

Not Styled A "New" Body

My attention has been directed to the report of an interview with the Rev. Dr. George Pidgeon on his return from the Pan-Presbyterian Conference at Cardiff. It will be a favor you will allow me to make a few comments:

(1) We Presbyterians had fondly hoped that after June 10, our former fellow-churchmen would leave us alone. We did not think they would continue to pursue us, as Dr. Pidgeon seems desirous of doing, attempting to lower us in the eyes of the public by casting reflections on our status and striving to have us dubbed a "new" body. The part of generous opponents is now to let us be in peace. There is room for both of us in the Dominion. Let the Union leaders go their own way and suffer us to do ours. In the full assurance that the Presbyterian Church on its part will interfere with none but strive for the welfare of all.

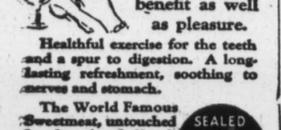
(2) The interview is calculated to leave an entirely false impression of the judgment of the Pan-Presbyterian Conference. It is not sufficiently emphasized that it is only Dr. Pidgeon's "opinion" that our church was not regarded as in any sense continuing the Presbyterian Church in Canada but was admitted as a new organization. In point of fact the Conference declined to call us a "new" body. For that matter it declined to call the United Church a "new" body either. It simply avoided altogether the question as to which Canadian group had broken the continuity of the Church. Such a question would have divided the Conference itself.

(3) Finally Dr. Pidgeon is to be reminded that the Pan-Presbyterian Conference is after all only a Committee, without any judicial function whatsoever. Nothing that it says or does binds even the churches represented at it. It is possible for the Conference to take one course, and the various churches to take another dissimilar or even opposed. And we beg him to observe that the Church of Scotland, the Mother Church of all Presbyterianism, together with the Free Church of Scotland, and the Southern Church of the U. S. A. have already by instruction of their Assemblies far outran even the Pan-Presbyterian Conference in their cordial support of the Presbyterian Church which remains loyal in Canada. That the Australian Church will be equally cordial no one doubts who knows how Unionism has recently been defeated in that country.

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Here and There

More than 100 persons joined the ride of the Trail Riders of the Rockies on their horseback journey from Banff to Wapta Camp, via Marble Canyon and Lake O'Hara. The ride started on August 8.

Grain figures issued by the Harbor Commission of Montreal show that on August 1st all grain shipment records were broken by one day's delivery of 2,277,712 bushels of grain to outgoing ships. Harbor officials state that this is the first time that grain shipments in one day have topped the two million bushel mark.

Installation of machinery at the new annex of the Dominion Textile Mill at Montmorency Falls, Quebec, will be started by January first next. About 300 additional employees will be required to operate the plant. At present there are about 1,300 employed at the mills.

A prophecy that the Orient would become in the very near future a really large importer of Canadian wheat was made recently by Hon. Dr. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works. In predicting increased Orient trade in grain, Dr. King pointed out that imports of wheat from Canada for 1923-1924 increased by 400 per cent.

Over fifteen thousand men left the east on the first harvesters excursion from the east to the wheat fields in the middle of August. Four other excursions are to follow from Toronto later in August and September, when it is expected that the majority of the remainder of the 50,000 men required for the harvest will travel west.

British teachers touring Canada under the auspices of the Overseas Educational League, are now enjoying all the various forms of entertainment to be found in the Canadian Pacific Rockies. They have been riding trails, hiking, fishing, motoring, bathing in the sulphur springs at the Banff Springs Hotel and were the guests at a dinner there given by J. M. Gibbon, secretary of the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies.

Confidence of United States capitalists in the Dominion, optimistic preparations for the new Canadian financing, prospects of a good crop, large United States purchasing in Canada, and heavy expenditures of American tourists in the Dominion, were some of the reasons offered by New York financial experts for the consistent above par stand of the Canadian dollar on the New York exchange. The Canadian dollar is now at a premium on the New York exchange.

The total number of students in Canadian universities and colleges in 1924 was 52,639, or nearly one in eighteen of the total population, according to a bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Under the category of colleges, the total number in 1924 was 83. Of this total six are agricultural, two technical, two law, one dental, one for pharmacy, one for veterinary science, 28 theological, 39 affiliated, one school for higher commercial studies, one college of art and one military college.

During the coming winter Canada will see the debut of a new transportation device known as the Snow-motor. This consists of two hollow cigar shaped cylinders or drums to which flanges, resembling cork screws, are attached. These drums are fixed to an automobile or tractor in the place of the wheels and, by rotating actually float the machine over the snow. The snow-motor is regarded as especially valuable in the transportation of lumber; it can negotiate snow of any depth and can operate in countries where other methods of transportation are impossible or too costly and can also make roads which other vehicles can use. It is manufactured in Detroit and will be on the market in Montreal during the coming winter.

