

HOUSE PROROGUED BY GOVERNOR TODAY

Ceremony So Hurried that Galleries Were Empty—Business Rushed This Morning.

The legislation finished its business at 12.30 today and fifteen minutes later the governor arrived to prorogue the house. He was received by guard of honor and was accompanied to the Chamber by Lieut. Col. Bridges Sheriff Howe, Coroner Wainwright and R. S. Barber. Most people expected that the prorogation would not take place until evening and there was not a dozen persons present when his honor gave his assent to the bills passed during the session and afterwards prorogued the house with the usual formal speech of thanks.

The House met at 10.30 a.m. Hon. Mr. Morrissy in reply to Mr. Byrnes enquired said that the cost of breakwater on Trout Creek stream, Sussex Corner was \$3921.11. Edward Erb was Supervisor at \$3.50 a day. It was filled with stone and gravel and part was carried away during the freshet. It was impossible to say what the cost of repair would be and it was originally built by days work.

Hon. Mr. Hazen presented the report of a special committee appointed to consider the Election Law. Mr. Dickson presented the report of the Agriculture Committee. Mr. Jones in the absence of Mr. Pinder presented the report of Public Accounts Committee.

The House went into committee on the Motor vehicle bill, Mr. Sproul in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy said the bill had provoked a lot of discussion and it would be admitted that the law on the subject was anything but perfect. Representatives of the Automobile Association had appeared before the committee and the whole question had been thoroughly discussed and while they were satisfied to pay a tax they strongly objected to any restriction limiting them to certain days of the week. He suggested that the whole matter stand over till next year. In the meanwhile the whole subject might be taken up with those most interested and a bill, which would meet the views of all parties prepared.

The bill to amend the Public Health Act was next taken up. Hon. Mr. Hazen explained the provisions of the bill and said it had been found difficult to get members to serve on the Provincial Board of Health, and the chancellor of the university and the secretary for agriculture had been named as permanent members. The Provincial Board of Health has to do with animal health as well as human beings, and it was for that reason that the secretary of agriculture who would know something of agricultural matters and live stock question, had been named as a permanent member of the board. It was also felt that research and laboratory work would be carried on at the University, along the line suggested by the Union of Municipalities and for that reason, and as the present chancellor was a very level headed and energetic man, it was felt that his appointment would have a good effect. There were at present three or four vacancies on the board, one of which was caused by the late Dr. Benson, of Chatham, and Chairman Holly and Judge Barry had resigned. It was proposed to increase the members of the board from seven to nine, and it was hoped to get an active and efficient board, who would stir up an interest in health matters, which were now creating so much attention.

Hon. Mr. Hazen then explained the different sections of the Act, and said that its objects included making it so that the chairman of local boards would be unable to go ahead with various things without having the approval of the other members of the board, and also to make it so that the local boards would get along with less friction with the municipal councils. It was for this reason that the provincial board was given power to lay down a scale of fees to be charged by doctors, nurses, guards, etc., when employed by the local boards of health. A provision which would meet with much satisfaction, he felt, was that making it the duty of physicians to quarantine infectious diseases immediately on their outbreak, without having the local Board of Health called together.

The bill also provided for the appointment of a health officer in any municipality upon the request of a

municipality and \$1,500 was set as the maximum salary for such officer, two-thirds of which would be paid by the municipality and one-third by the province. It was also provided that any officer appointed as public health officer, must hold a diploma in public health, and if such diploma is not held on appointment, the officer is given eighteen months in which to qualify. Under the bill, school inspectors were required to see the regulations of local health boards were carried out at school houses.

Hon. Mr. Hazen then moved the amendments to the bill, one of which was to strike out the section giving local health boards the authority to appoint and fix salaries for inspectors of plumbing and also an amendment making it so that the provision making a member of the local board of health a secretary should not apply to cities and incorporated towns.

Mr. Lowell wanted to have the bill stood over for another year, and said it should be given further consideration. He thought the provision causing the appointment of local boards of health annually was for the purpose of legislating some more Liberals out of office as had been done under the factory act and it was the duty of the Opposition to hold the bill up.

Mr. Sweeney said that proper consideration of the bill would take a whole day and he understood the governor was to come down and prorogue the House in an hour. He agreed that the old health act needed changes and said the changes might also well be made in some of the local boards but men could not be appointed who would cause any improvement for a year or two as the present board and all the officials knew just how the present act worked. The Westmorland county boards was composed of active men who had done good work. There should be no changes in existing legislation unless there was a demand for it. This bill was to legislate the old boards out of office and if that was the case for his county and city he would inform the House that the governor would not come down to prorogue the House at 12.45 if he could help it.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said that the bill would not legislate the members of the board of health in Mr. Sweeney's county out of existence, but if the hon. gentlemen would not be finished consideration of the bill at 12.45 he would have the governor come down a little later.

