

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh west to north-west winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

The St. John Standard, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA.

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VERDUN AND NORTHERN RUSSIAN FRONT SCENES OF HARD FIGHTING

FRESH TROOPS THROWN AGAINST FRENCH, BUT WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS

Division Brought Up from Remote Point to Take Part in New Thrust Swept Back by French Curtain of Fire and Suffer Heavy Casualties—Make Good Only at One Point—Russians Score New Gains.

Heavy battles have been in progress northwest and northeast of Verdun, and on the northern part of the Russian front, where the Russians are keeping up their strong offensive against the Germans. In all these zones the losses have been large, while the changes in position have been relatively unimportant.

Northwest of Verdun, in the sector of Avocourt-Malancourt, the Germans, after a terrific bombardment, drove a vicious infantry attack in which liquid fire was employed, against the French front. A fresh German division, brought up from a remote point, participated in the operation.

The activity of the artillery was quite intense today on both sides. The Port Dalhousie, which sailed from Pictou, N. S., in January—Captain, a Halifax Man, Missing.

ATTEMPT TO SLAY PREMIER OF BULGARIA

Two Shots Fired by Postal Employee — Premier's Coachman Wounded Before Would-be Assassin was Disarmed.

New York, March 20.—A News Agency dispatch from London published here today says: "Premier Radoloff, of Bulgaria, was attacked by a would-be assassin while riding in an open carriage in the streets of Sofia yesterday, according to dispatches from Rome and Paris this afternoon."

NOW IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIETIES OR FRIENDS OF SOLDIERS

The Brunswick Chapter wishes the public to understand that any society, club, or individual wishing to donate one or more instruments to the 140th Band will have the privilege of inscribing these instruments with their own or any chosen name.

Table listing contributions to the 140th Band Fund: Previously acknowledged \$130.50, W. J. Wetmore 10.00, John Kimble & Sons, Ltd 50.00, Fred R. Taylor 25.00, Total \$215.50

PROHIBITION MEASURE IS INTRODUCED

Government Bill Leaves Matter with Provincial Legislatures. DOMINION LAW WILL BE BEHIND THEM. Provision Made for Penalties Either in Place from Which Liquor is Sent or Place to Which Sent.

A CANADIAN STEAMER SUNK

The Port Dalhousie, which sailed from Pictou, N. S., in January—Captain, a Halifax Man, Missing.

NFLD MEN ON CRUISER WHICH WAS BLOWN UP

St. John, Nfld., March 20.—The latest casualties in the Newfoundland region are: Private Heber Miles Bonaville, tubercular meningitis; Naval Reservist Alfred Andrews and John Tucker, wounded; Nathaniel Mercer and William Dawe, all of Port De Grave, missing. These casualties were caused by the blowing up of the armored cruiser Alcantara.

BERNARD BEGGS, TROUT BROOK, DIES OF WOUNDS

Ottawa, March 21.—The casualty list issued at midnight contains the names of two New Brunswick men, Bernard Beggs, Trout Brook, N. B., a member of the 14th Battalion, is reported to have died of wounds. Blaik O. Gibson, Moncton, N. B., a member of the 56th Battalion, is reported seriously ill.

TAX REFORMS IN HALIFAX

Every Business House to Pay Tax on a Basis of Quarter of One Per Cent. of Rental.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., March 20.—The city council tonight adopted the recommendation of the Board of Control for the establishment of many new reforms in the system of taxation.

DROWNED IN HALIFAX HARBOR. Halifax, March 20.—Charles Hunkings, a Newfoundland sailor, was drowned and a colored man, Alexander Lewis, had a narrow escape from death tonight when a small boat in which they were crossing the harbor was struck by the Dartmouth ferry steamer, "Halifax," Captain Allan. The accident occurred during a thick snow squall.

