

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime — Gales westerly to northwesterly, clearing and turning very cold.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Forecast: Northern New England Partly cloudy and much colder Saturday; cold wave in Maine; Sunday fair; continued cold; northwest gales Saturday, diminishing by night.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Forecast: The disturbance which covered the middle Atlantic states last night has developed into a severe storm, which is now centred over New Brunswick, causing very stormy conditions in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine and for the most part decidedly colder.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	-36	4
Victoria	38	42
Kamloops	14	18
Edmonton	2	10
Battleford	2	10
Prince Albert	2	18
Calgary	30	37
Medicine Hat	18	32
Moose Jaw	15	30
Winnipeg	20	24
Port Arthur	24	10
Perry Sound	24	10
London	4	15
Toronto	1	10
Ottawa	2	11
Montreal	5	10
Quebec	6	18
St. John	32	38
Halifax	28	46

—Below zero.

ST JOHN NOT A DRY TOWN LAST NIGHT

Rain, Floods, Slush and Ice Sidewalks Made Navigation Hazardous on Streets and Sidewalks of the Old City.

A quotation from the Good Book came forcibly before the minds of many citizens and strangers within the gates late yesterday afternoon and evening, to wit: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." It was not only a case of the far from good standing in slippery cases, but all others as well found the middle of the city's highways preferable to the sidewalks of St. John. Ice, slush, water from the clouds and water on the streets, sidewalks and almost everywhere contributed to make the late afternoon and evening the most disagreeable that St. John has seen for many months.

Conditions were especially bad in that section of lower Mill street in the vicinity of Hazen's alley, where a torrent of water swept across from the railway yard, across Mill street over the sidewalks and into the buildings. The basements of several places were flooded and the water level swept over the first floors of three or four stores and shops.

Water in Washee House.

Hop Lee and Ham Lee, two industrious laundries whose cleansing and ironing establishments are at 126 Main street naturally were accustomed to plenty of water, but when the flood made a dead set for the washee house the two celestials became alarmed for the safety of their Saturday's output of starched bonnets and collars. The dry goods in the laundry were placed in safety, but some of the contents of the basement became wet goods shortly after five o'clock.

The business men in the vicinity telephoned for Commissioner Fisher but it was some time before that gentleman could be located. It appears that the catch basins were frozen over or choked up with melting snow and ice.

Dr. David J. Mullin, dentist; Michael Marcus and others, as well as the laundries, were in the path of the flood. Pedestrians had a hard time navigating the sidewalks and street. Some fell on the ice, some got wet and others decided to contribute to the coffers of the St. John Street Railway and ride over the turbulent stream.

15 MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

Recruiting in St. John Continues to Show Very Satisfactory Results — Genuine Military News.

HONOR ROLL.

Thomas O'Grady, St. John
Walter P. Foley, St. John
65th Battalion

Hugh Briggs, St. John
Frederick Gould, St. John
Walter Johnson, St. John
Isaiah Terreo, Italy
Ralph Roberts, St. John
James Graham, St. John
John McColgan, St. John
George W. Hunter, St. John
Emmery Samuel

25th Battalion

Robert H. Flanagan, Richbuckto, N. B.
Edward Bond, Kent Co., N. B.
George Glover, Lower Millstream, N. B.
James Thompson, Dipper Harbor, N. B.
Canadian Army Service Corps

Fifteen men were signed on in the city for the different units now enlisting men in this province. The 25th Railway Construction Corps yesterday secured nine men.

The big recruiting rally which was to be held in the Imperial Theatre on Sunday night in the interest of the Railway Construction Battalion has been cancelled, as no more men will be signed on in this city after noon today. This was made known yesterday.

The first of the week the men will leave for Toronto to commence their preliminary training. They will not be very long on this side of the Atlantic, according to military advice received in the city by Lieut. Morton. Staff Sergeant Beverley G. Appleby has been gazetted a provisional lieutenant in the 8th Princess Louise New Brunswick Hussars.

Major L. P. D. Thayer, director of National Service for New Brunswick, is expected home today from Ottawa. Captain Richard, adjutant of the 16th Battalion, has returned to his battalion after a few days leave.

LABOR MEN WILL QUIZ CANDIDATES

Trades and Labor Council Last Evening Prepared Set of Questions to Be Submitted to Provincial Candidates.

