POOR DOCUMENT

MC 2033

The Semi-Weekly Telegraph.

VOL. XXXIX | ST. JOHN N. B., SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1901. | NO. 64.

FOUR MEN DROWNED

Sad Fatality in St. Mary's Bay, Nova Scotia.

BOAT WAS CAPSIZED.

Five Occupants Were Thrown Into the Water--Four Sank, and the Fifth Managed to Cling to the Craft and Drifted Ashore in Exhausted Condition.

Digby, N. S., April 25—(Special)—One of the saddest drowning accidents that has ever occurred in this county took place in St. Mary's Bay this afternoon, off Central Grove, Long Island, and within 25 yards of the shore.

Leslie Powell, Arthur Shaw, Orbin Smith, Wm. Powell, jr., and Charles Stanton, stood in a small row boat to take up a mooring. While the men were on the gunwale hauling in the rope the boat capsized, throwing the occupants in the water. Four were drowned.

Powell clung to the boat and drifted ashore in an exhausted condition.

He was scarcely able to return to the village with the news of the sad disaster, which readily spread throughout the country.

The drowned are Arthur Shaw, single, aged 25; Charles Stanton, single, aged 17; Orbin Elliott, single, aged 18; William Powell, jr., aged 31, who leaves a widow and family of young children.

Two bodies have been recovered, that of Stanton and Elliott.

This sad accident has cast a gloom over the entire community. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved ones. All four young men were highly respected and very popular in their own village.

Wm. Powell, jr., who resides near Tiverton, was a son of Wm. Powell, sr. His widow and family are heart striken with grief. It is thought the other bodies will be recovered within a few days.

PATRICK INDICTED FOR MURDER OF RICE.

He is Charged Directly, Valet Jones Being Entirely Ignored.

New York, April 25—The indictment against Albert T. Patrick for murder in the first degree was handed up today. Patrick is charged with the murder of William Marsh Rice. There are 10 counts in the indictment.

Patrick is charged directly with the murder, Valet Charles F. Jones being ignored altogether. The document is said to be the most voluminous that ever went out of the district attorney's office or the court of general sessions.

The first count charges Patrick with administering chloroform to Rice, making him deadly sick and causing death. The second count charges Patrick with administering chloroform directly to Rice and killing him. The third and fourth counts are the same as the first and second, except that mercury is substituted for chloroform. The fifth and sixth counts are like the first and second, except that mercury and chloroform are put together and said to have caused Rice's death. The seventh and eighth charge that an unknown poison was given Rice and caused death. The ninth and 10th charge that mercury, chloroform and an unknown poison were given together to Rice, causing his death.

EASTMAN MURDER TRIAL.

Defence Wosrted Attorney General Upon Law Points.

Cambridge, Mass, April 25—The defense of Professor Eastman continued to score points of law on the government in the murder trial today, the court holding to its opinion of yesterday, that declarations made by Richard Grogan, jr., the dying man, were not competent as evidence where the accusation was of murder. The court went further today by ruling as incompetent other statements that witnesses heard from Grogan's lips, which appeared to be replies to Eastman's denials of other than accidental shooting.

Not only in the law of evidence did Lawyer Elder, for the defendant, worst Attorney General Knowlton, but in the testimony itself there was much to encourage Eastman, which showed that the latter was very solicitous for Grogan's condition and exhibited much grief at the unfortunate episode.

The day's evidence seemed to dwell upon the dying moments of Grogan, and Eastman's mental and physical condition at the time. The chief reason was that the witnesses were those who, upon hearing the pistol reports and cries, ran into the Clark garden. Tomorrow the evidence is likely to broaden out in its scope.

Temperance Newspaper Disabled.

Athens, Pa., April 25—As the outcome of a recent temperance crusade here the office of the McMinn Citizen was raided during the night. The presses were overturned and the type dumped into a stream nearby. The Citizen published temperance editorials during a recent election. This is supposed to have caused the raid.

