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REV. DR. McLEOD MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR BAPTIST UNION.

Fredericton Divine Tells Maritime Convention That Their Differences Are Too Small to Keep Them Apart—Matter Comes Up Today—Other Business of the Session.

Truro, N. S., Aug. 22.—(Special)—On the Baptist convention resuming its session today the first report of the Baptist Historical Society was read and adopted. The officers of this society for the ensuing year are: President, Principal E. W. Sawyer; vice-presidents, Dr. B. H. Eaton and Rev. J. G. Belyea; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. W. Brown. This society has been in existence only for a little over a year, and its object has been to unearth and place on record events of Baptist historical interest in different parts of the provinces, where work has been carried on early in the century. The plan is to elucidate and revise all historical documents and forward the same to the Librarian of Acadia College for preservation. The society has resolved that the members representing the central association of Nova Scotia constitute the central committee.

The twenty-sixth annual report of the home mission board for Nova Scotia and P. E. Island was then presented, which on the whole was very encouraging. In closing the report it was said that if the home mission work were to be carried on with a reasonable degree of efficiency, a much larger financial provision would have to be made for its prosecution. The consideration of this report was carried over into the afternoon session, occupying the closing hours before 6 o'clock.

The afternoon session was occupied by a broad discussion of the proposed "union plan" or fixed ratio which denominational funds have been apportioned to various interests.

The discussion ended in the adoption of the following resolution, of which B. G. Haley and Rev. F. G. Belyea were movers: That a committee be appointed to consider the claims of the several interests of the denomination upon the benevolence of the body in respect to the matter of special officials to the churches that this committee shall report to the present convention.

The following committee was appointed: B. G. Haley, St. John; J. J. Wallace, Moncton; G. E. Burton and Rev. W. N. Hutchins, W. C. Gower, St. Stephen; A. Gibson, Dr. G. O. Carter, St. John; Dr. E. M. Saunders, Halifax; Dr. J. W. Manning, St. John.

Dr. McLeod Appeals for Union. The convention exercises of today were crowned by a platform meeting of great power. The first Baptist church was taxed to hold the assembly which listened to the reminding of the great home mission day.

Addresses were delivered by Superintendent Rev. M. W. Brown of the home mission board, Rev. J. Grant and Rev. E. Bosworth, field secretary of the grand lignage mission. Among those who occupied seats on the platform were Rev. Dr. McLeod representing the Free Baptists, and who received an ovation, and visiting brethren Rev. David Long, St. John, and A. Perry, of Petitcodiac. Rev. W. M. Brown read the scriptures, after which Wm. Cummings, of Truro, led in prayer.

Another move against Chicago packers. City Trying to Prevent Them Housing Workmen on Plants. Chicago, Aug. 22.—Chicago meat packers today asked for an injunction preventing the city of Chicago from interfering with the housing of employees in stock yards plants during the continuance of the butchers' strike.

The injunction was asked in the name of the Hammond Packing Company and it insisted that the companies were violating no law, and were acting entirely within their rights.

Two dead and thirty injured in storm. Watertown, S. D., Aug. 22.—A severe wind storm swept over a region in Ham county in the northeast part of South Dakota last night, killing Mr. Erickson, of Willow Lake and Mrs. S. H. Schilling of Bryant and injuring thirty persons. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Smith, of Willow Lake, and Mrs. Schilling's son and daughter were probably fatally injured.

At Willow Lake every building was damaged. Three churches, a school house and all the elevators and livery barns are lying in heaps.

STOESSELL SENDS GRIM FAREWELL.

Wires Friends at Home That Port Arthur Will Be His Tomb.

Terrible Onslaught of Japs on Russian Fortress Reported—British Papers Incensed Over Stopping of Steamer by Czar's Cruiser—Japanese Losses Thus Far 28,000 Says Russian Correspondent.

London, Aug. 23.—No further news has reached London. According to the Moscow correspondent of the Morning Post, Lieut. General Stoessel concluded a telegram to an intimate friend there with the words: "Farewell forever. Port Arthur will be my tomb."

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle sends an extraordinary story to the effect that Russia is trying to induce France to buy Argentine and Chilean arms of war for her for the purpose of reinforcing the Brest fort.

Japs Wasting Thousands of Lives. Liao Yang, Aug. 22.—The following is supplied by a Russian correspondent of the Associated Press: "With each additional report from Port Arthur increases both at the port and in the rear of the Russian army the heroic stubbornness of the defenders of the fortress. The Japanese are literally throwing away thousands of lives in the hope of shaking the courage of the Russians."

Major General Fock says he is confident the fortress cannot be taken but that it is taken the whole Japanese army will have to immediately attack on the slopes of the fortifications.

There were five desperate assaults on Green Hills July 26, the Japanese returning each time with apparently increased reinforcements. On the final assault however, the Japanese broke badly, throwing away their guns, cartridge belts and even their boots to facilitate their flight, and leaving 7,000 dead or wounded.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—215 a. m.—The news that the navy department at Washington absolutely denied that the United States ships at Shanghai had received instructions to assist in the protection of the neutrality of China or to in any way interfere with the Japanese warships, which did not arrive until late last night, put something of a damper on the feeling of satisfaction with which the earlier reports had been received.

