

PRESBYTERIAN WORK.

Steady and Satisfactory Advance Indicated by the Reports to the Just Closed Synod.

Rev. Dr. Campbell Delivers An Eloquent Discourse—Brief Outline of Church Progress.

The rapid and substantial progress that Presbyterianism has made in Western Canada during the past six years is abundantly evidenced by the reports presented during the annual meeting of the Synod just closed at St. Andrew's church here.

The Synod was formed in 1862 by order of the General Assembly, it included the four Presbyteries of Kamloops, Calgary, Westminster and Victoria, with 32 congregations in all; last year the number of Presbyteries was five, while included within their jurisdiction were 48 congregations and stations with ordained ministers or missionaries, the active workers comprising 55 clergymen, 17 missionaries and 34 students of theology.

The first Synod was held at Vancouver with Rev. D. MacRae, pastor of St. Paul's, Victoria West, as moderator, he being unfortunately unable to be present on account of the quarantine regulations then existing against the smallpox.

The following year it met in Victoria, and Rev. Thomas Scouler, then pastor of St. Andrew's church, New Westminster, was elected moderator. It was then agreed that the next meeting should be held across the mountains, and accordingly the Synod met in 1894 at Calgary, when Rev. J. C. Henderson, B.D., was chosen moderator.

The next year the meeting place, and Rev. A. Lee, B.A., late of Kamloops, was the choice for moderator; in 1896 it went again to Vancouver, Rev. E. J. McLaren, B.D., of the First church, being elected to preside at its meetings.

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A SPEEDY TRIAL TRIP.

Stern Wheeled Steamer Victorian Develops Great Speed on Her Maiden Run.

Captain Grant's New Frigate Launched From Leigh's Yard—The Mischief Injured.

Over fifteen knots an hour was the excellent performance of the Canadian Development Co.'s stern wheel steamer Victorian on her trial trip in the straits yesterday afternoon. The steamer went out to William Head early in the afternoon, steaming against a strong flood tide twelve knots and demonstrating her good sea-going qualities on a lumpy sea.

Mr. H. Maitland-Kersey, the head official of the owning company, was on board, and expressed himself as greatly pleased with the manner in which the new craft bowed along. Besides a big pleasure party of whom a number of young ladies formed part there were aboard Inspector Thomson, M. Clark, of Pittsburg, and Mr. Barnham, of England, both of whom were on hand to see that the machinery was in perfect order.

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UNDER THE UNION JACK

American Klondikers Will Avoid Possibility of Loss Traveling by Neutral Craft.

Seattle Firm Has Cables That Privateers Propose to Hold Up Treasure Ships.

Years of use have made everyone acquainted with the axiom that "it's an ill wind that blows good to no one." The truth of the proverb is tacitly conceded as a rule, and now the Canadian transportation companies in competition with American lines for the Klondike trade find fresh illustration in the Spanish war.

The point is that American steamers bearing prospectors North or returning from St. Michael's with outgoing mine-laden cargo, and their gold during the continuance of hostilities, run a very fair chance of being appropriated as prizes of war by any Spanish ship that may be on the look out for them.

It would not of course be policy for the company in question to disclose the source of this information, but they give it directly and explicitly in circulars and posters now being issued from their Seattle office, and have had sufficient confidence in its authenticity to charter for the season the big British steamship Garonne, in order to provide danger-free transportation to and from St. Michael's.

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CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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