

SPOKE AGAINST GROWTH UNION

Moderator Elect Of St. John Presbytery Prefers Federation To Amalgamation—St. Paul's Church Turned Down.

Rev. George D. Ireland moderator elect made a strong speech against church union at the quarterly session of the St. John Presbytery which convened in St. Andrew's church yesterday afternoon and moved a resolution on these lines which was defeated by only one vote.

The Presbytery decided by a practically unanimous vote to petition the legislature to refuse to pass a bill being asked for by St. Paul's congregation, Fredericton, giving them power to sell or dispose of the church property. And also voting the power to nominate the minister in the trustees and elders. A committee was appointed to go to Fredericton to oppose the bill.

At the afternoon session the first business was the election of commissioners to attend the general assembly which meets at Halifax in June.

The election resulted as follows: Ministers by vote—D. Ireland, D. L. Peacock, Rev. A. W. Mahon, (elected) Rev. James Ross, Rev. Frank Baird, Dr. W. H. Smith.

Elders—Andrew Malcolm, C. S. Everett, Judge Forbes, Dr. M. MacLaren, Peter Campbell, W. B. Nicholson.

Substitutes—J. H. Hay, D. Cameron, T. H. Somerville, D. Parks, J. H. Murphy, H. S. Campbell.

The business of the Presbytery was suspended to hear an excellent address by Rev. F. W. Anderson of Toronto, on the laymen's missionary movement.

Reports were submitted as follows: Rev. L. D. MacLaren, statistics; Rev. J. J. McCaskill, Sunday schools; Rev. A. A. Graham, moral and social reform; Rev. G. Dickie, visitation of hospitals; Rev. F. W. Murray, young people's societies.

Approval of new bye-laws was asked by the Fredericton congregation. Considerable discussion arose over the section to empower the trustees to call congregational meetings. This was refused on the grounds that the right belonged to the session alone.

There was also a lengthy discussion in connection with the bill submitted by the Fredericton congregation to the local legislature and the majority of the members took the view that the amendments asked for by St. Paul's church were directly opposed to the general act relating to the matters referred to.

It was decided to petition the legislature to refuse to grant the concessions and Judge Forbes and the clerk were appointed as the committee to support the petition.

Federation of Churches.

Rev. G. D. Ireland moved a remit to the general assembly pronouncing in favor of federation of churches rather than union. While expressing a sympathy and admiration for other denominations, he was entirely opposed to departing from the principles of Presbyterianism.

He also objected to the proposed creed and to the policy which was proposed for the new organization which he claimed would not be a church but a sect.

Judge Forbes replied and the motion was defeated.

The Sussex congregation were given power to sell the Manse.

By-laws of St. John's church, Moncton, were approved.

Rev. Dr. Forrest and Rev. Dr. McWatt were nominated as candidates for moderator of the general assembly. Rev. Dr. Forrest was elected.

Morning Session.

The election of officers was taken up by Rev. Geo. D. Ireland and chosen unanimously. Other officers were as follows:—Rev. Frank Baird, Sussex, clerk; Peter Campbell, treasurer; Rev. H. R. Read, moderator of traveling expenses.

Rev. A. A. Graham, convener on standing committees submitted a lengthy report. After a few alterations the report was adopted. The following are the conveners of the committees:—Rev. Gordon Dickie, home missions; Rev. G. D. Ireland, augmentation; Rev. D. MacLaren, foreign missions; Rev. H. A. MacDonald, Sabbath schools; Rev. H. C. Fraser, young people's societies; Rev. L. B. Gibson, moral and social reform; Rev. T. H. Boyd, church life and work; Rev. W. W. Rainnie, statistics; Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, session record; Rev. F. W. Murray, systematic giving; Rev. H. R. Read, banner; Rev. Frank Baird, business; Rev. Gordon Dickie, supply; Rev. D. Lang, evangelism.

Assembly Committees.

