

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, N. B., May 31.—(Special)—Chief Commissioner LaBelle arrived here this evening to attend a meeting of the local government tomorrow night. The other members of the government are expected in the morning.

Mrs. D. V. Bailey entertained the members of the senior class of the university to a garden party at her residence this afternoon and Mrs. Scott entertained the young ladies students at the residence.

It is estimated that there is in the neighborhood of 90,000,000 feet of lumber in the booms at Douglas and Lincoln.

Contractor Morrison has five different crews at work on the corporation drive and they are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Recent rains gave quite an impetus to driving operations in the main river and a good many logs have run into the booms during the last few days. Besides the regular crews Mr. Morrison has engaged a number of farmers residing between the city and Woodstock to keep the shore and sland clear of logs.

City Clerk McCready has received from Peter Clinch, secretary of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters, a communication setting forth the demands which the board has decided to make upon the city for increased fire protection. In the first place it requires that legislation be procured at the next session of the legislature providing for the establishment of a fire district to be bounded by St. John, Brunswick and Northumberland streets, and the river St. John, and within which there shall be no new framed buildings or shingle roofs. Secondly it is required that a double cylinder chemical engine be procured by the city, to be supplied by the board and equipped to the satisfaction of the board, and thirdly that the water main on King street be replaced at least two feet deeper, and within two days of the date of the report the demands are not complied with before May 1st next, or the third before November 1st next the board will impose a fine of five cents on all rates, excepting dwellings, churches and Sunday school buildings, subject to removal upon future compliance. As the board has decided to proceed by the city, to be supplied by the board and equipped to the satisfaction of the board, and thirdly that the water main on King street be replaced at least two feet deeper, and within two days of the date of the report the demands are not complied with before May 1st next, or the third before November 1st next the board will impose a fine of five cents on all rates, excepting dwellings, churches and Sunday school buildings, subject to removal upon future compliance.

Fredericton, June 1.—(Special)—The local government held a meeting here this evening, the members present being Messrs. Tweedie, Pauson, Parris, LaBelle and Sweeney. No action was taken in regard to filling vacancies in the government and legislature. Only routine business was transacted.

Board of education will meet tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

Attamus Hinson, of Gloucester county, has been appointed a provincial constable.

Rev. Alfred M. Walker and David Lang, of St. John, have been registered to solemnize marriages.

License to do business in New Brunswick has been granted to the Dominion Cotton Mill Company of Montreal.

Tenders for rebuilding the Mill Bridge, county of Westmorland, will be received by the department of public works up to Monday, June 20.

A meeting of the creditors of Richard A. Evey, who lately assigned, is to be held here on Saturday, June 11.

The festival held in the Arctic rink this evening by the Fredericton Brass Band was a great success.

Dr. Bridges and W. P. Dole, of St. John, arrived here tonight to attend the university exercises.

EAST FLORENCEVILLE.

East Florenceville, Carleton county, May 29.—The Brighton and Carleton county local camp here last night of June.

Rev. W. H. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church here for the past two years, has resigned his charge and will remove from the field about the middle of July.

The members of the P. & A. M. held a supper on Friday evening and a very pleasant time was spent.

Percy Hayward, our popular school teacher, has resigned his position to take effect the last of this month.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, May 30.—(Special)—A man named James Hickey, living in Oakton, took a dose of Paris green on Sunday and in a short time died from the effects. He gave no reason before death of the cause but it is supposed that owing to poor health and drinking quite heavily lately that he became dependent, so concluded to end his life. He was living with an aged mother and sister, who are disconsolate at the sad ending of deceased.

This being Memorial day across the border the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and other citizens of Canada held the annual memorial exercises at St. Croix hall, afterwards marching to Calais cemetery, where the decoration of the deceased soldiers' graves took place. The ranks of old veterans are growing less each year and nearly all are now forced to take courses in the annual procession.

HARVEY STATION.