Laurier Government MUST SHOULDER BLAME

Failed to Build N. T. R. to St. John and Made Necessary Building of Valley Railway—Hon. Mr. Rogers Effectively Replies to Frank B. Carvell.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 20.—Those two discredited politicians, F. B. Carvell and Hon. Wm. Pugsley, attempted to make a little political capital in the House today by bringing up the question of the St. John Valley Railway. However, they are not taken seriously by the House, especially since the exposure of Mr. Carvell's hay deals and theiasco Mr. Pugsley made of his shell charges. Both have rather lost their sting and were mild in their language.

Mr. Rogers showed that the fact that the St. John Valley Railway had been built was entirely due to the Liberals who had failed to build the N. T. R. to St. John. They had given no connection with that port, they had dangled the question of St. John connection before New Brunswick and then had not built it.

ston there were seventy-five soldiers who could not read or write, a condition which he thought undesirable. "There's Ontario for you," said a Quebec member. Mr. Kemp's reply was that no complaints of such a kind had so far been received by the department. The Valley Railway. Mr. F. B. Carvell then moved for correspondence and papers in connection with the operation of the Valley Railway, so-called in New Brunswick. The road, he said, had been a political football for years past and a frank, open statement from the government was now called for by the people of New Brunswick, who had already incurred liabilities of over \$6,000,000 in connection with the railway.

THREE RECRUITS LAST NIGHT AT GRAND FALLS

Grand Falls, March 20.—A big recruiting meeting was held here tonight in McLaren's theatre. Mayor Collins presided and the building was packed to the doors. Three recruits signed on tonight and the prospects are bright for several more in the near future. The speakers were Lieut. Wilson, Sergt. Ashworth, Pte. Hovey and N. J. Wootton, the recruiting officer for the county. Pte. William Lawless, the trick violinist of the 140th, was present and added much to the success of the meeting. The same party will be at New Denmark on Tuesday night, at Tilley on Thursday and Bairdville on Friday.

Hans Lost Heavily. Paris, Mar. 20.—Another powerful German attack, this time between Avocourt and Malancourt, west of the Meuse, resulted today in heavy losses to the Germans, according to the official communication issued by the French war office tonight. A fresh division, brought up from a distant point, was used in this operation, which was characterized by the employment of jets of liquid flame. At one point, east of the Malancourt wood, the Germans made slight progress. The text of the statement follows: "In the Argonne our artillery destroyed German trenches to the north-east of Four De Paris and Haute Chevauchee. The shelling of German works was followed by the emission of considerable sulphurous vapors, indicating that reservoirs were destroyed by our shells. "We energetically bombarded the sector of Avocourt-Malancourt and disposed of groups of the enemy reported assembling to the north of the Montfaucou wood. "West of the Meuse the Germans, in the course of the day, after an intense bombardment with shells of large calibre, made an attempt to enlarge their front. An attack by a fresh enemy division, recently brought up from a point remote from the front, was directed with great violence and attended by the use of liquid flame against our positions between Avocourt and Malancourt. "Our barrier fire and the fire of our machine guns and infantry inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, and broke down the efforts of the assailants, who were able to make only slight progress at a point in the eastern part of the Malancourt wood. "A violent bombardment also occurred at Hill 384, and in the region of the Bois Bourin. "East of the Meuse, and in the Woivre, artillery activity has been intermittent. "Last night our aeroplanes dropped twenty-five shells at Dun-Sur-Meuse, where important movements of troops had been reported. All the projectiles reached the objects aimed at. "This morning one of our pursuit aeroplanes brought down, in the region of Verdun, an enemy machine which fell inside our lines. "The Belgian official communication reads: "The activity of the artillery was quite intense today on both sides." Austrian Report. Berlin, March 20, by wireless to Sayville.—The following official Austrian statement, under Saturday's date, was received here today: "Russian front: Russian artillery was active on the Dilester and Beserlian fronts. The bridgehead at Uciekio was attacked during the night by mine throwers. After artillery preparation the enemy blew up a mine and then undertook an attack with hand grenades. Owing to the mine explosion a trench was evacuated. All other attacks were repulsed and some Russians were captured. "Hellen front: Relative calm prevailed along the lower Isonzo. "Austro-Hungarian naval aeroplanes dropped bombs repeatedly on the Italian batteries at the mouth of the Bona. Gorizia was again shelled by heavy artillery. "Austro-Hungarian troops continued their successful attacks at the Tolmino bridgehead. They crossed the road between Selo and Clincity and advanced to the west of St. Mark. Repulsed, the counter-attack against the positions captured. South of Uzlivrh the enemy was driven from fortified positions, fleeing as far as Gable. In these encounters more than 300 Italians were captured. "On the Corinthian front there was increased activity on the part of artillery in the Pella sector. "French Attack on Villages of Vaux. Berlin, March 20, via London.—An attack made by French troops on the village of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, was repulsed with heavy losses, the war office announced today. "The statement followed: "Western front: Favored by good conditions for observation, there was very pronounced activity on the part of artillery and aeroplanes on both sides. In the Meuse sector and in the plain of the Woivre artillery engagements continued to be especially violent yesterday. "To prevent us from pushing our lines further forward toward the defensive positions of the enemy in the neighborhood of Fort Douaumont and the village of Vaux, the French delivered a fruitless attack with parts of a division recently brought up, against the village of Vaux. They were repulsed with heavy losses. "In an aerial battle Lieut. Baron Von Altbaus brought down his fourth aeroplane over enemy lines west of Lihons, while Lieut. Beolke brought down his twelfth machine over the forest of Forges. The enemy lost three other aeroplanes. "Three other aeroplanes, one in an aerial encounter near Cully, west of the Forges, and two others from the fire of our anti-aircraft guns, were brought down. One of the latter crashed to the earth in flames. The other, turning overboard, fell in the neighborhood of Sapt De Barde, behind the enemy's lines. "Eastern front: Regardless of their heavy losses, the Russians attacked repeatedly yesterday with strong forces on both sides of Postavy and Naroc. The attacks were entirely fruitless. "In the neighborhood of Vidzy German troops advanced and drove back some enemy divisions, which were still attempting to maintain their position close to our front after their attack of yesterday morning. One officer and 250 men belonging to seventy-five different regiments were captured. "Balkan front: There is nothing to report."

