

## AROUND THE CITY

**Will Hold Rally.**  
The executive committee of the Methodist Young People's Union of the city met last evening in the Portland street Methodist church. It was decided to hold a united rally on March 21st. A committee was elected to prepare a programme and it is likely that outside speakers will be present.

**Lecture in Every Day Club.**  
Up and down the river and gulf of St. Lawrence was the subject of a lecture in the Hickmore course delivered in the Every Day Club rooms last evening. George Scott read the lecture and the slides were manipulated by C. H. Flewelling. The lecture was much appreciated by a large audience.

**An Interesting Lecture.**  
Rev. Gordon Dickie, M. A., was the speaker before the Men's Guild of St. Stephen's church last evening when he delivered an address on the "Housing Problem." Mayor Frink and Commissioner Agar were present and spoke along the same lines. During the evening Harry Dunn and George Knight were heard in pleasing vocal solos.

**The Paradise Row Paving.**  
The paving of Paradise Row from Main street to Foundry Lane was not included in the programme passed by the city council yesterday because an order to do this work was passed last year. It is understood, however, that the commissioners will ask the property holders to pay half the cost which will amount to \$5.98 per foot front.

**Department Not Needed.**  
The fire department was called out about 6:45 o'clock last evening by an alarm from box 31 on the corner of King and Pitt streets for a chimney fire in H. A. Brown's residence. When the department arrived Mr. Brown was greatly surprised and informed them that there was no danger, that he did not send in the alarm, but that some person passing along the street had done so.

**Minister's Meet.**  
The Presbyterian ministers met in St. Andrew's church yesterday morning with the president, Rev. Gordon Dickie, in the chair. At the meeting Rev. J. J. McCaskill delivered an interesting lecture on the Reminiscences of Sir Richard Cartwright. At the close of the meeting the ministers adjourned to Bond's restaurant where a dinner in honor of Rev. L. A. McLean, who leaves next week for Danville, Quebec, was held.

**Snow Worth Money.**  
George B. Jones, M. A., for Kings passed through the city yesterday afternoon on his way to Fredericton. When seen at the union depot Mr. Jones spoke of the fact that the snowfall of the past two days has been hailed as a blessing by those engaged in lumbering. Until yesterday, said Mr. Jones, the lumbermen were unable to haul their logs to the brooks for driving and had almost despaired of getting them out. "This snow will be worth a vast sum of money to the province," said Mr. Jones.

**More New Settlers.**  
Things are beginning to look up in the immigration line. About twenty new settlers sent over by the provincial representative in Great Britain arrived by the Empress of Britain and yesterday were sent off by the local superintendent to various parts of the province, while Mr. Macle, the special agent on the West Side, held up quite a number more and persuaded them to locate in the province. Another party of twenty are expected here today or tomorrow. An interesting feature of the work of the immigration office here this winter is that there has been little difficulty securing jobs among the farmers for the new arrivals.

**The Maritime Motor Show.**  
F. M. Jackson, who has been here for some time representing E. N. Wilcox, the manager of the Maritime Motor Show to be held here the last of next month, left in the express last night for Amherst and Halifax on business in connection with the show. From Halifax he goes to the Motor Show in Toronto next week, and will then return to St. John. Speaking of the Maritime Show, Mr. Jackson said last night that over two-thirds of the space for the show to be held in St. John had been allotted, and it is expected that in about a week the entire space in the Queens Rink will be filled and the show promises to be a big feature.

## AMERICAN OFFICER TO VISIT SULTAN

**Major Finley of Philippine Islands is Minister Plenipotentiary of Mohammedan Moros—Concerned Over Status**

New York, Feb. 17.—Major John P. Finley, U. S. A., governor of the Zamboanga, or Moro District in the Philippines, will leave New York tomorrow aboard the Adriatic, returning to his post. Major Finley will stop at Constantinople, where the minister plenipotentiary of the 60,000 Mohammedan Moros, he will present to the Sultan of Turkey, as the head of their religion, a memorial praying religious direction. Major Finley's mission, it is said, has been sanctioned by the president. In the memorial the Moros declare that they have four conditions under the American government, the best they have ever known, but that it is not very clear to them as to how church and state can be maintained separately. They want the assurance of the Sultan that all is well so far as their religious status is concerned.

