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## THE DEATH OF JUDGE SAVARY

### Last Member of Canada's Confederation Parliament Has Passed Away.

Judge Savary who since the death of Sir James Grant, had been the last surviving member of the Confederation Parliament of Canada, died at his home in Annapolis at an early hour Tuesday morning, March 30th, in the 88th year of his age. Hon. Alfred William Savary who was a son of the late Sabine and Olive (Marshall) Savary, was born in Plympton, Digby county, Oct 10th, 1831; graduated M. A. at Kings College, Windsor, N. S., the oldest university in Canada. Studied law and practised four years in St. John, N. B. Returned to Nova Scotia and practised in Digby, he was inspector of schools for Digby county three years; member for Digby county in the first and second parliaments of the Dominion of Canada (1867 to 1874); created Queen's Counsel 1870 and appointed Judge of the newly established county Courts for the Counties of Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth Aug. 21, 1876.

Feb 20th, 1877, he married Bessie Crookshank, daughter of Henry P. Crookshank, N. B., who died suddenly Oct 8, 1887. June 20th, 1882, he married Eliza Theresa, daughter of the late Rev. Abram Spurr, and Catherine (Johnstone) Hunt, who survives him, and to whom is extended the sympathy of a large circle of friends. By the first wife Judge Savary had three sons and one daughter, two of whom are living: Henry Phillips Otry Savary, Esq., a prominent barrister in Calgary, Alta., and Rev. Thomas William Savary, rector of the Church of England in Kingston, Ont., and who was present at the funeral in Annapolis and who also accompanied the remains to Digby via Thursday's express.

He leaves two sisters, Eliza Helen, who married James R. Garden, for many years postmaster at Gibson, N. B., and Miss Margaret Jane Savary, both of whom now reside on the old Savary Homestead in Plympton where they were born. Nova Scotia has produced few more remarkable sons than the deceased. In political life he was able and eloquent and he was the very fountain head of information on all matters relating to the history of this province. He took the material that Calne had arranged in his lifetime and embodied it in his history of the county of Annapolis; subsequently it was enlarged in another history. He was also the author of the "Savary and Severy Genealogy."

As a judge he was fearless in all his decisions and enjoyed the respect and confidence of everyone. Noted chiefly for his devotion to historical and literary works, he was the foremost authority on subjects appertaining to the province of Nova Scotia. He was a prominent member of the Historical Society and also corresponded for a great number of historical publications.

He was an enthusiastic member of the Episcopal church and had spent a lot of time and money attending various meetings in many parts of Canada in connection with the church, he so dearly loved and so liberally contributed towards its support. The funeral was held from his late residence and St. Luke's church Thursday morning, the services which were largely attended being conducted by the rector, Rev. T. C. Mellor, whose address was one of the best ever given in the province and was listened to with great interest by all who were there.

Among the prominent out of town people present at the funeral in Annapolis was Judge J. A. Crierston, of Weymouth. The remains were then conveyed to the D. A. R. station and to Digby where a number of the leading and most prominent citizens of the town accompanied it to its last resting place in the Episcopal cemetery where the services at the grave were conducted by Rev. William Dyfield, rector of Holy Trinity church. The MONITOR extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

### SEVERUS ACCIDENT IN SAW MILL

#### Returned Soldier Had To Have His Hand Amputated

KENTVILLE, March 31—A distressing accident occurred at Millville yesterday afternoon, when Spurgeon Jones, a returned soldier married and with two children, had his hand caught in a saw at Hart's mills and had it so badly mangled that he was hurried to Berwick thirteen miles distant for medical treatment. On his arrival Drs. McNally and Balcom decided that the condition of the injury, was so serious that they could not save his hand, so it was amputated just above the wrist. As he had lost a great deal of blood and there were no facilities for caring for him at the mill, he was removed on this afternoon's express to the military hospital at Halifax, accompanied by Major G. J. McNally, and his son, as assistant.

## The Tragedy At Tupperville

### The Remains Found in the Ruins Identified as Fred Everson. His Twin Brother Arrested Wednesday Afternoon. The Preliminary Examination Commences To-day.