Repairing Riddled Cruisers. Vladivostok, Aug. 22.—Repairs to the cruisers Russia and Gromoboi are proceeding on the other hand are not viewing these preparations with equanimity. The first complaints they have uttered have been against having their places filled.

Japs Hammer Port Arthur Hard. St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—A despatch from Chefoo dated Aug. 22, says that according to Chinese reports the Japanese yesterday bombarded Port Arthur from 9 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, pouring in a steady fire but that the Russians succeeded in silencing the Japanese batteries. The Japanese fleet was not engaged, having put further out to sea.

Jap Shells Did Desperate Work on Vladivostok Cruisers. Vladivostok, Aug. 21.—(Delayed in transmission)—Capt. Berlinko, who was wounded in the battle with the Japanese squadron Aug. 4, was buried last Wednesday with most impressive military honors. Nearly all the inhabitants of the town attended the funeral.

FOUR OTTAWA MEN DROWN THROUGH BOAT CAPSIZING.

Fifth One of Party Clings to an Oar and Was Saved—Disaster Was Caused by a Man Firing at a Seal, and the Others Turning Suddenly Around Upset the Craft.

Notre Dame du Portage, Que., Aug. 22.—(Special)—This summer resort was thrown into mourning tonight over a dreadful boating accident by which four men were drowned and a fifth had a miraculous escape.

Those drowned were: Declid Dion, of Ottawa; Wilfred Fraser, Ottawa, and two men named LaForest, of St. Andre. Edward Casson, of Ottawa, was two hours in the water floating by the aid of an oar of the small boat.

Dion, Fraser and Casson were employed in the public works department and were here with their families who are summering at this place. They left this morning for a sail. LaForest and his son had charge of the boat with a small boat towing. Dion, Fraser and Casson being the other occupants.

On their way back Fraser fired a revolver at what he thought was a seal in the water and some of the others turning round suddenly the boat upset and went to the bottom.

All made for the small boat. It also upset and went down. LaForest, the older man, who leaves seven of a family, was the first to go down. Fraser, Dion and young LaForest soon followed. Casson got hold of an oar of the small boat and was rescued by parties from the shore who heard his cries.

Mrs. Fraser with her two children and Mrs. Dion are here almost distracted.

Three vessels wrecked bound to Charlottetown. The Margaret Ann a Total Loss; Crew Saved With Difficulty.

Plut Boat Senator Snowball Diamated and Towed by Steamer Bonavista—Schr Pludas a Total Wreck at St. Peter's Island.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 22.—After weathering the worst gale in his experience in Northumberland Straits Captain Bonavista, of the schooner Brilliant, arrived at Charlottetown today with Captain Sundry and two men of the schooner Margaret Ann, wrecked off Governor Island in yesterday morning's storm.

The Margaret Ann, loaded with coal for Charlottetown, left Pietosa Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, and at 11, off Wood Islands, encountered a southeast gale and heavy blinding rain, compelling them to run under their poles and driving them on a reef off Governor's Island.

The vessel filled, compelling the crew to take to the boat. After drifting an hour they were picked up by the schooner Brilliant, coal laden from Sydney to Charlottetown.

The Margaret Ann was 35 tons and is a total wreck with no insurance. She is owned by Captain Sundry.

FASTER TRAINS ON CANADA EASTERN ROAD

I. C. R. Proposes to Improve the Present Service.

Charles Beckwith, formerly of Fredericton, Dies of Gunshot Wound at Saskatoon—Death of Melburn Smith of Waterville, Sunbury County.

Fredericton, Aug. 22.—Ex-City Clerk C. W. Beckwith received a telegram this morning from Saskatoon (N. W. T.), announcing the death of his son, Charles, at that place. He accidentally shot himself in the groin on Thursday and died on Saturday. Deceased was twenty-three years of age and joined the N. W. T. police three years ago. Besides his parents he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Brown Maxwell, of Boston, and one brother, Mr. Carl Lindquist, located near Winnipeg.

J. E. Price, of the I. C. R., returned to Moncton via the Canada Eastern this morning. Mr. Price has been in consultation with Canada Eastern officials in connection with a new train service, which is to be put into effect as soon as the transfer of the road is made to the I. C. R., which it is expected will be completed by September 1. New engines and new cars will be put on and the running time of the train considerably shortened, the condition of the road being such as to enable much faster time being made with new engines than at present.

There will be a daily express each way from Fredericton and Chatham, one leaving Chatham about 8:30 a. m., instead of 6:40, as at present, and returning leaving Fredericton at 6 p. m., instead of 4, as at present. The latter will connect with the maritime express for Montreal. Instead of every other day, a freight train leaving here at 6:20 a. m. at present, there will be a mixed train, leaving two hours later, which will connect at Chatham Junction with the I. C. R. accommodation for Campbellton at Chatham Junction.