Halifax, March 20.—A Canadian steamer well known at this port and having a Halifax skipper, has been sunk in English waters and, according to today's dispatches some of her crew, including the captain, are missing. The steamer is the Port Dalhousie, and her master is Captain W. F. Butler, of this city. The Port Dalhousie had cleared at this port a number of times in coastal trading service. She sailed from Pictou early in January, for the United Kingdom with a cargo of lumber and has since been engaged in service in British waters. Mrs. Butler had a letter from her husband last week. He said that he had recently made a trip from England to Dunkirk, where he was at the time of writing. When the steamer sailed from Pictou, N. S., she had on board as chief engineer one Levi MacMillan, of Isaac's Harbor, N. S., and as far as is known here, he was still on the steamer, which was engaged in the English trade. The Port Dalhousie is owned in Kingston, Ont. Her managing owner Mr. McLellan is now in England.











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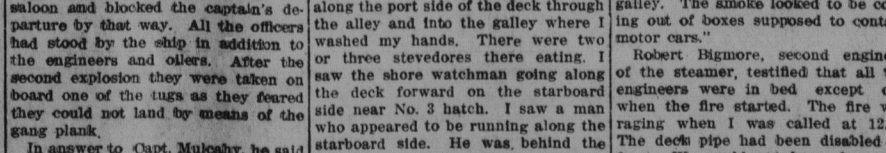
Foreman William Kiley Gives Evidence to This Effect at  
Government Enquiry—Was Stranger Member of Tugs  
Crew?—Fire Started in Box Containing Motor Car—  
No Evidence to Show That Longshoremen Were Smok-  
ing in Hold.

The witness continuing said that the stranger was proceeding towards the forward part of the ship. The watchman also saw the man, the foreman said. Mr. Kiley added that after the fire the watchman told him the unknown man went aboard the tug Sen Mac. The foreman was at the office on the wharf when the fire broke out.

