

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Fair, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, March 26—Rain has fallen today over Lakes Huron and Erie; elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair, and for the most part quite mild.

Temperatures.

	Mn.	Max.
Vancouver	42	44
Calgary	24	36
Edmonton	20	44
Medicine Hat	30	62
Moose Jaw	10	38
Prince Albert	4	30
Winnipeg	2	28
Prince Rupert	42	42
Parry Sound	34	49
London	35	44
Toronto	38	40
Kingston	30	48
Ottawa	22	46
Montreal	24	26
Quebec	20	42
Halifax	22	42

*—Below zero.

Around the City

A Complimentary Concert.
The bandmen of the 115th gave a concert on Saturday evening at the residence of James F. Robertson, the donor of their splendid band instruments.

Charged With Theft of Coat.
John O'Keefe was gathered in on Saturday afternoon by Sergeant Rankin and Constable Fuller on the charge of theft. O'Keefe will be asked in court this morning to plead guilty or not guilty to stealing a fur-lined coat from Mary Collins in her house, number 10 City Road.

We Are Seven.
The names of seven men adorn the dishonor roll at police headquarters. They were all arrested on Saturday and are charged with being drunk. A couple of the offenders gained their liberty yesterday by leaving deposits of eight dollars each for their appearance in court this morning.

Meetings Cancelled.
The recruiting meetings to have been held in the Imperial yesterday afternoon and evening were cancelled on account of the non-arrival of the pictures which were to be shown. They were coming from the East, and the tie-up of traffic on account of the severe storms of last week prevented their arrival in time for the meetings.

Discharge Certificates Found.
The police yesterday found a Board of Trade bound book containing the certificates of discharge belonging to a sailor named James Wilkinson, whose number is 73,699. The last discharge was from the Manchester liner Manchester Citizen, and the owner can receive the same on application at the police headquarters.

Towed into Portland.
The schooner Helen Montague, coal laden, and bound from Port Amboy for St. John, was towed into Portland, Maine, Saturday morning by the coast guard cutter Ossipee. The schooner was picked up disabled fifty miles off Cape Ann, with sparker gone; she lost jibboom and head gear and foremast. Her rudder head worked loose and she was leaking badly. The vessel is worth \$5,000, and the cargo \$4,500.

Seamen's Institute.
A most successful temperance meeting was held in the Institute on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance of sailors from the various liners in port. The address was given by Mr. Stevens, after which thirteen men signed the temperance pledge. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The Sunday evening service was conducted by Mr. R. M. Smith, who gave a most helpful address to the men. Musical selections were given by Miss Thompson, Mrs. Ayre, Mr. Allan of R.M.S. Caraqueet and H. Walker.

Major Fisher to Command Battery.
Official notification of the appointment of Major Morris Fisher to the command of the 68th howitzer battery has reached headquarters here, Major Fisher is a son of W. S. Fisher and has one brother already on the firing line. He is a graduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston and his appointment will be a popular one. It is expected that the members of the 38th, now in Fredericton, will be transferred to the 68th, and Lieut. E. J. Fickery, who is in charge of them at present will be attached to the new battery. Major Fisher was a member of the 28th Dragoons and has been adjutant of that unit since its organization.

Y. M. C. A. Boys' Work.
The regular fortnightly meeting of the leaders of the boys' work of the Y. M. C. A. was held last night at the home of F. A. Dykeman. Mr. Dykeman, who has just returned from Baltimore, gave a very interesting account of his trip and of a service of Billy Sunday's which he had the privilege of attending. Reports were received from the leaders of the different study groups and arrangements were made for the National Bible study examinations which will be held next Saturday night in the Association building, beginning at 7.30 p.m. It is expected that about seventy boys will take these examinations. Arrangements were also made for the annual Bible study group banquet which will be held on the 8th of April.

WAR WILL BE OVER SOON OR IN TWO YEARS

Soldier Home from Front Says if Germany is Not Beaten in Six Months 'twill Take Twenty-four.

