

## SENATOR LOVITT DIED YESTERDAY AT HIS HOME IN YARMOUTH AFTER A LONG AND TEDIOUS ILLNESS

YARMOUTH, N. S., April 16.—Hon. John Lovitt, senator, died this afternoon after an illness of several months of cancer. He came home from Ottawa about a month ago and has since been confined to his residence. Although it was generally felt of late that death could not long be deferred, yet the end came suddenly at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon. During the past year he had been operated upon several times, but without availing of the seriousness of his malady. The late senator was born in Yarmouth on October 28, 1832, and was the eldest son of the late W. Lovitt. Early in life he followed the sea and soon became a prominent shipmaster. He retired from the sea in 1869, the last vessel commanded by him being the bark Athlete. After leaving the sea he and his brother engaged in business as shipbuilders and operated under the name of Lovitt and Company at Yarmouth and Church Point. Here they built many ships and became wealthy as a result of their operations.

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## PROVINCIAL NEWS.

CHARLOTTETOWN, April 16.—The stormiest scenes of the session took place yesterday in the provincial legislature over the indemnity question. Members received \$100 and other perquisites, including mileage, the maximum total being \$194. Last year Provincial Secretary Newbery suggested to make it \$300 per man all round, thus equalizing the allowance. An arrangement was made at the last day of the session after the passing of the estimates. The late Premier Peters said if the opposition leader is agreeable, to go ahead. Mr. Newbery consulted Mr. Matheson, the opposition leader, who according to Mr. Newbery's story, said he had no objections. Some checks were made out, when Matheson came back and said he would not be a party to the arrangement. All the members took \$200 checks except four out of the nine of the opposition. Nothing was said until a few days ago when a newspaper published the occurrence. The matter was brought up in the House yesterday on a question of privilege by Mr. Matheson, who contended that he had never given consent to the arrangement. This led to a heated debate. Mr. Newbery told Mr. Matheson that he had not given evidence under oath. This was done and he swore that the opposition leader had not first said he would not be a party to the arrangement. But the Speaker would not allow the matter to be taken up. The opposition leader, Mr. Matheson, said he was not a party to the arrangement. The matter was again taken up at an all night session, the House adjourning at six a.m.

FRIDBURY, April 16.—The Easter term of the Supreme Court opened this morning. Chief Justice Barker presiding, and the full bench being present. The following common motions were made:

Menahan vs. C. P. Ry. Mr. Barry, K. C., moved for a similar motion and like order made.

The Excelsior Life Insurance Company vs. John O'Neill, Mr. W. M. Roberts moved for a similar motion and like order made.

About twenty officers who have been taking the French course at the Infantry School here left this morning for Halifax, where they will take further instructions.

The ice in the river continues as solid as ever, and the weather remains very cold.

MONCTON, April 16.—Peter Clinch, Secretary of the Board of Fire Underwriters for New Brunswick, has submitted his report to the Moncton water system, compiled on his recent visit to this city, when he made the water pump should be installed at the pumping station as the present pump cannot be expected to run up to its original capacity, and the city should not be left without pressure on the high levels while boilers are being cleaned.

The present pump, the report says, is a magnificent one, but it has run continuously for nearly twenty years. There should be duplicate pumps and additional boilers for the water system. Recommendations are that a grant should be immediately placed on the corner of St. George and Enterprise, and corner of Duke and Pacific street, that eight and twelve inch mains on St. George street should be connected at several intermediate points. Other engines should also be purchased and the new pumping engine should not be of less capacity than three thousand gallons per minute. Mr. Clinch says the city has expended so rapidly that it might outgrow its water system, and now it proposes to supply the new shop when working will consume an immense amount of money.

Further reduce the already weak pressure. Regarding tests which he made he found one main street hydrant with 34 pound pressure with the pump running, and the pressure was reduced about three and a half pounds by taking of an inch. At another Main St. hydrant the pressure was found equal to four feet streams. Speaking of the city's two steam fire engines he said that they are not powerful, but although no test was made he is satisfied that neither of them can throw continuously more than two fifty pound streams.