Harvey Station, June 1.—Farming operations are being pushed although owing to the recent heavy rains. Some of the farmers here have purchased seeders this season. Grains are looking very well. Mr. S. Hammond, of St. John, has been here this week calling upon some of his friends.

Rev. J. B. Daggett, of Fredericton Junction, made a short visit here on Monday and Rev. William Ross, of Prince William, is at the station today.

Miss Edith Little, who has been in poor health for some time past, is not recovering as her many friends would wish.

The York woolen mill at York Mills, which has been closed more than a month, resuming operations on Monday. Thomas Davidson, of Wilmet, is in charge. The mill employs from eight to twelve hands.

Work on the new R. C. church at York is being pushed forward rapidly and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

SUSSEX.

Sussex, June 1.—The annual assembly meeting of the Episcopal church convened here this morning. Ten or twelve clergymen were present. The convention will close tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Bessie Hays, of Philadelphia, who was visiting her brother, started for home this afternoon by C. P. R.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, May 30.—H. H. Stuart, principal of the superior school, has resigned his position and accepted the principalship of the superior school at Harcourt, Kent county. Mr. Stuart, who has been in charge of the school here for more than three years, has been prominently connected with church and temperance work, and is held in the highest esteem.

His removal from the village will be a great loss to the community.

Miss Anna Dickson, who has been engaged in millinery business in St. George, is visiting her home at Mountville.

A. H. Peck, mate of the three-masted Ruth Robinson, spent Sunday at his home here.

Stephen Beechin, jr., who was before Justice Jones at his trial on charges of rape, was sent up for trial today on all three charges.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, June 1.—The death of Alexander W. Manderson occurred at his home, Napan, on Sunday, after an illness of several months. He was seventy-three years old, and leaves, besides a widow, a very large circle of friends. The funeral, which was one of the largest seen in Chatham for a long time, was held Tuesday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. J. Morris MacLean, and the interment was in St. John's cemetery.

Sister Sullivan died Monday morning at the Hotel Dieu, after an illness of several years. She was a daughter of the late Daniel Sullivan, of Douglasville, and was known to the world as Miss Lizzie Sullivan. The deceased was thirty-five years old, and had taken the holy vows about eighteen months ago. She was a very successful teacher until compelled by failing health to resign. Besides several brothers and sisters, she leaves many friends.

The funeral was held this morning, the interment being in the Sisters' cemetery.

Swedes, who came to Chatham to look over the pulp mill, have purchased the Kerr mill at Rosebank, from Lawrence Doyle, for \$9,000. They will put in new machinery.

James MacKinnon left Tuesday for Boston, where he will look after the W. S. Loggie Co.'s fishing interests during the summer.

APOHAQUI.

Apoahqui, Kings county, June 2.—S. F. McCready and his son, Freddie, left for Moncton yesterday morning. They attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Brown Harrison, at Smith's Creek on Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Clark, of Clark's hotel, King square, St. John, visited her friends, Mr. and Mrs. D. Little, on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Lisson, of Lissonville, is visiting her brother, Howard Pearson, and other relatives and friends.

Herbert Jones, of Jones Bros., is having the foundation laid for his house, which he expects to build this summer.

Stephen Jones is confined to his bed by injuries received from a cow knocking him down while leading him to the pasture.

Miss Annie Sproul, daughter of James Sproul, came home yesterday for a holiday. She has been in the United States studying nursing.

TRACY.

Tracy, Sanbury Co., June 1.—Mansel Tracy is visiting his home for a couple of weeks.

Edw. Berry, of Boston, spent Sunday with his grandparents here.

Mr. Burtt, who has been operating a steam shovel in Tennessee, has returned home.

C. L. Tracy is absent on a trip to Albert and St. John counties to finish the work of the late Surveyor Latwick, which is incomplete.

Rev. J. B. Daggett intends holding some special services at Tracy, beginning the last of this week.

There is to be a supper and sale in the hall on Saturday, the 11th inst. The proceeds are for the benefit of the hall.

SYDNEY.

