

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, generally fair and cold.

Washington, March 2.—Forecast: Northern New England—Friday, cloudy; Saturday, fair; moderate west and northwest winds.

Toronto, March 2.—Pressure is low on Atlantic and Pacific coasts, while a pronounced area of high pressure is over the northwest states and western provinces. Light snow fell during last night in Ontario, and snow is falling tonight near the coast of Nova Scotia, but weather over the Dominion has been for the most part fair and cold.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	-28	10
Vancouver	32	36
Calgary	-12	4
Edmonton	-16	6
Prince-Albert	-20	4
Medicine Hat	-18	8
Moose Jaw	-23	12
Winnipeg	-20	6
Port Arthur	-6	14
Perry Sound	-6	22
London	14	23
Toronto	14	24
Kingston	-10	14
Ottawa	-4	16
Montreal	4	10
Quebec	-6	14
St. John	4	18
—Below zero.		

MANY LETTERS FAIL TO REACH DESTINATION

Some St. John Firms Have Suffered Serious Financial Losses Through Unsatisfactory Service.

The condition of the mail service to St. John from outside points is now such that persons who want to make sure of a letter reaching its destination must not only pay the ordinary postage but must register their letters as well. In effect this means that the ordinary postage rate is so far as St. John is concerned is eight cents instead of three cents as provided under federal regulation. This at least has been the experience of The Standard during the past four or five months, for this paper has found that unless letters are registered there is absolutely no certainty of them ever reaching the one to whom they are addressed. This is all the more true if the letters contain money, for these seem to be particularly liable to interference.

Since early last autumn The Standard has had more trouble with the mails than in all the previous history of this paper. It will readily be understood that many people mail to this office each day the amounts due on their subscriptions. Unfortunately the practice still prevails among persons in rural districts of mailing letters containing money without registering them. Nor have we learned the lesson that it is cheaper in the long run to purchase postal notes or money orders. The result has been that since the first of November a very large number of letters addressed to The Standard containing money, and some which have not contained money have failed to arrive. There have as well been many disappearances of letters in which were enclosed postal notes or money orders, but as duplicates of these are obtainable the senders have not suffered any loss although a great deal of inconvenience has been caused.

Other Firms Also Suffer.

The Standard is not alone in this matter for other business houses have suffered in the same way, although, as many of these are not known to receive so many letters containing money, the losses have been smaller. Yesterday The Standard reported to Ottawa the loss of not less than twenty-three letters containing money, for all of which proof was received that these letters had been mailed in the usual way, but which for some reason or other had not reached this office. This was not by any means all that had gone astray, but in other cases duplicate orders or notes had been secured for the missing remittances or else there was a weakness in the evidence as to the time and place of mailing.

This is not the most serious part. Almost every day this paper is in receipt of letters which have been torn open for examination. The bottoms of the envelopes are ripped efficiently to enable anyone interested to find out whether or not cash is enclosed. A tear half an inch deep will permit of an examination of the contents of the envelope and this has been found in so many instances that there is no longer any ground for the belief that the breaking can be done accidentally. Another fact which causes some alarm is this, that in the St. John post office there is a standing rule that all letters received are to be back stamped. It is possible that on occasions some letters may be skipped by the machines, but so many have been received by The Standard without this back stamp and so many of these torn open that it is not believed the omissions can be accidental.

Still another feature is this, that the lock on The Standard's box has been changed, that only one person is now able to get the mail, that even while this box has been watched letters have been torn open and examined, and that in the past few days letters containing money have disappeared in spite of all precautions taken by those who are supposed to look after things in the St. John office.

Again it is apparent that there is looseness outside. A parcel mailed a couple of weeks ago to a resident outside of Norton has not been delivered. The parcel was of such a nature that the mail driver could not by any conceivable effort have forgotten whether he delivered it or not. But according to the postal authorities it is impossible to obtain any trace whatever of that parcel because it was not registered.

The Standard is not desirous of making an attack on any branch of the postal service, but the losses sustained by this paper have been altogether too serious during the past few months and there is no inclination to have them continue if any steps can be taken to stop the carelessness or worse, which is now so apparent.

Interesting Relics.

Corporal Beesley, who was killed in the First Heavy Battery in Regina now serving in France, has just sent home to his brother, Roy Beesley, Holderville, a German officer's helmet, some lovely embroidery work, the nose of a German shell, a piece of a high explosive shell, part of a shrapnel shell, and many other interesting relics.

Band and excellent ice at the Vic tonight.

