PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The Crown Cases Postponed Until the Twenty-fifth—Members of Charlotte Bar Present an Address to Judge McLeod.

A Dredge to be Built for River Work — The Latest from the Drives.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 9.—O. H. Sharp, the efficient and popular teller of the Bank of British North America here, has been transferred to the St. John agency. L. W. Bailey takes his place, E. E. Spinney taking Mr. Bailey's chair, and Cortland Robinson enters the bank as junior clerk.

The funeral of the late Walter McFarlane tomorrow afternoon will be under the auspices of St. Andrew's society, with the Foresters and Masons also in the procession.

ST. ANDREWS, Charlotte Co., May 10.—J. F. Harvey of Harvey and Wood Sissen of the Algonquin hotel, accompanied by A. D. S. Bell, secretary of the hotel company, arrived here yesterday from Boston. They registered at Kennedy's. Mr. Harvey intends to open the hotel for reception of guests the latter part of June. He went to St. John today.

The Bowser cottage on Cedar lane is about completed. Mr. Bowser, who was here last week arranging for its furnishing, is pleased with the way Stevenson and MacKenzie have carried out the contract.

There are some cases of la grippe and measles in town.

Thos. Armstrong, ex-foreman of the C. P. R. machine shops at McAdam, has received another letter from his son, Dr. H. T. Armstrong of the St. Andrews Klondyke party, dated at Lake Bennett, 17th ult., and postmarked at Skagway, the 24th. The party, who are all well, are whipsawing lumber for the boat they are building in which to carry themselves and supplies over the lake and waterways to the gold fields.

Circuit court opened today. The genial W. H. Fry, court stenographer, arrived yesterday via steamer from St. John. The numerous friends he has made in the shire town during his past official visits were glad to see him in such good form.

HAMPTON, May 8.—Deputy Sheriff Freeze returned on Saturday night from the chase after Joseph White, the escaped prisoner. He reports having been close upon him on Saturday afternoon in the parish of Hammond. The pursuit is still being carried on.

William Baizley, who lost all the fingers of his right hand in the Ossekeag stamping factory, is doing as well as can be expected, and as a token of practical sympathy the operatives on Saturday presented him with a purse of $57.

William Smith, a lad of 17, residing in Hampton Village, was on Saturday arraigned before Stipendiary Sproul under the vagrant act for interfering with an elderly gentleman on Sunday at the village. He was convicted and sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment in the common jail, without the option of a fine. This should prove a salutary lesson to the youthful element who are inclined to tough ways.

Samuel L. Clarke, a prosperous farmer residing near Nauwigewauk, died on Sunday morning, leaving a widow and large family. The deceased was a most respected citizen.

Michaud Logan has erected a new building on the Merritt property, Hampton Village, and intends opening a meat and provision store immediately. Robert H. Smith, an enterprising merchant, has removed from the village to the station, occupying the house adjoining his store.

WATERSIDE, Albert Co., May 9.—Andrew Alcorn, the oldest resident of the parish of Harvey, died on Friday at the residence of his grandson, Jas. Alcorn, at Hebron, aged ninety-eight. Only one daughter survives him, Mrs. Geo. Alcorn, who resides at Hebron.

Miss Annie Cairns, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cairns, died at her home here on Friday, aged 17. Though she was ill for over a year with consumption, she was never heard to murmur. The funeral took place here yesterday, and was very largely attended.

The first Harvey Baptist church, which has been grouped with Waterside, but more formally with Germantown, with Rev. T. Bishop as pastor, has gone back to its old grouping, Mr. Bishop still remaining while Waterside groups again with Alma, with Rev. Mr. Addison as pastor.

Sch. May Bell and Glenora sailed from here today for Alma to load deals for St. John.

HOPEWELL HILL, Albert Co., May 6.—Mrs. J. A. Taylor of Albert is slowly recovering from a serious and protracted illness.

Rev. A. H. Fostetr has returned from Pictou, where he has been visiting his old home.

Hopewell lodge, I. O. G. T., has elected the following officers: E. C. Starratt, C.T.; Lyda Fullerton, V.T.; Mary E. Bray, S. P.; Mrs. G. D. Prescott, Treas.; Warren D. Turner, Sec.; Effie McLane, A. S.; Newton Stiles, F. S.; Rev. A. H. Foster, Chap.; Fred Peck, M.; Evelyn Goodwin, D. M.; Earle Wilband, S.; Geo. Jones, G.

