

METHODISM IN CANADA

A bill to establish and endow the University of Queen's College, Kingston, passed both Houses in January, 1840.

A temperance meeting surpassing all previous ones in Toronto was held in the Congregational Church, February 24th. Many were unable to gain admission. The Rev. James Richardson presided. Addresses were given by John Dougall, Esq., of Montreal, Messrs. Wickson and Ketchum, and Rev. J. Roaf. Sixty-six joined the society.

Up to February the Centenary subscriptions reported had reached the unexpected total of £11,146.

By Mr. Weller, the stage proprietor, in February, the Governor-General and suite were conveyed from Toronto to Montreal in thirty-six hours. This speed trip cost £500.

In honor of the marriage of Her Majesty Queen Victoria a celebration was held by the Methodist Sunday-schools of Toronto on the 17th of March, 1840. The three schools assembled with their teachers, about five hundred in all, in the Newgate Street Church. After a loyal address from the President, they were treated to a substantial repast of roast beef and plum pudding. In the evening, with tickets at 1s. 3d., a general gathering took tea and listened to several addresses. The 2nd of April was observed as a public holiday in honor of the Queen's marriage. In Toronto an ox was roasted and a great feast given to the poor.

A Centenary sermon by the Rev. John G. Manly was published—"a lucid exposition and able vindication of the polity of Methodism."

March 23rd, the Rev. James Evans forwarded a letter from Peter Jacobs, of Rainy River, telling of his trying experiences in the far North: 'I have no doubt