

# AROUND THE CITY GOVERNMENT WILL CLOSE THE BOSTON IMMIGRATION OFFICE

**Boy Scouts Social Tonight.**  
The Hazen Avenue scout troop will hold a social this evening in their rooms on Union street. A good program has been arranged.

**St. Mary's Band At Home.**  
The annual at home of St. Mary's band will be held on Friday evening, the 15th inst. The home was announced for Thursday evening, but it was found that date was not suitable.

**City Schools Closing.**  
The city schools will close for the holidays on Wednesday, Dec. 20, and re-open on Jan. 8th. The early date is set to permit teachers to attend the convention on Dec. 21 and the 22nd. Vincent's school will close on Dec. 22.

**Householders Summoned.**  
A meeting of the Board of Health will be held this afternoon. Quite a number of householders have been summoned to appear before the board and explain why they have not installed sanitary closets.

**The Mortuary Chapel.**  
The mortuary chapel at Fernhill is very much appreciated by those who have had cause to use it. The contrast between standing bareheaded at the graveside on a cold or stormy day, and the service in the warm chapel, has excited many favorable comments.

**Will Gladden Children's Hearts.**  
There was a special meeting in the King's Daughters' Guild yesterday afternoon when it was decided to have a Christmas treat for some of the little ones of the poor class. About 30 children will be made happy with presents about Christmas time, as was done last year.

**North End Conservative Club.**  
J. Cusley presided at the meeting of the North End Conservative Club last evening. The constitution of the club was read and passed by the members. It was decided to close the hall during the holidays and to reopen on the evening of January 8th, with a dinner. The club has now over 400 members.

**Christmas With the Sailors.**  
The ladies who assist in the work of the Seaman's Mission met at the mission yesterday afternoon and evening and worked intently in filling the comfort bags for the seamen. A large number of bags were filled with articles that will be useful for the sailors. It has been decided to have two large Christmas trees in the mission Wednesday, Dec. 27th.

**Mr. Mott in Charge Now.**  
H. H. Mott, architect of this city, has been appointed to take charge of the erection of the new armory, replacing F. Neil Brodie. Mr. Mott took charge yesterday morning. As an architect Mr. Mott has taken high rank in his profession, and there is no doubt but that the work under his supervision will proceed as satisfactorily as it has in the past.

**Young Men's Reunion.**  
The young men's guild met last night at the St. John's Presbyterian church and held a social reunion in the parlors of the church, and it was greatly enjoyed. There was a large attendance and an oyster supper was served. This was followed by a selection on the harp by Alex Campbell; song by F. G. Jones and reading by A. W. Baird, John Salmon, W. D. McKay and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all those present.

**Remodelling Carvell Hall.**  
The tenders for the remodelling of Carvell Hall have been opened and the contract is being signed. It was found that the tenders were well within the aggregate estimate for the work. Work will be commenced this morning and when the changes contemplated are completed, Carvell Hall will be transformed into an up-to-date apartment house with six apartments for occupancy. It will be equipped with all modern conveniences and will be the second apartment house of which St. John can boast.

**The River Steamboat Case.**  
The case of the St. John River S. S. Co., vs. the Crystal S. S. Co., and Marshall D. Austin, was resumed before Mr. Justice Landry in the Chancery Division yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Ralph Coleman, agent for the Crystal S. S. Co., Jarvis Furdy, secretary for the company, and Fred J. Lewis, engineer for the plaintiff, were examined by the plaintiff. The case will be resumed this morning at ten o'clock. D. Mullin, K. C., and Dr. L. A. Currey, K. C. appeared for the plaintiff. M. G. Teed and W. A. Ewing, K. C., appeared for the defendant. S. C. O'Connell, J. B. M. Baxter and C. H. Ferguson appeared for the defendant, Austin.

**Considered Magee Wharf Offer.**  
A private meeting of the Ferry Committee was held yesterday afternoon to consider the offer of the Magee Estate to sell the wharf adjoining the East Side ferry floats. The committee is desirous of securing a wharf on the East Side at which the ferry boat might be docked when there was trouble with the floats, but it is understood that they came to the conclusion that the price asked for the Magee wharf was altogether too high. The city would get very little revenue from the wharf. It is said the price asked for the wharf was \$20,000. A sub-committee was appointed to look into the cost of the warehouse on the wharf, as the aldermen think that the city should take over all the property, if any.

**A Lasting Reminder.**  
Handkerchiefs are always an acceptable Christmas present, and many people get sufficient handkerchiefs at Christmas to last them through the whole year. After all what could you give a person that would remind them more often of the giver than a handkerchief. Over five hundred dozen handkerchiefs that were bought six months ago at very special prices are now on sale at P. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. These handkerchiefs are for men, women and children, and are from the daintiest down to the lower priced which consist of plain lawn handkerchiefs which are sold at four for ten cents.

**Made Them Look Bright.**  
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Thomas Hetherington, formerly of New Brunswick, to be recalled on January 1st—Interesting Details Concerning His Appointment—N. T. R. Police Commissioner also to Go.