It was decided at a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, which was held last night in the council rooms on Union street, with C. H. Stevens, Jr. in the chair, to place before the candidates of both parties several questions and have them express in public their attitude to them. Before these matters were brought up a communication was read from the city solicitor asking the council to appoint a delegate for the purpose of taking up the boarding house registry by-law recently proposed. The secretary, James L. Surpre, was appointed.

Candidates for the provincial election will be asked to express their stand on the following matters:

1. Compensation Act—Administered by the provincial government covering every worker, male and female.
2. Factory Act—Providing for a female inspector and reducing the hours of female labor.
3. Bureau of Labor Act—Provision to be made for a commissioner at the head of the bureau and to be a member of the executive council of the government with portfolio.
4. Fair Wage Schedule—To affect the work of all classes engaged in government work.
5. Legislation providing for 14 days training for motormen and conductors.
6. Health Act—Provision to be made for the practical inspection of all localities.
7. For the abolition of the contract system on all public works.
8. The abolition of the election deposit.
9. Direct legislation through the initiative and referendum.
10. Equal suffrage for men and women with equal pay for equal work.
11. Eight hour day.
12. Government ownership of public utilities.
13. Widow's pension law.
14. Free school books.
15. Compulsory education up to sixteen years with dental and medical inspection of the pupils at regular periods.

The secretary was instructed to make inquiries as to school children and workmen's tickets on the street railway.

The council endorsed the actions and attitude of the I.L.A. 273, in their efforts to protect the lives of the workmen on the docks at West St. John. Being taken by the city council to reduce the number of guards on the West Side.

It was also pointed out that each and every man before he is issued with a ticket was closely examined as to his personality by the executive board of the association. Every precaution was being taken by the association, as the police and military authorities refuse to accept any responsibility regarding the matter.

A strong protest was registered against the suggestion made recently by the city to increase the working hours of the guards from eight to fourteen, the members claiming that this was not in accord with union principles.

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Around the City

Slightly Injured.

Mrs. Wm. J. Brown received a cable from her husband, Lieut. Brown, who went overseas with the 16th Battalion and who is now with an infantry battalion at the front, informing her that he had sustained a slight fracture of the shoulder.

Socials at Y. M. C. A.

Two social Bible groups were held last night at the Y.M.C.A., at which Mr. Greg and Mr. Bone gave short addresses on "The Power of Prayer." Lunch was provided by Mrs. Sterling assisted by members of the auxiliary.

Handkerchief Shower.

A number of friends of Miss Nellie Rogers tendered her a handkerchief shower at the home of Mrs. LeBaron Clark, City Line, West End, last night. A very pleasant evening was spent by all in games and other amusements. Refreshments were served at midnight when the assembly broke up all wishing Miss Rogers many happy returns.

High Tea Next Week.

The ladies of St. John the Baptist church, Broad street, will hold a high tea on next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the basement of the church. There will be some tables with fancy goods. Music by the orchestra of the 16th Bn. and St. Peter's Y.M.C.A. orchestra. Come and enjoy yourself.

Prizes for E. W. V. A. Sports.

A splendid array of valuable prizes is displayed in the windows of the I. C. R. ticket office, King street. They have been donated by various business houses to the European War Veterans' Association for the purpose of being awarded on the occasion of the skating tournament which is proposed to hold in the Victoria rink, on Feb. 13.

Sermon by Rev. W. H. Hertz at Exmouth Street Church.

The fifth and final week day service, held in connection with the 50th anniversary of the Exmouth street Methodist church took the form of a social service last evening. In spite of the inclement weather there was an average attendance, and consequently most of the members were present to answer the roll call. The Rev. W. H. Hertz, who was pastor of the church from 1867 to 1870, delivered a most stirring and encouraging address.

Will be No Inquest.

The body of Joseph P. Mills, found dead near the Canadian Pacific Railway track, close to Westfield Beach, on Thursday evening, was brought to the city on the Boston train yesterday morning and taken to his mother's home on Britain street. Coroner (Delya of Brown's Flats is confined to his bed through sickness and was unable to deal with the case, and Hon. J. A. Murray and Mr. Geo. B. Jones, after looking into the matter, could find no blame on the part of the C. P. R., and nothing to warrant the holding of an inquest. On consulting Attorney-General Baxter, who had the body brought to St. John and handed over to the relatives of deceased.

Special Values in Tweeds.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are giving extra good values in Tweeds suitable for suits and dresses. A 36 inch tweed is being sold for 75c. and 80c. per yard, and they are showing an extra good value in a 60 inch tweed for only 99c. yard. This piece of tweed is easily worth \$1.50 per yard. Notwithstanding the high cost of woolen materials at the present time this firm is making a great reputation for selling dress goods at reasonable prices.

