

**THE WEATHER.**

Maritime—Strong winds and gales southeasterly, shifting to southwesterly and westerly with rain.

Washington, Feb. 24—Forecast: Northern New England—Rain Thursday; Friday partly cloudy and colder.

Toronto, Feb. 24—A depression extends tonight from the Lake region to the Carolinas, while the pressure is higher to the north of Lake Superior. Rain has been almost general from the Georgian Bay region to the Maritime Provinces, while the weather has been fair from Lake Superior westward.

Temperatures.		
	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	34	46
Vancouver	44	52
Victoria	39	52
Edmonton	0	24
Battleford	12	26
Medicine Hat	2	24
Moose Jaw	15	24
Regina	15	22
Winnipeg	0	24
Port Arthur	18	34
Perry Sound	34	40
Toronto	36	42
Kingston	34	44
Ottawa	32	36
Montreal	32	36
Quebec	24	30
St. John	24	36
Halifax	24	36

**Around the City**

**Charged With Begging.**  
Yesterday afternoon special officer Atkins arrested John Campbell, aged 26 years, on Duke street, and charged him with begging money.

**An Assignment.**  
William E. Ward and Edward J. Cronin, doing business as haberdashers under the name of Ward and Cronin, have assigned to Walter E. Foster, St. John.

**New Lumber Company.**  
Messrs. James Robinson, Weldon Robinson and Holmes A. Frank, Mrs. Grace Robinson and Mrs. Susan G. Frank, of Millerton, are applying for incorporation as Robinson, Limited, with an authorized capitalization of \$99,000, to carry on the business of James Robinson, ex-M. P., of Millerton.

**Presentation.**  
At the meeting of the St. John County L.O.J., last evening, in Orange Hall, Lieutenant J. Edgar March of the 26th Battalion was presented with a handsome set of pipes. The presentation was made on behalf of Eldon Lodge No. 2, of which Lieutenant March is deputy master.

**Rebekahs Honor Miss Adams.**  
The members of Jewel Rebekah Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F. and Sapphire Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F. attended the Opera House last night in compliment to Miss Margie Adams of the Young-Adams Company, who is a member of the order. During the evening Miss Adams received several beautiful floral tributes from her sisters in the audience.

**Underwent an Operation.**  
Mrs. J. E. Wilson, wife of Rev. J. E. Wilson, pastor of the George street Baptist Church, underwent an operation at the Victoria Hospital this morning. Some time ago she had the misfortune to break her leg and difficulties which have arisen in the mending of the fractured limb made the operation necessary. — Fredericton Gleaser.

**New Paper for Amherst.**  
Amherst is to have a new daily newspaper, Liberal in politics. Mr. H. F. S. Paisley, of Sackville and lately in Regina, is to be the editor of the new paper, which will start on April 1st and will be known as the Amherst Free Press. The paper will be published by the Eastern Publishers' Company, Ltd., who have an authorized capitalization of \$50,000.—Fredericton Gleaser.

**PERSONAL.**

Mrs. Ada Murray and Miss Mildred Berry who have been visiting Mrs. Ralph Estabrooks in Perth returned home last night.

Messrs. Grout and Price of the C. P. R. came in on the Boston train last night.

Major W. H. Harrison came in from Fredericton last night.

Senator W. H. Thorne returned to the city on the Boston Express last night.

H. W. Woods, M. L. A. was among the passengers on the Boston train into St. John last night.

Luther B. Smith came in from Fredericton last night.

L. R. Wilson, secretary treasurer of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries Co. Ltd., arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal and is registered at the Royal.

Col. A. E. Nassie returned to the city on the Montreal train yesterday morning.

Michael Connolly arrived in the city Wednesday morning.

Rev. G. A. Kuhring returned on the Montreal train yesterday morning. During his absence he has visited Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa.

**SUITS AND COATS.**  
You must have one of those charming coats that F. A. Dykeman & Co. are now showing for the spring season, or not be up to the minute in your attire. Further, you will want one when you see how dainty and graceful these garments are. The suits are made from pure wool serge, coat silk lined and thoroughly well tailored, a large range of colors and sizes; prices run from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Their spring coats have all the new touches and the military craze is distinctly featured in many of these garments; prices run from \$7.75 to \$17.75.

**PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.**

**OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE AT MONCTON**

**Well-known Speakers will Address Convention of Sunday School Workers at Moncton in March.**

The second annual New Brunswick Older Boys' Conference will be held this year in Moncton, and will meet March 12-14. The conference is being promoted under the direction of a provincial advisory board representing the Sunday school boards of the several denominations, the New Brunswick and P.E.I. Sunday School Association and the Maritime Territorial Committee of the Y.M.C.A. Arrangements are being made for the attendance of one hundred and fifty delegates from among the boys of the province sixteen years of age and over.

The committee in charge of the programme have been particularly fortunate in the persons of the speakers secured. The several denominations will be represented by their respective Sunday school secretaries as also the Y.M.C.A. and the S. S. Association. These will include Rev. J. C. Robertson, J. K. Curtis, L. S. Nowlan, W. A. Ross and A. S. McAllister. The special leaders at the conference, however, will be Messrs. John L. Alexander of Chicago, superintendent of the secondary division of the International S. S. Association, and Taylor Statten of Toronto, National Y.M.C.A. Boys' Work Secretary. Mr. Alexander is probably the greatest authority of the day on Sunday school work among boys of the teen age division. He has had a wide and fruitful experience in this special field, and is the author of several books along these lines. He was the special speaker at the Provincial Sunday School Convention held in Sussex in November last, where he won golden opinions from all who attended. Arrangements are being made whereby the people of St. John and of Fredericton may have the privilege of hearing him while he is in the province.

Taylor Statten is well known as the Canadian National Y.M.C.A. Boys' Work Secretary. He has had long experience with boys of all classes and will be remembered from his visit to St. John a year ago in connection with a similar conference. The Moncton conference will be held in the First United Baptist church, and is part of a series being conducted in the Maritime Provinces at which Messrs. Alexander and Statten will be present.

**WORKING HARD FOR SERVICE TO HAVANA**

**Abnormal conditions in shipping situation interfere with Government Plans — Good service by way of Boston arranged.**

"We are still trying to arrange for a direct fortnightly steamship service from St. John to Havana, but steamship companies are demanding almost impossible conditions," said Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, who was in the city yesterday. "When I went to Ottawa to ask the Federal government to assist us in establishing a fortnightly service, I had been given to understand that one company was ready to undertake the service on reasonable terms. By co-operation of the Federal and Provincial governments arrangements were made for a very liberal subsidy for a steamship service to Havana, but in the interval shipping companies had jumped rates to such an extent that we could not come to an agreement. The shipping situation is altogether abnormal. We paid a steamer \$15,000 to carry New Brunswick's gift of potatoes to England; today that steamer wants \$85,000 to make a trip across the Atlantic. That shows the change in conditions. Shipping is undoubtedly scarce. Ocean freight rates have advanced everywhere.

"Pending the establishment of a direct service to Havana, the Eastern Steamship Company has arranged with the United Fruit Company to handle shipments from New Brunswick to Cuba," added Mr. Murray. "This service is a fairly satisfactory one, and is being taken advantage of by exporters in this province to a considerable extent. Our trade with Cuba is growing. The market in Cuba is an important one. We intend to cultivate it. We propose to have a direct steamship service to Havana, as soon as the shipping situation permits a service on reasonable terms."

The Minister spoke appreciatively of the work being done by the Cuban consul in St. John in the way of directing attention to the opportunities of trade between Cuba and New Brunswick. Speaking of the work of his department Mr. Murray said a special course in agricultural work would be opened at Sussex on March 2nd, and that a special course at Woodstock had been very successful. He expected the formal opening of the new agricultural school at Sussex would take place about July the 1st when the Rural Summer Science School would be in session there. The limestone crusher, purchased by the Agricultural Department will be set up at Torryburn in a short time. It will be operated there for some time, and then sent about the province, many Agricultural Societies having made applications to have the crusher sent to their district to crush limestone for fertilizer purposes.

