

### Convention Asks Government to Take Steps

The summer steamship service convention came to a close Friday afternoon and, after the work, came the pleasure of a delightful outing given the delegates by the local government and city council. The conference session was to resume at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, but it was some minutes later when the meeting opened. The attendance was a little smaller than on the first day, some being compelled to return to their homes. When the conference was resumed at 2:45 o'clock, Mayor Daniel read a letter of regret from Mr. H. H. McCain, general dealer, of Florenceville, N. B., who could not attend. Mr. McCain wrote that he has been sending hundreds of tons of hay to Boston in bond for England. If there was the direct service spoken of there would be extensive hay shipments.

Mr. James H. McAvity then opened the discussion on the

### Manufactures Generally.

He first spoke of Mr. Thomas Potts' suggestion about return cargoes being necessary. We had a preferential tariff and he would advocate a clause in the tariff which would allow goods to come direct to a port in Canada. Mr. McAvity said the Sydney iron works would help us in manufactures and the export of some classes of goods now exported. They had a small line of exports to New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, Manchester and Liverpool. They had a small line of exports to New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, Manchester and Liverpool. They had a small line of exports to New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, Manchester and Liverpool.

Mr. John E. Irvine spoke as one of the firm of Troop & Son, which is an agent for the Elder-Dempster line here. Mr. Irvine said, like the railway men, he had nothing to promise. The firm had been in communication with the imperial government in transport of troops, stores, etc. On both sides of the water the Elder-Dempster people had been giving serious consideration to the proposition that there was a great deal of uncertainty as yet, but in event of the line he thought it necessary that the line be backed by dominion and local government subsidy, and by the loyalty of the people in supplying local freights.

On behalf of the resolutions committee appointed Thursday afternoon, Mr. Murdoch, of St. Stephen, reported the following, which after some discussion, section by section, was adopted:

"Whereas, The large quantities of farm products, especially butter and cheese, in the province of New Brunswick, the supply of pulp from the mills recently opened and the increasing development of manufactures and products of various kinds demand close and rapid steamship connection with Great Britain throughout the year, so as to give the farmers and manufacturers of the province easy access to the markets of Great Britain in the summer, as well as in the winter months;

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this conference, the establishment of a steamship service from the port of St. John to some point or points in Great Britain during the summer months, is most necessary;

"That the government be requested to take such steps as may tend to the establishment of a fortnightly steamship service, at as early a period as possible, and

"That the city and municipal councils and boards of trade throughout the province, be requested to bring the subject of obtaining local freight in sufficient quantities for such service before their constituents, and to urge upon the community, generally, the development of agricultural and manufacturing products, within the province; further

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Mr. C. J. Osmen, of Albert, spoke of Albert county industries. There was a promising outlook reported from the shale beds. It was reasonable to think that Albert in the future could bear a good share of the burden of supplying freight for the steamers. There was the plaster of Paris industry in Albert also. In this he was engaged. They had a bed in Hillsboro and turned out 60,000 to 65,000 barrels of the manufactured article. About 30,000 barrels went to the United States; also some 60,000 tons of the crude material was sent to the United States and there would be manufactured. Mr. Osmen moved the appointment of a committee to memorialize the dominion government that it would be the interests of the maritime provinces and Canada as a whole that the preferential duty on goods imported to Canada be not extended except where the goods come direct through Canadian ports.

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The resolution was put and adopted and Mr. C. J. Osmen, of Albert, Mr. W. F. Halliway, of St. John, and Mr. James H. McAvity, of St. John, were appointed. Premier Emmerson read a letter received from Agent General C. A. Duff-Miller, London, suggesting that Mr. George Robertson, M. P., and Dr. Thomas Walker, of St. John, be invited to attend a board of trade, Mr. George K. McLeod representing Chatham, and Mr. Hickman (New Brunswick's immigration officer) representing Dorchester, on the Monday morning of the conference of chambers at London Tuesday. These gentlemen are now in London.

Mr. P. O. Allison said he had a cable from the London board of trade, which was of trade wished him to represent them. The board of trade will deal with the cables.

In closing the convention, Mayor Daniel spoke of what had been done. While there was not in sight what was wished still the meeting was an educative one and the action taken may tend to the establishment of a fortnightly steamship service, at as early a period as possible, and

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### The Century Fund Will Pass the Million Mark.

