

**THE WEATHER**

Forecasts

Maritime — Southwesterly winds, increasing to gales at night, fair and milder.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—The pressure is very high over northwestern Canada, and along the Atlantic coast, while between the two high areas there is a trough of low pressure moving across the Great Lakes. The weather is cold and stormy in British Columbia and extremely cold throughout the western provinces. In Ontario it is unseasonably mild, and from Ottawa eastward moderately cold.

Temperatures	
Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert . . . . . 2	12
Battleford . . . . . *30	*24
Victoria . . . . . 23	32
Vancouver . . . . . 18	24
Winnipeg . . . . . *8	*3
Port Arthur . . . . . 4	24
Parry Sound . . . . . 22	43
Toronto . . . . . 26	47
Ottawa . . . . . 12	28
Montreal . . . . . 14	34
Quebec . . . . . 0	20
St. John . . . . . 12	28
Halifax . . . . . 16	28

\*Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Sixteen Recruits Arrive.**  
Fifteen recruits for the 115th Battalion arrived from St. Andrews on the Boston train last night and one from Grand Falls.

**Embargo on Potatoes.**  
No New Brunswick potatoes are now being shipped into Aroostook county. Inspection regulations make it practically impossible to ship the tubers over the line in that section. Potatoes are worth \$2.50 in Houlton.

**Hazen Avenue Water Extension.**  
The Hazen Avenue water and sewerage extension from Union street to the Y. M. C. A. will be finished this week. The crew which has been working on the Marsh bridge water improvements will be transferred to day to the Hazen Avenue work.

**Taken to the Hospital.**  
A man named Chinman slipped and fell on the ice on Wall street last evening, causing a severe cut on his head. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man conveyed to the General Public Hospital where it was found necessary to take a few stitches to close the wound.

**Deserted Arrested.**  
Frank Bowers, a sailor on board the C. P. R. steamer Montreal, was given in charge of the police yesterday for being absent from the ship without leave. He was locked up in police headquarters and yesterday afternoon handed over to a C. P. R. constable who returned the deserter to the ship.

**Traffic Conditions Improve.**  
Conditions in traffic in the eastern part of Canada and the United States have steadily continued to improve, especially in St. John as noted last week. Now the Boston & Maine railroad and Boston & Albany lines have modified the embargo on freight shipments coming from the west, although congestion is still a prominent feature of railroad traffic in that section.

**North Star in New York.**  
The Eastern line steamer North Star, which left Boston yesterday for this port, made a run to New York after her St. John-Boston trip last week. She loaded a cargo of sugar in New York for Boston and was able to perform the extra service between her regular scheduled dates with no inconvenience to the usual freight service. She is due here late today.

**Snow Badly Needed.**  
Lumbermen and owners of wood lands in the province are seriously hampered by a lack of snow. In some districts there is no snow and wheels are in use. These conditions prevail over the southern half of the province and even far north as counties along the Northumberland Strait. The country roads are very icy and horse-drawn are doing a rickety business.

**Motor Boat Burned.**  
Yesterday afternoon the fire department was called out by an alarm from Box 7 for a fire which started in the gasoline on a motor boat lying in the Market Slip. The boat had to be flooded with water before the fire was quenched. The boat is owned by the Dominion Coal Company and a great deal of damage was done to her engine and cabin.

**Reception for Ladies.**  
At the Wednesday matinee given by the Young-Adams Company at the Opera House, Miss Adams and the ladies of the company will hold a public reception on the stage immediately after the performance of "Jon and the Mouse." Everybody in the audience will be invited to attend, renew old acquaintance and meet the new members of this popular organization. Light refreshments will be served.

**N. B. Man Loses Job.**  
Frank Melnick, one of the most expert sanitary engineers in America, has been discharged from his position in the sewer and water department of the city of Boston by Mayor Curley. Mayor Curley recently swung the axe vigorously to get even with a number of political leaders whom he regarded as unfriendly to his political ideas.

Mr. Melnick is a former resident of Fredericton and is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick.

**MAY ORGANIZE A BOY SCOUT BAND IN CITY TROOPS**

Suggestion made by The Standard finds favor with executive of Scout association.

Last night the committee of the local Boy Scouts' Association held a meeting in Bond's cafe and several important subjects were discussed. A. C. Skelton occupied the chair, and was supported by Lt. Col. W. V. Wetherburn, B. C. Waring, A. H. Ellis, M. Galley, Rev. H. A. Cody and Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Word having been received from the returning soldiers' reception committee, that they were willing to accept the offer made to them by the scouts' committee, it was decided to arrange for about four boys to meet the steamers, whenever possible, for the purpose of being at the service of the soldiers, running of errands, etc.