Insane Woman Commits Suicide.

Watertown, N. Y., April 25—Dressed in man's clothing Mrs. Bert Weeks, aged 70, living near Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence county, left her home at midnight, walked over a mile to the river and there, tieing about her 30 pounds of railroad iron, threw herself into the river. The body was recovered. The woman was insane.

BOILERS IN CHEMICAL WORKS EXPLODE AND MANY ARE KILLED.

Thought That 200 Lives Were Lost in the Terrible Fatality--Eighteen Hundred Pounds of Powder in Room Where Explosion Occurred.

Frankfort, April 25—One of the most disastrous explosions on record occurred this afternoon at the electric chemical works, near Greisheim, where smokeless powder is manufactured. Most of the boilers exploded. The noise was so tremendous that it was heard at great distances. The factory immediately became a mass of flames and a northeast wind carried the sparks to neighboring villages, where several houses were also set on fire. Eighteen cylinders, each containing about 100 weight of smokeless powder, were in the room where the explosion occurred.

Troops were immediately ordered to Greisheim to prevent the fire spreading to the large benzine reservoirs nearby. Fire brigades from every place in the neighborhood hurried to the scene, but, owing to the fear of a renewal of the explosions, the greatest difficulty was experienced in stopping the progress of the flames. Only after five hours of strenuous effort was the conflagration to some extent controlled and the danger passed so as to make it possible to begin the sad work of extricating the bodies.

It is feared that nearly 200 persons have been killed or injured. The number of dead and injured cannot be determined until the list of employes of the chemical works can be compared with the survivors. The fire continues to burn, although the greater part of the Frankfort fire department and the troops are trying to prevent its spreading. Hospitals have been improvised in the vicinity.

The flames apparently originated by the blowing up of vats of chemicals in the explosive department of the works at 3 o'clock this afternoon. They spread to the adjacent buildings and then over the river Main to Schwanheim. When a second explosion took place, the fumes and masses of burning chemicals made it impossible to stay in the vicinity. The inhabitants of Grieshim were ordered to leave their village, which they did, fleeing to Frankfort.

The last explosion occurred at 7.30 p. m. and when it was ascertained that no further danger was anticipated the inhabitants were allowed to return to their homes. At 8.30 the fire was still burning in the centre and the work of extricating the bodies was being carried on by torch-light, gaslight not being obtainable. The catastrophe originated in a small fire which ignited several receptacles of piroic acid, causing a terrific explosion. The houses adjoining the factory were partly burned and partly demolished by the violence of the explosion.

It is still impossible to say definitely how numerous are the victims.

OLD HOME MOVEMENT.

Woodstock Board of Trade, at Annual Meeting, Supports It.

Woodstock, April 25—The annual meeting of the board of trade was held last evening, the president, Harry Noble, occuping the chair.

A circular was received from Dr. Upham, of Boston, president of the Canadian Club, a Woodstock boy, advocating an old home month, so that the thousands of Canadians, who are now in the United States, could visit their old homes. A similar circular would be sent to many boards of trade in the dominion. Dr. Upham, in a private letter, said there were 217,000 Canadians in Massachusetts, and in greater Boston the number was 112,000. The secretary was instructed to write the secretary of the Canadian Club for further information and to inform him that the board of trade heartily concurred in the movement.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. D. Holyoke; vice-president, I. E. Sheasgreen; secretary, T. C. L. Ketchum; council, H. P. Baird, J. T. A. Dibblee, George Belmain, James Carr, Julius T. Garden and William Fisher.

The officers and members of the council made addresses.

A. G. Boyne, who has been leader of the Boys' Christian Association here for the past eight months, and has made many friends, having accepted an offer to become association railroad secretary at Stellarton, N. S., will leave the first of next week to take up his new work.

Miss Mamie Currie has gone to Duluth, Minn., where she will reside.

Murray McCarron went to Worcester, Mass., yesterday, where he will make his future home.

Walter Hay has returned from several months residence in Montana.