At this point the court adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock. Afternoon Session. At the afternoon session Daniel J. Gallagher, an expert in the handling of calcium carbide, was questioned at length.

At the time the fire broke out he was in his cabin. He had retired between nine and ten o'clock. The watchman on the steamer had received special instructions not to allow anyone on board and to see that there was no smoking in the holds.

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OBITUARY  
Mrs. Margaret Harrity  
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Had No Ambition To Do Her Housework.  
System Was All Run Down.  
Mrs. Herbert Doherty, Beaver Brook, N.B., writes: "I have used some of your Burdock Blood Bitters, and found it to be a great medicine."

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New York, March 20—Jim Thorpe,
the Sac and Fox Indian, Olympic prize
winner, and one of the greatest foot-
ball players that ever donned grid-
iron armor, in making his last stand

Fresh from his Olympic triumphs
at Stockholm and the subsequent sen-
sational stripping away of these hon-
ors by the Amateur Athletic Union, on
charge that he was a professional.

The Indian drifted from the major
league to the minors, and even there
his helplessness at the plate caused
him to be cast aside for a less sen-
sational player, who could bat in
pinches.

went to the plate, and at once a decid-
ed improvement was noticed in his
hitting. In his new position he show-
ed ability to connect with the best of
the early spring curves, and his admir-
ers have taken hope. If it is demon-
strated that Thorpe, batting left-hand-
ed, can land on the ball with his heavy
black war club, there is a place for
him with the Giants and McGraw's
judgment will have been vindicated.

LOCAL BOWLING

Table with columns for player names and scores. Includes Stanton, Lemon, Alley, Walsh, Bailie, etc.

TWO WORLD'S RECORDS.

Los Angeles, March 20—Two
world's records for automobile speed-
ways were established yesterday at
the racing meet at the new Ascutt
Speedway here.

What German Kultur
Has Done For Belgium

"Diplomacy," Which Has Re-
placed Violence and Sav-
agery, Even a Worse Curse
Than the Old Methods.

"Brussels was the gayest and the
prettiest capital in Europe. It is now
a city of desolation. That is what
the Huns have done to Kultur."

"Diplomacy, for the Germans, con-
sists primarily in forcing on the Bel-
gians the idea that, no matter how
the war ends, Belgium will remain
German, not because Germany wants
Belgium, but because she has found
out that Belgium sorely needs Ger-
many to civilize it!"

"When I arrived in Brussels the first
thing I saw at the Gare du Nord, in
the middle of the entrance hall, was
a giant Christmas tree, glittering with
lights and tied up with German flags.

that he is the bearer of a double bur-
den.

"Among the countless duties that
fall to the share of the President
there is none that he fulfills with
more joy than speaking to the sol-
diers, the officers, words of encour-
agement and gratitude, than reward-
ing them in the name of the nation
for their efforts—their sacrifices. At
the present time this is the param-
ount duty as well as the paramount
joy of Monsieur Poincare—our hon-
ored President."

"The days he spends at the front
are happy days in his overbusy life.
A special train takes him to the
district he has planned to visit. Early
in the morning he goes by auto to the
headquarters of the general in com-
mand."

"Despite the protest of the com-
manders he seldom fails to visit even
the first line of trenches. From be-
ginning to end his program is made
out with remarkable attention to de-
tail. First a visit to the ambulances,
a review of the troops; then a confer-
ence with the commander-in-chief;
next distribution of medals and hon-
ors."

"The lecturer modified his paper
and brought it back to the censor. The
German read it and asked: 'Why do
you not lecture on German music?'
As the reply was not satisfactory,
the German angrily remarked: 'Take
back your manuscript and bring it to-
morrow with an addition devoted to
my great Backs. The paper will be
on 'Back and Gretry.' Otherwise you
can give no more lectures while the
war lasts.' Such is freedom under
the German regime in Belgium!"

