

## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong northwesterly winds, local snow at first but generally fair; not much change in temperature.

Washington, March 15.—Northern New England—Fair Friday; snow Saturday or Sunday night; moderate northwest to north winds.

Toronto, March 15.—The disturbance which was to the northward of the Georgian Bay last night is now centered off Nova Scotia, and pressure is high over the Great Lakes and western provinces. Another disturbance is centered in Kansas. Some light local snow has occurred in the St. Lawrence Valley. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Temperatures:		Min.	Max.
Dawson	0	24	
Prince Rupert	28	48	
Victoria	24	46	
Vancouver	24	46	
Kamloops	20	40	
Calgary	12	30	
Medicine Hat	12	30	
Edmonton	12	30	
Regina	10	24	
Winnipeg	18	28	
Port Arthur	18	36	
Parry Sound	24	36	
London	27	32	
Toronto	30	34	
Kingston	30	34	
Ottawa	28	34	
Montreal	28	34	
Quebec	30	36	
St. John	28	34	
Halifax	26	36	

—Below zero.

## Around the City

**Arrested for Stealing.**  
A small boy was arrested yesterday afternoon for stealing a seven dollar pair of gloves from a City Road house.

**English Mail.**  
An English mail will close at the post office on Saturday morning. Papers and parcels at 8 a. m., and letters at 9 a. m.

**Acting Badly.**  
John Taylor, for being drunk and using profane language, and Frank Wilson for being drunk and refusing to move on the King Square, last night, were arrested.

**Rise and Drop in Flour.**  
Manitoba and Ontario flour each took a jump of 30 cents on Tuesday morning. Yesterday they both dropped 30 cents. The prevailing wholesale prices are Manitoba, \$10.70; Ontario, \$9.75.

**Boston An Hour Late.**  
The Boston train was an hour late last night due to connections on the Maine Central. The Halifax waited for the eastern passengers, among which was Mayor Kelley of North Sydney.

**Lying and Lurking.**  
Melvin Doucette and Claude Le Blanc, a soldier and a civilian, were arrested at 11.30 o'clock last night by Police Constable Ritchie, and are charged with lying and lurking in an alley off Dock street.

**Left Last Night.**  
Among the visitors to the city yesterday were several Moncton people who have relatives and friends in the 15th Battalion. There were about twelve in the party. They left last night for Moncton on No. 10 express.

**Abusing a Horse.**  
Last night about 8.30 o'clock County Policeman Saunders arrested a soldier named Richards on the Market Road and charged him with abusing a horse owned by Frank Downey. A civilian who was with the soldier escaped arrest.

**Here on Furlough.**  
Several members of the Killie's Battalion, whose homes are in the city, arrived last night on the Boston express to spend a few days with their relatives and friends. Several of the party are members of the brass and bugle bands.

**Street Walkers.**  
Ethel Barwick, 24 years old, who claims the United States as her native place, and a much younger girl companion, were arrested on Charlotte street at eleven o'clock last night for being street walkers. It is said the females were following soldiers.

## NEW OFFICER FOR KILTIE BATTALION

**Lieut. Lee Stevenson, Who Won His Commission in the Field, Leaves Here This Morning to Report for Duty at Fredericton.**

The announcement was made yesterday that Lieut. Lee Stevenson, who had been one of the officers in charge of the colts who were quartered at West St. John until a few weeks ago, had been gazetted a Lieutenant with the Kiltie Battalion under command of Lt.-Col. P. A. Guthrie. Lieut. Stevenson will leave the city this morning for Fredericton to take over his new duties.

