

EASTERN BAPTISTS.

Fifty-third Annual Session Held at Hopewell Cape.

Sunday School and Y. P. U. Meetings Held in Connection With the Regular Sessions.

The New Brunswick Eastern Baptist Association held its 53rd annual session with the church at Hopewell Cape. The Sunday School Association and the Y. P. U. meetings were held in connection with the regular sessions.

The regular session of the association opened at ten o'clock A. M. Wallingford was elected moderator. After the devotional service officers were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. H. H. Saunders; clerk, F. W. Emmerson; assl. clerk, R. J. Colpitts; treasurer, W. C. Newcomb.

The letters received from the churches reported an increase in membership of 70; baptisms, 172; deaths, 66; excommunications, 36; membership, 6,430; money raised for local purposes, \$15,055.64; for denominational objects, \$2,053.33; for other purposes, \$2,450.69.

The report on home missions was presented by Rev. J. E. Tiner. In this connection, Rev. F. D. Davidson, pursuant to a resolution passed at the last maritime convention, moved that the association appoint a committee of six to constitute a board of home missions for the association, and as far as possible to act with other similar committees. The motion was carried.

The report on foreign missions was presented by Rev. Mr. Addison. Rev. Dr. Manning, in speaking on the report, outlined the forward movement scheme. Saturday evening was given over to a platform meeting on educational topics. Addresses were delivered by Prof. L. E. Wortman of Acadia College; Principal Brittain of Horton Academy; Principal MacDonald of Acadia Seminary, and Rev. C. W. Townsend.

Services were held throughout the whole of Sunday. The associational sermon was preached in the morning by Rev. A. F. Brown, from the text, "Never man spake like this man."

Routine business was transacted Monday, and in the evening a platform temperance meeting was addressed by Revs. W. B. Robinson, I. B. Colwell and J. H. Parsley.

ST. SWITHIN'S DAY. A Popular Belief That Has No Foundation in Fact.

It was St. Swithin's Day, and, as every one knows, according as it rains or shines on the 15th of July, so shall the weather be for the forty days ensuing.

St. Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain, For forty days it will remain; St. Swithin's Day if thou be fair, For forty days 'twill rain no more.

tending over several years, do not bear out the notion that St. Swithin's Day has any particular occult influence on its forty successors. The result rather inclines to Poor Richard's philosophy. In fact, between 1840 and 1880 the greatest number of rainy days after St. Swithin's Day were noticed to have taken place when the 15th of July was clear. The real explanation of the tradition is said to be found in the tract of wet weather, or the reverse, that is likely to occur after midsummer for reasons that are popularly believed to depend constantly on the state of the preceding months.

TRADE WITH SPAIN. Request Addressed to Business Men by the Spanish Vice-Consul at St. John.

The Spanish Vice-Consul at St. John, P. M. de la Cruz, has addressed a letter to the Editor of the Sun: Sir—The writer, while in Barcelona, Spain, in January last, took occasion to interview the president and secretary of the Board of Trade and several of the leading merchants and manufacturers, particularly those engaged in the lumber business, with reference to more extensive trade relations between Spain and the Dominion of Canada, pointing out the advantages of our port of St. John, and the fact that a splendid opportunity existed for a direct steamship service between the two countries.

After returning to Canada, the result of such observations and suggestions as the writer was enabled to make were embodied in a report to the Spanish government. This report was translated into Spanish and published in the official organ of the Board of Commerce at Madrid. A request is now at hand for the names of the leading firms in New Brunswick dealing in the goods here specified. The writer has prepared a list of such firms, as, in his opinion, would probably be interested in trade in the following lines, but being desirous of having as complete a list as practicable, would ask that any firms desiring to have their names included in such list would kindly forward to the writer their firm name and address, together with an intimation as to which lines would probably come within the scope of the business transacted by them:

- PRINCIPAL SPANISH EXPORTS. Olive oil. Olives. Boots and shoes. Grain. Canned goods. Chocolate. Cork in blocks. Cork for bottling. Esparto grass. Salt. Saffron and other spices. Grapes and other fruits. Raisins and almonds. Dried fruits. Common soap. Vegetables. Wool, raw. Wool, cleaned. Books. Printed matter. Lead and copper and other metals. Iron and copper ore. Paper for cigarettes. Fish. Hides and skins. Licorice. Manufactures of cotton. Manufactures of wool. Manufactures of silk. Light wines of various kinds.