**Excellent Meeting Last Evening at Y.M.C.A. — Officers and Executive Appointed for Local Association.**

That there is a general desire to revive the Boy Scout movement in St. John and the vicinity was shown last evening when, in the board room of the Y. M. C. A., several prominent citizens met to discuss measures to that end, and took prompt action to carry out a general plan of campaign to place the movement on a live footing. Among those present were, W. S. Fisher, who presided; Senator Daniel, Rev. Donald Maguire, provincial secretary of the Scouts for New Brunswick; A. C. Skelton, B. C. Waring, C. D. Howard and F. R. Perrott, special representative of the Dominion Council of the Scouts.

Mr. Perrott explained that the purpose of the meeting was to place the organization on a well-defined footing in St. John, and that as a preliminary step it was necessary to form a new local association. All present agreed that this useful movement should not be allowed to remain dormant, and after due consideration it was agreed that the following persons be constituted the local council:

All scout masters, all assistant scout masters above the age of twenty-one years, the Mayor, W. S. Fisher, B. C. Waring, E. Ellis, G. Holder, T. Jenkins, J. E. Dismore, J. Hersey, Col. Wedderburn, Senator Daniel, A. C. Skelton, W. Allison, J. G. Harrison, T. E. G. Armstrong, H. O. Bonk, M. E. Agar, J. Pierce, Sir Frederic Bazler, Senator W. H. Thorne, J. P. Robertson, C. D. Howard, Dr. H. S. Bridge and all ministers of churches in which troops of the Boy Scouts are in operation.

After the constitution of a council the following were elected as officers: A. C. Skelton, president; W. S. Fisher, vice-president; C. J. Legge, honorary secretary; B. C. Waring, honorary treasurer. The executive committee was constituted as follows: The officers, with R. Ingleton, C. D. Howard, Rev. F. W. Thompson and M. E. Agar, with power to add to their number.

It was pointed out towards the close of the proceedings, that it would be necessary to provide an initial fund to ensure the complete success of the movement. As a result a substantial sum was contributed by those present.

The association as formed is constituted as follows: (a) A president, vice-president, hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, elected annually. (b) Scoutmasters, representatives from existing Boys' Organizations and gentlemen interested in the movement who are willing to serve on invitation.

The duties of the association will be: (a) To nominate suitable persons to act as scoutmasters, and recommend them to the provincial commissioner for the chief scout's warrant. (b) To register all existing Boys' Organizations and patrols in the district. No scoutmaster, troop or patrol shall be recognized which is not so registered. (c) To generally supervise and encourage the movement in the district with the least possible amount of interference with the independence and initiative of the troops and patrols. (d) To work in cordial co-operation with other boys' organizations in the district.

(e) To be responsible for the granting of all scout badges and awards in his district. Applications for these shall be made to the honorary secretary, to whom alone they will be issued on application to the secretary of the provincial council. (f) The local association has the power to suspend any scoutmaster or to withhold recognition from the troop, patrol or scout within its area for grave dereliction of duty or for disloyalty to the rules of the scouts. In the case of suspension must be at once reported to the secretary at headquarters in his province. (g) To hold periodical meetings. A suitable quorum should be arranged, according to local conditions. (h) If local by-laws are adopted, two copies must be sent to provincial headquarters, the one for filing, the other for approval and return.

**HELP TO INCREASE THE WIDOW'S MITE**

**Only a Few More Tickets Left and Committee wishes to Dispose of Them at Once.**

The St. John Railway Co. men who have charge of the sale of tickets for the "Widow's Mite" have already sold nearly four hundred books of tickets. Five hundred were printed and it is hoped that citizens will soon take up the remainder. It is the aim of the committee in charge to close up the matter this week if possible so that the proceeds will be immediately available for the funds.