H. S. Murray, W. A. McLellan, S. W. Babbitt and S. H. Sterling, of Fredericton, are in town today.

Prussian Eagle for Chilian General.

Santiago de Chili, April 25.—via Galveston, Tex.—General Korener, of the Chilian army, has recived from the emperor of Germany the order of the Prussian Eagle, first class.

General Korener is chief of the general staff of the Chilian army and was the organizer of the military forces of Chili. He was a former officer in the Prussian army.

Mrs. Wm. McKinley's Aunt.

Canton, O., April 25—Mrs. Maria G. Saxton, aunt of Mrs. McKinley, died today.

BADEN-POWELL TO RESIGN?

Reported from Pretoria He Will Give Up Inspectorship of Constabulary.

London, April 26—The war office has received a further brief telegram from Lord Kitchener recording the capture of Boers and the taking of a 12-pounder gun, together with the finding of a destroyed 4.7-inch naval gun which the Boers captured at Helvetia.

It is reported from Pretoria that General Baden-Powell will resign the inspectorship of the South African constabulary and return to England at an early date.

The war office professes to know nothing of this report, but officials there think General Baden-Powell may decide to take a short holiday.

A MONTREAL HOAX.

Said to Have Started as a Job on a Too Knowing Newspapar Man.

Montreal, April 25—(Special)—The story sent out from here to New York regarding the proposed amalgamation of the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Richelieu and Ontario Navigation companies is laughed at here. General Manager McNicoll, of the C. P. R., says the story is purely imaginary. The origin of the story is said to have been a put-up job on the part of certain brokers to catch the financial representative of a certain evening newspaper, who pretends to have the confidence of all the brokers, and who alone is able to furnish exclusive stories.

WANTED IN CANADA.

Arrested as Vagrant, Eugene Bush May Be Extradited.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 25—Eugene Bush, 23 years old, having no occupation in particular, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 days in the Sunrise court this morning. Last night detectives arrested him as a vagrant and he spent the night in the station. Later, according to the detectives, they received information that he was wanted at Hamilton, Ont., for the crime of grand larceny. The police will communicate with the authorities of Hamilton today to learn if this presence is desired there. If it is, he may be extradited.

Hanged for Murder.

Uniontown, Pa., April 25—Mark Thomas Hays was hanged here today for the murder, on July 4th, 1899, of William Lowden, a neighbor.

ST. JOHN WILL GET NEW DRILL HALL.

Delegation Told by Minister of Militia He Would Soon Send Officer Here to Select a Site --- A Well-Satisfied Party.

Ottawa, April 25—(Special)—The city of St. John will get a new drill hall. It is not likely that a sum will be put in the estimates this session for the new structure, but there is no doubt that provision will be made for this before parliament is again summoned.

The St. John delegation, along with Col. Tucker, waited on Hon. Mr. Blair this forenoon, and the minister of railways arranged for an interview with them and Dr. Borden. At this interview they forcibly presented the claims of the City of St. John for a new drill hall and Dr. Borden realized the force of the representations made to him.

Indeed, he went so far as to say that he would send an officer of the department at a very early date to select a site for the building. The minister thoroughly understood the necessity of providing one in the interests of the militia.

The delegates were delighted with the reception accorded them by the minister. The delegates and Col. Tucker were afterwards entertained to luncheon at the senate restaurant by Hon. Mr. Blair. In the afternoon, the delegates interviewed some of the other ministers on matters affecting the city and the province generally.

Tonight they have closed their business here and are ready to leave for home. They are more than satisfied with their trip.

Hon. Mr. Farris had a couple of hours talk with the minister of railways tonight.

VICIOUS BULLDOG

Attacks and Badly Injures Boy and Girl.

A TERRIFIC STRUGGLE.

Truro Was Greatly Excited--Rescuers of Little Girl Bitten--J. D. Murray Caught Animal by the Throat While Its Skull Was Smashed With an Axe.