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tured in cheap cubes. It takes the beef of an entire
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Bovril to make your cookery more nourishing and to save
butchers' bills. But it must be Bovril.

and made an imperishable impres-
sion on all who lived through them in
company with the President. At the
doors of the houses old women stood,
weeping tears of joy; at the win-
dows, young women, whose heads
were adorned with the Alsatian bow,
looked out, wreathed in smiles, to
welcome him. In the streets the
children, wearing policemen's hats,
made for them by the soldiers, march-
ed proudly up and down, singing the
Marseillaise. Nearly all the houses
were decorated with the tri-color flag;
many of these flags had been hurriedly
taken out of boxes and trunks,
where they had lain for over forty
years, since the desolating days of
'70-71. The village officials could
scarcely speak, their throats con-
stricted by deep emotion.

"When pinning a military medal on
the greatcoat of General Joffre, the
President made a speech which we
could ill-afford to forget—for, as the
war progresses, his words take on
fresh and deeper significance.—'When
the day arrives on which we will be
able to review some of the acts of de-
votion and courage that are practiced
daily by you, by our devoted soldiers,
we will then see clearly that never in
the course of the centuries has the
army of France shown itself more
domitable, more loyal and devoted.
And this army means France; all
France, one and indivisible, without
party, social or religious division. A
united France that has answered the
call of the Republic—to ward off a
perfidious and premeditated aggres-
sion.'"

to the task of averting the fall of a
catastrophe that threatens humanity.
She realizes that in order to prevent
the return of conditions that have
conduced to the present peril, she
must in accord with her allies, de-
terminately abolish the causes. France
realizes, too, that the present genera-
tion bears the heritage of the past
and the responsibility of the future.
She knows that we have not the right
to repudiate the secular mission in
the cause of civilization, and liberty.
'An indecisive victory, a half peace,
would expose the French of tomorrow
to a renewal of the barbarities and
insults offered today; barbarities that
seek to mask themselves under the
cloak of science. France will follow
to the end—the work of the liberation
of European civilization—and in days
to come will lead a more intense and
glorious life under the protection of
the concord she has gained, the secur-
ity she has won.'"

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GENUINE MASTER WORKMAN
Master WORKMAN
SMOKING TOBACCO
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is CUT from the Genuine PLUG
Same fine aroma—
Same delicious taste—
SOLD EVERYWHERE.

Bringing Up Father







**THE WEATHER.**

Forecast.

Martime—Fresh west to northwest winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

Toronto, March 20.—Light snow is falling again over the Great Lakes, elsewhere the weather is fair, and in the west quite mild.

**Temperatures.**

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	45
Vancouver	44	48
Edmonton	24	40
Battleford	6	34
Calgary	28	61
Moose Jaw	18	37
Winnipeg	30	36
Port Arthur	14	34
London	2	30
Toronto	32	39
Itawa	22	32
Montreal	4	18
Quebec	0	16
St. John	6	24
Halifax	10	26

Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Tonight's Meeting.**  
Follow the band to the Germain street recruiting rooms tonight and hear the Rev. (Capt.) G. M. Campbell.

**Fire at Fort Fairfield.**  
The Bangor and Aroostook railroad roundhouse at Fort Fairfield and two locomotives were burned yesterday. The loss was \$25,000.

**Fighting For Britain.**  
Eastport has several young men who are fighting for Great Britain and the allied nations. They are Adison Sabine, formerly of St. John; Gordon C. MacIntyre, who enlisted at St. Stephen, and Harry Hoffman.

**New Telephone Service.**  
A new telephone service became operative in Queen's county yesterday. There is now a direct line from Campbellton to Gasquet and it is expected that additional facilities will be provided later. One of the leading promoters of the new line is H. H. Mott of this city who has a summer home at Cambridge. Part of the system is represented by an incorporated company.

**PERSONAL.**

Attorney General J. B. M. Baxter arrived from Montreal yesterday.

James Lewis returned from Ottawa yesterday.

