

ARRAIGNS CHURCH FOR INACTIVITY

Presbyterian Missionary Declares Catholic Institutions Do Not Help Immigrants.

FEARFUL CONDITIONS

Foreign Districts of Port Arthur Characterized as Disgraceful.

Vigorous criticism of the inactivity of the Roman Catholic Church in the west was made by Rev. R. A. Berlia, in an address to the Women's Home Missionary Society, which was in session at Bloor Street Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon and evening. Mr. Berlia, who is a missionary of the Presbyterian Church for the non-English speaking foreigners, stated that in all his experience in the west, the Ruthenian, Servian, Bulgarian, Greek and Rumanian Catholic Churches had done virtually nothing for the newcomers. They remained in practically the same condition after their arrival in Canada as they were in before they came. The foreign districts of Port Arthur were described as being disgraceful. Even in the midst of that locality there were four Catholic churches, and apparently nothing was being done to elevate the condition of the foreigners.

Describing law enforcement in Toronto, the speaker described it as a farce. In spite of the bylaws against overcrowding, the law was transgressed in hundreds of cases.

A special meeting of the provincial delegates of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was also held in Bloor Street Church last evening, and they decided that the date of their general meeting would have to be fixed in the future in May. The reports of the year will have to be made up in December of each year, in order that they may be published in the annual report.

CROCKER LAND PARTY ARE REPORTED WELL

Danish Explorer Brings Back Message From Leader, Donald MacMillan.

COPENHAGEN, May 14.—Knut Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, has brought back word here from Donald R. MacMillan, leader of the Crocker land expedition, that the members were well on March 27. MacMillan was then at Cape York.

Presbyterian Women Reorganized

By DR. QUILL

By the new constitution of the Woman's United Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, their activities will move along extensive and well-defined lines. As a document it is brief, and the shorter, catchier, but has a family resemblance in its aims and purposes to the national in their scope and sufficiently effective to govern a kingdom. But like the church which it serves, they enshrine the democratic principle.

To begin with, it is a general assembly of Presbyterian women, duly commissioned from the 2000 local branches, who have unanimously accepted the new constitution. It is this same democratic body who will elect the general council, the parliament of this great republic of women. Such administrative council will contain approximately one hundred members. There will be about fifty in the cabinet or executive as it is called. Eighteen additional leaders are taken from those holding office in the provincial societies, the remainder are appointed on the basis of one from every two thousand members. Thus we see demonstrated the "rule of the people" with one safe-guard, namely, efficiency and experience.

The large cabinet of fifty members, consisting of forty chosen ones and the officers, might appear at first sight to be somewhat top-heavy if not hierarchical. But their duties require the aid of such a committee of the committee, and their powers are quite safely guarded inasmuch as their work is really auxiliary to the home and foreign mission boards of the general assembly, which are directed by such men as Dr. A. S. Grant and Dr. R. P. McKay.

The cabinet is chosen annually by

MOTOR BUS SERVICE FOR WEST TORONTO

Ward Seven Deputation Wins Promise From Board of Control.

CAR LINE ON BLOOR ST.

Track From Dundas to James Street May Be Laid This Year.

Motor buses for West Toronto immediately and later a street railway along Bloor street were practically promised by the board of control to a delegation of ward seven ratepayers who appeared before them yesterday. Further still motor bus lines were suggested for Moore Park and North Toronto, and with favorable recommendation from the commission these may be put in operation soon.

What ward seven delegation came to ask for was street railway transportation in their district. The people in the west end were far from satisfied with the present facilities, and what was most needed now was a line along Bloor from Dundas street to Quebec avenue. Crossing the ravine to James street, they maintained, was no difficult task, but in any case it could be considered later.

The delegates were: Dr. Jas. Dow, Ed. Henderson, J. H. Weir, W. L. Fisher and R. Home Smith, and it was the last named who advocated motor buses for the present, a proposal which immediately appealed to the mayor. The route suggested was down High Park avenue and thence to Dundas.

"That's very feasible, a pretty good idea and could be done in two months at most," said the mayor in concurrence. "We'll take the street railway idea up with Commissioner Harris and may be able to put down the track this year." However, he pointed out that the suburban railway's case before the railway board should first be decided. This would be within a few days, and if the suburban railway still refused to lay a railway, the city could.

For instant action, Controller Simpson moved that the board get in touch with Commissioner Harris to get buses at once. Then Controller McCarthy suggested incorporating North Toronto and Moore Park in the motor bus scheme. Controller Harris said 10 or 12 would be needed; they sold for \$5000 or thereabouts.

This move, R. Home Smith said,

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would help annexation of the South Swansea district, and because of the promise he would get out necessary petitions at once. It was this shortage of transportation that kept an annexation back. Controller McCarthy, O'Neill and Church will be in New York today and will find out what sort of buses are most useful.

At the decoration of the monuments in Queen's Park on May 25 at 11 a.m., his excellency the Governor-General has been invited to be present, and letters have already been received from Sir John A. Macdonald, W. Governor, General Otter and Hon. W. H. Hearst, accepting invitations to be present and take part in the proceedings.

WILL CHANGE DATE OF YEARLY MEETING

Veterans of Sixty-Six Will Hold Annual Reunion in May.

At a largely attended meeting of the veterans of 1866 at the Armouries last evening, it was decided that the annual meeting be changed from March to May, as a more agreeable time of the year; the present officers remaining in office until that date. The office of treasurer was amalgamated with that of financial secretary. A letter was read from Col. Hughes, minister of militia, regarding permanent room for place of meeting for the Canadian Militia Veterans.

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"BRIDGIE" WEBBER ADMITTED PERJURY

Counsel for Becker Forced Confession That Affidavits Were False.

Canadian Press Despatch. NEW YORK, May 14.—Counsel for Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant, on trial charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, secured today from Bridgie Webber, described as the financial backer of the plot that resulted in the killing of Rosenthal, admissions that he had lied to Deputy Police Commissioner Douglas Eddy, had said things during his direct examination earlier in the day that he omitted the first time Becker was on the witness stand, and had sworn to affidavits that he swore today were false. Under the fire of the cross-examination Webber trembled, his mouth quivered and then curled into a smile. At times he seemed to defy Martin T. Manton of Becker's counsel, drawing any contradictory statements from legislation. There will be plenty of room for initiative since the constitution provides that they may pass such bylaws as are in harmony with its supreme court.

From this survey, it must appear that the great republic of Presbyterian women interested in aggressive religious work has been founded under a lucky star, and promises good results. It is a step forward in the progress of the world. Woman's day has indeed dawned.

FOOTBALLER KICKED IN JAW.

While lying on the ground to place a football for a player of his team at Moore Park last night, in a contest between the Walsh and Y. M. C. A. League Tucker, of 5 Earnbridge street, was rushed upon and kicked in the face by a Y. M. C. A. player. He was removed to the General Hospital in an unconscious condition, where it was found that he had injuries to his jaw which are not serious but painful. He also had an injury on his left leg.

ADJOURNED THE ENQUIRY.

The inquest into the death of John Dumblock, the Pole who met his death as a result of falling into a vat of boiling fat at the plant of the Swift Packing Co., was opened last night at the morgue by Coroner Dr. Lynd. The inquest was enlarged until May 18.

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