I remain, yours truly, D. R. JACK, Vice-Consul of Spain. St. John, N. B., July 24th, 1900.

FROM NORTHERN GOLD FIELDS

VICTORIA, B. C., July 22.—The steamer Bristol has arrived from St. Michael's after a passage of nine and a half days. The passengers report new discoveries in Tanana. Eureka claims are giving from 25 to 40 cents to the pan. A stampede to the diggings is expected. On June 15 a cave-in of the bank of the Yukon buried a boat crew, which is believed to number from three to five. Three have been recovered, but none have been identified.

On June 26 a boat containing five passengers drifted out to sea from the mouth of the Yukon, and all are believed to have been lost. Four bodies of miners drowned from the capsizing of boats have been picked up from the Yukon flats.

A son of C. E. Lane is reported to have been shot at Nome in a claim-jumping quarrel. Passengers report over a hundred, if not more, cases of smallpox at Nome. The steamers Discovery, Utopia and Morning Star are quarantined at St. Michael's.

Captain McIntyre heard a report at St. Michael's that steamer Charles Nelson had been driven ashore on the Siberian coast by ice, and is believed to be a wreck.

PICTURES OF F. M. LORD ROBERTS, GEN'L LORD KITCHENER, MAJOR-GENERAL BADEN-POWELL.

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BIG DEMAND FOR COAL. (Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, N. S., July 25.—It is said that owing to the great demand for coal in Cape Breton, a demand that cannot be promptly met, the Dominion Coal Co. are considering the advisability of re-opening the Victoria mine, which they closed down a couple of years ago. The price of coal today in Cape Breton is double what it was in 1878 when the national policy was adopted.

CANADA'S SHOWING

At the Great World's Fair at Paris.

The Dominion Almost Totally Ignored in the Anglo-American Guide.

Plenty About Great Britain's and United States' Agricultural Machinery, Although We Have the Best Display of Field Implements in the Vast Array.

(Monetary Times.)

A Toronto man who has been visiting the Paris exposition at intervals during a month's stay in Paris gives some incidents of his stay. And he tells The Monetary Times frankly how the whole spectacle struck him, and how Canada's share in it appeared in proportion to other nations. The building of Canada consists of a pair of oblong structures connected by a bridge in the second story. They are not handsome, neither do they shabby. The position they occupy is among other British colonies' exhibits near the Trocadero, a little off a main avenue.

It is perhaps nobody's fault in particular, he said, that Canada attracts but little attention in so vast a place. That one considers the extent and variety of the show no one country or colony, unless a very rich or proud one, can afford the structures that will attract as the Italian building for instance does. We may expect too much from France if we judge by the great attention she attracts. Americans Canada's creditable display at the Chicago exhibition of 1893. But the fact is that Canada is in no way as well placed at the Paris as at the Chicago fair. "It shows," says our informant, "how like a drop in the bucket we are, over there, when there would be from 200,000 to 400,000 people in the place, the number to be seen in the Canadian building at one time ranged from 20 to 100."

What is named the Anglo-American Guide to Paris in 1900, is a volume of nearly 600 pages, amply illustrated. Of this great amount of work is devoted to the exhibition. On looking through the headings of this book in the colonial department we find, after the French colonies, Australia, the Transvaal, etc., but we do not find Canada. Looking more carefully through page after page, however, we do find, under the "Colonial Palace," the only reference to the Dominion of Canada which occurs in the whole 137 pages. It is there admitted (page 409) that "Canada occupies a preponderating position among the English crown colonies."

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does not know that Canada is a self-governing colony. The Canadian court," this account goes on, "is a paper of singular interest to Frenchmen, since it represents a colony which was once under French rule, and a large section of whose inhabitants are of the same race, history and religion as themselves." This account is well stated. It is said about the page, however, that the writer, in this comprehensive volume issued by the celebrated bookelling firm of Hachette & Cie, Paris. It is tolerably clear that whatever publicists and politicians may write, and whatever Mr. Tarte may say, and whatever the press has not taken a commercial form, since in the year 1899 the whole trade of that country with this amounted to less than 13-4 per cent. of the total.