A prominent citizen having expressed his desire to present a prize, to be competed for in some way to be arranged, it was suggested that each troop should be required to raise money for their individual use, the amount to be placed to their account in a bank and then at the end of a certain period the troop which had the most to its credit, in proportion to the troop's size, to be awarded a flag, which would then be used for the following period, the presentation to be on the occasion for a big sports rally. It was thought this would leave room for great originality and resourcefulness among the various city troops and the spirit of competition thus started would have very good results.

The matter was left in the hands of a committee composed of A. C. Skelton, Rev. H. A. Cody and A. H. Ellis, who will report at the next meeting of the Boy Scouts' Committee.

Nothing further has been done as to the offer made by the Y. M. C. A. as to their swimming baths being at the disposal of the Boy Scouts for new beginners only, but the subject is having the attention of those responsible for same.

The suggestion made by The Standard in last Saturday's issue, as to having a Boy Scouts' band for the city was gone through into, and it was decided that each scoutmaster should talk the matter over with their various troops and find out how many boys would be willing to join such a band. The scoutmasters are to report at the next meeting, to be held in February and it is fully expected that some arrangement will be arrived at, as it is felt that the possession of a good drum and bugle band by the St. John Boy Scouts would be a great asset, in many respects.

From reports given it was gathered that the movement is steadily growing on the whole, although many of the troops have been greatly handicapped by the loss of their scoutmasters through their joining the forces.

The secretary, B. C. Waring, reported that he is visiting most of the troops in turn and finding much to their credit, the boys all working hard and becoming most proficient in the different branches of scout craft.

**H. M. S. IRON DUKE IS STILL AFOAT**

Mayor Frink receives letter from Commander Lionel Halsey, Captain of the Fleet.

The battleship Iron Duke, which was reported sunk by a torpedo or mine in the North Sea and later lost during the Gallipoli campaign, refuses to be eliminated from the famed "iron wall" of Britain. Yesterday Mayor Frink received a letter from Commander Lionel Halsey, captain of the fleet, thanking him and the Daughters of the Empire for a consignment of vegetables. The letter follows:

"H. M. S. Iron Duke, 4th Jan., 1916.

"Dear Sir:—

"I shall be glad if you will be good enough to convey to the Daughters of the Empire of New Brunswick and to Mrs. R. M. Burden of Loonwater Farm, Kings Co., the hearty thanks of the fleet for the consignment of vegetables which has come to hand through the vegetable products committee.

"The generous gift has been much appreciated by the recipients.

"The fleet is also indebted to you for undertaking the collection and despatch of this contribution.

"Yours faithfully,

"LIONEL HALSEY,

"Commander,

"Captain of the Fleet."

**The Cause of the Smoke**

The chemical engine was given two runs on still alarms to Mrs. Emma Irvine's home on Coburg street, Sunday night. The firemen on their first call found the house full of smoke and were told that too much coal had been put in a stove and some had been removed by Mr. Irvine and placed in a bath tub. About two hours later the firemen responded to the same house and found that the hot coals from the stove had been carelessly placed in the coal bin where it ignited the coal. There was no damage caused.

**HUNDRED MEN OFFER TO JOIN NEW BATTERY**

Commissioner Wigmore expects no difficulty in raising full quota.

One hundred men have already signified their willingness to enlist in the proposed new field battery which Commissioner Wigmore has offered to form. The commissioner said yesterday that he anticipated no difficulty in raising the quota of 200. Many of those who have spoken to the commissioner have expressed their willingness to fill any position, whether driving or serving at the guns.

It is proposed to forward a draft of 100 men each month as they are required. The idea of a field battery is a popular one here and is arousing general interest.

**DAN HEYWOOD SAYS CANADIAN BOYS ARE DOING SPLENDIDLY**

Former Standard employe saw men of 26th — Lost nephew at the front.

An interesting letter has been received from Dan Heywood, a former Standard employe, now at the front, by William Marsden of the York cotton mills. The letter in part is as follows:

"I have been continually on the move. Recently I bumped into the boys of the 26th and a fine body of boys they are. We were with them for three weeks. I was with Major Markham of the C. M. R., the officer I worked with, also Lieut. March, the bombing officer. It did seem strange to meet them. I met Major Markham just coming out of the trenches leading his men. He is a fine chap. We were both covered with mud and my greeting to him was falling full length into the mud. We both had a good shake of the hand and a good laugh. It is now six weeks since I saw him, but I have good news from his regiment very often.

"I am proud of the Canadian boys as they put up a good stiff fight, and they are always cheerful whether under fire or at work trench digging. It is some sport, but very laborious in the cold and rain. But anyhow we know what the result will be and that is we will beat Mr. Sausage with honors. Our boys don't seem to heed Fritz's shelling, and when they fire one shell they get a dozen back, thanks to the munition makers. Well, Bill, I was with the boys twenty-four hours under heavy shell fire and the boys replied every time with full measure. The Germans are still at their old game of firing gas shells, also sending gas over our trenches. It is not war but murder, I call it on their part. I have been here seven months since I left home and God knows how much longer we will be before we can put the kibosh over Mr. Fritz and get back home. But I guess we can hold on as long as they can.

