

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:
Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwest and west winds; fair with lower temperatures.
Toronto, Feb. 27.—The weather today has been fair throughout the Dominion, with moderate temperatures everywhere except in the Maritime Provinces where it was quite mild.

Temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	2	14
Victoria	28	38
Vancouver	28	38
Kamloops	2	24
Calgary	10	22
Medicine Hat	2	18
Edmonton	14	16
Battleford	6	14
Prince Albert	10	10
Moose Jaw	3	17
Toronto	31	34
Ottawa	16	28
Montreal	20	28
Quebec	16	24
St. John	28	40
Halifax	34	42

—Below zero.

Around the City

Carnival Postponed.
The Victoria Rink carnival which was to have been held last evening was indefinitely postponed.

Two Drunks.
Two drunks were gathered in by the North End police last night. One of the inebriates, William Leonard, has been arrested five times this month for the same offense.

Church Parade Sunday.
Should the 1917 Canadian Buffs remain in the city over the weekend, and it is most likely that it will, a church parade will be held. The different military units in the city will participate.

Raised \$43.50.
The collectors for the Red Cross Society and Soldiers' Comfort Association cordially thank the voters at Newcastle Bridge, Queens Co., and Northfield, Sunbury Co., for the hearty response to the appeal for money. The sum of \$43.50 was raised.

Won Military Cross.
Lieutenant Robert Murray, of Springhill, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallant service at the front. Lieutenant Murray prior to enlisting was employed in Peterborough as an electrical engineer. He enlisted in the Canadian Engineers, and while serving in that branch of the service he won his spurs. He is a brother of W. C. Murray of the Provincial Bank in the city.

Lecture on Tuberculosis.
Dr. Townsend, of River Glade Sanatorium, will deliver an illustrated lecture tonight at 8.15 in the Y.M.C.U. Assembly rooms, Cliff street, on "Tuberculosis, Its Prevention and Cure." The lecture is open to men only and it is hoped that many will attend. There will also be addresses by prominent citizens who recognize the importance of the fight against the White Plague.

SOLDIERS IN FRANCE WRITE INTERESTING LETTERS TO FRIENDS

Fine But Cold Weather on Firing Line.

SOLDIERS ALL WELL AND HAPPY

Private Belding Tells of Deploable Condition of German Prisoners—Witnesses Hun Aeroplane Brought to Earth.

Persons at home are always glad to hear some news from those who are at the front fighting for their king and country. Many letters are received by friends in the city from their soldier heroes, and a great many of these are never seen in print. During the past few days members of The Standard staff have received some news from soldier friends, and while very little can be told by the soldier boys, regarding what is happening at the front even the mere fact that they are well and happy and wish to be remembered to their friends is something.

The Allies' Aid Society, which is a branch of the Children's Corner in The Standard, has been doing excellent work in sending boxes of good things to the men overseas, and in a great many cases these are acknowledged, and in every acknowledgment the soldier sends his thanks, and tells how happy he is to receive something from his old "home town." Not only the soldiers from St. John receive these parcels, but a large number of Upper Canadian soldiers, who are held prisoners of war in Germany, have received presents from the Allies' Aid Society.

From Corporal E. J. McDonald. Corporal E. J. McDonald, who is at

THE TROUBLES OF LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE SELECTION OF NEW CABINET

H. M. Blair Prominent at Meeting of the Party Leaders Here Yesterday—York and St. John Chieftains at Pow-wow What Foster and Carter Provided for, But Westmorland Interests Will Object—Will Veniot Be Premier?

Who will compose the new cabinet at Fredericton? That is the question which many electors are asking and in which the members of the successful opposition party are invariably personally interested. There is hardly one of the members elect who would not be willing to accept the responsibilities of office and considerable difficulty will doubtless be involved in satisfying the numerous demands.

The leaders of the party exclusive of the North Shore and Westmorland members were in session at the Royal Hotel here yesterday. E. S. Carter was officially in charge and he was ably assisted by Opposition Leader W. E. Foster and others high in the councils of the opposition party. Even the illustrious H. M. Blair, the chief figure in the Teed report, was on hand to assist in the making of the new cabinet. Others from York County included the defeated candidates, F. J. Hughes, A. E. Kitchen and W. F. Lawson, while J. J. McCaffrey, the chief opposition boss in York County and the personal representative of the Hon. William Pugsley was on hand with his characteristic smile, not saying much but still getting in effective work in behalf of the interest he represents.

Want Foster and Carter.
The consensus of opinion of Messrs. Carter, Blair, et al; at yesterday's meeting of the powers was that provision should be made in the new cabinet for Messrs. Foster and Carter, but if that course is adopted trouble will be brewing in other quarters. The Monton wing of the party seek to run the ship themselves and are rather prone to pass over Mr. Foster and place Mr. Robinson at the helm. The Westmorland chieftains were very pleased to take advantage of Mr. Foster's business ability to lead the party in the campaign, but feel that his services can well be dispensed with for the present. Again there is a persistent rumor that the French members, who are a dominant factor in the successful opposition favor placing one of their representatives at the head of affairs. Mr. Veniot has aspirations in this direction and if he wanted to command the influence of the other nine French members of the opposition he could doubtless induce the remaining members to yield to his importunities. At any rate some interesting developments are expected in the not distant future.

