

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Northerly shifting to northeasterly winds, fair and moderately cold.

Washington, Mar. 4—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Friday; Saturday snows north, snow or rain south. North winds shifting to north-east and increasing Friday night.

Toronto, Mar. 4—The disturbance which was situated last night over Texas is moving slowly, with increased energy, towards the Great Lakes, while the cold wave is now centered to the northwestward of Lake Superior. Snow has fallen today in Cape Breton; otherwise fair weather has prevailed generally.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	38	42
Victoria	42	50
Kamloops	38	46
Battleford	6	30
Prince Albert	4	24
Calgary	10	22
Medicine Hat	12	24
Moose Jaw	8	28
Regina	7	23
Winnipeg	8	32
Port Arthur	2	24
London	12	31
Toronto	12	26
Ottawa	6	26
Montreal	8	24
Quebec	14	24
Halifax	24	34

—Below zero.

Around the City

Boy Arrested for Theft.
Yesterday afternoon C. P. R. Constable Hogg arrested John Fraser, aged 15, on the charge of stealing lumber from the C. P. R. property off Mill street.

Found by Police.
The police report the finding of a parcel on King street, and a key on Mecklenberg street. The owners can secure the property on application at the central station.

Steamboat Inspector.
T. R. Ferguson of Ottawa, chairman of the Board of Steamboat Inspectors, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Ferguson is making his regular trip of inspection through the Maritime Provinces.

Dredge to be Overhauled.
No. 3 suction dredge which has been steadily at work in Courtenay Bay since last April was taken from the work yesterday and docked near No. 7 berth, West End, where she will undergo a thorough overhauling and will be laid up for some time.

Gone to Dorchester.
Yesterday morning Deputy Sheriff Clifford and Turnkey Cunningham went to Dorchester, having in custody John Travis and John Redmond, two men who are sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary on the charge of breaking, entering and stealing.

On Inspecting Tour.
B. H. Fraser of Ottawa, engineer of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, was in the city yesterday. He was here on a routine matters making an inspection of the work going on under the jurisdiction of his department.

New Manager.
J. J. McDowell, of North End, has been appointed manager of the New Freeman, and will assume his office at once. He has numerous friends about the city who will wish him success. He has of late been on the office staff of Vassie & Co. in King street.

Dan Must Explain.
Dan McDonald the wrestler conducted a wrestling bout in the old Oddfellows' Hall last Monday, and it has been learned by the police that Daniel conducted the bouts without having secured a license, which would have cost him the sum of ten dollars. McDonald will now be requested to attend the police court and give an explanation.

Evangelistic Address.
Evangelist Lowell C. McPherson again addressed a large audience last evening in Douglas Avenue Christian church. He said there were three kinds of religion in the world, namely that of the senses, or heathenism; that of pure reason, namely rationalism, and that of faith—Christianity. Nature at her best, he said, failed by the senses to bring man to a high plane of life; rationalism could only exist where Christianity had helped and educated a man and is a parasite religion. Whatever the conditions encountered by Christianity man is raised and improved as he is brought to have faith in Christ and His word.

Nearing Century Mark.
Congratulations were Wednesday extended in hearty manner to one of the oldest residents of North End, J. David Andrews, at his home 42 Victoria street, upon his having reached his 97th birthday. Considering his advanced age Mr. Andrews enjoys very good health. He takes a keen interest in local affairs, and is able to relate many interesting stories of early life about St. John.

Obituary.
Mrs. Lamine Bourque.
The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Lamine Bourque, widow of William P. Bourque, at her home 94 St. James street. The deceased was in the 68th year of her age and leaves three sons, three daughters and one brother to mourn. The sons are Octave, of Maine; Nazario of Brockton, Mass., and George in the West. The daughters are Mrs. J. O. Lupine of this city, Mrs. Samuel McDuff of Manchester, N. H., and Miss Laura of Montreal.

CITY CONTRACT TO LOCAL FIRM

T. McAvity & Sons Ltd., will supply Iron Pipe for Adelaide Road.

T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., secured the contract for supplying pipe to the city for the extension of the water and sewerage in Adelaide Road and Spar Cove Road.

Tenders were called by Commissioner Wigmore for supplying the pipe and James Robertson Co., Ltd., C. H. Peters' Sons and T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd. were the three firms to tender.

When figured out the total of the McAvity tender was \$2,694, while the next, that of the Robertson Company was \$2,775.

The contract calls for the delivery of the pipe on the jobs.

Already the work of digging the trenches has progressed well. One hundred and twenty-five men are engaged. A part of them are in Spar Cove Road, while the rest are in Adelaide Road.

The survey for the pipe line in Cedar Grove Crescent was made yesterday and the work there will be started in the early spring.

THE MILWAUKEE REACHES PORT

Her arrival recalls interesting experience she had on English Coast several years ago.

The C. P. R. steamship Milwaukee which arrived in port yesterday from Liverpool will be remembered as being the ship which had an interesting experience when she was a new ship.

