ANDOVER MURDER CASE ENDS ABRUPTLY---SOLICITOR-GENERAL ASKS COURT FOR ACQUITTAL

Andover, April 23.—In Victoria Circuit Court, Thursday afternoon, Tony Arosha completed his evidence in the case of Murray and the two Hatches charged with the Green murder. Cross-examination did not alter his testimony.

Leon Seppepil, Arosha's companion in crime, next gave his version of the murder. He said Arosha shot and kelled Green. He fired himself three times at Parnasky, Green's companion, but missed him. The witness corroborated Arosha's account of the robbery, and the after events. He testified Murray and the Hatches urged him and Aposha to commit the murder. Seppepil's evidence closed the case for the Crown.

Mr. McLeod's Course.

At the opening of the court this morning Solicitor General McLeod addressed the court as follows: Since the adjournment last evening I have given some consideration of the evidence given yesterday, and I may say to your Honor that in the investigation of this case as far as it has proceeded, we have had the evidence of the two principal witnesses relied upon by the Crown in making out a case against the prisoners at the bar. We have the evidence of Tony Arosha and Leon Seppepil, and I may say that the evidence of these witnesses has not been satisfactory to me as the representative of the Crown. Tony Arosha has contradicted the testimony given by himself at the preliminary examination. He had adhered with cleverness to his statement given here, but that statement is at variance on material points with the evidence he gave at the preliminary examination. Leon Seppepil has not only contradicted the story which he gave himself at the preliminary examination and contradicted the story given by Arosha at the preliminary examination, but he has contradicted his own story from time to time in the course of his evidence given at this trial. In view of these facts it seems to me I cannot ask any jury to bring in a verdict that would result in a sentence of death, on the evidence of these two men, when I consider that these two men are accomplices and are required by law to have the very best corroboration of the evidence given by them, and when I remember that these two men are not only accomplices, convicted murderers, but are themselves self-convected perjurers on the evidence given when they were on trial for murder. In view of these facts and in view of the fact that I myself, were I in the jury box, could not bring in a verdict of guilty against the prisoners at the bar on the evidence of these two men, and feeling that as the representative of the Crown it is not my duty to unduly press for conviction of men against whom I believe there is not sufficient evidence to convict, and in view of the fact that the corroborative evidence which the Crown has to offer of these witnesses offers no corroboration at all of the conspiracy. I would, with the full concurrence of Mr. Carter, who is associated with me, ask your Honor to instruct the jury to enter a verdict of not guilty.

Praises McLeod's Action.

Hon. Mr. McKeown said Mr. McLeod's conduct was dignified and right. He was justified in taking the position he did in view of the conflicting evidence of Arosha and Seppepil.

Mr. Carvell said that aside from being counsel for the defence, he thought Solicitor General McLeod took a manly course in asking the judge to instruct the jury to return a verdict of acuiqttal. When such a serious charge was laid against anyone as Arosha and Seppepil laid against Murray and the Hatches, it was the duty of the crown to investigate, and Mr. Carter was amply justified in bringing the truth to light.

Mr. Jones said he concurred most heartily with the statements made by Mr. McKeown, Mr. Carvell and the Solicitor General. It was the duty of the Solicitor General to investigate. Prosecutors are apt to identify themselves with trials too much in taking a personal interest in the case and upholding their reputation. People are better satisfied to bring the facts to light.

Judge McLeod, addressing the jury, said he fully concurred in Mr. McLeod's course. It requires corroborative evidence to convict on the evidence of accomplices. The Solicitor General acted wisely and justly in the course taken. The duty of the crown is to protect rather than pursue. I direct you to find the prisoners not guilty.

The jury filed out and after a short consultation brought in a verdict of acquittal.

His Honor then addressed the prisoners. He exonerated them of all blame and gave them freedom. Court then adjourned.

The counsel for the defence shook hands with Murray and the Hatches. James Hatch evinced great joy. He kissed the counsel's hands. Murray made no public demonstration, but his face showed pleasure and relief.

A large crowd gathered this morning, but all were unaware of the decision of the crown until the unexpected announcement.

The principle in the decision is that it is better to let one hundred guilty men go free than to punish one innocent man. While Arosha's and Seppepil's evidence on cross-examination coincided in some important points on some minor details it was contradictory to former statements. The crown acted on the motive that the condemned men wanted to get a load off their conscience before death, yet it may have been the motive of revenge because the acquitted men gave evidence at the former trial.