## PERSONAL

J. B. M. Baxter, M.L.A., and L. P. D. Tilley, M.L.A., left last evening for Fredericton. Judge Forbes left last evening for Montreal; he will return on Friday. C. M. Edwards, representing the Hassan Paving Company of Worcester, Mass., is at the Royal. Coun. Dean of Musquash came to the city last evening.

## NORTH END PEOPLE MAY CLAIM WATSON MILLION

**Relatives of Archibald Watson Believe they have Claim on Fortune—Many Heirs in this City Seek Information Regarding Missing Man.**

Further inquiries into the incidents in connection with the Watson fortune have a tendency to confirm the supposition of the relatives of Archibald Watson in this city, that they are the heirs to the fortune deposited in a bank in Cuba, by one, Hugh Watson. The full name of the man living in this city, who was the uncle of Frank and James Watson, was Archibald H. Watson. It is not known whether or not his middle name was Hugh, but it is their belief that it was, and preferring this name to that of Archibald, changed it and after his departure from this city was known as Hugh Watson. What further confirms their belief is that in the article in the Montreal paper it stated that the owner of the money if living would be 82 years old, and this, declares Mr. Carvell, father of George Carvell, the Watson heir, would be the age of Archibald H. Watson formerly of this city, who was an uncle of George Carvell's wife. The last letter received from the man who left home, was addressed to Mrs. Carvell and was received some 20 years ago. Mrs. Carvell has since died, Charles Carvell, of this city, son of Mrs. Carvell, has written to his sister at Jensen, to see if she can furnish him with any information. Charles Bustin's wife and Mrs. Charles Phillips are nieces of Archibald H. Watson. Mr. Bustin has written to his brother James T. Bustin, of Watertown, and he is seeking information through the Boston American of the whereabouts of the former St. John man. A friend of the Watsons here in Canada leaving for Cuba about the middle of last week, and while there will investigate the matter thoroughly. Those in the city interested will then probably have a good idea as to their rights to the large sum.

## MR. COPP EVIDENTLY ENJOYS THE CHANGE

**One Time "Big Noise" Here with Curlers from Peaceful Sackville—Freedom from State Care Improves Him.**

With a peaceful smile upon his ruddy visage, A. B. Copp, the whitish leader of his Majesty's local opposition in the historic landscape of last year, arrived in the metropolis of St. John last evening, accompanied by a bunch of curlers from the town of Sackville. Since his escape from the toils and troubles of politics Mr. Copp has evidently been enjoying life. He looks as peaceful and prosperous as a St. John real estate man or a fox farmer. His brow is serene, his eyes are jovial and bright, his shoulders, no longer burdened by the cares of State, are square; his arms, trained to other exercises than saving the air in platform gestures and laying down the points of politics, swing free with the mastery of strength, and are evidently able to fling the curling stones over the roof of the rink.

Looking at Mr. Copp, the votary of the bonnie roaring game, his whole existence seemed to pass before one facile and large in the freedom of means as ample as the clothes upon his sturdy form, and it was difficult to believe that in auld lang syne this genial bonspiel was one of the greatest of long winded spellers in the roaring game of political bluff and buncombe.

Mr. Copp was extended a cordial welcome to the new St. John—booming along on the forefront of the wave of prosperity under the Fleming and Borden governments, and expressed himself as being very glad to be alive in this new era of things and able to view the situation without any of the sombre feelings that oppressed the heart of Kosciuszko when he surveyed his country from the ruined ramparts as freedom shrieked.

## FRENCH PLAN LARGE INCREASE IN ARMY

**Will Strengthen Forces and Lengthen Term of Service to Counterbalance German Preparations.**

Paris, Feb. 17.—The French government has in preparation extensive plans for increasing the strength of the army. These are to be submitted to the Chamber of Deputies next week. It is understood that the scheme is contrived to counterbalance the German military measures now pending before the German imperial parliament. Premier Briand tonight said that the proposed changes in the army schedule had already been decided on in principle although certain details, principally those in connection with the lengthening of the term of service, still remained to be worked out.

