THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Northwest to west winds, fresh to strong at first; fair and comparatively mild.

Toronto, March 24.—The depression which was over Colorado last night, now covers the Missouri Valley, with diminished energy. Light snowfalls have been general today in Manitoba, and over Lake Superior, otherwise the weather has been everywhere fair.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	*2	22
Prince Rupert	30	42
Victoria	38	44
Vancouver	36	42
Calgary	24	42
Edmonton	20	26
Battleford	12	20
Medicine Hat	22	40
Moose Jaw	15	35
Prince Albert	10	26
Regina	14	17
Winnipeg	24	30
Parry Sound	2	34
London	12	37
Toronto	12	33
Ottawa	4	34
Quebec	8	36
St. John	14	34
Halifax	16	34

*—Below zero.

Around the City

Successful Entertainment.

The Mission Band of St. Andrew's church held a very successful entertainment last evening. The entertainment, which was under the direction of Miss G. White, Mrs. Clarence Steeves and S. Elkins, was splendidly staged by the juvenile cast of characters. The amount realized by the Mission Band was nearly $100, which will be used for foreign work.

Car Traffic Delayed.

A heavy freight train was stalled over the Mill street crossing last night about 10.30 o'clock with the result that for about fifteen minutes a dozen north and south bound street cars were held up. A great amount of inconvenience was caused to the passengers on the cars, as well as persons who were waiting along the car line.

WEST SIDE TOBACCO DAY A BIG SUCCESS

Soldiers' Comfort Association's Effort Realized $352.80 for "Smokes" for the Soldiers.

The ladies of the West Side Soldiers' Comfort Association are to be congratulated on the very gratifying success of the tobacco day. The cash donation amounted to $352.00, while the value of tobacco and cigarettes received amounted to $68. This splendid report shows the generous spirit of the people of the West Side, and the heartfelt interest they entertain for the boys who are fighting for their King and country at the front.

Mrs. A. Martenson, collectors Mrs. M. Perkins, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Mrs. A. Rawlings, Mrs. H. Kitchen, Mrs. G. Barrett, Mrs. A. Cruikshank, Mrs. O. Evans, the Misses N. Stackhouse, N. Logan, H. Bigelow, F. Sampson, A. Tobin, A. Lee, B. Thompson, B. Lee, D. Carlton, M. Clark, M. Tobin, H. Lee, N. Purvus, E. Wilkins, B. Hammond, F. Brittain, E. Smith, F. Campbell, G. Warnock.

Mrs. R. Terry and Mrs. Martin served hot tea and coffee, while Mrs. F. Belyea, assisted by Mrs. J. Henderson, Mrs. D. Newcombe, Mrs. J. M. Driscoll, Mrs. J. Britain, Mrs. J. Lee, served refreshments at the rooms.

Mrs. W. Tobin, convenor of tobacco, was assisted in receiving by Mrs. A. W. Fraser, Mrs. W. Lilley and Mrs. C. E. Girvan.

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Popular Priced Millinery at M.R.A.'s.

There is splendid value as well as unusual style represented in the Trimmed Ready-to-Wear Hats which the Millinery Salon is offering today at only $3.50, $5.00 and $7.50. They comprise some of the season's most charming effects in silk, flower, ribbon and ornament embellishment on exceedingly smart and becoming shapes.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. have received another shipment of new silks, including a full range of the celebrated line of Habutai silks. These silks are one yard wide and are to be had in all the new shades of sky, maize, reseda, Belgian blue, battleship grey, flesh color, navy blue and black and white. These are guaranteed washable and are very durable and make beautiful waists and dresses. They have also received a shipment of the much wanted white gloves. These are the white Mocha gloves with the heavy black stitching and are selling at $1.25 a pair.

Band and good ice at the Victoria this afternoon.

BRING GOOD NEWS OF OUR MEN ON THE FIRING LINE

Sicilian in Port Brings Number of Returned Soldiers—Pte. W. J. Rossborough, of the 26th, a Hero of Famous Crater Fight, Among Those Returning—Good News of Col. Massie, Maj. McKean and Capt. D. B. Pidgeon.

The Allan liner Sicilian arrived yesterday and docked at two p.m. She was thirteen days on the trip owing to rough weather. Two accidents happened on the trip. On Monday, the 13th, one of the naval men, Edgar A. King, slipped on the deck and broke his collar bone. One of the passengers also fell and broke his wrist. The steamer had a total of 541 passengers of whom 152 were returning soldiers. Seventeen of these were for Maritime Province points. She brought 3,944 packages of mail of which 1,619 was for Russian points.

