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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN N. B., JANUARY 31, 1963.

MRS. MARSTEN'S TRIAL BEGUN.

The court, which is holding evening

sessions, will resume this morning, when Mr. Currey will cross-examine Witness

Fredericton, Jan. 28-(Special)-The trial

of Mrs. Annie Marsten was resumed this

morning. Thus far the only damaging evidence adduced was certain remarks made

taking of evidence of Doct

JURY SECURED; EVIDENCE HEARD.

Many Spectators in Court at Frederiction — Testimony Relating to the Home Life of George Marsten and the Woman Charged With Polsoning Him,

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 27—(Special)—
The Marsten murder trial, in which Mrs.
Annie Marsten is charged with administering poison to her husband, George Marsten, at their home in Meductic, began at 10 o'clock this morning, Justice Gregory presiding. A very large number of spectators were present.

The crown was represented by Hon. H.
A. McKeown and J. H. Barry, K. C., while counsel for defence are L. A. Currey, K. C., of St. John, and J. C. Hartley, of Woodstock.

Hon. H. A. McKeown moved that the

Hon. H. A. McKeown moved that the prisoner be brought into court.

In addition to the regular panel, there were 20 jurors summoned, making 41 in all. A jury was secured from the first 30, and comprises the following:—

A. Chiff (foreman), John Edney, John Sharp, J. R. Buchanan, J. C. Risteen, Byran McNally, Wm. Griffith, Fred, Carr, John Sillott, John Tripp, Chas. B. Morgan, and Chas. V. Currey.

The indictment being read, Mr. McKeown formally opened for the crown! He reviewed the circumstances of the case, and told how the crown would show that George Marsten had come to his death on June 11th last under suspicious circumstances, at his home in Meductic.

Abraham Marstan Testifies.

In April last he was visited in Wood-tock by his brother, George, who com-

plained to him of stomach trouble. He would do outdoor work and seemed to improve in health.

On June 7, he drove his brother back home to Meductic. He drove into the yard of the hotel, saw his brother enter the house, then proceeded elsewhere and procured his own dirmer. Witness told of attending his brother's funeral on Friday. He had an opinion that his brother and wife did not live on very agreeable Here the witness are annually floated.

It can therefore be readily seen that Aroostook people will carefully invest gate Senator Gardner's bill, and if it is found that its provisions will be detrimental to Aroostook county they will strongly oppose it.

Some of the Aroostook county delegation seem to be of the opinion that the acts of 1846 and the present bill, may be contrary to Article III of the Webster-Asiburton treaty of 1842, whereby free the witness are annually

called to the Marsten home and saw George Marsten lying, dressed, upon his bed. He was in agony, crying: "Oh, my God, take me out of this," and "Oh, my God, I'm dying." He lived for about

God, I'm dying." He lived for about five minutes.

On one occasion he was called into the Marsten home by Birdie Stairs, sister of the prisoner. On another occasion he heard the prisoner and deceased quarreling. He was called on to come over to the house and take care of George, who presently came into the yard, carrying a rifle, and remarked that he was able to take care of himself. He disappeared in the woods.

David Olts, a Meductic merchant, swore he accompanied Higgins into the room where George Marsten lay dying. He corroborated the testimony of the previous witness respecting the death. He had known deceased for years and believed him to be a melancholy, unsociable man. When he came down stairs from the death bed, he found Mrs. Marsten in the kitchen, crying. He said he thought George Marsten had died of heart failure. The Witness Who Came Back.

George Sims, who had been summoned from Lake Superior to testify, was next swom. He had driven the stage between Meductic and Fredericton.

For two years he boarded at the Marsten hotel. He believed Mr. and Mrs. Marsten got along fairly well together.

On one occasion, during a conversation with Mrs. Marsten, she said the more she saw of her husband the more she hated him. She could have had him put in the penicentiary for marrying an innocent girl

him. She could have had him put in the penitentiary for marrying an innocent girl like herself, when he knew he was in the condition that he was in.

The witness did not understand what the prisoner meant by this remark. He had never seen any impropriety between the prisoner and Peter Marsten.

The witness was cross-examined by Mr.

Strychnine in Patent Medicine, Said Mrs.

swore he conducted a farm at Meductic and that deceased had helped him with his harvest last autumn. Then he seemed in good health. In the spring there was Albert J. Best, a Meductic tailor, was swore he conducted a farm at Meductic and that deceased had helped him with and that the Marsten house for two years, and swore that George Marsten and his wife occupied separate rooms, the former having his apartment in the ell, and the latter in the attic. Peter Marsten was unable to give any particular reason why. He did not know of

and the latter in the attic. Peter Marsten's room was also in the attic.

