

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY OPEN THE PICTURE HOUSE

Proposal to Run Theatre in Connection with Mission at Courtenay Bay Ratified - Presbyterian Ministers had Busy Session all day Yesterday.

The afternoon session of the quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of St. John opened at 2 o'clock, the moderator, Rev. James Ross, presiding. The most striking business to come before the meeting was the agreement to open a moving picture theatre at Courtenay Bay in connection with the Presbyterian mission now in course of construction.

The proposal was made by George Knight, stranger secretary, and received the hearty endorsement of the Presbytery. The home mission reports took up considerable time during the afternoon. The matter of the reinstatement of Rev. Mr. Mullin, of Stanley, was again discussed. Rev. James Ross registering his disapproval of the step. Other reports were also taken up, grants made, and other business transacted. The meeting adjourned at 10 minutes to seven, to meet at the call of the chair.

The first business to be taken up at the afternoon session, was the election of representatives to the next general assembly to be held in Toronto. The election resulted in the choosing of Rev. J. H. MacVicar, Rev. F. W. Murray, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, Rev. Frank Baird, W. C. Whitaker, Robert Scott, Premier J. K. Fleming, Dr. W. J. King, Isaac and W. Baird, substitutes. Rev. James Ross, Rev. M. J. McPherson, Rev. M. H. Manuel, Rev. Gordon Dickie and Rev. T. A. Mitchell.

The city ministers with the exception of Rev. James Ross and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson were appointed a committee with Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, as convener, to study the situation in St. John with a view to furthering the work of the church. They will report to the Presbytery at the next meeting.

Home Missions.

The home mission reports were then taken up. The cost of supply at Norton came up, the bill for the past summer amounting to \$28.75. This brought on considerable discussion, it being shown that students coming from Halifax were forced to spend much money in travelling expenses, considering the bill was very high. It was shown that unless the students received enough to cover their expenses they would not make a trip.

Judge Forbes thought the matter should be taken up with the Presbytery of Halifax. Rev. J. H. A. Anderson moved that a limit of \$5.75 a Sunday be placed on the assistance given by the Presbytery to students. The bill was ordered paid with Rev. Mr. Anderson's amendment to take effect in the future.

It was then announced that a call had been issued by the Norton church to Rev. George Irvine, a student. The Presbytery granted Rev. Mr. Irvine permission to accept. Rev. Gordon Dickie then gave particulars as to the cost of construction of the mission at Courtenay Bay. It was shown that the lots had cost \$500.40 and had been paid for from the Wiley fund. The building would be finished on April 15th at a cost of \$2,800. Besides the reading room, dining room and other accessories, a new gymnasium and shower baths were being installed.

Rev. Gordon Knight, the stranger secretary, then made his report. In view of the fact that the expenses attached to the running of the mission would be large, he advocated the opening of a moving picture theatre in connection with the mission. Mr. Knight pointed out that films touching on almost any subject could be secured, and that two shows a week with an admittance fee of ten cents would amply defray expenses.

In support of his argument, the speaker added that the large American cities the immigrants had been allowed to establish little Italy, Germany, etc., because the authorities had not told them of the wonderful opportunities of the country. He said educational films could be secured, showing the greatness of Canada, and by seeing them the foreigners would make vast strides towards becoming good Canadian citizens.

He also understood that a moving picture house in the city was contemplating the opening of a house at Courtenay Bay, and it behooved the church to enter the territory first. The idea of being the sole proprietors of a moving picture theatre and the good it would do the foreign element, evidently made a hit with the Presbytery, as the motion picture was passed practically without argument.

The cost of installing and operating a machine was then given. Mr. Knight made an appeal to the ministers to secure all the books possible for the library, and to assist in every manner the work of keeping the men away from the city bars. He observed that if some of the workmen carried some of the loads they brought to the camp, in two trips they might feel better. The appeal was heartily endorsed.

The report of the Sunday services at Courtenay Bay was read and adopted. Rev. Mr. Dickie proposed a new scheme for supplying vacant pulpits. He proposed that instead of being under the control of the vacant

churche the supply be regulated by the Presbytery. The proposal was passed.

The Chamcook Report.

Rev. James Ross then reported on the conditions at Chamcook. He said that the Norwegian girls they had discharged, the majority of them penniless, and as the company had not taken any care of them, they had fallen on evil days. Although the reports of their condition had been somewhat exaggerated in the press, it was bad. At present many Catholic girls were coming in and erecting on the Catholic church would assist in the work. He recommended that a matron be hired to look after the girls and that \$800 be appropriated for this purpose. The proposal was granted.

Mr. Knight was appointed stranger secretary for the year commencing May 1st. Several bills were then ordered paid.

The matter of the application of Mr. Cussar, of the Coosa farm for Scotch boys, for a resident student minister for the farm, was then taken up. Mr. Cussar also asked that a mission hall be erected on the farm. He offers to advance \$100 a year toward the salary of the minister and to give \$500 toward the construction cost of the hall. He also asked that \$500 be voted by the Presbytery for this work. In the discussion it came out that all the boys on the farm were Scotch Presbyterians. Both Mr. Cussar's requests were granted.

The problem of keeping these boys on the farms of the province was then dealt with, it being suggested that the provincial government be asked to pass a law allowing the boys, on reaching a certain age, to be bound out. At present when they grow old enough to leave the farm, they usually went to the towns or to St. John. Some of them are now bell boys in the hotels. It was the opinion that this was a bad place for the boys.

Rev. Dr. Patterson when speaking on this subject, thought the government should grant a substantial sum toward the erection of the mission for the boys.

