

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Maritime—Moderate winds, some light local snow, but generally fair; stationary or lower temperatures.

Washington, Feb. 16—Northern New England—Generally fair Saturday; Sunday snow, no decided change in temperature. Fresh east winds Saturday, shifting to east and increasing by Sunday.

Toronto, Feb. 16—A fairly important disturbance is centered tonight over Minnesota; a heavy snowfall has occurred in many parts of the western provinces, with a change to colder weather. Moderate temperatures have prevailed from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: Location, Min. Max. Includes entries for Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Battleford, Medicine Hat, Regina, Saskatoon, Port Nelson, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

Meeting Postponed.

The meeting to have been held tonight in St. Martins in the interests of the government candidates, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and T. B. Carson, has been postponed until Wednesday evening of next week.

Main Street Boy Scouts.

B. C. Waring and H. Hyslop delivered two splendid addresses to members of the recently formed Main Street Baptist Church Troop of Boy Scouts, last night, which was very much enjoyed. Afterwards the boys indulged in drill and games, followed by six of their number being presented with tenderfoot badges.

Women's Canadian Club.

Members will kindly accept this notice of an attractive illustrated lecture to be given before the club by Dr. R. A. Welsh, of McGill, subject, "Punch and His Merry Men" in the hall of the Natural History Society, on Monday afternoon at 3.15 o'clock. Admission by 1917 membership ticket.

Merits for Railway Engineer.

John Anderson, a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Canadian Government Railways, has been awarded five merits for his resourcefulness in making temporary repairs to throttle of engine 402, on No. 9 train on October 28th, which enabled him to make the run from Moncton to St. John. Mr. Anderson resides in the city.

Thorne Lodge Social.

Thorne Lodge, I.O.G.T., held a largely attended box social last evening in their rooms on Thorne avenue under direction of Benjamin Gomme. A short programme was rendered, including a vocal solo by H. R. Coleman, reading by Miss Amy Young, monologue by H. V. Copp and a piano selection by Harry Coleman. The proceeds from the social will go towards the building fund.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT UNIQUE THIS AFTERNOON ONLY.

Special matinee feature Unique this afternoon, Chaplin in roaring comedy. Other features.

Among the recent arrivals in St. John was Mrs. Bertha Graham, wife of Capt. Christopher Graham of Loch Lomond Road. Mrs. Graham was formerly a Miss Murray of Amherst and after a day or two's stay in St. John went on to visit at her home. She had a rather exciting experience on the way across, but the steamer docked safely at New York, much to the relief of some of the passengers. Capt. Graham who has been engaged in military Y. M. C. A. work for the past year is now in England, but it is probable that he will shortly go to Salonika.

Owing to the war many articles are being given to a greater extent than formerly. Gundry's experience shows a strong demand existing for Cigarettes, Signet Rings and Military Brushes. A grand selection of these articles is always kept in stock. The famous Wrist Watch is also shown in many styles.

Victoria Rink, Grand Carnival—By special request another big carnival will be held on Tuesday evening, February 27th. Eight prizes—get ready with your costumes.

When the roll was called yesterday by the officer commanding the 257th Railway Construction Battalion out of the total number enlisted in the city which was 166 men, six did not answer to their names. The company left the city without them, but the military police have been given a description of the men, and it is likely that they will soon be rounded up.

HON. MR. SLIPP SPEAKS OF PROSPEROUS CONDITIONS OF THE RESIDENTS OF QUEENS CO.

Minister Refers to Advancement Being Made in Mining, Lumbering, Agriculture and Other Lines—Indications Point to the Return of the Government Candidates with Substantial Majorities—People of Queens Appreciate Gift of Important Portfolio.

Hon. A. R. Slipp, K. C., Minister of Lands and Mines, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. In reply to an inquiry from The Standard as to the progress of the campaign in Queens county, Hon. Mr. Slipp said that the prospects were never brighter for the government ticket there. The new government candidate, Alfred West, was being well received on every side and would prove an excellent representative of Queens county at Fredericton.

