

THE WEATHER

Forecast
Maritime—Fresh southwest-
erly winds, cloudy and mild,
with some light local sleet or
rain.
Toronto, Jan. 20—The weather
has turned quite mild from
Ontario eastward, and light
snow has fallen in most places
while in the western provinces
there has been very little
change.

Temperatures	
	Min. Max.
Victoria	34 46
Vancouver	32 36
Kamloops	26 32
Calgary	20 30
Edmonton	14 10
Battleford	14 8
Prince Albert	14 2
Moose Jaw	20 23
Regina	19 12
Port Arthur	10 32
Parry Sound	14 36
London	19 36
Toronto	20 33
Kingston	19 34
Ottawa	10 32
Quebec	12 18
St. John	4 20
Halifax	8 32

—Below zero.

Around the City

Into Winter Quarters.
The United States coast guard cutter Adroscoggin arrived at Shelburne yesterday to establish winter quarters for the relief of fishing vessels. The cutter furnishes medical aid to fishermen during the boisterous season.

Skating Party.
Miss Marjorie Simonds of 207 Rockland Road, entertained a number of her friends last night at a skating party at Queen's Rink. After the skating they adjourned to her residence where refreshments were served and a very pleasant time spent by all present.

Lecture in West End.
There was a good attendance in the Carleton City Hall last evening when under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire an illustrated lecture was given by Mrs. E. Atherton Smith. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of a piano for the use of the soldiers in the Y. M. C. A. rooms in West St. John. The City Cornet band furnished music.

Retail Fish Market.
There was a fair supply of fish in the retail market yesterday, prices ruling about as usual. Lobsters remain scarce at from 20c. to 50c. each. Fresh haddock and cod brought 5c. per pound, halibut 18c. and 20c.; smelt 15c. pound; oysters were from 65c. to \$1.00 quart; dry cod 8c. per pound, haddock 15c., salt herring 32c. per dozen. Retailers say that there has been a steady demand for fish of late.

Assisted in the Capture.
Regarding the capture of August Hartwig in St. John last October after he had escaped from the Halifax internment camp, it was learned that Harry Dryden, a teamster for White's Express, had something to do with assisting in making the capture. Hartwig had travelled from Campbellton selling goods and put up at a Charlotte street boarding house. He had requested Dryden to haul his trunks. Dryden became suspicious that the man was a German and gave notice to the police. Dryden is now a constable with the C. P. R.

Installation of Officers.
The following officers of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter were installed last night by P. G. H. Priest, Dr. W. L. Ellis, assisted by P. H. P. H. H. Hissett (E. H. P., W. H. Smith); E. K. W. J. McCleverty; E. S. Max Ross; Treas., H. A. Porter; Sec., Dr. J. A. Langstroth; C. of H., Dr. P. S. Sawaya; P. S., J. C. Bartley; C. A., C. P. A. Rennick; M. of 2nd V., S. J. Parkhill; M. of 2nd V., S. J. McCavoy; M. of 1st V., R. M. Thorne; Tyler, Robert Clarke; Organist, D. A. Fox. Lunch was served by lady friends of members of the chapter, this feature being much appreciated by all present.

Two Cases in Court.

In the case of McQuarrie vs. Reed et al. before Mr. Justice White yesterday morning, application was made by Francis Kerr, on behalf of Austin H. Allen, of Moncton, for foreclosure and sale of a property at Moncton. The usual order was made for foreclosure and sale with leave to all parties to bid, the damages being assessed at \$2,800 principal and \$77.78 interest.

The case of Craft vs. Craft, which was before the court on Wednesday, was settled by His Honor. According to the terms of the settlement, the plaintiff is to receive the sum of \$381 paid into the partnership, and his solicitor's costs and is to transfer his interest in all partnership property to the defendant, J. A. Barry was the plaintiff's solicitor, and E. P. Raymond was solicitor for the defendant.

Corduroy Velvets.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. have been fortunate in securing a lot of the much wanted corduroy in the most desirable shades. The particular make they are selling is the kind that the push stands well up from the back and has a much richer look than the ordinary cords. They are 27 inches wide and will be sold at 75 cents and 95 cents a yard.

YOUNG HERO
SUCCUMBS TO
PNEUMONIA

Kenneth W. Blair Passed
Away Yesterday
Afternoon.

Went overseas with First
Contingent and saw service
in Empire's cause.

Another brave, young lad of this
city, who fought for the Empire, is
dead. A survivor of suffocating Ger-
man gas fumes only to fall a victim of
a too equally dangerous.