HOPEWELL HILL, May 8—Andrew Alcorn, probably the oldest resident of this county died at his home at Hebron on Friday, aged 98 years. The deceased emigrated from Ireland when a young man, since which time he had been a resident of Alma. He was a farmer by occupation, and a man of the highest integrity. The funeral took place this afternoon and was largely attended. The deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. Geo. Alcorn, and several grandchildren. One son, the Rev. Wm. Alcorn, died recently in Nova Scotia. Another son, John, was killed several years ago.

At the annual meeting of the Hopewell Cemetery Co. on Friday, the following officers were elected: T. M. Pearson, Pres.; Alex. Rogers, Sec.; James W. Fullerton, Treas.; Geo. W. Barber, auditor; committee of grounds, James Wright, Capt. H. A. Turner, Valentine Smith; finance committee, W. A. Trueman, Lt. Governor McClellan and A. S. Mitton.

Mrs. Donald Carmichael of Boston, formerly of St. John, is visiting relatives at the Hill.

Messrs. C. & J. Prescott have their drive of four million feet about all in.

The schr. Corintor arrived in the river today from St. John with a full freight. The Susie Prescott arrived at Albert this morning, and will load piling for Boston.

UPHAM, Kings Co., May 9.—Irven McLaren of this place has sold his farm for $2,000.

Thomas Titus started his new rotary mill last week. He purchased the mill from the Robb Engineering Co. in April.

B. W. S. Titus lost a fine black five-year-old colt last week.—Nelson Kilpatrick has moved on the J. W. DeMill farm, where he intends farming this summer.

HAVELOCK, Kings Co., May 5—The trotting park will not be opened on May 24th, as expected. Messrs. Coates and Price have finished their contract and Joe Dunram is now finishing the track.

The officers of Reform lodge were installed by Grand Lodge Deputy Edward Cusack as follows: Burpee Alward, C. T.; Mott Thorne, V. T.; A. J. McKnight, Sec.; Mrs. A. J. McKnight, A. S.; Birt Taylor, F. S.; Lottie Price, T.; O. N. Price, Chap.; Mrs. Killam, M.; Mary Cusack, W. M.; Willie Cusack, S.; Horrice Irving, G.; Howard Garland, P. C. T.

Finch District lodge, I. O. G. T., will convene with Glenville lodge on Saturday afternoon, May 28th.

MILLSTREAM, Kings Co., May 3.—Rev. Mr. Trafton and son of the Hollness church, have been holding meetings in the hall at the head of Millstream for several weeks.

Mr. McKnight, teacher in district No. 23, is able to take charge of his school again after a short illness.

John E. McAuley proposes moving his mill from Belleisle to Lower Millstream next week, where he will have a whole summer's cut.

The Free Baptist church at Lower Millstream is being repaired and service meanwhile will be held in the Presbyterian kirk.

A Sunday school has been organized in St. Philip's church.

Rev. J. S. Sutherland held service in the Kirk on Sunday last, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The Kirk was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers and ferns.

Fred Smith is erecting a new dwelling on a farm at Centreville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O'Donnell have moved on to the farm they recently purchased from Mr. Lockhart.

QUISPAMSIS, Kings Co., May 7.—A largely attended pie social was held in the school house on Friday evening. The following programme was rendered by the school, assisted by a few friends: Greeting Glee, the school; dialogue, The Way He Managed, Margaret Weyman, Mary Gallagher, Geo. Gallagher, Archie Pierce; violin solo, Louis Carvell; recitation, Mary Gallagher; chorus, Bay of Biscay, the school; dialogue, Gipsy, Juanita and Margaret Weyman; chorus, O, Silver Moon, by school; recitation, Margaret Weyman: violin solo, Louis Carvell: recitation, Sophie Weyman; chorus, Song of the Sea; dialogue, A Boy's Plot, Juanita Weyman, Mary Gallagher, Celia Gallagher, Alice Gallagher, Sophie Weyman, Margaret Weyman, Ida Marr, Lizzie Mullet, Grace Pettingill, Fred Pierce, Fred Rafferty, Will Pettingell, S. L. Day; National Anthem.

The teachers and pupils take this opportunity of thanking the young ladies who kindly assisted in decorating the room; also D. Maynes, secretary of trustees, who generously donated coffee and sugar, and furnished seats.

