

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Pressure in low off the Atlantic coast and light snow has fallen in the Maritime Provinces, accompanied by strong winds. The weather has been fine and quite cold in Ontario and Quebec, and somewhat milder with light snow in the West.

St. John	15	24
Dartmouth	15	24
Prince Rupert	32	42
Victoria	40	52
Vancouver	38	48
Calgary	22	34
Edmonton	14	26
Prince Albert	20	30
Medicine Hat	8	18
Port Arthur	24	34
White River	16	26
Perry Sound	14	24
London	4	14
Toronto	12	22
Kingston	10	20
Ottawa	12	22
Montreal	14	24
Quebec	8	18
Halifax	10	20

Below zero.

Forecast.

Maritime—Decreasing north-west winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Northern New England—Fair and cold Friday; Saturday fair and warmer; diminishing northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

WANT TAXATION RELIEF.
Argument for taxation relief for the York and Cornwall Cotton Mills will be presented to the city fathers by two representatives of the company operating the mills, who arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal.

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.
A delegation from the City Council and Board of Trade will confer with Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways, at the Royal Hotel tomorrow morning at 11.30 o'clock. A telegram was received from the Minister of Railways, who was in Halifax yesterday, stating that he would be pleased to meet the delegation.

THE CIGAR BOX.
The Cigar Box, the tobacco store conducted by Sydney Isaacs at 62 Mill street, has recently been acquired by A. Fred deForest, who will remodel it and continue the business. Mr. deForest is conducting two tobacco stores in the city at present, one on Prince William street and the other on Charlotte street.

WILLIS LODGE FAIR.
A good crowd was present at the Willis L. O. L. fair last evening and the booths and games did a rushing business. The winner of the door prize, a load of coal donated by the Nelson Coal Co., was Mrs. Robert Ross, Fairville. The other prize winners were: Jean Board, William Whiting, Jr.; howling, Mr. Mitchell; Tonight door prize will be a pair of boots or shoes donated by the Welzel Shoe Co. Owing to the bad weather the fair will be continued on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

MILITARY NOTES.
Lt.-Col. W. H. Harrison, D.S.O., Major N. P. McLeod, M.C. and Major G. A. Gamblin, M.C., are expected to leave soon to attend a meeting of the Canadian Artillery Association to be held in Ottawa on February 23. It is expected that Lt.-Col. A. J. Anderson, of Moncton, will also accompany them.

Lieut. W. A. Evans, M.M., of the Canadian Mills, has been appointed lieutenant with the 3rd Heavy Brigade of the 6th Siege Battery.

Lieut. L. M. LeClachair of the 6th Signal Company, has been permitted to retire.

On Suspicion of Stealing

John Dell and Allen Wills were arrested on suspicion of stealing a coat valued at \$1200, the property of the C.P.R., while in transit to the city on February 15. The two men were arrested at the station with the coat in their possession on Princess street last evening by C.P.R. Inspector W. J. Steeves, Special C.P.R. Officers Costello and Ritten, and City Detectives Biddecombe and Donahoe.

CENTRAL BAPTIST SPECIAL SERVICES

The special services in Central Baptist church under the leadership of Rev. B. H. Cochrane, of Moncton, are going strong. Last night, despite the inclement weather, there was a large gathering, and at the conclusion of a splendid and stirring address, the meeting was shown open for prayer and testimony a large number taking part. Quite a number definitely made their decision for Christ, and before the meeting closed fourteen converts were received for church membership. The baptism will take place at the Sunday morning service, and the special meetings will be continued.

MELITA CONCERT PARTY ENTERTAINED

The Melita Concert Party were the entertainers at the Seamen's Institute last evening, and there was a good gathering in spite of the bad weather to hear these favorite entertainers. The two funny men, J. Wilson and Billy Williams, kept the audience alive with their songs and monologues. T. James soon found that he was not forgotten, whilst Mr. Bennett gave a splendid accompaniment and rendered two songs very acceptably, one of his own composition. Miss Sloan of West St. John, and Mr. Briddle also contributed to the programme.

