

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast.  
Maritime—Moderate east and northeast winds; generally fair and cool.  
Toronto, April 27.—Showers have occurred today near Lake Erie and in Cape Breton and British Columbia, but over the greater part of the Dominion the weather has been fair. Moderate temperatures have prevailed in Ontario and Quebec, while in the west it has been quite warm.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	25	62
Victoria	46	56
Vancouver	48	58
Calgary	38	74
Medicine Hat	40	84
Edmonton	42	80
Winnipeg	36	76
Prince Albert	32	74
Moose Jaw	34	77
Winkler	34	82
Port Arthur	28	58
Fort Snair	26	48
Toronto	43	61
Kingston	48	54
Ottawa	42	60
Montreal	40	62
Quebec	36	58
St. John	38	50
Halifax	34	48

## Around the City

**Quebec Clearings.**  
Quebec, April 27.—Bank clearings for week ended today were \$3,149,911, corresponding week last year, \$2,469,212.

**Assaulted a Soldier.**  
A man named McLeod was arrested on Charlotte street last night for assaulting a soldier.

**Pt. De Chene-Summerside Route.**  
George Carvell, I. C. R. ticket agent, received a telegram yesterday from Point De Chene that the steamer Northumberland had arrived there at 1.40 p. m., and was expected to make daily trips hereafter.

**Successful Sale.**  
Seven little girls who wanted to do something for the boys at the front, held a sale last Tuesday at the home of J. Cecil Mitchell on Douglas avenue, at which they realized the handsome sum of sixty-six dollars, which will be handed over to the Soldiers' Comfort Association for their work. Following are the names of the girls who deserve great credit for their action: Helen McCready, Hazel McCready, Edith Mitchell, Inez Bedell, Marion Marne, Marjorie MacKinnon, and Mildred Wetmore.

**Arbor Day.**  
Friday, May 12th, has been appointed as Arbor Day in the public schools, and the co-operation of parents and all others is invited. It is shown that attention should be given not only to the school grounds and premises but to other public grounds as well. The attention of the school teachers is directed to the importance of preparing for the observance of Empire Day, which falls on the last teaching day preceding the 24th of May. It is most desirable on Empire Day to hold a public meeting in the school building at which, in addition to the program prepared by the teachers and pupils, there may be addresses of a patriotic nature by ratepayers or visitors.

## ANNIVERSARY MARKED BY PLEASANT EVENING

**Local Oddfellows Observe 97th Birthday of Order's Establishment in America.**

In connection with the 97th anniversary of the founding of the Order of Odd Fellows in America there were interesting meetings last night in the Odd Fellows' rooms, German street, and Golden Rule Hall, West St. John. There was a large attendance in the Golden Rule Hall and the chief feature of the evening was the roll call of the lodge. There were present at the meeting five charter members, and ten who were initiated the night the lodge started. A large number of letters from members who are now away from St. John were read. Refreshments were served and a most pleasant evening spent in short addresses and music.

In the Odd Fellows' Hall on German street, Pioneer and Siloam Lodges held a joint celebration. The Noble Grand of Pioneer Lodge occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Past Grand Master Dr. A. D. Smith, Benjamin Robinson, Charles Fowler, H. E. Odner, J. A. Murdoch and others. In addition to the local Odd Fellows present there were visitors from Plaster Rock, Miramichi and Fredericton.

In his address Dr. Smith reviewed the progress of the order since its organization and gave an interesting account of the first lodge of Odd Fellows which was organized in America. This was in Baltimore in 1819. There were in that day three Englishmen who had been Odd Fellows in the Old Country. It required five members of the order to start a lodge and the three advertised asking communications all.

## A MODIFIED CONSCRIPTION IS NECESSARY

This is Mr. E. A. Schofield's Opinion After Conference With Canadian Recruiting Officers.

Members of the St. John Recruiting Committee met in the Board of Trade rooms last night and received the report of E. A. Schofield's visit to Ottawa in connection with the subject of conscription.

Mr. Schofield said that when he met the other forty-one recruiting committee representatives at a big meeting on the afternoon before they met the premier he found that, according to their reports, conditions as to recruiting were much the same all over Canada. In Hamilton, for instance, there were six battalions still incomplete and had been since last fall.

The next day they were well received by the premier in his own office when each representative presented his case, revealing many interesting facts. Although men were being recruited fairly steadily they were not getting the right men. In March one thousand were enrolled, but many of these were married, whilst others came from industries from which they could ill be spared. The present system of recruiting was hampering business and ruining the country.

A speech given by Lt.-Col. Maloy deserved special mention. Mr. Schofield went on to say, as not only was he blind, but he spoke as a man having reason to being listened to. In it he said that the industries were being bled more under the present condition to raise three hundred thousand than they would be to recruit five hundred thousand if recruiting was thoroughly organized. The system of today was costing twenty million dollars per month.

