

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts: Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales; local sleet or rain, clearing and turning colder at night.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Forecast; Northern New England—Clearing and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair and colder; strong west to northwest winds.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The disturbance which was approaching the Great Lakes last night is now centred over the New England States, and snow or rain has fallen in nearly all locations from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures: Min. Max. Dawson... 16 11 Prince Rupert... 20 36 Victoria... 25 35 Vancouver... 22 32 Kamloops... 16 14 Medicine Hat... 20 12 Edmonton... 10 22 Battleford... 16 14 Prince Albert... 18 12 Saskatoon... 19 11 Moose Jaw... 11 7 Regina... 12 8 Winnipeg... 14 8 Port Nelson... 20 18 Port Arthur... 14 32 Parry Sound... 14 32 London... 25 45 Toronto... 24 45 Kingston... 18 36 Ottawa... 6 30 Montreal... 6 32 Quebec... 4 18 St. John... 1 40 Halifax... 4 40 Below zero.

"CANADIAN BUFFS" 198TH TORONTO BATTALION WILL MAKE SHORT STAY HERE

Named for Famous East Kent Buffs and Wear Same Badge As That Historic Regiment—Band Will Probably Give Concert While in the City.

"I'll tell you why we named the 198th The Canadian Buffs," replied Lieutenant Colonel John A. Cooper, the officer commanding the battalion, to a query by a Standard representative. "When the battalion was authorized I thought that it would be nice to have some name different from the other units in the Dominion, so I searched the records of the various Imperial regiments until my eye happened to strike the East Kent Buffs, a famous English regiment, which dates back to 1572. On this occasion the Kent Buffs were mobilized to fight in Holland. Again in 1707 this foot regiment gained prominence and was afterwards designated the Queen Elizabeth's Dragoons. The regiment also has the distinction of being the only Imperial battalion entitled to wear the dragon badge, one of the most ancient emblems worn by English soldiers.

"As my parents were born in East Kent," continued the officer, "and as the Buffs was a distinguished name for a Canadian regiment I immediately communicated with the officer commanding the Imperial regiment and asked him if he had any objection to me using the name for a Canadian battalion. He replied that he had no objection whatever, and that he would take the matter up with the war office, with the result that not only did I get permission to use the name but I was instructed that I might also use the historic badge, and every man in the battalion is proud of the badge with the Royal sword forming a part of the emblem," indicated the officer pointing to his collar badge.

The 198th Canadian Buffs reached the city yesterday from Toronto, where they have been quartered since last fall. The battalion spent the summer at Camp Borden. The first train arrived here early yesterday morning, but the men did not disembark until 10 o'clock. In the first party there were about 450. The second section arrived here about 7:30 last night. The splendid music of the band attracted a large crowd and although the weather was anything but pleasant the route of march from the depot to the exhibition building was lined with spectators. The men of the new battalion are as fine a body of men physically as have yet visited St. John and measured by the good reports which have preceded the battalion are as fine morally as any ever recruited in the Dominion.

The 198th Battalion commenced to recruit in the month of June, 1916. Later on the 201st Battalion, which was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel W. Haggerty was amalgamated

TEN MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

More Soldiers Coming Here—Kiltie Hut Will Open for Business Today.

HONOR ROLL.

- 9th Field Ambulance. Samuel Foley, Loch Lomond Road, N. B. 216th Battalion. Frank O'Brien, St. John. Lawrence Pemberton, St. John. T. R. Short, St. John. Maurice S. Boyd, Fredericton. Lyons Arsenault, St. John. Royal Navy. H. Grant, P. E. I. 16th Field Ambulance. Robert L. Cosman, St. John. Fred Hillman, Woodstock, N. B. Walter Seely, Woodstock.

Recruiting still continues favorably in the city. Yesterday no less than fifteen men made application for enlistment at the different recruiting offices. Of this number ten men were accepted. The Bantam Battalion has apparently followed in the path of the 257th Battalion. This battalion secured fourteen men last week and are starting away this week with five men on the first day.

Yesterday Privates John Hefferman and J. Henry Williams, who signed on in the city, but have been in Amherst for the past two weeks, arrived home to recruit for the Bantams. Both boys spoke very highly of the splendid treatment they are receiving at Amherst. There are now fifty men at the armory in the manufacturing town and this number will be appreciably augmented by the end of the week as there are several men to come in from Sydney, Parrashoro and Sackville.

In the Law's Grip.

A rather ludicrous incident occurred yesterday at the central recruiting depot. A young man walked into the office, giving his name as Frank Lillie of New Jersey, U.S.A. He made application to Sergeant Steele of the Machine Gun Section. The usual enrollment form was filled out by the "recruit" and he was sworn in. In company with the recruiting officer he proceeded to West St. John to be examined by the medical officer of the 16th Field Ambulance. Apparently the young man did not know just who the examiner was to be. To his utter astonishment he was taken before the officer of the 16th Ambulance, who immediately recognized the applicant as a former member of the unit but who had been absent for some time. The young man was placed in the cooler to await the sentence of the officer commanding.