The following nominations for the assembly committees were passed:—Presbyterian college board, James Ross, A. B. Dickie, W. W. Rainnie, Dr. W. H. Smith, Dr. Murray MacLaren, Judge Forbes, Dr. James Walker, R. B. Paterson.

Senate—Gordon Dickie, F. W. Murray.

Home Missions—G. Dickie, James Ross, H. R. Read, F. Baird.

Augmentation—G. D. Ireland, L. B. Gibson, Andrew Malcolm.

Foreign Missions—D. MacLaren, T. H. Somerville.

French Evangelization—James Ross.

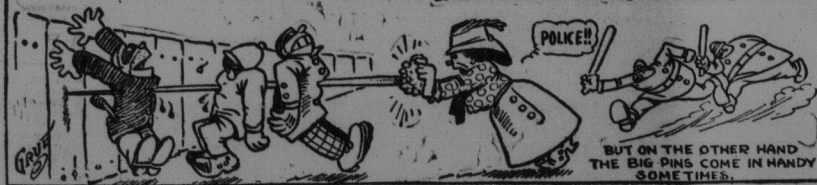
Open For Reform



IT REALLY IS DISCOMFORTING TO BE DECAPITATED BY A RAZOR LIKE THIS.



AND ALSO VERY ANNOYING TO BE PUNCTURED BY A NEEDLE POINTED SPEAR.



IT WOULDN'T BE QUITE SO BAD IF THE AMAZONS WHO WEAR THE DEADLY WEAPONS WOULD GIVE US A FAIR WARNING.



WE POOR MEN HAVE TO SIT AROUND ON OUR COLLAR BONES WHEN WE RIDE IN THE STREET CARS.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND THE BIG GUNS COME IN HANDY SOMETIMES.

AND WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT THE EDICT HAS GONE FORTH THAT THEY'RE TO BE LONGER.

St. John Valley Railway Bill To Be Brought Down Today

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though provision was always made that the head office of the company should be in the province. In the present bill there was no application to hold meetings outside the province and it was agreed to with some amendments.

The bill relating to Baptist annuities located in New Brunswick was explained by Hon. Mr. McLeod and agreed to.

The bill to amend the act incorporating the Jacques River Boom Company was taken up and explained by Mr. Lablouis.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer said there was one phase of the bill to which his attention had been called which would require careful consideration. The question: "What effect the operations of the company would have on the fishing industry in the river."

Hon. Mr. Hazen said that before a proclamation issued by the Lieut. Governor-in-Council bringing their charter into effect and three years more in which to construct a railway and get it into operation. This was agreed to.

Mr. Sweeney questioned whether it was wise to pass the bill incorporating a company which might possibly be said to interfere to a certain extent with the proposed St. John Valley Railway to which it was proposed to give generous aid. The two roads would at least lay the same territory to a certain extent and this road might interfere with the volume of business done by the Valley Railway.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said that before a proclamation issued by the Government bringing this company's act of incorporation into effect such matters as that mentioned by the honorable member for Westmorland would of course be considered.

Mr. Pinder said that the province would be better off if it had no branch lines of railway. There were probably as many railways in the County of Westmorland as were needed but that should not make the honorable member seek to obstruct other counties from having justice.

Mr. Robinson explained the provisions of a bill respecting the Moncton Electric Street Railway, Heat and Power Company, stating that the company had now passed into the hands of English capitalists headed by one Dr. Henderson, who first came to this province in connection with the development of natural gas and oil in Westmorland and Albert counties. The company propose to take over the electric and gas plants of the city of Moncton and work the bill were given street railway powers as well.

No Opposition.

In answer to Hon. Mr. Hazen, Mr. Robinson said there was no opposition to the bill in its amended form. He would have copies of the amendments printed and in the meantime, moved that progress be reported.

Bills relating to street paving in Fredericton, levying taxes on the counties of St. John and the Fenton Loan and Building Company were read a third time and agreed to.

The house took recess for ten minutes, after which His Honor the lieutenant governor entered the chamber and assented to a number of bills.