George Marsten did chores about the hotel and farm. He had seen him scrub the dining room floor. He had heard several rows between deceased and prisoner, and once heard deceased and prisoner, and once heard deceased say that if he was single he would never marry again. Had frequently heard Mrs. Marsten "carding down" her husband.

One evening he heard Mrs. Marsten say to her husband: "Get along to h— out a value for the calendar year 1902 over 1801.

the death of deceased.

ticular reason why. He did not know of any ill feeling between his brother and

Mrs Newrich (bidding good bye to her guests after her first reception)-"I'm so

Dr Turner Called. .

CONTROVERSY OVER BILL AFFECTING OUR LUMBERMEN,

Held Proposed Maine Measure is Witness did not think them happy. He Contrary to Webster-Ashburton believed Peter Marsten appeared to be the most important man about the estab-lishment. Had seen him and Mrs. Mars-ten driving together. Treaty.

He had conversed with Mrs. Marsten at the time the proposal was made to hold a post-mortem examination on the body of deceased. She said if such was done there would be a likelihood of strychnine being found in his stomach, for he had taken much patent medicine, and any doctor would say that such contained strychnine. By That Pact, Free Navigation of the St John River and Its Tributaries Was Forever Guaranteed-History of the Proposed

Augusta, Jan. 26—The bill entitled an ect to incorporate the East Branch Improvement Company in the senate by Senounty delegation and will also attract the It is expected the sitting will conclude by Thursday. The jury is domiciled at the Barker House. and owners and other business men i

passed authorizing a canal between Telos Lake and Webster Lake, in northern P.scataquis. Telos Lake is at the extreme nead of the Allegash system and Webster Lake at the head of east branch of the scot. This canal allows the waters of

the Allegash system to flow into east branch. By the same acts in 1846, a dam on Allegash stream, between Chamber-lain Lake and Heron or Eagle Lake, was also authorized. Chamber ain Lake is conected with Telos Lake by a natural chan nel, so that a dam on Allegach stream, would turn the flow of Chamber'ain Lake nto Telos Lake, and thence by the canal

But it is said that this dam has no een in existence for a long time, and Aroostock county men say that the practical effect of Senator Gardner's bill rill be to cut off Chamberlain Lake from to Meductic, swore he saw Geo. Marsten about 5 o'clock on the evening he died. He seemed in good health. the Allegash river, which is one of the tributaries of the St. John, and that the low of water in the Allegash will there's The first witness was Abraham J. Marsten, of Woodstock, a brother to deceased. He told of his life and business in Woodstock, and of his brother, Peter Marsten, being in the employ of George Marsten that the employ of George Marsten that the court here adjourned until after flow of water in the Allegash will thereby be greatly diminished, and will impar the efficiency of the river for driving purposes, and also impair the water power at Allegash Falls, and also greatly lessen the taking of evidence of Doctors Rankine and The court here adjourned until after

acts of 1846 and the present bill, may be contrary to Article III of the Web-ter-Ashburton treaty of 1842, whereby free navigation of the St. John and its tributaries was forever guaranteed.

Friends of the bill state that the gen-

Mr. Paddock Tells of Finding Strychnine.

Here the witness was questioned by Mr. Mickeown, but no evidence of an important nature developed. He did not have a very high regard for Mrs. Marsten. When his brother's body was interred, he went again to Meductic, when Mrs. Marsten sail George had been having bad spells all winter.

Told of George Marsten's Death.

The first witness called after court had resumed after dinner was A. W. Higgins, of Fort Fairfield, late of Meductic. He swore he had seen Peter Marsten and Mrs. Marsten driving together the summer before hast. On the lith of June, he was called to the stand. He swore to receiving, last summer, the internal organs of deceased summer, the internal organs of deceased. Friends of the bill state that the gentium to Meductic, when Mrs. Marsten are making a grain of strychnine. It was in crystal one of the bill state that the gentium to Meductic, when Mrs. Marsten are making a grain of strychnine. It was in crystal one of the bill state that the gentium to Meductic, when Mrs. Marsten are making a grain of strychnine. It was in crystal one of the bill state that the gentium trains was forever guaranteed.

Friends of the bill state that the gentium and found on twenty-fifth part of a grain of strychnine. He considered a person could not take the poison without the work and that it is not the intention to subvert to the East Branch the headpers of the Allegash.

There is, however, the beginning of a sharp controversy on over the matter.—

Bangor Commercial.