Moncton, June 22.—This morning's session of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist conference was taken up with addresses by Rev. S. Howard on the evangelization work of the church and the Rev. Dr. Courtney, editor of the Christian Guardian, Toronto, with reference to the 20th century fund. Dr. Courtney stated to the conference that the fund now amounted to \$850,000 and the superintendent, Rev. Dr. Potts, fully expected the fund to reach and pass the million dollar mark before the first of next January. The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island conference had contributed \$30,000. The conference extended to an interesting address from Dr. Courtney on the progress made in all lines of life during the century and urged the conference to renew zeal in missionary work in the future. The following was made to the growth of the Methodist church during the century: The total membership at the present time being given as 7,000,000, with 30,000,000 of adherents. Dr. Courtney was extended a vote of thanks by the conference and left this morning for Parranboro to attend the Nova Scotia conference.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Mount Allison, who leaves tomorrow to attend the Newfoundland Methodist conference in the interest of the educational cause in connection with the denomination, was granted a leave of absence.

Rev. Job Shenton and Dr. Brecken were appointed to prepare a greeting from the Dominion government to the Nova Scotia conference to be read at the opening of the conference.

Rev. G. F. Dawson, from the statistical committee, submitted the official returns. The amounts raised by the different districts for the confessional fund were as follows: St. John—\$1,178.47, decrease from last year, \$107.07. Rev. R. W. Weddell explained that the decrease from the St. John district was due to the fact that Senator Lewis, who was a very liberal contributor, Fredericton—\$2,626.41, increase of \$77.10. Woodstock—\$1,617.80, decrease of \$14.28. Chatham—\$1,482.54, decrease of \$48.41. Sackville—\$3,562.21, increase of \$210.92. St. Stephen—\$1,679.58, increase of \$57.47. St. John—\$1,403.87, decrease of \$438.80. Summerside—\$2,788.35, increase of \$92.20.

Total for confessional fund by all districts, \$22,945.11, a decrease of \$328.29. Total amount contributed by circuits for circuit purposes, \$11,461.37. St. John—\$2,678.39, increase of \$6,057.42. Fredericton—\$4,557.61, an increase of \$80.48. Woodstock—\$3,157.90, increase of \$330.20. Chatham—\$3,578.47, decrease of \$87.95. Sackville—\$3,513.80, decrease of \$5,402.33. St. Stephen—\$4,042.25, increase of \$1,140.27. Charlottetown—\$1,306.64, increase of \$90.52. Summerside—\$4,633.62, decrease of \$46.84.

Total amount raised for the confessional fund, \$128,855.66. The report of the general conference fund, showing the total contribution from the various districts, \$28,938. Rev. Mr. Shenton was reappointed moderator of the conference. On motion of Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. G. W. Eisner, secretary of the conference, was extended a vote of thanks for his faithful service the past year.

This afternoon Rev. Dr. Stewart and Dr. J. R. Inch were elected clerical and lay delegates, with Rev. G. W. Eisner and Dr. Allison alternates, to represent the conference at the Ecumenical Council in London in 1901.

The principal part of the afternoon was taken up with tributes by members of the conference to ministers who had died during the year. Under this head the names of Rev. Dr. Pope of St. John; Rev. Frederick W. Harrison, of the Woodstock district; and Rev. D. H. Lodge, of Charlottetown, were mentioned as the deaths during the year and the memorial notices adopted by the various districts were read and adopted by the conference. The memorial service was very impressive and the speakers were paid a worthy tribute to the departed brother. Tributes to Dr. Pope's memory, as well as the other speakers, were paid by Rev. Dr. Stewart, Rev. Elias Shackford, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. S. T. Teed, Rev. William Lawson, President Steel, Rev. Dr. J. A. Clark, Rev. Dr. Brecken, Dr. Inch, Dr. Allison, Rev. James and others. The service was very impressive and the speakers were paid a worthy tribute to the departed brother. Tributes to Dr. Pope's memory, as well as the other speakers, were paid by Rev. Dr. Stewart, Rev. Elias Shackford, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. S. T. Teed, Rev. William Lawson, President Steel, Rev. Dr. J. A. Clark, Rev. Dr. Brecken, Dr. Inch, Dr. Allison, Rev. James and others.

