

## TALKED WITH RELATIVES 2000 MILES AWAY

**Mr. John A. Campbell Received Birthday Congratulations by Phone From North Battleford, Sask.**

The celebration of the 91st birthday of Mr. John A. Campbell, ex-M. P. of Kingsclear, was rendered unique by a long distance telephone conversation during the week-end with a daughter and grand-daughter, residing at North Battleford, Saskatchewan. The daughter who is Mrs. MacNeill wife of Dr. J. W. MacNeill, superintendent of the Saskatchewan Hospital for the insane, had forwarded to her father a nice birthday cake and had written that it was her intention to tender personal congratulations by telephone. The call came at 8.30 o'clock last evening and was first answered by Mr. Campbell in person. Mr. Campbell is not able to hear as distinctly over the telephone as he once could, but heard the voices of his daughter and granddaughter and made sure that they heard what he had to say in reply. The message was transmitted a distance of about two thousand miles. Mr. Campbell declares that the experience was one of the most interesting of his career. He claims to be the first non-agenarian to send his voice more than halfway across Canada by wire.

Mrs. MacNeill in conversation with her sister, Miss Eliza Campbell afterwards declared that she had heard her father's voice very distinctly.

### Enjoyable Celebration.

Mr. Campbell celebrated his 91st birthday on Saturday and received congratulations and good wishes from his many friends. Among the many callers at his home during the afternoon was a delegation from the Fredericton Exhibition Limited, consisting of President G. H. Clark, Ex-Mayor W. S. Hooper, Frank L. Cooper and A. (Continued on page five.)



His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Todd will hold a Reception in the Assembly Chamber of the Parliament Building on the evening of the opening of the Legislative Assembly, February twenty-third, from nine to twelve o'clock.

R. S. BARKER,  
Official Secretary.  
Lieutenant Governor's Office,  
Fredericton, N. B.,  
February 15th, 1928.

### CITY AFFAIRS

#### Weekly Luncheon.

The Gyro Club held their weekly luncheon today at the usual hour and the usual routine business was conducted. Sterling Limerick was chairman of the meeting. No special business was brought up for discussion.

#### Spending Week Here.

Alban Branscombe who is employed with the Royal Bank of Canada in St. John is spending a week with his mother Mrs. E. A. Branscombe in St. John street. He is on his vacation and arrived here on Saturday for the intended week's stay with his mother.

#### A New Policeman.

Chatham World: Word has been received here that Robert Astles has been taken on the strength of the Provincial Police. Mr. Astles since taking up his residence here has made many friends and is highly regarded. For the present he has been assigned to headquarters work at Fredericton.

#### Stockholders Meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Paxeasy Company Limited is called for the 23rd instant to deal with a rather difficult situation which has presented itself. Mr. Wilkes the manager of the company has gone to New York and it is said will not return to Fredericton. At present the plant is reported to be idle.

## PYTHIANS AT SERVICE IN THE WILMOT CHURCH

**Brethren From the City and Marysville Celebrated the 64th Anniversary of the Founding of the Order.**

Upwards of one hundred and fifty of the members of the Knights of Pythias, including members of the Fredericton Lodge No. 6 and the Marysville Lodge, attended divine service at the Wilmot United Church on Sunday evening, in celebration of the sixty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Pythian Order. The Knights occupied the middle aisles of the church and there was barely standing room when the service commenced.

An all Pythian male choir featured the musical program. There were thirty male voices in the choir. Knight W. J. Wheaton was the soloist in the anthem and Knight George Brown sang a very pleasing solo later in the service.

The service was broadcasted through station CFNB through the courtesy of James S. Neill and Sons, Ltd., and came through very clearly to those who had the opportunity of hearing the service via the ether.

In the course of his sermon on "Friendship" Rev. F. H. Holmes, explained the origin of the Order and stressed the good work which has been done and is being done by them in the sixty-four years of existence. He delved into the meaning of the word "fraternity" and expressed the greatest belief in fraternities for the good of man-kind. At the conclusion of his address he expressed the best wishes for the continued success of the Order.

### Holding His Own.

There is a slight change for the better reported today in the condition of Mr. Frank C. Murchie seriously ill from septic pneumonia as his home in Queen street. He passed a very good night and has been able to take some nourishment. Mr. Murchie's friends while hope that he will pull through, realize that his condition is very serious.

## BOY WAS SHOT WHILE PLAYING WITH REVOLVER

**George Laskey, Aged 11 is Now at the Victoria Hospital Suffering From a Shattered Thigh Bone.**

Gerald Laskey, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Laskey of this city, is today in the Victoria Public Hospital suffering with a shattered thigh bone, as the result of a bullet wound, sustained on Saturday evening at about nine o'clock when a harmless looking 38 calibre revolver which he was playing with, suddenly exploded the bullet penetrating into the young lad's leg above the kneecap. The unfortunate youngster, was, at the time all alone in his home in Queen street and it was not until a little later that his older brother, Ronald, came home and found him lying near the door in a very faint and wasted condition.

Help was immediately summoned and the boy was rushed to the Victoria Hospital in the ambulance. Although he rested quite easy over the week-end, the youngster was in a very weakened state this morning. An X-Ray examination revealed the fact that the thigh bone was shattered. The bullet had passed on through the leg of the boy in its course.

It appears the luckless lad had been left alone in the house and was merely playing with the revolver never entertaining the thought that it might be loaded. He is resting well today but it will probably be quite a long period before the young lad will be able to leave the hospital.

### An Apartment House.

It is announced today that a local syndicate has secured options on property on the lower side of Court House Square and are making plans to erect a large apartment house thereon during the coming season. It is proposed to erect a modern apartment house with heat and janitor service supplied. All will be pleased to note that the building outlook for Fredericton during the coming season is brighter than it has been for several years.

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