LOCAL MILITIA HAVE BEGUN THE DRILL SEASON OF 1909

With the advent of spring the members of the local militia corps are beginning to think of their training to be done during the coming summer The Artillery men are beginning to plan for local drill and target practice at Petewawa. The Fusiliers are thinking of their drill season, and the Medical Corps and Service Corps men of Camp Sussex.

62nd St. John Fusiliers.

The 62nd has already completed its clothing issue and Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings are devoted to company drill.

Three companies are drilling Monday, Wednesday, the remaining two on Friday. Owing to the inclement weather the drilling has been all done in the drill shed.

Recruiting has begun and is fairly brisk but will improve as the weather grows warmer. Recruits are being drilled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. As far as is known at the present time there will be no changes in the personnel of the officers of the regiment. Lieutenants May and Sancton are now at the Infantry School, Fredericton, taking a two weeks' course of instruction to qualify for the rank of captain. Next month Lieutenants H. E. C. Sturdee and Hanson will also go to Fredericton, the former to qualify as subaltern, the latter as captain.

The corps anticipate a good season with little change or innovation.

No. 7 Co., Canadian Army Service Corps.

The Army Service Corps will occupy its old armory in Orange Hall Germain street. As the company's training is done at Camp Sussex beginning late in June, no move will be made for some time, beyond getting the members of the company together. It is expected that the officers of No. 7 Co., A. S. C. will be the same as last year, Capt. Gross, Lieut. Smith and Lieut McKeen with Major A. E. Massie at staff A. S. C. officer. Active preparations for camp will begin early next month.

The A. S. C. men will do all the baking in their field ovens at Sussex and will also do the killing of the cattle and the dressing of the meat.

No. VIII Field Ambulance Unit.

No. VIII Field Ambulance Unit has not yet taken steps toward preparation for camp. The Unit will again have its armory in Oddfellows' Hall. Major T. D. Walker informed The Standard yesterday that he did not yet know if there would be any change in the officers of the corps.

3rd N. B. Regt. C. A.

The 3rd Artillery has had the interest of its members in things military kept up by a special class taught by instructors from the R. C. G. A., and also by battery dinners. The regiment has not yet begun its drill season. Few changes are expected among the officers. The artillerymen will get down to work within a couple of weeks.

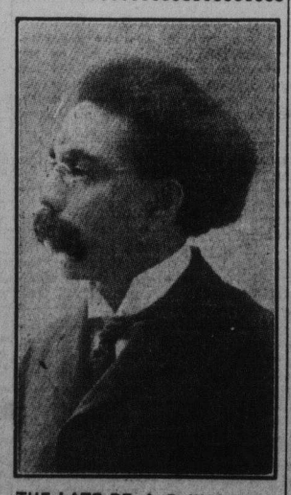
The date of regimental inspection will be July 16, which was proposed by the Militia Department and accepted by the regiment. July 24 has been proposed as the date for the corps to go to Petewawa. This year the detachments from the three batteries will go into camp together.

The Gunners this year will look natty in a new issue of uniforms. It is expected that the new naval pattern caps will be issued.

The cheque for the pay of the qualified signallers has arrived and the wigwaggers should get after their money as soon as possible.

FUNERAL OF LATE DR. WALKER YESTERDAY

The funeral of Dr. A. B. Walker, B. A., LL. B., D. C. L., president and promoter of The African Civilization Movement, took place yesterday afternoon at 3.30 from his late residence, 2 City Road. Rev. G. F. Scovil of St. Jude's church and Rev. George Titus officiated at the service. The funeral was largely attended by the friends and relatives of the deceased who occupied a prominent position in the community. Interment made at the Church of England cemetery.



THE LATE DR. A. B. WALKER.

Mr. Kuhlman, of the Montreal branch of the Immigration department was in the city yesterday in charge of a group of deports.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL IN KEITH'S ASSEMBLY LAST NIGHT BRILLIANT SOCIETY ASSEMBLAGE; THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

The memory of the valiant St. George and the celebration of his anniversary were right merrily recognized in Keith's Assembly Suite last evening by St. George's Society and their hundreds of guests, representing numerous social circles, in the aggregate a most brilliant assemblage. From 8 until 10 o'clock, scores of coaches chattered up to the threatre door, where an efficient committee had laid track-cloths from the street to the dressing rooms, in fact, every precaution was made to offset any ill-effects of the extremely inclement weather, and much that was complimentary was said of the manner in which the Englishmen arranged the details of there delightful affair.

