

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE OPENED AT OTTAWA TO-NIGHT

Rev. Dr. Mackay Likely to Be Elected Moderator—Church Union Question

Ottawa, June 7.—The thirty-seventh general annual assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada will be opened in Knox church to-night. There will be the usual sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. John Forrest, of Halifax, the election of the new moderator, and the appointment of the committees which will direct the business of the body. It is expected that the deliberations of the assembly will be continued until Friday morning of next week.

This is the fourth occasion since the union in 1875 on which the general assembly has convened in the capital. The first meeting here was held in 1879, when Dr. William Bell, of the church of the last generation, presided. In 1890, when the body met here for the second time, Rev. John A. Cairns, of Dundas, Ont., for many years the chairman of the hymnal committee of the church, was elected.

The third assembly in Ottawa was held in 1901 and at that time Rev. Dr. H. W. Ward, of Toronto, a most able and gifted man, was honored. To-night, as all Presbyterians in this city agree, the pastor to be elected will be Rev. T. P. Mackay, of Toronto, secretary of the foreign mission committee of the church. As secretary, Dr. Mackay is charged with the responsibility of securing almost \$250,000 each year for the support of the mission and is also responsible for the administration of this amount.

Practically all the 500 commissioners who will constitute the assembly will arrive in the city this afternoon. They will come in three special parties from the west, consisting of the delegates from central and western Ontario where many of the most influential churches of the denomination are located. There are three special sleepers on the regular transcontinental train from Winnipeg, with commissioners from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba with a few from Northern Ontario.

No fixed programme for the various meetings has been prepared although there is a list of subjects. The various questions in which the church is interested will be taken up from day to day as determined by the committee of business.

In accordance with the custom of all past assemblies, Thursday night will be devoted to Home Missions and Friday night to Foreign Missions, addresses being given on each of these evenings by the respective churches of the denomination. The annual sermon to the commissioners will be preached in Knox church and on the afternoon of the same day there will be a solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper at 4 p. m. A meeting of the business committee of the assembly will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Knox church.

Information available here indicates that the opponents of the church union are preparing to make a strong fight in the assembly and a similar fight will be made by the small coterie who are opposed to the nationalization of Queen's University. In the matter of nationalization of Queen's the assembly has always said that it would do what the immediate friends of the institution desired, but these friends have never been able to agree. During the past year a vote of all the graduates of the institution has been taken on the subject with the following result: Graduates for nationalization 702; against 69; graduates in medicine, for 396 against 15; graduates in science and education, for 177, against 22. Even the graduates in theology, among whom have been the most active opponents of nationalization, have voted strongly in favor of the change, the figures being, for 154, against 55. A few of the men who have fought nationalization for the past ten years will continue the struggle, but well informed Ottawa Presbyterians say that the question will be settled permanently before the dissolving of the assembly of this year.

The opponents of the organic union of the negotiating churches will, it is said, take the ground this year that the denomination ought to consider the question of the federal union of three bodies, and will be finally determined by that tribunal.

A most animated debate of the gathering will take place over a proposal to reorganize the theological college of the denomination and to bring them more into accord with the spirit of the times. The committee appointed to take up the question will recommend radical changes and some of the best men in the church will advocate these improvements on the floor of the assembly. A proposal to increase the salaries of ministers in the west will also be introduced.

CANDIDATES NOMINATED. Woodstock, Ont., June 7.—North Oxford Liberals to-day nominated E. W. Nesbitt, M. P., as Dominion candidate, and Mr. Andrew Mackay, M. P., for the provincial House.

Milverton, Ont., June 7.—North Perth Conservatives yesterday nominated S. B. Morphy, of Listowel, for the Commons, and J. Torrance, M. P. E., for the legislature.

STRIKE OF SEAMEN REGARDED AS LIKELY

Officials of International Union Believed to Have Decided on Date

New York, June 7.—A London cable says an important conference of officials of the International Seamen's Union relative to the proposed world-wide strike, closed yesterday without the proceedings being made public, although general secretary J. Havelock Wilson made the following significant statement: "Wait until the gun goes off, then you will get all the news you want," indicating that the seamen's officials had set upon a date to tie up marine traffic between England and the rest of the world.

