

# News of the City and the Outports

## SHIPPING

**'SYDNEY' DUE TO-MORROW**  
S.S. City of Sydney left Halifax at noon yesterday and is due here to-morrow.

**LINTROSE AT NORTH-SYDNEY**  
S.S. Lintrose reached North Sydney at 9 a.m. yesterday, after a run of 38 hours. She steamed through 100 miles of ice.

**'CROWELL' OUT OF SIGHT.**  
The schr. Archie Crowell which was jammed in the ice for a couple of days is now out of sight.  
She may have found an opening in the ice and made her way through.

**JESSIE M. REPAIRING**  
Bishop's schr. Jessie M., which ran ashore at Burin and was badly damaged, will undergo repairs at her home port. The job will be rushed so that she may be ready for her spring work.

**STILL AT BARBADOS.**  
The schr. Success, Capt. Churchill, which put into Barbados damaged on her way to Brazil, has not left yet.  
Capt. Jolliffe who left by the Stephano a fortnight ago is now there in connection with her cargo.

**STILL NO WORD OF THE ALMERIANA.**  
There is no word of the Almeriana up to press hour. The ice is heavy on the coast and no doubt prevents her making port.

**HAD FEET FROZEN**  
Second Officer W. J. Morgan of the steamer Cape Breton, is at the V. G. Hospital, Halifax, undergoing treatment for frozen feet. He suffered the frost bite some days before the steamer arrived there.

**PROSPERO TOWED OFF THE BANKER MARION.**  
The Prospero last evening towed off Burke's banker Marion and conveyed her to Barbados where she will undergo repairs.  
This is the third vessel that the Prospero has saved this trip.

**ENQUIRIES FOR B. CURRY**  
Several enquires have been made from the Old Country as to the whereabouts of the Blanche Curry, but there is no news of her. While many believe that she has driven off and may soon be heard from at her home port or Barbados, some are of the opinion that she is outside in the ice.

**NEW PARTS ON DIGBY**  
The new parts for the Parthenia, which the Tritonia was bringing out are coming by the Digby.  
She left last Saturday and should soon put in an appearance.

**AURORA TAKES PART IN ANOTHER ANTARCTIC TRIP.**  
It was thought that Sir Ernest Shackleton would purchase a Newfoundland sealing steamer for his proposed Antarctic trip, but he has bought the Polar, of 650 tons, built in Norway. She will be renamed Endeavour.  
The sealer Aurora, bought from Messrs. Bowring Brothers, will likely be employed also, but if she is not available, Sir Ernest has the offer of Peary's steamer Roosevelt.

**LATEST FROM 'CANADA' WILL NOT COME HERE.**  
Word has been received from the Captain of the schr. Canada that the vessel will proceed to her home port, Lunenburg, and will not visit St. John's as was first intended.  
The captain and crew who were afflicted with beri beri are fully recovered.  
Only two escaped the disease. Mate White and the cook.

S.S. Stephano berthed at Bowring's Southside premises to-day, where she will receive her full attention before going to the icefields.  
S.S. Nascopie left Halifax Thursday night for Lunenburg. Word of her arrival at the latter place has not yet been received.

## COASTAL BOATS.

### REIDS.

Bruce arrived at Basques at 8.15 a.m.

Lintrose leaves North Sydney Sunday night.

### BOWRING'S.

S.S. Prospero was at Harbor Breton this morning, on her way home.

### FURNESS

S.S. Durango sailed for Halifax at 9 a.m.

Schr. Adriatic has cleared for Bahia with 3049 qtls fish from the Smith Co., Ltd.

### ICE PATROLS

The United States revenue cutter Seneca, Captain C. E. Johnson, is ready for the observation duty recommended by the International Conference on safety at sea, following the Titanic disaster.

Stores and coal have been taken aboard the Seneca, engines overhauled and everything in ship-shape for a three months' battle with the ice which threatens the steamship lane between New York and European ports.

She will make Halifax her headquarters.

The U. S. revenue cutter Miami will assist in the work.

As reported by The Mail some time ago, the Scotia, which acted as an ice ship last season will not be so employed this year.

**HELLO CENTRAL**—The Stephano and Durango have arrived, tell S. E. GARLAND to send me some late Magazines and Newspapers and one or two good Novels. He knows just what I like.