Truro, N. S., April 25—(Special)—A large, vicious bull dog created great excitement this evening. It had been chained in a yard, but today was loose in the streets and began its wild career by attacking the little daughter of Mr. Gwinan, on her way home from school. It shook the child like a rag until driven off by men nearby. The dog then raced up Prince street and pounced upon the young son of Gilbert Halliday, biting him severely in the legs.

The lad screamed wildly. James Williamson and J. D. Murray heroically rescued the child, after a terrible struggle with the animal, the former receiving five serious bites in the fray.

Murray finally got the dog by the throat and the two men held him until its skull was smashed in with a pickaxe.

The wounds of the injured persons were cauterized and they are doing well. This is the second vicious dog killed in a similar manner here recently, and this has wakened up the police, so that the host of troublesome canines around town will be thinned out at once.

Reports from Ellershouse say the highest freshet for years is on there. The water is running three feet deep over the top of the great Bonthook dam, with all gates open.

RAID ON NEW YORK GAMBLING HOUSES.

Quite a Capture by Prevention of Crime Agents—The Mysterious John Doe.

New York, April 25—Agents for the Society for the Prevention of Crime, headed by Justice Jerome and former Police Commissioner Moss, this afternoon, descended on Frank Barlow's alleged gambling club at No. 52 Broad street, in the heart of the financial district in this city. Mr. Moss carried an axe, but was not compelled to use it. Five prisoners were taken to the court of special sessions in which Justice Jerome immediately opened court and the prisoners gave their names as Albert Edwards, Frederick Baker, Charles J. Curtis, Edward Hay and Bernard Meyers.

When the raiders got into the room there were more than 30 men playing roulette, faro and poker. They made frantic efforts to escape, but were prevented.

Besides the five prisoners, gambling paraphernalia worth upwards of $3,000, several thousand chips, many packs of cards and about $30 in small change was taken away by the raiders as well as the account books of the establishment. The latter were kept in very crude form, but an unexplained item of expense in the sum of $500, led Mr. Moss and Justice Jerome to say that this item might prove an important link in the chain of evidence against the mysterious John Doe, who is alleged to give protection from police interference to the gamblers of the city.

THE CUBAN DELEGATION

Referred to Secretary Root on Relations With United States.

Washington, April 25—The Cuban delegation from the convention framing a constitution for the new island republic, saw President McKinley twice today, once in the early part of the day when there were introductions and a formal exchange of expressions of friendship between the United States and Cuba, and again at night, when the members of the delegation were the guests of honor at the state dinner at the White House.

The real business which brought the delegation here was transacted with Secretary Root at the war department, the president, in the forenoon interview, saying to the delegation that he would confer with the secretary, who would act as his representative in conferences over the Cuban situation.

The delegation and Secretary Root were closited for some hours in the afternoon in a discussion of the relations of the island to the United States. Secrecy was observed as to the conference, the statement being made that after results were reached some news as to the consolidations might be made public.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FINED.

Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett in the London Police Court.

London, April 25.—Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, M. P., was fined ten shillings in police court today for assaulting a lawyer's clerk, who had endeavored to serve him with a bankruptcy notice for £482.

Wins Scholarship.

Kingston, Ont., April 25.—(Special)—William Dickson, M. A., of Queens University, has been awarded the London, England, exposition scholarship, valued at $750 and good for two years.

SAID THAT RUSSIA PLANS TO LEND CHINA MONEY TO PAY POWERS.

The Czar and France Thought to Be Together in the Scheme --- Rising Looked for in Yang Tse Provinces.

London, April 26—"I have received information which may prove to be important," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post. "My informant declares that all the disaffected elements in the Yang Tse provinces, including the organization known as the 'Kolaoh Wei,' the so-called 'Reformers,' salt smugglers and disbanded Chinese soldiers are combining for the purpose of organizing general risings in May or June.

"The movement is expected to be begun by the burning of foreign churches throughout the provinces bordering on the Yang Tse Kiang. The motive of the leaders is said to be revolutionary, but the rank and file are simply pillagers."