Lieut. Stevenson is a Kent county boy, who enlisted in the west as a member of the 8th Battalion of the first contingent. He was a clerk with the Union Bank of Canada and was one of the first to answer the call. He did gallant work in the firing line and was recommended for his commission. Returning to Canada he proceeded to Royal School of Infantry at Halifax though he was late in commencing the course he soon showed himself to be an adept soldier and finished

## 1916-1917 THE GREATEST YEAR IN THE HISTORY OF THE PORT OF ST. JOHN

Official Statement Issued by General Superintendent Grout Shows Tremendous Increase in Overseas Traffic—St. John Likely to Get Excess of Summer Exports of War Commodities for the British Government

No better criterion of the enormous development at the port of St. John can be afforded than the official statement of the exports and imports issued yesterday by General Superintendent H. C. Grout, of the C. P. R. The figures show that all previous records have been smashed and that the port has enjoyed the greatest year in its history from the standpoint of the volume of business transacted.

Not only does the import trade show a substantial increase, but the export traffic is over 100,000 tons in excess of 1915-16 which was the record year up to that time.

Mr. Grout's figures, representing as they do, the total volume of the traffic at West St. John, will be very interesting to citizens of the city interested in the future of St. John as the national port of the Dominion. The official figures follow:

Import tonnage	Export tonnage
1915-16	1516-17
Nov. 1,038	4,500
Dec. 12,990	17,968
Jan. 7,741	19,658
Feb. 16,177	11,216
37,916	53,280
514,901	618,787

There is every indication that the increase will continue until the close of the winter port season, at the end of April. There is also a strong probability that St. John will experience

## SULLIVAN RETURNS TO POLICE FORCE 300 CARS OF FREIGHT ARE NOW HANDLED

Dismissed Sergeant Was Sworn In Again Yesterday—May be Attached to the Southern Division

Yesterday afternoon Sergeant T. Sullivan, who was dismissed from the police force for refusing to attend drill, was reinstated yesterday and sworn in by Magistrate Ritchie. It will be remembered that some time ago Chief of Police D. W. Simpson announced that a drill would be held for the training of the officers on the force, as it is necessary in case of emergency, such as a riot or an insurrection, that a sergeant should be in a position to handle a squad of men. Two sergeants were also requested to drill two afternoons each week for an hour. This was objected to by Sergeant Sullivan and Police Constable Pritch, consequently they were dismissed by the chief. However, yesterday afternoon the matter was settled and Sergeant Sullivan resumed his duties. It is likely that he will be attached to the central station for a while at least.

It is reported in police circles that the North End police station which has done good service for many years, is about to give way to an ordinary lockup. It is not known for a certainty if this is true, but once Dame Rumor begins to circulate her stories there is generally something behind them. The change will probably be effected after the first of May. It is thought by that time, with the lid on, there may be no need of keeping the station open. If such a change takes place the men in the North End will have to report to central station when reporting and leaving their work.

Sergeant Rankine was over on the North End beat last night.

**Whistles Caused Excitement.**  
About five o'clock yesterday afternoon the screaming of steam whistles caused considerable excitement about the city. Immediately there were numerous calls on the telephone to the pilots rooms, and other points along the harbor front, enquiring as to the cause of the commotion, and many persons believed that the whistles were being sounded because of some big British victory. It was eventually learned that the whistles were from the McAvity's plant in honor of the wedding of one of the employees.

**An Austrian Held.**  
An Austrian who failed to report at Minto is being held at police headquarters.

the course with high honors in a very short time. After doing special work for the militia department he came to St. John and took over the position of instructor for the colts under Major P. D. McAvity. Lieut. Stevenson is anxious to return to the front and he is well pleased with the announcement of his appointment to the Kilties.

Lieut. Walter Marsh, another returned hero, who was promoted on the field, is also in the city at the present time. Like Lieut. Stevenson he did instruction work under Major McAvity with the colts. While no authoritative announcement has yet been made, it is understood that he will be attached to the hospital commission in the capacity of a conducting officer.

## RAILWAY STRIKE MAY AFFECT HERE

H. C. Grout, General Superintendent C. P. R., and C. Currie of Eastern Steamship Line Interviewed

After reading the startling news that the four railway brotherhoods of the United States would cease work on Saturday at 6 o'clock, the first question which arises is, how will this affect Canada—how will it affect St. John?

