

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.

Maritime—Fresh to strong southeast, shifting to westerly winds, showers.

Washington, April 17—Northern New England; Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh west winds.

Toronto, April 17.—The weather today has been showery in Ontario and Quebec, and fair in all other parts of the Dominion. The temperature has been much the same in all the provinces.

Temperatures.

City	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	44	48
Vancouver	42	52
Kamloops	42	50
Calgary	46	62
Edmonton	24	54
Medicine Hat	26	62
Moose Jaw	26	61
Regina	29	56
Prince Albert	24	56
Winnipeg	32	53
Port Arthur	34	52
Parry Sound	34	44
Toronto	41	54
Kingston	40	52
Ojawa	44	56
Montreal	46	54
Quebec	38	52
St. John	30	52
Halifax	36	60

Around the City

Arrested For Vagrancy.
Thomas Flynn, aged fifty-seven years, was arrested last night on the charge of being a vagrant.

Col. McLeod Ill.
A recent letter from Shorncliffe brought the news that Col. H. F. McLeod, M. P., had been seized with another attack of pneumonia, and was seriously ill.

Four Drunks Arrested.
The police arrested four drunks last night: one was found on Union street; another on Britannia street; one in the I. C. R. depot, and the last one of the quartette was sleeping off a jag in the old burying ground.

A Red Cross Dialogue.
The April number of the Educational Review has a play entitled "For the Red Cross," a dialogue for girls, by Alice L. Fairweather. This little play would be very useful for Junior Red Cross circles to put on as a means of raising funds for Red Cross work.

Tiny May's Circus.
A circus arrived in the city on the Boston Express last night. It was one of those big three ring shows, but could all be carried in a baggage car. It is known as Tiny May's circus, and consisted of one elephant, a pony and two collie dogs. The show is en route to Halifax.

The Panama Fair.
The school room of St. John Presbyterian church was well-filled last night to hear Miss Lily V. Kennedy deliver her travel talk on "The Panama Fair." The large audience thoroughly enjoyed her description of the trip. During the evening a solo was rendered by F. J. Hardiman, which was much enjoyed.

Rotary Club.
The Rotary Club yesterday at noon at Bond's entertained the Rev. George Adam and Mr. C. W. Bishop, Mr. F. A. Dykeman, president, was in the chair, and the guests included the Lieut-Governor, Chief Justice McLeod, Mr. Justice McKown and Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., both Mr. Adam and Mr. Bishop spoke of the work of the Y. M. C. A.

Mission Board Meeting.
The mission board of the Presbyterian church in Canada is meeting this week in Toronto. Since the consolidation of the eastern and western sections the entire mission work of the church is controlled by the one committee. Rev. J. A. MacKellan, the New Brunswick representative on the board, left last evening to attend the meeting.

Board of Trade News.
A firm at Sault Ste. Marie, N. S., has advised the Board of Trade that they are in a position to accept a contract to build a schooner of from 100 to 250 tons.

The Cuban consul has advised the Board of Trade that the president of the Cuban Republic has signed a decree allowing the ships of all belligerents of the European war to enter and leave the ports of Cuba carrying guns for defensive purposes, without losing their condition as merchantmen.

King's Daughters' Council.
The annual meeting of the King's Daughters was held last night at the Guild rooms, Prince William street. The reports submitted from the different circles were very encouraging, and showed that the work was in a flourishing condition. They had devoted their time to work for patriotic purposes, and the poor of the city. The following grants were made from the funds during the year:—Dr. MacLaren's Hospital, \$60; Prisoner's Fund \$25; Belgian Fund, \$25; Patriotic Fund, \$50; Soldiers' Comfort Association, \$50; Soldiers' Club, \$8; Christmas gifts for returned soldiers, \$12. The election of officers was not finished and a meeting will be held next week for that purpose.

THE 69TH HAD FINE PARADE YESTERDAY

Crowded Streets Gay With Bunting for Marchout of Col. Dansereau's Battalion—Mayor Presents Cup.

A most interesting military parade took place yesterday afternoon. The 69th Battalion in heavy marching order with every officer, N. C. O., and man in his place left the armory about one o'clock, marched up Carmarthen to Charlotte, up Charlotte to King, down King to Prince William, along Prince William to Princess, down Princess to the ferry, across to the West Side and around the West Side streets. They were headed by the band of the 116th and a guard of honor was supplied by the same battalion, consisting of the entire strength of the unit.