Pte. W. Crosby of Charlottetown, P. E. I., one of the men who returned on the Sicilian, says he has had enough of war to last him for the rest of his life. He went over with the first contingent and was attached to the cycle corps at No. 1 Divisional Headquarters and spent eleven months on the firing line. When they first went over they used the heavy motor cycles, such as we have here, but they soon discarded them for a lighter make. When anything went wrong with the heavier machine it was impossible to push it along the roads, but the machine they were using now is not much heavier than a bicycle. They called it "little chum." They were kept busy all the time carrying messages to the different points along the line and it was some strenuous life. They had to watch out for the Germans as they were laying for the despatch carriers and he had had many narrow escapes. He had travelled all over the country around Flanders, Armentieres, Loos, Dixmude, D'Esneire and Bethune. He was blown up twice by shells, the first time he was not hurt, the second time he had an argument with a Jack Johnson in which he came off second best. He was in hospital in France for a time and from there went to the King George Hospital in England. The boys of the first contingent, he said, had done some wonderful fighting and deserved great credit for the way they had stood up before the trained troops of Germany. He is still suffering considerably from the effects of the shock but hopes when he gets home and has a rest to be as good as ever again. He said he believed that the war would either be over in six months or last two years.

SOLDIERS HAD GREAT PARADE ON WEST SIDE

Second Garrison Church Parade Yesterday a Big Success—140th Band Makes First Appearance.

The second garrison church parade was a big success yesterday morning. The weather was ideal for marching, just cool enough to be pleasant. The east side contingents crossed over on the ferry and the men formed up on Union street at ten-fifteen. The Siege Battery headed by their drum corps led the procession, the 69th with their two bands were the next in line, then came the 116th and the 140th, led by their own band, which made its first appearance on the street, brought up the rear. They had twenty-three pieces in the band and most of the instruments of the 62nd, which were kindly loaned for the occasion. The Siege Battery went to St. Jude's, the 69th to Charlotte St. Baptist, the 116th to the First Presbyterian and the 140th to St. George's and Lady St. Baptist. The service at the Lady St. Baptist church was in charge of the chaplain of the battalion, Rev. M. E. Connor. The Roman Catholic members of the different units went to the Church of the Assumption. As the men marched through Tilley Square they were reviewed by the Brigadier and his staff. Many expressions of admiration were heard as the men swung by at the salute, and the Brigadier was well pleased with the way the men carried themselves.

HE ATTEMPTED TO HANG HIMSELF IN POLICE CELL

James Wilson, Arrested for Drunkenness, Tried to Commit Suicide Saturday Night

On Saturday evening at 6.45 o'clock Police Constable McLeece arrested a man giving his name as James Wilson, on the charge of being drunk. Wilson was taken to headquarters and locked up in a cell. Ten minutes after Wilson was placed in the cell, Night Deskman William Gibbs was making his rounds and was started to find the prisoner trying to commit suicide by hanging. Wilson had tied his suspenders around his neck, fastened the other end on the steel bars of the cell door and then allowed his body to be suspended by the neck. The prisoner's eyes were dilated and

DETECTIVES FOR STEALING

William Lamont Charged With Stealing Numerous Articles from Victoria Hotel—Soldier Stole Bank Notes.

Detectives Barrett and Briggs were on the warpath again Saturday and yesterday with the usual result, they got what they went after, viz., two women and two men charged with theft. The first arrest was on Saturday when the detectives took into custody William Lamont, the night porter at the Victoria Hotel on King street. Lamont had been, for months, a trusted employe in the hotel and was the last person in the hotel service on whom suspicion of theft could rest. For some time, however, it is stated that articles were being missed from the hotel and on Saturday morning the case was given into the hands of the detectives. The officer made a call to a room in a boarding house on the corner of Duke and Canterbury streets where Lamont boarded. They were just in time, for when they entered the room they found Lamont, and on his bed a large number of articles which have been identified as the property of the hotel, in fact, some of the articles had the name of the hotel engraved on them. The articles identified are as follows: four white brooms, three clothes brushes, three wire combs and cases; seven silver tablespoons, seven silver teaspoons, two silver forks, seven cases of soap, one tray; a quantity of hotel stationery, and two beer glasses. After gathering these articles together, and placing Lamont under arrest, the detectives made a search of the rooms and found the following articles which they will hold for a while for identification: one lady's silver mesh bag, containing eight pocket knives; two razors in cases; one solid silver gold lined cigarette case; one silver soap case; three glass tumblers, two pairs of pliers and wire cutters, three steel punches, one screw driver, two small wrenches, two files, one pointer; one tack hammer, two large pairs of table scissors, one putty knife, five table knives, six teaspoons and one large spoon. Lamont will appear before the police court this morning.

