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THE PRESBYTERIAN MEETING TODAY

Many Interesting Reports and Recommendations Presented at This Morning's Session--The Work Done by Young People's Societies.

The St. John Presbytery met this morning in the parlor of St. Andrew's church, the moderator, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, presiding.

An application for a certificate of standing was read and granted from Rev. Dr. Angus West to visit his son.

George W. Irving of Dalhousie College was a deacon of entering the mission field during the summer months applied to the presbytery for a recommendation as a student, and Rev. Dr. Fotheringham said the young man was in his opinion suitable for the work.

The report of the Sunday schools committee was read by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson.

The report showed that during the year 1905 a number of Sabbath schools had not reported at all. There had been an appreciable decrease in the attendance of scholars enrolled as compared with 1905, but it was also true that in some places there had been a marked increase.

The number of schools had increased largely, which was also true of Union Sunday schools. The attendance of officers and scholars totaled \$39, as compared with \$75 last year. The number of scholars figured 4112, as compared with 3030.

Of the twenty union schools three had reported to the Presbytery in 1904. Meadham was a particularly encouraging feature. In many of the schools improvements had been made which added greatly to their efficiency. It was recommended that if the Presbytery were to hold its fully meeting in Woodstock it would be a great impetus to the summer school of scripture study. The use of memory verses shorter exercises and teachers' training courses were also urged.

The report of the committee of Young People's Societies was discussed at some length.

While there has been a financial increase, there has been a marked shrinkage in societies and in membership and a narrowing of the limits of young people's work.

The resolutions in the report were as follows:

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"That where societies exist the utmost vigilance be exercised to prevent such things as literature, science, history or athletics displacing or subordinating Bible study, prayer, personal piety and those other features and interests for which the Church of Christ distinctly stands."

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The report of Rev. J. A. McLean, convener of church life and work was next taken up and discussed.

The committee on legislation reported that the bill read at the last meeting had not passed and it was decided that printed copies be sent to the congregations for their consideration at the next meeting of the presbytery.

The condition of the parish of Boobee was discussed at some length and it was decided to pay an official visit.

Business was resumed at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

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American Girl and Husband on Whose Estates Riots Occur



POITAVA, Province of Poltava, Russia, March 31.—The peasant riots in the district in which is situated the Bouronka estate, owned by Princess Cantacuzene (mother, to Prince Cantacuzene, who married Miss Grant, daughter of General F. D. Grant, U. S. A.), have assumed a more serious phase.

The governor general has telegraphed to the officer in command of the district not to spare the troops in suppressing the disorders.

NOW IT'S \$20 IF YOU CAPTURE MYSTERIOUS MR. GILT EDGE

The mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge is still at large. He is now worth \$20 to the person who catches him. The reward has been doubled. He must be apprehended. The manner in which he is to be captured, in order to gain the reward, is as follows:—

With a copy of today's Times, and a Gilt Edge soap wrapper, which may be got from any grocer, in one hand, you will place the other hand on his shoulder and say:—"You are the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge!"

All persons connected with the Times, Telegraph and Gilt Edge soap company, and members of their families, are barred from this quest.

All other citizens have an equal chance under the conditions just stated. If you can capture him between this afternoon and 3:30 p. m. tomorrow, it will do to have today's Times in your hand. After 3:30 p. m. tomorrow, unless he is run down before that hour, it will be necessary to have a copy of tomorrow's Times.

Isn't it Wonderful? Let's wonder that a man whose portrait appears in the paper should go about town for 24 hours without being captured!

One well known citizen who might allow himself to be captured, is the mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge! But he wasn't, nor was any one of many others who were suspected. The real Mr. Gilt Edge is still at large.