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Salling Agents. AUCTION.

CANADIAN SCHOONER CAPTURED AND BADLY USED BY VENEZUELANS

Protest With British Cousul.

Forcibly Detained and Her Cargo Broken Into Despite Objections of the Commander, Captain George Thorburn, of

Tern schooner Harry Troop, Captain George Thorburn, arrived in New York Jan. 5, with sugar from San Domingo. The schooner left Ciudad Bolivar, Vene-zuela, on or about Dcc. 11, proceeded to the Island of St. Tarmas, where she had her topsides calked and from thence went to San Doming where she took in her

cargo.

As will be remembered, the Harry Troop left New York about the 1st of May, with a general cargo for Ciudad Bolivar, and on her arrival at St. Felix, on the Orinoco

her arrival at St. Fe.ix, on the Orinoco river, she was detained by the Venezuelan government and held there for several months, as will appear from the copy of the protest noted before the British consul at Bolivar, which we append.

Not only was the vessel detained, but part of her cargo was taken by government officials, against Captain Thorburn's protests. Members of his crew have been sick, while he himself feels that he will never be well again. Such high handed work as this deserves the most thorough investigation, which no doubt the imperial government will demand, and for which

Copy of protest before the British consul at Ciudad Bolivar, Sept. 24, 1902:—
"That having arrived at San Felix, River Orinoco, on the afternoon of the lst of June last, to take custom house officer as usual, a boat came from shore with ther orders from the president of the state, and demanded the ship's papers. I gave them the bill of health and the Venezuelan documents they requested.

That on the 2nd of June, the president, General Sarria, informed me in presence of Mr. Scandella, the charterer, that it would be only two or three days' deten

That on June 12, the charterer, Mr and asked for permission for the vessel to proceed to Bolivar, but was again reused leave to do so.

That on June 24 the government au-

that on June 24 the government authorities sent an order for two bags of rice and took same from ship's cargo.

That it was impossible to resist this requisition, as we were threatened with force being used, and I went in fear of my life, after the shooting of Captain Meling, of the S.S. St. John, by the authorities.

thorities.

That on June 26 the government took further four bags of rice from the ship's

cargo.
That on June 30 the government took

That on June 30 the government took 24 bags of rice from ship's cargo.

That on July 8 the government took 40 bags rice from ship's cargo, and further on same day took 40 bags flour, 24 tins lard, 10 cases kerosene oil.

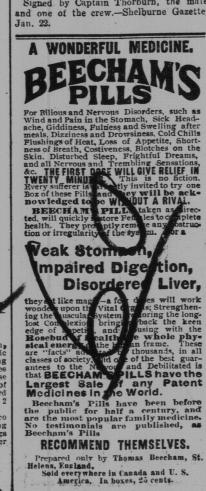
That on July 18 the government took 50 bags rice, 40 bags flour, 100 tins lard, 25 cases kerosene oil. 'All the goods were taken by force, the government sending an order on board by an officer, accompanied by soldiers, who took the goods out of the hold, placed them in a boat and took them ashore, all my objections being ignored. cing ignored.

That on July 18 the charterer, Mr

Scandella, was informed in writing by the president that it was impossible to allow the schooner to proceed to Bolivar, which was in the hands of the revolutionaries.

That on August 15 and the following days, orders were given by the authorities to move the vessel down to the fort (about 15 miles down pivar) arkicle orders and 15 miles down river), which order could not be complied with, owing to the gen-15 miles down river), which order could not be complied with, owing to the general sickness of my crew.

That on August 22 the gunboat Bolivar threatened to sink the vessel if she moved from San Felix.



URGES SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COLLEGE ON AGRICULTURAL LINES.

Captain of the Harry Troop Files Proposed Institution for New Bruns- AMHERST MASONS wick and Nova Scotia Strongly

> President Roberts of Cornell Agricultural Acacia Lodge Has Just Completed College Says There Should Not Be Hesitation About Appropriating Millions for This Kind of Work if Necessary.

on which side of the line they live. ed for years in agricultural education in be demanding admission to your halls in such great numbers that you cannot accommodate them. We erected a dairy one time, and feared at the time that we eral agriculture number fully twice a many as they did last year at this date.

