

## WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. W. Graham, of the Clifton street Presbyterian church, announced on Sunday evening that a student would take charge of the church during the summer months, commencing on May 1, as he was going to take up other work.

Cypress River has extended a call to Rev. J. M. Kellock, M.A., of Elva, who will be inducted as soon as Brandon Presbytery can release him. Mr. Kellock has a fine record behind him where ever he has labored, and will doubtless do as good work in Cypress River.

The following are the commissioners to the General Assembly from Brandon Presbytery: Messrs. A. Russell, A.D., R. A. Court, S. E. Beckett, and J. A. Cornie, ministers; and the representative elders from Carberry, Oak Lake, Alexander, Lenore and Virden.

At the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster, Dr. E. D. McLaren, Home Mission Secretary, was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly. The following commissioners were elected: Ministers—Revs. E. D. McLaren, D.D., Principal MacKay, G. A. Wilson, P. A. Wright, D.D., R. A. Douglas, J. A. MacKay, T. W. Taylor, Ph.D., and David James. Elders—D. M. Fraser, Roderick MacKay, James Beveridge, J. B. Kennedy, Lieut.-Col. McCrae of Guelph, Dr. W. B. McKechnie and Robert McNair.

In the Convocation Hall of Manitoba College on Thursday, 30th ult., Bibles and diplomas were handed by Principal Patrick to thirteen young men who have graduated in theology during the college year. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon Rev. Donald McIvor, La Riviere, in consideration of his contributions to theological literature, and also, in absentia, upon Rev. James T. Ferguson, who has now charge at Nelson, B. C. Prof. Baird mentioned that Mr. Ferguson, after studying in Glasgow and after having a charge at Cupar, in Scotland, for twenty years, had heard the call of the west and had responded to the call against the advice of his friends and in the face of many obstacles. Principal Patrick, who that day completed 10 years of office, took advantage of the occasion to express a deep regret that so few of the sons of cultured Winnipeg families gave themselves to the Christian ministry. The West must minister unto the West. If the things which a university stood for were more adequately represented in Western communities, the number taking the theological course in Manitoba College would be greater than it was. They were far too much under the spell of material prosperity. Those completing their theological course were: J. A. Stead Burns, B.S.A., Duncan M' Rae, B.A., and Walter A. Riddell. Those completing the course as ministerial evangelists were: James W. Anderson, William H. Bates, Robert A. Birnie, Angus M. Shannon, Robert McCord, Thomas B. Smith, Allan Wilkie, Frank B. Wilson, Lachlan A. C. M' Rae and Robert W. M'Vey. Charging the students, Principal Patrick bade them desire much, expect much and work much. Work would be not only the supreme test of their ministry but also the source of their inspiration and greater intelligence. Their work would mean service and the loftiest Christian ambition that they could have was to be known as the greatest Christian servant. The following awards of scholarships were announced: Final year, Robert Carswell, Hebrew scholarship of \$70 to Duncan M' Rae, B.A.; Mary Robertson Gordon general proficiency scholarship of \$50 to J. A. Stead Burns, B.S.A.; the Mary Perinle Tait general proficiency scholarship of \$40 to W. A. Riddell, M.A. Second year—Robert Carswell Greek scholarship of \$70 to bet memorial general proficiency scholarship of \$60 to J. A. Smith, B.A. First year—W. T. Mackenzie general proficiency scholarship of \$60 to W. D. Bayley, B.A.

## MEETING OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

In regard to the number of members present at the various sittings (with the exception of the last), the range of subjects brought under review, the extreme importance of some of the questions discussed, and the very general participation in the discussion, the meeting was one of the best, if not the very best, that has ever been held. The state of the fund was a source of deepest gratification. Total receipts were over \$208,000, an advance on last year's income of \$51,000. There has been nothing like this in the whole history of our Home Mission work.

The Committee was able to make a supplemental grant to the missionaries who have been on the field during the past winter of \$1.00 per week to students and catechists, and \$2.00 per week to ordained missionaries. It will be a source of satisfaction to many of those who responded to the special appeal for funds to learn that their liberality has enabled the committee to make this addition to the salaries of missionaries.

The question of a permanent increase in the remuneration of missionaries was one of the questions before the Committee, and the working out of the necessary details occupied a considerable share of the Committee's time. A new departure was made in the devoting of one of the evening sittings to a conference with the laymen of the city. At this conference the subject of increased salaries was under discussion, and the Committee had the satisfaction of learning that, in so far as the opinion of the business men of the Church were represented by the men who attended this conference, the proposal to increase salaries would be loyally supported by the Church at large.

