THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fair today, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, Mar. 5—The disturbance from Texas, which has been moving slowly northward during the past two days, is now centered in Iowa, causing northeasterly gales and snow over the Great Lakes; elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	36	44
Vancouver	40	46
Kamloops	32	50
Edmonton	10	26
Battleford	16	32
Calgary	14	36
Medicine Hat	2	26
Moose Jaw	14	29
Winnipeg	16	34
Port Arthur	12	28
Parry Sound	14	38
Toronto	20	32
Ottawa	16	30
Montreal	20	32
Quebec	10	32
St. John	22	38
Halifax	22	38

Around the City

Will Try Again Today

An attempt to float the sunken Norton Griffith hopper in the Courtenay Bay channel was unsuccessful yesterday morning. With the use of a powerful pump and lighters another attempt will be made this morning.

Had Leg Broken.

Lorne, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pamers, Dorchester street, was the victim of a painful accident last evening. The little fellow fell and besides breaking his right leg, sustained other painful brueses. He was taken to the hospital where he received all attention possible.

Duffy Again Remanded

Many weeks ago a man named Duffy was arrested for being the proprietor of a disorderly house on St. Patrick street. The occupants of the house were dealt with by the court while Duffy was remanded to jail. He was taken to court yesterday and once more remanded to jail.

Drop in Flour

Both Ontario and Manitoba flours dropped thirty cents per barrel in the local market yesterday. It is thought by dealers that in the event of further successes by the British and French fleets in the Dardanelles, which will mean the opening up of the markets between the great wheat-growing country of Russia and the other markets of the Allies, there may be further reductions in flour prices in St. John and other Canadian centres.

On Force But a Short Time.

As a wearer of the blue coat and the brass butons on the police force a young man named Sheehan has now a real idea what the word rapid transit means. He was appointed a patrolman and sent out on a beat Thursday night; last night he handed in his uniform and other equipment. Twenty-four hours was apparently long enough for Sheehan as a cop. Before going on the force as a real live copper he, for the past few weeks had been acting as one of the specials.

Inspecting Mounted Rifles

Owing to the fact that papers from Halifax did not arrive Major Francis Gow was unable to proceed with the medical examination of the men enlisted for the mounted rifles yesterday. Dr. Gow expects, however, to complete the examination of the men here by Monday afternoon. He will then go to Hampton, Sussex, Moncton and Sackville to examine the recruits for A squadron of the mounted rifles. The recruits have already passed one medical officer, and the special examination by Major Dow is intended to obviate the necessity of turning back men from Amherst.

The Retail Market.

There was a moderate supply of provisions in the retail market yesterday. Retailers report average sales for this time of the year. No changes in prices from last week have to be recorded. Eggs are more plentiful, but the price remains at 32 to 34 cents a dozen for fresh, and 28 to 32 cents for case. Butter also remains at last week's prices, 36c. a pound for creamery being still obtainable. Fish has been fairly plentiful this week, and the demand seems more than usually keen for the Lenten period. There is a plentiful supply of salmon at from 12 to 24 cents a pound.

Violet Day.

Saturday, April 3, is to be observed as Violet Day in St. John, the funds to be raised to be devoted to the work of the Playgrounds Association. It had been planned to name an earlier date, but the executive of the Association felt that they should not do anything to divert attention from Patriotic Day and the campaign for a substantial addition to the patriotic funds. The date of Violet Day was therefore fixed as April 3. The lady members of the executive met at the Girls' Club Thursday and discussed the general arrangements for the day. The work is well in hand, and it is the hope of the Association that the appeal on behalf of the boys and girls and the general work of the Association will meet with a generous response.

PERSONAL.

Captain D. F. Pidgeon, of the Ammunition Column, Fredericton, came to the city last night.

Hon. James W. Murray, minister of agriculture, went through to Sussex last evening.

Lieutenant-Governor Wood came in on the Boston express last night.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney-General, returned from Fredericton last evening.

