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To "Union Advocate"

I see Dr. Durcan has written again, and still failed to answer the question at issue. He, however says of me, "he has not been able to deny one of the statements I made." As to this I will willingly let the people judge; but I would remind Dr. Durcan that I am not the accused, and that, therefore, I have not necessarily to explain any thing. But Dr. Durcan has. He is the accused in this controversy; accused of being willing to accept the ordination service of another church, and by so doing, as a Presbyterian would reflect on his past Ordination. Now is the third time he is asked to explain how that acceptance of the Ordination service of another church harmonizes; for a Presbyterian, with "it being clearly understood that herein there is no repudiation or reflection on past ministry" and he has made no attempt to answer that question. To say that "Mr. MacLean does not understand what was clearly stated in the Montreal official conference" etc. is no answer. What does any one care what the Montreal Conference may have in its mind, we have in the form of a memorial, I suppose, what it thought it had in its mind and that is what I have been asking Dr. Durcan to explain as above stated, and he has not yet done it. Yet it is the question, and the answer cannot be evaded by a reference to me or my predecessors. Neither is it answered by saying, "The trouble with Mr. MacLean is that he confuses the "theory" of Ordination with the "act" whatever that means; and then goes on to tell an old and stale joke, which has been, in different forms, attributed to almost everybody. If he had any sense of real humor, he would not have repeated that chestnut. It would be more instructive had he explained the meaning of the statement just made, if it has any vital meaning in this connection. This is all on the real question, and I await Dr. Durcan's reply to it.

I am, however surprised that a man who would lead us to believe in the importance of argument to

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take things so readily for granted. He writes, "It pains me to think of any Christian man or woman nursing such ill-tempered thoughts through weeks obviously devoted to the concoction of such an "epistle." Do not judge minds. Wrong again. There is nothing in the whole matter to make any one who is a man, ill-tempered. I can assure him that there is not the slightest feeling of ill-temper on this end of the line. And, moreover let me tell him that the "epistle" was finished in the exact form in which he read it, on the 12th of January and was brought to the Editor on Monday, the 14th, but he could not publish it in that issue, and had the paper been out the previous week on time, it would have been in the issue of Jan. 8th. It would be better that he deal with the question at issue than indulge in vain imaginations.

Again he says, "Mr. MacLean is welcome to any theory of ordination which he may prefer. But he cannot deny that any act of initiation to a wider exercise of one's present, NON-REPUDIATED ORDAINED MINISTRY, rendering that acceptable in a sister communion of the Christian Church would be a practical step forward in the interests of the Christian Unity." Note in this statement (1) That he begs the question at issue in using the words "non-repudiated ordained ministry." It is around these words the whole contention practically lies. How is it possible for a Presbyterian to receive the ordination service of another Church and not to some degree reflect on his past ordination? This is the question I again repeat. (2) One wonders as to the value to put upon the words "in the interests of the Christian Unity", coming from a man, who, when a Union with Churches equally worthy is open to him to enter without even raising the question of either "faith", "theory" or "act" in connection with ordination or past Ministry, refuses to have anything to do with it, even as a first step toward a wider Union. On the contrary does all he can to make it impossible.

His last paragraph which is supposed to be the "illuminating" is quite beside the question before us, and I am surprised that Dr. Durcan would try thus to side-track the issue. It should have any bearing on this matter it would be to confirm some what my position in reference to the Assembly's attitude toward the Memorial, inasmuch as the Union Committee has the absolute confidence of about four to one of the members of the Assembly. It would be interesting to know what the Union Committee has to say on this matter.

L. H. MACLEAN
Newcastle, N.B.; Feb. 8th 1924.

Ed. Note—No further correspondence on this controversy will be published in these columns.

If we want ice for next summer's use it will soon be time to reap the harvest.

If you pull down all the blinds in your house every night, you will find your house more comfortable when you get up in the morning.

LOCAL CURLERS
HOLD BONSPIEL

The local Curlers held their annual Bonspiel on Thursday, Feb. 8. This Bonspiel, was, without a doubt, the best that has yet been held and all the curlers took so much interest in the playing that they have practically decided to put on another before the season closes. The prizes for the winning rinks were four bags of flour donated by Mr. John Russell for first prize and four pipes donated by Mr. P. N. Brown for second prize. The playing in most cases was fairly even, no one skip getting a very great lead on his opponent.

