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IN FAVOR OF CHURCH UNION

Joint Committees Report Adopted by Presbyterian Assembly by Vote of 184 to 73.

ASSEMBLY WORK

HALIFAX, June 8.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which has been in session in Halifax for five days, decided last evening by a vote of 184 to 73 in favor of union with the Methodist and Congregational churches. The resolution that was adopted was as follows:—

"The assembly declare their approval of the documents agreed upon, by the joint committee as a basis upon which this church may unite with the Methodist and Congregational churches, and they direct that this resolution, along with the above mentioned documents, be transmitted to the Presbyteries for their judgement under the Barrier Act, instructing Presbytery clerks to report the decisions arrived at to the clerks of the general assembly not later than May 1, 1911.

"The assembly are of opinion that in the event of the returns from Presbyteries warranting further steps being taken in the direction of the union, the assembly of 1911 will proceed to consult sessions and congregations regarding the whole matter."

This question has been under consideration for five years, and of the three churches, the supreme body of the Presbyterian church is the first to take action as far reaching as that agreed upon last night. The leader in the union movement, is Principal Patrick, of Winnipeg, and the chief oponent is Principal McKay, of Vancouver. The assembly will meet in Ottawa next year, when the reports from Presbyteries on this subject will be submitted.

After the vote was taken last evening, Principal McKay lodged a formal dissent from the decision of the assembly on the grounds that the assembly was incompetent to act; secondly, that the vote had been taken in such a way as to confuse the issue; thirdly, that the rights of the people had been safeguarded.

The general assembly sprung a surprise on those who expected to hear a racy resumption of the debate on the Queen's College question. This had been fixed for 10 o'clock last night but French evengelization consumed less time than was anticipated and the college question came on before that hour. Those who were out at work on committees came into the assembly hall a few minutes after 10 and found the whole matter disposed of. The assembly laid the report of the commission on the table for one year.

Ed. Brown, of Portage La Prairie, made a strong speech for the separation of the church and college, and then moved that the report lie on the table and this was carried and the case is hung up for a year. Each party hopes that in the meantime the other side will change its view, but the assembly's idea is that during the year the warring factions in the university will come together and agree on a platform on which all parties can agree. The action of the assembly is a disappointment to those who expected to get decision from the assembly in favor of separation.

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DEATH TERMINATES A NOTABLE CAREER

Prof. Goldwin Smith, Passed Away at His Home in Toronto.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR.

TORONTO, June 8.—Goldwin Smith died at 3.20 yesterday afternoon.

About 3 o'clock the distinguished scholar was still showing slight signs of life. He had been unconscious for some time. Gathered at his bedside were Dr. Grasett, Goldwin Smith's physician; T. Arnold Haultain, private secretary, and the butler, who had served in the household at the Grange for many years. The end came peacefully, though suddenly, and some time elapsed before the news went out from the death chamber that Toronto had lost her greatest citizen, Goldwin Smith, last mighty survivor in literature of the Victorian era.

His death was indirectly due to an accident. He slipped on the polished floor of his home in February last. First reports did not alarm the public. It was understood that while walking the hall Goldwin Smith had slipped and fallen, was badly shaken up and confined to his bed. An examination by Dr. F. Lem Grasett revealed the fact that the right hip bone had been broken, a serious injury to a man of Goldwin Smith's age. Then it was announced that the surgeons attending on Dr. Smith had decided not to try to knit the two portions of the fractured thigh bone.

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ASSESSMENT NOT YET DEALT WITH BY TOWN COUNCIL.

Council Spends Tuesday Evening Transacting Business. Much Money Needed for Water and Sewerage Work.

THOSE DOG TAXES.

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers, Tuesday evening. Deputy Mayor McDonald in the chair. Couns. Richards, McNichol, Mowat, Moores, Harrison, Miller and White were present.

The request of the School Board asking for an assessment of $6500 for school purposes was read and on motion laid on the table.

A communication from John Parker asking for a temporary water service until permanent main was laid. Referred to Water and Sewerage Com.

Communications from the Governor General's Secretary acknowledging receipt of resolutions on death of King Edward VII. was read and ordered received and placed on file.

A letter from Mrs. Combly, caretaker of the lock-up, asking for an increase in salary for such service, was read and refered to the Police and License Committee.

A communication from S. Laughlan, complaining of the assessment of the Bell Piano Co., for last year was read and referred to the assessment committee.

Communications in reference to assessments were read from Mrs. Ada A. Alexander and Peter Jamelson. Both referred to Assessment Com.

The resignations of W. J. Appleton and James Sargent, engineer and fireman of fire engine were read and accepted.

Fred McIntyre who paid last year's taxes under execution, asked for a refund as he was not a resident of the Town for the year assessment was made. Referred to assessment committee.