The house adjourned at 10 o'clock. Resuming after recess the house went into committee of the whole and took up the consideration of a bill to amend the New Brunswick Railway Company's incorporation act.

Mr. Pinder explained that the chairman and some of the directors of the company lived out of the province and this bill proposed to permit the annual meeting of the company to be held at Montreal or some other place outside the province convenient to the directors.

Mr. MacLachlan objected unless some better reason could be given than that of convenience of shareholders and Mr. Sweeney agreed, adding that if the province was good enough to hold property in it, it was good enough to hold meetings.

Question for House.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said there was nothing wrong with the principle of the bill and it was entirely a question for the house to decide. It was not an unusual provision under the patents act to incorporate a company with power to hold their meetings outside the province. The framers of the bill had in view the case of companies where large numbers of the shareholders might be non-residents and to whom it might be convenient to attend meetings in the province.

NEGOTIATION IN THIS STRIKE

Washington To Define Matters In Dispute Between Western Firemen And Employers—Settlement Now Looked For.

Chicago, Ill., March 15.—Danger of an immediate strike of 27,000 locomotive firemen on western railroads and the contingent throwing out of employment of more than 125,000 other employees, was averted today through the acceptance of mediation from the federal authorities at Washington.

At the request of the general managers of the 47 western railroads involved, Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Commissioner of Labor Neill, telegraphed an offer of federal mediation to the union officers. That offer was accepted.

The hour for striking had been set for next Monday morning and the members were prepared to start for their homes to put the strike into action.

The mediators will come to Chicago and according to Mr. Carter, will arbitrate the questions in dispute, but will determine what shall be arbitrated. The questions involve wages, which both sides had agreed to arbitrate and two other technical points, which both sides had agreed to arbitrate.

"If the mediation fall through, the strike will go right on as planned," said Mr. Carter tonight.

EVENLY SCENE IN CONDITIONS

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the year ending 30th June, 1909, 61,038 persons entered the United States from Canada and remained there more than one year and 33,118 were Canadian citizens. Against this was to be placed the 73,344 Americans who had been born in Canada and who had remained in Canada since 1907, on the exchange.

The house went into committee on the bill and there developed at once a heated quarrel between Mr. Glen Campbell and Mr. Oliver. Mr. Campbell demanded an explanation of Mr. Oliver's remarks that suggested that the Doukhobors were friends of his.

Mr. Oliver replied that he meant what he said and had nothing to withdraw.

"Then I throw the remark back into his teeth," said Mr. Campbell.

The Retort Questions.

This provoked Mr. Oliver to say that he would apologize to the Doukhobors.

Mr. Campbell protested in great anger. He considered himself a decent citizen and if they were outside the chamber he would answer the insult in language that would not be parliamentary. The minister had apologized to the Doukhobors "that indecent mode of people who paraded Saskatchewan in the garb God gave them when they were born. He owes me an apology and I expect to get it."

Mr. Oliver, he said, had degraded his position as a minister of the crown.

The chairman, Mr. McIntyre, demanded the withdrawal of this remark.

After a pause during which other matters were discussed, Mr. Crosby (Halifax) brought the matter up again declaring that the minister's conduct if uncorrected would establish an undesirable precedent. The house should insist on an explanation.

Mr. Staples took the same ground. Mr. Oliver gave an evasive answer.

Mr. Campbell said that the minister was acting a part below the dignity of his position. If he had not the manliness to withdraw he would ask gentlemen on his side of the house to take no further notice; a man of that kind was beneath contempt.

Another protest from the chairman. Mr. Campbell said that the provocation had been great and his remarks if unparliamentary were just.

Mr. Oliver began a reply saying that no one could know what was in his mind when he made the remark which had caused offence to be taken.

"Withdraw your words," said Dr. Edwards. "Never mind what was in your mind."

"I will not withdraw, simply because of any bully in the house," said Mr. Oliver.

There was disorder and a demand for a withdrawal from Dr. Edwards.

