

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong westerly to northwesterly winds, local snow flurries, but mostly fair and cold.

Toronto, Mar. 30—The pressure is lowest tonight in the Maritime Provinces and highest over Dakota, with the exception of a few light local snow falls, chiefly in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The weather has been generally fair, and in the western provinces comparatively mild.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	10	6
Prince Rupert	42	60
Victoria	44	52
Vancouver	46	56
Kamloops	46	56
Edmonton	26	46
Battleford	16	42
Prince Albert	12	34
Medicine Hat	28	48
Regina	11	40
Toronto	11	32
Ottawa	10	26
Quebec	14	30
St. John	28	42
Halifax	28	40

Below zero.

Around the City

Will Leave Tomorrow

Rev. J. H. MacVicar, D. D., who has resigned from St. Andrew's church to resume missionary work in China, will leave St. John by the C. P. R. express this evening for Montreal. He will spend several months there with his mother before proceeding to Honan.

Motor Exhibit.

The various automobile dealers in the city are displaying considerable energy in decorating their show-rooms for an automobile opening being held Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Salesmen will gladly welcome all interested, and explain the changes in the 1915 models. Show-rooms will be open until 10 p. m.

St. John Boy President.

George M. McDade of St. John, who is taking the law course at Dalhousie University, Halifax, has been elected president of the Dalhousie Law Society. Mr. McDade is the son of Michael McDade, and was secretary of the Royal Commission, which investigated the Dugal charges. He was formerly publicity commissioner for the city of Fredericton.

Red Cross Donations

From many parts of the province donations of knitting and other work are continually being received at the local branch of the Red Cross Society. Forty boxes have been packed and sent away by the knitting department during the last three months. There has been a generous response to the appeal for workers in groups and circles in all parts of the province.

N. B. Boys At Shorncliffe

David Hipwell has received a letter from his son Jack, who is with the New Brunswick field batteries now in training at Shorncliffe, England. The letter states that at the time of writing all the members of both No. 23 and No. 24 companies were in the best of health and spirits. Shorncliffe is not far from Dover, and the batteries there would be able to reach the front in five or six hours if necessary.

St. John River Commission

M. G. Teed and John Keefe of the St. John River Commission arrived home from Bangor last evening. A meeting of the commission was held and the commissioners made progress in the work. It is expected to have the work of the commission completed sometime this summer. Hon. John B. Madigan, who was appointed to succeed Hon. George A. Murchie, was present. The commission has been at work for five years investigating the uses of the St. John river and preparing suggestions for improvements in relation to log driving and power purposes.

Violet Day.

Good progress has been made in connection with Violet Day in aid of the Playgrounds Association on Saturday. C. D. Howard announced last night that one bunch of violets had been sold for \$200 to a citizen, deeply interested in the work. Two other bunches had been sold for \$35 each and one at \$10. Although the city council has decided to give three quarters of the grant of last year, this will only mean about \$1,500 for the playgrounds. It will take more than this to carry on the work and there is need for a generous response to the appeal on the part of citizens generally.

Knitted Goods For Soldiers

Brunswick Chapter Daughters of the Empire in response to the appeal for national service are sending a box of knitted goods to France to the soldiers in the trenches and wish to thank through the press the following ladies for their kind help. Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Bustin, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. John Cruikshank, Mrs. Carle, Mrs. N. A. Wilson, Miss Morris, Mrs. Manchester, Miss Armstrong, Miss J. McKim, Mrs. J. P. Thoms, Mrs. J. E. Ellis, Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Russell and circle, Mrs. Hiram Humphreys and circle, McDonald's Corner, Queen county, and Mrs. R. Mawhinney and circle, Mace's Bay.

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LESLIE CREIGHTON WRITES OF CONDITIONS AT THE FRONT

St. John Signaller Had Exciting Experiences as a Lime Man—English Boots Not as Comfortable as the Canadian Issue—The Baptism of Fire.

With "our boys" from St. John at the front letters from them in which they speak about their trying experiences are always read with the greatest of interest by their friends. That the St. John boys are being given their baptism of fire is plainly shown in letters recently received by H. C. Creighton, 187 Queen street, from his son, Private Leslie Creighton, who is a member of the first Canadian division, British expeditionary forces, first infantry brigade, section two, divisional signal company. The letters are sent from some part of France, but of course the part of the country is not known as the writer is not allowed to mention it. The last letters received by Mr. Creighton from his son were sent from the front on February 26th, and March 18th.