A number of petitions from residents on different streets asking for water and sewerage extensions were read and referred to the Water and Sewerage Committee.

A largely signed petition from residents asking that the Moores Bros. warehouse on Rosebury Street be removed and said street straightened and widened was read.

Coun. Richards said that the Public Property and Streets committee had been after this for two years. Messrs. Moores Bros. asked $1500 for the land.

Coun. Miller said that Messrs. Moores Bros. wanted $1,500 for the land and the right to six or seven feet of the present street along the side of their store. There was some difference of opinion as to the value of the property and nothing further had been done.

The matter was referred to the Public Property and Streets Committee.

On recommendation of Police and License Committee various licenses were granted and accounts passed.

The Assessment Committee reported on the applications for reduction of taxes as follows:

You committee to whom are referred all matters relating to assessment and appeals respectfully submit that they have under consideration the application of Frank S. Blair, Joseph R. Sharpe, F. G. Kerr and Joseph Duncan for reduction in 1909 assessment and would recommend as follows:

That in the case of Frank S. Blair and F. S. Blair & Co., and Mrs. Muirhead, no reduction be made.

That in the case of Joseph R. Sharpe no reduction be made.

That in the case of F. G. Kerr, the assessment of Miss Clara Kerr's real estate be reduced from $7,800 to $7,000.

That in the case of Joseph Duncan, no reduction be made.

The report was received and adopted.

Various department reports with accounts were passed.

A general and informal discussion took place on the advisability of extending the water and sewerage systems in various sections of the town. The cost of these extensions would be very large and it was hardly fair to ask the ratepayers to pay the entire cost in one year. It would be necessary to issue bonds if this work was to be done.

Some time was spent in discussing the matter of dog tax collections. It appears that there are nearly one hundred dogs in town which pay no license and although the list has been handed to the magistrate, no further action has been taken and the magistrate was hauled over the coals for neglecting to attend to this part of his duties.

Coun. Mowat moved that the clerk be authorized to write the Police Magistrate to collect the dog taxes and if he does not intend to do so to notify the council.

The council adjourned until Tuesday night next.

BOLD ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP TOWN

Former Secretary-Treasurer of Dalhousie Refuses to Deliver up Books and Papers to Successor.

NEW BOOK-KEEPING SYSTEM

The regular meeting of the Dalhousie Town Council was held last evening, those present being: Mayor Stewart, Aldermen G. E. Mercier, Scott, Barthe, Bateman, Jameison and D. G Stewart. After the minutes of previous meetings had been read and adopted a communication was read from Mr. Burpee of the I. C. R., Moncton, relative to the crossing of the track in laying water pipes for watering steamers at the Public Wharf. This matter is now in order. A letter was also read from Supt. Sparks of the N. B. Telephone Co., stating that the complaint of L. D Jones would be attended to promptly and that the "offending post" will be removed.

The Under Secretary of State informs the Council that their message of sympathy has been forwarded through the proper channel to the Royal Family, and thanks the Council for same.

The question of the extension of time for Smelt fishing in the Restigouche was again brought up by the production by the Clerk of a letter from the Dept. Marine and Fisheries stating that in view of the fact that the granting of this favor to this particular district might result in a great deal of dissatisfaction in other parts of the Province, and that under these circumstances it would appear to be impossible to grant any extension at the present time. It is here worthy of note by these engaged in this industry that the Deputy Minister recommends the use of "Gill nets" which are permitted to be used for a much greater length of time than the big nets usually used here. Alderman Scott thought that the matter ought not to stop here and suggested that further pressure be brought to bear upon the authorities and the Clerk was instructed to keep the matter in hand and comunicate further with an eye to the ultimate granting of the privilege asked.

A letter was read from Mr. Pugsley, Hon. Minister of Public Works, stating that the dredging asked for at the I. C. R. wharf was now in hand and would be commenced with as little delay as possible; but having reference to the question of top-wharfage at the wharf, he had to refer the council to the Dept. of Marine and Fisheries, whose affair this is. It was decided by the Council to take this matter up with the Marine Dept. and Clerk Magee was instructed accordingly. Mr. Pugsley's comunication also dealt with the question of the breakwater, which he stated will be commenced at an early date.

Minor communciations from the Royal Bank with reference to routine work were also disposed of and all the above were placed on file.

The application of Sarah J. Beckingham for a livery license was handed over to the License Committee for inspection and report.