Sydney, N. S., May 30.—(Special)—While playing near a bonfire built by herself and playmates yesterday afternoon a two year old girl named McLennan moved so close to the burning pile that her clothing caught fire, resulting in her being so badly burned that she died a few hours later.

The Lancashire schooner Lila D. Young arrived at North Sydney yesterday and reports the loss of one of her crew, Fred Himmelman, of Lunenburg by the overturning of his dory while they were fishing on Saturday last off Entry Island in the Magdalen. The accident happened alongside the vessel. Himmelman was 22 years of age and unmarried.

DIGBY.

Digby, June 2.—A Telegraph representative learned this morning that George A. Robinson has, owing to ill health, resigned his position as postmaster at Digby.

This will be regretted by his numerous friends in town and vicinity. He was appointed postmaster Oct. 30, 1902.

It is not known who his successor will be.

A telephone message from Bear River announces that George Rudolph was burned to death in his home Tuesday night. Flames were discovered by his brother, left on Saturday for New York.

Thomas, who broke in the door and woke up its only occupant and owner, Mr. Rudolph, who came to the door, but returned to his sleeping place. He was soon suffocated in the smoke. His body was later discovered and an inquest held, a verdict being returned in accordance with the facts.

The body of Mrs. Julia, wife of the late Capt. Jacob Winchester, arrived here yesterday, and interred at Smith's Cove. The deceased died in the Madden hospital, Everett, Saturday, having been ill less than a week. The deceased is survived by two daughters, all of whom reside in Everett (Mass.).

ANNAPOLIS.

Annapolis, May 30.—A meeting of the shareholders of the Valley Steamship Co., Ltd., was held here on the evening of the 24th, when the following persons were appointed directors: F. C. Williams, F. W. Peckles, S. W. W. Pickard, G. W. Collins and S. E. Bancroft. Among other business transacted, the question of running the Grandview to Bridgetown was referred to a future meeting. In the mean time the route will be between St. John and Annapolis Royal, touching at intermediate points on two days, and a full schedule of the following persons were appointed by the directors: F. W. Pickles, president; F. C. Williams, secretary and treasurer; G. W. Collins, general manager.

Rev. Mr. Boyd, a returned missionary from China, gave a very interesting and instructive address in St. Luke's school house on Thursday evening on missionary work in China.

F. B. Wade, M. P., Hamilton McCarthy, L. C. Wade, of the militia department, Ottawa, attended by Mayor King, Messrs. Leavitt and Amund, commissioners of the garrison grounds, were over Queen Anne's Point on Thursday selecting a spot on which to erect the De Mont's monument, which will be laid during the June tercentenary celebration. Hamilton McCarthy has the contract for the monument.

Miss M. A. Chipman, for some years organist of St. Luke's church, left on Thursday for Niagara Falls, where she will in future reside.

Geo. E. Corbett left on Saturday for New York on business in connection with the iron properties in Torbrook, Annapolis county.

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HOT WEATHER, NERVOUS WOMEN.



Miss Blanche Grey, a prominent young society woman of Annapolis, Tenn., in a recent letter from Alabama.

"To a society woman whose nervous force is often taxed to the utmost from lack of rest and irregular meals, I know of nothing which is of so much benefit as Peruna. I took it a few months ago when I felt my strength giving way, and it soon made itself manifest in giving me new strength and health."

Peruna is without an equal as a nerve tonic and vital invigorator.

Buy a bottle of Peruna. If you do not receive all the benefits from Peruna that you expected, write to Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O.

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The reception of ministers from other churches. Applications for the reception of ministers from other churches shall not be entertained by the synod, unless the presbytery applying for the reception of said minister has sent to all the presbyteries of the synod a circular letter at least two months before the meeting of synod, intimating its intentions so to apply; and further, when any presbytery, for reasons above, other than the application of a minister, shall be referred to the general assembly.