HAMPSTEAD, Queens Co., May 6.—Benjamin McIntire, colored, of Otnabog, lost his barn, hay, two cows, horse, steer, turkeys and hens on Tuesday night by fire, which caught from a lamp. He was burned quite badly about the face.

Mrs. Thomas W. Palmer of Hibernia, who has been helpless for some time from paralysis, and was for a while last year in the hospital, took another stroke Thursday afternoon and died. The funeral will take place on Sunday morning at the F. C. B. church, Hibernia.

W. J. Cheyne has moved from here to Hibernia, and George C. Watson has taken his stand.

The school district at Hibernia is having a new school house built by Harry McKee.

SUSSEX, May 10.—Rev. Mr. Hubley, pastor of the Reformed Episcopal church in Sussex, Wardens Robert Morrison and C. W. J. Upham and Frank Smith, left by this morning's train for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the corporation of that church, which convened today for the transaction of business.

Mrs. Vail, widow of the late Hon. Dr. E. A. Vail, is visiting friends in Sussex.

William Dodge, farmer, of Nauwigewauk, and Mrs. Dodge, who had been visiting their daughters, Mrs. Warren West, Mrs. Geo. Sherwood, wife of the I. C. R. station agent, and Miss Annie Dodge, our popular telegraph operator, returned home today, having had a pleasant time.

FREDERICTON, May 10.—The largest funeral procession which Fredericton has witnessed for many years followed the remains of the late Walter McFarlane from his home at St. Marys, across the river, on the pessenger bridge, and up through the city to the Rural cemetery. The funeral was under the direction of the Fredericton society of St. Andrew's and Court St. Mary's, Foresters, with the 71st band leading. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. Willard McDonald, assisted by Rev. F. C. Hartley, and at the grave the Foresters read the service of their order. The pall-bearers were: Jas. S. Neill, John Black and Robert Thoburn from St. Andrew's society, and Jos. E. Smith, Daniel Babbitt and Spencer Inch, representing the Foresters. Every place of business in St. Mary's was closed out of respect for the deceased, and the procession included the leading men from the city and county. St. Mary's paid its highest tribute to its best citizen, and one whose place will not be filled for years.

James S. Cliff of Queensbury hired a young man Saturday to work on his farm for the summer. Last evening, after the family were asleep, this new comer got up, went to the barn and mounted Mr. Cliff's best horse. He passed through the city early this morning, enquiring the road to St. John. Mr. Cliff arrived later, and with Detective Roberts started in pursuit.

As a result of the late visit of Donald Fraser to England, his firm will probably enter quite largely into the manufacture of boxwood and other short lumber for that market, which is now supplied largely from Norway and Sweden. The establishment of a pulp mill here may also be another result.

Two young men named Harry Gade and Joseph Sharp were arrested this morning by Detective Roberts, charged with aggravated assault upon Wilbur Yerxa at Douglas on Friday night.

Mrs. Hamilton McKee lighted a match to find some article in a closet, and thinking the match out she threw it over her shoulder. It caught in her dress, and before she realized her danger her back and shoulder had been burned very seriously.

ST. ANDREWS, May 10.—The circuit court was opened at two p. m. today by his honor Justice McLeod, who in addressing the grand jurors apologized for the delay in opening, caused by his misunderstanding the train arrangements. He was met at the railway station by Sheriff Stuart, who had a barouche and pair in waiting, Leonard Chase acting as whip. R. E. Armstrong was eletced foreman of the grand jury. The grand jury found a true bill against Lavina Kendrick, indicted for murder, and against Anne Maxwell, for concealment of birth. This is the Grand Manan child murder case.

R. E. Armstrong read a complimentary address by the grand jury, congratulating the judge on this his first visit to St. Andrews since his promotion to the bench. Mr. Cockburn read the address of the members of the bar of Charlotte Co., to both of which the learned judge replied in fitting terms. After making the presentment in the criminal cases the grand jury was discharged at 6.30 p. m.

MARYSVILLE, York Co., May 5.—Floss Anhtony, a man of about sixty years, who lives a few miles above town, was on his way home when the whiffletree broke on a steep hill. The wagon rolled backward, pitching Mr. Anthony over the bank, breaking his collar bone and cutting his head. Dr. Fisher, who was summoned, pronounced his recovery doubtful.