CITY COUNCIL DID NOT OBEY LEGISLATURE

Commissioners failed to carry out provisions of new Charter regarding appointment of a Commission to draft new Assessment Law.

A citizen who was identified with the movement to establish the commission form of government pointed out yesterday that at the time the commission system was being discussed the question of revising the assessment system of the city was brought prominently to the forefront, and the understanding was that the commissioners would give this matter their early and earnest attention. Commissioner Potts' proposal to revise the assessment system by piecemeal has aroused considerable interest, and the Board of Trade proposes to conduct a campaign of education on assessment matters. It is said that if the city commissioners had carried out the provisions of the act to provide for the government of the city by an elective commission such a campaign would not now be necessary.

When interviewed J. A. Belyea, chairman of the charter committee, said the whole matter of assessment was brought up at the time the new charter was being prepared. "We were asked to revise the assessment system, but we thought it was too big a job to tackle off hand," said Mr. Belyea. "So in the new charter for the city we made provision for the appointment of a commission to draft a new assessment system. The supposition was that this commission would make a study of the whole assessment question and draft a law which would represent the best ideas obtainable on the matter."

Mr. Belyea's statement refers to section 23 of the commission charter, which says:

"The common council is hereby empowered to appoint a commission on the assessment law of the city of St. John, which commission shall possess all powers for obtaining information at present vested in the assessors of the said city, or which have been conferred on any commission or body by the Acts 62nd Victoria, Chapter 43 (1899), 1 Edward VII., Chapter 47 (1901), and 5 Edward VII., Chapter 56 (1905), and which commission shall prepare and submit to the council a draft of a new assessment law or amendment to the existing law."

The city commissioners have never appointed such a commission, although from the wording of the section it would seem to be obligatory upon them to do so. It is well known that at the time commission government was being advocated it was the intention that the question of assessment should be dealt with as soon as possible, and by a commission which would secure expert advice, but in the words of the chairman of the charter committee, "the city commissioners have left undone a lot of things they should have done, and done a lot of things they should not have done."

MEN'S BROTHERHOODS FORM FEDERATION FOR CHRISTIAN WORK

Steps taken last evening to organize a St. John Federation of Brotherhoods — Marked enthusiasm at meeting.

A meeting of delegates from five of the Men's Brotherhoods of the city churches was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, with T. H. Bullock in the chair, for the purpose of forming a St. John Federation of Brotherhoods. Those present were Chas. Robinson and Bruce Robb, representing the St. David's church Brotherhood; Rev. W. H. Barraclough, G. E. Barbour and T. H. Bullock, of the Centenary church Brotherhood; Rev. F. S. Porter, W. F. Burditt and R. G. Haley, of the Germain street Baptist church Brotherhood; J. A. Kennedy, and W. Lingley, of the Portland street Methodist church Brotherhood; and Rev. R. J. Haughton, J. A. Brooks, S. K. Smith and J. W. Flewwelling, of the Congregational church Brotherhood. Secretary Hutchinson of the Y. M. C. A. was also present.

A committee consisting of T. H. Bullock, Rev. W. H. Barraclough, Rev. F. S. Porter, and Bruce Robb was appointed to draw up a constitution for the new organization, and to report at a later meeting, to be held at the call of the chair. The idea of the Federation is to unite the various Christian forces of the city in one organization and thus enable more effective work to be done along the lines of moral and social reform. The get-together meeting last evening was marked by great earnestness and enthusiasm.

AN ENORMOUS EMBROIDERY EVENT

The entire surplus of a great St. Gall manufacturer's stock of embroideries on sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co's store Saturday morning at a discount of about a third from usual prices. The patterns are extremely desirable and the assortments are very extensive. Have a look at these embroideries Saturday and be convinced of the fineness of the work and the quality of the lawn. They are priced from 5 cents to $1.15, according to width. This sale is remarkable for three reasons, the worthiness of the materials, the beauty of the pattrens and the prices.

FINE SPECIMENS OF MEN IN N.B. BATTALION

General Lessard Made Careful Inspection of Regiment Yesterday — Other Military News.

