

RAILWAY MEN.

Thirteenth Annual Convention
Maritime Railway Chris-
tian Association.Reports Submitted, Officers Elected
and a Large Amount of Bus-
iness Transacted.

Mass Communion Meeting in St. Stephen's Church, Friday Evening—Addresses by Judge Forbes and Rev. Mr. Rainie—Tomorrow and Sunday's Programme.

The thirteenth convention of the Maritime Railway Men's Christian Association opened Friday morning in St. Stephen's church school room. Beside the local members, thirty-five delegates registered. The convention was opened with a devotional service led by Alex. Wilson of Montreal. Miss Chappell of Charlottetown presided at the organ and John Britton of North Sydney led the singing.

At the close of this meeting the following nominating committee was appointed: W. Kingston, C. Upham, T. Wilson, J. J. Chappell.

The business session opened at 10.30. President W. Ellis in the chair. The first business was the reception of the report of the nominating committee, which was as follows:

J. Devereaux, Campbellton, president; G. H. McKinnley, Halifax; John Kennedy, Truro; Jas. Moore, Moncton; W. Atherton, Campbellton; J. J. Irvine, St. John; J. J. Chappell, Charlottetown; T. M. Boggis, Kentville; D. McLennan, Sydney, vice-presidents; Henry Crawford, Charlottetown, secretary; J. T. Rhind, Truro, assistant secretary.

Business committee—W. Kingston, St. John; C. Upham, Halifax; J. R. Moore, Moncton; Chas. Clarke, Charlottetown; W. Ellis, Truro.

Credentialed committee—J. J. Irvine, D. Trenholm.

Press committee—J. J. Irvine, W. Kingston, Robert Phinney.

The report of the chairman of the railway work committee, J. C. Cass, was read by C. Upham. The report stated that in the prosecution of the work 20,655 miles had been travelled, 200 meetings held and 600 homes visited by Mr. Upham, the travelling secretary.

In addition to this, he had assisted at 95 meetings, talked personally with 405 of the unsaved and with 1280 workers, besides attending fifteen committee meetings, the maritime convention and the international convention.

The report also pointed out that the work was hampered for want of funds and urged more generous contributions. The literary work has not been unsuccessful, and a number of new books have been secured. A quantity of literature had been sent by Mr. Warburton of the R. R. department, N. Y., and had been put to good use. The report also spoke of the great good derived by the delegates to the West Wayne international conference. It referred gratefully to the international conference for its continued support, to the maritime committee and to the various officers.

With reference to the Rest Rooms, the report stated that steps had been taken for the establishment of a rest room at Campbellton.

The report of C. Upham, the travelling secretary, after a hopeful review of the work in general, gave the following figures:

Meetings held, 200; other meetings, 96; personal talks to unsaved, 405; personal conferences with workers, 1,280; homes visited, 600; money received for work, \$75.75; pages of good reading given out, 15; pages of tracts distributed, 12,000; books secured and given to stations, 146; ships visited and reading given in native tongue, 19; Xmas letters distributed to railway men, 75; days spent in missionary work, 12; money received, \$75.75.

W. J. Ellis, treasurer, reported that the total income from the associations and by personal gifts was \$373.32. Total expenses, salaries, printing, etc., \$73.05.

M. P. Richardson, president of the Truro branch, reported that their active membership is 22; income, \$63; expenses, slightly more. They had held 37 men's meetings, with average attendance 24, and 15 mass meetings, at which there was an average attendance of 130.

An eloquent and inspiring address was then delivered to the convention by Rev. C. G. Galt, on "Holy Spirit; for What Purpose Given."

The afternoon session opened with a fellowship meeting led by J. Devereaux. Associational reports were received from Prince Edward Island, through J. J. Chappell, and from Campbellton, through J. J. Devereaux.

T. S. Morrison of Montreal delivered an excellent address on new social features in association work. A discussion on the address, opened by the president, was participated in by Alex. Wilson of Montreal in reference to the G. T. R. and C. P. R., by J. J. Chappell in reference to the P. E. I. railway, and by Mr. Kennedy of Truro.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. Kingston, seconded by W. J. Ellis, was unanimously carried:

Resolved, that this convention feels the most hearty appreciation for the services of the general secretary, and would urge that the executive committee plan such efforts as may lead to an improvement of the financial receipts in connection with the salary of our secretary, and if there be any improvement in said condition at the end of present year the services of our secretary be retained, but that if the condition should be unfavorable, notwithstanding such efforts, the executive make such arrangements as may be deemed wise under the existing conditions.