Major A. Prince, of Windsor, Ont., who went across with the 18th Battalion and served for seven months on the firing line with the 4th Brigade, has returned to take a new post with the 99th Battalion, now being recruited in Windsor. Major Prince said that their Divisional Train was largely composed of Maritime men under the command of Col. Massie. He said they were on the job all the time and kept the men well supplied with the necessities and sometimes the luxuries of trench life. He spoke of Capt. D. B. Pidgeon and Major McKean and said that when he left the front, about six weeks ago, they were all well.

The particular line of trenches which the 4th Brigade are holding was known as the worst in the line when they took them over. But today it was different. The boys had gone to work and rebuilt and repaired them, and it was conceded by those in authority that their trenches were as good if not better than any other section of the entire line. The men were in excellent spirits, and conditions were very good. There had been very little sickness among the men all winter.

A D. C. M. Man.

Pte. L. L. Spalding, of Winnipeg, a member of the 8th Battalion, is a D. C. M. man. He was in charge of a machine gun at Ypres and received the D. C. M. for sticking to his gun in an exposed position and holding back the Germans for some time. He also succeeded in putting two of the German machine guns of commission. The recommendation for the medal was made by a British officer who had noticed the stand he made against the enemy. Pte. Spalding was not at all inclined to talk and did not seem to feel that he had done anything out of the ordinary.

After he has a few weeks' rest he expects to take a commission in the 90th Battalion, which is now being recruited in Winnipeg.

Sergt.-Major Rowe-Whitton, of Toronto, a member of the 20th Battalion, was noticed walking through the shed with one arm in a sling and enough ribbons on his breast to make a fairly good hair ribbon for a young lady. He is now serving in his fourth campaign, under three different rulers. He has seen service in India, Egypt, South Africa and the present war in Europe. He expects to get a commission in the 166th Battalion. He was wounded at Messines. He got in the way of one of the German machine guns and had his wrist badly smashed. He said it was all trench warfare at the present time and the great danger was from shells and snipers. The snipers on both sides were busy all the time and the fellow who poked his head above the parapet was very apt to get plugged.

Fought in Four Big Battles.

Corp. Mitchell, of Berlin, Ont., a member of the 1st Battalion, has come back minus an arm, which he lost at Givenchy. He served through the battles of Ypres, Louvain, Festubert and Givenchy. On the 15th of June last he received the wound which caused the loss of his arm. He was wounded in five different places on that day and still lives to tell the tale. He had been in hospital in France and England ever since and was glad to get back to Canada once again.

Others who returned were Capt. D. C. Davis, of McLeod, Alberta, a member of the Lord Strathcona Horse. He was wounded in December last and has been in hospital ever since. L-Corp. A. G. Veith, of Digby, went over with the Princess Pats. On the 2nd day of May last a German bomb exploded near him and blinded him. A number of nursing sisters were among those who returned. Sister G. E. Burns, of Toronto, who went over with the first contingent has had the honor of being appointed by Surgeon-General Jones as permanent conducting sister to the medically unfit coming back to Canada. Sister Burns was one of the first Canadian nurses in France, going there in the fall of 1914. She has given excellent service and this appointment is in recognition of her good work. Sister Burns says she would just as soon take a chance once a month in the torpedo zone as every day in the shell zone. Sister Kinnear, of Ottawa, has served in both France and Egypt. She found it very hot in Egypt. She has been called home by illness in her family and expects to return to her work in the near future. Sister Princeps, of Ottawa, has been invalided home.

Among the Maritime men who returned were W. J. Nelson of this city, who left here with the 55th Battalion, but had to return home on account of illness. There was one member of the Fighting 26th, Pte. G. F. Rossborough, of Prince William. He was wounded on the 13th day of October last in the famous crater fight. He was one of the riflemen who made the charge and while leaning over the German parapet he was shot across the shoulders. The man next to him got the Hun that put him out of business. He was paralyzed for about a month, but is feeling much better now. Major Brown had come to the hospital where he was a few days before they sailed. He said the major was looking well and was about ready to go back to the front again. Pte. J. F. White, of Alberton, P. E. I., a member of the Princess Pats, was in the big scrap of the 8th of May last when they lost the greater part of the battalion. He was wounded in that fight and has been in hospital ever since. He was glad to get back home, even if it was winter weather in the last of March. Another P. E. I. man was Pte. W. Crosby, of Charlottetown, who was attached to the 1st Divisional Corps of Cyclers at Division Headquarters. He was suffering from shell shock. Pte. R. Smith, of Sydney Mines, C. B., a member of the Pioneers, was suffering from concussion. Several members of the 40th Battalion were on board, returning on account of illness. Pte. C. B. Melanson, of Amherst, N. S.; Pte. W. A. Fisher, Antigonish, N. S.; Pte. G. Suttee, Yarmouth, N. S., and Pte. S. Doney, of St. Margaret's Bay.