HAMPTON, N. B., April 16.—In the county court chambers this morning Judge Wedderburn sat to hear argument of counsel in the suit of Abraham W. Day and Charles V. McBeath, plaintiff, and defendant versus Arthur Crandall, defendant and debtor, on a summons to set aside attachment under the Woodmen's Lien Act. R. G. Murray, for plaintiff, A. H. Haining, for defendant. Haining moved for the judge's order to admit of the cross examination of plaintiffs on their affidavits under section 228 of the Supreme Court Act, and section 78 of the County Court Act.

Mr. Murray objected that the section quoted were not applicable as the cause was in neither court, but under the Woodmen's Lien Act, and he declared he would never consent to such a cross examination. Haining further moved for time to look into the affidavits served by plaintiffs' counsel on the day of the hearing. Mr. Day, for good deal of discussion. His Honor declined to issue an order for cross examination at this stage, but was of opinion that all parties should be present in court when the affidavits are presented and granted postponement till Thursday, April 22nd, then to be resumed in the county court chambers, St. John, at 10 o'clock a.m., defendant pleading his word that in the interim none of the logs in dispute shall be sawn by him.

MONCTON, April 16.—The still holds on in the Pettingill river and the opening of navigation promises to be delayed for a week yet or perhaps a longer period. The weather continues frosty and the outlook is not so hopeful as a few days ago. No movement has yet been made with regard to a second steamer for river traffic which was talked of last season.

Fifty Italians are here from Boston and vicinity and others are arriving daily to work on the I. C. R. double tracking between Moncton and Paines Jct. Active work will start next week.

HALIFAX, April 13.—An interesting experiment is now being carried on by the officials of the Marine and Fisheries Department, the success of which will mean much for the lobster industry in Canada. Yesterday a shipment of 1,200 live lobsters was made to the Pacific Coast, and is expected to reach its destination in about seven days. Several shipments have been made previously, but did not prove very satisfactory, and extra care is being taken this time. The lobsters were packed in fifteen specially constructed refrigerator packages. These packages are about four feet square and each contains twelve metal traps. The traps are placed in sections, and one lobster was placed in each. On top of the refrigerator is a large metal box, underneath are air spaces through which circulation of air can be maintained, and attached to each is a thermometer. Each lobster is packed in a bed of seaweed. In the car were taken 145 gallons of salt water in jars and casks, and each day the lobsters will be saturated with salt water. The lobsters were specially selected, being caught this week, and they passed direct from the fishermen to the refrigerator. The shipment was made in a special car provided by the Dominion Express Company, and is in charge of H. A. Cunningham, Superintendent of Fish Culture, Ottawa, and Alex. Finlayson, Inspector Fisheries, Ottawa. These officials are going through to the Pacific Coast.

On arrival at Vancouver a steamer will take the lobsters on to Victoria, where a special pond has been constructed to receive them. Extensive experiments will be conducted there, and the outcome will be awaited with interest, as promising the transplanting of this valuable fish to the Pacific Coast.

MADRID, April 14.—Murdering eighteen of his children is the terrible charge against Felix Molina Rodriguez, shoemaker, of Seville. When arrested Rodriguez was charged with having killed his children, and he had buried them secretly to save funeral expenses.

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## FIRE IN WEST END SCHOOL HOUSE

Another School Burned—Firebug Feared

Early Discovery of Blaze Prevented Building's Destruction

The Catholic school of West Side, situated at the corner of St. John street and city line, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire at an early hour this morning. As it was a rear of the building was damaged to the extent of \$400. It is suspected by some that the fire was incendiary origin.

The fire was discovered shortly after one o'clock by a boy named Green, who telephoned J. E. B. Bland, who had an alarm rung from box 212. When the fire arrived at the scene of the fire a corner of the coal shed at the rear of the main building was found to be burning on the outside. The fire was put out in a short time.