In reply to the memorial that a qualified form of conscription be adopted, Sir Robert Borden said in part that he very much appreciated the work of the recruiting committees, but in the consideration of the propositions there were certain things to bear in mind. At the moment there are close upon three hundred thousand men enlisted who must be trained, which takes from six months to one year. These men also must be armed and clothed, which in itself is a great task, when it was remembered that an infantryman's equipment alone consisted of sixty-six different articles. Then there were the means of transportation to be considered, which under present conditions was not an easy matter.

The reception of the men at the other side had also to be arranged and when all this was considered it would be seen that it was not only a matter of raising the men but of providing for them.

The premier went on to say that certain industries such as those engaged in the making of munitions, those of a productive character and those for supplies, must not be depleted.

As to the memorial, Sir Robert was unable to give any definite answer without consultation with his colleagues, but he assured those present that the question would be carefully studied and gone into. Whilst, as he had said before, the government had to take into account many things, what they wanted was a united Canada, a united Empire, and parties, creeds and conditions would have no place.

Mr. Schofield mentioned that the day following their meeting with the premier representatives again met and a National Service League was formed, the purpose being to await a certain time for the government to act, but to follow the work up carefully to bring the matter before all the boards of trades, unions, etc., explaining their object. They wanted a united country, but were assured that a certain qualified form of conscription was essential for the good of all concerned.

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Schofield, R. B. Armstrong stated that the recruiting committee were giving up the rooms in German street and erecting a marquee in King Square, and it was expected that rooms in the County Court Chambers would be available for the recruiting staff's use. Armstrong & Bruce have also been approached in connection with the rooms on Mill street.

## Children's Dresses.

In connection with the big sale of children's dresses now going on at P. A. Dykeman & Co.'s, they have a lot of muslin and sold children's dresses which are made from excellent materials and are good styles, but they will be sold at such prices as will pay to launder. The prices will be from 25 cents to \$1.00 each. While the regular prices would be from \$1.00 to \$4.00 each. The sizes run from six months to twelve years. These dresses that are sold and muslin are all in white. The sale of colored dresses will continue until the one thousand are all sold.

from any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore. They received replies from two others, and the first lodge was started. In addition to the addresses delivered there was some vocal music. Refreshments were served, and those present enjoyed an hour or so at games. The affair proved most pleasant to all.

## 115TH BAND TO GO AFTER RECRUITS

Accompanied by Officers They Will Visit Outside Points in Effort to Fill Battalion.

The following itinerary has been arranged for the tour of the 115th band in the effort to fill the ranks of the battalion. Accompanied by a number of the officers they will leave Tuesday morning in a special car provided for them by the C. P. R., for St. George, where a meeting will be held that evening in the moving picture theatre. On Wednesday they will visit St. Stephen, where the band will give a concert in the afternoon and a recruiting meeting will be held in the rink at night. On Thursday they will go to Woodstock where a meeting will be held in the Opera House. Friday will find them at Perth and Andover, where a big meeting will be held in the moving picture theatre. They will return home on Saturday and they hope to bring enough recruits with them to bring the 115th up to full strength.

## FIVE MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Local Recruiting a Little Better—Headquarters Officers Well Pleased With Inspection.

**ROLL OF HONOR.**  
Milton Chassey, Cummings Cove.  
John J. Votour, Mechanic Settlement.  
Kellie S. Kennedy, Hampton.  
Walter Newcombe, Torriburn.  
Fred Hince, Calgary.

Recruiting was a little better yesterday, five men passing and signing the roll of honor.

Col. Papineau of Halifax arrived in the city yesterday morning and inspected the probationers' school at the armory. He found things moving along very smoothly, the men are talking to the work readily and he was well satisfied with the progress made so far. In the afternoon Col. McLean and Col. Papineau paid a visit to the 115th on the West Side and made an informal inspection. They were highly pleased with conditions as they found them, and complimented the men on the degree of efficiency attained so far. The military hospital has already amply justified its existence, fifty-six out of the sixty-two beds being occupied. A staff of nineteen is employed looking after the patients and they are all kept busy.

The 115th are spending their time largely in routine work and yesterday was no exception to the rule. Five men were taken on strength. Today Lieut. A. C. Gilmour will be orderly officer and in the afternoon a route march will be held.

The men spent the day in routine work yesterday. Lieut.-Col. Beer, O. C., and Capt. Lounsbury, adjutant, returned from an inspection trip to the other companies of the battalion which are quartered at Fredericton, Woodstock, Hartland, Andover and Perth. They found the men progressing favorably with their drill and the quarters very comfortable. The quarters at Andover and Hartland were especially good and the people of those places were doing everything in their power to make the stay of the boys one to be treasured in memory.

