

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Northerly winds, mostly fair, becoming a little colder again.

Washington, Jan. 15—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair, colder Saturday, Sunday fair; moderate north and northeast winds.

Toronto, Jan. 15—The weather continues cold in the western provinces and fair and mild in Ontario and Quebec. There are indications that disturbances will now move towards the Great Lakes from the southwestern states.

Temperatures.		
	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	32	40
Victoria	34	42
Vancouver	34	40
Calgary	24	30
Regina	22	28
Prince Albert	22	28
Winnipeg	22	28
Parkland	22	28
Toronto	26	36
Kingston	26	36
Ottawa	26	36
Quebec	26	36
St. John	16	34

—Below zero.

## Around the City

**Synod Committee.**  
A number of the Synod committees met yesterday, including the executive, but most of the matters dealt with were of a routine nature.

**Inspecting Lighthouses.**  
John Kelly, of St. John, Inspector of Lighthouses, Department of Marine, was in town last week en route to add from Grand Manan on official duty. On Saturday he inspected the light at Chamcook, and returned to St. John in the evening. While in St. Andrews he was a guest at Kennedy's Hotel.—St. Andrews Beacon.

**Distinguished Japanese Coming.**  
The Board of Trade has been advised by the Commissioner of Commerce, Ottawa, that a distinguished party of Japanese business men, together with Akira Yamamoto, Counselor in the Department of Agriculture of Japan, will shortly visit St. John for the purpose of inspection of commerce and industry, with a view to trade expansion between Canada and Japan.

**Tuberculosis Hospital.**  
The contractors for the new St. John County Hospital at East St. John have made good progress with their work. The building had been put up, and furnaces and plumbing apparatus are being installed. It is the intention to have the building fully equipped and ready for the reception of patients by June of this year.

**Will Hold Banquet.**  
At the regular meeting of the mission committee of the Portland Street Methodist Church the following officers were elected for the year: Chairman, H. P. Breen; secretary, S. A. Kirk; treasurer, Geo. A. Bilzard. Plans for the year's work were discussed and it was decided to start with a grand banquet on Thursday evening, January 26th. At this gathering there will be addresses by a number of prominent speakers, and good music will be provided.

**Souvenirs From Firing Line.**  
The pipe, tobacco, cigarettes and the Xmas card sent to the British soldiers at the front by Princess Mary, together with the Xmas card sent by the King and Queen to the soldiers, and which were sent by Sergeant Fred Clarke of the 51st Army Service Corps to his wife in this city have been placed on exhibition in the window of the English and Scotch Woolen Co., Charlotte street. As these are the first of these souvenirs to reach this city, they will doubtless be of interest to the public.

**Curtailment C. P. R. Train Service.**  
Sunday train service, Halifax-St. John, Montreal, has been discontinued for the present. Last Eastbound train No. 16 left Montreal Saturday, January 2nd. Last Westbound train No. 15 left Halifax, Sunday, January 3rd. Service hereafter will be as follows: Train No. 15 leaves Halifax daily except Sunday at 8:00 a.m. St. John 5:45 p.m. due Montreal 3:30 a.m. following day. Train No. 16 leaves Montreal daily except Saturday 4:30 p.m. due St. John 11:40 p.m. Halifax 10:00 p.m. following day.

**Entertained Soldiers.**  
A large number of soldiers were entertained at the German Street Baptist Institute by the young ladies of the Philathea Class, assisted by W. C. Cross, S. H. Davis, president, and the programme of entertainment consisted of tableaux and songs. Dr. Percival Bonnell sang with great effect. The Land of Hope and Glory. After the entertainment the young ladies served their guests with fruit.

Entertainments to the soldiers are being given by the Philathea Class every Sunday afternoon, as well as on Monday and Friday evenings. A special entertainment will be given next Friday evening. The billiard room in the institute has been fitted up and is open to the soldiers every Monday and Friday evenings.

**Canadian Railway Brotherhood.**  
A. R. Mosher, Grand President of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, arrived in the city yesterday and last evening he addressed a meeting of the local union of the Brotherhood held in Moose Hall, on Coburg street. Over thirty new members were initiated at the meeting.

Speaking to a reporter, Mr. Mosher said his organization was making steady progress, and that at the present time everything was going fairly satisfactorily. In regard to matters in Halifax where he makes his headquarters, Mr. Mosher said the conditions were very good as compared with some other cities, as they did not have much unemployment. The grand president was much pleased with the activity being shown by the branch of the Brotherhood in St. John.