Difficulties in Cabinet Making.
The filling up of the other positions in the new cabinet likewise presents countless difficulties. For instance the ministers of lands and mines is looked upon with covetous eyes by at least three members of the opposition, Mr. Burchill of Northumberland, Mr. Sweeney of Westmorland, and Mr. King of Queens. Each one of this trio claims to have demands that they intend to put forward insistently. Mr. Burchill says that residence should count for something and that he resides at the pivot of the lumbering industry. He also claims that it was his influence that brought the Northumberland quartette of oppositionists out victorious at the polls. Mr. Sweeney says his past experience in the management of the crown lands is invaluable to the party, while Mr. King puts forward the contention that

Witley Camp, Surrey, England, writing on February 5th, to one of the young ladies of the society, states that it was a great pleasure to receive a parcel, and it was indeed kind of the society to think of him. He states further that his residence is at 153 Orange street, and that W. Hawker, on Prince William street is a personal friend of his. The letter from the society, he says, finds him in the best of health as are the other St. John boys in the camp.

From P. L. Folkins.
Private P. L. Folkins writing from France on February 2nd, to a young lady member of the Allies' Aid Society, thanks her and the other members of the society for the parcel received from them. Continuing he says: "You will see that I have left the shores of old England, and am now in the sunny land of France, having been drafted to the good old 'fighting 26th,' and have been here since the first of December. We are having great weather here now, no rain for about three weeks. It has been fine and cold, very much like the winter weather at home, only not so much snow. All the boys are feeling fine, including myself."

From John F. Belding.
R. J. Dibble, of Princess street, has recently received a letter from his nephew John F. Belding, who is fighting in France. The letter is dated on the 23rd of January. At the time of writing, the soldier said, that he was having a quiet time on the section of the front where he is engaged. A few days before writing, he states, that a large number of German prisoners were captured. "I never saw such a dirty lot of men. Their clothes were all torn and covered with mud, as well as their faces. They had hardly any boots on, they might have been blown once, and the unfortunate fellows might have been men once, but they

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RECEPTION BY CITY "THE BUFFS"

Col. Cooper and Officers of 198th Dined at Bond's Last Evening by Mayor and Commissioners.

The Citizens' Reception Committee, the officers commanding the different units in the city, the headquarters staff, and several prominent citizens had the pleasure of hearing Lieutenant-Colonel John A. Cooper's interesting sketch of the Canadian Buffs at Bond's last night. As is customary the officer commanding and officers of the battalion were banqueted by the city. Besides the mayor and commissioners, the invited guests included Colonel Powell and Colonel D'Algie of the 165th Battalion.

After the party had partaken of dinner, Mayor Hayes on behalf of the city presented the official welcome to the 198th Battalion. He said that it had been his pleasure as chief magistrate of the city to welcome several battalions, the members of which had given up their peaceful occupation to fight for the cause of justice and to protect the rights of smaller nations. It gave him great pleasure to welcome the Canadian Buffs as the reputation of the battalion had preceded it, and in concluding he expressed the hope of the people of the city that the Canadian Buffs would return from the firing line after defeating the German foe and establishing the ideals of British democracy on the continent of Europe.

Colonel Cooper in reply to the mayor said the reception given the battalion surpassed any yet tendered. Although the Canadian Buffs arrived in the city unannounced, so to speak, one would think that preparations had been going on for some time for the arrival. After thanking the city for the kindness shown and the interest which had been taken in them, he gave an outline of the progress of the 198th from the day recruiting was commenced until they had left Toronto. His description of the origin of the name, Canadian Buffs, which appeared in yesterday's Standard, was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

Colonel Cooper announced in order that the citizens might see the battalion on parade they would hold a march-out this morning at 10.45. The headquarters staff and the mayor and commissioners will view the men from a position in front of the Royal Hotel.

Besides the mayor and commissioners speeches were made by Colonel E. T. Sturdee, Captain Mulcahy and John Keefe. Walter Pidgeon heard to good advantage in a solo, Professor D. Arnold Fox accompanying.

The Canadian Buffs' song by officers of the battalion, accompanied by Lieutenant H. G. Gibson, brought to a close a very delightful evening.

COMPTROLLER AND CHAMBERLAIN REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Statements Show That City Owes Less Than It Did One Year Ago—Assets Far Exceed Liabilities.

The reports of the chamberlain and comptroller presented to the council yesterday show that the city is in a position financially. While the ordinary revenue was not quite enough to pay the running expenses there being a deficit of \$3,395 the bonded debt was decreased by \$43,573. The balance sheet is pleasant reading showing as it does that the assets are over two million and a half greater than the liabilities.

The cash receipts for the year reached a total of \$1,459,893. Almost half of this amount came from the general assessment, \$223,000 from the water assessment and the next highest single item was \$141,000 from the harbor. The largest items in the cash expenditures were: Interest, \$207,000; schools, \$190,000; sinking fund, \$125,000; harbors, wharves, etc., \$101,000; streets, \$107,000; fire department, \$70,000; police department, \$63,000.

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