## CASTRO'S CASE WILL GO TO SUPREME COURT

**U. S. Government Will Resort to Full Bench to Determine Whether ex-President of Venezuela Can Remain.**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Cipriano Castro's right to remain in the United States as a visitor will be decided by the United States supreme court to which the government will appeal directly from the decision of United States District Judge Ward overruling Secretary Nagle's order for Castro's exclusion. The appeal will be taken within 10 days by United States Attorney Wise of New York. This is the course decided upon by the departments of justice and commerce and labor as the most expeditious way of getting settled for all time the important principle involved.

Don't forget Children's Carnival Saturday afternoon. \$20 in gold to be given away in prizes.

## BORN IN CARLETON A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Mrs. Elizabeth Dunham Celebrates Her Centenary Today—Is Great-grand-mother.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunham, who will today celebrate her 100th birthday, will be at home to all her friends from 3 to 6 o'clock, at the residence of W. O. Dunham, 9 Dufferin Row, Carleton. Mrs. Dunham is the daughter of Joseph Ponsford, a native of Birmingham, England, who migrated to this country early in the 18th century and settled in Carleton, where Mrs. Dunham was born in 1813.

She has the unusual experience of being a great-grandmother and has also lived during the reigns of six sovereigns: George III., George IV., William IV., Victoria, Edward VII., and George V. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham had five children. These are: Mrs. R. Mosher, Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. Joseph Ponsford, South Dakota; rs. Josiah Webb, Houston, Me.; George Dunham, Waterloo, Iowa; and Whitney O. Dunham, with whom she resides. There are thirty grandchildren, sixty-three great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Dunham is a member of the Church of England, and is the oldest member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church in Canada.

Mrs. Dunham's daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ponsford, and her husband are here from South Dakota to join in the celebration of Mrs. Dunham's centennial.

## MEMBER OF NORTH END GANG ACTIVE

**Attempt to Secure Money Under False Pretenses Failed—Tried to Sell Theatre Tickets to Clerk.**

A cunning and stealthy act was perpetrated on a North End storekeeper yesterday afternoon by a young lad, who by fraudulent means sought either to obtain money or succeed in carrying away some confectionery. This boy entered the store during the afternoon and informed the lady clerk that he had been instructed by the proprietor to receive from her the price of two tickets for a certain entertainment which he said the owner of the store had purchased. The girl, however, believing that he had in mind some malicious act, refused to pay over the money until offered to do so by her employer. The lad then went out and returned shortly, saying he had been in communication with the proprietor of the store, and was directed to ask the girl to telephone him. This the clerk did. She was obliged to next door to phone, and before doing so she took the precaution to send the young fellow, who preferred remaining in the store, out of the store, and locked the door. When she got in communication with the store owner she learned that he had made no arrangement to purchase the tickets and had nothing whatever to do with the boy. Accordingly she returned to the store, but in the meantime the energetic vendor had disappeared. It was probably his intention if unable to procure the money, to remain in the store, while the clerk was telephoning, and steal some fruit or candy.

**New Spring Suits.**  
About one hundred of the new spring suits are all ready on display at Dykeman's, and wise people are picking them up as quick as they see them. The fit of these suits is different from most ready-made. Their lines spell correctness from top to bottom, and such exquisite workmanship leaves nothing to be desired in these up-to-date suits. And the prices, well, they are in harmony with the reputation of that store—\$12.95 to \$20.00.

## GRAND "EMPRESS" CONCERT.

A grand concert will be given by members of the Empress of Britain's "Rainbow Follies," in the Seamen's Institute tonight at eight o'clock. Splendid programme. Admission 20 cents. Band at the Vic on Wednesday night. Programmes given away for the moonlight band on Friday.

## PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION ASKS GRANT

**Delegation Before the Commissioners Yesterday Afternoon—Will Consult Expert Park Engineer.**

A conference was held yesterday afternoon between the city commissioners and a delegation from the Playgrounds Association, at which matters in connection with the playgrounds movement were discussed. The delegation presented arguments in favor of their request for a grant of \$1,000 for neighborhood playgrounds, and of \$2,000 for a proposed playground to be established on grounds presented to the city near Rockwood Park, and formally dedicated to this purpose by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught during his visit here last year.