Major General F. L. Lessard of Toronto, and Inspector General in Eastern Canada, made a thorough inspection yesterday of the second contingent men stationed here. He spent almost the whole day in the open with the soldiers and his inspection was complete. He examined into the books of the battalion and found everything in first class condition.

When seen by a Standard reporter last night General Lessard said he was well pleased with the soldiers here. The 26th was a fine body of men and their work in the field was particularly good. Physically the men were all fine specimens and he was pleased with their intelligence.

General Lessard was assisted by Major General Rutherford of Halifax and was accompanied by Captain Victor Nordheimer of Toronto and Capt. Langford of Halifax.

The 26th Battalion was taken to the Manchester field early yesterday morning and did not return till nearly 7 o'clock last night. General Lessard, after first inspecting the men of the Army Service Corps, went to Manchester's field and saw the battalion put through different kinds of work. He spent the time with them and at luncheon partook of the jam and biscuits of the soldiers. His luncheon was taken while on the move. He saw that the men and officers as well were given much work and he said last night that all acquitted themselves well.

The Army Service Corps also included fine specimens of men and he expected to hear a fine account of them when they went into active service.

General Lessard said he could make no comparisons of different units but he was surprised at the fine appearance of the New Brunswick men in general. The Ammunition Column at Fredericton had particularly pleased him. Here he had found many college men in the ranks and they were all enthusiastic in learning the details of their work.

General Lessard left last evening for Halifax where he will inspect the second contingent units there. Before leaving he said the inspection in St. John was particularly satisfactory. He had also met many old friends.

Last evening General Lessard and officers with him were the guests of Colonel H. H. McLean at the Cliff Club where dinner was served and an enjoyable evening spent.

New Battalion.

Other news of special interest yesterday was the announcement that another New Brunswick Infantry Regiment would be enlisted. The new corps will be the 55th Battalion and will include men from Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. It is intended that all men now enlisted from these two provinces in the 40th Battalion will be transferred to the 55th.

Lieutenant Colonel Armstrong received word yesterday to proceed with the recruiting at once. No announcement has yet been made as to the points of muster for this battalion. There was some talk of the new battalion being mobilized in Sussex but nothing definite is known concerning this. There has been some speculation as to the officers for the new battalion. It has been said that Lieut. Col. Kirkpatrick would command it. Capt. E. C. Weyman has been appointed to the new unit and will look after enlisting in the vicinity of Sussex. Captain Herbert J. Smith has also received an appointment and will look after recruiting about St. Stephen.

Will Stay With D.A.C.

Lieut. W. H. Eagar, A.M.C., who is attached to the Divisional Ammeunition Column in Fredericton, has been offered a place with McGill Club Hospital, which is to be sent to the front. Lieut. Eagar is a graduate of McGill, having received his degree in 1900. He will not accept the offer, however, preferring to remain with Major W. H. Harrison and the Ammunition Column. Lieut. Eagar was particularly sought for by the McGill Club to do special work in connection with X Ray examination, being a well known specialist in this work. The McGill Club Hospital will have 1,040 beds, and will include on its staff some of the best physicians and surgeons in Canada, many of the most noted graduates of McGill having already offered their services.

Y.M.C.A. Men.

Word has been received by the Y. M.C.A. officials here that six of its representatives will go from Canada with the second Canadian contingent. All will go from Upper Canada and the west. Chris. Graham, who went from St. John as Y.M.C.A. representative in the first contingent is now with the expeditionary forces at the front. In Amherst the churches are co-operating with the "Y" in anticipation of the arrival of the troops in the near future.

BOARD OF TRADE WILL EDUCATE CITIZENS ON ASSESSMENT MATTERS

Expect to bring on a speaker to explain Ontario's Assessment System.

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade held last evening it was decided to continue the educative campaign in regard to matters of civic taxation, and an effort will be made to secure a speaker from Toronto qualified to present the case for the assessment system in force in Ontario.

Another matter dealt with was the visit of Mr. Adams, the town planning expert of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Adams will address a public meeting to be held in the High School assembly hall on Monday evening. On Monday afternoon he will hold a conference with members of the Board of Trade at which the general question of town-planning will be taken up.