Hut Opens Today.

The recruiting hut, which has been erected by the Kilties in the square will be opened today for the first time. As this is located in the central part of the city and many of the eligibles pass through the square good results are expected. The officer commanding the Kilties is making an earnest effort to complete the establishment of the 236th Kilties before the battalion is ordered overseas.

165th Returnings.

The majority of the men of the 165th Battalion who were on the sick list at the end of the purpose of voting returned to the city yesterday. The remainder of the men will arrive today. Lieutenants A. A. Lecker and R. Ruet reported for duty after completing a special course at the School of Infantry, Halifax. Both officers made a splendid showing in the final and are now considered among the best infantry subalterns in the province.

Will Come Here.

Seventy-five soldiers of the Toronto Royal Canadian Dragoons under the command of Lieut. Hilliard, arrived in Chatham at noon yesterday and are quartered at the exhibition building. Another consignment of 150 men of the Canadian Mounted Rifles of Hamilton, Ont., arrived at 7:30 p. m., under the command of Lt. Dellimere and are quartered in the same building. They are a fine lot of men, many of the Dragoons being well above the average height and all as jolly as school boys. According to official advice these soldiers will not be in Chatham very long but will come to St. John, along with several other drafts quartered in different parts of the province.

VICTORIA RINK CARNIVAL.

Tuesday, February 27th. Don't forget VICTORIA RINK GRAND CARNIVAL, Tuesday, February 27th.

New Silks.

You can get those new ponce silks in the new sport stripes and balloon spots at F. A. Dykesman & Co.'s. They are selling these lovely new yard wide silks at the very low price of 95c. per yard. They are also showing a line of silks in paisley effects at \$1.15 per yard, and Pall-ette silks in pink, old rose, maize, Alice blue, battleship grey, seal brown, white and black, at \$1.15 per yard.

Artistic Bathroom Fixtures. Modern design, nicely of finish, and superior quality are prominently featured in our select line of Bathroom Fixtures, which are made from solid brass and handsomely nickel plated. The unusually extensive assortment embraces towel rack, both in nicked brass and in glass with nicked mountings; soap dishes, nickel mounted glass shelves; paper rolls and holders; tumbler holders, toothbrush holders; sponge baskets; nickel framed mirrors etc. White Enamel Fittings for White Finished Bathrooms. BATHROOM FIXTURE SECTION—FIRST FLOOR. MARKET - W. H. THORNE & CO., LTD. - KING STREET

MOURNING MILLINERY. A large variety of Black Silk Hats, Mourning Veils, Black Flowers and Trimming to select from. MOURNING MILLINERY. Marr Millinery Co., Ltd.

EVER-READY FLASHLIGHTS. DO ALL YOUR "NIGHTLY CHORES" indoors and out with the light that cannot blow out. Lights that can be used with perfect security in contact with the most inflammable substances such as hay, gas or gun powder. VEST POCKET FLASHLIGHTS... 85c. to \$1.65. TUBULAR FLASHLIGHTS... \$1.10 to \$2.65. PORTABLE FLASHLIGHTS... \$3.50 to \$4.50. PISTOL FLASHLIGHTS... \$1.85. ELECTRIC CANDLES AND LANTERNS... \$1.15 to \$2.75. EXTRA BULBS AND BATTERIES for all lamps always in stock. You can Direct the Light of an EVER-READY Lamp exactly where you need it. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

STORES OPEN AT 9 AND CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED. KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE.

First Showing of Ladies' and Misses' AFTERNOON DRESSES. All the Novel Fabrics and Trimming Effects Are Introduced in These Dainty Creations of the Designer's Art, Demonstrating Many Striking Style Innovations. Crepe de Chine, Taffeta, and Soft Satins, or Combinations of Georgette Crepe and Satin are the materials. The loose-plaited effects are strongly featured. Fancy pockets of various shapes and sizes, or the application of colored embroidery, are the distinctive trimming features of these charming gowns... \$9.75 to \$35.00. COSTUME SECTION.

JUST RECEIVED The Cadillac Vacuum Cleaner. The Best Carpet Cleaner Known. Vertical Type Motion, 1-7 Horse Power. Two-inch nozzle with rotary bristle brush. Weight only ten pounds. Absolutely no effort required to operate this machine. Price - \$37.50. Extra attachments for cleaning Mattresses, Furniture, Draperies, etc., seven pieces in all... \$8.50. CARPET DEPARTMENT.

LADIES' HOSE. FINE BLACK CASHMERE HOSE... 35c. pair. PLAIN BLACK CASHMERE HOSE... 45c., 50c., 60c., 70c., 85c., pair. PLAIN BLACK CASHMERE HOSE—Out size... 75c. pair. CHILDREN'S RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE... 25c. to 65c., according to size. LADIES' FIBRE SILK ANKLE HOSE—White, black, sky, putty, bronze and navy... 85c. pair. FIBRE SILK ANKLE HOSE—Black, white, pearl grey, suede and pink... \$1.00 pair. HOSE DEPARTMENT. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

Around the City

Stable Keeper Assigns. James A. Bulyea, livery stable keeper, Elgin street, has assigned to George H. V. Belyea, carrier.