A. Stafford lost a valuable horse on Sunday. This makes the fifth carcase in his pasture.

Robert Bruce and wife are being congratulated on the arrival of their first born, a boy. Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Estabrooks have an addition to their family, also a boy.

Alexander Gibson, jr., left on Tuesday to superintend his lumber drives on the upper waters of the Nashwaak.

Mr. Hazelwood, who bought the Staples property, is making large additions to the buildings and repairs in general.

MONCTON, N. B., May 10.—There promises to be considerable building in Moncton this year, though not as much as last, when the new station and the new Aberdeen school added greatly to the total. The Merchants' Bank of Halifax is preparing to build new premises on the lot purchased by them a year or two ago, opposite the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Nova Scotia. The structure will be brick and stone, and will cost in the vicinity of $20,000. Archibald Dumaresq has the work in hand. Peter McSweeney is preparing to add a brick extension, 60 by 50, three storeys, to the rear of his dry goods premises, and J. L. Miller will put up a brick-cased building adjoining his premises on Main street. Quite a number of dwelling houses have been commenced or are projected. No move has yet been made towards the rebuilding of the block burned last winter.

Moncton's representation at the county jail has been increased by three within a week. A young man named John Govang was yesterday given two months for stealing potatoes from S. Watters' store. Milar Halfpenny has also been taken down for three months for frequenting a house of ill-fame, and his brother, thirty days for an aggravated case of setting off fire crackers.

There seems to be a hitch in connection with the appointment of Mr. Joughins of Virginia as the successor to Mr. Brown as mechanical superintendent of the I. C. R. It was expected that Mr. Brown would be retired May 1st, but so far he has received no official notice and is still in charge. It is not known what the trouble is, but as there was no charge of offensive partizanship or other misconduct against Mr. Brown, it is possible that the minister or railways is finding some difficulty in enforcing his peculiar views as to how members of the civil service may be dealt with. It is also reported that new freight tariffs are being issued without the name of Traffic Manager Harris. Mr. Blair's management of the people's railway cannot be called a howling success.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., May 11.—The trial of Lavinia M. Kendall, an aged resident of Grand Manan, who has long passed the three score and ten limit, will commence today, the grand jury having found a true bill on the indictment for murder. It will be remembered that in February last Anne Maxwell, a single woman, daughter of Mrs. Kendrick, was delivered of a child. She, together with her mother, were arrested as the result of the finding of a coroner's jury, and committed to the county jail on a charge of having murdered the Maxwell girl's child. The grand jury ignored the indictment preferred against Anne Maxwell for murder, finding only a true bill for the concealment of birth, an offence the maximum penalty for which is seven years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The following address was presented in court yesterday:

To His Honor Mr. Justce McLeod, one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature of the province of New Brunswick:

May it please your honor—This being the first occasion upon which your honor has visited the county of Charlotte in your judicial position, or since your elevation to the bench of this your native province, the undersigned, members of the bar in the said county, desire to avail themselves of this opportunity of collectively offering to your honor their heahrthy and sincere congratulations upon your appointment to so high and exalted a position.

The prominent position which your honor occupied at the bar of this province, for many years before you were appointed to a seat upon the bench; the success that attended your efforts as a legal practitioner, your faithful, careful and successful administration of affairs in positions of public trust, which from time to time you have filled; your successful and spotless career as a public man, and your reputation all over this country for honor and integrity prove how eminently you are qualified to fill the position to which you have been appointed.

As a faithful advocate maketh a just judge so we desire to give your honor the most positive assurance of our confidence that in the trial of causes before you, our clients and ourselves shall ever receive the fairest and most honorable treatment. We desire also further to inform your honor that it is with much pride and pleasure we feel the assurance that in your appointment, as one of the judges of our supreme court, the traditional strength of learning, power of forensic ability, and dignity of personal demeanor, which have at all times strikingly characterized the supreme court bench of this province shall not in the slightest degree be detracted from.

We trust that you may long live to serve your country in the wise and faithful administration of justice, and be abundantly blessed with health and strength to enjoy the rewards of your well earned distinction, and the honors and dignities of your high position.

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

L. A. MILLS
JAS. G. STEVENS, JR.,
M. MACMONAGLE
W. C. H. GRIMMER,
M. N. COCKBURN,
F. H. GRIMMER,
GEORGE J. CLARK,
E. W. THOMPSON,
E. B. COAKLEY.

County Court House, St. Andrews, N. B., May 10th, A. D. 1898.