The ship was run ashore on the English coast and her bows became so hard fast on the rocks that she could not be floated. A rather extraordinary thing happened. The ship was cut in two just forward of the bridge and the section aft of the bridge being water tight, the larger section of the ship floated and under her own power was steamed to a dock where the forward part of the ship was rebuilt. The old forward part of the ship was left on the rocks.

Workmen with lighters were all ready last night to float the Norton Griffiths hopper which was sunk in the channel to Courtenay Bay. When floated the hopper will be towed into the Kennedy slip where the damage to her bottom will be repaired.

The Furness Line steamer Start Point shifted yesterday afternoon from the Pettigill wharf to the I. C. R. pier where she will finish taking in cargo for London.

PLEASED WITH RECRUITS FOR MOUNTED RIFLES

Dr. Gow, of Halifax, in the city to inspect the men — Inspection obviates chance of rejection at Amherst.

Dr. Francis A. R. Gow, of Halifax, medical inspector for the 6th Mounted Rifles, is in the city. He will examine all the volunteers for the Mounted Rifles who have volunteered for service here. All those who have been recruited for the Mounted Rifles have passed the local medical officers, and Dr. Gow's examination will be of a special character, intended to obviate the necessity of any recruits being turned down after they reach Amherst. To a reporter Dr. Gow stated that the recruits for the Mounted Rifles were a very fine class of men, and he expected nearly all would measure up to the final medical examination.

THE WIDOW'S MITE SHOWED FINE GAIN

Five hundred and thirty-eight dollars for cushion — Sent to Patriotic Fund.

The drawing for the "Widow's Mite," a handsome worked cushion, which had been donated to the Patriotic Fund, was held last night and A. W. Clogg, of 66 Wright street, proved the winner with ticket number 1676.

The men of the office staff and electricians of the St. John Railway Co. conducted the drawing and also sold tickets for it. In all the handsome amount of \$538 was realized and forwarded to C. B. Allan, treasurer of the fund.

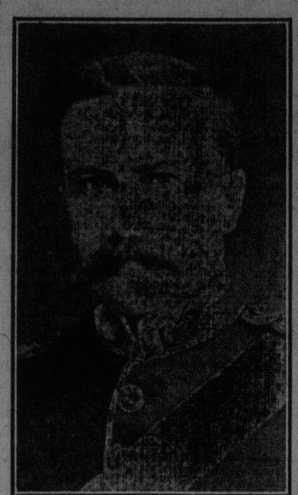
The committee of street railway men, who had the matter in charge wish to thank J. M. Roche and Co. for use of their souvenir window, J. & A. McMillan for printing tickets, W. H. Golding for displaying advertising at the Imperial and to the newspapers for printing items.

Will Sell the Stock.

At a meeting of the creditors of Ward & Croft Wednesday afternoon in the office of W. E. Foster, the assignee, P. D. Bellevue, of Moncton, and M. G. Adams, of St. John, were appointed inspectors. It was decided to call for tenders for the sale of the stock.

LT.-COL. PERLEY LONG CONNECTED WITH MILITIA

Joined old N. B. Engineers' Corps in 1878, as Sapper — Promotion well merited



LT.-COL. PERLEY.

Lieutenant Colonel H. Perley, the new commanding officer of the 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers, has long been connected with the militia here and is one of the best known and most popular officers in this district. Back in 1878, the year after the big fire, Mr. Perley joined the old New Brunswick Engineers' Corps as a sapper.

His uncle Henry F. Perley was commanding officer of the engineers at that time. In 1881 the New Brunswick Engineers were merged into the St. John Rifle Company. When General Hutton took command of the militia forces in Canada it was decided not to recognize independent rifle companies, and the St. John Rifle Company became G. Company of the 62nd Regiment. Mr. Perley went into the militia about the same time as Adam P. McIntyre, now controller of the city. The year after the big fire they drilled in Moore's mill factory.

The New Brunswick Rifle Company, in which Mr. Perley attained the rank of Lieutenant was considered one of the best in Canada. Shortly after the Rifle Company was incorporated into the 62nd Regiment Mr. Perley obtained a commission as captain. For the past five years he has been major of the regiment.

Lieut. Colonel McAvity's commission as commanding officer of the 62nd Regiment expired on the 31st of December, 1914, and Lieut. Colonel Perley's commission as commanding officer of the regiment will date from January 1st of this year. Owing to the fact that practically all the captains of the 62nd have enlisted for foreign service, as well as many of the subalterns and privates, the new commanding officer will be called upon to effect a re-organization of the regiment. It is interesting to note that the 62nd is one of the oldest regiments in Canada.

GEN. LESSARD ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT

Will inspect Local Forces today — Major General Rutherford also here — Gen. Lessard pleased with forces at Fredericton.

Major General F. T. Lessard, inspector general of the Canadian forces in Eastern Canada, accompanied by Major General Rutherford, officer commanding the No. 6 Division, arrived in the city last evening from Fredericton.

Yesterday afternoon General Lessard inspected the Divisional Ammunition Column at Fredericton. When seen by a reporter of The Standard on his arrival here General Lessard said:

"Well, you know, I have to make a confidential report to the military authorities at Ottawa. But I don't think it would be out of the way to say that I was much pleased with the Divisional Ammunition Column at Fredericton. In physique and every other respect the men of the Ammunition Column are above the average. That will not be news to anybody."