KENNETH W. BLAIR
favorably known throughout the city
and news of his early death came as a
distinct shock to his many friends.

He had been ill with pneumonia for
a week. Yesterday his condition be-
came critical and late in the day it
was seen that the end was near.
Kenneth Blair was 20 years of age
and was educated in the St. John
schools. Soon after the war broke out
he enlisted in No. 1 Field Battery and
went overseas with the First Canadian
Contingent. He was under fire of the
German guns on the battlefields of
France and acquitted himself credit-
ably. One day he was overcome by a
dense discharge of gas from the Ger-
man lines. He was sent to England
to recuperate and remained in the hos-
pital for several weeks.

On May 18 he was discharged from
the hospital and sailed for Canada.
He landed at Quebec and there formal-
ly received his discharge from the mil-
itary. He returned to his home in this
city and after a time entered the ser-
vice of the Canadian Pacific Railroad
as postal clerk. About a week ago he
complained of feeling ill and was
obliged to remain at his home. Pneum-
onia developed and his condition
gradually became serious. During his
brief illness many inquiries regarding
his condition were received at his
home.

The funeral will be held at three
o'clock next Sunday afternoon at his
late home.
Besides his parents three brothers
and three sisters survive. They are
R. Gordon, Wallace A., and Malcolm
D., all of St. John, Mrs. Bertha Pat-
erson and Mrs. Clarence Stackhouse,
also of this city and Mrs. Adelbert
Hill of St. Stephen.

The sympathy of many friends and
of the citizens in general will be ex-
tended to the family in their bereavement.

W. B. HOWARD
TO LEAVE CITY

Popular C. P. R. man
transferred to Toronto —
M. G. Murphy coming
here.

St. John will lose W. B. Howard,
the well known district passenger
agent of the Canadian Pacific Rail-
road, who on Feb. 1 will become dis-
trict passenger agent at Toronto. His
transfer to the Ontario metropolis is a
marked promotion and is regarded as
a notable tribute to his ability as ex-
ecutive head of a large city depart-
ment of the company.

Mr. Howard will be succeeded in the
St. John office by M. G. Murphy, the
present district passenger agent at

STRANGE CASE
BEFORE COURT
YESTERDAY

Police authorities believe
they have unearthed a
blackmail game.

What looks to the police authorities
like a case of blackmail was heard in
the police court yesterday afternoon.
The complainant is a highly respect-
ed up-town business house, and the de-
fendant a flashy dressed girl of about
24 summers, who has been boarding
with a family on Main street. A war-
rant was sworn out for the girl's ar-
rest yesterday morning, and she was
taken into custody at her boarding
house shortly after noon by Detectives
Barrett and Briggs.

The story as told on the stand in
the court room by the business man is
rather startling and presents every ap-
pearance of a plot by the defendant to
extort a set of furs from the complain-
ant.

In his evidence the complainant told
the court that one evening during last
November the girl called at his place
of business. The store was closed for
the day, and the front lights were out.
The business man turned on the lights
as the girl entered and asking her
what she wanted she replied that she
had an article which she wished to
leave in the store. Her request was
granted and she gave her name. She
then remarked to the man: "I'm a
stranger here; ain't this a sort of a
slow town?" The man replied that he
did not know. The girl then said:
"You look pretty good to me."

At this the business man opened the
store door and said: "You will have to
excuse me as this is after business
hours, and I wish to close the store."

The girl then left the store and the
man did not think anything more
about the affair. He thought nothing
more of the affair until shortly before
Christmas when he was summoned to
the telephone and found that a girl
was talking. Her conversation was as
follows: Has Santa Claus been good to
you? He was not very good to me. You
are a rich man, why don't you give me
a set of furs? You can give me a set
of furs. I want a black set, with a
muff. You can get them at Dykeman's
as I think it is cheaper there. I will
get them if you will give the order, or
if you like I will get them and send
them to you C. O. D.

The business man asked who was
talking but the person on the phone
would not give her name unless he
promised to give her the furs. The
man told her he would not provide her
with the present, and immediately
stopped the conversation.