The grand jury also presented an address to his honor on his first appearance on the bench in St. Andrews.

ST. ANDREWS, May 11.—When the court assembled this morning, Mrs. Kendrick and Miss Maxwell were caller upon to plead. They both pleaded not guilty. Owing to the absence of Dr. Lawson, a very material witness, the attorney general said he was not prepared to begin the trial. He asked for a postponement until the witness could be brought here. He also applied for a bench warrant to compel the witness to attend. His honor said he would issue the warrant and would decide in the afternoon the date for trial. There is no steamboat connection with Grand Manan until Saturday, so that the case may have to stand over until then or next week.

On the court assembling at three o'clock the attorney general, in the crown cases, moved that they be postponed until the 25th inst. in consequence of the absence of Dr. Lawson. This was finally agreed to by Messrs. Cockburn and Grimmer, counsel for the prisoners. An order for the summoning of twenty-five additional jurors was made.

The civil cause of Frye v. Frye was called, but in the absence of the defendant's attorney, the trial was postponed until ten o'clock tomorrow, to which hour the court was adjourned.

MONCTON, May 11.—There is still considerable snow in the woods in northern New Brunswick and the unusually cold weather has retarded vegitation. Considerable land has been prepared for seeding, however, and some seed has been put in.

Considerable anxiety is felt regarding the whereabouts of J. C. Paterson of the Paterson Manufacturing Co., Montreal, who was registered at the Brunswick hotel here on April 30. He left Moncton on the evening of that day for St. John, and Conductor Morgan remembers seeing a man on his train answering Mr. Paterson's description. His friends have had no trace of him since, however, and his brother, from Halifax, passed through here yesterday for St. John, to see what trace could be got of him. Mr. Paterson is a tall, lark complexioned man, 35 or 40 years of age.

FREDERICTON, May 11.—Beatty & Sons of Welland, Ont., have a contract from the dominion government for building a dredge to work on the St. John river between here and Woodstock. It will be seventy by thirty feet and built especially for this service. A representative of this firm was here this week arranging for beginning work. The dredge will be built on the old wharf at Gibson.

William Sloat, a farmer of Lower Line, Queensbury, was suddenly taken ill yesterday morning and died in a few minutes of heart disease. He was sixty-two years old.

David Hatt, who recently sold out his interest in Hatt, Morrison & Co., will conduct a grocery business for Hatt & Co. hereafter.

The latest reports from the drives on the head waters are to the effect that most of the operators are having a pretty hard time, with a probability of some lumber being hung up. John Stevens and Cye Dickie, on the Allegash, are said to be having a very hard time. Wm. H. Cunliffe & Son, who operate on the Misquaic, will likely come out all right with about 5,000,000. Oliver Gurrette is having a hard time with his drive on Baker Brook, but it is thought it will come out. Morrison Bros. are on the St. Francis, with 4,000,000 for Murray, Murchie and Miller & Woodman. They will likely get out all right. Duchene, who drove 1,000,000 with John A. Morrison, is now at the dead water of Black River with 2,000,000. This is a very uncertain place, but Duchene hopes to get out all right. Neil McLean is out of Nigger Brook with his drive. Chiounard, who operates on Black River, is having a particularly hard time, and the chances are that his drive will be hung up. The same is said of John Sweeney, who operates on the Black River and who is cutting for S. T. King & Sons. Robert Nobles, before reported as having a hard time, got into safe waters with his drive on Monday night. John Kilburn will reach the corporation limits on Saturday with drives off the Northwest and Southwest. Chas. E. Jones, who cuts for W. H. Murray, is out of Fox Brook with 2,500,000. Gillman Bros. and Burden are in a tight place, and it is doubtful if they come out. Their Mosquito Brook drive will, however, reach corporation limits the last of this week.

HONEST HELP FREE

An old clergyman, deploring the fact that so many men are being imposed upon by unscrupulous quacks, is willing to inform any man who is weak and nervous or suffering from various effects of errors or excesses, how to obtain a perfect and permanent cure. Having nothing to sell, he asks for no money, but is desirous for humanity's sake to help the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp, REV. A. H. MACFARLANE, Franktown, Ontario.

PARLIAMENT.

The Laurier Signed Letter to Rome on Manitoba School Question.

Premier Refused to Bring it Down But Mr. Bergeron Read It.

