

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.

Maritime—Strong westerly winds, mostly fair and turning colder; local snow flurries.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Forecast: Northern New England—Partly cloudy and continued colder Wednesday; Thursday, probably fair; strong west diminishing winds.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The disturbance which was off the Middle Atlantic coast last night is now centered over the State of Maine, and has caused gales, with snow and rain, in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The weather is cold in Ontario and Manitoba.

—Toronto—

Temperature.	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	34	38
Kamloops	24	34
Calgary	12	34
Edmonton	12	18
Prince Albert	10	8
Medicine Hat	26	28
Moose Jaw	0	15
Regina	5	10
Winnipeg	12	6
Port Arthur	0	24
Ferry Point	4	14
London	15	23
Toronto	15	27
Kingston	16	23
Ottawa	10	22
Montreal	14	26
Quebec	22	32
St. John	20	45
Halifax	30	52

—Below zero.

COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS DOES MUCH WORK AT FIRST SESSION

Thomas Bell, of St. John, chosen President and Donald Munro, M. L. A., of Woodstock, Secretary — Arrangements for appointment of local committees—What the Commission plans to do.

New Brunswick will provide employment for the men from this province who have gone or who will go to the front, insofar as it can when they return home. At a meeting of the provincial commission in connection with the military hospitals and convalescent homes commission of Canada at the provincial government rooms on Prince William street yesterday afternoon steps were taken to organize this province.

Thomas Bell of St. John was chairman of the meeting, and Donald Munro, M. L. A. of Woodstock was secretary. The others present were Capt. J. E. Masters and Dr. L. N. Bourque of Moncton, Dr. T. C. Allen, K. C. of Fredericton, Capt. Bennett of Hopewell Cape, James L. Sugrue, representing St. John labor interests, and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, attorney-general.

It was decided that the following named will have charge of the employment question in the various districts of the province: York, Sunbury and Queens counties, Dr. Allen; St. John, Charlotte and Kings, Mr. Bell and Mr. Sugrue; Albert, Mr. Bennett; Westmorland and Kent, Dr. Bourque; and Mr. Masters; Gloucester, T. M. Burns; Victoria, T. M. Peat; Madawaska, L. A. Gagnon; Carleton, Mr. Munro.

AGRICULTURAL HALL TO HOUSE MEN OF 115TH

City to Make Necessary Repairs, Including New Floor.

Officers well satisfied with arrangement for soldiers of Col. Wedderburn's Battalion.

Threatened delay in the fitting of Agricultural Hall, near the Exhibition buildings, for the quartering of the 115th Battalion, was averted yesterday by the city council which assured the militia officials that satisfactory changes would be made, particularly in providing a suitable floor. Mayor Frink told the council soon after the session opened that representations had been made to the military authorities in the interest of having as many troops as possible quartered here. There was disapproval expressed by militia officers as to the flooring in Agricultural Hall. The Mayor moved a resolution that the work of fitting up the place be carried on under an expenditure of \$1,200. He thought that if there should be a block in the re-surfacing the floor the citizens would justify the expenditure even if it were necessary to tear the whole of the present floor up.

Commissioner Potts seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

A delegation headed by Lieut.-Col. F. V. Wedderburn and Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, chief recruiting officer for the province, was received by the council. Dr. Warwick, medical officer of the 115th, who accompanied the delegation, said he had inspected Agricultural Hall and found no objection to the building from the standpoint of health.

Col. Wedderburn spoke of the suggestion that the Exhibition building might be available.

The conference came to a sudden conclusion when at the request of Mayor Frink Clerk Wardroper read from the minutes recording the action of the council and the guarantee that the city would place an entirely new floor in Agricultural Hall, if necessary. The vote of the council satisfied the delegation and it departed.

Robert J. Armstrong has placed a building near Agricultural Hall at the disposition of the 115th. The building will be used as a kitchen and store house for supplies. His kindness is much appreciated by the military authorities.

Col. Wedderburn has received unofficial information that the agricultural building has been definitely selected for the quartering of the 115th. The battalion will be mobilized as soon as possible.

No recruits for the Siege Battery will be accepted at present. It was announced last night. The work of recruiting will be continued, however, as soon as the men now at Parridge Island leave the quarters there.