Miss MacKeen, of Rothesay, a niece of Lieut. Gov. MacKeen of Nova Scotia, is a guest at Government House, Halifax.

D. S. Secord, of Moncton, was at the Royal yesterday.

Miss R. Weir, of Moncton, is at the Royal.

Lieut.-Col. P. A. Guthrie, M. L. A., of Fredericton is a guest of the Royal.

Donald Munro, M. L. A., of Woodstock, was at the Victoria yesterday.

H. E. Fawcett, of Sackville, was at the Royal last evening.

E. A. Johnston, of Newcastle, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Carl Heustis, of Sussex, was at the Dufferin yesterday.

J. H. Corcoran of Moncton, was a guest of the Dufferin yesterday.

Olat Olsen and Mrs. Olsen, of Grand Falls, were at the Dufferin yesterday.

J. B. Hache, M. L. A., of Bathurst, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Mrs. G. H. M. Lawson, of Harcourt, was at the Victoria yesterday.

A. G. Stymest, of Chatham, was at the Victoria yesterday.

A. Sherwood, of Fredericton, was at the Victoria last evening.

John Kennedy, of Salisbury, was at the Victoria yesterday.

James R. Brown, of Wilson's Beach, was at the Victoria yesterday.

J. Magee, of Moncton, was at the Victoria yesterday.

H. L. Crocker, of Millerton, was a guest of the Victoria yesterday.

Miss Nora Wetmore, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Nora Dooey, of this city, left for her home in Sussex this morning.

**YESTERDAY WITH THE LOCAL SOLDIERS**

Yesterday was spent by the men of the 115th in the usual round of work. The following promotions were in order: I. Corp. McDonald of C Co., to be corporal; Serg. Ross to be acting Co. Sergeant Major of C Co.; Serg. Montford to be acting Co. Sergeant Major of B Co.; Pte. Alward of C Co. to be L. Corporal; Pte. C. Rogers of B Co. to be L. Corporal; Today Lieut. Perley will be the orderly officer and routine work will be the order of the day.

140th.

The men of the 140th spent the day yesterday in the usual drill and instruction classes. Today Lieut. J. E. Calkin will be orderly officer and routine work will be gone through.

69th.

The 69th spent the day yesterday in bomb throwing and company drill. Today they will have bayonet fighting, company drill and musketry. In the afternoon C and D companies will have a route march.

Benefit tonight for the rink's own band. Follow the crowd to the Victoria Rink tonight.

**SAY MARTELLO TOWER SHOULD NOT BE PRISON**

**Beaconsfield Appoints Committee to Protest—Capt. G. E. Logan Elected School Trustee.**

The opposition of many of the people of Lancaster to the use of the Martello tower as a place of confinement for refractory soldiers came to a head last night and at a large and representative meeting of ratepayers of the district of Beaconsfield, held in the Tower school, a committee was appointed to confer with the militia authorities and make a formal protest. It was pointed out at the meeting that the detention prison in the old historic tower was in close proximity to the Tower school and that the environment was not desired for children. For some time there has been a strong feeling in the Beaconsfield district that the tower should not be used as a prison by the militia authorities.

The committee which will confer with the military officials is constituted as follows: John A. Barry, Fred R. Whipple and Analey Bettinson.

The meeting appointed another committee to advise a meeting in Fairville tomorrow night which will consider the low pressure in the water supply. The members of this committee are: John A. Barry, H. Colby Smith, Analey Bettinson, Thomas Smith, Fred R. Whipple, David Linton, Harold Mayes, George Maxwell, J. M. Roche, David Wells and Michael Kane.

Residents of the parish of Lancaster, especially those on the heights, have been complaining for some time of the low water pressure. Commissioner Wigmore stated at the time that in cold weather many householders allowed the water to run and that with the heavy demand made on the supply by steamers in port it was natural that the pressure would be lower on the heights than in the city.

The meeting elected G. E. Logan, trustee of the school in the district of Beaconsfield, to succeed the late William Ruddock. Resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted and ordered sent to the family of Mr. Ruddock.