President J. C. Anderton aned Mrs. Anderton, assisted by Mrs. J. H. Frink and Mrs. W. Z. Earle, received the guests at the entrance to the Reception apartments, after which President Anderton briefly opened the festivities with some appropriate reference to the object of the occasion, tendering the unbounded hospitality of St. George's Society. Mr. Anderton was followed by Rev. E. B. Hooper, Chaplain of St. George's Society, whose address aroused the great enthusiasm.

The Chaplain's Address.

The Reverend speaker pointed out the important features of a St. George's Day celebration, a day dear to the heart of every patriotic Englishman, no matter where his lot be cast. While the legend of St. George is one of considerable obscurity and mystery, a fact much deprecated by some it is in reality a very great advantage in that it brings down to us on the page of history a valiant man, and a Christian—one without fear, and without reproach. There is a special and edifying significance in the story of St. George's fight with the dragon, which may be taken as symbolical of the triumph of Right over Might, the victory of Truth over Error. Further on in his remarks, Rev. Mr. Hooper pointed out what the red cross of St. George stood for in English history. Under it England made conquest after conquest with brilliant success and in defending the mother shores it waved in victory, time after time. Later, in happy conjunction with the crosses of St. Andrew and St. Patrick, it continued its glorious career in creating an Empire upon which the sun never sets. Mothers were urged to teach their children love of country, love of Empire, and to emblazon upon their minds the story of the flag and the richness of its history.

Mr. Olive Dickenson, sang "The Englishman," with fine effect, and was insistently encored.

The Ball Opened.

At this juncture in the programme, the vicinity of 10 o'clock—Bandmaster Jones of the 62nd Regiment band, waved his baton and the ball was opened. After the first waltz, one of the prettiest features of the whole function was introduced in an old English maypole dance, participated in by the following young ladies and gentlemen: Misses K. Best, K. Gillis, Bridges, E. Fairweather, Climo, Scovil, L. Neale (Sussex), E. Taylor, Robson, Sadlier, Millidge and Teed. Messrs. C. R. Addy, D. Sadlier, E. E. Church, L. Allan, Harold McKendrick, Noel Sheraton, Horace Porter, A. Rankine, Alban Sturdee, Colin MacKay, W. A. Church and Harvey Tapley. The graceful evolutions of this dance were admirably executed and brought forth unstinted plaudits. A great deal of credit is due Miss M. Girvan, who drilled the maypole dancers.

The dance card complete was as follows:—

Waltz—"Kiss of Spring."
Maypole Dance, (piano accomp).
Two-Step—"De Molay Commandery."
Lancers—"United Kingdom."
Waltz—"Pansies For Thought."
Militaire—"D. O. C."
Two-Step—"Canton Halifax."
Waltz—"Enchantment."
Waltz—"Fair Confidantes."
Sir Roger de Coverley.
Waltz—"Zeona."
Two-Step—"Lodoeska."
Two-Step—"Hapy Heine."
Waltz—Dreamland."
3 Supper Extras.

Lovely Decorations.

The Keith Assembly suite never looked prettier. In a fresh dress of ivory and green paint with elaborate furnishings and adornments, each room made an admirable setting for the gay ensemble of nicely-gowned ladies and smartly-attired gentlemen. A sprinkling of military uniforms enhanced the brilliancy of the scene. In the ballroom the band alcove was draped in Union Jacks and St. George's Ensigns, and round about the walls engravings of English war scenes, portraits of royalty, English sporting pictures, etc., were hung; the windows were curtained in lace, and the white pillars entwined in English ivy. The reception room was furnished with real Indian carpets, upholstered furniture, divans, cosy-corners, etc., presenting a most inviting and homelike appearance.

Mottoes.

On the walls were photographs of St. George Society officers and patriotic mottoes, of which the following were a few:—

"King Edward III. and St. George for England. Order of the Garter A. D. 1347."

'Crecy, St. George and the Black Prince. Ich Dien. A. D. 1346."

"Crusaders. St. George and Merrie England. A. D. 1192.

"St. George and King Arthur. A. D. 542."

"Blake and St. George, Britannia Rule the Waves. A. D. 1653."