Private Creighton states in his February letter that he is in sound of the guns on the firing line and has had a hard and tiresome march to get there. He says in part: "I like France alright. The country is pretty and the people very nice. My French does me good and I can get by with quite a bit of it. Most all the people know a few English words as there have been so many English soldiers around. All the matches and cigarettes are made by the state here and cost a good deal, but are not much good."

We are billeted in the loft of a barn and my duties have been to carry messages from the brigade headquarters to the different battalions on a bicycle. We have had a long march of fifteen miles in full marching order and some of our chaps had pretty sore feet when we reached our destination. The boots we have now are English and are not half as comfortable as the Canadian issue.

The place where we are is a large town and has been shelled by the Germans, they were also here once. All around the place are holes in the houses and streets. A good many of the inhabitants have left. We are now in an old hospital, an immense place, and are "Jake" (Jake is the soldier word for "alright"). We have a large room about sixty by thirty for our section along with a good coal stove in the centre. Bedsteads with straw ticks make mighty comfortable sleeping, too. It seems the nearer we get to the front the more comfortable it is and I only hope we don't go back at all. The trenches are only a mile away and one can hear the artillery, machine guns and rifle fire very plainly all the time. The infantry live in the city and go to the trenches for four days on and four days off. Some of the infantry (Canadian) went to the trenches last night to get broken in and we have heard that there was only one casualty, a chap hit by shrapnel in the leg.

Us fellows (signallers) have been here two days now and not allowed out of billet. I wish they would put us on duty.

On our march here the French people gave us coffee for nothing and the Belgian soldiers who are all through the country even offered us their ration of soup. The grub is not much and the French tobacco and cigarettes are also bad. As for matches, you can't buy them. The soldiers in the trenches get cigarettes and tobacco issued to them, but as we are not in the trenches yet we are without which is mighty inconvenient.

A Week in the Trenches

On February 25th Private Creighton writes: "Well, we are back in our first billet again after spending a week in the trenches. One can hear a continuous roar of machine gun and rifle fire with the sound of machine guns every once in a while like a trip hammer. We were billeted in a town near by and a couple of companies of infantry went to the trenches in turn."

For twenty-four hour shifts. When all the infantry had been in we came away. We have been in the trenches and have had the experience of having bullets whizzing over our heads. The weather here is quite bad, for instance we woke up this morning with the ground covered with snow and still snowing, while now the sun is shining and everything is muddy. Well, we had a hot time the other night. At about 10.30 p.m. I was awakened by the voice of our Sergeant Thompson which sounded like a roar saying "everybody turn out with false and ammunition." I thought the Germans had got through and were advancing on our position. He did not know what was up himself, only having orders to turn us out at once. Well, I got dressed as fast as possible, jumped into my equipment, grabbed my rifle and slipped down the ladder from our "Chateau de Bum" (the name of our hay loft). I lost no time in getting to headquarters. There was great excitement, but I couldn't find out what it was all about but every one thought it was a false report that the Germans had got through. In a little while a battalion of infantry was on the scene. It was all false, however, and everyone went back to bed disappointed.

Another bicyclist and I were kept on in case something turned up and after a half hour or so, Major Powers sent me to bed. We no sooner got to bed when Major Powers took another notion and sent for us to come up and sleep at the headquarters all night. Maybe we weren't disgusted. I wouldn't have minded so much if there had been some Germans around, but when there was nothing doing—too bad.

Forty Casualties.

This brigade had about 40 casualties in the trenches, only four or five being killed. One man in the first battalion was shot through the leg while getting into the trenches, and he said when hit, "The sons-of-guns, here I've been training for six months and get hit before I even see them." Although Mr. Creighton does not mention it in his letter who the man was that was hit in the leg by the German bullet, it might be stated that he was a Mr. Mahoney, a nephew of Peter Mahoney of the North End.

In the letter written on the 18th of March and received yesterday, Private Creighton gives some more of the experiences he and his comrades are going through. He says: "We are having a good living here. I am now a line man and I guess that will be my permanent position. We live in a house with a stove in it and cook stuff for ourselves, and in general are 'Jake.' Our job is to go out to the trenches at night and repair the lines if there is a break. Sometimes the wires get broken by shell fire, and the report is sent in from the stations in the trenches. Then we go out after dark and mend the break. Our work often takes us near working parties who the Germans try to get by sending star shells over first, which lights everything as bright as day, then they send a volley of rifle fire down wherever we are, often right in the mud. It sure is some sport. Spencer was out with us two or three nights, and one night a star shell lit right over us. Of course we dropped, but luckily we were near a couple of small bridges over a ditch and I dropped on one; Spencer dropped on another, while Lou LeLachur crouched behind a big tree. It seemed very comical, and Spencer started to yell. Of course Lou and I could not help following suit, even though there was a literal hail of lead over us."

