

## FEARFUL DRASTIC STATISTICS

### Few Changes From the First One

### Conference Condemns Running of Sunday Trains

### Funeral on the Sabbath Also Frowned Upon—Parades Escape—Probationers Recommended for Ordination—Open-Air Meeting Yesterday in Charlottetown

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 14.—A breezy debate on Sabbath observance culminated this morning's session of the Methodist conference, following the report of the Sabbath observance committee, presented by Rev. Hugh Miller.

The committee lamented general desecration of the Lord's Day in the maritime provinces by Sunday visiting and driving, and running of Sunday trains over the I. C. R. The government is to be requested to discontinue the practice at the earliest possible moment.

They deprecated the amount of labor connected with the winter boats at St. John, the handling of freight in railway sheds and trucks that labor be minimized as far as possible.

They will request the provincial government of the island, in the event of the new auto act becoming law, to prohibit auto running on Sunday. An amendment was added disapproving of Sunday funerals and Sunday parades.

The report was adopted with the amendment re funerals but the motion to include parades was defeated. Among the advocates of parades was Colonel Moore of Charlottetown, formerly commander of the Fourth Regiment, who declared that military parades were often the means of filling the churches.

Rev. Mr. Weddall supported the colonel, declaring that the Salvation Army makes a great deal of processions, also institutional churches in the old country.

Mr. Baskin, of St. John, argued contra, declaring Sunday schools were often decorated by Sunday parades, which proved to be an advertisement for fraternal societies, but accomplished no good purpose.

Rev. W. B. Thomas favored Sunday funerals, especially in the country where the funeral sermon furnished a good opportunity for the preaching of Christ.

Some speakers proposed to modify the clause by making Sunday funerals optional on the advice of the health officer, but the conference agreed to discontinue such funerals unconditionally.

**Sunday School Report.**  
Rev. J. A. Ives submitted a lengthy report of the Sunday school conference. Superintendents were asked to forward circuit schedules more promptly, and in cases where schools are suspended for the winter, to be diligent in early reorganization. They should not allow any Methodist school to be regarded in the locality in which it exists as a union school.

More hearty co-operation of pastor and Sunday school workers with secretaries in holding circuit institutions was urged, also the necessity of all purely Methodist teachers' training classes being registered with the conference connectional department. Attention was drawn to the small number received into the church from the schools. In the changed social conditions and new methods of evangelism a Sunday school may be the most fruitful source of soul winning.

The general conference fund report showed receipts to be \$24,529; expenditures, \$22,861; church and parsonage aid funds, \$81,262; expenditures, \$89,460; educational fund committee reported receipts from districts as follows: St. John, \$478; Fredericton, \$204; Woodstock, \$86; Chatham, \$120; Sackville, \$241; St. Stephen, \$71; Charlottetown, \$272; Summerside, \$145. The total increase is \$119 over last year.

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The state of the sustentation fund rendered possible to add circuits on the following basis: \$775, for ordained married men; \$600, for ordained single men, and \$600 for probationers. The total receipts were \$1,981, an increase of \$172.

Rev. Geo. Steele was re-appointed superintendent of missions.

John Bradford, community worker of Amherst, addressed the conference mainly along the lines of helping the boys and encouraging athletes under proper conditions and supervision of the church.

A resolution was passed approving of Mr. Bradford's work, and the willingness of the conference to co-operate with other churches in that work.

Rev. Thomas Hicks was appointed successor on the board of the Rev. C. R. Planders who resigned.

A meeting of the historical society was held tonight. On Sunday the Protestant churches will be given a report of the Methodist churches. In the First Methodist church the following probationers are to be ordained: Geo. N. Somers, F. H. Hays, C. V. Towle and F. R. Berran. Rev. Dr. Carman will preach the ordination services.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 15.—(Special)—Speaking in the First Methodist church to night, Rev. J. W. Atkins, of Toronto, field secretary of the Temperance, Moral and Social Reform, declared that greed of gain, behind the liquor traffic and white slavery.

The congregation applauded his references to the growth of the temperance movement and to the revelations in the German Reichstag re the war scare fomented by the Krupp. Mr. Atkins showed that in the first ten years of this century the number of abstinent treaties were signed.

An open air meeting in Victoria Park was addressed by Rev. W. G. Lane, who in dealing with compulsory voting and service, referred to arbitrary power in some cases exercised by labor unions.

Rev. R. G. Fulton and John Dystant, Detroit, Mich., also spoke.

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## ANOTHER SHIFT ON PAPER SCHEDULES

### Reciprocity Clause Adopted

### Senate Committee to Give Free Entry Only to Canadian Products From Provinces That Impose No Restrictions On Exports of Pulp and Pulpwood.

Washington, June 18.—Amending the section of the Underwood tariff bill, which would place on the free list all print paper valued at not more than 2½ cents a pound, the majority members of the senate finance committee today voted to incorporate in the bill the provisions of the Canadian reciprocity, passed in 1911.

This action would extend the free list to include all print paper valued at not more than four cents a pound on the condition "that no export duty, export license fee, or other export charges of any kind whatsoever, or any prohibition or restriction in any way of the exportation shall have been imposed upon such paper, board or woodpulp, or the woodpulp used in the manufacture of such paper or board."