The general opinion was that skip Crocker and his rink had clinched the flour bags when they ran up a score of 18 in the morning, and, in fact, they were sure of their feed of hot scones. Disappointments come to everybody, however, and they had to be contented with smoking their pipes. When C. M. Dickison turned his two crack skips loose after supper—one against the other—with orders that either one had to bring home the bacon, every curler sat tight to watch the fight. This was a case of the bigger giving way to the smaller and Roy came out victorious with a score of 21 points. It seems that Albert overheard Roy whining out his flour barrel being empty so that may have had something to do with the outcome. However, nobody had any complaints about the day's play and they all joined in a good feed at John Harris' restaurant. Following is the list of skips and scores:

- Crocker 18 Clark 6
- Gifford 7 Lindon 12
- Sargeant 13 Morrissey 9
- Demers 14 Creaghan 10
- Bayles 12 A Ritchie 6
- A DICKISON 2 R DICKISON 21
- Jeffrey 11 Cassidy 15

Intention And Effect

The effect of an action must always be taken into account as well as the intention behind it. Not to make a decision sometimes has the effect of a most positive decision. We remember once of hearing the famous evangelist, D.L. Moody; illustrate this point by saying to the audience that if fire broke out in the building where the meetings were being held that those who did not leave the building would be just as dead as if they had decided to remain and commit suicide in that way.

A parent may not desire his child to grow up in ignorance but if the child is not sent to school or other wise taught the result will be just the same as if it were predetermined that the child should be unlettered. Likewise not to vote in favour of a desirable course of action or for a worthy candidate is in effect at least a half vote for the opposite. This explains the election of many an unworthy and undesirable candidate to office and has justly occasioned discussion of the withdrawal of the franchise from those who will not exercise it. Scarcely half of the people in the United States who have the vote go to the polls regularly to cast their ballots. Doubling the number of voters by the enfranchisement of women has emphasized the menace of the stay at home voter. The vicious are generally on hand; the virtuous are too often negligent. Those who are selfishly animated see that those whom they use get to the polls; the unselfish are often indifferent and unfortunately often regard their indifference as a sign of superiority. The intelligent, faithful, patriotic; unselfish voter should give sufficient attention to civic affairs to qualify him to express his judgment through the ballot box. That is the only record of which the government, local; state or national takes cognizance.

LEGISLATURE TO MEET MARCH 6

Up-River Farmers Ask Government For Financial Relief.

Fredericton, Feb. 5—Thursday March 6 has been named as the date for the opening of the Provincial Legislature.

Premier Veniot made the announcement when the cabinet adjourned this evening. The date is that which was forecast some time ago and is about the same as that on which the sessions have been opening in recent years.

The Government this afternoon heard a delegation consisting of Thomas W. Caldwell, M.P. for Carleton-Victoria; Messrs: D.W. Pickett and George Warnock, M.L.A.'s for Victoria county, and Rev. Fr. C.J. McLaughlin of McAdam advocating appointment of a commission to bring debtor farmers in New Brunswick's potato belt in Carleton and Victoria counties and the creditors together. It was urged that only by some such method as suggested could large numbers of farmers who had specialized in potato growing during lean years be prevented from becoming insolvent. Consideration was promised the suggestion.

Hon. Dr. J.E. Hetherington, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, who has been absent for some time at Chicago arrived here this afternoon and took his seat at the afternoon session of the cabinet.

Lieut. Gov. Todd is also here for the meeting having arrived last night from St. Stephen accompanied by Mrs. Todd.

This morning's session was taken up largely with the routine of the schedule and hearing of a matter connected with classification under the bill establishing the New Brunswick Society of Professional Engineers. There seems to be some doubt as to the status of architects and whether they may be registered as engineers.

SUNNY CORNER

Sunny Corner, Feb. 8—1924.

Mrs. Ross Mullin and daughter, Avis, are visiting relatives in Exmoor.

Miss Mary Nolan is in Nelson, the guest of her sister Mrs. E. Masterson.

Mrs. (Rev.) Wm. Girdwood was called to Fredericton last week owing to the illness of her father.

Misses Annie Mullin, J. Tozer and G. McAllister spent the 4th in Sillikers.

Mrs. Sofia Nolan's many friends will be glad to hear that she is improving in health.

Messrs. I. McDonald and A. Leach spent a few days in town last week.

Master Billie Leach is on the sick list these days.

Quite a snowstorm visited the Corner on Wednesday spoiling the skating and good sleighing.

Name McKinnon For Moderator

The Toronto Presbytery nominated Principal Clarence McKinnon of Pine Hill Theological College Halifax, for Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

The plumbers had a busy week. Conscience is that part of a man that sits on the side of the bed and hits him to wake up.

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Here and There

An addition to the Canadian Pacific Montreal-Toronto train service is a nightly train each way, making six trains every night between the two cities. The increase was found necessary on account of the heavy tourist traffic to Montreal from the West.

The opinion of Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands of British Columbia, is that "Canada can absorb at least 300,000 people annually, and this number can come on indefinitely. There is no limit to the requirements of the country. As many as we can get are wanted.

Nova Scotia is endeavoring to arrange an "old home" month during July or August of 1923, and it is expected that many from distant parts of Canada and the United States will visit the towns of their origin during the festival period set apart.

