

**THE WEATHER.**

Forecasts.

Maritime—Some local falls of sleet or rain at first, followed by strong northerly winds and cooler.

Toronto, April 6.—The weather has been cool, with local snowfalls in Ontario and also in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, while in the other provinces it has been fair and comparatively mild.

**Temperatures.**

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	22	50
Vancouver	36	56
Edmonton	26	48
Battleford	20	34
Prince Albert	26	34
Moose Jaw	25	33
Regina	14	34
Winnipeg	4	24
Port Arthur	14	34
Parry Sound	26	34
London	32	37
Toronto	32	44
Kingston	28	42
Montreal	32	48
Quebec	28	44
St. John	28	49
Halifax	32	52

**Around the City**

**Recruits for Forestry Battalion.**

About forty recruits arrived on the Boston express last night for the 224th Forestry Battalion now being mobilized at Ottawa.

**Ontario Flour Dearer.**

An advance of twenty-five cents per barrel in Ontario flour this week brings the present jobbing price of this grade to \$7.05, as compared with \$3.30 a year ago.

**Mill Starts for Season.**

The Stetson, Cutler mill at Indian town will start operations tomorrow. This will be good news for the people of that part of the city, as the mill employs a large number of men.

**Another Advance in Sugar.**

Yesterday afternoon sugar, of all grades, again increased in price, being ten cents per one hundred pounds in advance of last week's quotations. The jobbing price is now \$7.60 to \$7.65 for the quantity stated.

**Will Reside in St. John.**

The wedding is announced in Danforth, Me. of Lauriston Estabrooks and Miss Hazel Patchell of Wytopitlock. Mr. and Mrs. Estabrooks will come to St. John about the latter part of the month and will make their home here.

**Honors Man Who Once Lived Here.**

The city of Bangor has had a portrait of the late Police Captain Nickerson of that city in the office of the chief of police there. Capt. Nickerson was born in Ireland, but came to St. John when a boy. He had been an officer in Bangor many years.

**St. John Boy Wounded.**

Peter Mahoney of Main street received word yesterday that his son, Arthur P., a member of the 2nd C. M. R., was wounded on March 25th, and had been admitted to No. 3 General Hospital in Boulogne. The telegram said that the wound was in the thigh.

**Good Maple Sugar Season.**

The run of sap in the maple woods of the Maritime Provinces and Vermont has been satisfactory thus far and considerable sugar has already been marketed at prices slightly higher than formerly. Vermont reports an excellent sugar season. The run of sap will probably continue until April 20.

**A Large Shipment.**

The asperites fishermen are reaping a harvest these days. The fish are running in large quantities and they are getting good prices. W. H. Dunham of Indian town shipped yesterday, to Yarmouth, twenty-seven thousand of these fish, and he expects to make another large shipment the first of next week.

**More Saw Mills Starting.**

Many of the lumber mills in New Brunswick and Maine will begin operations for the season this week and next. Tomorrow Murray & Gregory and Stetson, Cutler & Co., will start their mills. On Monday the saw mills at Milltown will get under way, as will the mills of the St. Croix Co. at Woodland. The Maine streams are practically free of ice.

**Canadian Buying Cattle.**

The Canadian government has started a co-operative movement to purchase cattle for its farmers. The Department of Agriculture is worried over the effects of the close of the war on the cattle industry and intends to bring about as soon as possible the breeding of more and better horses, cattle, sheep and swine before the cannon cease booming.

**Will Interview I.C.R. Man.**

A. D. Gannon, president of the St. Stephen Board of Trade, and C. N. Vroom, were in the city yesterday on their way to Moncton to interview Mr. Guelin in the matter of the proposed branch line from Fredericton to the Maine border. They would like to have the line built to St. Stephen instead of to Vanocboro. They contend that it will serve a more thickly populated part of the province and so will get more local traffic and will serve the North Shore just as well for export freight. If the line were built to St. Stephen it would be necessary to build a bridge across the St. Croix river in order to connect with the Washington County Railway at Calais.

**FIVE MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY**

**Campaign for 115th Coming Along Slowly but Surely—69th Now Over Strength.**

**ROLL OF HONOR.**

George Cass, St. Louis, Mo.
John Howell, Windsor, Ont.
B. W. Turnbull, Digby, N. S.
F. G. Baker, St. John.
E. D. Newbury, Columbus, O.

Five men were found fit and signed the honor roll yesterday. Of this number two were from across the border. The clock last night stood at 1,062 and it is hoped to make it 1,100 before Saturday.

The 115th added four to the strength yesterday. The morning was spent in routine work. In the afternoon they were out on a route march. Today Lieut. Ingleton will be orderly officer and the morning will be spent in routine work.

Yesterday was spent by the men of the 140th in routine work and lectures. Today Lieut. Manning will be the officer of the day and the main business of the day will be the general inspection.

In the vicinity of one hundred and fifty men have arrived in the city for the 69th in the last two days and the battalion is now over strength. Today there will be inspection in the morning and the men will have a half holiday in the afternoon.