Following the report of the fire, which appeared in our last issue, the village of Bentville, now known as Tupperville, one of the prettiest and most quiet hamlets in this county, situated on the Annapolis road about one-half mile west of Tupperville station, was the scene of what may become the worst tragedy that has ever occurred in the county of Annapolis.

The Everson house, the scene of the tragedy, was an old fashioned one and one of the eldest in the village. It stood within twenty feet of the old Methodist church. Here resided Moses Everson and his twin sons, John and Fred, aged about thirty years. Their mother died over twenty years ago. Two daughters are married and reside in the same neighbourhood, Mrs. W. B. Hicks, at Centrelea, and Mrs. Robert Baker, Tupperville. The father is a quiet, peaceful man, of about seventy years of age, a farmer and at one time a section man on the D. A. R. The two sons were industrious and hard workers not only on their own farm but were often employed by others. They were little inclined, however, to roughness and their place of abode has often been a welcome place for "the thirsty" passing up and down the countryside, who wished to enjoy a home made glass of hop and molasses beer. The Scott Act Inspector had also visited the place and on one or more occasions had discovered a quantity of this well known drink.

It appears on Monday of last week that things were going on about as usual in the Everson home and in the evening the father and two sons were there. Between nine and ten o'clock a neighbour called and noticed that Fred was somewhat intoxicated, the drink then being used according to the evidence at the corner's inquest was cider. After the neighbor had departed the father told the two sons who were wrangling, that he was going to his son-in-law's, Mr. Baker's, to sleep saying he could not sleep where there was such a loud talking and noise. John, so the father says, said to Fred, his angry brother, "Why don't you keep still? See what you are making your father do, go away at this time of night." The father then left the house to the two boys and went to his daughter's a half mile away.

Shortly after twelve o'clock, midnight, Watson Kent, who lived across the street from the Everson house, had occasion to get up to close a slamming door. He saw a bright light in the Everson house that looked like fire and he rushed over and pounded on the door, but got no response. The kitchen was then full of fire. He immediately alarmed the neighbourhood. When the men gathered John Everson was found at the back of the house and when they asked him about his father he said he had gone to Baker's and when asked about his brother, Fred, he replied that he had gone on the train to Annapolis.

The house, being small was soon filled with smoke and fire and it was impossible for the men to get inside. Later they discovered what appeared to be the body of a person lying in the kitchen near the pantry door and but a few feet from the door where the brother said he escaped, after being aroused by Mr. Kent. They were unable to remove the body at that time and when they were able to get at it, in the early morning, it was burned beyond recognition. The limbs were partly destroyed, the skin gone off the trunk, except a small part in front, and the

upper part of the skull was all gone. The men discovered at the front gate, about ten feet from the house, a gun containing an empty cartridge, and a full cartridge lying near by. John Everson, when asked by the men about the gun said it was his gun and about the only thing he had saved.

How the house got on fire, how the gun with an empty cartridge, apparently recently exploded, got where it was found, why one brother escaped and the other did not, while both men were in the kitchen remains a mystery. Coroner Armstrong, M. D., began an inquest the same afternoon in the Temperance Hall, where the sons of temperance meet every week, but a few rods from the scene of the tragedy. The jury was composed of the sturdy farmers of the neighbourhood.

Evidence was taken from: Moses Everson, father of the boys; John Everson, brother of the missing man; Robert Baker, a brother-in-law; Watson Messenger, who first saw the fire; Spurgeon Messenger, who called at the home during the evening; Lloyd Woodbury, L. W. Chipman, L. B. Potter, Stanley Kent and Leslie Dargie.

On both John Everson said that he was on the lounge and asleep when aroused by the alarm of fire and that his brother had gone away on the Owl train. But it was after the hour of the Owl train when his father left the boys in the house wrangling. The body was identified by the watch. John also swore in his evidence that there were no fire arms in the house and that he did not have a gun. The father swore in his evidence that a gun was in the house and had been for some time.