The report of the standing committee, which recommended a peristent agitation in favor of the Rest room, commended the work of F. G. Marshall and C. Upham; agreed in the

wisdom of procuring the services of Jas. Burwick for a time; and made no recommendations in regard to the extension of work, was adopted.

The railway committee's report recommended among other things the necessity of continuing Mr. Upham's services as travelling secretary. The report was discussed by Messrs. Ellis, Kingston, Trumble, Stevens, Clark and Moore.

The report of the maritime committee, which covered much the same ground as that of the travelling secretary, was adopted.

C. Upham of Richmond spoke on the Necessary Features of a Successful Social Meeting. He emphasized the desirability of holding such meetings in a comfortable, well-ventilated hall, and the necessity of obtaining good leaders and having the meetings well advertised.

The session closed with prayer by Mr. Chappell.

The evening session was held in St. Stephen's church. There was quite a large number present. After the opening service Judge Forbes on behalf of the citizens gave the delegates a hearty welcome to the city. He referred fittingly to the value of the work done by the association, and concluded by wishing the convention God-speed.

Geo. Foster of the I. C. R., on behalf of the local men, gave the members of the convention a fraternal welcome to the city. The reception hall, where the men had received while attending conventions in other places intensified the hearty welcome which they now gave to their guests.

Rev. W. W. Rainie, speaking for the churches, extended a warm welcome to the visitors. Such conventions as these do the churches good by increasing their spiritual life and relating them out of the ruts of denominationalism.

J. C. Cass of Shubenacadie, N. S., in replying, thanked the speakers for their kind words of welcome. The delegates were present to glorify Christ, and in their work among their fellows they needed especially the prayerful help of all Christians, and this he felt they would receive.

G. H. McKinnley felt that the success of the work was largely due to the warm sympathy of their friends. He thanked the speakers and the people of St. John for their words and acts of kindness.

Rev. A. L. Giegge, speaking on the keynote of the conference, said that God had no message for dishonest hearts and no blessing for an unclean man. The great purpose of these conventions is to grip God, and then to go and grip men. This then is the work of the Christian man, and two things are to be considered in his work. God must be gripped with an empty hand, and He must be given the full hand.

An acquaintance meeting led by J. C. Cass followed. Each of the delegates rose and answered the questions: Who I am? Where am I from? What am I doing here?

A special feature of the evening's service was the hearty singing led by Evangelist Britton, who is well known here as a leader of splendid ability. During the evening Miss Upham sang very sweetly a welcome hymn.

The Maritime Railway Men's Christian Convention brought its business to a close on Saturday, in the morning. G. H. McKinnley of Halifax read a thoughtful paper on the best way of extending the work to other maritime roads, and W. R. Ellis of Truro, a pertinent paper on "Our Service of Securing Its Support and How to Retain Them." Both papers were freely discussed by the delegates.

In the afternoon all enjoyed the courtesy of the C. P. R., in an excursion to Westfield Beach. The beauty of the St. John river at that point was an eye-opener to the Nova Scotia visitors, who were loud in their expressions of delight. In the evening at the public meeting, J. E. Britton led a service of song and addresses were delivered on "The Delights of Bible Study" and "The World's Work." A feature of all the association meetings was the richness and heartiness of the singing. City choirs could have picked up valuable pointers by attending.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun.

The meeting for men, held yesterday afternoon in Zion church, was largely attended and very interesting. Secretary Upham led the service, and the evening work was very successful.

Rev. A. L. Giegge spoke very impressively from a verse of Jeremiah, being his remarks on the clause "And of a man."

After pointing out that the need of the world is men, and that character is of infinitely more value than gold, Mr. Giegge pointed out, illustrated and emphasized five essentials of true manhood, as follows: (1) Sense of moral responsibility. (2) High moral enthusiasm. (3) Cultivation of the religious sense. (4) Reception of Jesus Christ into the life. (5) Assimilation of the Christ spirit.

The speaker alluded to George Eliot, looking up at the start and under the spell of the moment breathing the words, "God, immortality, duty," which he said were the great rallying cry of the world's history.

Mr. Giegge dipped into history for types of men, gave modern instances of shirked responsibility, pointed out examples where high moral enthusiasm in one era led to splendid achievement in the next, and in conclusion pointed to Christ's example and influence, urging his hearers to receive and assimilate the Christ spirit into their lives.