"My nephew George was killed and now my brother is wounded. I suppose I shall be pretty lucky if I dodge with a whole skin, but Mr. Fritz will have to be a little smarter than I."

Mr. Heywood said that the weather was very bad. The supply of food and clothing, he added, is excellent.

**BIG IMPROVEMENT IN WATER SYSTEM**

An important improvement in the city water service was announced by Commissioner Rupert R. Wigmore yesterday. The distributing mains have been connected directly with the 24-inch main after the removal of the "header" at the Marsh bridge.

Formerly the big main supplied into a reservoir and from it the various mains led to City road, Waterloo, Brussels and Erin streets. When Mr. Goldsmith, water works expert, was here he strongly recommended the removal of the header and this substitution of a direct feed. This has been accomplished and the main feeds into the other pipes by means of Y-joints, thus avoiding the loss of pressure and obviating the danger of holding up the service for a large section of the city in case of an accident to the header.

While the work was being carried on, the twenty-four-inch main was shut off, and this without affecting the city pressure. Before the mains were cleaned the lack of the supply from the mains would have deprived the heights of their entire supply.

**Dinner Tonight**

A number of business men will be entertained at dinner in the Union Club tonight by Percy W. Thomson, to meet F. P. Gutelius, manager of the Canadian Government Railways.

**TEACHERS MAY AID RECRUITING COMMITTEE MEN**

Various plans discussed at yesterday's meeting at Germain St. quarters.

The perfecting of effective methods for raising recruits was the main topic discussed at the meeting of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee yesterday afternoon in the Germain St. recruiting quarters. Reports from the various committees were made and discussed. Important new plans will be announced from time to time.

Miles E. Agar, speaking on a plan to instruct young women in the rudiments of mercantile life so that they can take the places of men who might enlist, said he had talked with Dr. Bridges. One member of the committee suggested that perhaps some of the teachers would be willing to devote part of their spare time, especially in the evening, to the instruction of young women. Mr. Agar will investigate this phase of the recruiting problem further.

Regarding the physical culture issue, Mr. Howard, director of the Boys' Club of the Playgrounds Association has volunteered to conduct classes in physical culture three nights a week. He is sending out letters to those who were not accepted at the recruiting rooms because of physical defects. Five young men who were desirous of taking a short course under Mr. Howard have spoken to him regarding the matter and it is probable a class will soon be formed. Those who fell short of the necessary chest measurement will be enabled to develop their chests under Mr. Howard's methods.

Capt. Tiley was present at yesterday's meeting. It was stated that only three of the 12 men who were examined yesterday passed the inspection.

Several of those who failed to pass the examination previously were at the recruiting rooms yesterday and expressed their intention of taking a course in physical culture for the purpose of overcoming the defects.

**ATTEMPT TO STOP AMERICAN BOYS FROM ENLISTING**

Estimated that 20,000 United States men in Canadian Armies.

An attempt is being made in the United States to prevent boys from that country enlisting for military service in Europe. Congressman Olney has made a protest to Secretary of State Lansing against Great Britain enlisting American boys employed on cattle boats.

It is said that 20,000 Americans have volunteered for service in the Canadian army since the war started. In a number of cases the volunteers have been under age and attempts have been made by their parents to have them discharged and returned to their homes.

Large numbers of Americans have gone to England, and enlisted. Many have joined the French army. And there are thousands of American citizens serving in the armies of Italy, Austria and Germany.

**Special Dresses.**

There is one store in town which is continually aiming to show something different from the others, or get something special that will attract new customers. In this instance P. A. Dryden & Co. are showing a big lot of Paillette silk dresses which are well made and made in good style. They have bought them at a very special price and will sell a regular \$10 dress for \$6.50. They also have purchased a special large lot of all wool serge dresses which are very prettily trimmed and made in perfect fitting models. These come in a large range of the staple shades and can be had for \$5.50. They are worth one-third more.

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New Chinz, linen taffetas, cretonnes, warp printed taffetas, black and white grounds with beautiful floral check, dice and stripe patterns. These are the very latest materials from the European and American markets and are now being shown in the Annex window, King street.

**Is Stranger a Swindler?**

A stranger has been visiting a number of points in the province and inducing girls and young women to sign their names to a document which purports to be for the enrollment of Red Cross nurses. In one county, Gloucester, the stranger used the name of J. B. Hachey, M. L. A., recruiting officer at Bathurst as a reference. Mr. Hachey says that he has authorized no one to enroll young women for Red Cross work and that the attention of the authorities should be called to the presence of the stranger should he continue his scheme. It is not known that the stranger obtained any considerable amount of money.

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