Conditions In The Old Country

Captain Freer of S.S. Pretorian Says There is Business Change for Better in England and Scotland.

The C. P. S. liner Pretorian arrived in port from Glasgow Wednesday night, and docked yesterday morning. Captain Freer, speaking of the voyage, said that it was an exceptionally good one for this season of the year, little heavy weather having been encountered. Discussing conditions in the old country, he said that conditions generally throughout the British Isles showed a marked change for the better, especially in England and Scotland. The trade situation, he said, was gradually improving, and general optimism prevailed on the other side of the Atlantic.

Part of the cargo of the steamer consisted of twelve thoroughbred Irish hunting horses, shipped from County Tipperary, and consigned to a point in Ontario. The horses were excellent looking stock, and appeared to have stood the voyage well.

Valentine Dance And Entertainment

Pleasing Function Held by New Brunswick Telephone Co. Employees Last Evening.

A very pleasing function was the Valentine Dance and Entertainment, for the employees of the N. B. Telephone Company, held last night in the company's building on Prince William street. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion and presented an exceedingly attractive appearance. A special music was rendered by an orchestra for a programme of dances, which constituted the main feature of the evening's enjoyment.

A special attraction was provided for the amusement of those present. This consisted of three fortune-telling booths, fittingly decorated, and inhabited by young ladies, who dealt out fortune or despair to those who visited them. The elimination dance prizes were won by Miss McLeod and Miss McKinnon.

The committee in charge of the affair were the Misses Campbell, Conway, Nugent, Cosman and Rogers, and Messrs. Fitzgerald Dunham and Rankin.

Engineers Hear Lecture of Interest

C. McN. Steeves Addressed Local Branch Members on Construction and Sub Structure of International Bridge, Edmundston.

The construction of the sub structure of the International bridge at Edmundston, N. B., formed the subject for an interesting lecture delivered before the local branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada at the Orange Hall, Edmundston, last night.

The lecture was given by C. McN. Steeves, M.Sc., M.E.I.C., who supervised the construction of the bridge on behalf of D. C. Burpee and Sons, of Devon, N. B., the successful firm of contractors who secured the contract in competition with other contracting firms of Canada and the United States.

From a number of excellent photographs of the different stages of the work, and the figures quoted by Mr. Steeves, it was apparent to his hearers that this careful organization, in which a maximum amount of efficiency was sought in every branch of construction, was largely responsible for the success met by the contractors in the work.

The bridge was built over the St. John River to connect the town of Edmundston, N. B., with the village of Madawaska, Me. The highways on both sides of the river that point constitute the international boundary line. The roads are of modern construction and well kept and a heavy traffic passes over them. Prior to the erection of this bridge, there was no means of communication between the village and the town, other than by a cable ferry, which could not be operated during the time the ice was forming and breaking up in the river.

The town of Edmundston has a population of some 5,000 and serves a large outlying agricultural and lumbering district on both sides of the river.

In building the bridge allowances had to be made for an overhead approach at the Canadian side to pass over the substructure which was per specifications was to consist of three reinforced concrete piers, and two concrete cantilever design was awarded the Canadian Bridge Co.

The time allowed was until February 1921, but owing to their splendid organization the contractors who began work in May completed the substructure in October 1921. The distance between the abutments, and the first pier and between each pier was 235 feet in each case. The height of the piers was sixty-five feet. In building the piers it was found necessary to first build cofferdams. The width was

Legislature To Open March 2

Address in Reply to Speech from Throne Will be Moved by Fred Estabrook.

Premier Foster announced yesterday morning that the Provincial Legislature would open this year on March 2, one week earlier than last year and two weeks ahead of 1920. The address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by Fred Estabrook, of Westmorland, and seconded by S. R. Leger, of Gloucester. It was decided to call off the meeting of the executive to have been held in Fredericton, yesterday, and to meet just before the House opens.