Several of the railway men testified to the great change the acceptance of Christ had wrought in their lives, and two asked an interest in the prayers of their brethren. The meeting throughout was marked by vigorous enthusiasm, and Mr. Giegge's splendid address made a deep impression.

St. David's church was completely filled last evening, when the Rev. A. L. Giegge preached a sermon to the railway men. The rev. gentleman took for his text the words, "At that time I sent them into the world, so have I sent them." Christ, the preacher showed, was sent of God. He gave to the disciples instructions to preach God's words. We, too, were expected to do our share in the salvation of the world. Let us be true to the task imposed upon us. Christ came into the world to do God's will, to save men, and it was our duty to do likewise. We were, according to our ability, ac-

ording to our capacity, as responsible for the salvation of the human race as Christ. The preacher reminded his hearers that what was not accidental was satanic. Christ came as the representative of God. We should represent Christ.

After the service a farewell service was held. J. C. Cass, the chairman of the railway men's committee, presided, and there were a number of prominent gentlemen on the platform.

Two hymns having been sung, Mr. Turner offered prayer and C. Upham of Richmond read a portion of the scriptures.

The chairman announced the resolution of thanks agreed upon as follows: To the local association for the invitation to come to St. John and the intervening efforts to make the meeting a profitable one; to the citizens of St. John who opened their home to the delegates; to the pastors and trustees of the churches; to the press; to the organists and others who had assisted so materially in making the meetings what they had been; to the brethren who came from Montreal; to all who in any way assisted in making the convention the success it had proved; to the railway steamships for the facilities for faraway guests; and to the Heavenly Father for blessings vouchsafed in the past, for present help, and for promises for the future in dependence upon which the association would go forward to greater success.

Addresses were delivered by Mr. Williams of the Y. M. C. A., T. S. Morrison of Montreal, the president, J. Devereaux, of Campbellton; Wm. Kingston of St. John; D. McLennan of Sydney; J. Britton of North Sydney; Henry Crawford of Charlottetown; G. H. McKinnley of Halifax; Mr. Jenkins of the D. A. R., T. Wilson of Montreal and others. Mr. Morrison appealed to the delegates to help the association in its efforts to place a man in the field to move about among the railway people. The sum of \$500 was needed. One half the amount would have to be raised down here, of which nearly \$200 was secured Saturday night.

The collection was then taken up. Messrs. Wilson, Britton, Stevens and Cass sang a couple of sacred selections. At the close all the delegates joined hands and sang the closing hymn.

RAN ON A ROCK.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Sept. 5.—Senator Samuel W. George's steamboat Merrimack, which plies between this city and Black Rock, at the mouth of the Merrimack river, struck a rock about 1.5 miles below the city bridge, on the trip up this evening. She still lies on the rock and is rapidly filling. The extent of the damage to the boat is not known. Senator George was on board at the time of the accident. Two revolvers were in command. There were 250 passengers, largely women and children, and there was some excitement. They were taken to the Haverhill shore in boats and later brought to the city in the evening.

The water in the channel has been low for some time and last night the boat struck lightly at the same point.

A MAINE TRAGEDY.

SOUTH PARIS, Me., Sept. 3.—The body of Daniel J. Gannon, who shot Martha Lovejoy on Thursday last, was found in the water at about 11.30 miles below the city bridge, on the trip up this evening. She still lies on the rock and is rapidly filling. The extent of the damage to the boat is not known. Senator George was on board at the time of the accident. Two revolvers were in command. There were 250 passengers, largely women and children, and there was some excitement. They were taken to the Haverhill shore in boats and later brought to the city in the evening.

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ST. JOHN EXHIBITION.

Everything Points to a Most Attractive Display.

The Out Door Amusements and the Great Horse Show in the New Ring—The Opening Programme.

At Friday evening's meeting of the directors of the St. John Exhibition Association the following most satisfactory and encouraging report was submitted:

Since our last meeting your executive committee have met frequently, and have now the honor of reporting that in all departments in connection with the coming exhibition they have been able to make satisfactory progress.

THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Within the main industrial buildings some necessary and important changes have been made at a moderate cost. A convenient room has been added to the general offices, for the use of the executive and manager, as a private consultation room, and for other necessary purposes. A small room has been made for use connected with the restaurant, and also a convenient lunch room. Changes have been made within the restaurant, and an additional doorway to permit easier egress.

The exhibition spaces and passages have been re-arranged, making the building more convenient for exhibitors and visitors.