The weather here is great now and the flowers are all in bloom."

CITY COMMISSIONERS VOTED TO RESTORE USUAL GRANTS

Three-quarters of last year's amount restored and \$500 to the Red Cross — Delegation of Mothers present plea for Civic aid—Police Act amended.

By the vote of three commissioners yesterday afternoon the City Council decided to give to all associations receiving civic aid last year three-quarters of the amount given last year and it was also decided to give \$500 to the Provincial Red Cross Society. The motion to restore the city grants was moved by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Russell. Commissioner Wigmore voted for the resolution.

A large delegation of mothers of children attending the Free Kindergarten was present in the council chamber and presented petitions asking for the renewing of the grants.

Commissioner McLellan recommended an amendment to the police act connected with second-hand stores and junk dealers. All proprietors of such businesses must give the police a record of business done each twenty-four hours.

When the meeting opened Commissioner Wigmore took the chair and the

delegation from the Free Kindergarten took seats in the room. Several of the women spoke in favor of the grant and pointed out the need of these institutions. It was said that the civic grant last year only provided for one-third of the work and the four schools needed more support.

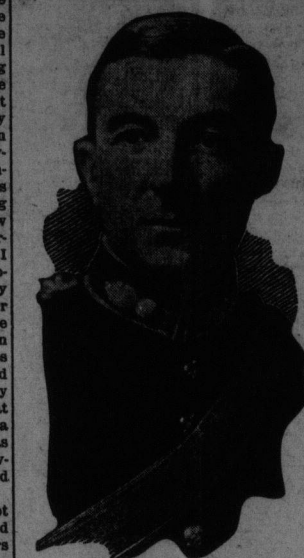
Commissioner Potts suggested that the kindergarten should be taken up as a part of the public school system. It had been stated that many of those who attended the kindergarten could not go to school after the eighth grade and comparatively few attended grades 11 and 12 in the High School. He thought these two higher grades could very well be cut out and the money for their maintenance taken for the kindergarten.

Commissioner McLellan said he was in sympathy with the kindergarten as well as with the other organizations seeking civic aid. The commissioners had been charged with lack of business acumen but he felt that some re-

ST. JOHN OFFICERS WIN PROMOTION

Now on the firing line in France and all doing good work.

St. John officers with the First Canadian Expeditionary Force in France have in several cases received promotion. Major Frank Magee has been given charge of a heavy artillery battery and in action recently was successful in demolishing a German observation tower which had been the



MAJOR F. C. MAGEE

target for many of the British guns. For this fine work Major Magee was commended by the general in charge of the Canadians and British army officers.

Major Thomas E. Powers has also won promotion and has been placed in charge of a division of signallers with the Canadians at the front. He has been doing excellent work in keeping up communications between the different parts of the force. Lieutenant Cyril F. Inches is also forging ahead and has been mentioned in connection with promotion to a higher office.

presentation should be made by citizens before the grants were voted. The delegation then retired and Mayor Frink took the chair. Those present besides His Worship were Commissioners Wigmore, McLellan, Potts and Russell with the Common Clerk.

The comptroller was authorized to pay the account of John Bush & Co. Ltd., for 20 pieces of 15 inch pipe.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the Commissioner of Harbors, Ferries and Public Lands, which has already been published, was ordered printed with the other city reports.

The request of Percy Williams for a position as city constable was referred to the mayor with power to act.

Commissioner McLellan then introduced a resolution for the advertising and presentation to the legislature of his amendment to the police act concerning second-hand dealers and junk dealers. Under the new regulations, if they pass, the dealers will be required to keep a book in which all articles bought must be entered. Reports of all transactions must be given the police every morning at nine o'clock and a description of the sellers of goods must be kept.

Commissioner Wigmore seconded the resolution. Commissioner Russell objected to the change for daily reports but finally voted for the bill. Commissioner Potts was opposed to it. Commissioner McLellan introduced a bill for the regulation of boarding houses and the payment by each of a licence fee of \$1. This resolution was not seconded.