Melburn Smith of Waterville, Sunbury county, died at that place yesterday after a lengthy illness from consumption. The deceased, who was a son of James E. Smith of Waterville, was 33 years of age and unmarried. He went to New Mexico about three years ago, hoping it would benefit his health, but returned home five weeks ago. He leaves in addition to his parents, three brothers, Messrs. Adolphus, Allan and Charles Smith of Waterville, and five sisters, Mrs. W. K. Allen of this city, Mrs. Fred Harper of Waterville, and Misses Carrie, Beatrice and Etta Smith, residing at home.

Militia Promotions, Retirements and Appointments. Ottawa, Aug. 22.—(Special)—The following appointments, promotions and retirements in the militia are announced:—8th "Prince Louise New Brunswick Hussars"—Lieutenant F. S. Morrison is retired to accept a commission in the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

4th "Prince Edward Island" Regiment—To be captain, Lieut. J. B. Darke; to be lieutenant, Sergt-Major B. A. Donohoe; to be provisional lieutenants, A. G. Cameron, Sergt. W. A. Dawson, H. L. Bell, Sergt-Major B. J. L. Garnum, Sergt. S. H. Stearns, Sergt. J. F. Starns, to complete establishment.

68th Regiment—"Princess Louise Fusiliers"—To be captains, Lieut. F. Salter, W. H. Weatherbee.

71st York Regiment—To be lieutenant (superannuated), Lieut. E. S. Hill, from the reserve of officers.

74th Regiment—"The Brunswick Rangers"—To be provisional lieutenants, Color Sergeant J. W. Stapleford, H. D. Titus and R. R. Landry.

Army medical service—Lieut.-Col. E. Fisset, director-general, to be colonel.

SLICK GENTLEMAN NABBED AT CAMPBELLTON

Had Passed a Bogus Mexican Bill on I. C. R. Train, and Had 194 More in His Pocket.

Moncton, Aug. 22.—A man giving the name of Cleveland had been arrested this morning at Campbellton by Intercolonial Police Officer Noble. The man passed a bogus \$5 Mexican bill on the Intercolonial train north of Campbellton. When arrested he was found concealed in the lining of his clothing 194 counterfeit Mexican bills, besides a large sum of Canadian money.

"He was taken back to Rimouski, in which county the bill was passed, in order to stand preliminary examination. It is presumed by the authorities this is the same man who is wanted for passing counterfeit bills in the United States."

CANADA'S TRADE RETURNS FOR JULY

Imports Nearly \$3,000,000 Greater Than Exports—Both Less Than Same Period Last Year.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—(Special)—The trade returns for the month of July have been announced. The imports for consumption were \$18,981,931 and the exports \$14,225,777. In July, 1903, the imports amounted to \$19,475,643 and the exports to \$16,756,212.

In domestic products, the fisheries show a gain of \$11,875. In other departments the following decreases are noted: Mines, \$74,622; wood products, \$232,174; animals and their products, \$1,465,023; agriculture, \$878,967; manufactures, \$154,727.

Senator Hoar's Condition. Worcester, Mass., Aug. 22.—The following bulletin was issued from the home of Senator George F. Hoar at 9 o'clock tonight by his son, General Rockwood Hoar: "The senator is asleep. He has not had so good an afternoon as he had yesterday. His condition is not materially changed. The prospect is he will have a quiet night."

Anglo-Austrian Arbitration Treaty. London, Aug. 22.—It is the expectation of the foreign office that the treaty of arbitration on the same lines as that negotiated shortly after other great powers will be signed shortly between Great Britain and Austria.

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JUDGE PARKER WILL NOT TAKE THE STUMP

Democratic Candidate Believes It's Improper, But He Makes a Speech or Two.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 22.—It was made plain at Rosemont today that there is no certainty of Judge Parker making any speeches in the west in connection with his St. Louis trip or at any other time or place.

The principal on which Judge Parker will act in the matter was learned from an intimate associate of the judge who said: "Judge Parker has no faith in the utility of speech making for its own sake and will make no speeches anywhere for the mere purpose of appearing in any given locality. He believes a stamping tour by a presidential candidate to be improper and he will undertake no such tour. The only condition upon which he will make any speech anywhere, will be the fact that he has some definite thing to say, and that he is convinced by his own reason that some given time and place best suits the saying of it there and then. You may say with the utmost confidence that under no other conditions will Judge Parker make any speech anywhere."

SUES STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Ohio Man Claims \$3,000,000 Damages for All-god Ruin of Business.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 22.—George Rice of Marietta (O.), has begun suit in the United States Circuit Court for \$3,000,000 damages against the Standard Oil Company for the alleged ruin of his business. Rice charged that the Standard Oil Company compelled him to change his customers' standard freight rates; that the company opened grocery stores to break down his competition, and in other ways succeeded in taking away from him four thousand customers, an estimated retail plant worth \$750,000 and a business worth \$50,000 a year.

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