The big event in military circles today is the visit of Major-General Benson, O. C. of military division No. 6, who will inspect all the units in New Brunswick, before returning to Halifax. This morning will be spent in inspecting the men and quarters of the 69th at the armory. In the afternoon the 115th and 140th will have their turn and they have everything spick and span for the occasion.

**GOOD TIME AT ST. ANDREWS CHURCH**

**Men's Association and Ladies Entertain Boys of 115th in School Room.**

Splendid vocal and instrumental music and a generous supply of refreshments were some of the good things furnished last evening by the Men's Association and the ladies of the Beneficent Society of St. Andrew's church, who entertained about two hundred men of the 115th Battalion. The entertainment was given in the spacious school room.

The predominance of the khaki and the selections by the excellent band of the battalion made the occasion a decidedly military one, and several of the officers of the unit who called during the evening expressed their appreciation of the kindness of the two church organizations.

The festivities were presided over by James H. Hamilton and he performed his duties well. The opening number of the programme was a selection by the battalion band. Miss Fenelon was heard to advantage in a vocal solo and there was a musical selection by Mr. Johnston.

After more band music, F. C. MacNeil gave a real Scotch selection. The Messrs. Holder and Kierstead, a well known quartette, took no unimportant part in the entertainment.

Mr. Cochran and Miss Lindsay were the accompanists on the piano. All those who supplied the entertainment were heartily applauded. The final number was the National Anthem.

**New Brunswick's Crops.**

When it comes to raising wheat, the little province of New Brunswick can trim its big neighbor to a standstill. The crop summary for the United States for 1915 shows the average yield per acre on wheat was 16.9 bushels, while New Brunswick ran the average up to 31.4 bushels, according to the 1915 crop report. In buckwheat, New Brunswick led in 1915 with an average of 25.1 bushels, while that of the United States was 19.6. New Brunswick did even bigger things in potatoes, the average being 263.4 bushels, while that of the United States was 95.5 bushels. The turnip average in this province last year was 490.1 bushels; no estimate given of the United States yield. In oats, the United States led slightly, the N. B. yield being 31.4 bushels, U. S. 37.8.

**Soldier Charged With Assault.**

Private W. Nickerson was arrested yesterday by Police Constable Donohue, having been given in charge by Captain Edward Warnock of the steamer Connors Brothers for assaulting him on Thorne's wharf. On Monday last Nickerson was in uniform and was detained at police headquarters on the request of Lieut. Willard McIndley of the 140th. When arrested yesterday the man was in civilian clothes, and the police do not know if, since Monday, he has been discharged from the battalion or is deserted.

**CHELSEA LAD TELLS STORY OF HARD LIFE**

**Ernest Hutchinson Looking for His Mother and "Aunt Annie."**

**Father Beat Him So He Left Home, Reached St. John Yesterday and Secured Work at Once.**

There arrived in police headquarters late last night a sixteen year old boy, giving his name as Ernest Hutchinson, and if his story is correct, his life has not been a happy one. He said that up to three weeks ago he resided on Everett street, Chelsea. His father was a victim of drink and frequently beat him badly. So bad was the father that the boy's mother was forced to leave him last September and, taking a young daughter with her, came east to her sister. The boy says that he is in search of his mother who is living with "Aunt Annie," but further than that the boy is not aware of any other name. He said that his "Aunt Annie" resided near St. John, as he had heard that she comes in to St. John to do her shopping, so he thinks that she does not live far from the city.

The young fellow, who is not dressed any too well, is a bright looking boy and says that all he wants is to be with his mother, that he will never return to his father again on account of him being such a bad man.

Young Hutchinson says that he has a brother still residing at home in Chelsea, a little sister who is being adopted by a family and another sister who is at present with her mother. When the father speaks he is employed in a box factory in Chelsea.

The young fellow said he left home with practically no money, and during the three weeks past has been trying to work at odd jobs along the line to have enough to feed himself, and get passage to St. John. On Monday and Tuesday nights last he was in Portsmouth and having no place to go at night he slept in a yard. On Tuesday night he was found in the yard by a policeman who took him to the police station. While there he told his story to the Chief of Police, who the boy says, communicated with the Chief of Police of Chelsea, and the reply received from the Chief of Police was not to send the boy home to his father as the latter had used him so badly.

Young Hutchinson then said that the Portsmouth chief gave a policeman ten dollars, with instructions to purchase for the boy a ticket for St. John and ship him out of town. The boy said that he came through on the Boston express and was never questioned by officials along the line, that he arrived here yesterday morning and shortly after he arrived procured a position in T. Rankine & Sons biscuit factory on Mill street. He said that his intention was to work long enough to get money to pay for a room to sleep in and in this manner he expected to find his mother. Being without money or a home he had no place to go last night. He was questioned by a policeman, and as it was too late for him to go to the Salvation army home he was sent to police headquarters for protection. The boy was placed in a cell as a protection for the night and his case will be further looked into today. If the young fellow's story is true it is indeed a sad one.