"Again let me urge your government to be liberal in the provisions they propose to make for giving instruction to the rural pepulation. Don't hesitate a moment. Scandella, being acquainted with the Spanish language, called on the president return, not in many days, but in the near

St. Stephen, Jan. 28-(Special)-An elec tion for mayor, councillors and assesors was held here and at Milltown today. For St. Stephen the following gentlemen will

Mayor-A. I. Teed, by acclamation. Councillors—Dukes ward, W. A. Dinsmore, A. A. Laffin, no opposition; Kings ward, J. R. McCure, J. C. Henry, no opposition; Queens ward, E. M. Ganong and W. S. Stevens defeated S. E. Mills. Assessors-L. A. Mills, acclamation, Queens ward; T. K. McGeatcher defeated Duncan Stewart in Kings ward, and A. D. Taylor defeated John Jochery in 12 ngs

Thus the old board of assessors were re-

threatened to sink the vessel if she moved from San Felix. '
That on Sept. 8 the vessel got orders from the chief of revolutionaries then in possession of St. Felix to proceed to Bolivar, that the vessel got under way at 2 p. m. that same day with an extracrew from Bolivar and San Felix. thus being forcibly detained at Peurto Caplas by Venezuelan authorities for three months and eight days.

At Milltown F. C. Murchie was reclected mayor for a third term. The result for councillors and assessors was: Ward 1, P. McLaughlin, John K. Orr; J. I. Andrews, assessor. Ward 2, Jas. Smith, M. L. Young; H. Whitney, assessor. Ward 3, D. Fitzsimmons 31, Albert Burns 29, A. Hiltz 12; Isaac Smith, as sessor.

months and eight days. That whilst at San Felix the ship lost an anchor, 1,200 pounds, about 30 fathoms 11-8 chain, also lost etock from steam anchor on passage to Bolivar. Signed by Captain Thorburn, the mate and one of the crew.—Shelburne Gazette, ACROSS BAY OF FUNDY

Digby Board of Trade Will Ask for Further Subsidy to Bring it About -Election of Board Officers.

Digby, Jan. 27 .- An adjourned meeting

neeting next Monday evening.

The board is anxious to obtain daily

teamboat service across the Bay of Fundy uring the entire year. As it is said the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company get a subsidy of \$12,500 for making 224 trips annually, it was resolved to ask the gov-ernment to grant an additional subsidy which would enable the company to make she service daily. This would not only penefit the maritime provinces, but also enable shippers from the west to make etter connections.
The I. C. R. and other connections were

The Fate of Colonel Lynch.

London Jan. 27-The sentence passed upzuilty of high treason on Friday last has been commuted to penal servitude for life, subject to further consideration after a

PROPOSALS OF THE PREMIERS.

SPLENDIDLY HOUSED.

Improvements Giving One of the Finest Masonic Temples in Nova

Acadia Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 8 have half of the third flat of Hon. T. R. Black's stone block in Victoria street, has been thoroughly remodelled and furnished, making it one of the finest Masonic temappearance with its rich furnishings and lighten to the ceiling. The freeze decora the chanter. The seating and furnishings around the side. The seats and backs made expressly with name and number of main hall is lighted by four magnificent electrolirs expressly imported. Acadia Lodge, as its number indicates,

is one of the oldest in the province. Both tains the larger portion of the represent opened at their next regular meeting. the first Thursday in February.

CIVIC CONTEST NOW

fiture, multiplied many fold. Your people are an agricultural people. If you fail to educate the rural population, the failure will be vital."

Cardidates Against Councillors Who Resigned in a Body.

Digby, Jan. 27.—(Special)—Nomination day has closed and the excitement in civic politics is increasing every hour. The nominations are as follows: For one year term, W. E. Vanblarcom, J. H. Syda, S. W. Titus, Ross Smallie, O. Fairweather, Arthur Cousins; for two year term, W. W. Hayden, Jonathan Letteney, Geo. H. Peters, Howard Anderson, Joseph Tobin, John Bent. The latter three in each case are the new candidates to oppose the ticket that resigned on account of alleged trouble are the new candidates to oppose the ticket that resigned on account of alleged trouble with the stipendiary magistrate.

Mayor Sproule will be elected by ac-

clamation. Every issue of the local paper contains a large amount of correspondence rom ratepayers showing both sides of the

It is not known yet whether Seymour Jourley, M. P., will accept this arbitra tion arrangement or take to the trenches.

-Toronto World.

The Approaching End.

The Manitoba legislature meets on February 12. This will probably be the last session called in Manitoba by a Tory gov-

ton Transcript.

A Word to Mr. Hazen. When speaking at various centres Mr.

Hazen has chiefly discoursed upon the bridge charges, while Mr. Mott has dealt with the so-called Muskoka lumber deal. It might prove interesting to Mr. Hazen were he to read extracts from Mr. Mott's speech in the House of Assembly when he moved the adoption of the report of the committee appointed to investigate the truth of those bridge charges.—Sackville Tribune.