The special work necessitated by the presence of large numbers of foreigners, not only on the prairies but also in the cities, received careful consideration, and provision was made in the estimates for the coming year for this important department.

The question of co-operation with other Churches in Home Mission work with the view of removing as far as possible the needless multiplication of services in the same localities, was discussed at some length, and the hope was expressed that at least the Methodist and Congregational Churches would appoint committees for this purpose to act in conjunction with the committee appointed by the General Assembly last June.

The Committee learned with much pleasure that some of the Arts Professors in Queen's University were disposed to spend some time during the summer in mission work in the West, relieving presbyterial conveners, and perhaps accompanying them in the visitation of their mission fields. The executive was authorized to make any arrangements that might be deemed advisable for the carrying out of this suggestion.

The budget for next year contemplates an expenditure of \$248,000. This largely increased revenue is necessary to permit of work being undertaken in the new settlements that have sprung up during the past year, and to provide for the increased remuneration of the missionaries.

The Committee suggests that the various Synods should aim at raising the following sums:

Montreal and Ottawa . . . . .	\$49,000
Toronto and Kingston . . . . .	70,000
Hamilton and London . . . . .	49,000
Manitoba . . . . .	35,000
Saskatchewan . . . . .	15,000
Alberta . . . . .	15,000
British Columbia . . . . .	15,000
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	\$248,000

A strong Young People's Society has been organized in St. Paul's Church, Victoria Harbor.

## PRINCE RUPERT, A MINING CENTRE.

There are few recorded instances of a railroad grade ever cutting a mineral vein of any value. So far the main line of the G.T.P. is no exception, but the district which it traverses is every day looming up into greater and greater importance. The coast formation has never proved very prolific of mineral wealth, but 100 miles from Prince Rupert the line enters a new field. A belt of mineralized rock, starting at the Portland Canal, running through the head waters of the Naas, crosses the Skeena river about the Kitselas Canyon, and extends into the interior through the hills at Hazelton and the Babine and Hudson Bay mountains. The extent of the zone is unknown. Prospectors have only touched it in spots, but these spots have shown wealth incalculable. The immense area of this ore body can only be appreciated by those who have travelled over it. The future of the Portland Canal is an assured thing now. The same is known to exist on the Naas, while late last fall discoveries were made in the vicinity of the Kitselas Canyon, which when developed and explored farther, will no doubt show very considerable ore body. These discoveries were made too late in the season to prove much more than that ore of good quality existed in the district, covering considerable area. Silver, lead and copper are the chief minerals found; but all ores in the district are of high value, roughly speaking of from \$1 to \$40. Some even go higher than this.

At Hazelton, 150 miles from Prince Rupert, and on the line of the G.T.P. railway, the existence of a magnificent ore has been demonstrated by the strike on the Silver Cup, a property on Nine Mile Mountain. Ninety-six inches of solid steel galena ore is surely sufficient assurance that Nine-Mile at least will be productive of much wealth. Work on the Tiblegawa, owned by James Croun of Spokane, had progressed most favorably all winter. A tunnel of 325 feet has revealed a cross vein, which had itself attained 3 feet across. This tunnel was being run to tap the main vein, which was expected to be reached at 400 feet. The Law property has also surpassed early expectations.

On Hudson Bay Mountain, which lies just across the Bulkley valley from the Babine range, prospects have been struck and developed to the shipping point. The lakeview group, overlooking the railroad and only six miles distant from it, shows grey copper and free gold. This likewise is a silver-lead property. Five tons of galena ore were shipped from the Coronado group, which gave smelter returns of \$100 per ton in gold, silver and lead. This was five years ago. With the shipping facilities the railroad will give, it is estimated by conservative mining men that much of this ore can be landed at the smelter at Prince Rupert for a cost of \$4 per ton, approximately. It only requires the completion of the railroad to throw open a mining country of immense possibilities.—Prince Rupert Optimist.

## MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

The First Church, formed by a union of St. Gabriel and Chalmers churches, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Malcolm A. Campbell, who was formerly assistant to Dr. Campbell, and who was asked to take charge of the new First Church until it could be decided whether minister to be selected as a permanent minister to be their pastor. The salary is to be \$1,800, and the congregation provides a superannuation for Dr. Campbell and Mr. Heinie. The building of the new church will be proceeded with at once. The plans include a spire, a main auditorium, capable of accommodating a thousand people. There will be some gallery space available for public services and for Sunday School purposes. The Sunday School proper will be in the rear of the church and on the ground level. A gymnasium, or recreation room, with baths, etc., will be in the basement under the school, and the janitor's residence over it.