

BIG TIMES IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The Mayor of Truro Sent to Jail by Provincial Legislature.

No event in connection with Nova Scotia politics since the expulsion from the Legislature of D. B. Woodworth 15 years ago has excited the interest manifested over the jailing of David J. Thomas, mayor of Truro, for contempt. Mr. Thomas is one of the wealthiest men in Colchester county, and was the unanimous choice of the town for mayor. Mr. Lawrence, recorder of the town, is a member of the Provincial Legislature. The town wanted to dismiss Mr. Lawrence from the recordership and Lawrence is alleged to have secured the passage of an Act making appointment of all recorders of towns for life at a salary of \$400. A few weeks ago the council preferred charges against Lawrence, dismissed him from office and petitioned the Legislature to repeal the office-for-life law, conspiring to pass which through the Legislature was one of the charges against Lawrence. The sending of this petition was regarded as a breach of privilege, and for this the mayor was summoned to the bar of the House. The Legislature, however, regarding the offer as a petty affair, passed a very weak resolution of reprimand, but the mayor refused again to attend at the bar to hear the resolution read and went home. This was regarded as a gross insult to the dignity of Parliament, and the sergeant-at-arms, with his tin sword and a posse of police, were despatched to Truro to bring the culprit to justice. The mayor was accompanied to the depot by a procession and wildly cheered on his departure. The leading citizens chartered a special train and escorted their chief magistrate to Halifax. He was brought to the bar of the House last night, and his case was discussed until within a few moments of Sunday. The House was packed with an excited crowd. The precincts of the chamber and corridors were lined with people and detectives, the Government evidently fearing either an attempt at rescue or a riot. Special orders were given that Hugh McD. Henry, Q. C., the leading lawyer of the province, should not be permitted to see his client, the mayor. Mr. Henry sought an interview with Premier Fielding, in which very emphatic language was used and a personal encounter seemed eminent. Then Henry pushed his way through the guard of police to where the Mayor was confined, when he found that Attorney-General Longley had prepared an apology that he desired the mayor to offer. The mayor's wife was at his side insisting that he choose death rather than dishonor, and stiffening his back-bone against apologizing. Meanwhile the Legislature was discussing the legal aspects, the Government party loudly demanding that the honor of Parliament be maintained, and the Opposition insisting that there was no law under which the mayor could be punished, and those who voted for it would lay themselves open to damages for false imprisonment. At midnight the resolution of Premier Fielding carried, committing the mayor to the common jail for 28 hours, and his worship was marched through the corridors amid the cheers of the assemblage to the prison van. To-day (April 24) he held a reception and was visited by leading citizens. Upon his return to Truro he will be given a monster demonstration, and will be nominated as the Conservative candidate for Parliament in opposition to Mr. Lawrence, who sought to humiliate him.

The excitement over the case was increased when it was learned that Mayor Thomas was released from jail by an order from the Supreme Court. The case is unprecedented in the political annals of Nova Scotia, and the cases are very rare in which, when a man has been committed for contempt of the Legislature, he has been released on habeas corpus. In the present case the House had no constitutional authority to punish for the alleged offence with which the mayor was charged. Mayor Thomas will immediately institute actions for damages against all the members of the Government party who voted for his commitment.

The Etiquette of the Table.

As a people, we Americans have been laughed at for eating too fast, and we are credited as being a nation of dyspeptics, writes Ruth Ashmore in her interesting department "Side Talks with Girls" in the May Ladies' Home Journal. Now, of course, this is generalizing, but you, the eldest daughter, have it in your power to make the hour at the dinner or tea-table one of real delight. It is an easy matter, you will find, to start some pleasant topic to get your father and brother interested in the talk of the day, so that you all will eat your food more

slowly, and you will achieve what the Frenchmen consider the great art—you will dine, not merely feed yourself. But there are a few little questions about the etiquette of the table that some girls want to know, and these I am going to tell her. She must hold her knife by its handle, and never let her fingers reach up to its blade. Whenever it is possible, a fork must be used in place of a spoon, and that same spoon, by the by, must never be left in a coffee or tea cup, but laid to rest politely and securely in the saucer. Glasses with handles are held by them. A goblet should be caught by the stem, the fingers not entwining the bowl part. Don't butter a large piece of bread and take bites from it; instead, break your bread in small pieces, one at a time, and butter it, that is if you are eating butter, and convey it to your mouth by your fingers. Olives, celery, radishes, strawberries with stems, and asparagus, are all eaten with the fingers. The old method of eating cheese with a knife has been given up, a fork being used in its place. The use of many small dishes for vegetables is not in good taste; indeed, many vegetables should not be served at one time.

The great bridge over the Mississippi at Memphis, Tenn., is practically completed.

Hon. Gains Turner, M. P. P. for Albert, N. B., died from an abscess at Fredricton on Monday.

A quarry of lithographing stone is said to have been found in Utah. Such stone is at present supplied exclusively from Bavaria.

Frank Hick, of Bothwell, had his arm crushed off while attempting to jump on a moving train at that place on Monday.

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