Probably the most strikingly emblematic effect in the whole suite of rooms was in the dining hall. Here the large serving table—laden with gorgeous roses, fine silver and china—was planned in imitation of St. George's Cross, with white linen and red satin. Twenty-five smaller tables were similarly decked, making a handsome appearance. Steward Daley, of the Union Club, superintended a large staff of professional waiters, who served salads, jellies, creams, bread, cake, sandwiches, coffee, tea, etc., from the catering firm of McWilliams in Quebec City.

It was considerably well into this morning when the "Merrie Englanders" and their friends joined in singing the National Anthem.

Those Who Accepted.

The list of acceptances furnished by the St. George Society secretary, is as follows:

Anderton, J. C. and Mrs.
Armstrong, The Misses
Atkinson, C. A.
Addy, Dr. G. A. B.
Addy, Charles
Addy, Miss
Allison, Harold A.
Arnold, J. W. and Mrs.
Arnold, G. Heber
Armstrong, T. E. G. and Mrs.
Allen, L. T.
Arnold, Miss.

Barker, Chief Justice and Mrs.
Barker, Miss
Bourne, T. P. and Mrs.
Bell, Miss
Bridges, Dr. H. V. and Mrs.
Bridges, Miss.
Broad, W. L. and Mrs.
Burpee, G. B.
Best, Miss
Baird, Miss
Bullock, Mayor and Mrs.
Brydon, James
Blackmore, C. E. and Mrs.
Barnhill, A. P. and Mrs.

Chisholm, Mrs. D. P.
Campbell, Miss
Creighton, Miss Ethel.
Casson, Robert and Mrs.
Casson, Miss
Carloss, R. I. and Mrs.
Climo, Misses
Cornell, Julian T.
Church, E. E.
Church, W. E.
Church, Miss
Crawford, Roy E.
Cormier, R. R.
Crosby, L. G.
Chamberlain, Geo. A. and Mrs.
Chandler, Dr. E. B. and Mrs.
Curry, Miss
Cornwall, Mrs.
Christie, Miss
Clinch, D. W.
Carritte, deB. and Mrs.
Clawson, H. K.
Cowan, Miss
Clinch, Peter
Campbell, J. R. and Mrs.

Daniel, Fred W. and Mrs.
deForest, S. S. and Mrs.
Daniel, Miss Jean
Dickason, C.
DuVernet, Miss
Davidson, A. C.

Emery, Dr. A. F.
Easson, C. H. and Mrs.
Estabrooks, T. H. and Mrs.
Everett, A. E.
Earle, W. Z. and Mrs.
Emerson, H. W.
Emerson, S. L.
Edgecombe, J. and Mrs.
Emerson, H. P.

Forbes, Homer D.
Fairweather, F. R. and Mrs.
Fairweather, Stewart
Frink, R. W. W. and Mrs.
Frink, Dr. J. H. and Mrs.
Fairweather, Edgar and Mrs.
Fowler, A. L.
Foster, W. E. and Mrs.
Fraser, F. W.
Foster, Miss
Fairweather, The Misses.
Fairweather, Miss Alice
Fairweather, The Misses (Rothesay.)
Fairweather, The Misses (Rothesay.)
Fairweather, Miss E. D.
Fraser, Mrs. G. H.
Fisher, Miss
Fox, D. Arnold
Fraser, Mrs. J. F.
Flood, H. C.

Gregory, J. Fraser and Mrs.
Golding, Wm. E. and Mrs.
Gregory, J. S.
Gibbard, Thos. and Mrs.
Gilmour, Robert
Girvan, Misses
Godfrey, Miss Edna
Graham, Miss
Ganong, J. E. and Mrs.
Gray, C. A. and Mrs.
Gillis, Miss
Gerow, Mrs. Jas.
Gerow, S. P.
Gerrard, Miss
Hazen, Miss
Hazen, Miss Katie
Humphrey, Ralph J.
Haycock, J. R. and Mrs.
Hanington, Fred E. and Mrs.
Hutchinson, Miss
Hutchinson, Miss Josephine
Harrison, W. H.
Hawker, S. H.
Henning, W. J. and Mrs.
Hewson, R. W. and Mrs.
Hewson, Miss
Hickson, Miss
Hall, Miss
Hawker, S. H. and Mrs.
Harding, J. S and Mrs.
Hooper, Rev. E. B. and Mrs.
Hall, Miss H.