On Tuesday last the man received a
letter in which the defendant who
signed her name, said that although
the man stated he would not give her
the furs as requested, she did not want
to make any unpleasant scenes, but if
he did not get her those furs on Tues-
day by five o'clock he would be the
sorriest man in St. John. She said she
did not want to make trouble for the
man or his wife, but if the furs were
not given to her, he would never again
be able to hold his head up in St.
John. She said her reputation was
nothing, that she was "here today
and away tomorrow," that she was not
as easy as he thought she was, and if
he made a noise and did not give her
the furs she would make trouble. The
letter was sent by special delivery,
and she further stated that the man
could find her by calling her up on the
telephone at a number which she
gave. After the warrant was sworn
out the man called the girl up on the
telephone number given, made ar-
rangements to call at her house and
talk the matter over. He did so but
took with him the two detectives who
made the arrest.

In answer to questions by the de-
fendant the complainant positively denied
that the defendant had been a fre-
quent caller at his place of business
after hours, that he had given her
money and candy, or that he had "pick-
ed her up" in a moving picture house.
He further stated that he never saw
the girl from the evening in last No-
vember until the time she was ar-
rested. The case was adjourned and the
girl remanded to jail.

Toronto, formerly of this city

Mr. Howard is a native of Chatham,
N. B. He entered the service of the
Canadian Pacific at St. John several
years ago as clerk and has gradually
advanced. He has a home in Hamp-
ton and has many friends in that town
and St. John who will miss him.

Mr. Murphy is a native of Yarmouth,
N. S., and like Mr. Howard worked
his way up the railroad ladder. He
travelled as a passenger agent and
was for sometime chief clerk in the
St. John offices of the road under Mr.
Howard. Later he became general
travelling passenger agent with head-
quarters at Montreal. Eventually he
was stationed at Toronto.

Another change of interest in New
Brunswick and Nova Scotia is the pro-
motion of N. R. Desbrisay, travelling
passenger agent for several years in
this district, to the post of assistant
to P. R. Perry, general passenger agent
of the company in New York city.

Many other changes will become ef-
fective Feb. 1 in the personnel of the
agents and general agents of the road.
Battle Liner Tanagra
Battle liner "Tanagra," Capt. Dal-
ton, sailed today from Newport News
for New York and France.

COMMISSIONER
WIGMORE MAY
RAISE BATTERY

Member of City Council
Submits An Offer to
Sir Sam Hughes.

Willing to organize and
recruit force without re-
muneration — A fine ex-
ample.

Information was received by The
Standard last night that a prominent
city official of St. John had made an
offer to organize and recruit a field
battery for service in Europe. If
such an organization is formed it will
be the second to be equipped in the
province, the first one now being sta-
tioned at Fredericton.

It is understood that the man who
has decided to manifest his patriotism
in this practical way is Rupert W.
Wigmore, commissioner of water and
sewers. Mr. Wigmore declined to
speak of the project last evening, but
from other sources it was learned that
he has offered to give much of his
time to the work of organizing and
recruiting the battery. He will act as
commander of the proposed organiza-
tion until a qualified officer is selected.

When Commissioner Wigmore un-
dertakes to accomplish anything he
generally succeeds in doing it and do-
ing it well, as his marked success in
administering the affairs of his depart-
ment at City Hall indicates. The com-
missioner is popular throughout
the city, as was emphatically attested
by the electors who, in the last elec-
tion, rolled up an enormous vote for
him.

That success would attend his ef-
forts towards organizing and recruit-
ing a field battery is a foregone con-
clusion.

A RIFLE SHOT
CAUSED A SCARE
IN GUARD ROOM

Might have been fatality in
Central Police Station
last evening.

Carelessness or lack of knowledge on
the part of a military guard named
Johnston, very nearly resulted in a
fatality at Police headquarters last
night. The soldier was one of a num-
ber under command of Sergeant Kin-
cade who arrived at headquarters
from St. Stephen with four German
prisoners in custody. The Germans
had been placed in the cells and the
soldiers returned to the guard room.
Sergeant Kincade was busy at the
telephone talking to a superior officer,
and without any orders the soldiers
of the guard began throwing the
cartridges from their rifles.

A couple of the soldiers did not use
much care in the manner in which
they were pointing the rifles about
while removing the cartridges, and a
person who was present requested
one soldier to point his rifle in some
other direction while removing shells,
as the rifle might accidentally be dis-
charged.

The warning had hardly been given
when there was a loud explosion and
those in the guard room were startled.
A rifle in the hands of Private John-
ston was discharged. The soldier was
removing the cartridges, but, fortu-
nately for the other men in the guard
room at the time, was pointing the
rifle out the corridor towards the office
of the Chief of Police. The bullet
entered between the casing of the
door and the wall, midway between
the chief's bathroom and the guard
room, made a clean hole in the wall
where it imbedded itself.