Relative to the activities of the opposition in Queens county, Hon. Mr. Slipp said that it rather appeared that candidates would be named at the opposition meeting called for Galetown on Friday. Two men would be put up as a result of the long and persistent pressure from outside the county. He felt sure, however, not only that this was not the desire of

the more moderate men among the opposition to the government in Queens county, but that the result on February 24th would show that this view was correct. In this connection he mentioned that it was an assured fact that a number of men looked up on as likely candidates had during the past few weeks been repeatedly pressed to allow their names to be put in nomination in opposition to the government. These, it seems, one after the other had flatly refused, and only this week, after a prolonged conference in this city, did the outside influence even succeed in getting a convention called for a date within eight days of polling.

When asked as to business conditions in his section of the province, Hon. Mr. Slipp said that there was greater activity in the Queens-Sunbury mining district than ever before in the history of the province. He mentioned the fact that during the month of January 490 cars of coal had been shipped out, and on that basis, the revenue of the province would receive very much larger, both on private and crown lands.

Hon. Mr. Slipp stated that he had also observed that the men throughout the county interested in agriculture—and these formed a large majority of the population—seemed keenly alive to the greatly increased usefulness and scope of the Department of Agriculture as administered under the present government. Altogether the people of Queens were never more happy and prosperous than at the present time.

of every credit for the active part they are taking in the war.

Leave For Toronto.

The nineteen men who were recruited in the province within the last week for the Canadian Army Service Corps left last night for Toronto to enter upon their army life. The men in the party will take a preliminary military training in their respective trades. Several of the men belong to St. John. The list of those in the party is as follows:

- John Parsons, St. John, N. B.; John D. Maxwell, St. John, N. B.; Joseph Parsons, St. John, N. B.; Dalgle, Point Sappin, N. B.; George Woods, Henry Bostock, C. E. Boyd, Joseph Conall, Albert Orde, Chas. T. Brown, ex-police constable in city, St. John, N. B.; W. F. Hill, Chatham, N. B.; A. G. Leonard, Cady Station, N. B.; John Myers, St. John, N. B.; G. R. Dickie, Black Point, N. B.; A. Lep-rune, New Mills, N. B.; J. D. Gagnon, New Mills, N. B.; G. M. Taylor, St. John, N. B.; E. F. Roberts, Cady Station, N. B.; C. Orr, St. John, N. B.

Reported For Duty.

Gunner Willie Brown, Arthur Rankin and Fred Withers of the 9th Overseas Siege Battery have returned to St. John to resume their duties on Partridge Island, after spending a few days with their parents at Fairfield, N. B. They have a large circle of friends who wish them every success in the new life they are undertaking and are all joined in one hope to keep the camp fires burning till the boys come home.

Promoted To Corporal.

Gordon R. Brown of Fairfield, who left St. John with the 7th Siege Battery, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Corporal Brown was transferred from the 7th Battery to 167th Canadian Siege Battery shortly after arriving in England. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, received a letter from him last week in which he stated that he was well.

The 167th French-Canadian Battalion celebrated pay day yesterday. The sum of \$15,000 was distributed among the men. The same conduct which has made their stay in the city so desirable characterized the distribution of cash among the boys of the 167th Battalion yesterday. The battalion paraded from the barracks to the Bank of Montreal in the afternoon headed by the regimental band. The songs and jests of the men as they awaited their turn to enter the bank evidenced the fact that something more than usual was going on.

There is no truth in the rumor that the 167th will be broken up and sent over in drafts, as by the recent order-in-council battalions having 700 or over on the muster roll will go across as units.

Now that the 228th Battalion has left the city the room for another thousand men to be quartered in the exhibition building. Although no definite statement has been made by the authorities, indications point to the fact that the 150th, 178th and 233rd Battalions are to be amalgamated. The 178th French-Canadian Battalion is now quartered at Sussex, but it is probable that unit will receive instructions to come to St. John. Should the amalgamation take place Lieut.-Colonel Girouard of the 178th will be the officer commanding.