The following is the full list of those who returned.

The following sailed to Canada per the S.S. Sicilian, March 11, 1916:

Captain L. H. Grover, 1st Battalion, officer in charge; Capt. J. J. Gillespie, C. A. M. C., on leave; Capt. M. L. Tindall, C. A. S. C., for home service; Capt D. C. Davis, Lord Strathcona Horse; Lieut. I. Finn, 10th Battalion; Lieut. W. J. Cheverie, assisting officer in charge, 98th Siege Battery; Lieut. F. A. Ladd, 10th Battalion, new post; Lieut. J. L. Brook, pay office, special duty; Lieut. S. Baxandall, pay officer, special duty; Major A. Prince 18th Battalion, new post; Lieut. H. J. Brewer, 14th Batt.; Lieut. W. J. Pace, 4th Batt.; Lieut. W. J. S. Shapre, 21st Batt; Lieut. A. E. McArthur, R. A. M. C., medical officer; Nursing Sister C. W. Viets, attendant; Nursing Sister A. P. Riordan, attendant; Nursing Sister Princep; Nursing sister H. M. Kinnear; Nursing Sister Burns; Sergt. F. A. Lewis, C. F. A.; Sergt. C. A. Billings, pay office; Sergt. G. Tetreault, C. A. M. C.; Sergt. Major F. J. Blurton, 8th Batt., new post; Sergt. A. Gillatt, 11th Batt., new post; Q. M. S. E. McLean, pay office, special duty; Q. M. S. G. E. Harrison, pay office, special duty; Sergt. M. Ridge, 17th Batt.; Private J. Sloane, 12th Batt; C. A. C. Sergt. John Hale; Pte. J. Jacquet, 23rd Batt.; Pte. S. Fournier; C. O. R. C. C. Pte. W. C. Crosby; Lance Corporal A. G. Veith, 11th Batt; G. Huartson, 12th Batt.; 36th Batt., R. Anderson, J. W. Baker, J. Croft, A. Herod, H. Lucas, J. Rigby, C. A. Round, F. Smith, Corporal W. E. Mitchell; 30th Batt., Ptes. T. E. Burgess, A. Campbell, T. M. J. Fortune, G. Gray, P. McPherson, G. McHeath, S. Pitchford, F. Smith, G. Springford, R. Webb, J. Waller, Sergt. Major W. Whitton, Canadian Div. Am. Park; A. Branchaud, A. Charbonneau, C. Grant, J. Giltman, O. Hule, E. Laverdure, A. P. Lamothe, J. Milne, H. G. McMartin, B. Olson, 23rd Batt.; C. E. Street, T. Vigus, Corporal W. Burleigh, W. A. Dawes, Lance Corporal J. Cohoon, Pte. H. Champagne, Sergt. R. Jenkins, 11th Batt.; Ptes. F. Bull, A. Barrett, P. M. Boyle, J. Cummings, G. Matthews, 36th Batt.; G. Milne, 11th Batt.; W. D. Moyle, R. B. Maxwell, C. McIntosh, J. T. Styles, L. L. Spalding, H. Smith, J. O. Wickman, F. Waite, Lance Corporal W. Rollerson, 39th Batt.; Ptes. J. S. Bedlow, T Cameron, T. A. Farlardeau, E. James, M. King, W. A. Milligan, W. Butchliff, E. W. Morrow, C. A. Stevens, Corporal C. C. Bongard, C. A. S. C.; Ptes. N. Blain, J. D. Dunbar, J. Burbeck, J. Waterson; Cavalry Depot, Tpr. R. M. Bond, Ptes A. R. Major, W. MacIntyre, J. Schmidt, J. H. Templeton; C. A. M. C., E. Fairhurst, E. H. Fuller, W. K. Pickard, J. C. Speen, Corporal T. Baxter; 9th Batt., Ptes. A. E. Boyce J. Malcol, D. Richardson, C. Reilly, G. E. Wyness, Sergt. W. Bailey; Tr. Depot Eng., Q. M. S. W E Craig; 40th Batt., Pte. S. Dorey, W. A. Fougere, C. Melanson, G. Suttie, T. Dean, H. Graystone, A Lolin, W. C. Jones, E. Love, J. Massey, G. Nichols, W. J. Nelson, E. Rowbotham, C. F. Rossborough, H. N. Smith, L. N. Smith, W. T. Woodford, Lance Corporal G. W. Dean; C. S. M. H. W. McCurdy, Sergt. H. Whitneck; 17th Batt., Ptes. S. Griffin, F. Mawson, Sergt. W. W. Lundy, A. Wilson; 44th Batt., J. Johnson; 43rd Batt., T. Langstaff; 32nd Batt., J. C. Murphy, A. Rammage, Corporal R. Torley, C. F. A. Wheeler, C. G. Paskins; 2nd Pioneers, Pte. H. Smith.