As soon as the bulletin came over the wire last night, The Standard got in touch with H. C. Grout, general superintendent of the C. P. R. for the New Brunswick Division to find out to what extent this line would be affected. Mr. Grout, who arrived in the city on Wednesday, after an inspection trip to Brownville, said that it all depended on the restricted service to run on any train with the exception of a mail train, the Canadian Pacific Railway could only carry passengers as far as its line runs. "How- ever," concluded Mr. Grout, "there is a long time between now and Saturday night."

This not only affects the railway crews, but also freight handlers and warehousemen, employed in the removal of freight on the different lines of railway in the United States, according to a semi-official despatch. No matter how the railway men carry out their demands for an eight hour day, it apparently will not affect the Eastern Steamship Company's traffic or freight movements. In conversation with A. G. Currie, their manager here, The Standard was informed that the men of this corporation are not in any way affiliated with the railway unions or freight handlers now apparently involved.

**Maine Central Orders.**  
Portland, Mar. 15.—The Maine Central railroad will only accept freight subject to delay and loss due to delay on account of the threatened strike of employees in the train service.

## CHANGE LIKELY IN HOUR OF COMMITTEE MEETING AT CITY HALL

No Meeting Yesterday Afternoon, as Commissioners Were Busy With Departmental Work.

There was no meeting of the common council in committee yesterday afternoon. The meetings for the past few weeks have been called for 4.30 o'clock, but this hour has been found inconvenient for the majority of the commissioners. Yesterday afternoon they engaged elsewhere on departmental work and it was found impossible to get a quorum for the meeting. The Standard in conversation with Mayor Hayes and other commissioners learned that in view of the hour being inconvenient a change would probably be made at once. It was said that three o'clock would be a marked improvement for the committee meetings, and this hour will likely be adopted for the future.

The commissioners yesterday were largely engaged on the routine business of their departments. Commissioner McEellan has been making trips in the new city ambulance with a view of testing its efficiency. The appearance of the new motor ambulance creates much favorable comment about the streets, and the commissioner is well pleased with the investment that the city has made.

**FOR SPRING HOUSEWORK.**  
You ladies who are dreading the spring housework, if you will get one of these "Fit easy overall aprons" that are being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s at 59c each, you will find that you can tackle the work with twice the comfort and vim that you could if you were improperly attired for the work.

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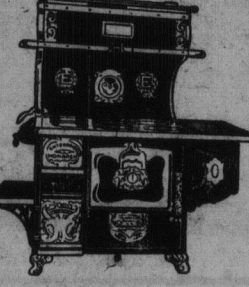
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## CELEBRATE THEIR 47TH ANNIVERSARY

Alexandra Temple, Organized in 1870, Hold Reunion Last Night in Their Hall, M in Street

Alexandra Temple No. 6, T. of H. and T. last night celebrated the 47th anniversary of their organization and despite the unpleasant weather the affair was attended by one of the lar-

gest crowds ever gathered in the hall, one member coming all the way from The Narrows, Queens County, to be present.

The temple was organized on March 18, 1870, and has been active in the temperance work of the city ever since. One of the charter members was present at the meeting and gave a short address. A splendid programme which was the playing of an orchestra composed of three boys, sons of H. F. Black, and Miss Madeline Adams, the oldest of the children is only thirteen and their playing is fully equal to that of many older persons. Grand Templar W. H. Smith was present and congratulated the temple on attaining their 47th birthday and invited all the men present who were not members to join.

The chair was occupied by the chief templar, Charles T. Green, and the

programme was as follows: Opening remarks, chairman; selection, orchestra; solo, Miss Craft; address, The Temple and Social Service, A. M. Belding; reading, Little Miss Vera Roberts; solo, A. F. Belding; solo, Miss Climo; selection, orchestra; address, J. B. Eagles a charter member of the temple; selection, male chorus under direction of H. W. Bromfield; address, W. H. Smith, G. T. corist solo, H. F. Black; selection, male chorus.

At the conclusion of the programme a committee of the temple served refreshments after which the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

**Police Constable Resigns.**  
Police Constable O'Dell, a returned soldier, resigned from the force yesterday.