George M. Baillee was chairman of the meeting.

**WHERE DID DR. CURRAN'S TEN DOLLAR BILL GO?**

Another Mystery in Connection with Postal Service That Has Not Yet Been Solved.

It is a pleasure to The Standard to be able to say that for once the post office is not wholly to blame. Some days ago this paper made reference to a parcel mailed by Mr. A. McKay, Box 174, Chatham, which Mr. McKay reported to us had not been delivered on March 14th, although it was mailed on March 9th. The Standard reported this matter to the Post Office Inspector and received a gratifying report on the case yesterday. The postmaster at Chatham reports that the package in question reached his office on March 10th, that a register card was put in Mr. McKay's box, notifying him of the arrival of the parcel, but this parcel was not delivered until March 18th as it was not called for by Mr. McKay or his representative. It was, however, delivered on March 18th to Fred Morrison, who was authorized to receive registered mail for Mr. McKay.

On the other hand Edgar Raynes of Fairville came into The Standard office yesterday morning and mentioned that he had on Jan. 18th mailed to Dr. L. M. Curran of this city an unregistered letter containing a ten dollar bill. This was mailed in the Fairville post office at ten o'clock in the forenoon on Jan. 18th and has not yet been delivered to Dr. Curran.

Spring Suits.

F. A. Dykeman and Co. are showing some very attractive styles in ladies' spring suits. There are some at \$11.95 made of extremely nice serge and the coat is made with a flare bottom and belt and convertible collar. The colors are brown, black, copen, navy and Belgian blue, and come in sizes from 24 to 42. Our Leader at \$21.95 is made of very heavy weight all wool serge, trimmed with military braid and in very jaunty styles. This suit will give the best of satisfaction for your money. The colors are navy, brown, grey and black. Other suits in different styles and colors can be had ranging in price from \$13.50 to \$25.50.

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Present value in diamonds is largely in excess of that existing one year ago. The bulk of our stock was bought over two years ago. The marked price on any piece of diamond stock ought to be a tempting bargain for you. Allan Gundry, 72 King street.

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**FOUGHT IN SIEGE OF ANTWERP, IS NOW WITH 69th**

**Soldier Who Fought With Belgian Army, Won Decoration and Honorably Discharged, Wants Another Crack at Huns.**

Among those who took part at the recruiting rooms last night was Pte. A. Beaudet of the machine gun section of the 69th Battalion. Pte. Beaudet is a Belgian who has already done considerable fighting as a member of the Belgian army. At the outbreak of the war he was a member of the 4th and was stationed at Liege. He was in the fighting at Aix, Diest, Louvain, Malin, Brusse and Antwerp. At the siege of Antwerp he was the means of saving the lives of thirty-five men of the machine gun section of the Belgian army for which deed he was decorated with the second order of King Leopold. The decoration was presented to him by General Leman. This body of men had lost their officers and were heading straight for the German lines. Pte. Beaudet led them through an underground passage way which he knew of for about half a mile and they came out in a large wood out of sight of the enemy and got away with six machine guns. Shortly after this he was wounded and spent two months in hospital at La Havre. After he left the hospital he received his discharge and, having a sister in Montreal, he came over to this country, but after being here a short time he enlisted in the 69th Battalion and hopes to get another chance at the Germans who have practically ruined his country.

He told one place where the Belgians had mined the ground for a distance of about a mile and when they got the Germans on the mined ground, exploded them all at once and killed about 20,000 of them. He told of one trick the Germans played to get entrance unopposed to one place. They secured a number of Belgian uniforms and dressed up in them and when they got in they made things lively for a time.

His country, he said, had fought well and suffered terribly in this war which had been forced upon them, but they were determined to see it through no matter what the cost.

**THE PROHIBITIONISTS EXPECT A VICTORY**

**St. John City and County Branch of Provincial Temperance Alliance Met Yesterday.**

The St. John City and County branch of the Provincial Temperance Alliance held a special meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, with J. W. Wilson in the chair.