The piece of work which is to be disposed of by drawing was donated by a widow in the country district. She sent the following letter with it: "Kind Sir,—Wanting to do something and not having the money to do with I send this piece of work, hoping some of your kind ladies will take it and make something out of it, to help our suffering ones at the front. They might be able to dispose of it by tickets. I am a widow and work at this kind of toll to help eke out a living. Put it as 'The Widow's Mite.' I live in a country district. God bless our boys, and grant them victory."

**Important Changes to go Into Effect Monday Will Mean Shorter Hours and Better Service.**

Without proper system no organization can be handled successfully and with this idea in view Chief of Police Simpson is getting the city force into a system which will not only result in easier hours for the patrolmen, but there will be more beats than previously, and last but not by any means least, the beats will be continually patrolled. There will not be an hour of the day or night when the city will be left without police protection. It is well known that for years and even at the present time when the night patrolmen assemble in the central station for roll call at 5.30 o'clock in the morning and after dismissal go to their homes there is not a policeman patrolling the streets until the men on day duty leave the station at seven o'clock. This means that the city is without protection for one and a half hours if not longer. Starting on Monday next all this will be done away with and there will be a complete change in the patrol system.

There will also be a reorganization of beats. At the present time there are seven beats patrolled at night and five during the day. After the first of the month there will be ten beats at night and ten during the day. Starting on Monday next all this will be done away with and there will be a complete change in the patrol system.

A section of the force will report for duty at eight o'clock in the morning and will be dismissed at six o'clock in the evening. Another section will go on duty at six o'clock in the evening and be dismissed at four o'clock in the morning. The third section will report for duty at ten o'clock at night and be dismissed at eight o'clock in the morning and with these new orders in force there will be sure to be better results.

**ANOTHER ON HONOR ROLL**

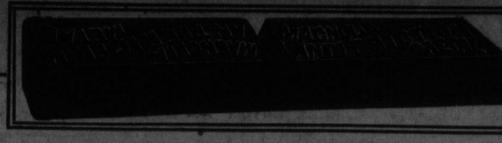
**Standard now represented by five men in ranks of Empire's soldiers.**

Major A. J. Markham, Lieut. J. E. March, Sergeant Daniel Heywood, Pte. James Gaulton, Trooper Peter Holcroft.

Another has been added to the number of men from The Standard office to be accepted for overseas service. The latest recruit from The Standard is Peter Holcroft, who for several months has operated the passenger elevator and acted as house electrician. Besides being the fifth member of The Standard staff to be accepted to fight for the Empire, Mr. Holcroft is the fourth member of his family to join the King's colors in the Empire fight. He has two brothers, Thomas and Robert with Kitchener's army and another, George, with the Royal Engineers. All four boys were born in Liverpool, England, but Peter was the only one to come to America. He came to New York seven years ago and has been in Canada about two years. Before leaving England he was for three years with the Royal Engineers but was bought out by his father. He will be with Major Markham's squadron in the Mounted Rifles and no doubt will give a good account of himself. His father and mother and a sister are still living in England.

The other members of The Standard staff to be accepted for foreign service were Sergeant Daniel Heywood, with the Scouts in Bermuda, Lieutenant J. E. March, of the 26th Battalion, Major A. J. Markham, in command of a squadron of the Mounted Rifles, and James Gaulton, a private in the 26th Battalion.

Quiet in Police Circles.  
John Glynn and Whitfield Stackhouse, reported for going beyond the stand allotted to coachmen at the Union depot, were each fined \$2. I. C. R. Policeman John Collins testified as to the violation of the by-law.  
M. Marcus, a Greek, reported for driving his horse at a run on the suspension bridge, was fined \$8.  
One drunk was remanded to jail.



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UNDERWEAR, all odd lots, still further reduced so clear. Shirts and Drawers in plain grey wool. Sale price, per garment	50c, 65c, 75c
SAMPLE FLEECE LINED SHIRTS, men's size. Sale price	35c
BEST SANITARY FLEECE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS. Sale price, garment	65c
COMBINATIONS, fine elastic ribbed wool, 42 size only. Sale price	\$2.00
BOYS' SAMPLE UNDERSHIRTS, size 30 only, fleece lined and fine wool. Sale prices, 25c, 50c, 65c	65c
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