FIVE NAMES ON ROLL OF HONOR YESTERDAY

Campaign for 115th Now on in Full Swing—Watch the Clock.

ROLL OF HONOR.

H. B. Smith, Saint John.
J. H. Merrey, Medford, Mass.
Murray Jones, Shannon, Queens Co., N. B.
Percy F. Akerley, Saint John.
One other who did not wish his name given.

Last night the clock stood at 775. What will it be tonight? Are you doing your bit to keep it wound up and the hand moving? Yesterday only five men were signed on, this brings the total for the week up to forty-two. Amherst, with one-fifth of the population of Saint John, got sixty-three men in two days. What about it? Last night was the second night that there was no one at the rooms on Gormain street to take charge of a meeting. It seems hardly fair to the recruiting committee after the way they have worked and advertised that a meeting would be held there every night that nobody should show up to take charge.

PLAN EXTENSION OF CANTERBURY ST. TO BRITAIN ST.

Commissioner of Public Works Has Scheme to Relieve Prince William Street Congestion.

The Commissioner of Public Works announces that he is about to begin a work which has been mooted for a long time, namely the extension of Canterbury street through to Britain street. It is his intention to eventually make this a macadam road for its entire length with the idea of relieving the traffic on Prince William street.

BOY SCOUTS SEE PICTURES OF CANADA'S FIGHTING FORCES

Last night Corporal White, D. C. M., was given three cheers by some fifty Boy Scouts and Cadets, as he was explaining to them the work of the Canadian Fighting Forces, which was being screened in the Opera House.

The boys, who were composed of the Waterloo street Baptist church troop, and St. Mary's Cadets, had been kindly taken by a gentleman who is much interested in the movements of both.

The boys also joined in the singing of "Keep the Home Fires Burning" most effectively, stood at attention whilst the Union Jack was displayed, and answered S. M. Galley's call for cheers for the King and the Forces most lustily.

Corporal White was much impressed by their ovation, and concluded his remarks by addressing a few appropriate words to them.

Given in Charge by Captain.

Joseph Blinckhorn, a sailor, drank so many horns yesterday afternoon that they not only caused him to blink but made him so troublesome that he was locked up and will have to face the magistrate in the police court this morning. He was given in charge of police officers Howard and McParlane by Captain Willard A. Johnston of the Schooner Clifford I. White, lying at the Gregory wharf, off Portland street, and the charge against the prisoner is for being drunk and using abusive language to the captain.

Military Night at Opera House.

Tonight is Military Night at the Opera House. There will be many special features and by request Corp. White, D.C.M., will tell the story of the battle of Ypres when he won his D.C.M. There will be but one show tonight of "Canada's Fighting Forces," starting promptly at 8 o'clock.

Victoria "Wet Wash" Laundry is the best—they cleanse 1½ clothes thoroughly. 3 to 10 Pitt street. Phone 290.

JUDGE FORBES A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

Definitely Announces He Will Make Bid for Honor—Mayor Frink Again in the Running.

Dr. J. H. Frink is in the field for reelection as mayor. Dr. Frink stated yesterday that he had run something like eleven elections in St. John and that the coming contest would round out the dozen. He has been three times in the field for the mayoralty, having contested the office once under the old form of government and twice under commission. At the present time he knows of no definite opposition for the coming campaign and thinks it is possible that the people of St. John may give him one term in office without opposition as has been done in many Canadian cities since the war started. There has been talk, said the mayor, of Judge Forbes coming out but no definite announcement has been received from the judge in this regard. Mr. Bullock was also mentioned but he has declined to run and the mayor has an impression that the field may be clear for the present year.

On the other hand, it is definitely understood that this will not be the case. In conversation with The Standard last evening Judge Forbes announced his decision to enter the contest. "I have lots of time on my hands now," said he, "and I think I could fill the bill. There is nothing so good for a man as having confidence in himself and I believe I could occupy that position with satisfaction to the electors. It is true that recently I have been in poor health, but that has passed away and I am feeling as fit as ever and ready to take a hand in civic affairs. I will be a candidate for the mayoralty in the coming contest."

So much for the mayoralty. In the commission line there is little news to report. The only men in the field to date are Commissioners Potts and McLellan and G. Fred Fisher. There was talk some time ago about H. J. Armstrong offering as a candidate. The Standard saw Mr. Armstrong yesterday and asked him if it was his intention to run. Mr. Armstrong was indignant. "I do not look on that as any compliment," said he. "Don't you think the bunch we have are enough? Nothing doing for me."