Slippery Sidewalks.

The sidewalks all over the city, excepting King street and a few other thoroughfares were covered with treacherous ice. The footing was also bad for horses on the hilly streets.

Miniature floods bothered occupants of buildings in several parts of the city but the worst flood was on Mill street. The railroad men found conditions in the yards decidedly moist.

The Mill street business men who sustained damage from the water are wondering whether it is up to the city or to the railroad to make good. The water in the Hazen alley section came from the railway yard, but the city failed to provide an outlet for several hours.

"Handy Men" on Parade.

To help stimulate interest in recruiting on behalf of the navy, a detachment of naval men from one of His Majesty's ships paraded through the principal streets yesterday. It was a matter for regret that the weather was so unfavorable, nevertheless as the blue-jackets marched along with the 16th Battalion Band at their head, providing music, they formed an unusual and interesting spectacle.

The route traversed from the naval recruiting office was Prince William street, St. James and Sydney streets, King Square, Charlotte, Union, Dock, Union, Charlotte, King and Prince William streets, back to the recruiting office, arriving at which the men were entertained at a smoker, which had been arranged by the ladies of the committee, under Miss Chino and Mrs. Mulcahey. Quite a programme had been mapped out at short notice, including as it did, solos by Miss Chino, Mrs. White, Captain Mulcahey, Mr. Jones, Petty Officer Riley and members of the crew, whilst the 16th Battalion vocal quartette, together with the band, gave several splendid selections. Mrs. Mulcahey officiated at the piano.

One member of the crew who appeared to not only enjoy the marching but the concert just as much as any of those present was the sailors' mascot, "Billy," the goat. Wearing a covering of blue with the name embroidered in white, "Billy" formed no small feature of the parade.

OPERA HOUSE OPENS TODAY

The Opera House, renovated and brought strictly up-to-date, will open this afternoon under its new policy, presenting five high class and refined vaudeville acts of the same high standard as presented in the best theatres of the country. One performance only this afternoon, starting at 2.30. Two complete shows tonight, at 7.30 and 9. At each performance will be seen the first episode of the mystery serial photodrama, The Crimson Stain Mystery.

Lorne Ward.

The supporters of the provincial government party will meet in Orange Hall, Simonds street, each evening until after the election.

ENTERTAINED STAFF OF OFFICE AND SALESMEN

L. P. Thayer, local manager of the International Harvester Company, of Canada, Limited, entertained the office and travelling staff, the latter having been attending the annual reunion here, at a banquet at the Royal Hotel Wednesday evening. After partaking of an excellent repast, consisting of a nine course dinner, speech making was in order. General routine business was discussed by the following:—M. E. Burritt, cashier, who spoke along general lines and referred to the good feeling existing between the sales and office staff. R. J. Sheaffer, J. A. McIsaac, G. A. Terry and I. C. Archibald spoke on the good features of the different machines, particularly in regard to the assistance which is obtainable from the field force when both departments of the organization are brought together; Thomas Trainor spoke on exporting and field service, and John Peters on repairs, which is probably the most important feature of the agricultural implement business. Owing to the lateness of the hour other addresses had to be dispensed with. Before breaking up A. T. Vinnicombe, of the office staff presented to Manager Thayer, on behalf of the office staff, a handsome smokers' set for his "den" at home, while G. A. Terry, of the travelling force, on their behalf presented him with another handsome smokers' set for his office. A. T. Vinnicombe, on behalf of the combined staff, presented to the cashier, M. E. Burritt, a handsome easy chair, bearing a plate on which was inscribed "Here to You" St. John, N. B., Feb. 1917. After a few general remarks from the manager the gathering was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

Andrew McNichol.

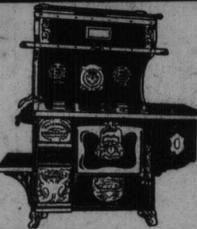
The many friends of Andrew McNichol will learn with deep regret of his death which occurred last night at his residence, 252 King street east, after an illness covering a period of nearly two years. In the passing of Mr. McNichol St. John loses one of its best citizens. For a period of forty years he was a familiar figure in the post office, where his courteous manner and genial disposition won for him a host of friends. He was born in St. John and spent his entire life of 72 years in the city. The deceased was a past master of New Brunswick Lodge, F. and A. M., and past deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. He was also a charter member of Union Lodge, Knights

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