The battalion, when up to full strength, will cross to England as a unit.

St. John's Church Boy Scouts will be on duty at the Military Hospital and Discharge Depot next week. The scouts are rendering valuable service in both institutions and are deserving

THE OFFICIAL PAPERS FILED YESTERDAY

For Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Thomas B. Carson—Some of the Signatories to Nominations of Government Candidates.

The official nomination papers of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Thomas B. Carson, the government candidates for St. John county, were filed with Sheriff Wilson about noon yesterday. The nomination papers of both Messrs. Baxter and Carson were largely signed. The signatures to the papers included the following:

- H. Coby Smith, Lancaster, merchant. William Fox, Lancaster, tailor. Howard Sudebear, Simonds, hotel keeper. John Britney, Lancaster, collector. Alexander Cleak, Jr., Simonds, farmer. John T. O'Brien, Lancaster, councillor. Maurice Tufts, Salmon river, St. Martins, manager. Frank Josselyn, Simonds, manager. Edward Gunningham, Milford, Lancaster, laborer. William Golding, Lancaster, foreman. William Stymest, Lancaster, supervisor. James McAfee, Lorneville, Lancaster, fisherman. Thomas Barrett, Simonds, farmer. Fred Totten, Barnesville, St. Martins, farmer. Robert Carson, St. Martins, retired captain. Simon Ernest Graham, Simonds, farmer. George Forbes, Gardner's Creek, Simonds, farmer. Fred Linton, Lancaster, Simonds. William Osborne, St. Martins, millman. Roy Fownes, St. Martins, lumberman. Marshall Stout, Fairville, Lancaster, clerk. William A. Quinton, Lancaster, farmer. Robert Catherwood, Fairville, Lancaster, merchant. Thomas H. Wilson, Fairville, Lancaster, druggist. Edward J. Neve, Beaconsfield, Lancaster, manager. William O. Dunham, Beaconsfield, Lancaster, furniture dealer. Leonard A. Conlon, Fairville, Lancaster, barrister.

SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT AT HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School Assembly Hall, platform having been transformed into a theatrical stage by the addition of beautiful scenery, drop curtain and other professional "props," kindly loaned for the occasion, a splendid entertainment was given for the benefit of the Girls' Club of the Playground Association, last evening, by the pupils of Miss E. Heffer.

There were about three hundred people present, who were high in praise of the two presentations given, namely, "Fairies Awakening" and "The Comedy of Errors." The acting in the former was particularly graceful, and displayed perfect training of the young artists, each doing her part with ease and confidence. Miss Beryl Mullin gave a wonderful exhibition of her dancing abilities in "The Dance of the Sunbeam." Among those who were responsible for the splendid success of the comedy, were Miss Lillian Berwick, Miss Edith Piers, Miss Pearl Wayne, Miss Grace Robertson, Miss Gladys Dodge, Miss Violet Marchant, Miss May Pike, Miss Carrie Green, Miss Estella Earle, Miss Zella Parlee, Miss Gladys McMillin, Mr. Lewis Porter, Mr. Ronald Carlon and Mr. Basil Robertson, whilst Miss Estella Fox and Mr. Coston added to the pleasures of the evening in their good, orchestral work.

GOVERNMENT WARD MEETINGS.

Every Week Evening from Now to February 24th.

- Sydney, Dukes—Conservative Club Rooms, Market Building, entrance South Market St. (near Charlotte). Kings, Queens, Prince, Wellington—Semi-ready Building, Cor. King and German. Entrance from German. Victoria Ward—Victoria Rink. Dufferin—Beatty & Giggoy's store, No. 687, Main street. Stanley, Lorne, Lansdowne—Orange Hall, Simonds street. Guys and Brooks—Prentice Boys' Hall, Guilford street.

FRANK LEWIS Secretary.

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Knights of Pythias anniversary service, Trinity church, Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock.

Victoria Rink—Band this afternoon and evening. Three matched races, Tuesday, February 20th.

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