Inches, Cyrus F.
Inches, K. R.
Inches, Miss

Jones, R. Keltie and Mrs.
Jarvis, William M.
Jones, S. A. and Mrs.
Jones, Lt. Col. G. W. and Mrs.
Jones, F. C.
James, J. A.
Johnston, F. P.
Jarvis, C. E. L. and Mrs.
Jack, James and Mrs.

Ketchum, George W.
Ketchum, Miss
Kaye, E. G.
Knight, Miss Bertha
Kimball, Miss
Knight, Miss

Likely, F. J.
Lockhart, W. A. and Mrs.
Lockhart, George A
Lewin, J. D. Pollard
Likely, Miss
Legere, J. A.
Lawson, Mrs.

Miles, W. R. and Mrs.
Merrill, Dr. A. H. and Mrs.
McMillan, Alex.
McKendrick, Harold B.
McLean, A. N.

McCaffigan, Mrs. J. J.
McCaffigan, Miss.
Mackay, Hugh.
MacLaren, Miss Ena.
McAvity, Miss Mabel.
McMillan, Miss.
McKenzie, Miss Portia.
Macaulay, Misses.
McDiarmid, Miss Enid.
McMurray, Miss Perle I.
Macmichael, Miss.
McAvity, Miss M.
Mayes, G. S.
McAvity, Miss E.
Macmichael, C. E.
Mooney, E.
Macaulay, Alex and Mrs.
Mackay, C.
Millidge, Miss M.
Millidge, Miss J.
Magee, Miss.
Macaulay, Miss M.
McDonald, C. A. and Mrs
McDonald, Miss.

Otty, G. O. D.

Porter, Horace A.
Perley, Harold and Mrs.
Perley, Miss.
Price, J. Milton.
Peters, Leonard W.
Peters, Harold.
Prince, A. E. and Mrs.
Purdy, Miss.
Pugsley, Mrs. T. P.

Robinson, Harry B. and Mrs.
Rainnie, A. G.
Ritchie, Hon. R. J. and Mrs.
Robinson, T. Barclay and Mrs.
Robertson, Misses.
Rankine, Miss V.
Regan, H. and Mrs.
Robertson, R. N. and Mrs.
Raymond, Miss.
Rankine, R. R. and Mrs.
Rankine, A. F.
Rogers, H. G. and Mrs.
Robson, W. L. and Mrs.
Robson, Miss.
Ross, H. R.
Rising, E. L. and Mrs.
Rising, W. C.
Rothwell, H. B.
Ryder, T. E.

Smith, Bowyer S.
Skinner, Dr. S. S. and Mrs.
Skinner, Sherwood and Mrs.
Spangler, Dr. and Mrs.
Sturdee, E. T. and Mrs.
Schofield, Harold Cowan and Mrs.
Sheraton, Noel F.
Sadlier, W. H. B. and Mrs.
Stanley, H. M.
Smith, H. H.
St. Andrew's Society President and Mrs. McIntosh.
Stairs, Miss.
Smith, Misses Sidney.
Stone, Misses.
Schofield, Miss.
Scott, Misses.
Skinner, Miss Edith.
Sandall, Miss Vallie.
Stead, Miss.
Stone, H. H.
Sturdee, E. A.
Scovil, Miss.
Sadlier, Miss.
Sadlier, K. D.
Smith, G. F. and Mrs.
Smith, Misses.
Skinner, Roland.
Smith, Miss Ethel.
Scammell, Miss.
Seeley, W. L. and Mrs.
Scovil, Mrs. S. K.
Stevens, A. G.
Schofield, Reg.

Tilley, L. P. D. and Mrs.
Tucker, Col. J. J.
Thornhill, H. P.
Turnbull, Eber.
Taylor, Fred R.
Thorne, A. T.
Tapley, G. Harvey.
Travers, Misses.
Taylor, Miss Elsie.
Tapley, Miss Mary.
Travers, Misses.
Teed, Miss.
Teed, J. F. H.
Titus, Misses.
Thomson, J. R. and Mrs.
Titus, F. C.
Thomas, S. A.

Vroom, Heber.
Vanwart, Hartley and Mrs.

U. S. Consul and Mrs. Wilrich.

White, Col. G. Rolt, D. O. C., and Mrs. White.
Williams, F. E. and Mrs.
Wilson, Alex and Mrs.
Walker, Thomas, M. D.
Walker, Miss.
Warner, General.
White, G. H. and Mrs.
Waring, G. H.
Warner, Miss.
Walter, T. Dyson, M. D.
Woods, Miss.
White, Frank S. and Mrs.