An additional ticket office has been erected at the entrance front, enabling us to do the numerous ticket selling, and prevent the blocking which has so frequently occurred in former years. It also makes it unnecessary to place tickets for sale elsewhere.

The southern entrance building has been removed and placed by the side of the northern building. This will be more convenient for the visitors, and will relieve the pressure in the northern entrance.

By consent of Col. McLean, we have arranged for a temporary entrance into the carriage building (the drill hall), near the west end of that building.

Early in the year the front part of the roof of the grand stand was raised several feet, securing a better outlook from all parts of the building. We have recently made some changes in the entrances and seating, with a view to increased income and better accommodation.

We have placed a number of permanent coops in the poultry building as an experiment. If these coops prove satisfactory, we think that the whole of the building should be fully equipped with coops for next year.

By consent of the militia authorities we have contracted for the construction of a carriage ring in front of the grand stand. This roadway will have a circumference of nearly one thousand feet, the carriage way being about thirty feet wide. This road is a necessity for the attractions near the entrance, and will be a great help to the stock yard.

The cattle stalls have been made more comfortable for the cattle.

The railway siding at the stock yard has been lengthened and widened, materially improved, and the entrance to the grounds made easier. A number of other small improvements have been made in the grounds and in the buildings.

THE OPENING.

His honor Lieut. Governor McClellan has consented to open the exhibition at 3 p. m. on Monday, 11th Sept. His honor the Hon. M. B. Daley, lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia, has accepted the joint invitation of Lieut. Gov. McClellan and your executive committee to be present and take part in the opening.

The premier and executive committee of New Brunswick, as also the mayor and aldermen of the city of St. John, and a number of prominent ladies and gentlemen, have been invited to be present at the opening.

It is the desire of your committee that there should be a full attendance of our directors and that special efforts should be made to secure an attendance worthy of the occasion.

A programme of the day's proceedings has been prepared, and specialties have been named for each day. We have asked for special passenger rates on all the various lines of travel. The programme is subject to change, yet we are confident that it will be satisfactorily carried out.

THE EXHIBITS.

The demand for space to exhibit in the main exhibition is almost equal to the space at our disposal. There is no doubt that all parts of the building will be fully occupied with attractive and instructive exhibits. A considerable number of new exhibits and few exhibitors will demand your attention. Several of those exhibits will come from distant parts of the dominion and from the adjoining republic. The Canadian Pacific railway will draw attention to products and come from the far west, and our own Natural History society will present native specimens which will be creditable to the province in which we reside.

Machinery Hall—This most important section of our exhibition does not receive the attention which it deserves. We have the power, we want the presence of more moving machinery than has yet been offered. Will not more of our manufacturers aid us in this direction. For working machinery, space and power are free.

Live Stock—The entries of live stock have been very satisfactory, and there is not much doubt that for quantity and quality this will be the banner year for our association.

Agricultural Products—Large entries are being daily received. The outlook is excellent.

Carriage Building—Our space is fully taken up.

THE RESTAURANT.

The restaurant is in the hands of a society of ladies who are determined that no effort will be spared to make it a success in every particular. Good food, well cooked and well served, will be the rule.

be a feature this year. Reasonable prices will be asked. Special meals may be ordered in advance for small or large parties. Your committee has felt itself justified in making expenditures to assist in securing a restaurant which will be approved by all visitors to our exhibition.

Special Attractions—We have arranged a programme for Amusement hall, which we believe will be superior to any former year. Performances will go on every afternoon and evening at times which will not clash with other attractions. A number of features are entirely new.

IN FRONT OF THE GRAND STAND.

In the afternoon and evening of each day we purpose having performances by specially trained animals, including horses, dogs and goats. Difficult trapeze acts on the backs of running horses, chariot races and many other novelties will be presented. Celebrated experts will take part.

Mr. Sanborn of Lewistown, Me., who has a fine reputation as a breeder of first class carriage horses, has entered his horses at this exhibition, and will daily exhibit his stock under harness on the track. We expect that other horsemen will join in the display. This will be an especially attractive feature of our exhibition, and should be witnessed by everyone who can attend.

During our exhibition evenings there will be displays of fireworks, supplied by the firm of Hand & Co. of Hamilton, Ont., who have for several past years given us satisfaction.

Arrangements for the conveyance of passengers and freight have been made with most of the lines of travel. The C. P. railway, Temiscouata railway and Star line of steamers have made exceedingly satisfactory terms.

The I. C. railway and D. A. R. have given better terms than in former years. Other lines offer former years' terms. Public notice will be given of passenger rates so soon as they are received from the various companies.