The main problems faced by the Government this year are how to effect economies in the operation of the various departments and to deal with two ministers as food of spending money, as the Minister of Health and Minister of Public Works, and to devise some means of separating the people of the Province of the "needful" without, at the same time, arousing too much opposition from them.

One method which was freely discussed, has, it is understood, been shelved for the time being at least, the opening up of Government bureaus for the sale of liquor, along the lines of the British Columbia Act. Considerable time was devoted to the discussion of the action of the caucus held in the city on Wednesday, and while some expressed the opinion that such a measure could be put through the House, there was no such opposition that it was deemed best to drop it.

Custom Officials Banquet Gorman

Canada's Only Representative in Diamond Trophy Meet Presented With Gold Cuff Links.

The complimentary banquet, tendered to Charles Gorman, premier speed skater, by the officials and staff of the Customs department, at the La Tour Hotel last evening, was a thoroughly enjoyable function, and a decided success. The banquet was a "dinner and a show," and the many good things provided for the satisfaction of the inner man, a programme of social and reading, supplemented by solos by A. C. Powers, L. B. Tapley, and John McDonald, Jr.

At the conclusion of the evening's programme, Collector of Customs C. B. Lockhart, on behalf of the assembled gathering, presented Charles Gorman with a pair of handsome gold cuff links. Mr. Gorman, in a few well chosen words expressed his appreciation of the gift and the kindness of his fellow workers in the Customs House.

The following toast list was carried out:

The King, proposed by the toastmaster, A. C. Powers, and responded to by the singing of the National Anthem; The Guest of the Evening, proposed by S. W. Wilkins, and responded to by Charles Gorman; The Staff, proposed by H. P. Allingham, and responded to by C. B. Lockhart; The D. C. and E. O. Association, proposed by W. J. Murphy, and responded to by W. M. Campbell; The Provincial Association, proposed by L. Hoyt, and responded to by A. C. Powers, L. B. Tapley, and John McDonald, Jr.

The committee in charge of the arrangements connected with the holding of the dinner, and the credit for its success is due, included A. C. Powers, chairman, W. M. Campbell, L. B. Tapley, L. J. Murphy, O. J. Leonard, J. L. Mullaly, and F. J. Abbott.

Non-Support Case Was Disposed of

L. A. Kirkpatrick Will Pay Four Dollars a Week to His Wife — Deposit in Liquor Charge Forfeited.

In the police court yesterday afternoon, the case against L. A. Kirkpatrick, charged by his wife with non-support, was disposed of. The defendant, appearing for the first time, agreed to pay the sum of \$4 a week to the complainant, B. L. Gower, for the defendant and his wife. The disposition of the case against Lee Blue, charged with keeping a disorderly house, was further postponed for one week.

Wilfred Kelly forfeited a deposit of \$500 through non-appearance to answer a charge of illegally selling liquor.

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Women's Hospital Aid Annual Meeting

Miss Belle Howe Appointed Social Service Worker — Reports Submitted — Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Hospital A.S. held yesterday afternoon, it was decided to pay the salary of a social service worker for the General Public Hospital for one year, and Miss Belle Howe was appointed to the position. The meeting met in the Board of Trade rooms, but the number who came was so great, over 100, that an adjournment had to be made to the Seamen's Institute, which was kindly placed at their disposal by the manager, Walter Brindley. The reports received from the various officers and committees told of a splendid year of achievement, and bright prospects for the coming year. The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the treasurer, who resigned on account of ill-health. Mrs. R. Duncan Smith was elected an honorary member of the executive, in appreciation of her splendid services for the A.S.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president, was in the chair.

The first business to come before the meeting was the minutes of the last meeting of the executive. A resolution of sympathy was presented from that body that a social service worker for the General Public Hospital be appointed, the salary for one year to be paid by the Hospital A.S. and the opening of a free eye clinic, provided there was a room available at the hospital for it.