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**REJOINED THE FORCE.**  
E-Const. Power of Trinity, who was whaling on the Pacific Coast, has rejoined the police force.

**FEILDANS VICTORIOUS**  
The hockey match this morning between the Methodists and Feildans, was won by the latter by 5 goals to 3.

**TO-NIGHT'S DINNER**  
The Halifax and City hockeyists will dine at Wood's Restaurant this evening at 8 o'clock.

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**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION.**  
Our Catholic friends are reminded of the "Peter's Pence Collection" on Sunday next.

It is now over 10 years since such a collection was taken here. It is only done on certain occasions when an Archbishop or Bishop visits Rome.

**NEW SCHOOL AT QUIDI VIDI**  
Rev. G. R. Godden is now making arrangements for a new school at Quidi Vidi. The present building is entirely too small for the number of children attending.  
The work will start shortly, and it is hoped to have the building ready after the summer holidays.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL MEETING

Society Again Faces a Deficit and Appoints Collectors.—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of St Vincent de Paul Society took place on Thursday evening. After the reports were read and adopted the election of officers took place as follows:

President—C. W. Ryan.  
Vice-President—J. T. Martin.  
Asst. V.P.—W. F. Kieley.  
Treasurer—W. F. Trelegan.  
Secretary—M. M. Walsh.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Treasurer, Inspector O'Brien, for his valuable services.  
The Society faces the obnoxious year with a deficit and will have again to appeal to a generous public for their support. The report of the society and list of contributions will be laid before the public at the earliest opportunity.

The following gentlemen have been appointed collectors:

Ward 1. Messrs. C. W. Ryan, Inspector General Sullivan, Hon. M. P. Gibbs, J. J. Mullaly.  
Ward. Messrs. John Malone, M. J. James.

Ward 3. Messrs. Geo. Shea, P. Hanley.  
Ward 4. Messrs. W. F. Kieley, Geo. Wills.

Ward 5. J. T. Martin, W. F. Kieley, W. F. Trelegan, Inspector O'Brien.

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**REMAINS OF MR. MARSHALL LEFT LIVERPOOL YESTERDAY.**  
The remains of the late Mr. W. Marshall left Liverpool yesterday by the Allan liner Hesperian and are due at Halifax to-morrow week.  
They may be sent from there by the Movenna or Durango.

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**ASSAULTED AN OFFICER.**  
The man Cunningham who has often appeared in police circles was up again last evening, charged with being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting Const. McGrath—biting his finger.  
He pleaded guilty to-day and was sent to jail for 6 months.

**PROPOSED TRIP CALLED OFF PROFESSIONALS WON'T COME.**  
The proposed trip of the Professional hockeyists has been called off. They were offered \$1600 and pay their own expenses but would not come for less than \$2000.

The only dates suitable to them are March 10th, 11th and 12th. This is considered too late and the negotiations have been called off.

The express left Basques at 9.25 a.m. It is due to-morrow night.

**BUSY TODAY**—But not too busy to get the latest British and American Magazines just received at GARLAND'S.

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**DR. LEHR, DENTIST, 208 WATER ST. BEST QUALITY TEETH AT \$12.00 PER SET. TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN.**

## KING GEORGE THE FIFTH SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE!

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND Patron: His Majesty the King.  
SEAL FISHERY, 1914  
GRENPELL HALL, commencing each evening at 8 p.m.

Monday, March 2.—Instrumental Concert.  
Tuesday, March 3.—Moving Pictures and Variety Concert.  
Wednesday, Mar. 4.—Moving Pictures and H.M.S. "Calypso" Concert Party.  
Thursday, March 5.—Moving Pictures and Variety Concert.  
Friday, March 6.—Moving Pictures and Variety Concert.  
Saturday, March 7.—Moving Pictures and Variety Concert.  
Sunday, March 8.—Moving Pictures and Variety Concert.  
Monday, March 9.—Moving Pictures and H.M.S. "Calypso" Concert Party.  
Tuesday, March 10.—Moving Pictures and Variety Concert.  
Wednesday, March 11.—Moving Pictures and Variety Concert.  
Thursday, March 12.—Moving Pictures and Variety Concert.  
Friday, March 13.—Moving Pictures and Instrumental Concert.  
Admission Free to all Sealers, Fishermen and Sailors.