Mr. Sweeney said that he wanted to have the bill stand over for another year for more mature consideration and that he was opposed to having the bill rushed through in the last hours of the session.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said there were no objectionable features in the bill, which made no changes in the provincial board of health, nor in the present local board. There were at the present three vacancies in the provincial board which would have to be filled, and the chancellor of the U. N. B. and the secretary for agriculture were added as ex officio members. The trouble was that the services were entirely gratuitous and there was consequently some difficulty in getting suitable men to undertake them. There was not the slightest thought of disturbing the present members of the board. With regard to the local boards, the two members should be appointed annually and would retire in rotation, a principle which he thought was the proper one to apply. The bill was promoted entirely in the public interests and with regard to the appointment of a district health officer the matter was one entirely in the hands of the municipal council who would exercise their discretion as to whether such an official was required or not.

Mr. Sweeney thought that the addition of the chancellor of the U. N. B. was a wise one and he would like to see the \$500 which was now paid to the provincial bacteriologist at St. John should be paid to the U. N. B. and should go towards the salary of an official who would make the study of bacteria and similar subjects his entire work.

Mr. Robinson said there were many good features in the bill and he regretted that they had not more time to consider it, however accepting the

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SENTENCE IMPOSED ON THREE ITALIANS

Jamieson Given Three Years, Booker and Boyle Two Each—One Day in Jail in McManus Case.

John Jamieson was sentenced this morning by Judge Wilson to three years in Dorchester penitentiary, two years for receiving goods, the property of Douglass Bros., Stanley and one year for robbing the store of George Thompson, St. Marys. Mike Booker and Thomas Boyle were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for receiving goods, the property of Douglass Bros., to which the three young defendants had pleaded guilty. For robbing the store of McManus & Co., Fredericton, Judge Wilson imposed a sentence of one day's imprisonment in the county jail upon Boyle and Booker, that day to be today. In imposing this sentence the judge said he did not agree with the verdict of the jury in this case, and had serious doubts concerning the guilt of the defendants, especially Boyle.

His Honour in imposing sentence said:

"You have had every consideration. You came before the court without anyone to speak for you, I considered it my duty to assign you counsel, and at the request of the court Mr. Hughes undertook without fee or hope of reward, your defence and did everything it was possible for you, and you should ever remember him with gratitude.

The Crown prosecutor did no more than his duty and did not press unduly for convictions. Upon request and at the expense of the crown, subpoenas were issued for the two witnesses who testified on your behalf. "With the verdict of the jury in the McManus & Co. case I have very great doubt as to the guilt of the two charged, especially Boyle. The jury appears had none, and their verdict is binding upon the court."

His Honour stated also that he had no desire to impose the extreme penalty which would be 42 years for Jamieson, 28 for Boyle and 14 for Booker. He recognized that they were strangers and took into consideration the youth of two of them. He understood that they had not offended against the laws of Canada before and in view of the fact would impose a sentence as light as possible. His Honour referred to the great influx of foreign population into Canada, and the necessity of inspiring the new citizens with respect for the law. It was a painful duty for him to impose sentence and he felt sorry for both them and their parents in the old land.

He expressed a desire for power to deport them and also wished that he could send Booker and Boyle somewhere else than the penitentiary. They were too old to be sent to the Boys' Industrial Home. He hoped provision would be made for sending first offenders to a school where they could be taught something.

After imposing sentence His Honour explained to the prisoners the operation of the ticket-of-leave system and the lessening of the period of imprisonment by good conduct.

The three young Italians were taken back to the county jail by Deputy Sheriff Winter. They showed no emotion while sentence was being pronounced.

Jamieson has written a letter to the press in which he reiterates his statement, that the jewelry found in his possession he obtained in a raffle at Patten, Me. He concludes his letter by stating that he and his companions have been convicted because they are strangers, but that they hold no malice against those who have testified against them.

The third case that against Booker and Boyle for receiving goods the property of McManus & Co., was concluded late Thursday night. The jury was out two hours when asked if he had anything to say Jamieson made a confused statement in which he took exception to the evidence given by George P. Thompson, of St. Marys. Jamieson's age is 22, Boyle's 18, and Booker's 17.

RIVER FREE OF ICE BELOW GAGETOWN

St. John, March 26.—The ice in the Reach is reported to have gone out last night and navigation is clear to Upper Gagetown. The star liner Majestic will leave for the latter place Monday morning at ten o'clock opening the navigation for the season on the river. The steamers Champlain and Sincennes will start Wednesday and the Elaine may get under way Wednesday if the river is clear by that time.

SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC IN CHURCHES

Elaborate Programmes to be Rendered by Majority of Choirs on Easter Sunday.