There was such a rush for the Times last evening that at eight o'clock there through the crowd and helped the officer. To refuse to aid the police when called upon to do so is a serious offence, and the case will be heard tomorrow.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

JAMESBY WITHDRAWS. Mr. Jamesby Jones has issued the following letter to the citizens of St. John: Ladies and Gentlemen,—At the earnest solicitation of many friends I consented to become a candidate for the office of alderman in the approaching city elections. At that time, there appeared a probability that few if any of the citizens could be induced to enter the field. I consented to accept a nomination, because I felt that somebody should do so. It now appears, however, that there will be no candidates for the office, and as I am not attached to any party, and as I am not attached to any party, and as I am not attached to any party, I have decided to withdraw from the contest. Thanking you for the assurances I have received that I would get several votes in addition to my own, I remain, Yours faithfully, JAMESBY JONES.

A SCOTCH EVENING. Miss Birdie McWhart entertained a select company of friends last evening at the office of the most unique and enjoyable affair given in this city for a long time. The McWharts are of Scottish ancestry, and very partial to the kilts. The lovely Birdie had selected a group of nymphs scarcely less fair and shapely than herself, and with the aid of her own modiste attire them in true Highland costume, wearing, of course, the McWhart tartan.

When, at the psychological moment, these lovely beings, with Birdie at their head, trooped into the room and executed a series of Highland dances, and drank toast in Highland fashion (no heat tape), the enthusiasm was unbounded. By special request the party will appear at one of the theatres some evening next week, in aid of a worthy cause. A crowded house is assured. A photograph of the group will be displayed in the windows of leading stores.

It is understood that after Col. Mann of New York received his copy of Saturday evening's Globe he wired down to the publishers to ask them what the chances would be to get out at St. John edition of Town Topics.

Mr. Hiram Hornbush caught the first brook trout of the season yesterday. It weighed three-quarters of a pound. The one that got away weighed two pounds.

LINDEN IS SENT TO HIGHER COURT

This is the Decision in one of the Charges Against the Insurance Man This Morning--He is Remanded on One Other.

At 10:30 o'clock this morning, Hugh F. Linden, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences, was brought into court.

Judge Ritchie asked Mr. Price if he had any further arguments to offer and on receiving a negative reply said that the evidence showed that the defendant purchased goods from the Wilcox firm to the amount of \$26.50. In payment, he gave a cheque for them and ordered that they be sent to Elliott's Hotel, not to his home on Spring street.

The judge said that there was sufficient evidence to show that the defendant had no funds in the bank at the time, then there was a false pretence. Further, the judge stated that even if a person has sufficient funds in a bank to cover a cheque, there is a false pretence. In this case Linden had no funds whatever in the bank at the time he gave the cheque. The judge said that he understood how merchants could give a cheque with no funds in the bank, because they had an arrangement with the bank to overdraft.

It was shown in this case, said the judge that such an arrangement was made for the defendant, not having an account there, could not have had an overdraft. Judge Ritchie cited Keece, where it is stated that all the judges in a certain case had come to the conclusion that anyone giving a cheque on a bank for goods received, and having no account in said bank, is guilty of false pretence. If he knows the cheque will not be paid, in this case, everything considered, Judge Ritchie said that he felt sure that the defendant knew that the cheques would not be paid in the ordinary course. Merchants usually make an arrangement with

the manager of the bank they are doing business with, but Linden had no arrangement whatever.

Yesterday Mr. Price cited the celebrated case of Rex vs. Jackson in his client's favor and said Judge Ritchie, "This case is on all fours with the present one, and I think that case is against the defendant."

His honor said that there were other cheques made on the bank, and that fact came in as a circumstance. He also thought that Linden was dealing too much in cheques. In concluding, the judge stated that all he had to do was to say whether or not there was sufficient evidence to send the defendant on his trial, and his honor said that under the evidence and under the law he was of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence for that.

Mr. Price asked that the defendant be granted nominal bail in view of the evidence and also in view of the maximum punishment, which is less than five years. His honor said that he would grant bail to the amount of \$4,000; the prisoner in \$2,000 and two sureties of \$1,000 each.