IN THE COURTS

County Court Chambers.

Before Judge Forbes in Chambers yesterday the trial of the case of Francis & Vaughan vs. Henry T. Stevens of Moncton, was commenced. The suit is over an account of some years standing, amounting to $47,91. His Honor referred the matter to Mr. S. A. Corbett, an expert accountant, for adjustment. Mr. J. K. KeKilley appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C., for the defendant.

Probate Court.

Estate of Emma Jones, wife of Hiram Jones, intestate. Petition of Francis Nice setting forth that the deceased died on 22nd August, 1908 intestate, that she was twice married, her first husband, Mungo, having died over twenty years ago and that she subsequently married Hiram Jones; that in the lifetime of her first husband she had certain money, her separate estate which is now claimed by the petitioner by gift. The second husband of the said Emma Jones has since died. She left no children but she left her surviving brother and the children of a deceased brother, George Nice, and of a deceased sister, Albinia Wakefield. One of the nephews having filed a caveat, a citation is issued to show cause why administration should not issue to the brother returnable on Monday the 31st May next. Hon. H. A. McKeown, K. C., proctor for the petitioner. Mr. John Willett, K. C., proctor for the caveator.

The matter of the estate of Eliza Jane Fish was before the Probate Court yesterday. At 6.30 p. m. adjournment was made to Monday May 3rd, at eleven a. m.

Mrs. M. Killeen, of Ottawa office of the Dominion Immigration department, returned home by last evening's Montreal exuress. Mrs. Killeen was in charge of four immigrants marked for deportation.

THE AMENDED HIGHWAY ACT AGREED TO IS ALL THAT PEOPLE OF PROVINCE HAVE ASKED FOR

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Fredericton, N. B., April 23—In the Legislature today bills respecting the performance of hard labor in county jails, for better protection of sheep from dogs, and to assist in prevention and cure of tuberculosis, received their reading and were passed.

Mr. Maxwell introduced a bill to amend the act in addition to the Police Act of the City of St. John.

Rates and Taxes.

Mr. Woods moved for and obtained leave to introduce a bill respecting rates and taxes. He introduced the bill and explained that it was promoted by the Municipality of Queens and its object was to simplify and make easier the collection of delinquent taxes. Its provision would apply to the whole of the province. On the ground of urgency the bill was read a second time.

Log Driving Bill.

The House went into committee, Mr. MacLachlan in the chair, and considered the bill to amend the act relating to the St. John Log Driving Company. Mr. Pinder moved an amendment intended to protect interests of small operators, whose unmarked logs went into the booms of the company. He stated that the amendment was approved of by the operators and by the company.

Mr. Currie objected to the amendment on general principles.

Mr. Tweeddale said the interests of large operators would be prejudiced by the amendment. It was the business of small operators to have their logs marked, and if they did not, and logs went astray they had only themselves to blame if they lost any.

Mr. Woods stated that logs were bought by mill owners and others from farmers and other people who had a few logs to sell all along the river and it was not practical to have them marked.

Hon. Mr. Flemming said the amendment was intended only to give a fair measure of justice to the smaller operators. In spite of all precautions they lost a considerable quantity of logs each year. It was not possible to have these logs marked and the only object of the amendment was that log driving companies, when a no-marked log was sold, should pay back to the owner the value for such logs as he was able to prove the ownership of. All the parties interested concurred in the amendment.

On the Miramichi.

Mr. Burchill told of the methods of driving logs on the Miramichi, and said that while it was desirable that all logs should be marked, he recognized the impossibility that everyone should have the marks of the owner. Every operator lost a number of logs each year through that cause. If all the parties interested were united upon the bill he did not see that the committee should object to it.

The amendment was carried and the bill reported.

St. John Bridge.

Bill to authorize the City of St. John to build a bridge across the harbor was agreed to and reported.

Want of Confidence.

Mr. Copp gave notice of a motion reciting that government had failed to keep its pre-election pledges.

Several Matters.

Mr. Upham said that he was not fully nor accurately reported in the corporations committee respecting the St. John Valley Railway Bill.

With Mr. Cyr in the chair, the committee of the whole agreed to a bill to incorporate the Bathurst Skating and Curling Company, and to authorize the municipality of Gloucester to make a temporary loan.