The portion of the school in which the fire occurred contains the closets, and to prevent these from freezing a fire kept burning in a stove. Last evening this fire was very low and this coupled with the fact that the stove is some distance from where the fire broke out seems to point toward the blaze being set.

## THE REDUCTION WILL BE GENERAL

Stetson, Cutler & Co. Will Start Up To-day—Shingle Sawyers Stand

The lumber mills of Stetson, Cutler & Co. at Pleasant Point and Indian town will open today and all long lumber men will go in to work at the reduced wages. When the mills closed about a month ago a disagreement between the owners and the employees regarding the wages existed, and the company decided to give the men the summer wages until the winter logs were disposed of.

At the present time, however, the reduction of ten per cent. will be made from the wages of shingle sawyers and from the wages of mill hands. The arrangement among the owners of all the mills on the river is to pay the reduced rate.

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## TRIED TO SKIP WITHOUT SETTLING

Two Young Sports Who Attempted to Stick Metropolitan Hotel Nabbed

Two of the boarders at the Metropolitan Hotel made a bold effort to leave there last night without settling for their board, but were overtaken by Officer Scott, who compelled them to settle.

The offenders were two well dressed young men who have been guests at the hotel for some time and spending their money recklessly at saloons and pool rooms. A board bill amounting to a large sum, finally was chalked up against them on the books, and Mr. Goggin, the proprietor, demanded payment. This being refused the two men were locked in their room and the police were sent for. During the interval, however, they broke open the lock and escaped, only to be captured by the police shortly afterwards.

A satisfactory settlement was promised and the men were allowed to go.

## MONCTON SMALL POX EPIDEMIC WAS COSTLY

MONCTON, April 15.—The recent smallpox epidemic is likely to cost the city a pretty penny before all the bills are paid. Already \$2,400 have been paid and in addition to this bills for about \$2,000 were yesterday presented to the finance committee and turned down. After scrutinizing the itemized bills the committee members agreed that some item should have the attention of the board of health particularly, such items as cigars, tobacco, ladies' suits, a large number of articles, clothing, high priced frocks, expensive canned goods and the like.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS FROM FLORA DEPARTMENT OF A. R.

The annual distribution of seeds from the flora department of the Canadian Pacific is now taking place, and as a result of the efforts of Mr. N. S. Dunlop, of the C. P. R. floral committee, during the coming summer there will be a stream of shrubs and plants across the whole continent from St. John to Vancouver Island.

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Effective Reform in Dredging Inspection.

Sharp Debate Marks End of Lent in the House of Commons

OTTAWA, Ont., April 14.—With the Easter adjournment but a day distant, the commons today had an oratorical character as an indication that Lenten penance was drawing to a close.

The opposition wanted to place some of their complaints before the country before meeting their constituents. Mr. Bennett got the eye of the Speaker and the ear of the House early in the sitting and delivered a lecture on the economies of dredging on the great lakes.

Mr. Borden is in New York and Dr. Sproule led the opposition. He asked the Minister for copies of the boundary and fishery treaties relating to Canada, said to have been presented to the United States senate.

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## LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS ANNUAL ELOCUTION RECITAL AT ACADIA SEMINARY; FESTIVAL IN MAY

WOLFVILLE, April 14.—A large audience assembled in College Hall last Friday evening to enjoy the annual elocution recital of the pupils of Acadia Seminary, under the direction of Miss Josephine Goodspeed. The hall was beautifully and artistically decorated with evergreens and flowers.