The Playgrounds Association hope to be able to open one or more neighborhood playgrounds in the near future, arrangements now being in progress for opening a playground on the grounds of the proposed Bentley street school. The intention of the association is to have the work of the playgrounds supervised by teachers to be trained by an expert to be brought here from Amherst, and it is anticipated that much good will be done for the children of the city who have lost their ancient heritage of vacant spaces on which to learn to play.

In regard to the Rockwood playground, it was pointed out that the main problem was to provide for the drainage of the grounds. Commissioner Agar pointed out that the matter of drainage might have an important bearing on the layout of the playground, and it was suggested that the services of an expert park engineer be secured before arrangements were made for laying out the playground. It was decided to adopt this suggestion and have an expert look over the situation before beginning to spend any money.

The request for a grant of \$1,000 for neighborhood playgrounds will be dealt with along with the other requests for grants.

## WESTERN WOMEN ASK HOMESTEAD RIGHTS

**Are Conducting Vigorous Campaign—Hundreds of Applications Pouring in to Minister of Interior.**

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Feb. 17.—"Homesteads for women" is the new slogan in Western Canada. It is the watchword in a new but vigorous campaign, the evidence of which are found in letters, petitions and resolutions which are pouring into the office of Hon. Dr. R. C. Miller, Minister of the Interior. The women ask that they be given the same homestead rights as the men have, and in some cases their request is backed up by boards of trade. It is unlikely that anything will come of this session.

## LATE SHIPPING.

**Steamer Arrivals.**  
New York, Feb. 17.—Caledonia, Glasgow; Nieuw Amsterdam, Rotterdam.  
Boston, Feb. 17.—Medan, Manchester and Liverpool.  
Toronto, Feb. 17.—Saint Anna, New York.  
Genoa, Feb. 17.—Calabria, New York; Canopic, Boston.  
San Francisco, Feb. 17.—America, New York for Hamburg.  
Glasgow, Feb. 17.—Cameronian, New York.  
Alexandria, Feb. 17.—Caronia, New York.  
Fishguard, Feb. 17.—Mauretania, New York for Liverpool.  
Glasgow, Feb. 17.—Cincinnati, New York.  
New York, Feb. 17.—Schrs. Willena Gertrude, Halifax; Kenneth C, Halifax.

## THE WEATHER.

**Forecast.**  
Maritime—Northerly winds, clearing and becoming colder.  
Toronto, Feb. 17.—An area of high pressure from the north has moved down over the Great Lakes, while important disturbances are centered tonight off the Nova Scotia coast and in the northwestern provinces and states. Snow has fallen today in eastern Quebec and the maritime provinces, and also in parts of the prairie provinces. Temperatures have risen from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, while in the west there has not been much change in conditions.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	40	45
Edmonton	30	35
Calgary	30	35
Battleford	28	30
Montreal	30	35
Winnipeg	20	25
Port Arthur	24	28
Parry Sound	22	26
Vancouver	16	20
Kingston	2	14
Ottawa	3	12
Montreal	4	14
Quebec	8	16
St. John	16	20
Halifax	26	30
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Costumes perfectly plain tailored but modelled in the new graceful, narrow lines. Bedford Cords in plain navy, black and two-tone effects. Whipcords in plain black and navy. Serges in plain grey and fawn. Then there are Novelty Costumes with Russian Blouses, others have Cutaway Coat, also styles in the new Vested Coat effect. The skirts are made plain, side pleated and draped.

COSTUME SECTION—SECOND FLOOR

## Linen Room Clearing-Up Sale Continued Today

Great Bargains in Remnants of Sheetings, Cottons, Demasks, Towelling, Tea Cloths, English Long Cloth, Embroidered Linens. Also soiled and sample lots of Bleached and Cream Damask Cloths, D'Oyleys, Tea and Dinner Napkins, 5 o'clock Tea Cloths, Tray Cloths, Sideboard Covers, Commode and Bureau Covers, Crochet and Satin, Quilts, Embroidered Cotton Bed Spreads, etc.

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