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DALHOUSIE convocation is to be held on April 24th.

A. J. BIRCHIE has been appointed assistant gas inspector (a Dominion appointment, salary \$500) for Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.—Hx. Herald.

THE members of Mizpah L. O. Y. B. Lodge no 145 will please note that they have removed from Mechanic Hall to Offer's Hall and that their night of meeting has been changed from Friday to Thursday night.

MONCTON Times, March 30:—Among the mounted police volunteers from P. E. Island is Mr. Louis Large, of Charlottetown. Mr. Large has taken an active interest in sports, especially in bicycling, being one of the contestants at the Maritime meet held in Moncton last year.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL IRVING offered to go to South Africa, but the government would not accept his services, preferring to keep him here to look after the several contingents. Colonel Irving has been thanked by the militia department for the very efficient way he performed his duties.

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THE members of Caldwell Lodge, L. O. L., spent a very sociable and pleasant evening in their Lodge room at Margate, on Thursday evening March 29th. Notwithstanding the unpleasantness of the weather a large number of members were present, each accompanied by his wife or daughter, or best girl. A few outside invitations were also issued. Mr. George Glover occupied the chair and the program was opened by the united singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Readings were given by Messrs. Jas. Mayhew and Tweedie Mayhew; Recitations by Miss Fairlie Durant, Messrs. John Dignan and Horatio Bowness; a duet was sung by Misses Edith and Emma Dennis; and solo by Messrs. John Mayo and Tyndall Semple, Kensington. The G. M. Mr. Murdoch McLeod, of Hunter River, was present and delivered an excellent and helpful address, a few remarks were also made by Mr. W. J. Caldwell. Instrumental music was furnished by Mr. Jas. Walker on the violin. Mr. Horatio Bowness on the auto harp, and Miss Gertrude Essory on the organ. The program throughout was well rendered, and evoked a great deal of applause, but we would like especially to mention the singing of Mr. T. Semple, who had to respond to several well-deserved encores. We need say nothing here about the bountiful repast that had been prepared. The ladies of Margate and vicinity and particularly those in connection with the Orange Lodge, are noted for their excellence along this line, and at this time fully sustained the reputation which they had acquired on previous occasions. While the tables were being served instrumental music was rendered by Misses Durant and Essory, Messrs. Bowness and Walker. About midnight the company dispersed after singing "God Save the Queen."—Com.

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THE St. John Sun of March 31st. says:—The West India steamer Fiber, Capt. Delisle, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Halifax. She will take in a lot of stuff here and sail for the West Indies via Halifax Tuesday.

MONCTON Transcript, March 29th says:—At the meeting of the quarterly board of the Central Methodist church last evening the question of the ministerial supply for the fourth year came up. The board decided by a tie vote to rigidly adhere to the three year system. This was done, not for any feeling against the present pastor, for those who voted for adhering to the three years system, stated to the pastor, almost without exception, that they held him in the very highest esteem and would be delighted if the conference should return him to the circuit; only that they wished to record themselves as against any change from the old system.

EASTERN NOTES.—The fishermen, of whom we claim a good many veterans, are getting ready their trawls and nets for spring, preparing for the harvest of the sea, and though the returns are something uncertain from late years, yet there are generally fair returns for the men who pursue this ancient calling with perseverance, judgement and skill, in the waters surrounding our eastern shores. At present the Gulf appears to be clear of ice, as there is none in sight north or south, and unless we have a continued spell of north-east wind, which is improbable at present to bring back the ice, we will have one of the earliest springs and the earliest opening of the navigation on record. In fact the ice found here this year was only of a local character, light field ice, drifting back and forth with the winds and the currents, without the influence on the climate or the atmosphere of the mighty bodies of ice which in other years came from the northern shores of the Gulf and covered the water as far as the eye could reach in every direction. Probably some of this ice came as far as the Magdalen Islands this winter carrying with it the seals, whose presence has made glad the hearts of the inhabitants in their winter, though not "splendid isolation." There are no doubt herds of seals in different parts of the Gulf or in some part of the Gulf every winter, though only occasionally coming close enough, by some favorable wind, to be discovered by the inhabitants.—Though many of our readers here are experienced on sea and land, have encountered ice and snow, contended with ice floes and surmounted many difficulties in navigating our northern waters early and late in the season, yet you will notice that none of them have joined in the discussion respecting the respective merits or the relative powers of the "Stanley" and the "Minto" as they consider that the designers, engineers and builders in the old land, have progressed not retrogressed, have learned not unlearned by experience, have kept pace with the progressive spirit and inventive age in which we live, and are much more capable of building a steamer suitable for our winter navigation than they were over ten years ago.—March is going out in the proverbial lamb like character and the weather prophets give us a fine April.—We are glad to learn that the two boys from east, Lester Robertson and Jason A. Ching, are progressing favorably in the hospital there, after being operated on for appendicitis.

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