The bill respecting the division of the province into counties, towns and parishes was considered. Mr. Munro explained that the object of the bill was to authorize the County of Carleton and the town of Woodstock to erect a new court house. There was some doubt as to whether the court house should be erected in the town instead of on the present site in the parish, and the bill was to remove that doubt.

Municipal Home.

House went into committee, Mr. Robinson in the chair, to consider a bill relating to the St. John County Municipal Home.

Mr. Lowell explained it was to vest the appointment of the Board of Management partly in the Municipal Council and partly with the Government. The bill was agreed to.

More Want of Confidence.

Mr. Robinson gave notice of motion regarding over-expenditures by the Board of Public Works and condemning the government for violating pre-election pledges.

The House went into committee, Mr. Pinder in the chair, to consider a bill to incorporate the International Power Company, Ltd.

A Power Bill.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer said this was to incorporate the company to construct an electric railway from Milltown to Sprague's Falls, build power lines, telephone lines, etc., and to construct the dam across the St. Croix River at Sprague's Falls. It was agreed to with amendments.

Also the bill relating to the St. Stephen Water Works was agreed to; also the bill in reference to the appointment of officials in the town of St. Stephen which was agreed to and the several bills were reported.

Resuming at 8 o'clock, Mr. Slipp presented the report from the Corporations Committee recommending that Tobique Pulp and Paper Company bill be laid over for one year and recommending several other bills to favorable consideration of the House.

The Highway Bill.

The Committee of the Whole further considered the Highway Bill. Mr Leger (Westmorland) said that the rate of pay fixed for work on the roads was too low. Teams could not be got to work for $2.40 for an eight hour day.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy stated that the department did not pay more than 30 cents an hour last season for teams except in cities.

Mr. Allain said that farmers could do work about their places for awhile in the morning and also at night after eight hours on the road was over and many would be glad of the chance to put their teams to work on the roads and earn a few dollars extra.

Mr. Leger still contended that the section was unworkable and was unfair to the farmer.

Should Be Satisfied.

Mr. Murray could not see what was the hon. gentleman's objection to the act. He had always contended that the administration of the law be placed in the County Councils and that was precisely what the bill before the committee did. Councils have absolute control of what rate of wages shall be paid for road work and the section under consideration was to apply only in case the councils failed to fix a rate.

He thought the member for Westmorland should be satisfied.

Mr. Sormany thought some provision should be made so that commissioners could not use up the greater part of the road moneys by working themselves and employing their sons and servants and relatives and not give the people a chance.

Mr. Upham rose to a question of privilege stating that he had been incorrectly reported in a statement he had made before the corporations committee. What he did say was that section four of the St. John Valley Railway bill did not name the villages of Lakeville and Centreville as being on the route between Woodstock and St. Leonards. He wished to have the railway pass through these villages and then on to St. Leonards. Lakeville and Centreville need a railway more than any other sections of the province.

Mr. Munro moved an amendment to permit commissioners and surveyors to perform statute labor but not to work under contract which was adopted and the section agreed to.

Covered Bridge.

Mr. Burchill inquired what provision was made under the bill to have the snow put on covered bridges in the winter.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy said that it would hardly be fair to ask the people to keep up bridges out of the road taxes. Caretakers of the bridges would look out for them in winter and when there were no caretakers he presumed the matter would be under the control of the Highway Boards.

Mr. Sormany asked if those in arrears for the last year's road taxes would be allowed to do statute labor this season in payment of the same.

Mr. Munro replied that he had a section to meet such cases and to allow delinquent taxes to be worked out on the roads.

Mr. Byrne said that already most of the assessors had met and made up the assessment for the present year. This would amount to an average of $5,000 to $6,000 for each county and at 8 per cent. commission for assessors, will have cost each county already this year $480. In addition to that there was an increase in the poll tax from $1 to $1.50 and in addition to that a raise in the property tax from 12 cents on the $100 to 20 cents. To put the new act in force this year would mean that every county would have to throw all the expense already incurred, away. It had been pointed out that under the Road Act of 1904 the roads were better this year would mean that every county was a better set of officials and that being the case he thought it would be wise to continue the act of 1904 for another year.

Mr. Robinson did not see any force in what the Hon gentleman had said.

Mr. Sweeney referring again to provision allowing commissioners and surveyors to do work on the road, said it was not in the interests of the poor, but was framed in the interests of the officials.