**Alexandra Temple Officer.**  
The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Alexandra Temple No. 6 T. of H. and T., in their hall, Main street last night—Chief Templar, Andrew Ramsey; Vice-Templar, Charles T. Green; recorder, R. J. Burk; asst. recorder, W. L. Roberts; finance recorder, S. J. Holder; treasurer, F. P. Galois; chaplain, Carey Black; usher, Charles Richardson; D. usher, Harold Crabbe; guard, W. Miller; sentinel, S. C. Webb; past chief templar, H. L. Smith. A large number of the members were present and the initiatory degree was exemplified by the degree team was a feature of the evening.

**Employed Boys Organize.**  
At a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. last evening, a Junior Employed Boys' Club was formed, with Arnold Christiansen as president; Walter Strilling, secretary-treasurer; H. Jacobson, sport captain; Arnold Smith, camp captain, and Cecil Bonnell. The purpose of their organization is to have a baseball team to enter the league, have a band, and to hold week-end camps during the summer. It is proposed to hold a meeting of the executive committee next Saturday for the purpose of making their plans.

## ST. GEORGE'S CELEBRATION BIG SUCCESS

Concert, Supper and Dance in Imperial Under Auspices of St. George's Society a Delightful Function.

The popular celebration of St. George's Day took the form of a concert, supper and dance, opening at the conclusion of the first show in the Imperial last evening. It proved to be one of the most important as well as one of the most enjoyable social incidents of the season. The gathering, as do most functions of this nature nowadays, afforded opportunity for patriotic endeavor. The net proceeds of the ticket sale—a respectable sum, no doubt—will go to the Red Cross. Loyalist Chapter I. O. O. E. made money for patriotic purposes by looking after the supper, and the funds of the Soldiers' Comfort Association will be augmented by the sale of miniature flags.

The big building—appropriately decorated—was thronged with people representing every phase of the city's life. The boxes were occupied by officers of the society, military guests, and representatives of other national organizations.

The programme, addresses, music and pictures were well arranged and full of interest. At its conclusion those who so desired devoted themselves to dancing, and a running supper was served in the lobbies.

After the National Anthem E. E. Church briefly welcomed the guests, outlined the program leading up to the gathering on this particular evening, and drew attention to the purposes to which the funds were devoted. All the musical selections on the programme were by English composers and the other numbers national in their character. The former included a quartette by Miss Knight, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Skelton, Mr. Guy and Mr. A. Mason, and solo by Miss Knight, Mr. Skelton and Mr. Pidgeon. For these Mr. Fox was accompanist. All these soloists were accorded ovations.

The framed picture idea so successfully introduced in a previous entertainment, again met with the warm appreciation of the audience. Under the direction of Mrs. Alward, and with appropriate introductions by Miss Frances Travers, the following were artistically presented:

Juliet . . . . . Miss Carvill  
Fortia . . . . . Mrs. S. Gregory  
Ophelia . . . . . Miss Coater  
Rosallind . . . . . Miss Ford  
Lady Macbeth . . . . . Miss LeCoe  
Perdita . . . . . Mrs. Mullin

While all of these were beautifully posed and most faithfully depicted, the characters of Ophelia and Perdita lent themselves most readily to the charm of color, and were particularly striking in this respect. On the screen were shown through the kindness of Mr. Golding, several reels of naval pictures, English and French, and all of especial interest to St. John people. And as a closing picture there was presented a striking tableau "Pro Patria," by a group of members of the Young Women's Patriotic Association and others. This was a magnificent affair of the kind and was repeatedly encored.

The central item on the programme, however, was the address on "The Day We Celebrate" by Rev. A. H. Crowfoot of Hampton. The speaker introduced himself as an unframed picture of one who has, by his appearance here, had honor thrust upon him. Discussing eloquently the patron saint of England, Mr. Crowfoot reminded his audience that St. George had risked his life to save a helpless girl, and that is the road England has followed. In his last speech, like Alexander, more worlds to conquer. But the life of the nation has been spent in protecting the weak, succoring the helpless, and lifting to liberty and a light those who have been struggling against an overwhelming fate. This same spirit flits the heart of every Englishman today. This great war, which has brought together the distant parts of our empire as nothing else could have done, was not undertaken as a war of conquest, but in protection of a weak and helpless nation, and to enforce the word of England which, once given, cannot be broken.

Rev. Mr. Crowfoot passing from this phase of his address, referred most eloquently to England's greatest poet, touched on Shakespeare's life and works, and showed that the great writer whose tercentenary is being now observed was imbued with the selfsame spirit as is so manifest among Englishmen today. Rev. Mr. Crowfoot closed a brief but inspiring oration with a call upon all who claim Britain as their own to remember and live up to the ideals of those whose lives have made our glorious empire.

This programme ended before eleven o'clock, and thereafter a couple of hours were spent in dancing, no Imperial stage being cleared for this purpose.

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