Willard-Moran Bulletins at Imperial.

The Imperial will hold a third show tonight commencing at 10 o'clock for which the usual prices of admission will be asked. There will be films of various kinds including some sporting pictures, also complete returns of the Willard-Moran bout as it takes place in New York. A special wire has been installed on the Imperial's stage and the rounds will be given in full a few minutes after they take place. The Saturday evening shows at the Imperial will commence at 7, 8.30 and 10.

Band and good ice at the Victoria this afternoon.

SGT. WHITNECT OF THE 26TH HOME AGAIN

Hero of Crater Fight was Afterwards Injured When German Mine Blew Up Section of Trench.

Sergt. H. B. Whitnect, a member of the fighting 26th, returned yesterday on the Sicilian. He has been away from the firing line since the 28th day of October last, having been blown up along with fifty others on that day by a German mine. He was one of the lucky ones on the 13th of October for he came through the crater fight with only a few scratches—in fact he was only laid up for a couple of days. When he reported for duty after the crater fight he was sent to the 5th Brigade headquarters and given command of a navy brigade of sappers and miners. Their duty was to keep the trenches in repair and to build dugouts and such like. On the 28th of October they were working in a part of the trenches making dugouts when the Germans exploded a mine and blew up the whole section. He had fifty men in the trench with him and of that number thirty-five were killed outright and two died afterwards from their wounds. Sergt. Whitnect himself was thrown about thirty-five feet by the explosion. He was taken first to the West Tudor Hospital, from there to Beluce and then to Boulogne. From there he was sent to a V.A.D. hospital in Dover. He said that everything possible was being done for the sick and wounded men and they received the best of care. He was not sorry he had gone with the boys and tried to do his bit, but he was glad to be back in Canada again, it certainly looked good to him.

ROMANTIC WEDDING IN VICTORIA HOTEL

English Lady Arrived on Sicilian Met at Dock by Bridegroom and Married Last Evening.

The marriage of Miss Clara Jackson of Leeds, England, to George E. Jaycock, which took place last evening, March 24th, in the parlors of the Victoria Hotel in this city, was the final act in many little romances which link the "Old Home Land" with the provinces of this great Dominion.

The groom, formerly of Yorkshire, England, now a prosperous young farmer of Raymore, Saskatchewan, has been several days in the city awaiting the arrival of the Sicilian bearing his bride from across the seas.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Barraclough, pastor of the Centenary Methodist church, in the presence of a group of fellow passengers, who assembled to wish the young couple a long and happy life. Rev. F. H. Harding, of British Guiana, and W. H. McIntyre, Ottawa, were the witnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaycock leave this afternoon by the C. P. R. for their far distant home in Saskatchewan.

SEASIDE PARK TO BE FURTHER BEAUTIFIED

Popular Resort Owned by St. John Railway Co. to be Made a "Regular" Park.

The twenty-three acres of beautiful land at Seaside Park, Bay Shore, belonging to the St. John Railway Co., was placed under the care of H. E. Geold last summer and this well-known garden designer and authority on trees and outdoor decorative effects, placed several thousands of small trees over the property. With cars running over the bridge this coming summer, Seaside Park will therefore be more of a pleasure-spot than ever. As in the past, it will be policed and kept in good condition at the expense of the Railway Co. It is a delightful recreation spot with sea-bathing privileges, picnic groves and open air amusements and now that the St. John Railway Co. have made their lines continue into Lancaster, their plan of developing this resort along American lines will be put into effect as soon as weather conditions will allow.—Advt.

To Hold Cafe Concert.

The French Club had a meeting yesterday afternoon in the residence of Mrs. James Seely, Mecklenburg St., to make arrangements for a cafe concert, which will be held May 2nd in the Knights of Columbus Hall. It will be in aid of the Allies' hospital at the front. The committee in charge are making arrangements for a very successful affair.

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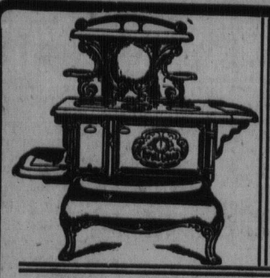

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