The remains as found contained some broken bones, which would not likely have occurred if the man had simply been burnt up. It was therefore thought by the coroner and the jury that a thorough medical examination should be made of the body to ascertain if possible the cause of the death and to search thoroughly for any shot or bullet in the remains. The inquest which continued Tuesday afternoon from one to six o'clock, was adjourned until Friday afternoon at one o'clock.

### EVERSON ARRESTED

Wednesday afternoon Chief Police Gill arrested John Everson in connection with the burning of the Everson house and the death of his brother. He was taken to Annapolis via Wednesday evening's express and locked up in the county jail to await his preliminary examination which will be commenced before Magistrate Fay this afternoon.

### ADJOURNED INQUEST

The adjourned inquest in connection with the body found in the Everson fire was resumed Friday afternoon. The beautiful fine spring day, together with the extreme excitement aroused throughout the countryside was the means of filling the

Hall in the quiet neighborhood in which the terrible tragedy occurred. Several witnesses were recalled and asked further questions. John Everson, who had been arrested and is in the Annapolis jail, was not brought up to the adjourned meeting of the inquest but was represented by H. C. Morse, barrister, Bridgetown. John Irvin, K. C., was present in the interest of the Crown.

There had been no new developments in the case since the previous session of the inquest. Perhaps the most important of the mysteries brought out Friday and there are many in connection with the whole tragedy, was the finding of the keg of cider, from which all were emboldened the night of the fire, in an outbuilding by officer Gill. It appears that this was removed from the house by the accused, after the alarm of fire was given or after every body had left the house with the exception of himself and his brother. The keg still contains some cider and strange to say its contents, which had played no doubt, such an important part in the tragedy, was emboldened by those who had in former days gone to drink with the boys who lived "in the house by the side of the road" and that the gruesome affair had not in any way allayed their bibulous appetites.

Mr. Watson Kent, who first saw the fire, was recalled by Coroner Armstrong, and asked more particularly of the extent of the fire when he reached the house. He testified that the whole kitchen was a blaze. That he did not think it possible for anyone to be in there at that time and escape. Neither would it be possible to remove anything from the kitchen at that time, and if anyone did escape they certainly would have been badly burned or marked.

The father of the accused was recalled. He identified the cider keg and felt reasonably sure it was the same keg that was in the house when he left at 10 p. m. He was able to some extent to identify it by the contents as he had had drinks from it since the fire, as well as previous to the fire.

Mr. H. E. Bent was called. He was present quite early at the fire and heard John Everson, the accused, say that the gun was his and also say that his brother had gone away during the evening.

Mrs. Woodbury, the first woman called, testified that she had not retired for the night when the alarm of fire was given. She saw the reflection. She also stated that she heard a noise that might have been a fire arm about 11 o'clock, or an hour before the alarm of fire.

Dr. W. D. Finn, a medical examiner for Halifax and Dartmouth, testified making an examination of the body given him by the Coroner at Reed's Undertaking room. He stated that the whole remains given him would weigh less than 60 or 70 lbs. The head and face were about totally gone. The internal organs thoroughly baked, were almost intact. Some large bones fractured were found. Legs and arms were gone with the exception of a portion of the thigh. These bones were fractured. Dr. Finn found no evidence of gun shot or gun shot wounds in the internal organs or the remains which were left. The broken bones he considered due to the extreme heat, making them fragile. Dr. Finn said that it was physically impossible to discover from what remained the cause of Everson's death. There was not sufficient tissue left to ascertain whether he had received any blows or marks of violence.

## WILL BRIDGETOWN BOYS COMPETE?

### Tuxis Boys Will Take Part in the National Athletic Contest.

Thousands of Canadian boys have been waiting impatiently for the week of April 19-24. The time will soon be here. On those days Tuxis Boys and Trail Rangers in all parts of Canada will gather for the events of the National Athletic Contest. One big thing about this Contest is the fact that it is the group score that counts and that receives recognition; the individual boy receives no honor or recognition for himself; he merely strives his utmost to swell the score of his "bunch of fellows." He forgets himself in his concern for the honor of his team or club. No individual boy will be crowned as national champion, but some Camp or Square of wide-awake fellows, because of the strenuous team play of all its members, will receive the laurel as winners for all Canada. Tuxis Boys of Bridgetown are you doing your utmost to be winners in this National Contest? Every boy must train for every event if his "bunch" is to win. Train now, the time is short.