GORGEOUS PATTERN HATS FROM PARIS AND NEW YORK AT MARR'S OPENING TODAY

Rich Profusion of Early Spring Millinery Modes from Leading French and American Producers.

Eager to inspect the newest and most exclusively patterned developments of French and American creators of feminine headwear, hundreds are today visiting the Marr Millinery Company's opening display of early spring and Easter styles in millinery and accessories.

While the Marr openings have always ranked foremost in vastness, variety and beauty, the firm have, this year, excelled themselves, their display being regarded as surpassing any previous exhibit of the kind.

Particularly fascinating are the pattern productions, direct from Paris, which include the most elaborate and exclusively designed creations of Poyanne, Marie Emile, Lucien Levy, Cora Marson, Lewis, Celestin Roboury, Hermance, also Charlotte and Marie. American pattern hats are also strong favorites, those especially from Gage, Rosenbloom, and Morehead and Jardine. Highly popular, too, are this year's chic productions of the Marr workrooms.

Floral trimmings and ribbons in every new style and coloring complete this surpassingly beautiful display at Marr's.

Champ Bracelet Watches Have Arrived.

First lot of Champ Bracelet Watches this year in 17 Jewel, 14 kt. gold filled quality at \$15.00. The Champ is the best—at Gundry's, 15 King street. Exclusive selling rights.

Bean Supper.

Under auspices Free-to-Serve Club of Centenary church in Centenary parlors, Saturday, March 4th, 6 to 8 p. m. Tickets, 25c.

Band and excellent ice at the Vic tonight.

Ladies' Skirts.

Skirts of service, skirts of style, skirts that are correct in every detail, bought long ago when the prices of materials were 40 per cent. less than they are now, just made up recently, and received on Thursday at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. These skirts comprise the popular shepherd's plaid, serges of every color and style, taffeta silk, poplins and Panamas. The prices run from \$3.39 up to \$9.86 each.

Carpenters' Tools

Every carpenter realizes that, in order to do the best work, too much care and attention can not be devoted to the selection of the most reliable Tools the market offers, as, with poor tools, really satisfactory work is out of the question. You will find our display of Carpenters' Tools both large and complete, embracing the best productions of the leading manufacturers, the variety including Saws, Planes, Bit Braces, Auger Bits, Nail Hammers, Try Squares, Levels, Spoke Shaves, Screw Drivers, Chisels, Gouges, etc.

IS THERE ANYTHING MISSING IN YOUR KIT?

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Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.

During January, February and March our Stores will close Saturdays at 6 p. m., same hour as other days of the week. Open each morning at 8.30

The New Cotton Print HOUSE DRESSES with Elastic Belts, Dresden Trimmed, with Cap to Match Dress, All for 89 cents the Set

They are the best made and neatest dresses ever shown at anything near the price; all sizes, 34 to 44.

SMALL BLACK AND WHITE CHECKED DRESS SKIRTS—New shape, self belts, large pockets, self covered buttons. They are the new full out and shaped dress skirt at \$2.75 each; 36 to 42 in. lengths.

INFANTS' AND SMALL CHILDREN'S DOROURO COATS—Six months to 6 wear sizes, \$1.75 to \$3. They are in wash, heavy cord corduroy, in white, fawn, rose, navy blue and cream.

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STREET AND TAILORED HATS FOR LADIES AND MISSES

A COMPLETE SHOWING OF CHOICE NEW MODELS FOR EARLY SPRING

The Millinery Salon is now in complete readiness to serve patrons with the most desirable of the 1916 early spring offerings in

Street and Tailored Hats

The most alluring colors and combinations of colors are featured, adorning shapes so diversified and so bewitchingly becoming, that practically every desire in headwear ultra fashionable may be perfectly gratified.

MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR.

NEW ART CORK CARPETS

Corp Carpet is exceptionally durable, thick, soft and warm, and suitable for bedrooms, upper halls, nurseries, etc. We offer six new designs in Art Cork Carpet in blue, green and wood effects.

CARPET DEPARTMENT—GERMAIN STREET.

NEW SPRING HOSIERY

LADIES' SILK AND FIBRE HOSE in black, white, sand, puty, pearl grey, slate, suede, champagne, fawn, and navy. Pair 50c.