They marched out in companies to line the route and then in turn passed forward to take up other places in front, so that the 69th passed the same companies of the 116th two or three times en route. King street had been belaguered and was gay in the extreme and the officers and men of the Montreal battalion were given many a loud cheer as they passed. The 1.40 p.m. ferryboat was reserved for them, and as they went down to the floats they were given a parting cheer from the east side.

On the west side of the harbor the guard of honor in the same way was furnished by the 140th Battalion. It was a memorable scene, which will linger long in the recollections of those who saw it. The fine day in bright sunshine recalled a somewhat similar march last fall of the 62nd Port Arthur Battalion which had preceded the 69th at the armory here.

The following are the officers of the Montreal unit:
Lieut.-Col. J. A. Dansereau, officer commanding; Majors—F. X. Halle, R. H. K. Williams, H. A. Gaeron. Captains—Y. Deque (adjutant), M. Copeland, G. E. Clerk (medical officer), H. Dansereau, W. H. Ellis, J. H. P. G. Hamel, P. J. L. Mignault, G. A. Strubbs, C. E. A. Scott, and Rev. J. Parquin (chaplain).
Lieutenants—Anderson, C. D.; Bernier, H. Caron, E. A.; Climon, A. B.; Coffin, W. G.; De Baueju, Ontario; Des Trois Maisons, L.; Deguisse, C. T.; Hart, E. G.; Howell, C.; Janitch, W. A.; Lambert, Gogher, V.; Laviolette, E. J.; Noreau, H. H.; Morgan, W. E.; Olivier, L. A. (Q. M.); Robidoux, E. J.; Tessier, E.; Valliers de St. Real Henry, and Jeanpeau, E. V.

PUBLIC SENTENCE FOR GUILTY SOLDIER

Private Collins of 140th Goes to Dorchester for Two Years.

A proceeding which was new to all those who saw it took place yesterday afternoon in Market Square, West St. John. After the 69th had finished their march, the 140th was drawn up in a hollow square, about three o'clock, and Private Collins, who was court-martialed some time ago was brought into the centre of the square under escort. Here the charge on which he was tried was read to him, the finding of the court martial and the sentence which was imposed. The sentence, which was read to the prisoner, was as follows:—"Two years imprisonment and discharge from the service with ignominy." The scene which was witnessed by a large number of people made a vivid impression on all present and will not soon be forgotten.

Kid Gloves for Easter.
You can hardly expect to buy kid gloves at as low a price as formerly but you will be surprised to find the low prices prevailing on these goods at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. They are still selling dependable makes and only asking a slight advance over the other prices. The prices run now from \$1.00 to \$2.35 a pair.

Stall boy wanted. Apply at Clifton House.

GEN. TURNER PRAISES THE GALLANT 26TH YORK COUNTY LEADS IN THE RECRUITING

In Letter to Lt. Col. McAvity Expresses Regret for Casualties and Says Battalion Has Well Performed Its Work "and a Bit More."

While the citizens of St. John, and in fact the people throughout the province of New Brunswick, are deeply grieved when they learn of brave soldiers of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion being wounded or killed while in action, all are proud of the fact that Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity and his gallant officers, and men under his able command, are not only making a name for themselves at the front, but that they are upholding the good name of New Brunswick, and have rightly become known the world over as the "Fighting 26th." As fighters, the New Brunswick boys rank with the best soldiers along the line, and their gallantry is receiving its due praise in the Old Country. Imperial officers are aware of the good work done by the 26th, and have taken much pleasure in speaking of the excellent qualities of the New Brunswick boys as being steady and in every way cool and brave at the hardest part of the fighting.

The following letter from Lieut. Col. McAvity, and a copy of a letter to the Colonel from Major General Turner, make interesting reading:
Headquarters 26th Batt.,
March 31, 1916.

To the Editor Standard, St. John, N.B.
Sir,—It is with pleasure and with considerable pardonable pride, that I attach hereto a copy of a personal letter written by Major-General R. E. W. Turner, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., commanding the 2nd Canadian Division to myself.

This letter was written after we had passed through a trying winter campaign and immediately after a particularly hard tour of duty, a session during which we had eighteen killed and thirty wounded in three days. Only a week before this we lost two of our best officers, Major W. H. Belyea and Lieut. H. W. Ferguson. Knowing that the people of New Brunswick will appreciate information regarding their battalion at the front, I take the liberty of sending you this letter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. L. McAVITY, Lt. Col.,
O. C. 26th Battalion,
2nd Canadian Division,
29th March, 1916.