The Boston American, which paper was in the front rank of the reciprocity boosters during the last election campaign, on Sunday last published a long interview with Thomas Hetherington, formerly of this province, now Canadian immigration agent in Boston, but who will retire from that position on January 1st. The Telegraph, yesterday morning republished the story from the Boston paper, which inferred that Mr. Hetherington was being recalled because of the fact that his political allegiance is not in accord with the dominant party in Ottawa.

The story which the Telegraph so gleefully gave space to, is not quite correct in its inference as to the decision which will leave Mr. Hetherington without a government job when the joy bells of 1912 ring in, was not taken because of his political leanings, but for the reason that the government decided to close the office. There is a well founded impression in Ottawa that the expense of the Boston office is not justified by the results from it, or, in other words, that it constitutes just the sort of a "snag" job which the liberals who are in power were fond of handing out to those they either loved or feared.

**Might "Bust" the Machine.**  
The Standard is credibly informed that it was fear rather than love which secured the job for Mr. Hetherington. About the time the liberal government decided that it was desirable to have an immigration agent with an office and a roll top desk on Tremont street, Boston, Mr. Hetherington was threatening doing things to the grit machine in the glorious county of Queens. Mr. Hetherington was a man of considerable popularity in Queen's county and it is said, he had ambitions which did not "see" with the plans of the men in the machine now represented by Col. McLean. If his ambitions were not gratified he intimated that nothing would afford him greater pleasure than to put a crimp in the works of the machine that all the machines oil at the disposal of Mr. Pugsley would not remove. Rather than have the machine muzzed up the office was opened and the job found.

The present government in Ottawa is not susceptible to the same influences as its predecessors, and it appears to be a principle now that the business of the country should be carried on on business principles; hence the closing of the Boston office.

**And Here's Another One.**  
The Standard also learns that it is the intention to do away with the office of chief commissioner of police in the Transcontinental Railway in this province, a nice little job now held by L. P. Harris, who was commissioner of agriculture in the Pugsley government of the province of New Brunswick. It is not so recent that Mr. Harris secured his position by threatening to "bust" the machine but at any rate the government in Ottawa has decided that it is not necessary.

While in office Mr. Harris delivered judgment in a number of cases of illegal liquor selling along the "dry zone" of the N. T. R. Among other things, he discovered, and speedily punished, the variety who made a practice of selling "oh be joyful under the guise of 'ginger bitters.'" In future the probability is that vendors of "bitters" will have their sins punished by the local magistrate in the constituency in which the offence is committed.

**Michael Kelly Beats Col. McLean's Record.**  
On his tour Mr. Kelly was very cordially received and desires to express his thanks to the people of Queen's county who entertained him and to the steamboat men on the river who aided in various ways to make his journeys pleasant. He will leave this morning for Digby where he at present resides. He is enjoying good health and expects to take to the road again for the good of the cause, about March 1st.

**Temperance Orator Delivered 140 Speeches in 133 Days During Tour in Province—Home from Queen's Co.**  
Michael Kelly, the blind orator and temperance worker, who now occupies the office of electoral superintendent for the Independent Order of Good Templars, arrived in the city yesterday evening, after a ten weeks' tour through Queen's county in the interests of the temperance cause. That Mr. Kelly has been kept busy can be inferred from the fact that during the last 133 days he has addressed 140 meetings of more than one every day, rain or shine. This is a record for speech making not even approached by Col. McLean in the halcyon days of peanut picnics.

**The Study of Music in the City Schools.**  
Excellent Results in Dufferin School has Led School Board to Consider Including Music in Courses.

At the monthly meeting of the school board held last evening the question of vocal instruction in the city schools was brought to the attention of the board. While the matter was not discussed at length, a committee was named to visit Dufferin school to further study the results obtained by the tentative efforts along this line adopted in the school. The committee named consists of Supt. Dr. Bridges and Trustees Russell, Day and Nason. A number of the members present spoke enthusiastically of the results in Dufferin school.

The action of the board was due to a lengthy recommendation signed by a number of local musical organizations. The petitions set forth the need of introducing this branch of education, asking the board to make provision for the employment of a competent teacher.

In the absence of R. B. Emerson, chairman of the board, M. Coll presided, the following trustees being present: J. V. Russell, G. E. Gray, C. B. Lockhart, Mrs. Dever, Nason, Supt. Bridges, Bezy, Leavitt and Trust of Beer McLean.

Applications for positions on the teaching staff were received from Lydia Butten and Elizabeth McKinnon and were referred to the teachers' committee. Requests for increased remuneration were received from Reverdy Steeves, J. P. Owens, W. J. Shea, W. A. Nelson. They were left to the salary committee.

A communication was read from Robert McClavery in which he stated that he had made every effort to keep his son Robert at school regularly, but without success. He asked that the \$2 fine imposed on him by Magistrate Hitchche because of his son's truancy be returned. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. McClavery to the effect that in the event of his son's future regularity at school the board would consider the matter later. The resignations of Miss G. M. O'Brien and Miss M. Namery were received. The superintendent and secretary

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