On hearing the report Sergeant
Kincade immediately left the tele-
phone, and learning the cause, enquired
of the soldier how it happened, and
then ordered him to proceed to the
street and remove the remaining car-
tridges from the rifle. The soldier had
accidentally pulled on the trigger in-
stead of a part of the rifle, and his
action was the cause of the rifle
being discharged.

School Children's Matinee.

In order that all school children may
have an opportunity of seeing the
great historical picture, "Cabrila," now
playing at the Opera House, the man-
agement announces a special price of
10c. for children, for best seats, at the
matinee tomorrow. Students of an-
cient history find this picture espe-
cially instructive and educational, as
its story is founded on facts in the
history of the great Roman Empire,
about the third century, B. C.

SPECIALS AT THORNE'S FIRE SALE

Huester Galvanized Automatic Ash Sifters, No Dust	\$5.50
Cartwright Galvanized Automatic Ash Sifters, No Dust	4.50
A quantity of Asbestos Irons	at .15 and .20 each
High Grade Knife Boxes	at \$1.50 each
Sheet Iron Bake Pans	at .13 each
Sterno Disc Stoves with 1 Can of Heat	at \$1.00 each
Salt Boxes, lined with wood	at .60 each
Enamelware potato pots, 2 sizes	at .52 and .62 each
Another lot of Nickel Plated Cuspidors	at .15 and .24 each

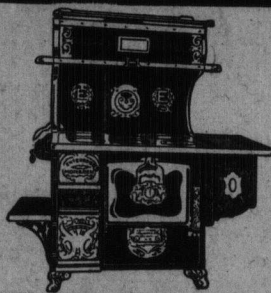
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CLEARANCE SALE OF CORSETS CONTINUED THIS MORNING
All styles and qualities in oddments and manufacturers' samples at bargain prices in Corset De-
partment, second floor.

Embroideries and Laces
For Spring 1916

We are now showing the new lines of Swiss Embroideries, recently received from the makers.
We consider ourselves most fortunate, being able to place before our people such a great variety of
Embroideries this season. The prices are wonderfully low.

Special Lots 5c. yard.	Special 7c. yard	Special 10c. yard	Special 12c. yard	Special 15c. yard	Special 20c. yard
All of the above lots are displayed on the counters, so that they can be easily seen and selected.					
CORSET COVERINGS 14c. 25c. 30c. 38c. 43c. 47c. 50c. 55c. yard.	16 in. and 18 in. FLOUNCINGS 25c. 32c. 38c. 50c. yard.		27 inch FLOUNCING For Children 35c. 50c. 65c. 75c. 85c. up to \$1.50 yard.		45 inch FLOUNCING 75c. \$1.00, \$1.40 \$2.00 yard.
45 inch SHEER FLOUNCING With Colored Em- broidery, 85c.		45 inch White Voile Flouncing 65c. 75c. 85c. \$1.10, \$1.36 Yard		45 inch VOILE FLOUNCING Embroidered in colors. \$1.15 and \$1.25 yard.	
CONVENIENT EDGING.		BEADINGS.	VEINING.	STRAPPING.	BANDINGS.
TRANSPARENT EDGINGS With Embroidered and Lace Edge Effects. 2 to 7 inches wide. 10c. to 80c. yard.	We have a wonderfully large selection of Em- broideries, Insertions to match in fine quali- ties for Underwear finishing and Chil- ren's Wear, both in Nainsook and Sheer Lawn.				EMBROIDERIES 7 to 12 inches wide, 15c. to 43c. yard.
SPECIAL LOTS OF LACES 2c., 3c. and 5c. yard. Wonderful bargains in these lots.			NOVELTY WHITE SILK FLOUNCINGS 18 inch, \$1.10, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2.60 yard; 23 inch, \$1.60, \$1.85, \$2.00 and \$3.10 yard. 30 inch, \$3.10. The demand for Lace Flouncings is increasing in both black and white.		
LACE OF ALL WIDTHS ARE USED LAVISHLY ON DAY AND EVENING DRESSES.					
BLACK LACE FLOUNCINGS 15 to 18 inch, 85c., \$1.10, \$1.40, \$1.70, \$2.00. 23 inch, \$1.50, \$3.50. 36 inch, \$3.00. 45 inch, \$3.25.			Touchees of lace at the base of the tiny sleeves again on the bodice, giving somewhat of a Bolero effect, and upon the skirt give liberal indications of a large use of lace for spring, so says "Lace Review." WHITE AND BLACK SILK LACES, 2 to 10 in. wide.		
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