The entertainment was of the highest order. The programme was as follows:

Boat Race—Girls v. Boys.....  
..... Oliver Wendell Holmes  
..... Jean McLaughlin  
High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire.....  
..... Jean Ingelow  
Concerto No. 7, 1st movement.....  
..... deBeriot  
Hilda Vaughn  
The Mustard Plaster.....  
..... Howard Fielding  
Eleanor Wood  
Angels Guard Thee, "Jocelyn".....  
..... Alma McMillan  
Violin obligato.....  
..... Miss Paulsen  
Among the Alps.....  
..... Dickens-Collins  
Sally Dobson  
Duo Concerto.....  
..... deBeriot  
Evelyn Starr, Miss Paulsen  
Rebecca's Journey.....  
..... Kate Douglas Wiggin  
God's Sewing  
Flower Play—Adapted from the German by Miss Burnmeister, Miss Burnmeister at the piano.  
Queen of the Flowers.....  
..... Eleanor Wood  
Snowdrop.....  
..... Bertha Leaman  
Lily of the Valley.....  
..... Helen Cordon  
Morning Glory.....  
..... Josephine Clarke  
Waterlily.....  
..... Nellie Pines  
Pansy.....  
..... Alma Cooper  
Lily.....  
..... Alice Eaton  
The Garden of the Sower.....  
..... Clara Sower  
Carnation.....  
..... Daisy Sleep  
Forget-me-not.....  
..... Charlotte Layton  
Scotch Thistle.....  
..... Hattie Longard  
Cornflower.....  
..... Eugenia Bogart

The fifth annual music festival of the Acadia Choral Club will be held in College Hall May 7 and 8, 1908. The following artists have been engaged:

Madame Marie Zimmerman, soprano.  
James Henry Rattigan, tenor.  
H. Nelson Raymond, basso.  
The Boston Philharmonic Symphony  
Sergeant, violin.  
Frederic Mann, violin.  
W. W. Sudenbourne, violin.  
John C. Mullaly, violin.  
Alexander Holm, cello.  
Max Kunze, contra bass.  
Arthur Brooks, flute.  
J. Christian Ringwald, conductor.  
Miss Edith Woodman, accompanist.  
Three concerts will be given.

I have bought your vote before and I can do it again."

Mr. Taylor raised a point of order and the Speaker ruled that one member could not describe another as a slanderer.

Mr. Stewart, whose name had been referred to, said he had never used his influence to get a contract for the Dominion Dredging Company, in which his son was interested. That company had never got a contract except in open competition and by being the lowest tenderer.

A significant light was thrown on Mr. Bennett's performance when the Speaker put the matter to adjourn by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Henderson.

"No, no," said Mr. Henderson, who is one of the veteran members of the opposition.

Mr. Blain finally agreed to second the motion, which was lost.

The immigration debate was resumed by Mr. Verville, labor member of Montreal, who protested against the bonus system.

Mr. Miller spoke for immigration with encouragement. Dr. Chisholm opposed the bonus system.

Dr. McIntyre of Perth adjourned the debate and the House adjourned until Tuesday for the Easter holidays.

## INLAND NATION TO REACH SEA BY CANAL

Baravia Plans Vast System to Restore Lost Commercial Prestige

MUNICH, Bavaria, April 14.—Bavaria, despite its very unfavorable geographical position in the heart of Europe, is anxious to change itself from an inland into a maritime state.

A large section of the population is convinced that with the adoption of a proper system of deep canalization the country could easily be restored to the position it held before the Thirty Years' war as the central point of international commerce between the North sea and the Black sea, and this at a total cost of \$50,000,000.

Thursday evening will be presented Schubert's Omnipotence, Horatio Parker's Ballad of the Knight and His Laughter, and S. Coleridge-Taylor's beautiful Slavonic Suite.

On Friday afternoon will be presented a popular programme, the numbers contributed by the artists engaged. Friday evening the chorus and artists will present Haydn's famous oratorio, Creation.

The chorus of one hundred and forty-five voices under the efficient direction of Mr. Ringwald will be heard in sections more difficult than have ever attempted. Hard work has been done, and it is confidently expected that the high standard of excellence of former years will be maintained this year. Dr. Ringwald is indefatigable in his effort to secure the best results, and the chorus has nobly seconded his endeavor. Miss Edith Woodman, the talented accompanist, will assist the chorus throughout.

A descriptive circular containing full statement as to artists, programmes, prices of tickets, railway arrangements, may be had upon application of R. deP. Davis, Wolfville, N. S. No expense has been spared to make the festival "the best yet."

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