The chairman ruled the expression to be inadmissible, and Mr. Oliver said that he would withdraw the epithet if Dr. Edwards believed that it had been applied to him. Further discussion was barred by an unreserved withdrawal by Mr. Oliver of the term "bully" and a declaration that his earlier remark which Mr. Campbell had resented had not been intended as a slur upon Mr. Campbell either as a man or as a member.

The House then discussed the measure paying special attention to the provisions for deporting undesirable and adjourned at 10 p. m. after 31 hours continuous sitting.

Mr. Fisher is giving notice of a resolution to authorize the payment of travelling expenses to members of the Conservative Commission. He also has a resolution providing for the testing marking sale and use of glass-ware used in connection with the testing of milk.

The Easter recess will be from March 23, to March 29.

LIBERALS FALL IN STRUGGLE

Unable To Pass St. Lawrence Power Transmission Bill In Its Entirety--Extent of Steal Made Clear by Opposition in Committee--Mr. Pugsley, Driven To Bay, Admits Real Purpose of Measure

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., March 15.—The Laurier government and the Liberal party have just given a remarkable exhibition of baffled animosity against the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission and the Laurier government and with two exceptions, the Liberal party threw its whole weight into an attempt to force through committee of the whole the St. Lawrence power transmission bill. It has failed for the moment and possibly for the session. The fight lasted for twenty hours of a continuous debate.

It began at 8 p. m. on Monday, it ended at 3.45 p. m. on Tuesday, when the opposition allowed the passage of one clause, but not the preamble, which the government agreed to produce the plans which the parent company of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission had registered. By thus agreeing after a great show of reluctance, the government admits the fact that the bill of the house is part of a great American scheme for seizing this mighty water power.

Early this morning Mr. Pugsley, after pressure, admitted that the old St. Lawrence Power Company, which has power to dam the river, is the parent of the bill before the house. The promoters of the bill have been submitting to him plans which he understood were under the old St. Lawrence Power Company charter.

The Pitt.

That really is the pit of the matter. Mr. Pugsley insisted that those plans were not material to the bill, under consideration, as an inspection of them was not material to the bill, but after hours of fighting he yielded and the bill stands over until the plans are produced. The spirit in which the matter has been pushed calls for notice.

The sponsor for the bill has been Mr. Pardee, the Liberal leader for western Ontario, the chief whip of the Liberal party. Four cabinet ministers sat up all night to force it through and finally Mr. Pugsley took the management of the bill out of Mr. Pardee's hands and strove to secure its adoption. There was an unusually large attendance of Liberal members. So far as parliamentary tactics are concerned the situation is that about midnight the Minister of Public Works admitted that instead of being a transmission line pure and simple, the bill he would afterwards bring down the plans. The Conservative party declined, Mr. Borden asking Mr. Fielding, who was leading the House, to allow the committee in view of these developments to rise and report progress. Mr. Fielding refused, and the bill, he said, the fight went on. Then the government some hours later, offered to be content with the passing of the preamble, as material to the Opposition refused and once more the fight went on.

At last, late in the afternoon the Government agreed to be content with one clause leaving the preamble. All the rest of the bill was passed; it agreed to produce the plans before the passing of the preamble, as material to the bill, and the Opposition allowed one clause to pass.

HOPE ROOM TO QUEREC HOUSE

Man Tells Of Plans To Find Wanderer—Father Expected Home Today.

Sackville, Mar. 15.—Except for the fact that Mr. Gordon Read received a reply to his telegram yesterday to his father, Mr. H. C. Read, at Montreal this morning, no appreciable quantity of additional information has been received today concerning the hearing from Mr. Herbert W. Read in Buenos Ayres, Jan. 25. Mr. Read's answer states merely that he had received the despatch and would take proper measures at once towards finding his son.

Mr. Read is reported to have left Montreal and is expected to reach here tomorrow when more of his plans may be learned. In conversation with your correspondent Mr. Gordon Read said today that his brother's letter simply asked him to write him at the address given in the letter, the Y. M. C. A., Buenos Ayres. He therefore did not expect a letter from Herbert until Herbert had received his word of at least until he had received some word from home.