Act Reported.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said there was no danger in this section as it stood. County Councillors are the ones who will appoint the commissioners and the latter could be removed at any time they were not performing their duties satisfactorily.

The Commissioners and surveyors were not appointed for any specified time and could be removed at the will of the Highway Board. The section was agreed to and the Act reported to the House with amendments.

Mr. Tweeddale introduced a bill to facilitate the taking of the valuation of Victoria County. On the ground of urgency it was read a second time and also the bill to amend municipality Act so far as it relates to the County of Victoria.

The House adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

[For Thursday evening's discussion on the Highway Act see page 5.

Great Show at the Nickel Today.

The cildren who attend the Nickel's matineee this afternoon will have a great treat. In the first place there is going to be the talking picture story of "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight", and also the new Pathe drama, "Shun Evil Companions", besides the great Indian vs. Whites picture, entitled "Children of the Plains", with its stirring scenes and climaxs. There will be a pretty colored film "The Story of Psyche", and Mr. Courtnail will sing, and there will be lots of good new music. A whole hour show. In the evening the same bill will be put on. Brand new show of pictures and music Monday.

Mr. Norman McGloan returned to the city by last night's Boston train.

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At Stable of J. B. Hamm, Esq., No. 26 Germain st., FRIDAY MORNING, April 30., commencing at 10 o'clock, I am instructed to sell the entire stock contained in stable, consisting in part

FOUR HORSES, Double and Single Coach, 2 Rubber-Tyre Carriages, Concord; 2 Rubber-Tyre Surrey, 1 Extension Top; other Buggies and Carriages; 3 Ash Pungs, Double and Single Sleighs, Double and Single Harness, Blankets, Robes, Cap Rugs, Fur Robes, Hose, Poles, etc., Roller Top Desk, Combination Safe, and a large quantity of other stable effects.

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LEARNING JIU JITSU FOIL P

London, April 22.—Hithe don police have tackled suffragettes with confider ability to overpower any this confidence about to re shock?

The Japanese have taug that strength of muscle always ensure victory w mans come to grips, and gettes are taking the less by preparing themselves slaughts upon the forces order which have so far barred their entrance to Commons. Jiu jitsu is th which they hope to sho weaker sex can overcome skill the brute force of m

Jiu jitsu displays are to of the forthcoming fair of Freedom League at Caxto Garrud, one of the mem league, is to show how e be to overthrow by such man who attempted to lay on the women.

"We shall have a mock meeting," she says, "and vaded by a number of sup men, who will attack us. fun will begin.

"I shall try my jiu jit throw them, and the gir them down. It will sho possible for women effect fend themselves against strongest and biggest of m

"I have at present abo bers of the league who jiu jitsu, and they are m lent progress."

Why She Became A Su

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Lady Constance confess she became a suffragette sed her opportunities in though she had tried sh succeeded in anything. S er cared for books, and for the society of intelle Some three or four years as a great hobby the subj inals and prisons, and that she could very easil taste for the latter by cause.

MACDONALD MUST PAY OVER $

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, April 22—The chins vs. MacDonald, wh before judge Drysdale in Court for the past two d the plaintiff, Mrs. Hutch defendant MacDonald, p the Halifax hotel for $10, for the death of her h concluded tonight. The ed a verdict for the wi chins for $3500. Hutchin by being struck and thro bicycle.

ELECTION PETITIONS WITHDR

Special to The Standard.

Charlotetown, P. E. I. The election case against Donald, Liberal, and Jo Conservative, which has gress at Souris for s came to an abrupt conclu Judge Fitzgerald, havin both petitions with cos

The lawyer representin and McLean asked that t withdrawn, stating that t was evidence of corru they felt it to be imp enough votes could be pr been corruptly influenc the majorities obtained.

THE OLD FASHIONE

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And mend the locks,
And tend the flocks,
Somebody has to do the
That come by scores
Somebody has to spade
And milk the cow,
(Do you know how?)
Somebody has to shear
And plant and reap,
With little sleep—
That's father.

Somebody has to mend
And starch the frocks,
And clean the crocks.
Somebody has to wash
And dust the doors,
Somebody has to boil and
And make the cake,
And fry the steak.
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And wash and swep,
With little sleep—
That's mother.

Somebody has to moil
And freeze or broil.
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Sometimes with dread
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