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Lutheran Synod Comments on War

Morrisburg, Ont., June 10—The annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church here, has been concluded. Among other items in President Maurer's annual report appeared the following: "Since our last convention things of great moment to the world have taken place. Our country has become involved in war, the greatest in history. As pastors and people we have been true to the Gospel teachings of our Church. We render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. We honor our king. We are loyal to our country and Empire. Some of us have sent our sons to the battlefield in its support. We have assisted in the aid of the suffering and the distressed, and we stand ready to do all we can for our country, which gives us the religious liberty and protection which we enjoy."

Reporting on this item, the Committee on President's Report said: "We commend the hearty loyalty of our people to our beloved British Empire in the present war crisis. Our loyalty, as Lutherans, to the flag of the country whose protection we enjoy is historic, and is not a mere matter of policy with us, but of principle and of faithfulness to the teaching of God's Word, which saith, 'Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God.'"

This report was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the synod, rising and singing "God Save the King."

The treasurer's report showed the synod to be in a flourishing financial condition, and the statistical report showed substantial growth in every branch of the synod's work and activity. Four new pastors were received into membership. The following officers were re-elected: President, Rev. Jacob Maurer, M.A., Williamsburg, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. N. Willison, Unionville, Ont.; Treasurer, C. H. Fierheller, Toronto.

Plans are being made for the establishment of a Lutheran immigration hospital in Montreal.

The synod accepted the invitation to hold its next annual convention in Bethesda Church, Unionville, Ont.

Hon. Jas. MacLennan, Noted Jurist, is Dead

Hon. Jas. MacLennan, formerly of the Supreme Court of Canada and of the Ontario Court of Appeal, passed away with comparative suddenness at his home, 110 Murray street, Toronto, afternoon, Thursday. The late Justice MacLennan suffered from a slight attack of pneumonia some two weeks ago and had apparently recovered his normal health, but a relapse set in and death followed.

Born at Lancaster, Glengarry county, Ontario, of Highland Scottish parents, in 1833, the late Hon. Mr. MacLennan inherited the shrewdness of judgment and integrity of character which are characteristic of his race. So thorough and conscientious was he in all that he undertook that no less a political opponent than the late Sir John A. Macdonald characterized him as "sound as a bell." He was one of the greatest jurists of his time, and his ability, erudition and accuracy as a practising lawyer led to his appointment to the Bench by a Conservative Government, although he was an active Liberal. When before the bar he enjoyed an immense practice, and is said to have amassed a fortune.

Educated at Williamstown Grammar School and later at Queen's University at Kingston, Justice MacLennan took a life-long active interest in the affairs of his alma mater, and was a generous contributor to its treasury. He was at one time Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Queen's University. He graduated B. A. in 1849, and was given the LL.D. in 1885.

The First Pension

Peterboro Review: The first pension to be authorized by the government to a soldier from this district will be paid to Private Robert Levoir who went with the first contingent from Peterboro to Salisbury Plain. Mr. F. H. Dobbin received a communication to-day from the department at Ottawa notifying him that the pension has been authorized, amounting to \$37 a month. At Salisbury Plain Private Levoir contracted pneumonia and was invalided home. He was confined to St. Joseph's Hospital for three months but has since been removed to his home.

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Shelley Committed on Murder Charge

Simcoe, Ont., June 13—Magistrate John Abel of Carholme, yesterday committed the prisoner Shelley for trial on the charge of murdering Christopher Schoupp on the latter's farm near Walsingham about a month ago. The preliminary hearing opened two weeks ago, and was adjourned until yesterday, when the crown called Mrs. John Carr to prove that Shelley was in the district at the time the crime was committed. Mrs. Carr testified that Shekk Shelley came to her house on the day before the murder and left about 1 p.m. on the day of the murder. Schoupp was killed about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The defence did not attempt to prove an alibi, and the magistrate, after hearing counsel, sent Shelley up for trial.

Shelley grew restless during the examination of Mrs. Carr. Mrs. Shelley, mother of the accused, was present, and had an interview with her son. Shelley will now go to Kingston to serve on the sentence received at Woodstock.

A few days before the murder of Schoupp, the barn of a farmer, who, it is said, gave evidence against Shelley in 1909, when he was tried for the killing of Michael Hall, was burned. Hall, who was a Charlotteville farmer, was shot while sitting on a chair in front of his house. Mrs. Hall was in the house at the time. The charge against Shelley was laid, and it was proved that he was shooting in the neighborhood at the time, but the defence won on the plea that if a bullet from Shelley's gun killed Hall it was a random shot, intended for a bird. It was claimed at the time that Shelley had ill-will towards Hall over some money owing for work done.

Booze Smugglers Warned by License Commissioner

Ontario's Provincial License Commissioners made a trip of personal inspection through the Niagara Falls and Welland district a few days ago. The trip was the forerunner of several which the members of the board propose to take to various districts with the view of looking into conditions for themselves.

In the Niagara district, it is understood, although no official statement was given out, that the Commissioners were favorably impressed with what they saw and heard. The hotelmen of Niagara Falls particularly are seeking a plan of co-operation with the Commission, and may be the means of solving several problems in that locality.

The question of the sale of bottled goods—an illegal sale from hotels—is concerning the Commission. It has been rumored that by means of autos and jitneys attaches of the military camp at Niagara travel to adjoining licensed municipalities and lay in stores of bottled goods. "If anything like this is found to be going on," commented one of the Commissioners yesterday, "it will be dealt with without gloves. I would be sorry for the license holder found guilty of violating the law in this manner and under these circumstances."

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Yours truly,
T. T. SHAW

Election Official Fined \$1,000

Welland, Ont., June 9—Edwin Coulthurst, a deputy returning officer in the Canada Temperance Act election for Welland County on January 29, 1914, was found guilty in the county court this afternoon on the charge of altering ballots from "dry" to "wet" in his ballot box. A fine of \$1,000 was imposed, the maximum penalty. A stated case was granted on the ground that the ballot used for the election was an improper one.

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