Do not forget to attend the Great Fur Sale at H. Mont Jones.

## CITIZENS' PROTEST CAUSED CUT IN CIVIC ESTIMATES

City Commissioners Decided to Reduce Proposed Assessment—New Stands at About \$28,000 More Than Last Year—The Civic Grants.

The city commissioners, as a result of the protest made by representative citizens, cut deep into the proposed estimates for the year, and after the pruning knife had been busy for a few hours it was found that the estimates for the present year were only \$28,027.01 above those of last year.

The commissioners were in session yesterday afternoon and reconsidered the estimates as passed by them earlier. Substantial increases had been made in the Public Safety and Public Works Departments, and both Commissioner Potts and McLehane decided to recommend no increase in salaries, but he provided for sixty men on the force, and his total estimates for police, fire and light were only \$8,459.28 over those of last year. The surpluses from the department for last year would practically cover this increase.

Commissioner Potts reduced his assessment to \$121,363.50, which is \$23,925 above that of last year. The other departments remained as last year.

Commissioner Potts in taking up the reconsideration of his department needs said that likely some of the same people who protested would be asking for money for some purpose before the year was ended. This protest would be the answer to such requests. He jotted off amounts from several of his requirements making his total estimate \$121,363.50.

	1915	1914
Horticultural Assoc.	\$4,335	\$4,335
Tourist Association	600	730
S. P. C. Ladies	200	200
S. P. C. Ladies	100	100
Associated Charities	300	300

## BOARD OF TRADE COMMITTEE PROTEST INCREASED TAXES

Large Delegation Waited on City Commissioners and Asked for Reduction in Estimates.

Protest against any material increase in the city assessment by a large delegation from the Board of Trade was made to the city commissioners at the meeting of the city council yesterday morning.

The speakers put forward by the delegation spoke principally against any new expenditure for permanent work in the streets, while others, too, voiced protest against the full increase proposed in the police department.

Apart from the very strong protest generally against the assessment increase this year some very interesting suggestions were made by prominent citizens who appeared with the delegation, and Mayor Frink expressed pleasure at their visit. He said that during the first year of commission government the committee meetings had been held regularly but these had been discontinued during the last year which was a matter for regret, as the plan for the year's work might have been carefully considered and better matured if discussed by the commissioners together.

The estimates were open for reconsideration until midnight, and if the majority of citizens felt their interests imperiled he thought some of their suggestions might be carried out. In the course of a stirring address, James F. Robertson referred to the release of many prisoners of suspended sentence. "I am an old man," he said, "but if I were younger I doubt if I could stand peacefully and see this disgrace go on. What encouragement is it for policemen to arrest the same boys year after year, take them to court and have them released on suspended sentence. This has been done until these same boys have grown up to become a menace, and were able last summer to take part in the riot which much of our property has been destroyed. You can have no police reform until we get reform in the administration of justice."

Among those in the council room representing the Board of Trade meeting were J. A. Lively, the president; W. H. Barnaby, James F. Robertson, J. P. Tilley, R. G. Murray, John B. Jones, Charles A. MacDonald, Rev. H. A. Cody, J. Willard Smith, C. B. Lockhart, G. S. Mayes, D. F. Pidgeon, H. Mackinnon, J. G. Harrison, R. B. Emerson, A. K. Melick, F. C. Macneil, Thomas Bell, C. S. Philips, George W. Parker, F. L. Peters, J. S. McGivern, E. L. Rising, George H. Waterbury, F. A. Dykeman, Alex. Baird and Frank B. Fairweather.

The delegation from the Board of Trade was then heard through Mr. Lively, who said: "We are here to protest against the increased taxation which is proposed. We want you to make the taxes as low or less this year as last. We can do without more policemen and better streets till business condition are better."

W. H. Barnaby said he quite approved of holding the meeting of the Board of Trade in the interests of the larger taxpayers and business men. Outside of the taxes many citizens were contributing generously to various funds and the burden threatened to become too heavy. It must be remembered that other citizens were going away to the war and their taxes would not be available. It must be admitted that so long as the war went on—and it might go on for years—business would show a falling off. In the meantime he thought the city should pursue the same policy of retrenchment rather than expansion, as adopted by private business men and enterprises.

Taxation generally was high in St. John and the burden should not be increased.

Seaman's Institute	250	250
Natural History Society	400	400
Playgrounds Assoc.	5,000	3,000
Victorian Order of Nurses	1,000	1,000
Riverview Park	350	250
Free Kindergarten	1,000	1,000
Salvation Army Metropolitan	500	500

The matter of a grant to the Arboricultural Association was left over for future consideration.

