

## AROUND THE CITY

### UNSETTLED.

#### SAILS TODAY.

The C. P. O. S. Scotian sails today for Liverpool with a heavy cargo of freight and mails and a fair passenger list.

#### WILL MAKE REPORT.

The committee who have been investigating the needs for increased school accommodation on the west side, will make a report to the trustees on Monday evening next.

#### OLD SCHOOL INSPECTED.

The committee from the Protestant Orphans' Home yesterday morning inspected the old Douglas Avenue school building to ascertain if it would be suitable for an auxiliary to the present home.

#### IS IMPROVING.

The many friends of Major R. F. MacLaughlin will be glad to learn that advice from Montreal reached the city yesterday that he was improving and a complete recovery was hoped for.

#### DOG SHOW TONIGHT.

The third and last of the evening dog shows for this season will be held tonight. At this show the Terriers will have their innings and a large entry list is expected. This show is open to all on the payment of an entrance fee of twenty-five cents.

#### VISITING BISHOP.

His Lordship Bishop Morrison, Antigonish, N.S., was a visitor in the city yesterday, leaving for his home yesterday. Bishop Morrison was returning from New York City. While in the city he was a guest at the Palace, Waterloo Street.

#### STONE CRUSHER ARRIVES.

Commissioner Fisher was notified yesterday of the arrival of the larger of the two stone crushers ordered. This machine, the commissioner stated, would be set up on Kennedy street for this year as about enough rock was available there to keep it going for this season.

#### FOR FIREMEN'S RELIEF.

Commissioner Thornton yesterday received from the Crosby Molasses Company a cheque for \$25 for the Firemen's Relief Fund, as a token of their appreciation of the services rendered by the city firemen in protecting their warehouse during the progress of the fire in the Holder house recently.

#### TWO YEARS' SENTENCE.

Private Leonard Carter, of No. 1 Depot Battalion, Ontario regiment, who was charged with desertion while a member of the unit above mentioned, was sentenced before a general court martial to life servitude. Later the military authorities mitigated the finding of the court martial in sentencing the accused to two years with hard labor.

#### VALENTINE TEA DRAWINGS.

Two drawings in connection with the Valentine Tea held recently in the Y. M. C. I. under the auspices of the Catholic Girls' Guild, were held last evening, and the winners in the series follow: Ticket 264, held by Miss McManus, 90 Brunswick Street, won a handsome lace yoke, and Ticket 154 held by Mrs. Frank Foster, won a fruit cake.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

At the regular mid week meeting in the Central United Baptist Church, held last evening, the following resolution was adopted: "The Central United Baptist Church desires to go on record as strongly opposing any legislation calculated to weaken in any way our present prohibitory law, the only amendments we favor are those calculated to strengthen the act."

#### VOTED AGAINST IT.

A mistake was made yesterday when it was announced that the Ship Carpenters' Union had voted in favor of having beer containing five per cent. alcohol. The incorrect information, as appeared in the paper, was taken to the press by one of the members, and it was only learned yesterday from an official that the carpenters had voted against the resolution.

#### THE MURDER TRIAL.

Further hearing in the murder charge laid against Ahmed Abdolman Sultan Roussel, and John Sterling will be held this afternoon, as witnesses from the Manchester Brigade now in port will give evidence. Two witnesses on the Manchester Division, formerly members of the crew of the Manchester Brigade, gave evidence Tuesday afternoon. No doubt the evidence of today will complete that of the preliminary hearing before the magistrate.

#### A SURPRISE PARTY.

The Misses Frances Higgins and Mary Floyd, together with a number of their young friends, gathered at the home of Miss Mary Curran, 25 Golding Street, last evening. The event was a surprise party in honor of their hostess, who is leaving the city in the near future. A pleasant evening was spent in games, instrumental and vocal music, after which light refreshments were served. Near the midnight hour the party dispersed, wishing Miss Curran much success in future in the central Canadian centre, where she will proceed shortly.

#### THE CANADIAN CLUB.

Fletcher Peacock, B. A., Fredericton, director of vocational training for the province of New Brunswick, will address the Canadian Club at Bond's this evening at six-fifteen in an able address on "Vocational Training." Mr. Peacock, some time ago approached the trustees of the city schools relative to their establishing a branch of technical schools in the city. Later he approached the city council in an endeavor to interest the fathers, but they in turn believed action should be taken by the Provincial government, and accordingly took no action themselves but favored strongly in recommendations the establishment of an institution where the city youth might be taught technical subjects.

## SERVED IN THE PRESENT WAR WITH THREE DIFFERENT ARMIES

Sergt.-Major Charles Garrett, V. C., D. C. M., M. M., Arrived Here Yesterday—Won Victoria Cross at Battle of Omdurman in 1898—Boer War Veteran—Has Fought With British, United States and Canadian Armies in Present War.

County Mayo, Ireland, has produced some splendid men but it has no more worthy son than Sergt.-Major Charles Garrett, V. C., D. C. M., M. M., of Ballina, which nestles in a corner of Killa Bay.

A big, fine, stalwart man is the sergeant-major, who arrived in St. John yesterday from Montreal with a friendly Irish smile and a philosophy of life which has been tested in twenty-five years' service for the Empire.

The spirit of adventure runs strong in the veins of County Mayo men, so seeking the nearest gratification for his wanderlust, Charles Garrett signed up with the 21st Hussars and in 1883 sailed for India, that land of mystery, makoents and malaria. Here he stayed for three years taking part in occasional sorties against hostile natives, when he was not fighting the fever and heat.