POLICE FORCE "NOT FIT JOB FOR ANY MAN"

Officer James Ross tells the Standard why he resigned — Seven experienced officers off in six weeks.

The police force was depleted yesterday by the resignation of two more officers, both of whom had served a considerable time on the force. The latest members to shed the uniform are Officer James Ross and Officer Pitt. Officer Ross had been ten years and seven months on the force and a few weeks before the retirement of Chief Clarke had been promoted to sergeant. The promotion was not sanctioned by the new chief and the Commissioner of Public Safety, and, as a result, Sergeant Ross was reduced to the ranks and Officer Charles Rankine promoted to his place. Officer Pitt has been twice on the force, doing patrol duty and, latterly, mounted duty. Both officers are regarded as good, efficient men and the news of their resignation was heard of with general regret.

The retirement of the officers named brings the number of old experienced men who have left the force, or been dismissed, during the past six weeks, up to seven, and already there is some question among taxpayers as to where it will all end. The list includes Sergt. W. H. Finley, Police Officer George Totten, Police Officer George Clark, Police Officer Garnett, Police Officer Watson, ex-Sergeant James Ross and Police Officer Pitt. In the same time Sergeant George R. Baxter was reduced to the ranks and Sergeant Aaron Hastings, at one time captain of the Northern Division, had his salary cut but was kindly permitted to retain the stripes.

Mr. Ross called at this office last evening and in conversation with the editor of this newspaper declared he had resigned from the police force because under present conditions it "was not a fit job for any man. A man is not required to do police duty but to be a veritable spy. Good service is not rewarded as it should be. I have been ten years and seven months on the force and in that time have never had a black mark against me nor have I ever lost a case."

The first intimation of Officer Ross' resignation was published in the evening papers of yesterday and it speaks well for the esteem in which the ex-officer was held that up to nine o'clock last evening he had received three offers of employment. He has accepted a position with N. A. Hornbrook & Co., and will enter upon his new duties on Monday.

The resignation of Officers Ross and Pitt was the sole topic of conversation among the surviving members of the old force last evening and the question most generally asked was "who will be the next?" Many citizens are asking the same question and at the same time quietly speculating among themselves as to the reason for it all.

ROMAN RUBBISH MOUND IN EGYPT RICH IN INTEREST

Prof. Currelly of Toronto Gave Interesting Lecture Before St. John Archaeological Sociecy Last evening.

A very interesting lecture, entitled "A Roman Rubbish Mound in Egypt," was delivered by Prof. Charles T. Currelly, in the Natural History Society rooms last evening under the auspices of the St. John Archaeological Society. H. A. Powell occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. Prof. Currelly, who is a graduate of Torento, and has been engaged in excavation work in Egypt and Palestine was able to make the Roman Rubbish Mound an exceedingly interesting affair, his remarks being richly illustrated with a splendid series of views, showing what had been found in the rubbish mound.

His lecture dealt with the time the Romans were administering affairs in Egypt. He said that Romans gave the country a good government, and that it developed rapidly in wealth at that period, the influence of Roman authority being shown in a great improvement of the workmanship. At that period the Egyptians carried the art of weaving to perfection, seldom equalled by any people. A great deal of light was thrown on the domestic life of the Egyptians of the period.

At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks moved by Archdeacon Raymond and seconded by Rev. J. J. McCaskill was tendered the lecturer.

Town Planning.

The Town Planning Commission has arranged for a visit by Thomas Adams, who has made a careful study of the scheme. His ideas will no doubt be of great assistance to the local commission. Mr. Adams has been in Halifax and the spirit of town planning has been revived there.

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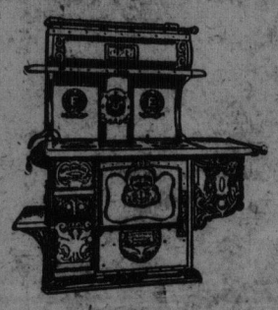

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