M. S. McKay of Wawel, was appointed a home missionary at the same salary for another year. Rev. Mr. Townsend read the report of the Young People's Societies. He stated that there was a decline in the Sabbath school work, 58 schools reporting out of 74. He offered several suggestions for the advancement of this phase of the work. The report was adopted without discussion.

PREMIER FLEMING'S CROWN LAND BILL PASSED THE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

Continued from page one. The House met at three o'clock. Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill to amend the Schools Act of 1902. He explained that the bill provided that the St. John Board of School Trustees can increase their bond issue from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Hon. Mr. Fleming introduced a bill to authorize the grant of certain lands for military purposes. He explained that the bill provided for the establishment of a military training ground. The matter was not entirely settled yet but it would be wise to make provision for the transfer, as it would likely be completed within a short time.

Should a sale take place provision is made that the amount received should be deposited in the crown land sinking fund. It was proposed to dispose of land between Fredericton and Chatham on an interlocking near the Maritime Junction and also land on the G. T. P. At this training ground not only the militia of New Brunswick but various companies of the cavalry and engineers of the Maritime Provinces would meet annually for drill. There would be a great deal of expenditure in the preparation of the grounds, but a greater advantage would be the amount spent annually in connection with the annual drill of the militia of the Maritime Provinces. The site proposed was a very central one, and was considered highly suitable for military purposes, not being heavily timbered.

Hon. Mr. Fleming introduced a bill to amend the act amending the general mining act, with respect to the construction of railways within the province, and prior to 1875 the government had given assistance to the construction of these railways which meet the development of the different portions of New Brunswick and the province should contribute to that policy, but if these railways, the construction of which was brought about by the assistance of the government, were in a condition today that they were able to pay taxes it was certainly apparent that the time had arrived when the government should contribute to the cost of the railways.

Hon. Mr. McLeod introduced a bill to authorize a loan for certain purposes. He explained that the bill made provision for the payment of \$12,000 expended on the purchase of the Bishopscote property, while it further provided for an expenditure of \$35,000 which would be necessary for the annex and improvement at the Normal school.

To Redeem Debentures. Hon. Mr. McLeod introduced a bill to provide for redemption of debentures falling due July 1st, 1914. He explained that an instalment of \$100,000 of the 4 per cent provincial debentures falls due on that date, and it was thought advisable to secure authority for their redemption.

Hon. Mr. McLeod introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis. He stated that authority had been given under a previous act to provide for an expenditure of \$15,000 on account of the pavilions and other work at the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium. The expenditure, however, had advanced to \$25,000 and it was necessary that provision should be made to increase it to \$25,000 as provided for in this bill.

Hon. Mr. Dickson (Albert) in the chair and agreed to the bill to amend the towns incorporation act of 1903. Hon. Mr. Grimmer explained that the bill was made in the bill for the removal of buildings or erections on dangerous places.

To Amend Elections Act. The bill to amend the New Brunswick elections act of 1903 was then considered. The bill provided for a change in the oath by a voter when he is challenged and also provided for the creation of a new polling place in the parish of St. George, Charlotte County.

The bill was agreed to as was also a bill in further amendment of the law relating to coroners inquests.

To Amend Probate Fees. The house went into committee with Mr. Dickson (Albert) in the chair and took up consideration of the bill amending the Probate Court act. Hon. Mr. Grimmer explained that the Provincial Secretary in his budget speech had said that a bill would be introduced which would lighten the burden of smaller estates by reducing the probate fees. The concluding portion of this bill reduced the fees chargeable to small estates. Heretofore judges of the Probate Court in cases where the regular fee had other fees which added considerably to the charges upon small estates. Under this bill the fees were named as follows:

Where the probate value of the estate does not exceed \$250, the fee shall be \$150, over \$250 and not exceeding \$500, \$150, over \$500 and not exceeding \$750, \$4; over \$750 and under \$1,000, \$8; \$1,000, \$10. The object was to make it easier for small estates.

Mr. Dickson suggested several amendments. He thought it would be better to have one fee chargeable for estates from \$750 up to and including \$1,000, and another fee for estates exceeding \$1,000. He also suggested smaller fees in the cases of applications for guardianship of estates of minors.

McCaikill, W. M. Townshend, Dr. J. A. Morrison, J. A. MacKeigan, Gordon Dickie, of St. John, and Judge Forbes, Messrs. Peter Chisholm, Robert Scott and W. S. Clawson, elders.

The election of officers was the first business taken up, and resulted as follows: Rev. Dr. MacVicar, moderator; Rev. Frank Baird, clerk; Peter Campbell, treasurer; Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, treasurer travelling expenses fund.

A call from the congregations of St. Croix and Ellersburg, N. S., to Rev. W. Girdwood, of Prince William, was read. It bore the signatures of 75 communicants and 69 adherents, and was sustained. Mr. Girdwood stated that he would wish his resignation from his present charge to take effect after Sunday next. Dr. Smith was appointed moderator of the congregation.

Rev. Dr. MacVicar stated that a young Scotchman, John Mortimer, desired admission as a probationer, and asked to have a committee appointed to examine him. The committee, Rev. Messrs. Dickie, Ross and MacKeigan were appointed a committee for this purpose.

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A Livingstone Celebration. The schoolroom of St. Stephen's church was crowded last evening, when a celebration in honor of the Livingstone centenary was held. The girls of the mission band had charge of the programme, which consisted of a number of songs, readings and dialogues by the children, and a paper on Livingstone, which was read by Mrs. Dickie.

The Board of Health. The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon. The business of the meeting was mostly routine; the reports of the inspectors were heard. A resolution of regret at the death of the late James Ready was passed by the board.

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