The Chairman of the Roads Committee reported with reference to the petition of ratepayers on the South side of William Steet, that it would be impossible to take up this matter this year on account of the large quantity of other work in hand, and the roads and sidewalks requiring so much work to put them in proper shape. This report will no doubt be adversely criticised by many of those who signed the petition, but it would be well to bear in mind that this committee is greatly hampered in its ideas by the lack of funds, and whilst it is their desire to see this work carried out, they nevertheless have to look to other parts of the town which are in more needy cae than the petitioners.

Once more the question of the fate of Policeman Seely was taken up and discussed, being introduced by the recommendation of the Police Committee, that this officer be dismissed. A petition was read signed representatively, praying that the services of Officer Seeley be retained, and the statement made by Alderman Stewart that this did not represent a majority of the ratepayers. It was not your correspondent has been informed by Mr. Seeley, the intention of the petition that it should represent a majority, but he states that it is signed by a large majority of the business men of the town. This ought to be a matter of consideration. However it was decided that this question should lie over until the next meeting, at which time Mr. Seeley was requested to produce a copy of the agreement made between himself and the Town at the time of his appointment. A settlement of this question either one way or another would be quite a relief to all interested in town affairs.

The report of the Town Auditor was read and adopted, it being decided to allow the Treasurer, to get a new set of books, in consultation with the Auditor, the latter having advised the Council that the existing books were extraordinarily old-fashioned and not at all adapted to the correct and concise of keeping of public accounts. There was a shortage of $6.00 in the books which amount was deposited in the Royal Bank by ex-Treasurer LeBlanc, since the time of the audit.

Notice of addition to the Water bylaws was given by Ald. Stewart. This was in order that no difficulty should be met in the matter of Lavatory installations.

The request of James Arseneault that a landing from the road to the beach at Inch Arran point was referred to Roads and Streets Committee for report.

Several bills were passed for payment, including one for $50.00 for the Assessor's services. In view of the fact that a statement was made some time ago that the accounts for expense in connection with the recent Local Option election, were payable by the town, it would be well to here make particular reference to the receipt by the Town Treasurer of a sheck covering all the expenses incurred in the running of this election. This was expensed by the Local Government, which is exactly according to the statements made by the supporters of the Local Option movement. Some of our citizens would do well to read mark, learn and inwardly digest the above facts.

Mayor Stewart stated that ex-Clerk and Treasurer LeBlanc had made him the statement that he would not give up the books, papers etc., of the town, until he had received back his bond, together with a full release of all responsibility in the matter of any default or error in these books which might subsequently occur, which request is a most extraordinary one. In fact one cannot recall any time or place where such a thing was ever done before. There is no solution of the business unless we state our

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Dying Statement of George Davis, Stabbed by Companion at Amherst.

MURDERER ARRESTED

AMHERST, N. S., June 8.—Drink was at the bottom of it all, was the dying statement made to his physician by George Davis, the young Englishman, who died from the effects of a stab from a butcher knife in the hands of a fellow boarder, named Harry Hanson, in a drunken row last Saturday evening. Davis lingered until noon yesterday, when he passed away, and an inquest was opened at 4 o'clock in the town hall yesterday afternoon, before Coroner Dr. C. McQueen Avard.

Mrs. Huley, the proprietress of the boarding house, was the first witness. Her story was the same in substance as appeared in the report of Monday. She told how the men began quarrelling in the afternoon, were separated and how the row was renewed at the supper table. Davis said the back yard was the place to fight, and not in the house. They started for the door, but Hanson struck at Davis before they got to the kitchen and closed the door. Davis did not follow. Hanson caught up a butcher knife from the table and went into the dining room by another door. Witness called out that Hanson was coming with a knife. The next she saw was Davis lying on the floor with a wound in his breast, from which blood was flowing freely. Both men had been boarding with her about a month. They roomed together. Both had been drinking.

Dr. Ross Millar was the next witness. He explained the nature of the wounds found on the body of the deceased. One cut was on the left arm and a gaping wound in the chest about two inches wide had penetrated the chest cavity. Deceased was very weak from loss of blood, and his condition was such that it would not permit of the exploration of the depth of the wound. Several arteries were cut. Deceased had made a statement to him to the effect that he had no relatives in this country. His mother lived in England. He and Hanson had quarreled in Joggins several weeks ago. He said Hanson was a bad devil, but he did not want him to suffer for anything he had done to him. Drink was at the bottom of it all.

Sam Ball, Roy McAulay, and Chas. Nolles were also called. They all admitted they were present at the row, but they were drunk and could give no connected story of the tragedy. Nolles and Ball swore they did not know Davis was stabbed until Sunday.

Chief Carter testified to the arrest of Hanson. He said that Hanson told him he had stabbed Davis and would kill another even if he had to hang for it.

The inquiry adjourned at 1 o'clock this morning, and will be resumed this afternoon. In the meantime an autopsy will be made to determine the exact depth of the wound.

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