On motion of Mrs. T. H. Carter, seconded by Miss Alice Eddy, the recommendation was endorsed by the meeting.

Social Service Worker.

The secretary read several communications, among which were: A letter from R. H. Gale, superintendent of the hospital, expressing his personal appreciation of the work of the A.S. during the time he had been in office; from Mrs. R. Duncan Smith, conveying thanks for roses and letter of sympathy; Miss Addy, in connection with a donation from Stone church for the Flower Fund, and a remittance of \$175 from Knox church for the furnishing of a room at the "Seamen's Home," and applications from Miss Belle Howe and Miss Katherine Greaney for the position of social service worker. Miss Greaney is a graduate of the University of Montreal in social reading, and Miss Howe a graduate of the General Public Hospital.

The president appointed Mrs. L. W. Nowry, Mrs. R. A. Corbett, Mrs. M. Bohan and Mrs. L. A. Conlon as scrutineers, and on the ballot being taken they found Miss Howe had the larger number of votes, and she will be in the position, the matter of salary being left in the hands of the incoming executive.

Mrs. E. A. Young, Miss Addy and Mrs. Glickshtat were reported sick, and the secretary was instructed to forward notes of sympathy to them.

The annual reports were next taken up.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary reported twelve regular four executive and one special meeting during the year, all held in the Board of Trade rooms, which had been kindly placed at their disposal. The membership at the close of the year was about 1,100, and the work had been kept up to standard by the conveners of the vice-presidents and the conveners of the various committees. The resignation of Mrs. R. Duncan Smith as treasurer had been accepted. The chief interest during the year had been the furnishing of the new Nurses' Home. The hospital, including \$175 of each week, special treats had been provided on holiday occasions, and kinomans and slippers had been furnished.

Financial Report.

The treasurer reported general fund receipts of \$2,873.77 for the year, with expenditures of \$4,142.47, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,539.97; fund receipts of \$13,677.13; fund expenditures of \$12,677.31, balance of \$1,000, which had been transferred to the emergency fund \$398.51, and in the emergency fund \$986.51, and in the flower fund \$25.75.

Mrs. R. S. Sime reported for the cook book receipts of \$559, expenditure 96 cents.

2-WOMAN'S HOSPITAL—PROOF UP

Mrs. Walter Morris for the house committee reported that during the year 6 dozen dressing gowns, 6 dozen pairs of slippers, 3 dozen bibs, 3 large baskets and 2 hot plates had been donated. The hospital, including \$175 of each week, special treats had been provided on holiday occasions, and kinomans and slippers had been furnished.

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Denominational Vice Presidents

The denominational vice presidents reported as follows:—Presbyterian, 268 members and a total of \$353.75 raised; Baptist, 173 members, \$600 raised of which \$467.77 had been used to furnish the library at the Nurses' Home; Baptist, 173 members, \$600 raised of which \$467.77 had been used to furnish the library at the Nurses' Home; Baptist, 173 members, \$600 raised of which \$467.77 had been used to furnish the library at the Nurses' Home.

Given Six Months And Then Escaped

On the complaint of the Provincial Hospital authorities, a man was arrested recently and brought before Magistrate Allingham in Fairville on Wednesday, on the charge of indecent exposure before the windows of the asylum. The man is an old offender, having committed the crime five times. He was apprehended three times and let off twice. For his recent offence, the magistrate sentenced him to six months in jail, but he immediately made his escape from the policeman in whose charge he was entrusted.

The hospital authorities desire to know how much longer they are to be annoyed by such characters, and they cite the case of another man of similar character who is also at large. They say the patients behind barred windows are safe, but they ask what about young girls who may be caught by such persons. A paid relative is not a guarantee of protection.



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Douglas Avenue Overhead Crossing

Matter Discussed at City Council — Letter from St. John Fisheries, Ltd.—Other Business.