ST. JOHN BOY AT FRONT NOT AFRAID OF GERMAN BULLETS

Private George Shanks, in a letter to his parents in this city, writes interestingly of life in the trenches. The letter is part follows:
"Just a line to let you know that I am well. I received your welcome letter and parcel yesterday and was glad to get them, believe me, for I just came out of the trenches. I was feeling rather blue because we lost a few of the boys. The fellow who slept with me the night just before we went in got his, poor fellow. The closest they came to me was when they sent a bullet which went through my cap, but a miss is as good as a mile out here in this hostile country. We made them (the Germans) pay for it, believe me, for some of the enemy went to the hairy hunting grounds."

"Now that I have told you this, I hope that you don't worry about it because I am well now. Well, I have not gone on pass yet, but I expect to any time, and will get my picture taken and send it home, sweet home."

"We are having fine weather at present. The sky is nice and blue and clear and we see all kinds of air fights and heavy artillery duels."

"He sister received a letter written the day before in which he speaks of receiving a parcel from her, but had not had time to write as he was in the trenches. He said he had not anticipated his home and parents until he had gone where the comforts of home were missing."

Thirty-nine Men Signed On There Last Week—Total for Province for Week was 208.

Recruiting took a slump in the province last week, only 208 men being signed on. York County is in first place with 39, Saint John comes second with 34, and Westmorland comes third with 25. The tabulated returns are as follows:

York County—

88th Howitzer Battery	23
140th Battalion	13
104th Battalion	1
132nd Battalion	1
A. S. C.	1
Total	40

St. John County—

165th Battalion	1
118th Battalion	18
114th Battalion	8
224th Forestry Battalion	6
68th Howitzer Battery	1
65th Battalion	4
A. S. C.	2
Total	31

Westmorland County—

165th Battalion	1
145th, Moncton	15
148th, Sackville	8
145th, Dorchester	1
Total	25

Carleton County—

65th Battalion	11
68th Howitzer Battery	1
104th Battalion	4
115th Battalion	1
140th Battalion	2
Total	19

Gloucester County—

165th Battalion	10
132nd Battalion	6
Total	16

Madawaska County—

A. S. C.	1
165th Battalion	14
Total	15

Kings County—

A. S. C.	3
104th Battalion	12
Total	15

Restigouche County—

Campbell	4
Charlotte County	1
68th Howitzer Battery	1
69th Battalion	1
115th Battalion	6
Total	8

Queens and Suburby

132nd Battalion	11
65th Battalion	2
Total	13

Victoria County

140th Battalion	4
115th Battalion	1
Total	5

Albert County

132nd Battalion	3
Total	3

Kent County

132nd Battalion	4
Total	4

Total.....208
4 recruits from Nova Scotia for 165th.

L. P. D. TILLEY, Capt.,
Chief Recruiting Officer for N. B.

Y.M.C.A. CAMPAIGN PROGRESSING WELL

Appeal for Y.M.C.A. Work for Soldiers at the Front Realizes \$6,500 in Two Days.

The Y. M. C. A. has received subscriptions for \$6,500 for the 1916 budget of the military fund committee to be used in special work for the enlisted men in camp in Canada, England and France as follows:

Jas. F. Robertson, \$250; Colonel McLeod, \$250; Geo. McAvity, \$250; W. H. Poster, \$250; T. H. Estabrook, \$500; D. C. Clarke, \$500; anonymous, \$500; C. H. Peters, \$150; A. P. Peterson, \$150; C. H. Peters Sons, \$100; J. A. Gregory, \$100; W. E. Golding, \$100; J. A. Tilton, \$250; Judge McKeown, \$100; E. L. Rising, \$100; E. A. Goodwin, \$250; R. E. Emerson, \$100; F. R. Taylor, \$100; F. E. Williams, \$100; F. W. Thomson, \$150; Thos. Bell, \$100; W. S. Fisher, \$100; Joseph Allison, \$300; G. E. Barbour, \$500; H. A. Powell, \$200; Lieut.-Gov. Wood, \$200; John Seely, \$200; George C. Welton, \$100; F. C. Beattie, \$100; J. S. Gregory, \$100; L. R. Ross, \$100; Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, \$100; F. H. Flowerwell, \$100.

\$250,000 and more is wanted at once for the comfort, welfare and fighting efficiency of the men at the front by the National Military Service Department of the Y. M. C. A.

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