With the exception of the appointment of a nominating committee no other business of importance was transacted.

The following gentlemen were appointed members of the committee to arrange the line of campaign for the ensuing election:—J. W. Smith, chairman; E. N. Stockford, R. Hughes, Rev. W. R. Robinson, J. Willet and Rev. R. J. Haughton. This committee is to report back to the general committee at the next meeting, as to literature, advertising, etc., to be used in the campaign. W. D. Wilson, provincial organizer, was in attendance at last night's meeting.

Speaking to a Standard reporter last night one of the members stated that they would defeat the anti-prohibitionist three to one at the next election.

**TONIGHT'S SPEAKER**

at Germain street recruiting rooms will be Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell. Come and hear him.

Benefit tonight for the rink's own band. Follow the crowd to the Victoria Rink tonight.

**PRACTICALLY A DOUBLE SERVICE OF STREET CARS.**

It is doubtful if the people of St. John quite understand the quality of street car service they have been enjoying throughout the late unpleasantness in weather. Not every traction corporation in a city the size of St. John keeps up a duplicate service of closed cars. They usually shift the motor equipment from summer cars to winter cars and vice versa. The St. John Railway Co. has enough good modern closed cars with heaters, etc., all equipped for instant service. Therefore when a cold snap, a blizzard, a rainstorm or a rush of traffic occurs these up-to-date specials are merged into the schedule and the public is facilitated to the utmost. To keep these extra cars "on call," as it were, not to mention their original cost and upkeep, has been one of the many tasks the local company has addressed itself to of late years.

Wanted—Boy to assist chef at the Royal Hotel.

**PLENTY OF SMOKES AND A GOOD TIME**

at Germain street recruiting rooms this evening. Be one of the crowd.

**OPPOSITION TO THE MAYOR LIKELY NOW**

**R. T. Hayes and A. M. Rowan Mentioned as Probable Candidates—No Definite Announcement as Yet.**

The arrival of spring yesterday saw more or less activity on a quiet scale among a number of citizens who may or may not be candidates for civic offices at the election on Monday, April 24. Several business men are considering whether they should listen to the advice of friends and oppose Mayor Frink. Robert T. Hayes, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the mayoralty, said last night that he had been urged to be a candidate, but that he had no definite answer to make to the appeals at this time. He added, "I am carefully considering the matter."

Practically the same reply was made by A. M. Rowan when he was questioned by a Standard reporter last evening. Mr. Rowan said quite a number of citizens had urged him to go before the voters in April. He was considering the situation and might possibly allow his name to go on the ballot. However, he had not fully decided, but would announce his decision as soon as he made up his mind.

T. H. Bullock, who had been urged several weeks ago to stand for the chief magistracy of the city, decided he would not be a candidate. Since then he has been asked by friends to change his decision and get into the running. He felt, he said recently, that if he consulted his personal views he would remain out of city politics.

**Commission Candidates.**

F. L. Potts, commissioner of public works, and H. R. McLellan, commissioner of public safety, are candidates for re-election. G. Fred Fisher is also a candidate for commissioner, and it is possible that W. F. B. Peterson's name may go on the ballot. The union men will decide tonight whether or one of their members shall be nominated for commissioner.

The change in the day of polling from Tuesday to Monday will mean that about 400 commercial travellers will have the opportunity of voting, and it is possible the votes of the drummers may decide the fate of several of the candidates.

In view of the approaching contests there is considerable interest in the weekly meeting of the city council this afternoon, when it is possible the much discussed agreement between the city and the St. John Railway may be considered again. It is the general feeling that the street railway agreement will figure in the campaign conspicuously, with Commissioner McLellan and Mr. Fisher strongly opposed to the pact, and Commissioner Potts in its favor. Mayor Frink, who has not yet signed the agreement, has said that if he has any statement to make as to his views concerning the agreement he will make them at the council meeting this afternoon, if the occasion calls for it.

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