But at Vincennes, in the annexed vote to agriculture and other machinery, we find a sure sign of recognition of Canada? Not a syllable! We find plenty about Great Britain's machinery and the United States' machinery; and in the map accompanying the book the McCormick's reaping machine is shown in the Dominion of Canada. This is a picture about Canada in this part of the Guide, although it has been admitted by the Farm Implement News of Chicago that the Massey-Harris company, of Brantford and Toronto, have the finest display of field implements in the whole vast world. This is another proof that there is still abundant room for missionary work for agents of Canadian firms abroad. Our informant already referred to declares that Canadian heads have not yet made the minds of French or other visitors to the great Paris exposition. "They lump us in with the 'English' sometimes, and sometimes with the Americans. But they have a point of difference when they observe that where the Yankee says 'I guess' or 'I reckon,' we say, 'I think' or 'I suppose,' in the course of conversation."

An endeavor to represent prominent places in Canada by means of paintings is referred to by this gentleman. He says: "Our party noticed some half-dozen pictures, each three or four feet square, of St. Lawrence scenes and places. There were Quebec, the Petit Saguenay, Montreal, Tadoussac, Ottawa, Mille Isles, Anticosti.

NOT ONE OF THESE, you will observe, outside of Quebec province, if you except Mille Isles, which I take to mean the thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence. This shows that the Quebecers looked well after their end of the affair. What good purpose was to be served by illustrating the bleak shores of Anticosti is not easily seen, but probably it was because the Parisians may have heard of the place through its Parisian purchaser, the Chocolate King.

Do we not commercialize the exhibition too much? That is to say, do not Americans and Canadians regard it as a place of business rather than a spectacle? Probably the French do not altogether like such a view of it. They, at any rate, seem more inclined to consider it a sort of social rendezvous, judging by the number of fetes, receptions, soirees, that are forever on foot. Invitations to these are issued, and if you accept them you can hardly talk business when you reach them. The practical Canadian or American who has sent an exhibit over there will of course expect some business out of it. But the more slight-wear or dilettantes will enjoy the social features, and may expect to have to do a good deal of explaining of his country to his hosts. One very commendable thing deserves to be noticed, and that is THE SERIES OF PAMPHLETS emanating from the department of agriculture, and designed to illustrate readily to the passer-by some of the attractions of Canadian life and activity. There is one entitled, Shooting and Fishing, written by Arthur Byles, and describing our fishes, birds and furred animals; another by J. M. Macoun on the Forest Wealth of Canada; another and a very striking one on the Wood Fuel of Canada, by Geo. Johnson, with illustrations of some score of the wonderful water-powers of Canada. All these have been translated into French, and something like a hundred thousand of them are being given away at the Paris exhibition. Besides these, there is a plentiful supply of a "Canadian Handbook," with maps and official catalogue of the Canadian section in French and English, parallel columns. The largest book of the series is entitled "The Women of Canada, Their Life and Work," illustrated with portraits. The hon. minister of agriculture, and those who have labored with him to produce these very creditable publications, have deserved well of their country.

THE DELPIT MARRIAGE. Outside Comment on a Curious Quebec Proceeding. (Toronto Globe.)

The urgent need of an authoritative decision on the question of the status of marriages contracted in the province of Quebec, where the ceremony is performed by a Protestant clergyman and one of the contracting parties are Roman Catholics, is well illustrated by the case decided the other day by the Roman Catholic church court of Alfred Delpit, private secretary to Lieutenant-Governor Jette, of Quebec, against his wife for an annulment of their marriage. Delpit, it appears, came out from France a few years ago to act as private secretary to the late Lieutenant-Governor Chapeau. Seven years ago he was married in Montreal by a Unitarian clergyman to Jeanne Cote, a young girl of sixteen, the daughter of an employe of the Montreal post office. The young couple went to reside at Quebec, where three children were born to them. The ground of Delpit's petition to the ecclesiastical court was that he and the respondent both being Roman Catholics their marriage by a Protestant clergyman was null and void. The court, however, though it was solemnized with all the formality required by the civil law, including the usual license. The judgment of the ecclesiastical court was in favor of the petitioner, and the result is that Mrs. Delpit is declared not to be a wife, and never really to have been one, and her children to be "nobody's children."

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR, the threatened hostilities in China and the general election within the year, will make this paper especially interesting. The Sun has special correspondents with 1st and 2nd Canadian Contingents and other costly arrangements for obtaining news of the operations in South Africa and China, which no other New Brunswick paper possesses.

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