Detective Killen stated that there were two other charges against the prisoner, M. J. Coody was called and said that on the 29th inst. the defendant came into his store on Charlott street. He got a pair of boots for \$3.00 and a pair of rubbers for 75c. His wife owed \$2.00 for goods previously obtained from the store.

The witness said he wrapped the goods up and Linden gave him a cheque for \$5.75. He asked before giving the cheque whether the witness would take cash or a cheque for the goods, and Mr. Coody replied that it was immaterial. He then wrote out a cheque for \$5.75. The defendant, he said, had a cheque book, the witness said that he had not seen the cheque at the Royal Bank of Canada for payment.

Detective Killen stated that John Hamilton had cashed a cheque for \$3 for the defendant and as Mr. Hamilton was not present in court Linden was not present for the trial. The witness said that as a result of the Wilcox case, and was remanded until tomorrow morning on the Coody charge. The Hamilton case will also be taken up tomorrow morning.

IT WAS A BUSY MORNING IN THE POLICE COURT

The air in the police court this morning was of a very depressing nature and many of the court took away aching heads with them.

Annie Nickerson raised a disturbance yesterday afternoon between four and five o'clock in Bella Dimmock's house on the corner of Pitt and Britain streets, and Sergeant Campbell was called to eject her from the mansion. When the sergeant arrived Annie was manifesting a shrew in the air and made many scientific passes. As she was drunk the sergeant took her in charge. This morning she pleaded guilty to being intoxicated and was remanded for the present.

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EXHIBITION DIRECTORS GETTING DOWN TO WORK

A meeting of the directors of the Exhibition Association will be held this evening to discuss matters in connection with the fair which is to be held next September.

The question of a manager will be brought up, but it is not thought likely that any decision will be reached. The directors have a number of names before them for consideration, but it is felt that the best possible man for the position should be secured. The names of Colonel A. Markham, F. MacLure Solandres and several others have been mentioned in this connection.

It is probable that a number of changes may be made in the outdoor arrangements this year. One of the suggested changes is to build a fence from each side of the grand stand over to the fence on the opposite side of the grounds, to afford an unobstructed view of the main building, which looks somewhat, and he thinks it would be advisable to remove the roof rather than patch it, if it is to be used every two years. The cost to the city of a new roof would be in the vicinity of \$1,000.

BITTER OVER NATAL AFFAIR

British Newspapers are Attacking Political Parties on South African Disturbance.

LONDON, April 3.—The Natal affair has been the subject of stronger party recriminations than any question that has come to the surface in recent years. Newspaper attacks continue on both sides, conservative organs flinging charges of "little Englandism" against the government and Liberal papers attributing the trouble to the Chamberlain party desiring to discredit the government.

WILL REPORT ON JAPANESE WORK

TORONTO, April 3 (Special).—Rev. Dr. Charman left yesterday for Japan, where he will join R. V. Dr. Sutherland, who preceded him a few weeks ago, and investigate the missionary situation for the purpose of reporting at the general conference next fall. The trip of these officials of the Methodist church of Canada assumes particular importance owing to the project to federate with the missions of the United States Methodist churches operating in the same field.

TODAY IN THE COAL STRIKE

The conference between the mine and the coal operators will be held in New York this afternoon, and this morning there was a general feeling that the conference would be fruitful. Operators and miners are more optimistic over the outlook, the opinion among the miners being that the operators would yield. Mr. Mitchell denied this morning that he would make any concessions. No disorders were reported today.

In one district 40,000 men are reported to have gone out.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Forecast—Eastern States and Northern New York: Fair to light, warmer in western portion; Wednesday, fair, warmer, winds becoming southerly and fresh.

GOOD CHANCE FOR LUMBER

Nashwaak Lumberman Says Prospects Were Never Brighter—Much Snow in the Woods.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 3.—(Special).—James Humble, lumberman of Stanley, who was in the city today, says the prospects for steam driving on the Nashwaak were never brighter. There is four and one-half feet of snow at the head of the river and the weather is still quite cold. He estimates that the Gibson Company's cut will total about thirty million.