"What is the programme for tomorrow?" the General was asked.

"Well, I am going to inspect the 26th Battalion, and brief them at field work about five miles from here," said the general. "About the Artillery and the Army Service Corps—Well, I have Major Roy with me, and he is better qualified to inspect these units than I am."

"Oh, no," said the general in reply to a question. "I don't travel with a staff you could notice. I am not General French, though I was on his staff once upon a time. I would like to be with him now."

General Lessard then proceeded to interview the reporter.

"How is Colonel Armstrong," he asked. "He was with me in South Africa though he wasn't a colonel then."

FLOUR PRICES IN ST. JOHN

Figures showing fluctuations in prices since 1902 for Ontario and Manitoba high grades.

The following figures show the lowest and highest jobbing prices per barrel of high grade Ontario and Manitoba flours in St. John from the years 1902 to 1914, and for this year up to the end of February. It will be seen that the highest price for Ontario flour in 1902 was \$4.80 is now \$4.05 cheaper. Local dealers say that there are at present no special indications to lead to a reliable forecast as to the probable trend of the flour market in the near future.

	Ontario	Manitoba
	High	Low
1902	4.70	4.25
1903	4.70	4.15
1904	5.45	4.85
1905	5.85	4.75
1906	5.25	4.45
1907	5.35	4.45
1908	6.25	5.85
1909	6.35	5.75
1910	6.15	5.35
1911	6.15	5.10
1912	6.25	5.60
1913	6.15	5.45
1914	6.25	5.35
1915 (2 months)	7.55	7.10

AGAINST COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Petition in Circulation for Return to Old System.

The Globe last evening published the following in regard to the effort being made to have the commission form of government discarded for the city:

The petition which has been put in circulation is a plea in the form of a petition to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick. The petition of the undersigned ratepayers and voters at civic elections in the city of St. John, humbly sheweth:

That we are dissatisfied with the practical operation of the commission form of government, which has been in force in the said city of St. John for nearly three years.

2. That we believe the affairs of the city would be more competently and economically administered by a common council, consisting of a mayor and twelve aldermen elected annually for each ward in the said city, such common council to have the same remuneration as was paid before the introduction of the commission form of government.

3. That we believe the proposed change in civic government, if submitted to the electors, will receive an overwhelming endorsement.

4. Your petitioners therefore pray that a bill may pass, providing for the holding of a plebiscite, at which the voters at civic elections in the said city of St. John may be enabled to express their choice between the system of civic government herein outlined and at present in force.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

ADDRESSED TEMPLARS

J. King Kelley, K. C., county secretary, addressed the members of Alexandra Temple last evening on "Rights and Liabilities of Travellers." Mr. Kelley spoke along legal lines and showed the status of the traveller in regard to a public carrier. The lecture was greatly enjoyed and a vote of thanks, moved by George Elwell, seconded by Charles Green, was tendered the speaker. H. B. Ferris was in the chair and there was a large attendance.

PERSONAL.

W. F. Humphrey of Moncton was at the Royal yesterday.

F. B. Black of Sackville is in the city.

A. W. Bennett of Sackville was at the Royal yesterday.

Judge McKewen came in on the Boston express last evening.

Rev. Ralph J. Haughton, pastor of the Congregational church, was able to be about yesterday after being ill for more than a week. He expects to occupy his pulpit on Sunday.

WASH GOODS

The better grades of spring wash goods are all in at F. A. Dykeman & Co's store and ready for your looking. Every lady should do some of her spring purchasing now, to take advantage of the fascinating prices of this sale. See the beautiful floral designs in pique, crapes, mousselines, brocades and poplin. These materials are all full colored and run in price from 14 cents up to 45 cents per yard.

And the general wanted information about Col. Domville, Col. McLean and a lot of other military men here.

Accompanying General Lessard on his tour of the Maritime Provinces, besides Major General Rutherford and Major Roy, are Capt. Victor Nordheimer of Toronto and Capt. Langford of Halifax.

After inspecting the forces here they will proceed to Halifax.

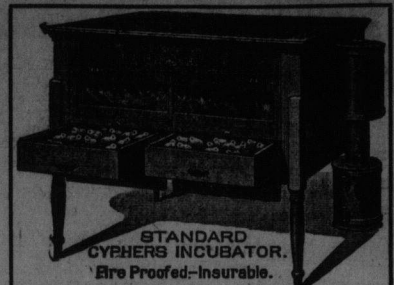
It is understood that the 40th Battalion will be mobilized at Halifax, and that another battalion to be known as the 55th will be raised in the Maritime Provinces, though it is not known where it will be mobilized. It is reported that the 22nd battalion which is being raised around Montreal will be sent to Amherst for training.

On his arrival here Gen. Lessard was met by Lieut. Col. MacVity, Lt. Col. Massie and other officers.

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PATTERN DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

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Trousers are cut straight with less fullness and with plain or cuff bottoms as desired. Vests are all cut higher and a great many have lapels.

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