Pekin, April 25—The imperial decree recently issued, appointing a board to inquire fully into the question of reforms and to report the result to the emperor, apparently confers full power for administrative purposes upon the board.

The court, through the minister of Japan, will thank that country for its intervention in connection with the Manchurian convention and will express a hope that the good offices of Japan may be continued.

Reports from Sian Fu say that the tribute being received there is enormous. A number of carpenters, awning makers and upholsterers have been ordered to proceed to Sian Fu to build suitable quarters for the residence of the court, if it should become necessary to remain there.

Li Hung Chang received a telegram from the governor of the province of Shan Si, asking how the foreign troops should be received if they entered the province. He replied that the Chinese soldiers should retire to the interior and should not attack the foreign troops, owing to the immense interests at stake.

London, April 26—Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Pekin, and discussing the question of indemnities, says:

"The American proposal to reduce the indemnities to £40,000,000 finds no acceptance except with the British."

St. Petersburg, April 25—The czar this morning entertained at breakfast M. Delcasse, the visiting French minister of foreign affairs, and Count Lamsdorff, Russian minister of foreign affairs.

There were no other guests.

Paris, April 25—The Courier Du Soir, which is often well informed on ministerial intentions, says tonight that the settlement of the Chinese situation is a question of finance. The newspaper says that Russia, repeating that operation which has had the greatest success, will advance China the sum required to pay the indemnities, and that French savings will provide the Russian government with the requisite funds. The European troops, except the legation garrisons, will then leave Pekin and a fresh period will begin, during which Chinese patience will strive to tire out the British and German governments in their claims regarding the opening of the ports and the customs. Russia, however, will retain Manchuria as a pledge for the loan.

This appears to be the general scheme of the project that the French foreign minister, M. Delcasse, is discussing in St. Petersburg with Count Lamsdorff and M. Witte, respectively Russian ministers of foreign affairs.

Berlin, April 25—Nothing is known in German official circles regarding the cabled statement that Russia and France are considering a joint guarantee of the Chinese indemnity, with a view to inducing the allied troops to withdraw from China, and nothing is known concerning the alleged refusal of General Chaffee to yield the gate of the Forbidden City to the Germans.

The Lokal Anziger's special correspondent, cabling from Cheng Ting (about 75 miles west of Pao Ting Fu), says: "The German and French expedition is approaching the front of the Chinese army, which is apparently 25,000 strong and well entrenched in three positions. The Germans marched over difficult mountain passes to the gate of the great wall at Nieng Twil Kan. The enemy appears indisposed to offer resistance and its retreat behind the great wall is expected.

A special despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Hin Chan, dated April 24, says a mounted infantry patrol found the Chinese fortifications unoccupied and unarmed. The natives said General Liu, with the bulk of his army, had retreated.

Pekin, April 25.—The expedition from Pao Ting Fu has been entirely called off and the French troops have been ordered to return to the original station. The only casualties suffered by the entire expedition were two German soldiers killed.

With the exception of the formal ordering off of the Chinese troops, the only comment made by the court is a brief notice in the Official Gazette to the effect that had strong enough manifestations been made through the plenipotentiaries, the troops would have been ordered to withdraw before.

This, if considered a censure, would be manifestly unjust because Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching had been urging the withdrawal for a month. However, the notice is so brief that neither plenipotentiary regards it as a reflection upon his actions, thinking that the court means that the powers did not make strong enough representations. As a matter of fact, if any reflection upon the plenipotentiaries were intended, Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching would be humiliated before the foreigners and could no longer be considered representatives.

The Germans killed in connection with the expedition were members of a scouting party who went far beyond the border.

CANADA EARNS PRAISE.

Exhibits at Glasgow Earn Encomiums of London Press.