An official copy of the order of the Board of Railway Commissioners in connection with the proposed overhead crossing at Douglas Avenue was read by the common clerk at the committee meeting of the city council yesterday morning. This confirms the terms previously reported, a sum not to exceed \$15,000 from the funds of the Commission, one half the balance from the C. P. R. and one quarter each from the city and the New Brunswick Power Co. The Mayor will take the matter up with the provincial government's legal representative to what action the court will take on their attempt to have the bridge raised.

A communication from the deputy minister of labor with reference to the federal aid in paying the excess cost of works undertaken to relieve unemployment was referred to the mayor. A letter was received from C. J. McIlroy, solicitor for the St. John Fisheries, Limited, in which he stated that in the opinion of the secretary of the company, the value of their proposed plant at West St. John was \$60,000 and of this about \$35,000 would cover the cost of that portion which would be used for manufacturing purposes and for which exemption from taxation was asked.

The mayor announced that E. M. Olive, chairman of the board of assessors, was preparing drafts of bills proposed for legislation at the coming session. He said that there were companies in the city that were doing business by delivering goods direct from the cars to retailers and he thought that some plan of taxation should be made to cover them as well as those who carried stock and made delivery from warehouses. Again, some of the automobile agencies handling cars, claimed that no profits were shown at their local branches; this matter would also have to be covered.

Mayor Schofield announced that the monthly statement of finance showed that the city had about expended the credit balance which it had in the bank.

Commissioner Jones reported that some of the residents of Whipple St. had asked what action had been taken in regard to water expropriation in that district. Mr. Jones said in the opinion of the engineer a standpipe and pump were necessary to raise the water to that level. He had asked the engineer to make an estimate of the cost and would report further in the matter.

Protection for the public in such cases and it is contended that in the case dealt with Wednesday no stone should be left unturned to capture the man who escaped.

Clifton House, all meals 60c.

Grand Concert In West St. John

Large Audience Greatly Enjoyed Programme in City Hall Under Auspices of Carleton Cornet Band.

About 600 people attended the grand concert, which was held last night, in City Hall, West St. John, under the auspices of the Carleton Cornet Band. The entertainment was the first of a series of three concerts, which are to be given this winter, and the success of the affair augurs well for the other two events which are to take place. The proceeds derived from the entertainments are for purposes of re-organization of the band, and the equipping with new instruments and other necessities.

The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the artists came in for much well-merited applause. The band rendered a series of excellent selections, and they were assisted by some of the leading talent of the city. Deserving of particular mention was the performance of Mrs. Jack Rossley's juvenile performers (Imperial Troupe), a collection of ten small girls, whose singing and dancing were a decided treat to the audience. Solos were rendered by Mrs. L. M. Curran, A. C. Smith, Jr., P. F. Belyea, and E. C. Girvan, and the artists were all compelled to respond to encores, so hearty was the appreciation of the audience.

George Lanyon and Mrs. E. C. Girvan performed the duties of accompanists in a very sympathetic manner. During the intermission between the first and second parts of the programme, N. P. McLeod delivered a short address regarding the past history of the band, its purpose and future aims.

The following was the programme:

Part 1

Opening—O Canada, Band.

March—My Regiment, Band.

Overture—Raymond (Queen's Secret), Band.

Solo, Soprano—Selected, Mrs. L. M. Curran.

Waltz—Where My Caravan Has Rested, Band.

Performance—Mrs. Jack Rossley's Imperial Troupe.

Part 2

Grand Selection—Byng Boys, Band.

Solo, Tenor—Selected, A. C. Smith.

Solo, Saxophone—Selected, P. F. Belyea.

Solo, Baritone—Nirvana, E. C. Girvan.

Grand Military Tattoo—Band.

God Save the King.

The printed programmes for the concert were kindly donated by the Clifton Fuel Company.

CANADIAN CLUBS

Col. E. C. Sunder, who spent many years in the Imperial Service in India, but now residing in Woodstock, will address the Canadian Clubs next week on Indian affairs.