Incomparable Lake Louise has achieved new fame. The makers of the Gray-Dort car have put out a model in a new color which they term "Lake Louise Blue." It is of a lovely green-blue, and if it has caught anything of the glorious gleam of Canada's most beautiful mountain lake it should be a popular color for other than motor cars.

Big Bill, the last surviving buffalo at the Pinafore Park Zoo, St. Thomas, was recently shot. The animal had been suffering for some time from the same malady which carried off his mate a few months ago. Big Bill was said to have been the finest specimen of Buffalo east of the Government Park at Wainwright, Saskatchewan.

Albert Steedwell, Canadian Pacific Railway engineer at Fort William, has an airedale dog that is a wolf killer. Mr. Steedwell has a farm at Upsala, and while visiting the farm the dog routed out a brush wolf and chased it. During the subsequent battle one could hardly tell which was dog and which was wolf. Mr. Steedwell went to the assistance of his pet and together they finished the wolf.

T. W. McKenzie, Canadian Pacific Railway agent at Rosemary, Alberta, has received letters patent on a device for the purpose of locking automobiles. It is so constructed that when the switch is thrown off the car is automatically locked, thereby eliminating the possible chance of an owner leaving his car unprotected. The device cannot be operated nor the car started by an unauthorized person without causing an alarm.

The number of persons killed or injured while trespassing on railroad tracks were 50 per cent. less in 1922 than the average of the preceding fifteen years. The figures are 5,306 for nine months of 1922 compared with 10,736, the average for the previous year, according to an announcement made by the Safety Section of the American Railroad Association. This reduction in casualties is claimed to be due to the improved policing by the roads and to success of the Safety First movement.

From September 1 to March 31 inclusive, the Canadian Pacific Railway has transported to Vancouver 7,884 cars of grain, representing 11,668,328 bushels. Last year during the same period the movement amounted to 2,802 cars or 3,967,632 bushels. From the beginning of the crop season 13,571,320 bushels had been exported from Vancouver, of which 11,128,820 went to the United Kingdom, 2,242,800 to the Orient and 200,400 to South America. Last year during the same period export amounted to 5,000,000 bushels.

Yorkton.—Another milestone in the history of railway development in Yorkton and district was marked when the members of the clerical staff of the C. P. R. freight department took up their quarters in the offices of the new freight shed. This building is 240 feet long and 40 feet wide, and provides accommodation for eighteen cars of freight. The building and truck alterations involved an expenditure of nearly \$70,000.

Winnipeg.—Great interest in the increasing of facilities for the storing and handling of grain at the head of the lakes was reported by Charles Murphy, general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who returned from Fort William. Mr. Murphy stated there would be an enlargement of at least 4,000,000 bushels in the storage capacity during the coming summer, and it was hoped the new equipment would be in working order in time to take care of the next crop. Two privately owned elevators were to be erected and the buildings of the Saskatchewan co-operative company to be enlarged he stated. One construction outfit was already on the ground and construction would be pushed as soon as weather conditions permitted.

Here and There

St. John, N.B.—J. M. Woodman, general superintendent of the C. P. R., New Brunswick district, announced that the only large expenditure in his district during the year will be for ballasting and bridges. Mr. Woodman returned from Montreal, where he was on a business trip.

Edmonton.—The northern railway extensions, which under the recently announced agreement with the Union Bank will be proceeded with next spring, are to be built by the Canadian Pacific Railway Construction Department. One of the conditions of the agreement between the provincial government and the bank interests is that the C. P. R. do the construction work, it is stated by Premier Greenfield, and the conditions will be complied with by the government, which had originally intended building the roads under its own railway department.

Port Arthur.—Additional trackage accommodation will be constructed by the Canadian Pacific Railway in its Port Arthur yards this coming summer, especially at Current River, to take care of the increasing grain trade to be created by the elevators there. Other work will also be done locally and at Fort William considerable will be undertaken, including the replacement of the two large freight sheds destroyed recently by fire, with buildings of an improved and fireproof type.

Carleton Place, Ont.—On the occasion of the retirement of roadmaster Jelly and section foreman J. Millikin from the C. P. R. Company's service, the fellow employees and their wives gathered at the town hall, Saturday, and a social evening was spent. The tables were laden with the very best that a caterer from Ottawa could provide, and about 150 people were present from all classes of the company's service.

St. John, N.B.—C. E. McPherson, Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Winnipeg, was in St. John recently, the guest of his brother-in-law, Dr. W. W. White. Mr. McPherson is always a welcome visitor to St. John where he was for many years as the representative of the C. P. R. up to 1897 when he went to Toronto, and later in 1899 to Winnipeg, his headquarters since. He has watched this Western metropolis grow from a town of 40,000 to a city of 200,000.

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