## Citizens' Petitions Debated.

House of Assembly Considers the Prayer of the Citizens.  
PREMIER MORRIS SUPPORTS IT.

But Mr. Coaker Thinks That the Council Should Not be Superseded.

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In handing over the government of the City to a Commission we were making a serious step, and we ought to go cautiously in dealing with the petitions.

**Spoke From Experience.**  
The Hon. J. R. Bennett, an old time Councillor, who had spoke of the difficulties that the present and all preceding Councils had had to contend with because of lack of money to meet the requirements of the Municipality.

He was glad to note the class of men who were taking part in the present movement but he also had to observe that these were in the some of the very men who showed apathy and indifference to matters civic and to such an extent that they did not even go to the booths to poll their votes.

Mr. Clift took a decidedly different view from the previous speakers. He represented an outport district but spoke as a citizen of St. John's.

To his mind municipal reform was merely a matter of money. If the present Council were given full power to levy taxes and had a full measure of incorporation they would probably accomplish as much as any other body. But he doubted if handing over the government of the City to a Commission for a year would be of any practical value; and he doubted very much if the question of increased taxation was put to a plebiscite vote whether or not the citizens would favor such increased expenditure.

He was of the opinion that the Council could bring about reforms just as well as a Commission.

**Favored the Petitions.**  
Mr. Higgins, as a representative of a city constituency, gave the petitions his unqualified support. From the nature of the petitions presented that afternoon it appeared to him as an "uprising" for better civic government, and a refusal to grant it would give a black eye to that public spirit so happily aroused and so desirable to encourage.

Mr. Kennedy contended that we had a good water supply. How was it that all our fires are kept under control on the premises where the fire breaks out? Lack of means was the chief difficulty with the present and past Councils.

He spoke from an experience of two terms in the Council. He was glad to note the class of men who had signed the petitions, as he recognized amongst them those who in the past had objected to the appraisements on their property and paid little or no attention to civic matters.

Mr. Dwyer supported the petitions; but he had a kindly word for our City Fathers. Their rewards came more in the shape of abuse than in dollars and cents. They did as much as they were able to do.

What was wanted was practical men who understood their business.

He did not think the work of the new Commission would be easy and he did not envy them their jobs; but if they wanted any advice from an old man they might call upon him.

Mr. Hickman supported the petitions. He had lived in a section of the city which brought him through filthy streets on his way to business every day and he contended that we owe to the infants and little children who were forced to live in such localities to give them clean surroundings.

**Would Help Out.**  
He was prepared to pay his share of any tax which might be imposed and was pleased to see the stand taken by the Government and hoped the necessary legislation would be forthcoming.

Mr. Coaker had a few words to say.

**TO-MORROW'S PREACHERS IN THE C.E. CHURCHES.**  
Cathedral.  
Matins, Rev. G. H. Hewitt, M.A.  
Evensong, Rev. Canon White.  
St. Michael's.  
Matins, Rev. A. G. Stamp, M.A.  
Evensong, Rev. H. Uphill.  
St. Thomas's.  
Matins, Rev. G. R. Godden, M.A.  
Evensong, Rev. J. Brinton.  
St. Mary's.  
Matins, Rev. H. Uphill.  
Evensong, Rev. A. Clayton.

**'DRINKS' GO UP**  
The saloon keepers met last night and decided to put up the price of drinks owing to increased duty. Whisky and brandy which cost 10c per glass will now be 15c. Five cent rums are cut out. Ten cents will be charged for rum, but it will be of a better quality. This comes into effect on Monday.



## Week-End Offerings!

Shoppers should take advantage of our Special Offerings of this week-end.

These Bargain Prices are for Cash Only.

