by steamers in port it was natural that the pressure would be lower on the heights than in the city.

The meeting elected G. E. Logan, trustee of the school in the district of Beaconsfield, to succeed the late William Ruddock. Resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted and ordered sent to the family of Mr. Ruddock.

George M. Ballise was chairman of the meeting.

WHERE DID DR. CURRAN'S TEN DOLLAR BILL GO?

Another Mystery in Connection with Postal Service That Has Not Yet Been Solved.

It is a pleasure to The Standard to be able to say that for once the post office is not wholly to blame. Some days ago this paper made reference to a parcel mailed by Mr. A. McKay, Box 174, Chatham, which Mr. McKay reported to us had not been delivered on March 14th, although it was mailed on March 9th. The Standard reported this matter to the Post Office Inspector and received a gratifying report on the case yesterday. The postmaster at Chatham reports that the package in question reached his office on March 10th, that a register card was put in Mr. McKay's box, notifying him of the arrival of the parcel, but this parcel was not delivered until March 18th as it was not called for by Mr. McKay or his representative. It was, however, delivered on March 18th to Fred Morrison, who was authorized to receive registered mail for Mr. McKay.

On the other hand Edgar Raynes of Fairville came into The Standard office yesterday morning and mentioned that he had on Jan. 18th mailed to Dr. L. M. Curran of this city an unregistered letter containing a ten dollar bill. This was mailed in the Fairville post office at ten o'clock in the forenoon on Jan. 18th and has not yet been delivered to Dr. Curran.

Spring Suits.
F. A. Dykeman and Co. are showing some very attractive styles in ladies' spring suits. There are some at \$11.95 made of extremely nice serge and the coat is made with a flare bottom and belt and convertible collar. The colors are brown, black, copen, navy and Belgian blue, and come in sizes from 34 to 42. Our Leader at \$21.50 is made of very heavy weight all wool serge, trimmed with military braid and in very jaunty styles. This suit will give the best of satisfaction for your money. The colors are navy, brown, grey and black. Other suits in different styles and colors can be had ranging in price from \$13.50 to \$25.50.

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FOUGHT IN SIEGE OF ANTWERP, IS NOW WITH 69th

Soldier Who Fought With Belgian Army, Won Decoration and Honorably Discharged, Wants Another Crack at Huns.

Among those who took part at the recruiting rooms last night was Pte. A. Beaudet of the machine gun section of the 69th Battalion. Pte. Beaudet is a Belgian who has already done considerable fighting as a member of the Belgian army. At the outbreak of the war he was a member of the 4th and was stationed at Liege. He was in the fighting at Antwerp, Louvain, Malin, Bruges and Antwerp. At the siege of Antwerp he was the means of saving the lives of thirty-five men of the machine gun section of the Belgian army for which deed he was decorated with the second order of King Leopold. The decoration was presented to him by General Lemah. This body of men had lost their officers and were heading straight for the German lines. Pte. Beaudet led them through an underground passage-way which he knew of for about half a mile and they came out in a large wood out of sight of the enemy and got away with six machine guns. Shortly after this he was wounded and spent two months in hospital at La Havre. After he left the hospital he received his discharge and, having a sister in Montreal, he came over to this country, but after being here a short time he enlisted in the 69th Battalion and hopes to get another chance at the Germans who have practically ruined his country.

He told one place where the Belgians had mined the ground for a distance of about a mile and when they got the Germans on the mined ground, exploded them all at once and killed about 20,000 of them. He told of one trick the Germans played to get entrance unopposed to one place. They secured a number of Belgian uniforms and dressed up in them and when they got in they made things lively for a time.

His country, he said, had fought well and suffered terribly in this war which had been forced upon them, but they were determined to see it through no matter what the cost.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS EXPECT A VICTORY

St. John City and County Branch of Provincial Temperance Alliance Met Yesterday.

The St. John City and County branch of the Provincial Temperance Alliance held a special meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, with J. W. Wilson in the chair.

With the exception of the appointment of a nominating committee no other business of importance was transacted.

The following gentlemen were appointed members of the committee to arrange the line of campaign for the ensuing election:—J. W. Smith, chairman; E. N. Stockford, R. Hughes, Rev. W. R. Robinson, J. Willet and Rev. R. J. Haughton. This committee is to report back to the general committee at the next meeting, as to literature, advertising, etc., to be used in the campaign. W. D. Wilson, provincial organizer, was in attendance at last night's meeting.

Speaking to a Standard reporter last night one of the members stated that they would defeat the anti-prohibitionist three to one at the next election.

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER
at Germain street recruiting rooms will be Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell. Come and hear him.

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PRACTICALLY A DOUBLE SERVICE OF STREET CARS.

It is doubtful if the people of St. John quite understand the quality of street car service they have been enjoying throughout the late unpleasantness in weather. Not every traction corporation in a city the size of St. John keeps up a duplicate service of closed cars. They usually shift the motor equipment from summer cars to winter cars and vice versa. The St. John Railway Co. has enough good modern closed cars with heaters, etc., all equipped for instant service. Therefore when a cold snap, a blizzard, a rainstorm or a rush of traffic occurs these up-to-date specials are merged into the schedule and the public is facilitated to the utmost. To keep these extra cars "on call" as it were, not to mention their original cost and upkeep, has been one of the many tasks the local company has addressed itself to of late years.

Wanted—Boy to assist chef at the Royal Hotel.

PLENTY OF SMOKES AND A GOOD TIME
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OPPOSITION TO THE MAYOR LIKELY NOW

R. T. Hayes and A. M. Rowan Mentioned as Probable Candidates—No Definite Announcement as Yet.

The arrival of spring yesterday saw more or less activity on a quiet scale among a number of citizens who may or may not be candidates for civic offices at the election on Monday, April 24. Several business men are considering whether they should listen to the advice of friends and oppose Mayor Frink. Robert T. Hayes, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the mayoralty, said last night that he had been urged to be a candidate, but that he had no definite answer to make to the appeals at this time. He added, "I am carefully considering the matter."

Practically the same reply was made by A. M. Rowan when he was questioned by a Standard reporter last evening. Mr. Rowan said quite a number of citizens had urged him to go before the voters in April. He was considering the situation and might possibly allow his name to go on the ballot. However, he had not fully decided, but would announce his decision as soon as he made up his mind.

T. H. Bullock, who had been urged several weeks ago to stand for the chief magistracy of the city, decided he would not be a candidate. Since then he has been asked by friends to change his decision and get into the running. He felt, he said recently, that if he consulted his personal views he would remain out of city politics.

Commission Candidates.
F. L. Potts, commissioner of public works, and H. R. McLellan, commissioner of public safety, are candidates for re-election. G. Fred Fisher is also a candidate for commissioner, and it is possible that W. F. B. Patterson's name may go on the ballot. The union men will decide tonight whether or one of their members shall be nominated for commissioner.

The change in the day of polling from Tuesday to Monday will mean that about 400 commercial travellers will have the opportunity of voting, and it is possible the votes of the drummers may decide the fate of several of the candidates.

In view of the approaching contests there is considerable interest in the weekly meeting of the city council this afternoon, when it is possible the much discussed agreement between the city and the St. John Railway may be considered again. It is the general feeling that the street railway agreement will figure in the campaign conspicuously, with Commissioner McLellan and Mr. Fisher strongly opposed to the pact, and Commissioner Potts in its favor. Mayor Frink, who has not yet signed the agreement, has said that if he has any statement to make as to his views concerning the agreement he will make them at the council meeting this afternoon, if the occasion calls for it.

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