Laurier and Tupper Pay Tribute to the Worth of Late Dalton McCarthy.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 10.—In the house today Sir Richard Cartwright submitted the amended agreement with Petersen, Tate & Co., extending the time for the completion of the contract. The minister of trade explained that the company had been hampered by the labor strikes. He pointed out the other changes, but gave no strong assurance that the contract would yet come to anything.

Sir Charles Tupper said that he had not last year shared the sanguine hopes of the government that Petersen and Tate were capable of carrying out their contract in a satisfactory manner. He thought now that the government would admit they had made a mistake in not carrying out the contract made with the Allans by the late government. So far it did not appear that the contractors had accomplished anything at all last year. The prime minister while at a public banquet in Toronto read a telegram from the finance minister stating that ten thousand pounds has been deposited as a forfeit by the contractors in case the terms of the contract were not carried out. The thing had happened which Sir Charles foresaw. The contract had not been fulfilled. The deposit had not been forfeited. The opposition leader went on to point out the strong position Canada would be in if the Allan contract had been carried out. On the first day of this month four steamships, equal to any in the world, would have been on the Canadian route. With the events now going on in the world, our trans-Atlantic steamship business would have undergone a greater development in one year than at ordinary times could be accomplished in ten years. Such an opportunity as this year offers came to this country only once in a lifetime.

Sir Charles closed by stating that he would support the resolution as he had the bill of last year, as there seemed to be nothing better in sight, but he could not help regretting deeply the loss of the golden opportunity.

Premier Laurier observed that the fast line project, though unfortunately delayed, was making fair progress. From 1888 to 1896 nothing had been done, and he thought the present government had not done too bad to get a line as far as it has.

The question of the bye-election in Bagot was brought up. The speaker long ago issued his warrant for a writ, but the government had disregarded it.

Premier Laurier now says that he proposes to wait for the new lists.

Mr. Bergeron pointed out that the late Mr. Perry had died only the fortnight before that of Mr. Dupont, yet the bye-election in Prince Edward Island had been held weeks ago.

Sir Charles Tupper maintained that the government had not the right to disregard the warrant of the speaker, or to disfranchise four thousand electors of Bagot.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Sproule, Landerkin, Edwards, Foster and others.

After the end of the Bagot discussion, the franchise bill was taken up. The solicitor general produced some further amendments, the principal one being a provision for obtaining an authorized printed electoral list. It is provided that within ten days after the provincial final revision the custodian of the provincial list shall forward a copy to the clerk of the crown in chancery at Ottawa, receiving therefor the same fee that is allowed under provincial law for copies; such certified lists shall be deemed the original and legal list of voters and copies shall be sent to the Queen's printers to be printed. Twenty copies of the printed lists are to be send to members and defeated candidates, and additional copies are to be furnished to applicants at a price not exceeding ten cents for each list ror a polling division. The Queen's printer keeps the list standing in type, correcting it year by year to correspond with the latest revision. Penalties are imposed on provincial officers refusing to perform the duties assigned to them. The amendments were read and adopted, and the bill was reported from the committee.

The committee of supply took up the fishery estimates, discussing at some length the dismissal of fishery officers and the extension of the lobster fishing season in Cape Breton, P. E. Island and other places where the season is late.

Messrs. Martin, McDougal and Gillies made this request.

Sir Louis Davies said that he had in contemplation an appropriation of $500 or more to assist in the experiment of cold storage shipment of lobsters to England.

Mr. Gillies approved of the experiment, but thought it would cost more than the amount suggested.

Hector McDougall hoped that the help given would not be all expended to pay the expenses of some local politician who wanted to go to England, but that working fishermen would get some good of it.

OTTAWA, May 11.—Hon. Mr. Borden stated that all the militia would be drilled this year who were not drilled last autumn.

Hon. Mr. Fielding said as yet no appreciable change was apparent in the savings bank deposits in consequence of the reduction in the interest rate. There were always large withdrawals in April.

Sir Louis Davies' bill to enable the government to transfer small wharves to the control of the municipalities in which they were situated went through committee; also his bill to protect navigable waters, by prohibiting the deposit of refuse, ballast and other obstructions.