Although the word "Canada" is omitted from the amendment adopted by the committee, it would operate against Canada, because of that nation's restrictions on exports of wood and chemical pulp.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, said that other restrictions, providing for the duties aimed against Canada which have been proposed, have not yet been acted upon by the majority, and that the majority would be taken up again tomorrow. He said there might be a reconsideration of the action thus far taken.

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## CANADIAN CROP REPORT

### More Acreage Sown with Grain Than Last Year—Conditions on May 30 Above the Average—Cold Weather Retarded Growth During May.

Ottawa, June 18.—A bulletin of the census and statistics office issued today, gives preliminary estimates of the areas sown to the principal grain crops, and their condition at the end of May, according to returns received from the crop-reporting correspondents throughout Canada.

The reports show that the month of May proved cold and dry, with frequent night frosts and that these conditions, while favorable to seeding, retarded the growth of the crops sown and caused them to be unusually backward.

The total area under wheat in Canada is provisionally estimated at 9,816,900 acres, or \$7,997 acres more than in 1912, the area in spring wheat being 8,980,000 acres, or 18,100 acres more.

Oats occupy 9,608,500 acres, compared with 9,146,000 acres in 1912, an increase of 462,500 acres. The condition of the crops is as follows:

Fall wheat, 60.32; spring wheat, 61.53; oats, 91.72; barley, 81.19; rye, 87.70; peas, 88.24; mixed grains, 80.15; hay and clover, 91.12; pasture, 88.01; and alfalfa, 77.

At the corresponding date last year the condition of fall wheat was only 71.45. All the other crops were ten days ahead of last year's condition.

The poor condition this year of alfalfa is due to the effects of the winter and cold spring.

## CHURCH UNION

(Toronto Globe.)  
The action of the General Assembly brings the Presbyterian church in Canada one step nearer to organic union with the Methodist and the Congregational churches. Not only is organic union nearer, as a matter of orderly procedure, but in temper and sentiment very decided progress has been made. Intelligent and observant onlookers could not but note that, while occasionally the points in debate became somewhat confused and even in the final vote the issue was not as clearly perceived as they might have been, and the vote thereby was less decisive, yet it was plain that the sentiment for union is stronger than ever in the past and is taking more definite shape in resolute opinion. Seldom if ever was the debate so spirited, and those opposed to union were less disposed to regard that inevitable fact as the end of all things.

The fact of the union of the three negotiating churches does appear to be inevitable. Were the facts of the Canadian situation not so real and not so serious the question might come in the academic stage for years to come. The deliberative and determined action of Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in forestalling the ultimate action of the superior courts of their denominations, and effecting practical union in many places, suggests that the great body of opinion among the laymen, and especially in the frontier districts, is in advance of the official action of church courts.

Very significant were the words of leading elders, of whom J. K. MacDonald was one, who in sentiment and attitude were opposed to organic union but have now come out in its support. To men of pronounced opinions, and in whom old personal associations are strong and are sincerely cherished, the

derail of the Underhill church, in place of the late Deacon Underhill. The ordination was conducted by Rev. Dr. Cousins and was very impressive.

## MONCTON TO SPEND \$30,000 ON SIDEWALKS THIS SUMMER

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## NEW I.C.R. GENERAL TRAFFIC MANAGER

### PREMIER BORDEN VISITS HALIFAX

### Held a Public Reception But Was Guarded in His Promises

### TALKS OF I. C. R.

### Says Road Has Been a Great Benefit to Canada and Expects it Will Be More So in Future—Terminal Facilities Not to Be as Big as First Planned.

Halifax, June 16.—Premier Borden, accompanied by Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, and F. P. Guelius, general manager of the I. C. R., arrived here on Saturday night. Mayor Bligh, and members of the board of control and representatives of the local Conservative Association, were present to receive the premier at the railway station. They cheered him as he stepped out of the train and the band played Rule Britannia. The premier and party were escorted to automobiles, and a procession of two bands, sixteen pieces of five apparatus and a dozen automobiles proceeded the grand parade. The premier and party entered the city hall where the members of the city council were present. Then the premier stood at the foot of the main stairway and received the general public.

While Borden rendered a program of popular arts in the open. After the reception Premier Borden took up a position at the entrance to the city hall and briefly addressed the gathering. He said:

"My visits to Halifax are not as numerous as I would desire. A long and strenuous session of parliament prevents ministers of the crown from absenting themselves from the capital. I wish, however, to assure you that, with distinction of party, I regard myself as a representative of the whole public. With regard to the terminals I am very strongly impressed that they will be of substantial advantage to Halifax, Dartmouth, the province of Nova Scotia and the Dominion of Canada."

"We have been for years developing the I. C. R. This road has done great work. One thing had been greatly needed, that of one province having a better advantage of the other, and the I. C. R. has gone a long way toward cementing the various provinces, through which it runs, and it will still greater work in the future."

"The city of Halifax has not made all the progress that was expected forty or fifty years ago, but the time had now come that not only Halifax, but Nova Scotia will take a great step forward for development."

"We have come to discuss with the city council, board of trade and others interested, and to hear what they have to say, and to point out what is in progress at the present time. I believe we shall be able to solve just cause and good war, for everything proposed. The terminals, while not as extensive, will be as fine as any on the North American continent."