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Many a lad would be delighted to find an "Express" awaiting him under the tree on Christmas morning and, none are stronger or better finished than the "Paris" Wagon which we show in many sizes, at the following range of prices:

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BLACK PONGEE, 32 inches wide. Yard \$1.10 and \$1.25

BLACK TAFFETA, 36 inches wide. Yard \$1.15, \$1.55, \$1.80

BLACK BENGALINE, 40 inches wide. Yard \$1.65 and \$1.75

BLACK BENGALINE, 48 inches wide. Yard \$3.60

JAPANESE WASH SILK, 27 inches wide. Yard 50c. to \$1.85

JAPANESE PEAU DE SOIE, 20 inches wide. Yard 75c. to \$1.40

JAPANESE PEAU DE SOIE, 40 inches wide. Yard \$2.50 and \$3.40

Colored Dress Silks

SATIN DE CHINE, in mid. brown, dark brown, light navy, mid. navy, wisteria and Copenhagen. 36 inches wide. Yard \$1.10

MERVE SUBLIME in mid. and dark brown, light blue, maize, mid. navy, dark navy, steel, Copenhagen, etc. 20 1/2 inches wide. Yard \$1.10

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DUCHESS SATIN in navy, brown, Copenhagen, light blue, maize, pink, etc. 36 inches wide. Yard \$1.15

CREPE FAILLE in light blue, maize, rose, reseda, wisteria, navy. 36 inches wide. Yard \$1.25

SILK AND WOOL FANCY STRIPES, in ivory, light blue, pink, rose, etc. 42 inches wide. Yard \$1.50

JAPANESE WHITE WASH SILKS, 36 inches wide. Yard 60c. to \$1.10

STRIPED TAFFETA SILKS in a variety of colors. 32 inches wide. Yard 95c.

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SILK DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

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Around the City

Four Drunks Arrested.
The police managed to gather in a quartette of drunks last evening and all will appear in court this morning to answer the roll call.

Police Officers Transferred.
During the past two days Police Officers Lucas, Ward and Bridgen have been transferred from the southern to the northern division to do duty.

Eldon L. O. L. Officers.
Eldon Loyal Orange Lodge No. 2 has seven members fighting in the trenches of Flanders and Northern France. At a meeting of the lodge last night the following officers were installed: Worshipful master, B. C. Warling; deputy master, John Hargrove; Chaplain, D. Hipwell; Recording Secretary, B. S. Robb; Financial Secretary, W. H. Sullis; Treasurer, J. W. Rusk; D. C. R. C. Johnston; Lecturer, R. F. Goodrich; F. of C. S. R. Logan; Committee, R. Winchester, A. J. Armstrong, J. C. Mowbray, M. Day, R. F. Goodrich, George A. Blair.

Drunk Arrested.
That the military police in the city are not only looking after disorderly soldiers was shown yesterday afternoon when one of the number named Herbert McIntyre took into custody Albert Sullivan, a longshoreman, and handed him over to Policeman Corbett, in the North End station. Sullivan is charged with being drunk and willfully breaking a pane of glass in James Connolly's store at 514 Main street. The military police are working in well with the officers of the city force and disorderly civilians as well as soldiers will be given no quarter.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Janet B. Matheson.
Newcastle, Dec. 14.—The death of Janet B. widow of Thomas Matheson, who predeceased her eight years, occurred on Sunday after an illness of five weeks, which she bore with great patience. Deceased was 85 years of age and a native of Napan, N. B., a member of St. James' Presbyterian church, and universally respected.

She had lived here ever since her marriage. A large family survive her, James, of New York City; Charles, of Bellingham, Wash.; Thomas, of Mexico; John, of Boston; Mrs. Bessie Gough, of Newcastle, and Blackstock and Freeman, of Newcastle. A large circle of grandchildren are left and the following two brothers: George Colter, of Napan, N. B., and Wm. Colter, of Brewer, Me. The funeral will be held tomorrow from her late residence, Lower Kings Highway, to St. James' cemetery at 2.30 p. m.

Y. M. C. A. NEWS

A literary and debating club was organized at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night. J. L. Brown was elected president; W. J. Gale, vice-president; F. S. DeHill, secretary; H. J. Knowles, chairman of the program committee, and John C. Berdeen, chaplain. John Dawson gave a digest of the world's news for the week, delivered an interesting address on the educational value of literary and debating clubs. He said that a large number of successful public men had discovered themselves and developed in debating clubs. He spoke of the importance of teaching young men how to think and express themselves properly.

Rev. A. E. Chocally, a native of Persia, told of the political and religious situation in Persia and the Balkan States.

Martin White's basket ball team defeated Capt. Banbury's team last night 17 to 12 in the four team intermediate team Y. M. C. A. series, which opened last week, and will close about April 1. The other teams are captained by Marvin White and Murray Nixon. The games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

A HAT FOUND; HOW ACADIANS MAY BE THAT OF MR. A. B. SMALLEY

Harbor front yields what O. M. Melanson, M.L.A., tells of progress being made in Recruiting Campaign.