On motion for supply, Mr. McDougall of Cape Breton brought up the subject of the appeal to Rome against the Canadian bishops. He referred to the letter read in the house in the first session of the present parliament by J. Israel Tarte. In this letter, which Mr. Tarte said had been signed by forty-five Catholic members of the senate and commons, reflections were made on the Canadian bishops, and an appeal to Rome was made to have them rebuked and restrained. Mr. McDougall said that, as a Catholic, he was grieved to hear these strictures made in this public way, but since the letter to the Pope had been read in the house, he thought the premier and his colleagues, who had given this publicity to their letter to Rome, should have been fair enough to give the same publicity to the reply. To this end he had early in the present session asked the government in the house and also asked Mr. Tarte whether a reply had been received to this message read in the house by Mr. Tarte, and if so, what the reply was. The premier had replied that the government had no knowledge of such a message from Rome. The question to Mr. Tarte had also been refused an answer. A motion for papers had also been headed off. In view of these obstructions Mr. McDougall felt it his duty to read the message from his holiness. Thereupon Mr. McDougall read the encyclical letter of last year, together with the pastoral of the bishops issued at the same time. After reading, the member for Cape Breton stated Mr. Tarte should have read this reply, seeing that he had spread upon the records of parliament the charges sent to Rome against the hierarchy in this country.

Premier Laurier made no observation further than that the encyclical letter was not addressed to the government, but to the church; therefore it was not the duty of the government to produce in the house this message.

The discussion was continued by Mr. Bergeron, who produced a sort of blue book printed in Rome and called "Explanations of the Manitoba School Question." This large volume was signed Wilfrid Laurier, and according to Mr. Bergeron, is full of misleading statements.

Mr. Bergeron began reading the introduction of the book published in Rome, wherein the vatican was informed that the remedial bill did not render anything near full justice to the Roman Catholics.

Mr. Laurier here interrupted, stating that he did not write this introducton nor did he propose the book. His name at the end was only intended as a signature to the memorial which formed the closing part of the collection. The premier said he knew about the publication, but did not explain who had prepared the introduction or furnished the foot notes and explanations.

Mr. Bergeron was speaking and reading when the speaker left the chair.

In the evening Mr. Bergeron, reading the papers from Rome, and especially Mr. Laurier's memorial informing the vatican that the late government had not been able or willing to accomplish anything for the minority in Manitoba, the premier pointed out that forty-five out of sixty-six Catholics were supporters of the government, and generally conveying to Rome the assurance that Catholic interests would be better protected by a government with a Catholic at the head of it than it would have been under the late government. Mr. Bergeron, after reading the memorial, remarked that only a few days ago he asked whether a memorial or other documents signed by Mr. Laurier had been sent to Rome. He declared that the government had all along deceived the Catholic people, and now it was shown that Mr. Laurier was deceiving the Protestant people. It was a disgraceful thing that any party had to go to a foreign power to seek the approbation of a bad policy, but when a Canadian government did appeal to Rome and got an answer, it should pay some regard to that answer. Mr. Bergeron closed by stating that the Manitoba question had given the premier a master in the person of Tarte. As he sat down, Mr. Laurier rose to announce the death of Dalton McCarthy, the news of which had just reached him.

The leader of the opposition joined with him in desiring that under the circumstances the sitting should close. In a few words Premier Laurier paid a tribute to Mr. McCarthy as one who added dignity to every debate in which he took part, and whose character and gifts won him respect everywhere. The premier had differed from Mr. McCarthy on many question, but had always felt a high esteem for him.

Sir Charles seconded the adjournment, and speaking with difficulty, said: "It was only yesterday that the late member was among us, full of that health and vigor that always characterized him. The news we have tonight teaches us once more what shadows we are and what shadows we pursue." Though my own relations with him were not so intimate as those of some others, I recognized his great attainments and the high position he earned for himself. The profession to which he belonged has lost one of the brightest ornaments, and not in this house only, but in the whole country, there will be universal regret over the untimely death of our friend.

Clarke Wallace said that of late years he had been brought into close association with the late member, and the elements he had most to admire in him were his great earnestness and sincerity. He was intensely loyal to his convictions and carried them out to the end. It was a remarkable coincidence that he should have been called away at a moment when the house was discussing a theme in which he took so deep an interest. The house adjourned at ten.

NOTES.

The public accounts committee has been struggling over Commissioner Wilson's accounts for his Moncton investigation. He got $726 and the committee cannot find vouchers for it.

Schr. Pleasantville, from Elizabethport for Yarmouth, N. S., parted chain at Vineyard Haven during the N.E. storm on the 8th.