The granting of leave to ministers to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The granting of leave to ministers to retire from the active duties of the ministry, as well as the adjusting of the bounds of presbyteries already existing within said synod, but which a new presbytery requires to be erected, covering territory under the jurisdiction of two or more synods, the sanction of the general assembly must be obtained.

The reception and leaving finally of all appeals, complaints and references which come regularly before it, and which do not affect the doctrine or constitution of the church, or the administration of the sacraments or other matters under the direction and control of the general assembly.

The report contained other suggestions, but they were not reached in the debate, for the whole report was finally laid on the table.

A Lively Debate. The sections relating to the reception of ministers from other churches aroused a very lively debate, and which was continued by Judge Stevens, who had no reason for adding machinery which might prove cumbersome, and was in his opinion not really necessary.

Dr. Warden strongly opposed the section. In no particular should the church exercise more care than in the matter of receiving ministers from other churches.

Dr. Bryce and Dr. Campbell also vigorously opposed the section, and it was struck out, although Prof. MacLaren pointed out that out of 37 presbyteries heard from only four were opposed to it.

The vote for its rejection was 105 to 62. In regard to the second section, Rev. Dr. Sedgewick raised the question whether it carried power to deal with the retiring minister's relation to the aged and infirm ministers' fund.

The clerk suggested that a clause be added that the power given to the synods have no reference to the fund.

Principal Forrest, of Dalhousie, said that this should not be done, but Prof. MacLaren accepted the amendment, adding the phrase "without reference to the relation to the aged and infirm ministers' fund."

The section as amended was adopted. The third section was adopted.

FOURTH SENDS WHOLE REPORT BACK.

Principal Patrick took exception to section four, on the ground that it gave the synods power to deal, for example, with the status and orthodoxy of a minister. Such cases should go to general assembly, the supreme court of the church. He moved that the section be struck out.

Dr. Campbell seconded the motion. The presbytery of Montreal was entirely opposed to this section. It was not British—no saying about being Scottish.

(Laughter.) Principal Patrick again asserted that the status of every minister was affected by this clause, and the synods given full power. The clause excepted only what related to the doctrine of the church—not the doctrines held by any individual. All questions of orthodoxy or heterodoxy should be settled by the general assembly—not by a synod.

Prof. MacLaren held that the section was not open to Principal Patrick's interpretation. In his view matters affecting doctrine would have still to go to the general assembly.

Rev. Mr. Knowles, of Galt, moved that the clause be amended so that it would read "involve the doctrine" instead of "affect the doctrine," and that a clause be added as follows: "Or the standing of any minister or member of the church."

Another member moved that the section be struck out altogether.

Dr. MacLaren said that if section one and four were to be struck out they had better throw out the whole of the proposals to enlarge the powers of synods.

Rev. Mr. Farquharson hoped that nothing would be done to affect the right of any member of the church to appeal to his highest court.

Dr. Warden agreed with this view and hoped that section four would be struck out. There had been very few appeals to the assembly for years past, and such a section was really not needed.

Rev. Dr. Sedgewick moved that the whole report be laid upon the table. This was supported by Judge Stevens and others and was adopted without opposition.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Dr. McDonald, of Toronto, reported for the committee on the aged and infirm ministers' fund, western section. He stated that for the first time in the history of the fund the maximum annuities had been paid, so that those who had served 40 years got \$400 and others in like proportion. To do this had, however, exhausted the entire income, including ministers' rates. The debt of the ordinary fund was \$83,692.91, an increase of only \$716. Greater congregational liberality was needed. An ordinary fund disbursements last year were \$28,035.37. The capital fund amounted to \$281,895.92. Congregations contributed \$581.29 less to the ordinary fund than in the previous year, but ministers' rates increased \$618.51. The committee will appeal to have the capital increased to \$250,000 this year. There are 86 annuities. The committee submitted a new list of ministers' rates for separate ages from 25 to 55 inclusive, the aggregate result being about the same as the former group rates.