The public are divided on the half-holiday question, so that matter remains open.

The report was signed by Chas. A. Rverett, manager and secretary, and D. J. McLaughlin, president.

EXPERT LADY BICYCLIST.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 3.—Miss Mary Meserve, the young lady bicyclist who has been missing from since Thursday, reappeared today. She says that she rode over to Old Orchard after supper Thursday and while near the Kite track, ran into a woman and was thrown from her wheel. She was rendered unconscious and was taken to the house of a Mr. Brackett nearby. Here she remained unconscious for 14 hours and has since been too ill to return. Inquiry at Old Orchard confirms Miss Meserve's story. The woman whom she ran into was Mrs. Brackett, to whose house she was taken. Miss Meserve is perhaps the most expert female bicycle rider in Maine, and frequently does her century. She has ridden over 13,000 miles and this is her first accident.

CHILDREN CRY FOR CASTORIA.

AN OLD RAILWAY MAN.

An interesting figure at the railway men's convention was John McPherson of Charlottetown. Mr. McPherson came from Glasgow to New Brunswick in 1880. The line of railway between St. John and Shediac was then under construction and he engaged in the work, his first job being the building of a bridge at Plumtree, above Sussex. A little later he was made foreman of a section at Norton, where he lived quite a number of years. Then he and Isaac Deboe, now an I. C. P. locomotive, went into railway construction work in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. They did some of the grading work on the Springhill and Pictou line. Twenty-seven years ago Mr. McPherson went to Prince Edward Island and was in at the building of the railway there, and for years was trackmaster on one division of the line. For some years past he has been in the freight department at Charlottetown. The present trackmaster on the island railway is his son-in-law, Mr. McPherson's son is C. P. in the mechanical department at Charlottetown. When at Norton years ago Mr. McPherson and his god wife were active members of the "Guld Kirk," and men who were boys thirty odd years ago, and are now widely scattered, have a grateful remembrance of sympathetic interest and kindly counsel. Mr. McPherson is seventy-five years old, and is still a sturdy Scot. Two of his daughters are married and settled in Boston, and one of his children are also married. Two daughters and a son live in Charlottetown. Mr. McPherson attended all the meetings at this railway men's association, including the farwell at St. David's, and remembers that some thirty years ago he attended in the St. David's of that day a convention to organize or re-organize a Young Men's Christian Association. He goes today to Norton, to call upon the few remaining friends of his old days, before returning home.

DELIGHTED WITH THE RIVER VALLEY.

G. U. Hay returned to the city on Saturday from his trip up the St. John River with Prof. Macoun, government biologist. They visited Woodstock, mouth of Aroostook and Grand Falls, examining the plants along the route. Prof. Macoun is delighted with the evidence of the great natural wealth of the St. John River valley, and pronounces it one of the finest river valleys he has ever seen. Its possibilities for the future, he declares, are enormous in the way of fruit culture, sheep and cattle raising, and dairy produce, if the people will turn their attention more to these branches of industry, for which the valley is wonderfully adapted. Prof. Macoun's trip will be looked for with great interest. He will remain some days at Woodstock, after which he will visit the lower part of the Tobique valley, the upper St. John as far as Edmundston, and the River St. Francis, returning to Ottawa by way of River de Loup.



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DRYFOUS.

Not in the cloudy mountain top, Not in the valley of the Nile, Truth lifts her ponderous sceptre up, And says her awful thrice: But in the crowded market-place And in the prison-pen— Her judgment-seat is on the street And in the haunts of men.

She hales the mighty to her bar, She bids the low arise, For him and power are all in vain For him who wrings the woe, Before her still and serious gaze The haughty must bow low: Their lust and lore and golden store Are ashes in her sight.

She watched them mass their frowns, And flung their banners high; She saw them brand the innocent And cast him out to die: They stripped the buttons from his coat, They marched him round to view, And aimed a sudden stinging stroke At sword and spilt too.

And only she of all the throng That watched his sore disgrace Let fall a pitying tear to match The anguish of his face. From loneliness to loneliness, His bare feet will be done! And none may know the stifled woe That throbs the wretched's bed.

The love of God, divinely great, It reds the wrongs of men, It notes the sigh in his night, The sorrow in his pen: Away, ye lords who wring the weak, It turns his patient face, But none shall see his grief In the far distant place.

It swept across the troupe sea, It sought the captive out, It checked him on his lonely stride, And compassed him about. And Truth, who works her miracles