On motion of Commissioner Potts the Playgrounds' Association will be provided with a band on Thursday afternoon.

Commissioner Wigmore gave notice that within thirty days he would move a resolution for the issuing of \$25,000 of city bonds to cover the water and sewerage work in Adelaide road and Spar Cove road.

The matter of the petition from the Free Kindergarten representatives was next taken up and on motion of Commissioner McLellan it was decided to take the matter up at a future meeting.

Commissioner Potts then moved that a bill be prepared providing for the city to assess for \$8,250 for the Rockwood Park, Blevinsview Park and the Playgrounds. This was not seconded. Commissioner McLellan then announced that he had made up his mind and that he would move a resolution to reconsider the matter of civic grants. This was carried and the commissioner then moved that the three-quarters of the grants of last year be given and an additional \$500 for the Provincial Red Cross Society. This was carried with McLellan, Wigmore and Russell in favor.

The meeting then adjourned.

Handsome Easter Waists.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing this week one of the finest collection of waists that they have ever gathered together. They consist of those fine sheer voile waists with dainty embroidery, hemstitching and pleat edge. Silk waists consisting of the finest Japanese silk, or those made from European silk. They are shown in white and colors, and priced from \$1.50 up to \$7.50, while the voile waists are being sold from \$1.25 up to \$5.50 each.

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Coffee Machines, nicked	\$8.50, \$9.25, \$10.00, \$14.75
Coffee Machines, in copper	\$7.40 and \$12.25
Percolating Coffee Pots, nicked	\$2, \$2.20, \$2.50
Chafing Dishes, nicked	\$5.40, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$9.00
Copper Chafing Dishes	\$9.50
Chafing Dish Server, Fork and Spoon	\$7.00 a set
Crumbs Tray, nicked	\$1.50, copper \$1.80
Copper Table Kettles, with spirit lamp	\$5.75, \$7.70
Separate Kettles, nicked	\$2.60, \$3.25, \$3.40
Tea and Coffee Pots, nicked	\$2, \$2.10, \$2.15, \$2.25, \$2.55, \$2.70, \$2.75 and \$2.85.

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40 in. Wide Pure White Silk Paillettes, 98c. a yard	White Chamollette Gloves.
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COLLAR AND CUFF SETS, plain, pleated, hemstitched, embroidered and frilled, white, sand. Per set 30c. to 75c.	ORGANIE VESTS, plain, embroidered; military and pleated backs. Each 30c. to \$1.00
LACE VESTS, in white, cream, sand. Each 50c. to \$1.25	CREPE DE CHINE TIES, sand, putty, blue, peach, tango, red, etc.
SILK TIES, in black and white stripes and checks. Each 25c. to 75c.	FOX TROT TIES AND BOWS. Each 15c. to 25c.

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NECKWEAR DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

SEE KING STREET WINDOW DISPLAY

Easter Gloves for Ladies and Children

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Two-dome Suede, pique sewn, tan, black, grey. Pair	\$1.25
One-dome Suede, pique sewn, grey. Pair	\$1.50
PERRIN GLOVES—	
Two-dome Kid, tan, black, white, grey. Pair	\$1.35
Two-dome Chevreton, tan. Pair	\$1.80
One-dome Cape, tan. Pair	\$1.40
One-dome, black, white. Pair	\$1.00
FOVON'S GLOVES in one-dome, tan. Pair	\$1.00
DENT'S one-dome Cape, tan. Pair	\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.60
DENT'S one-dome Cape, black. Pair	\$1.60
DENT'S one-dome Cape, white, black points. Pair	\$1.40
DENT'S one-dome Cape, grey. Pair	\$1.45
LONG WHITE KID GLOVES. Pair	\$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25
DOE WASHABLE GLOVES, white, one-button. Pair	\$1.25
DOE WASHABLE GLOVES, white, two-button. Pair	\$1.35
DOE WASHABLE GLOVES, white, eight-button. Pair	\$1.75
DOE WASHABLE GLOVES, white, twelve-button. Pair	\$2.50
DOE WASHABLE GLOVES, white, sixteen-button. Pair	\$2.75
CHAMOISETTE GLOVES, white and colors. Pair	25c. to \$1.00
CHILDREN'S ONE-DOME CAPE GLOVES. Pair	65c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25
CHILDREN'S TWO-DOME KID, tan. Pair	60c.
CHILDREN'S ONE-DOME CAPE, white. Pair	70c., 80c.
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