If a strike is called it will be before the coronation of King George. Under these circumstances it would leave thousands of tourists in England unable to leave.

TRAGEDY IN HOSPITAL. Seaman Belonging to American Ship Killed by Stoker.

CAPTAIN AND PILOT IN CUSTODY

ARRESTED AFTER WRECK OF STEAMER TABOGA

Two Men Sacrifice Lives in Order to Save Women and Children

JAPANESE TRAIN PORTERS

DECIDE TO STRIKE

CROP CONDITIONS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Prospects Bright for Heavy Yield—Abundant Moisture in the Soil

FORMER PREMIER OF FRANCE DEAD

Senator Maurice Rouvier Passes Away—Resigned Five Years Ago

DOUBLE MURDER. Man Kills His Wife and Child and Later Ends Own Life.

DWELLINGS DESTROYED.

TAKES POISON IN CEMETERY.

TO INSPECT G. T. E.

ON WAY TO PARIS.

MORE MEN AT WORK AT VANCOUVER

EMPLOYERS SAY NUMBER STRIKERS ARE RETURNING

Delegates From Unions Will Meet Civic Committee Tomorrow Afternoon

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SEVENTY-FIVE KILLED IN MEXICO CITY

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EARTHQUAKE WRECKS BUILDING IN MEXICO

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Mining Dispute in Crow's Nest Pass

Little Likelihood of Work Being Resumed Pending Further Hearing by Board

Jury in Assize Court Hears a Repetition of Well-Known Story of Wreck

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FRANCISCO I. MADERO, JR.

station first caught sight of the bearded face and stocky figure of Madero emerging from his private car and entered a waiting carriage. Shouts of "viva Madero" swelled into a great chorus as the cry was taken up along the streets leading from the railway station throughout the city.

El Paso, Texas, June 7.—Six hundred and fifty employees of the Asarco smelter, the property of the American Smelters & Securities Co., at Torreon, are on strike for higher wages. The smelting plant is shut down and under guard of Maderist soldiers.

Ottawa, June 7.—On June 15 Collingwood Schreiber will leave Ottawa for Prince Rupert to inspect construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific from Prince Rupert eastward. After going round the Pacific and over the line from Edmonton and go over the line from the Alberta capital westward.

Coleman, Alb., June 7.—Dr. C. W. Gordon and Colin McLeod, of the Conciliation board arrived this morning and the operators' executive are here ready to take up the work of the board where it was left off over three weeks ago. A. J. Carter, the other member, will return from Fernie to-day and the first session will be held this afternoon at which the points of dispute still to be inquired into will be stated and the number of witnesses to be called will be as far as possible determined.

The chairman claims that the board will not sacrifice time at the expense of thoroughness, but at the same time he wants to eliminate as far as possible all unnecessary repetition of the thrashing out of old straw.

To-day's meeting will be taken up principally with the arranging of the details of the programme and it is not expected that any evidence will be taken.

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The trial of Albert A. Sears, captain and part owner of the wrecked steamer Iroquois, on the charge of manslaughter of John Brydson, a drowned passenger of the ship which foundered off Sidney on April 10 last, opened in the assize court before Mr. Justice Murphy this morning.

H. W. R. Moore appeared for the prosecution and H. A. Maclean, K. C., for the defence.

The jury consists of Emil Stannard, Samuel Kirkham, Donald Chas. McDowall, William J. Rennie, Robt. J. J. Dowell, Robert Peden, John P. Young, Isaac Waxtock, Charles Holmes, Edward E. Keady, James A. Dinsmore (foreman) and Albert Samuel Shields.

Jurymen George Ferris was excused for the day on the ground that he was supervising a building on Fort street which was in danger of falling down.

Vincent K. Gray said his mind was absolutely made up from what he knew of the case and if he was selected it would be on that understanding.