Teamsters Given Warning. The police magistrate issues a warning to teamsters that those not having bells on their sleighs will be fined.

Higt Tide at Eastport.

The rise and fall of tides about the harbor were very noticeable last week and Thursday were reported to have reached a height of 27 feet which is a record breaker, although none of the wharves were overflowed and no damage done to local property. The steamer North Star of E. S. Co., at her Sea street wharf, during the afternoon, was partly grounded for a short time which is somewhat odd for any part of the season.

Tendered Supper and Dance.

Percy A. McNeill and J. Weldon Currie were given a surprise in the form of a supper and dance at the Manor House last evening, by a number of their friends. The two gentlemen, who have been connected with the Royal Bank of Canada, in this city, have been transferred to that bank in San Domingo, and they expect to leave this week for New York where they will take the first steamer sailing in March for San Domingo. These two young gentlemen are most popular in the city and will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends.

LOCAL BOWLING

A double-header was rolled in the City League on Black's alleys last night. In the first game the Tigers won three points from the Whips, while in the second game the Specials captured three points from the Whips. The scores of the games follow:

First Game. Whips—Williams... 92 102 85 279 93. Crowe... 83 109 80 272 90 2-3. Harrington... 79 83 91 253 84 1-3. Belyea... 79 86 87 252 84. Smith... 90 95 98 283 94 1-3. 428 475 441 1339. Tigers—Belyea... 100 83 94 277 92 1-3. Jones... 102 85 84 271 90 1-3. Howard... 167 89 89 285 95. Bailey... 83 90 99 272 90 2-3. Lunney... 121 114 78 313 104 1-3. 513 461 444 1418. Second Game. Whips—Williams... 78 106 105 289 96 1-3. Crowe... 80 86 81 247 83 1-3. Harrington... 89 103 78 270 90. Belyea... 81 88 86 255 85. Smith... 84 74 88 246 82. 412 467 438 1307. Specials—McIntyre... 96 74 85 255 85. Chase... 99 97 112 298 99 1-3. Fitzgerald... 92 84 91 267 85 2-3. White... 92 84 94 264 84 2-3. Wilson... 104 105 114 323 107 2-3. 457 444 486 1387.

The Tigers and Specials roll to night. Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarette Cases, Signet Rings and Military Brushes. A grand selection of these articles is always kept in stock. The famous Wrist Watch is also shown in many styles.

NINETY-ONE MEN FOR THE PAST WEEK

City of St. John Supplies Fifty-eight of That Number.

Ninety-one men was the total for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 24th. For the seven days the province contributed one man more than it did the week previous, and about half as many as the week ending Feb. 10th, when 186 men signed on for overseas service. For the corresponding week last year the province contributed 200 men. This means that recruiting has fallen off in the last twelve months approximately one hundred per cent. Notwithstanding this decrease the province ranks well up in the report for the Dominion. In fact the city of St. John although much smaller than Montreal and Toronto, is ahead of both cities in the matter of recruiting.

The list by counties follows:

St. John County—216th Battalion... 14. 236th Battalion... 6. 16th Field Am. Train... 17. Canadian Engineers... 4. Machine Gun Draft... 5. C. A. S. C... 5. 9th Siege Battery... 1. Home Service... 6. Westmorland—Dir. Am. Column... 2. Canadian Engineers... 6. Special Railway Battalion... 7. Field Artillery Draft... 1. Carleton—45th Field Battery... 3. 236th Battalion... 1. 16th Field Am. Train... 3. York—Special Railway Battalion... 1. C. A. S. C... 1. 236th Battalion... 1. Restigouche—236th Battalion... 1. Home Service... 2.

GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON VALLEY RY.

Nova Scotia Construction Company Awarded the Contract for the Completion of the Line Between Centreville and Andover.

According to John Gillis, an official of the Nova Scotia Construction Company, who was in the city yesterday, the company is making satisfactory progress with their contract for the construction of the Valley Railway between Westfield and Gagetown. The bridge work is very well advanced throughout the entire line, while Puopore Bros. have been able to successfully handle the big rock cut at Jones' Creek, loosening out about 25,000 yards last week. The Nova Scotia Construction Company has been awarded the contract for the completion of the railway between Centreville and Andover, a distance of twenty-eight miles. Mr. Gillis said that arrangements were already being made for the carrying on of the work in this section, but it was impossible at the present time to announce just how soon a start would be made on the work. The contract was signed about a week ago.

Northumberland—Canadian Engineers... 1. Home Service... 1. Gloucester—Home Service... 2. Charlotte—Home Service... 1. Albert... 1. Kings... 0. Victoria... 0. Madawaska... 0. Queens and Sunbury... 0. Kent... 0. Total for week... 31. Chief Recruiting Officer for N. B.