Suggest Amalgamation of Funds. They recommended that the eastern and western committees together consider the amalgamation of the funds of the two sections, and also the admission of ministers to connection for full benefit, aged 56 to 60 inclusive; and that hereafter ministers must connect themselves with the aged and infirm ministers' fund within four years of the date of ordination or loss all benefit. They recommended that Rev. A. M. Croll, Book-Lake; M. W. MacLean, Kingston; Duncan MacCall, B. A., Quebec; John Hogg, Winnipeg; Wm. McConnell, Barrie; James Little, London; C. B. Pitblado, D. D., Winnipeg; and Geo. A. Yeomans, Kingston, be placed on the retired list for benefit—these having applied for leave to do so.

The report was a very exhaustive one, covering half a dozen pages, with full statistics of the state of the fund, and Dr. Macdonald supplemented it with explanatory comments on the various sections. He moved that the report, with the exception of the sections relating to the amalgamation of the funds east and west, and to the admission of ministers to full benefit between the ages of 56 and 60 years, be adopted—those two sections referred to be handed over to a joint committee from east and west to submit a later report.

Dr. Scrimgeour moved that the recommendations be considered separately. This was agreed to. One recommended that Rev. A. Campbell, Rev. David Forrest and Rev. John Maxwell be retained on the annuitants list for another year. It was adopted, as was one relating to special grants to three other annuitants.

The rest of the report, with the two exceptions suggested by the committee, was then adopted, and a very hearty vote of thanks tendered to Dr. Macdonald. In reply he said he hoped this year to see the capital of the fund increased to \$250,000.

WESTERN MEN CAPTURE THE ASSEMBLY BY ELOQUENCE, HUMOR AND EAGERNESS.

Wonderful Growth of Work in the West—East Gives Generously. The evening session, devoted to home missions, began with the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun," led by a large choir, after which the moderator read a portion of Romans, 10th chapter, and Dr. Miller led in prayer.

Rev. Thomas Stewart. Rev. Thos. Stewart submitted the report of the eastern home mission committee. It showed a year of successful growth. Comparing conditions with those of ten years ago, he said that there were then 51 mission stations. Of these 20 now have ordained missionaries, 15 are augmented congregations, and two are self-sustaining. There are four new stations. There have been four new congregations per year has been added to the membership of the church. The Presbytery of St. John still sets the pace. The speaker gave figures to show how successful had been the mission work of Rev. J. Ross. The home mission work in St. John presbytery had added 1,750 families and erected 34 buildings in ten years. The receipts for home missions last year, the largest in the history of the church, but more funds were needed, and there was even greater need of more young men. The east has been drained to some extent for the benefit of the west.

Rev. T. C. Jack. Rev. T. C. Jack moved the adoption of the report and expressed great satisfaction at the successful results of the year's work. His motion approved of the extension of Rev. J. Ross' term of service to the whole province of New Brunswick. Rev. Mr. Jack dwelt on the strength added to the church by the work of the home mission committee, giving instances of small stations which are today self-sustaining congregations. The maritime province Presbyterians had cheerfully contributed to the western missions as well as their own. This is made necessary by the growth of the west. Only today 800 Scotchmen went through St. John en route to the northwest. He wanted 34 new settlers to have the privilege of religious service. As the coast east and west were settled with lighthouses, so through the great west should be the great lighthouses for the good of the people who settle in that region. Mr. Jack paid a very high tribute to the work of Dr. Pringle in the north. He wanted 34 new cities should have halls or parlors open every day in the week for the good of the people, who are tempted to go to the pool room and the drum shop. The Y. M. C. A.'s do not do one-tenth of the work that should be done in our large cities. The churches should open their doors to the newcomer. With regard to the maritime province field, the great need is men.

Rev. J. C. Robertson. Rev. J. C. Robertson, of Milltown, seconded the adoption of the report. He said his congregation was organized about ten years ago, largely through the work of Rev. Thos. Stewart. From a small mission station it became in five or six years a self-sustaining congregation. This was a (Continued on page 1.)

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