A. W. Sharpe, chairman of the assessment, was present at the meeting and said the increase estimates would mean that \$4,600,000 extra would have to be found to assess to raise the amount. He advised that some arrangement be made for increasing the rate so that values would not have to be increased. No action was taken in this matter.

Mayor Frink said he had intended to ask the council to grant \$25,000 for an increase of only \$100 in his department and this would be in view of the retrenchment he would move that \$12,000 be placed at the disposal of the Patriotic Committee when needed.

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There was further discussion of taxation plans. Commissioner Potts thought that some arrangement in the direction of a new taxation system would be submitted and he hoped that the burden would be placed on those able to pay. The meeting then adjourned.

## OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED SPECIAL TAX

If Emergency Fund Should Become Necessary to Care for Invalidated Soldiers, all Municipalities Should Be Required To Contribute.

Opposition is developing to the proposal of the Mayor to levy a special emergency tax with the idea of making provision for soldiers who may be invalided home to St. John. Opinion among prominent business men is not opposed to the principle of the mayor's proposition, but there is strong objection to the idea that the principle should only be applied in St. John. It is claimed that if such a tax should become necessary it should be imposed in all the municipalities of the province, and not be confined to one city. Prominent members of the Board of Trade who are opposed to the proposition as put forward stated yesterday that they would not object to the idea of levying a tax throughout the province, if it became necessary to make provision for the soldiers fighting for the Empire, other than by means of the patriotic fund. It was pointed out that if St. John was the only community in the province to raise a special fund by direct taxation for invalidated soldiers, the city might be required to take care of more than its fair quota.

The Mayor has pointed out that he only proposed to ask for legislation permitting the city to make a special levy when it might become necessary. There does not seem, however, to be much disposition to support the idea of permissive legislation in this connection. It is pointed out that the city and county councils have already made contributions for patriotic purposes, and that the citizens personally and through their fraternal and other organizations, have made and probably will continue to make contributions to the National Patriotic Fund.

Should it become necessary to make provision for invalidated soldiers, it is felt that the spirit of the people will rise to the emergency, but it is argued that it would not be fair to expect St. John to levy a special tax for such purpose unless other municipalities adopted the same course.

## NEW CHIEF APPOINTED

D. W. Simpson received appointment to head of Police Force.

The appointment of D. W. Simpson as chief of the local police force was approved in committee of the common council yesterday morning and the appointment was ratified at the meeting of the council in the afternoon.

At the morning meeting Commissioner McLehane announced that he had several applications for the position of chief of police and he moved that D. W. Simpson be appointed at a salary of \$2,000 provided legislation to pay his salary be secured. Commissioner Wigmore seconded the motion and said he was satisfied with the recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Commissioner Potts vigorously opposed the appointment and thought that St. John man could be secured for the position and he moved that the appointment of the chief lay over till the next session of the council. Finally it was decided that Mr. Simpson be appointed.

The action of the committee was ratified at the meeting of the council yesterday afternoon. The new chief was at the police station yesterday afternoon and was shown over the plant by Deputy Chief Jenkins. Chief Simpson examined the books and records of the department and was shown the cells and other inner parts of the police headquarters.

I. C. R. Elevator.

At the Council of the Board of Trade yesterday, a statement was made for the I. C. R. Elevator were still under consideration. A letter was read from the Trade and Commerce Department with respect to the steamer Westport III. The secretary was authorized to repeat the request of the council for a \$1,500 increase in the subsidy to this steamer.

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MORE STYLE

A short time ago F. A. Dykeman & Co. received a few sample dresses from one of the factories which really created a sensation when they displayed them in their show windows. They were made with a loose velvet bodice and skirt over a silk under-skirt with the new scarf at the waist. They have received another shipment of similar dresses which are now on sale at \$8.50 and \$10.00 each. A lady who has been in the habit of going out of town for her dresses was responsible for the statement that she could not buy as nice a dress from a certain catalogue house for less than \$25.00.

A sofa cushion has been donated to be sold by lottery, the proceeds to be given to the Belgian Relief Fund. It is now on exhibit in the E. G. Nelson window, where tickets are on sale, 25c each.

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3 Bells, heavy (Nickel)..... \$1.35	
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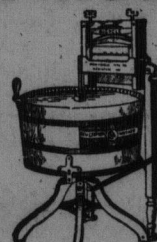
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