Engineer Barbour arrived from Boston today with plans and specifications for a filtration plant and will hold a conference with the water committee of the council this afternoon. The estimated cost of the filtration plant will be close to \$45,000.

The remains of the late Mrs. John McDonald arrived from New York at noon accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Sharkey and Miss Agnes McDonald. Supr. Grant and his crew expect to have the first span of the new highway bridge in position by Thursday. The weather continues cold and it looks as if the ice would hold for a fortnight yet.

PUGNACIOUS YOUNG MEN

MONCTON, N. B., April 3.—(Special). The I. C. R. police are after three young men for fighting and creating a disturbance on College Bridge station platform a few nights ago. Arthur LeBlanc was arrested here this morning and Chief Detective Williams has gone to Halifax after another who skipped the city. The third belongs to Moncton. The case is similar to that tried in Sussex recently. Detective Williams is bent on putting a stop to fighting and disturbances about the I. C. R. stations. The College Bridge case comes up before Stipendiary Magistrate today.

Elections of Chicago today are voting on the question of municipalization of the street railway service. Aldermen are also being voted for and there is every indication that the vote will be a very heavy one owing to the important issues involved.

SAYS DONOVAN DID NOT HELP

Officer Lucas Says Michael Donovan Refused to Aid Him With a Prisoner.

In the police court this morning, Officer Lucas swore out information against Michael Donovan, whom he alleges refused to assist him when he summoned him to aid him when arresting John Collins in Carleton last night.

The difficulty that Officer Lucas experienced in getting Collins to the Water street lock-up is told in the police court news in this issue, and Officer Lucas states that when leaving the toll-house with Collins a large crowd had congregated. Finding that his task was a very difficult one he called out to Donovan, who was in the crowd, to come to his aid, but Donovan, he says, made no response. Alexander Byrne, however, looked

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TO REBUILD THE WINDSOR DEPOT

C. P. R. Will Spend \$50,000 in Improving Big Montreal Passenger Station.

Additional facts were given out at the C. P. R. general offices at Montreal regarding the extensive scheme of additions and improvements to the Windsor station. An additional storey will be added to the building, fronting on Ouborn street, making it four storeys along the entire length instead of four storeys at the ends as at present. It is the intention to use the whole of the accommodation thus provided for the engineering department of which Mr. Goutin is the chief. The offices at present occupied by the engineering staff will be given over to the audit department, which is now cramped for room. The extra storey will be of steel and concrete and it is expected that the whole work, which will cost in the neighborhood of fifty thousand dollars, will be completed during the coming summer.

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THE WALLACE ORPHANAGE

Home for Orphans of Orangeville Will be Talked of at Grand Lodge Tonight.

The Grand Lodge L. O. A. of New Brunswick will meet at Woodstock, N. B., this evening. Grand Master Harry P. McLeod will preside. The work of the order during the past year will be discussed, and it will be shown that the Wallace Orphanage will be discussed, and it is a question of very grave importance, as it has to do with the welfare of the children of deceased Orangemen throughout the maritime provinces. It is almost a certainty that the orphanage will be built, and its situation will be decided tonight. Many are in favor of some place in the vicinity of Amherst, N. S., as it is the most central place for the building.

The election of officers will also be held at this meeting and Grand Master McLeod will seek re-election.

This morning about twelve local Orangemen went to Woodstock and about eight from the Wallace Orphanage will be present at the meeting. Among those going from the city were: Grand Secretary M. J. Morrison, W. B. Wallace, George E. Day, R. G. McKee, Robert Maxwell, M. P. P. George A. Blair, John Kinney, S. B. Bus-

THE DEATH OF J. D. BONNESS

Veteran Customs Officer Passed Away at St. Stephen Early This Morning.

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