On a memorable day in 1897 his squadron was ordered to the Egyptian Sudan where, for two years, the Anglo-Indian army fought to break the Mahdi's power, succeeding when the dervish capital of Omdurman was taken in September, 1898—a victory which placed Kitchener in the imperial hall of fame.

It was at the battle of Omdurman, when the town was taken, that Garrett won his Victoria Cross, "for pushing some dervishes out of the way," as he modestly puts it, but which in reality was for rescuing his superior officer from overwhelming odds, carrying him back to safety and in doing so, disposing of seven of Mahdi's fanatic followers.

After the last battle, and though wounded in the early part of the fighting, Garrett merely tied a bandage around the "scratch" and followed the dervish line three times, completely routing the enemy.

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He went through that frightful retreat from Mons, his work in rallying his men and propelling them into the front, his own personal risk being so marked in those days of horror and massacre that he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and mentioned in dispatches by his commanding officer.

Sergt.-Major Garrett's battalion was all through the famous battle of Overy, where an old friend of his, Corporal Michael O'Leary, V. C., won that coveted decoration. It was during this battle that Garrett won the military medals which are given to me by mistake," he naively remarks.

Then followed the battles of Passchendale, Neuve Chapelle and Loos, and then down to the Somme, each an epoch to many warriors but just incidents to this seasoned campaigner.

At Bovingcourt, in September, 1917, he received his first and final wound, when an exploding shell sent 27 pieces of shrapnel into his arms, legs and head. A few months later, dismissed from the British army as unfit for further service, he sailed for New York, partly to meet old friends but mainly to see if his services could not be used by Uncle Sam's army.

His services proved correct for early in 1918 he was taken on the strength of the American army as instructor in infantry tactics, trench warfare and bayonet fighting and was sent to El Paso, Texas, where he served until receiving his discharge in July, 1918, when the camp was closed.

Home looked good to Sergt.-Major Garrett then, but proceeding home-wards by way of the Canadian army, he had heard much commendation and condemnation by his friends in the Canadian line overseas. Getting out among the people in the tented city was like battle smoke to a war horse, and it was not natural that the day he visited the camp, Garrett was taken on the strength of the Quebec Depot Battalion as sergeant-major and five days later sailed for England. After a few days spent training the battalion in England, he crossed to France again in August, but though the old scenes were dear to his heart, the conditions were not for him, and he stopped the rough conditions, soon broke out afresh, and he was ordered back to England. But he did not leave France until after the cessation of hostilities, having the unique distinction of serving in the present war with three armies and being there at the start and the finish.

Though an Irishman, military law decreed that Garrett should return to Quebec to get his discharge, and so the last trip of the Argus was brought him to Halifax and his official discharge from the Canadian army was received February last.

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## COTTAGES RAIDED AT GRAND BAY

Services of Inspector Crawford Secured to Locate Parties Who Broke Into Three Summer Homes.

There has been another raid made on the summer cottages at Grand Bay, and again the services of Inspector Robert Crawford have been secured to try and run down the party parties, and it is expected he will meet with the same success which attended his former efforts.

Tuesday morning Mr. Crawford was notified that the summer houses of Earl Kincade, Angus McDonald and Fred Whelpley, at Grand Bay, had been broken into and he was asked to go out and make an investigation.

During the afternoon yesterday he paid a visit to Grand Bay and looked over the ground. He found that considerable damage had been done to the houses and furniture, and secured some valuable information which is expected to bear fruit in the near future.

As a result of the efforts of Inspector Crawford in the former breaks, five persons are serving sentence, and he hopes to land the parties responsible for the present breaks in the next day or two.

## HOUSING PROBLEM AND ASSISTANCE

Legislation Gives City Power to Guarantee Bonds of a Company Which Would be Willing to Build Number of Houses.

In connection with the housing problem and assistance from the city to meet the need for additional houses, it has been pointed out to The Standard that legislation is already in existence by which this can be done.

At the session of the legislature in 1914 a bill was passed giving any municipality the power to guarantee the bonds of a company, which would undertake to build a number of houses up to 85 per cent. of the cost of the properties. Under the act as it now stands before the bonds could be guaranteed it would be necessary to take a referendum and if this was favorable the city could go ahead and place its credit behind the promoters of the scheme.

The act provides that the houses must be let at a reasonable rent as the net return on the investment cannot exceed six per cent., and this might at the present time make it hard to get capitalists to invest. In order to meet this difficulty Mayor Hayes has expressed himself as in favor of asking the government at this session, to amend the act and allow a net return of seven per cent. He is not in favor of the municipality building houses, but would favor the guaranteeing of the bonds of some reliable company.

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Braid, touches of colored beads or embroidery, buttons of various sizes, and facings and pipings of such new shades as Henna, Jay and Peace Blue are used extensively as trimmings, in some cases whole braided skirts are seen.

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### CATHEDRAL PARISH RETREAT.

A Retreat for the men of the Cathedral Parish opened last evening, with Father John Cox, S.J., conducting. Father Cox is a beautiful speaker and delighted a large congregation. During the service he announced that all non-Catholics desiring to attend any service were cordially invited, and that the least would be said during any sermon, which would be detrimental to a non-Catholic visitor. The services last evening were of an unusually high order, concluding with a brilliant lecture by Father Cox, on Sin and Worldly Affairs. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament fittingly closed the religious activities.

### SEAT SALE FOR DRAMATIC SEASON OPENS THIS MORNING.

The sale of seats for the Jane Cowd play "In Lilac Time" at Imperial Theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by the real living players of the Majestic Co., now delight