All of the city churches will have special Easter music tomorrow. In the majority of cases elaborate programmes have been prepared and the singing in all cases will be excellent. The programmes are as follows:

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.
Morning Service.
Organ Prelude—"In the Morning."
—Grieg.
Processional Hymn—157.
Te Deum—Burrett in E flat.
Benedictus—Elvey.
Anthem—"Awake up my Glory."
—Barnby.
Organ Postlude—"Easter Morning"
—Malling.

Evening Service.
Organ Prelude—"Adagio"—Widor.
Processional Hymn—164.
Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis—Burrett in F.
Anthem—"Awake up my Glory."
—Barnby.
Organ Postlude—"Grand Chorus."
—Guilmant.

ST. ANN'S PARISH CHURCH.
Morning.
Processional—Hymn 171—Haverall.
Anthem—"Christ our Passover."
—Humphrey.
Te Deum—Maybrick.
Benedictus—Goodenough.
Introit—Hymn 163.—Hintze.
Kyrie—Palmer.
Gloria Tibi, Gratias Tibi—Plummer
Sanctus—Plummer.
Hymn—233—Monk.
Gloria in Excelsis—Zenner.
Hymn—759—Boyd.

Evening.
Processional—Hymn 168—Sullivan.
Proper Psalms.—Special Chants.
Magnificat—Holmes.
Nunc Dimittis—Anon.
Anthem—"Awake up my Glory."
Hymn—161—Elliott.
Hymn—164—Elvey.
Recessional—166—Pelestrina.
BRUNSWICK STREET BAPTIST.

Morning.
Hymn—Jesus Christ is Risen Today.
Anthem—They have Taken Away My Lord.
Hymn—Thou Glorious Sun of Righteousness.
Hymn—Still, Still With Thee.
Evening.
Hymn—O Day of Rest and Gladness
Anthem—Te Deum in F., Stainer.
Hymn—Christ The Lord is Risen Today.

Quartette—God So Loved the World
—Mrs. Good, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Cooper and Harrison.
Hymn—Jerusalem the Golden.
METHODIST CHURCH.

Morning.
Anthem—King of Kings.—Simper.
Evening.
Invocation—Anthem—They Have Taken Away My Lord.—Stainer.
My Lord.—Stainer.
Offertoire Anthem—Come see the Place Where Jesus Lay.—Bruce Spear
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Morning.
Easter Carols by special children's choir of forty voices.
Evening.
Anthem—Christ is Risen.—Mauder.
Solo—The Resurrection, by Mrs. W. A. B. McLellan.
ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH.

Morning.
Peter's Mass in D.
Offertory Hymn—Christ the Lord is Risen Today.
Evening.
Special Easter music.

PROMINENT KING'S CO. MAN EXPIRES VERY SUDDENLY

St. John, March 26.—Merritt Wetmore Flewelling of Clifton, died suddenly this morning aged 81. He was a brother of the late Hon. W. P. Flewelling with whom he was associated many years in shipbuilding at Clifton. He leaves three sons. M. Wright Flewelling at home; Henry Flewelling of Hampton and J. Lee, of Gondola Point. G. Hodson Flewelling is a nephew.

FUNERAL OF LATE MRS. ALLAN MOREHOUSE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Allan Morehouse of St. Mary's, took place this afternoon, interment being made at Zealand Station. Service was held at the late residence of the deceased in St. Mary's by Rev. Mr. Tucker, of St. Mary's on Friday night.

MOUNT ETNA POURS OUT FLAME AND FIERY LAVA

A Molten Stream Flowing Slowly Over the Land Carries Death and Destruction With it—Houses Burned.

Catania, Sicily, March 26.—The eruptions from the side craters of Mount Etna, continued today and the fiery rover formed at the foot of Mount Castelazzo moved slowly toward Borello and Belpasso consuming everything in its path. The lavatic stream winding in and out over the uneven surface at the mountain base has covered probably twenty five miles though its head is not more than ten miles from the source in an air line. Throughout the night the summit of Mount Etna appeared to be ablaze but today a cloud of black smoke enveloped the peak. Prolonged rumblings from the central crater and frequent explosions from the side fissures served as effectually as the flood itself to hold in terror the populace for miles around. An early morning visit into the threatened section afforded a spectacle magnificent beyond description which could be thoroughly enjoyed by the hundreds of sight seers flocking there but far the other side of the picture.