The financial statement in connection with educational work showed a total amount of contributions during the year of \$83,444, as against \$118,79 last year, a net decrease of \$35,345. The St. John contribution showed an increase of \$6,209 and St. Stephen an increase of \$28.95. All the other districts reported decreases.

### Clergyman Drowned.

Chicago, Ill., June 22.—A special to the Record from Sonoma, California, says the Rev. P. Brethwaite Bartlett, rector of the Episcopal church of St. Mary the Virgin, of San Francisco, was drowned today while swimming in a creek near Agua Caliente. He went into the water when he felt a cramp or faintness from over exertion.

### Cure for Malaria.

Berlin, June 22.—Dr. Koch, in the Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift, reporting from German New Guinea, under date of April 29, regarding his investigations respecting the origin and cure of malaria, says: "We have already established the fact beyond doubt that by prophylactic and subsequent treatment with quinine even the worst infection districts can be cleared of malarial infection."

### Colonial Marriages Bill Passed.

London, June 22.—The House of Lords today passed the colonial marriages bill introduced by Lord Stratford and Mount Royal.

### Closing Exercises Completed Yesterday.

The ninth annual closing exercises of the Rotherley College for Boys were resumed Friday and finished. There was a large attendance of citizens from the city and Rotherley and the weather, although threatening during the early part of the day, turned out fine during the closing and the day was an ideal one for the sports and other exercises.

The sports commenced on the college grounds at 10 a. m., there being seven events which resulted as follows: Hop, step and jump, Mr. Kerr, 1st; Powell, 2nd; Morton, 3rd—38 feet.

Standing broad jump, mid—Powell, 1st; Ritchie, 2nd; Knight, 3rd—7 feet 6 inches.

Putting the shot, Mr. Powell, 1st; Kerr, 2nd; Graham, 3rd—27 feet 5 inches.

High jump, Mr. Kerr, 1st; Porter, 2nd; McAvity, 3rd—3 feet 8 inches.

Hop, step and jump, mid—Otty, 1st; Patterson, 2nd; Peters, 3rd—30 feet 4 inches.

There was an adjournment for dinner and the sports were resumed at 1 o'clock.

High jump, mid—Patterson and Knight tie for 1st; Ellis, 2nd; Ritchie, 3rd—4 feet.

Standing broad jump, Mr. Kerr, 1st; Graham, 2nd; Smith, 3rd—5 feet 11 inches, being the record and ahead of the U. N. B. jump.

Running broad jump, Mr. Kerr, 1st; Powell, 2nd; Morton, 3rd—10 feet 6 inches.

220 yards race, Mr. Kerr, 1st; Powell, 2nd; Ritchie, 3rd. Time, 32.5 sec.

High jump, Mr. Kerr, 1st; Porter, 2nd; McAvity and Adams tie, 3rd. Time, 16 sec.

Final pole vault, Mr. Kerr, 1st; Smith, 2nd; Voight, 3rd—7 feet 6 inches.

Running broad jump, mid—Patterson, 1st; Peters and Ritchie tie for 2nd and Otty and Brock tie for 3rd—13 feet 7 inches.

Hurdle race, Mr. Porter, 1st; Hocking, 2nd; K. Jones, 3rd. Time, 22 sec.

Hurdle race, Mr. Kerr, 1st; Powell, 2nd; Graham, 3rd. Time, 18 sec.

Old boys' race—Mr. May, 1st; Hilyard, 2nd; Brock, 3rd. Time, 12 sec.

After these sports were concluded the boys of the college were formed up and the school exercises of Dr. Walker, of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium of the city, were put through a number of difficult and pretty exercises which were performed well and called forth frequent outbursts of applause.

The students and guests then adjourned to the college lawn, where a platform had been erected and the students who were present occupied seats. Among the guests on the platform were Lieut. Gov. McClellan and Mrs. McClellan, Rev. W. O. Raymond, the chairman, in his opening address said he was happy once more to be able to be present at the closing exercises of the Rotherley College and thought it his duty to the college to say a few words. He said that the year at the college had gone on in a most happy manner and that the closing exercises were a fitting Christmas last, when Professor Howard, one of the faculty, died.

Regarding the health and happiness of the students, the chairman said that the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium of the city, were put through a number of difficult and pretty exercises which were performed well and called forth frequent outbursts of applause.

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