### Cream Jersey Ribbed Underwear

Vests are high neck, long sleeves, nicely finished, fleeced. Sizes 4, 5, 6. Great value at our week-end price

**30c.** the garment.

### White Jersey Ribbed Underwear

High neck, long sleeves, fleeced, beautifully finished. One of our best sellers. Sizes 4, 5, 6. Week-end price

**50c.** the garment.



### Hose Bargains.

Ladies' Black Ribbed Hose—Special, **15c.**

Ladies' Black Ribbed Hose—Job, **20c**

Ladies' Tan Hose, Week-end price, **30c.**

### Glove Bargains.

Ladies' Reindeer Finish Gloves, all sizes. Colors are Navy and Brown—**20c.**

Ladies' Ringwood Gloves, all sizes. Colors Navy & Brown. Week-end Price—**20c.**

### WOOL CAPS.

White and Fancy... **25c.**

Wool Sweater Mufflers **35c.**

### Men's Regatta Shirts,

Neat patterns, laundered fronts and cuffs, **80c.**

### MEN'S WEAR

Men's Neckwear, different styles, **30c.**  
Gloves, Scotch knit, grey and heather... **50c.**  
Socks, Black and self-colors, **20c.**  
Linen Cuffs... **10c.** pair

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It was not his intention to speak at all. Representing as he did an outport district, the discussion might properly be left with representatives of city constituencies; but he wanted it understood the Colony as a whole must not be expected to share any additional taxation in any form for the purposes of improving the City of St. John's.

It was his opinion that the City should have a full measure of incorporation, with the borrowing power controlled by the Legislature.

He was not altogether wedded to the presented idea. The gentlemen who are asking for a temporary measure of civic home rule were all busy men and it would demand a great deal of time to do the work outlined in the petition and run the City as well.

He thought they "bit off too much."

If however this legislation is enacted the very first thing the Commission ought to do is get after absentee landlords and make them pay their proportionate share of taxation on the properties now held by them.

This finished the first round for Municipal Reform. The petitions were referred to the Department of the Colonial Secretary.

**Other Petitions.**  
Other petitions were presented by Mr. Downey, from Codroy for a road; Mr. Woodford, from North Arm for a public wharf; by Mr. Clift, for a wharf at Jones' Cove; and by Mr. Jennings, from Chance Harbor, District of Twillingate, for a wharf.

The Prime Minister moved the House into Committee of the Whole on the subject of the Newfoundland Railway and Train Ferry Service. This is a god-child of the Fog Free Zone legislation, which was the subject of such bitter attacks by the Morris Press and campaign orators in the general election of 1908. The resolutions are quite lengthy and were spoken to by the Prime Minister in a most sympathetic manner.

The following Bills were read a third time and sent for concurrence to the Legislative Council:  
"An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act;  
"An Act in Amendment of the Crown Lands Act;  
"An Act respecting the Sale of Debenture Bonds for the Public Service of the Colony;  
"An Act respecting the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Extension of the Railway System of the Colony; and  
"An Act to provide Certain Retiring Allowances."

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PASSES MOVIE TAX

Companies to be Charged a Flat Tax of Three and a Half Per Cent. of Earnings.

Mayor Ellis presided yesterday, the full board being present. Councillor Mullaly who resigned last week, resumed his seat.  
Messrs. Summers, Walsh's Square, asked permission to build store room, at rear of house. Asked to submit plans.  
Messrs. Peters & Sons wrote stating they were prepared to forward quotations for any water pipe the Council required in the future.

W. Mackey applied for position of sweeper. No vacancy.  
N. J. Murphy requested permission to convert dwelling, Lewis place, into store. Permission granted.

H. Gear forwarded plans and specifications of proposed brick and stone building, corner of Water and Holdsworth Streets. Approved.  
Reports of the Medical Health Officer and Engineer were read and adopted.

Councillor Mullaly's motion, re the movie tax, came up for discussion. The Councillor advocated a flat rate. The motion was lost on division.  
Councillor Coaker's resolution on the same matter, that the present tax of 2 1/2 per cent. on gross earnings, be changed to 3 1/2 per cent. was carried. Councillor Martin opposed it.

With passing of pay rolls, granting requirements, etc., the meeting adjourned at 5.30.

**OBITUARY**  
Mr. Jonathan Benson.

Mr. Jonathan Benson, a well known resident of Angel Place, died this morning. Deceased who was 71 years of age, was a faithful member of Wesley Church.  
The funeral takes place at 2.30 p.m. Monday.

**DEATHS**  
BENSON—This morning, in his 71st year, after a long illness, Jonathan Benson. Funeral Monday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 76 Angel Place. Friends and acquaintances kindly attend without further notice.

**FORGING AHEAD!**  
That is the position of the DAILY MAIL, as each issue sees a larger sale.—What about that WANT ADVT.?