The terror and real distress of the peasants in the vicinity of depressing. A panic has seized them and though they cling to their little homes until the flood was almost upon them they have now abandoned all but their portable property and driving before them their donkeys and pigs, the former loaded with household goods; they are wandering about with the single aim of preserving what little has been left to them. On the hill-tops, little groups of men, women and children could be seen looking back sadly to their former homes now covered with lava to a height of perhaps 15 feet. Others whose homes had not been overtaken clasped the crucifixes, images

of the Madonna and the Saints and with characteristic cries and prayers. Cries and prayers implored that their little huts be spared. Meantime the molten mass crawled irresistibly forward as though detonations accompanied by earthquake shocks give the impression of an angry monster struggling to loose its bonds. At times a storm of cinders obscured the volcano and then suddenly shifts of the wind forced back the clouds and the sun bursting through sailed down on the most fertile country in the world.

The summit of Mount Etna appears to be still covered with snow. The people of the district have been brought up to a high pitch of excitement and are ready for miracles though at the same time declaring that the evil eye is upon them. At a little roadside altar erected to St. Jonah at a point above Nicolosi the women, priests and children had gathered to implore mercy. As they knelt they saw in the distance the destructive flood advancing. As it drew nearer the agitation among the peasants until one exclaimed—"a miracle has occurred. The lava will not touch the sanctuary." The cry was taken up by the others and then the chanting of the melancholy Sicilian hymns was renewed.

Nearer came the lava but when its heat had nearly suffocated the praying, all at once the stream was diverted. With cries of joy at what appeared to be a miraculous manifestation the supplicants sprang to their feet. A moment later the course of the flood changed and sweeping down on the worshippers permitted them barely time to flee for their lives, while it engulfed and burned the sanctuary.

GAY NEW YORK IS GETTING GOOD

New York, March 26.—The Lenten season, of 1910, according to religious authorities, has been the most remarkable this city has ever known. The extraordinary thing about it in this city has been the great attendance at the noon-day services. Several days this week the number at Trinity exceeded 2,000, with many on the sidewalks, unable to get in.

A second extraordinary feature was the number of Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and other churches that observed it in some measure. A reason for this marked change obtaining in New York and many other cities is found in the new missionary enthusiasm. In the press of getting together in behalf of world evangelization the liturgical and the non-liturgical people, those who have heretofore kept Lent and those who have not, made concessions. Episcopal and Lutheran ministers in consequence of the Laymen's Missionary Movement Conventions, have found themselves in unusual company a good many times.

In Philadelphia, Chicago and most of the leading cities, the Lenten attendance has broken previous records.

SUNDAY SERVICES

METHODIST CHURCH.
Special Easter services tomorrow. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. W. McConnell, will preach morning and evening. All are cordially invited to every service of the church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.
Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith.—11 a. m. Subject, The Gospel of the Resurrection. 7 p. m. Subject, Science and the Resurrection. 2.30 p. m. Sunday School and Bible classes, Topic in Men's Class. "The Social Laws of Jesus." All are cordially invited to all these services.

GEORGE STREET CHURCH.
The service of the George Street Church tomorrow will be in keeping with Easter. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Rideout, will speak on the Message of Easter. The choir, under the leadership of Prof. E. Cadwallader, will render appropriate Easter hymns. In the morning the Anthem, "Awake Thou That Sleepest," by

TRIED TO BREAK FARO BANK

Cambridge, Mass., March 26.—In a confession made yesterday George W. Coleman, charged with embezzlement from the National City Bank of Cambridge, admitted that he took \$160,000 and that practically every cent of it was lost in trying "to break a faro bank" in New York. Coleman stated that he was introduced to the game by a Boston man several years ago and lost \$35,000 of his own at that time. Two years later he met other Boston men who interested him in the game, he said, and between last May and February, he made at least 50 trips to New York, taking with him each time sums varying from \$2,000 to \$5,000, all of which he lost.

These men, said Coleman, knew where the money was coming from, as he told them he was "getting in wrong." The alleged disclosures were made at Coleman's home in the presence of two Cambridge police officials, Coleman's attorney, Henry H. Winslow, Wilson T. Lockhart, the young assistant of Coleman at the bank, who is also charged with embezzlement and a newspaper reporter.

Simper, will be sung while in the evening "Rejoice Jerusalem and Sing," by Nevin, and "Jesus is Risen" by Schaecker, will both be rendered. The ordinance of baptism will take place at the close of the service.

BRUNSWICK STREET CHURCH.
The pastor will preach at both services, the subject of the morning being The Keys of Death and of the evening The Joys of Easter.

SALVATION ARMY.
Knee drill, 7.00 a. m. Barriers Rolled Away, 11.00 a. m. Vacant Places, 3.00 p. m. Address by Rev. Dr. Smith Singing by Brunswick Street Baptist Choir, 8.00 p. m.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.
There will be service at St. Margaret's, Morrison's Mills, at 4.15 p. m., when part of the band of St. Ann's, will assist. The Rector will preach at the morning service, and the Lord Bishop will preach at 7 p. m. Evensong.

Happiness has usually to be a home-made article.