He was stood aside by the crown and was not needed. Wm. Drysdale was excused as he had been two days on the Allen jury. Mr. Maclean challenged fourteen jurymen and the crown stood aside five.

Mr. Moore pressed the jury, setting forth the facts in connection with the wreck as published from the inquiry and marine inquiry. He then called John Bennett who told of going aboard the steamer Iroquois with the deceased John Brydson.

Bennett said he noticed passengers leaving the saloon, and the ship was over so much that one of the side windows was over his head. He broke the window and saw John Brydson following him. While in the cabin no officer of the ship came with any instructions. On deck he and Brydson obtained lifebelts and part of the ship broke away. They got to the deck a boat was loaded and moved away from the wreck. John Brydson was sitting in the stern of the boat, which later upset.

Witness eventually drifted ashore on the beach. Cross-examination by Mr. Maclean the witness said it might have been twenty minutes after leaving the wharf that the wreck occurred.

Prosper Taylor, a stevedore of the Iroquois, said he had the freight the night of April 9. He placed sacks of fertilizer on the freight deck and piled hay on the main deck three bales high.

In giving his evidence the witness spoke in low tones and after having been twice told to speak out, Mr. Justice Murphy threatened to commit him if he did not speak louder.

The witness said there was no partition in the main deck to prevent cargo shifting and that there was a bigger load of freight than usual. He stated freight according to the mate's instructions. Prior to sailing the captain ordered gratings to be put under the freight. He inspected the fertilizer also. There was no cargo below in the hold. The ship was due to leave the coast at 10 o'clock.

To a jurymen who received no orders to help launch the boats.

In cross-examination witness said he had worked on the Trader and that the cargo had been stowed in the hold. He did not know the contents of the hold on the Sunday before the wreck during the loading. He saw the captain break in a saloon window, and thought he had done so to assist passengers to get to the boat away. The cargo was the largest in bulk.

To the court—it took up more time than any other, but there may have been heavier cargoes.

Joseph Stewart, said the weather was not very rough but there was wind and a heavy swell. He heard Captain Sears say: "The heading here is wrong. The line was in good shape. He fixed the course of time from leaving the wharf till the wreck was fifteen minutes. He was called back to assist in replacing the freight, which in shifting had filled up the main deck.

He was working five minutes or more when he answered a call from the captain, who told him to secure a hold in the main deck. A swell was coming up after they left the wharf till the boat was knocked down.

The witness then told of the steamer wreck and his rescue from the steamer boat, which was the first to leave the ship containing a number of men and two ladies. Captain Sears launched the boat and a davit hoist on the port side and thought he had done so to assist passengers to get to the boat away. The cargo was the largest in bulk.

In cross-examination the witness said the water did not come in through the hole in the stern of the boat. The seat on the port side and he thought the hole was on the starboard side. The captain had tried to send the boat in charge of the boat. A small boat was up after they left the wharf till the boat was knocked down.

Miss Margaret Barton, who was a passenger on the Iroquois and the only woman saved, said the two Misses Fenwick were with her. The ship was after a little while heaved over and did not right herself. She tried to get out of the cabin door to the deck but was unable and was finally pulled through a window. No warning was given and no life belt was given her. Mrs. Howson and her son and Miss Fenwick and some men were left in the cabin. By rolling directly they left the cabin. By plunging in water. She was pulled into the boat and she and Miss Fenwick baled out. Miss Barton thought the

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Vancouver, June 8.—Against non-union men various buildings through and the resultant arrival of the police court furnished developments in the strike attacks and attempts were yesterday after workmen; and in one case was badly battered and carried in an automobile to be passing.

Aside from these developments may occur in connection with the "cessation of labor" committee and officers Builders' Association.

Although the bustle is going ahead almost no "cessation of labor" appears to be on the horizon. The week paid attention to one Mr. Pettipiece, secretary of the Trades Council, he was spoken of as to be cut off and darkness—just as dark as it was 27 years ago.

Back to the candle, of Mr. Pettipiece's and the women who provide straightaway started a chain of a supply of light bulbs to be on the horizon has run out of candles.

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