Montreal, April 25.—(Speciial)—The Star's special cable from London says: "Canada will make a good show at the Glasgow exhibition, opening May 2. The exhibits are thus described in a London paper: 'Canada has a substantial hall to itself. They are now erecting a triumphant monument to cereals. Such cornstalks, such heads of oats and barley, that display alone ought to carry over some adventurous young blood to the west. Around the corn trophy are stands on which are bottles full of the largest apples, beans and grapes I have ever seen. Well done Canada. More power to your land.'"

ANOTHER STEAMER AGROUND.

The S. S. Tiverton, Opposite Coutre Coeur, Quebec.

Contre Coeur, Quebec, April 25—(Special)—The S. S. Tiverton, from the Mediterranean for Montreal, with a cargo of fruit, is aground opposite here. She has sustained no damage.

Quebec, April 25.—(Special)—The latest news from the S. S. Ashanti, ashore at Riviere Blanche, reports the vessel still in an unsafe position. The weather is fine with a swell on the river. Jettisoning of cargo is still going on.

THE COOK ENQUIRY CLOSED.

Nothing in Evidence to Connect Name of Premier with Matter.

Ottawa, April 25.—(Special)—The Cook investigation closed today. Mr. Ritchie, who represented the senate committee, said, in closing, that there was nothing, whatever, in the whole evidence in any way to connect the name of the premier with it. Yet it was against Sir Wilfrid that Cook swore out his charges.

Creditors Meeting in Bangor.

Bangor, Me., April 25.—The first meeting of the creditors of Charles S. Jones, proprietor of the Boston Provision Co., the Bangor public market, the Brewer public market and Jones Bros., was held today before John R. Mason, referee in bankruptcy. Ralph P. Plaisted, of Bangor, was elected trustee. Mr. Jones made an assignment some weeks ago for $27,000. His assets are $2,000.

FINANCIAL PANIC IN JAPAN.

Over 20 Banks Suspend Payment—Causes No Uneasiness in New York.

Yokohama, April 25—Over 20 banks have suspended payment at Osaka, Japan, and in the southern and central provinces. The Bank of Japan has assisted them, but further trouble is apprehended. A financial panic prevails.

New York, April 25—The avalanche of bank failures in Japan is not viewed with concern in financial circles, as none of the larger Japanese or foreign houses have been affected. A. M. Townsend, local manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Company, made this statement to the Associated Press: "We have no advices regarding these failures. They do not directly affect foreign trade, as they are only small native banks. The financial position of Japan is strained and such failures are expected."

Heir to Mrs. Moore's Money.

London, April 25—The chancery court has decided that Count Reinhold Edward Moore Von Rosen, residing at Stockholm, as the eldest son of Count Carlyon Rosen, formerly chamberlain of the king of Sweden and Norway, and his American wife, who was a Miss Moore, is the real count and rightful heir to the fortune left by Mrs. Clara Jessup Moore, his grandmother.

Mrs. Moore was better known as Mrs. Bloomfield Moore, who financed Keeley, the late inventor, of Philadelphia, who became known through the exploitation of a mysterious motor.

Massachusetts Fire Record.

Boston, April 25—State Fire Marshal Whitcomb this afternoon sent to the insurance commissioner his annual report for the year ending December 31, 1900.

It shows the total number of fires throughout the state was 4,968. The loss was $5,983,335; the round value of the property damaged was $67,530,881; the amount of insurance at risk, $57,524,571; insurance loss paid, $4,620,156.

Of the total number of fires, 256, or 5 1-7 per cent., were of incendiary origin, representing a loss of $1,212,521.

The Philippines.

Legaspi, Province of Albay, P. I., April 25—The administrative features of Albay province are backward. The military situation is improving slowly. General Belarmino is still operating with 200 rifles. The Federalists have requested Aguinaldo's assistance in securing his surrender.

CHURCH DEDICATED.

Handsome House of Worship at Fredericton Junction.

NAME IS ST. THOMAS'.

Bishop Kingdon Officiated at Consecration -- Confimation Service in the Afternoon--Rev. J. A. Richardson Preached in the Evening --Many Gifts.