He was not yet aware of his father's plans but thought he would probably first get advice from the chief Argentine consul at Montreal, as he would probably know more about the probable situation in his home capital than anyone else. Mr. Read expressed himself very hopeful as to the future.

The Legislature will also be asked to sanction the inauguration of a school of forestry and the control of the water power. The plan is to receive the attention of the Legislature. Regarding education the speech Senator Conroy put in evidence has brought forward calling for an increased grant for elementary instruction, and also for the augmentation of the salaries of the principal and professors of normal schools. The Legislature will also be asked to vote a larger grant for the agricultural school at Ste. Anne De La Pocatiere.

Quebec, Que., March 15.—The provincial legislature was formally opened this afternoon by Lieutenant Governor Sir Charles A. P. Pelletier at 3 o'clock. The lieutenant governor, escorted by a body of guards of Hussars drove up to the legislature and summoned the members of the council chamber, where he read the speech from the throne. The council and members present a gay scene at the opening ceremonial.

The speech from the throne did not indicate that the session which opened today is likely to be either a lengthy or contentious one, though several measures of considerable importance have been declared. Mr. Charles stated that a vigorous policy of expansion in the department of education would be adopted. The Government had declared war and determined to push more vigorously than ever the construction of roads in the centres of colonization. The development of the North-western province is also to receive particular attention, and a law is to be considered creating a new judicial district in that region.

DRASTIC LABOR BILL BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Measure Introduced at Halifax Yesterday Provides For Recognition Of All Labor Unions On Demand.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., March 15.—A drastic labor bill was introduced in the Nova Scotia legislature today at the instance of organized labor in this province. The bill provides that on a request from any body of united labor made to the employers of that labor the employer must grant official recognition. On the failure to give this recognition the employer is liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars a day for thirty days, and thereafter the penalty for non-recognition shall be two hundred dollars a day. This penalty may be collected by suit at law on the part of any member of a labor union employed in the same manner as an ordinary debt.

SENATOR ALLDS PLAYS HIS TRUMP CARD

Aibany, N. Y., March 15.—With microscopes and photograph seventy seven times enlarged and an expert to explain them, Senator Allds' attorneys attacked the reliability of Hiram G. Mos, the star witness for the accused in the senate bribery scandal. This expert, Albert H. Hamilton, declared that while the check which Senator Conroy put in evidence as the source of the corruption fund was drawn for \$6,500, the amount on the stub from which the check was torn, was originally \$6,000 and had been raised \$500 since the present investigation began.

Late Shipping Canadian Ports.

Halifax, N. S., March 15.—Ard: Str Numidian from Glasgow and Liverpool.

British Ports. London, March 15.—Ard: Str Rappahannock from St. John, N. B., and Halifax.

Foreign Ports. Boston, Mass., March 15.—Sid: Sch Thomas Hax, for St. John, N. B., via Gloucester and Corva.

Portland, Me., March 15.—Sid: Schs J. L. Colwell (Br.) for Annapolis, N. S.; T. A. (Br.) from St. John, N. B., for New York; Abbie C. Stubbs, do for do; Isiah K. Stetson, do for do.

Rochland, Me., March 15.—Ard: Schs Frances Agnes (Br.) from Gloucester, N. S., for Boston.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 15.—Sid: Schs Margaret May Riley (Br.) from Port Reading for St. John, N. B.; Preference (Br.) from New York for do.

New York, N. Y., March 15.—John Tall the crack middle distance runner, of Toronto, romped away from George Bonhag, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, in a special one and a half mile match race at the annual games of the New York Athletic Club at Madison Square Garden tonight. Tall won by thirty yards in the record time of 6:52. The former American indoor amateur record for the distance was 6:57, held by Bonhag. Bonhag seemed to give up toward the latter part of the race and the Canadian sped ahead to his record breaking finish.