

Travellers' Guide—Toronto Time.

Table with columns for departure and arrival times for various railroads including Grand Trunk East, Grand Trunk West, Great Western Railway, Northern Railway, Toronto and Nipissing Railway, Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, and Western States.

The Daily Recorder.

TORONTO, SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 1874. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED CONNEXION.

The oldest and largest Methodist body in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and British Columbia, has now an organic union with the co-ordinate body in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland.

Yet, on the other hand, numerical and consequently material strength, is not without its dangers. It becomes a matter of worldly interest with many to belong to such a rich and influential body.

We will give in future issues the full text of the important speeches delivered. We can here only make hasty comment on some of them.

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I thank God I have seen one live Christian. Ah, how much more respectable it is to attend our class and stand up for it, instead of neglecting and decrying it.

Let faithful preaching be continued by the ministry, and upheld by the people. Brother, if the exercise of your ministry in a populous body of Christians gives you a larger congregation to preach to, be thankful for it; but see to it, that you neither "soften God's words, nor smooth your tongue."

Nay, let us arise, one and all, and give ourselves to God anew, consecrating ourselves to fervent devotion, Bible reading, family religion, class and prayer-meeting, looking after the poor of the flock, seeking to open new fields of labor at home, and to spread the Gospel abroad with an energy and a tirelessness which never characterized us before.

THE WELCOME MEETING.

The meeting last night was a grand occasion. The attendance was large; the welcome right royal; the responses hearty and eloquent; the music magnificent. It was a fitting introduction of the laity of Toronto to their distinguished guests as a Conference.

Some of us felt, as we never felt before, that Canada is a nation—one and indivisible—with grandest possibilities before it.

We have already, as Mr. Wilkes remarked, brought Newfoundland in the Confederacy Methodistically, and it only remains for our rulers to secure her political allegiance.

The speech of R. Wilkes, Esq., M.P., was philosophic, thoughtful, statesman-like, instructive. He paid a graceful compliment to the varied attainments in theology and literature, in judicial, political and mercantile life of our guests, whom he welcomed as men true, tried and trusted among Methodists.

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The Rev. D. D. Savage, in an address of chaste and elegant diction, scintillating with gleams of delicate humor, conveyed the acknowledgments of the N. C. Church, for which he spoke, for the kindly hospitality of their Toronto hosts, and his personal gratification at the widened Christian fellowships he enjoyed.

The Hon. J. L. Shannon replied on behalf of the Nova Scotia Methodists. His speech was a rare treat of blended wit and wisdom. His comical surprise at the welcome extended to

a lot of lawyers, sheriffs, and other suspicious characters, against whom most persons would bolt their doors, created uproarious amusement—especially his admonition to look out for the silver spoons and plate.

The Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Finance Minister of the Government of Newfoundland, spoke with generous enthusiasm of the religious history and religious needs of that island. It will henceforth have stronger hold on our sympathy than fit ever had before.

Two verses, which the Rev. John Wesley characterized as containing his own religious experience for several of the latter years of his life, were then sung, hymn 327, ver. 3 and 4. The benediction was pronounced, and the Conference adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

At 9 o'clock the Conference was opened in the usual manner. Singing and prayer by Rev. A. W. Nicholson. Minutes of the previous session read and confirmed.

The Nominating Committee made a third report, and recommended the following additional Standing Committees: 12. Church Extension, 12 members. 13. Children's Fund, 19 members. 14. Contingent Fund, 17 members. 15. State of the Church, 22 members. 16. Conference Expenses, 5 members.

On motion of Mr. J. A. WILLIAMS the Nominating Committee was instructed to appoint a Committee on Temperance.

A lengthy conversation then took place as to the propriety of observing a day of thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest, which resulted in the adoption of the following resolution, which was moved by Dr. OGDEN and seconded by Rev. E. H. DEWART.

- 6. On Church property, 11 members. 7. On Course of Study for probationers 8 members. 8. On Itinerancy and Ministerial support, 23 members. 9. On the Adjustment of Circuits jointly occupied by the Wesleyan and Methodist New Connexion Churches, 16 members. 10. To arrange and adjust Connexional Funds relating to the said two churches, 8 members. 11. On Superannuation Fund, 20 members.

The Committee having thus reported, begged leave to sit again. The Conference approved all the above recommendations, and granted the request made.

Several recommendations were presented to the Nominating Committee, as to the propriety of appointing further Standing Committees on appeals, boundaries, correspondence or foreign relations and Conference expenses.

The President announced that any of the members of the Conference who might wish to visit the Normal School building could do so at their own convenience, as arrangements had been made for parties to conduct strangers through that building; the Educational Museum would doubtless be an object of special interest.

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Hymn-book, but as there was now much discussion both in England and America. If a new Hymn-book should be published, he wanted Canada to share the profits.

Rev. L. GARTY seconded the resolution, and said that he thought the Hymn-book might be greatly reduced in size. He could not conceive that there was any need to have 1,200 hymns.

Rev. Dr. JEFFERS would like to have the operation of all the Methodist bodies, so that there might be one uniform hymn-book in the Methodist Churches throughout the world.

Rev. E. HOLMES said that he thought that all hymns of peculiar metre should either be omitted or else the people be taught to sing hymns of such metres.

Rev. E. H. DEWART was glad to hear this discussion, as it was well known that he had at different times referred to it in the Guardian. True, some of his views had not been universally endorsed, but several of the Methodist journals on the other side had given expression to similar sentiments.

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Our readers will all be glad to see Dr. Panshons' eloquent sermon, pronounced at the late Wesleyan Conference at Cornwall, reproduced on our first page.

WITHROW'S CATACOMBS.

The following kindly notice of this book is from the pen of the Editor of the Guardian. Canadian literature is often highly commended in the abstract, but little patronized in the concrete.