Fredericton Junction, April 25—(Special)—The handsome church built here by Rev. H. E. Dibblee was dedicated this morning with special service. The consecration and Holy Communion service was at 10 a. m. The clergymen present were: His Lordship Bishop Kingdon, Rev. Canon Roberts, Rev. J. A. Richardson, M. A.; Rev. J. R. DeWolfe Cowie, Rev. H. Montgomery, Rev. W. Armstrong, Rev. H. E. Dibblee and Rev. G. F. Scovil. The consecration sermon was preached by Bishop Kingdon.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a confirmation service was held, there being seven candidates. This is the second confirmation this year.

In the evening there was a large congregation at the service, when Rev. J. A. Richardson preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from 1st Corinthians, 2nd chapter and 9th verse.

A collection for the building fund was taken up and $60 was realized. The new church is called St. Andrew's. It was designed by Rev. Scovil Neales, of Sussex, and the building contractor was Mr. Moses Mitchell. The church is 65x25 feet and is or gothic architecture. Its interior is finished with light wood and black ash trimmings. It is a pretty structure, a credit to all who had to do with its building, and to the rector, Rev. Mr. Dibblee.

Very handsome gifts were received, including: altar, Mrs. Medley; altar rails, Mrs. Dr. Walker; bishop's chair, Miss F. Symonds; prayer desk and lectern, Friendly Guild, St. John; font, Wm Tyng Peters; credence table, Rev. G. F. Scovil, and numerous other gifts.

A number of visitors were present from St. John, Fredericton and Orombeto.

THE CHIGNECTO SHIP RAILWAY.

Mr. Provand Makes Proposition to the Members of Parliament.

Ottawa, April 25—(Special)—A. D. Provand, an ex-M. P. of the British House of Commons, and representing the shareholders of the Chignecto ship-railway, addressed a meeting of members of parliament in the lower room of the House of Commons tonight. Mr. McKinnon, M. P., of Prince Edward Island, occupied the chair.

What Mr. Provand wants is that the government should renew the charter and subsidy or give compensation. If neither were granted then he asked for the whole question to be submitted to a special committee of the house. Messrs. Gourlay, Lennox, Kaulbach, Copp and Barker, members of parliament, spoke, and sympathized with Mr. Provand and the position of the shareholders.

WILL NOT TRY FOR FREEDOM.

Bill Signed for Release from Jail, But Prisoner Declines.

Scranton, Pa., April 25.—Seven years ago this coming June, James Gannon, now 68 years of age, was sent to jail in contempt for refusing to sign a deed. Yesterday, Governor Stone signed a bill which passed the legislature designed expressly for the release of Gannon.

Today habeas corpus proceedings were instituted to get Gannon before the court that an order might be made for his release. Gannon refused to sign the habeas corpus petition and further declared that he would not raise a hand to gain his freedom. To make the act effect its purpose, it will be necessary to follow some procedure in which the acquiescence of Gannon will not have to be reckoned upon.

JURY WENT ONE BETTER.

Shook Hands With Accused Who Was Charged With Thrashing Dr. Mangold.

Little Falls, N. Y., April 25.—A remarkable scene was witnessed in the court house at Herkimer yetserday when the grand jury finished investigating the case of Aloys Brambach, the piano manufacturer of Dolgeville. Brambash was held for action of the grand jury for publicly horsewhipping Dr. J. W. Mangold, of Dolgeville. The jury refused to find an indictment and, summoning Brambach before it, each juror shook hands with the accused man and told him he should have thrashed Mangold harder.

Sentenced at Digby.

Digby, April 27—(Special) — Frank Goudy, who was tried here yesterday under the speedy trials act before Judge Savary, for stealing $150 from a lumber camp at New Tusket, was sentenced to six months in jail. He pleaded guilty. Nearly all the money has been refunded. This is his first offence and should the remainder of the money be paid his sentence may be reduced to three months.