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ANNUAL MEETING.

Held at Leonardville, Deer Island, August 6th to 9th.

The Annual Meeting of 1897 has come and gone, its influence has already been felt among our churches, and the prospects are that the ensuing year, 1897-98, will be the beginning of a forward movement such as the Christian Churches of these provinces have never seen. God grant that it may be so.

Was the meeting a success? Read the account of the work planned and the funds raised. Judged by these practical matters, we see reasons to agree with the constantly expressed opinion—"the best we have ever had." The majority of the delegates arrived at Leonardville Friday afternoon. The published programme did not call for any meeting until 7 00 p. m., but at about 3 o'clock the first gathering was held. Bro. R. W. Stevenson led the devotional meeting, beginning with the triumphant song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Bro. R. H. Bolton of Everett, Mass., preached a helpful sermon from Col. i. 28.

Friday 7 p. m. devotional service led by Bro. H. Minnick.

At 7.30 p. m. Bro. J. A. Lord preached to a packed house. His sermon on Romans xiv. 7 was full of sturdy, manly and vigorous sentiments which stirred the heart, enlarged the sympathies and stimulated all to greater efforts for the salvation of the world.

Bro. Ryan announced the following committees: (1) Nomination of Convention Officers. (2) Order of Business.

Saturday, 9 a. m. devotional meeting led by Bro. Cooke. 9.30 a. m. business meeting with Bro. Ryan presiding. Bro. J. E. Barnes being absent through sickness, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Bro. Stewart.

Committee on Nominatio: of Convention Officers reported as follows; *President*, H. W. Stewart; *Vice-President*, R. E. Stevens; *Secretary*, J. S. Flaglor. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Order of Business received and adopted.

The following visiting brethren were invited to a seat in the convention: J. A. Lord of Cincinnati, Ohio; R. H. Bolton, of Everett, Mass.; H. Minnick, Lubec, Me.; and H. E. Cooke.

Appointment of Auditing Committee: Bros. E. F. Burnaby, B. D. Lingley.

LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES.

PLACE.	Members.	Value of Church Property.	Baptism.	Other-wise.	Deaths.	Letters etc.	Missionary Offerings Home.	Missionary Offerings Foreign.	Sunday-School.	Teachers and Officers.
Burt's Corner, N. B.	35	400 00	19	2	3	7	\$312 00	\$211 00	150	19
Coburg St., St. John, N. B.	409	10,000 00	11	3	1	1	10 25	19 00	20	4
Cornwallis, N. S.	100	2,000 00	1	1	1	1	3 00	5 00	22	2
Elmsdale, N. S.	17	1,000 00	1	1	1	1	4 00	9 00	20	3
Kempt, N. S.	65	5,000 00	1	6	1	10	60 00	50 00	80	9
Halifax, N. S.	94	5,000 00	2	1	3	5	6 00	6 03	40	3
Leonardville, N. B.	148	1,400 00	1	1	1	1	43 00	42 00	75	8
Lord's Cove, N. B.	163	3,300 00	1	6	1	1	31 34	41 08	177	20
Main St. St. John, N. B.	511	1,500 00	8	1	2	1	19 00	21 85	12	9
Shubdenacide, N. S.	100	1,500 00	3	1	1	1	48 52	40 66	50	9
Trenton, N. S.	28	6,700 00	30	1	1	1	44 00	14 00	123	14
Milton, N. S.	222	1,000 00	5	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Pictou, N. S.	15	850 00	1	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Silver Falls, N. B.	25	1,000 00	1	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Southville, N. S.	30	1,000 00	1	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Upper Nine Mile River, N. S.	15	600 00	1	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
West Gore, N. S.	106	1,300 00	6	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Westport, N. S.	81	1,600 00	11	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3

Appointment of Committees: Ways and Means: D. A. Morrison, E. A. Paysou, Geo. Fullerton, E. C. Ford, O. B. Stockford.

Place: W. H. Harding, H. Carson and A. Armstrong.

Resolutions; T. H. Blenus, J. Chas. B. Appel, J. W. Bolton.

REPORT OF MARITIME UNION COMMITTEE.

Bro. Stevenson stated that on July 11, the P. E. I. churches met at New Glasgow to consider the proposition of union with the N. S. and N. B. Mission Board, and a resolu-

tion was passed to the effect that the union be effected on condition that the P. E. I. churches have a representative on the Board and that the Island receive the aid of an evangelist in proportion to its contribution.

He thought that the P. E. Island churches as a whole were in sympathy with the movement and he felt that it would result in great good to the three provinces.

Bro. Jeffrey said he had but to echo what had been said by Bro. Stevenson.

Bro. E. C. Ford made a motion that a special committee be appointed to consider the matter and that Bro. Lord should be asked to meet with it. After discussion by Bros. Ryan, Morrison and Harding the motion was carried. Committee appointed: Bros. Ryan, Harding, Stevenson, Jeffrey, Blenus with advice from Bro. Lord.

Bro. Flaglor moved the appointment of a committee to confer with Bro. Lord on the grants received from the American Christian Missionary Society, and the sending of an evangelist to these provinces. Motion carried. Committee appointed: Bros. Ford, J. W. Bolton, Stevens, Stewart, Appel, Blenus.

The following letter from the church at Cornwallis was read:

To the Brethren assembled in our Annual Convention at Leonardville, N. B.:

I am instructed by the Church of Christ in Cornwallis to say, that whereas our Bro. Frank C. Ford has consecrated his life to the preaching of the gospel, and has completed the course of study preparatory to this work; and whereas, he has been a member of this church for ten years, and enjoys the confidence and Christian esteem of his brethren, we do hereby humbly request the brethren assembled in our annual convention to set him apart to the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands and prayer, that he may go forth endorsed by the brotherhood, as he is heartily endorsed by this church.

Done by order of the Church of Christ in Cornwallis. TOBIN S. LOCKWOOD, Secretary of Church.

There was considerable discussion as to whether this was in the province of the Annual Meeting. It was the general opinion that the local church was the proper power for this work, but on account of peculiar circumstances an exception might be made in this case.

Bro. Ryan moved that a committee of three be appointed. Carried. Ordination Committee appointed: Bros. Harding, Stevens, Stevenson.

While waiting for the report of the Auditing Committee, Bro. Fullerton made a suggestion which was as seed in good ground, viz., that an evangelist be engaged and that a tent for his use be secured.