Tuxis Boys: Standing Broad Jump, Running High Jump, Three Pot Race, Five Pot Race, 8 D Shot Put. Any Camp of Trail Rangers or any square of Tuxis Boys that can meet with another group for running off the various events can take part in this contest. There is no expensive journey to a central point and no elaborate athletic equipment necessary. The groups must be properly organized Sunday School groups with a regular Sunday attendance. The events can take place in almost any open space or a basement floor or vacant lot. The average score made by the members of the group will then be sent to the Secretary of the provincial Boys' Work Board and from there scores the winner for the province will be decided. The winning scores will then be sent to the National Boys' Work Board and from there the Dominion Championship will be determined.

He also felt sure that he had not been shot in any of the parts he had examined. This completed the evidence. The Coroner addressed the jury calling their particular attention to the many puzzling features of the case. After being out one and a half hours the jury returned the following verdict:

That the body found in the ruins of the Everson house March 29th, 1920, is that of Fred Everson, of Tupperville, but how he came to his death we are unable to determine. (Signed) G. W. Lantz, (Foreman) John S. Bent Alfred H. Inglis Everett L. Lantz Harold Willett Frank Inglis Wm. R. Inglis F. H. Willett L. W. Messenger T. H. Chipman, Jr. Lloyd Bruce John J. Stevens

John Everson, whom we have already reported as having been arrested in connection with the burning of the house and the death of his brother, will have his preliminary examination before Magistrate Finn in Bridgetown commencing this afternoon. H. C. Morse, Barrister of Bridgetown, has been retained to defend the prisoner, John Irvin, K. C., Crown Prosecutor, will represent the interests of the Crown.

### BEATS THEM ALL

#### Record of the Poultry For the Month of January and February, 1920 at the Experimental Station, Kentville, N. S.

JANUARY 1920  
Laying stock 222 birds. Eggs laid 2,086. Highest pen averaged 18.45 pullets laid over 20 eggs each (from 20 to 28). Average whole plant 9.4. Profit over cost of feed \$72.96. Profit per bird laying 48 cents; whole plant 35 cents. Highest pen 5 shows 84 cents profit per bird; No. 7 shows 71; No. 2 shows 62 1/2.

FEBRUARY 1920  
Laying stock 205 birds; eggs laid 3,048. Highest pen averaged 19.8; second 19.5; third 18.3. Highest pullet laid 28 eggs. Highest pen shows a profit 76 cents per bird over cost of feed. Pullet averaged 16.6; hens 9; whole plant 14.8. 75 pullets laid over 20 eggs each (from 20 to 28). Profit for months over cost of feed \$104.29. Pullet show profit of 60 cents per bird; hens show profit of 25 cents; whole plant shows profit of 50 cents. Highest pullet had 110 eggs to her credit February 29th; 2nd highest pullet had 93 eggs; 3rd highest pullet had 91 eggs; 4th highest pullet had 84 eggs; 5th highest pullet had 81 eggs; 6th highest pullet had 79 eggs. Mr. Harry Strong, Bridgetown has charge of this department.

## Primrose Theatre

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THURSDAY NIGHT, April 8  
"BOUND AND GAGGED", Episode 6, "Out Again, in Again" and 3 reels of News and Comedy.

SATURDAY NIGHT, April 10  
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FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 23  
"AUCTION OF SOULS" from H. L. Gate's book, "Ravished Armenia" the true story of Aurora Mardigian, who enacts in the film what she went through during 2 years in the hands of the Turks. 8 reels, several thousand people, a vivid living presentation of fact that makes the blood of every Canadian Woman boil. This picture has been passed by the Nova Scotia Board of Censors, in order to enlist the practical aid and sympathy of Nova Scotians for the survivors of this terrible ordeal. Only persons over 18 years of age are to be admitted.

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