**GEORGETTE CREPES, CREPE DE CHINES AND NINONS.**

These materials are quite scarce but F. A. Dykeman & Co. have just received a very good assortment of each. They are showing the ninons in pale blue, pink, maize, black, white and American beauty and golden brown, from 85 cts. to \$1.00 per yard. In Georgette Crepes they have navy, flesh, pale blue and black at \$1.00 to \$1.39 per yard. The crepe de chine are white, pale blue, pink, maize, flesh and black, from \$1.39 to \$1.75. These goods are in great demand for waists, dresses, etc. They are also showing very pretty satin chamoise in pink, rose and open, at \$1.20 per yard. This material makes very pretty waists and dresses for evening wear.

**Important Announcement.**

Tonight's programme at the Imperial will start shortly before 7 o'clock. The first show will terminate about 8. The feature picture will run a second time, ending about 10 minutes past 9. Then the political speechmaking will start. The "Iron Claw" serial will be run first show only. Tickets may be purchased right up to 8.15. Boxes reserved for both shows.

**Supper at St. Andrew's church** tonight from 6 to 8 o'clock. Also apron, candy and ice cream on sale in connection with the supper. Tickets, 25 cents.

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**NO STEAMER SERVICE THIS YEAR ON RIVER**

**D. J. Purdy Says Will Not Start Boats Unless Subsidy Forthcoming—River Opening Later Than Last Year.**

There will not be any steamer service to Fredericton or Washademoak Lake this season unless the government would give some assistance.

Mr. Purdy said: "I went to Fredericton and placed before the government a statement of the business, showing that it had been operated at a loss. The city representatives gave me all the assistance they could, but the government could not see its way clear to grant any subsidy at the present time. The steamers are ready but I do not see my way clear to operate them this year without some assistance from the government."

The Champlain is getting her usual spring cleaning and will be ready some time next week. The "bedroom" is a scene of activity these days, the Maggie Miller is being made ready for action at the old stand. The tugs are receiving their spring painting and overhauling in preparation for the day when the ice is gone. The Oconee will be ready some time next week for her route. Taking it all round Indian town is a very busy place just at present.

Captain Colwell, of the May Queen, has not decided yet as to whether he will start his boat or not on account of being refused a subsidy.

**Opening Later This Year.**

The river is not likely to open as early this year as last. In 1915 the steamer Majestic made her first trip on the 8th of April, and the Champlain on the 10th of April. While the ice is still solid, and until the water rises considerably higher than it is now, it is likely to hold. The earliest opening of river navigation on record is March 23rd, in the year 1902; in 1903 it was open on March 24th, but those were exceptional years. The latest opening of the river was in 1854, when the ice held until May 7th. The longest season of navigation on record was in the year 1902, when the river was open for 256 days. It opened on March 23rd and closed on November 29th. The dates of opening since 1900 are as follows:

1900—April 21	1908—April 21
1901—April 17	1909—April 19
1902—March 23	1910—April 6
1903—March 24	1911—April 15
1904—April 25	1912—April 9
1905—April 10	1913—April 24
1906—April 15	1914—April 25
1907—April 17	1915—April 8

**Like Summer in Woods.**

Lumbermen returning from the headwaters of the St. John state that the last part of March and the first part of this month appeared like June. It was so warm in the woods that the men went without coats or sweaters and the snow disappeared as if by magic. The season for lumbering as a whole has been a very satisfactory one. There has been plenty of snow to enable the lumbermen to practically complete their work before the big thaw came.

**The Isolation Hospital.**

The cause of the fire which destroyed the Isolation Hospital was a subject which came before a meeting of the building committee of the Municipal Council in the provincial government rooms yesterday afternoon. No new evidence came to light. The committee report at a meeting of the council at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The question of re-building the hospital will be considered. The Board of Health proposes an expenditure of \$15,000 for a new structure, but it develops that there is some opposition to this plan and considerable discussion is expected.

**Held For Treatment.**

James Cameron, a returned soldier, was detained at police headquarters last night at the request of a military captain. The soldier complained of a bad pain in his head. Dr. Dunlop was summoned and rendered treatment. Cameron claims that he had been invalided home, having been shot in the head, and that he still carries a piece of shell in his face.

**Provincials in Divorce Court.**

Mrs. Maybelle E. Doherty is a petitioner in the Maine Superior Court for a divorce from Daniel C. Doherty. They were married in Houlton in 1903 and for a time lived in New Brunswick. Another petitioner in the same court is Lydia Ellen Hawkins against John Francis Hawkins of Charlottetown. They were married at Charlottetown in 1861. Desertion is alleged.

**Who Owns the Money?**

On the 15th of January Police Constable Linton found a sum of money near the corner of King and Prince William streets. At the time it was mentioned in the papers, but up till yesterday the owner had not called for it at police headquarters. The cash is still awaiting the owner who can procure the same on application.

J. T. Hallissey, district superintendent for the government railway, left in his special car, attached to the Halifax train, for Truro.

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