What the Treaty Means.

The New York Sun very accurately says that the treaty with Great Britain relative to the Alaska boundary is not a treaty of the Digby board of trade was he d last night. Several matters of importance were before the meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: H. B. Short, president; H. L. Dennison, vice-president; C. Jamison, secretary-treasurer. The new council consists of the following: Dr. E. DuVernet, G. A. Vye, Orbin Sproule, J. L. Peters, E. F. L. Jenner, David Sproule, W. E. VanBlarcom, Dr. J. E. Jones, Major Daley and J. E. Allan.

The committees will be appointed at a meeting next Monday evening.

An American View of Lynch. Colonel Lynch will not be hanged and

the chances are that his term of imprisonment will be brief. His present predicaright to help make laws for the kingdom posing, just for the sake of argument, that some New Englanders who once admired Aguinaldo had gone to the Philippines renounced their citizenship, enlisted in the insurgent apology for an army and shot some American soldiers. After that suppose they had come home and got them-selves e-ected to Congress. Would we ap-prove and not pro-ecute? Possibly, be-Congress is a greater blight upon his fu-ture than sending him to jail.—Brooklyn

WHAT CANADA IS ASKED TO GIVE.

New Brunswick Will Get \$137,000 More Under Arrangements Proposed by Joint Quebec Resolutions -Dominion Also Asked to Pay Expenses of Adminis. tration of Criminal Jus-

Ottawa, Jan. 27--(Special)-The provincial premiers' interview with the federal ew minutes. The resolutions passed at Quebec and endorsed by all the provinces were presented.

Premier Parent, of Quebec, and Hon. G. W. Ross, Ontario, spoke in support of them. The resolutions are as follows:-Whereas, at the time of the passage of the British North America act, 1867, and the subsequent enactments affecting the same, it was impossible to foresee the development of the dominion and to fix in a definite and unalterable way the distribution of the revenue so as to make sufficient provision for the central gov-ernment, and to furnish the various prov-

nces with means adequate to heir local affairs. Whereas, it was the evident intention of the framers of the Union act, as expressed in the Quebec resolutions of 1864, and in the debates at the conference at which they were adopted, to make adequate financial provision for carrying on the affairs of the central government and those of the various provinces.

those of the various provinces.
Whereas, the financial resources of several of the provinces as determined by the various provisions of the Union act and of

the provinces for the maintenance of their governments and legislatures, but is entirely inadequate for the said purposes, and in order to attain the ends for which it was granted it would be necessary to increase it and apportion it as hereinafter provided.

Whereas, in addition to the specific sub-

provided.

Whereas, in addition to the specific subsidy above referred to, the various provinces are allowed by the Union act and by subsequent acts, an annual grant of 80 cents a head of their population as established for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec by the census of 1861, and for the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island, by the last decennial

census.
Whereas, this subsidy was granted to whereas, this substity was granted to the provinces in consideration of the transfer to the central government of their customs and excise duties. Whereas, the revenue of the federal (Continued on page 7, fourth column.)

Anecdotes and Personals,

One on Henderson.

General David B. Henderson, the exgood naturedly. On one occasion, when he was still speaker, he and a party of cronies, fishing in Lake Minnetonka, went ashore to cook their dinner. As they sat about the camp fire they saw a particularly green-looking farmer passing on the road above. General Henderson hailed him and the farmer came slouching down the

"Good morning, good sir," said the general, majestically. "And prithee what may be thy name?"
"My name's Absolom Pearl," the farm-

er answered, simply.

"Marry! 'tis a good and worthy name withal," the speaker continued, after the stated manner of Elizabethan players.

"And art thou, good fellow, the Pearl without price"!

without price?"
"No," said the farmer, quietly, looking over the party in front of him, "I am the Pearl that was east before swine." And he walked away solemnly .- Brook-

The Blunt Archbishop.

This story of the late and the present archbishop of Canterbury is given in the Manchoster Guardian:
"Scene—The dinner table at Windsor Castle. Present—Queen Victoria: on her Castle. Present—Queen Victoria; on her right Dr. Temple, just appointed to Canterbury; a little lower down, but within earshot, Dr. Davidson, Bishop of Winghester.

chester.
"Her majesty (pensively)—Yes, I remember perfectly, though it was twentythree years ago.
"Bishop of Winchester (rapturously)— How marvellous her majesty's memory is!
"Archbishop of Canterbury (abruptly) -Not marvellous at all! I had just told

Bone Cutters

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