During Saturday afternoon the detectives were working on another case and managed to arrest two Scotch girls, Kate McFarlane, aged 19, and Annie McLaughlin, aged 23 years, who are charged with stealing three rings, the property of S. A. Statos, a Greek employe with Charles Venetoullis in the latter's tobacco and news stand on Prince William street. One of the rings is valued at five dollars, and the other two at seventy-five dollars, one of the latter is a diamond. From what could be learned Statos, one day last week, loaned the girls the rings to wear for one day. The girls did not return but made a trip to Fredericton and only returned on Saturday morning, and were not here long before they were placed under arrest by the detectives on Charlotte street. One of the rings was found in the possession of the girls; another ring was recovered in Gilbert's second hand store where it had been sold for \$1.75. The diamond ring, the most valuable of the three, has been located with a young man in Lorneville, he having purchased it from one of the girls.

There is still another case in which these officers were successful, when last night they arrested Private Ullman of the 115th Battalion on the charge of stealing seven one pound notes from Private Robert Wherry of the same battalion. Private Ullman was found by the detectives in his room in a German street boarding house on the Grand Union street where the notes had been cashed by the prisoner. One was cashed in Breen's restaurant on Charlotte street; another at the Dominion Express office on Germain street and the Grand Union street restaurant; one in the cigar store on the corner of Mill and North streets; two in a second hand store on Dock street and another in a Brussels street drug store.

In addition to the charge of stealing the money, Ullman is charged with stealing an ornament from a clock, the property of Mrs. Hammond in whose house, at Germain street, he was boarding.

his tongue protruding when the officer saw him. Officer Gibbs lost no time in taking a knife and cutting the suspenders clear of the bars, allowing the body to drop to the floor of the cell. The officer then opened the door and assisted Wilson to a seat on the bench. In a few minutes Wilson had revived from the choking but not from the blows he had taken and which was the cause of the arrest. The officer took everything from the prisoner, which he might use in another attempt to do away with himself, and a close watch was kept over him all night. Wilson seemingly had enough of trying to kill himself, for shortly after he was seen resting as comfortably as could be expected on his wooden bed. In addition to being charged with drunkenness this morning the prisoner will have to face the charge of attempted suicide, which means a much longer term in prison. Wilson is said to have been employed about the city lately selling lead pencils and pen-holders.

CLERGYMAN TO BE WITNESS IN SLANDER SUIT?

How Rev. Ralph Haughton Figures in Commissioner Potts' Action Against W. M. P. McLaughlin.

Should the slander suit of Commissioner F. L. Potts against W. M. P. McLaughlin come to trial, one of the most interesting features of the case is likely to be the appearance of a local clergyman, the Rev. J. Haughton on the witness stand. According to the story Mr. McLaughlin, in talking with Mr. Haughton, made the statement that the commissioner had received from the Street Railway Company the sum of \$5,000 for putting through the agreement between the company and the city. Mr. Haughton hardly knew whether to believe the story or not, but thought he would find out, and if the story was not true nail it at once. Accordingly he is said to have called up the commissioner and asked him to contribute \$100 to a worthy charity. The commissioner while disposed to help any worthy cause felt that \$100 was just a little more than he could afford in the city he could easily afford to contribute \$100 to some charitable object. The commissioner did not take him seriously at first, but when he found out that Mr. Haughton was earnest he asked for his authority for the statement. Rev. Mr. Haughton disclosed the source from which he had obtained his information and the commissioner immediately set busy and started legal proceedings.

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The casual observer, the oftines unaided person is falsely impressed with the volume of traffic on transportation lines, rush of business in bargain stores, patronage in movie shows, etc., and the idea is frequently created that marvelous profits are being made. The large expense account of an enterprise is in most cases overlooked. A brief statement given out by the St. John Railway Co. lately illustrates this point. In completing the circuit between the Douglas Avenue and West St. John lines of street railway the sum of \$60,000 has been spent. This is direct outlay; initial cost of construction. Every year the St. John Railway Co. is required to pay the New Brunswick government from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for running rights over the new bridge. Therefore the interest at 5 per cent. on the cost of the junction and the \$5,000 payment to the government makes the overhead cost of this little piece of railway at the bridge just \$6,000 per annum. It will require close to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to run this line, and to mention this connecting link, not to mention cost of operating the cars, maintaining rolling stock, trackage, wire expenses, etc. in small communities like St. John traffic incomes are unfavorably disproportionate with the cost of operation and up-keep. 2-27-16-11a

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