LADIES' SILK HOSE in sand, champagne, sky, pink, battelship grey, pearl grey, King's blue, navy, bronze, maize, yellow, old rose, purple, Alice blue. Pair \$1.80

LADIES' SILK HOSE in pink, sky, silver, King's blue, navy, pongee, taupe, Copenhagen. Pair \$1.00

LADIES' BLACK SILK HOSE. Pair \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25 to \$5.00

LADIES' PURE SILK HOLEPROOF HOSE in black, white, tan. Box of three pairs (guaranteed for three months) \$3.00

LADIES' BLACK HOLEPROOF SILK-FACED HOSE. Box of three pairs (guaranteed for three months) \$2.25.

LADIES' SILK ANKLE HOSE in pearl grey, slate, smoke, bronze, navy. Pair 55c.

LADIES' SILK ANKLE HOSE, black. Pair 45c. and 55c.

LADIES' SILK ANKLE HOSE, white. Pair 45c.

LADIES' WHITE LISLE HOSE. Pair 45c.

LADIES' WHITE LISLE HOSE (three pairs \$1.00). Pair 35c.

LADIES' WHITE COTTON HOSE (three pairs \$1.00). Pair 35c.

LADIES' WHITE COTTON HOSE. Pair 25c.

LADIES' BLACK LISLE HOSE. Pair 45c.

LADIES' BLACK LISLE HOSE (three pairs \$1.00). Pair 45c.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE. Pair 45c.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE (three pairs \$1.00). Pair 35c.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE. Pair 25c.

LADIES' BLACK COTTON HOSE, Balbriggan Style. Pair 25c.

HOSIERY DEPARTMENT—ANNEX.

Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited

Around the City

Soldiers' Comforts.

A meeting of the Soldiers' Comfort Association was held yesterday morning at which important matters were discussed.

Arrested for Assault.

Walter Veris was arrested last evening for being drunk on Brussels street, and is also charged with assaulting a man in view of the police.

Another Bootlegger Arrested.

Peter Yapp, a well known figure in police circles was arrested yesterday on the charge of supplying liquor to a soldier in uniform.

New Brunswick Separate Unit.

New Brunswick has been created a separate unit for recruiting purposes and Capt. Tilley has been given full charge of all recruiting matters for this province.

Drunk and Resisting.

A soldier of the 69th Battalion who was drunk and very disorderly was arrested on Gormain street last evening for being drunk and violently resisting the police.

Tonight's Meeting.

Don't forget the meeting in the recruiting room, Gormain street, tonight. Rev. W. A. Cameron, one of the foremost platform men in Canada, will be present and address the gathering. Come and hear him.

Big Parade Today.

This afternoon the three battalions will have a combined march around town. They will meet at the court house and form up on King street east at 2.30 and march by way of Sydney, Brussels, Haymarket Square, City Road, Paradise Row and Main street to Indian town and back.

Has Joined Dublin Fusiliers.

John Kerr, of Camden street, has received word from his son, Harry, that he had joined the Dublin Fusiliers and had left with them for the front. This is the third of Mr. Kerr's sons to don the khaki, one being with the 79th Cameron Highlanders and one with the postal corps.

Port Records Broken.

Secretary Armstrong says all port records have been broken up to date this year. "The arrivals since the opening of the winter port season have been 125 steamers and sailing ships, as against 94 in the same time last season. The grain shipments also show a big gain, the figures being 3,606,475. The shipments of grain from Portland, Maine, for the month of February were 4,350,250 bushels.

Letters Found on Road.

In a letter received by The Standard last night from Kings county, the writer says "parcels are frequently sent from Norton to the wrong district or else are lost in transit from Norton to Midland where the mail for No. 2 route is handed over to our carrier. I have often heard of letters being found on the Norton road. It is high time that the mail service of this district was properly inspected and looked after. Most of the parcels we receive have been torn open and the contents examined, and scores of times mail addressed to us is never delivered at all."

Soldiers From Plaster Rock.

The following men came in from Plaster Rock last night to do their bit for the Empire. On Wednesday evening the ladies of the Red Cross at Plaster Rock gave a reception and dance in their honor, and before they left yesterday Mrs. Donald Frasse presented each one with carnations and Mrs. G. E. Ridgeway presented each with a Bible. Two of the men went through to Montreal, and the others will join the 115th. The names are: T. Simonds, N. F. Day, T. E. Roberts, A. E. Hatheway, T. Wyman, F. W. Stephenson, H. E. Giverson, A. H. Adams, A. J. Woods, F. R. Hirston, W. Brown, A. R. Campbell, D. Smith, W. McDonald, J. S. Smith, L. Grant, W. Cook, I. Goodine, F. E. Paulson.