The police and friends of A. B. Smalley have searched unfruitfully for that gentleman since last Friday evening, but other than the finding in the harbor of a hard hat similar to that worn by Mr. Smalley there is no other clue. Up to last midnight no person had been located who had seen Mr. Smalley since he left his place of business on Prince William street at 6.45 o'clock on Friday evening.

A. C. Smalley, the son of the missing man, has almost given up hope of seeing his father alive again, and grave fears are entertained that he had been drowned in the harbor.

The police have made thorough inquiries of conductors on railway trains and street cars, as well of the men along the harbor front, but have been unable to find any person who saw Mr. Smalley. If the unfortunate man had walked down on any of the wharves shortly after the time he left his store the chances are that, at that time in the evening, there would be no person about many of the wharves off Water street. The greatest sympathy is extended to the members of the family.

THE EVANGELINE HOME.

The report of the Evangeline Home for the year shows that seventy-nine girls and seventy-seven children were dealt with in the institution during the year, a total of 156. Situations were found for twenty-three girls, twenty-nine were sent to friends, some were sent to other homes or hospitals, and fourteen were still in the home when their year closed. Of the children who went out thirty-seven went with their mothers. Twenty-two were still in the home. The report shows that by taking forty-eight private patients during the year the home assisted materially in financing itself.

The expenditure for the year was \$5,730.82, of which food, fuel and light accounted for more than \$3,000, and salaries only \$1,265. The receipts show \$1,414.25 from private nursing, \$1,634.36 granted by headquarters, Toronto, \$1,633.05 fees from girls and children, \$250 provincial grant, and smaller items from donations, etc. There was a deficit of \$259.16 for the year ended Sept. 30.

What kind of a typewriter? A very responsible decision to make, deciding in a day the typewriter you are going to use for a year. Due consideration would probably make you decide in favor of the REMINGTON or SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER. A. Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, manager, St. John.

Still At Large.
Up to late last night nothing had been learned of the whereabouts of the three soldiers who escaped from the guard room at the Armory Monday night after tearing down the bars in the window of their cell, and it is thought that the trio has made a clean getaway.

WILL ACCEPT COLORED MEN IN RANKS OF 68TH

At yesterday's meeting of the citizens' recruiting committee the principal business was that concerning the fitting up of the agricultural hall in the Exhibition building for the accommodation of troops. The sub-committee appointed to interview the city commissioners on the matter reported that they were satisfied that the council had taken all steps within its power to make the quarters available for the purpose in view, and that new flooring in the hall would be laid by the council. A letter was read from the 164th Battalion band thanking the committee for seeing to the provision of an electric head-light for each member of the band to facilitate the reading of music. It was stated that colored recruits for the 68th Battalion would be accepted so long as that unit remains below strength.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. JOHN CO. W.C.T.U.

The annual meeting of the St. John County W. C. T. U. was held in the Orange Hall, German street, yesterday afternoon. Reports were read from the Fairville and St. John city unions. These reports were very interesting, as all the unions are working for the Red Cross and Soldiers' Comforts Leagues. A Bible reading was given by Mrs. J. Seymour and Mrs. Wilcox and Miss Stella Fox sang solos.

Reports were read by the delegates who attended the meeting of the Dominion Alliance with the local government last week in Fredericton. A resolution was passed that this quarterly convention help the Alliance in every way to further the cause of prohibition in the Province of New Brunswick. Clippings from a paper on "The Evil of Cigarettes" were also read.

The following were elected: President, Mrs. Jas. McAvity; 1st vice-president, Mrs. David Hipwell; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Oscar Hanson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John Paterson.

IMPERIAL'S HIGH-CLASS OFFERINGS TODAY.

The Imperial's programme today is of extraordinary interest. Frank Keenan, eminent American actor for years, will be seen in a six-reel Universal masterpiece, "The Dong Chance," a fervid tale of the Californian gold rush in '49. This is a splendid offering.

The Universal Animated Weekly will show Henry Ford and his "Jonah's Ark" leaving for "somewhere" in Europe. Lord Kitchener reviewing troops, scenes on the German front and the somaliland line. In fact there are about fifteen subjects in this update weekly. Henry Kelly, the new singer, is already claimed by local critics to be the best baritone heard in St. John for years. The talented Bostonian is booked for six months of high-class concert work commencing New Year's day.

BRAYLEY'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS—Cost no more—Yet go further.