Puts Organ Tones Into Pianoforte

A new principle of pianoforte construction which professional musicians believe is the most remarkable improvement that has been made in the instrument since it was evolved early in the eighteenth century was demonstrated for the first time at the home of the inventor, John Hays Hammond, Jr. in Gloucester, Mass. An audience of 200 of Mr. Hammond's friends who gathered in his music room to listen to a recital by Lester Donahue were amazed at the almost revolutionary effects which the pianist was able to achieve. Using a concert grand piano to which the Hammond invention had been placed he obtained much of the softness and sustained quality of a pipe organ while retaining all the characteristics of the pianoforte.

In an explanatory talk which preceded the recital Mr. Hammond said that his purpose had been to give to the player control over the notes after the keys had been struck by the use of reflectors set inside the instrument and controlled by a fourth pedal it had been possible to build up a tremendous sonority and the tones might be allowed to escape with any degree of subtlety. In other words, unlike the notes in an ordinary piano, which gradually fade after being struck, those from an instrument fitted with the Hammond pedal may be sustained and even increased in volume many times. The results are so astonishing that experts feel the invention may result in a new type of musical composition.



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ANALYSIS OF VOTE IN N. B. ELECTIONS

The Opposition party candidates popular majority in the recent provincial elections in New Brunswick was 9,340, according to the tabulated returns of the votes polled by the leading Government and Opposition candidates in the nineteen constituencies, as given at Declaration Day proceedings.

The following were the total votes polled by the highest opposing candidates in each of the nineteen constituencies:

	Govt.	Oppos.
Albert	1,808	2,905
Charlotte	3,540	3,937
Carleton	2,700	5,161
Fredericton		
Marysville-Bawton	1,964	2,748
Gloucester	7,775	6,089
Kent	4,596	4,202
Kings	3,649	4,983
Moncton	3,331	3,730
Madawaska	4,469	2,321
Northumberland	4,982	5,372
Queens	2,312	2,746
Restigouche	2,185	4,165
Sunbury	1,429	1,673
Saint John County	2,331	3,061
Saint John City	6,546	5,513
St. Stephen-Milltown	536	1,484
Victoria	2,555	2,063
Westmorland	6,323	4,690
York	2,307	5,299
	66,777	74,157

N. B. SEATS IN HOUSE STAY UNCHANGED

The approach of a general election in Canada has led to renewed discussion of the probable effects of the new basis of representation which will become operative at that time. The addition of ten seats will increase the membership of the House of Commons to 245 and the prairie provinces will be the chief beneficiaries.

Nova Scotia will lose two members. The representation from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario will remain unchanged. British Columbia will gain one member, Manitoba two, Saskatchewan five and Alberta four.

The increase in membership is not the result of party battling in the House of Commons but of increased population. The Canadian constitution provides that after each decennial census there shall be a readjustment of representation in the house with the census as a basis. The representation from Quebec is fixed at 65. To obtain what is known as the unit of representation the population of Quebec is divided by 65. To determine the number of representatives from the other provinces the population of each province is divided by this unit. There are some exceptions but this is the general principle. The effect is that as the population of a province increases or decreases in proportion to that of Quebec the number of its members in the house increases or decreases in the same proportion.

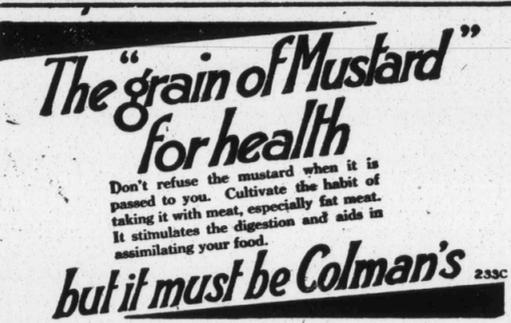
The added representation from the prairie provinces is likely to play an important part in the next general election. These provinces are the stronghold of the Progressive (agrarian) movement in Canada. It was on the prairies that the movement as a political force originated. At the last general election Ontario elected 24 of the 64 Progressives returned at the polls, but since then the Progressive movement has suffered a severe setback in that province. Progressive leaders assert that in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the movement has maintained its strength and they hope for added representation in the next house as a result of the increase in membership from those provinces.

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CUTWORMS SUCCUMB TO BACTERIA

Most cheerful tidings are announced by the Dominion Entomological Service from its laboratory at the University of New Brunswick to the effect that the great majority of the pupae of cutworms which have been collected by the Entomological Service have died since collection. This is due to bacterial disease which has occurred within the pupae. This fact indicates that cutworms will be less plentiful next season and in succeeding seasons than in the present year.

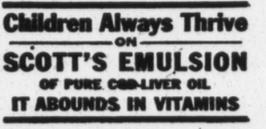
Nature itself provides the means for checking the ravages of insect pests. The bacterial disease the effects of which are reported is one of the means.

For several years past cutworms have been particularly destructive in some cases attacking field crops as well as garden produce. The corn ear worm or green corn maggot reported from Margerville and Sheffield is one of the cutworms which attacks vegetation in a way somewhat different from the ordinary cutworm. It is deposited as an egg on the silk of the corn by a yellowish moth, eats its way through the husk and destroys the kernels on the cob. In a later stage they crawl out of

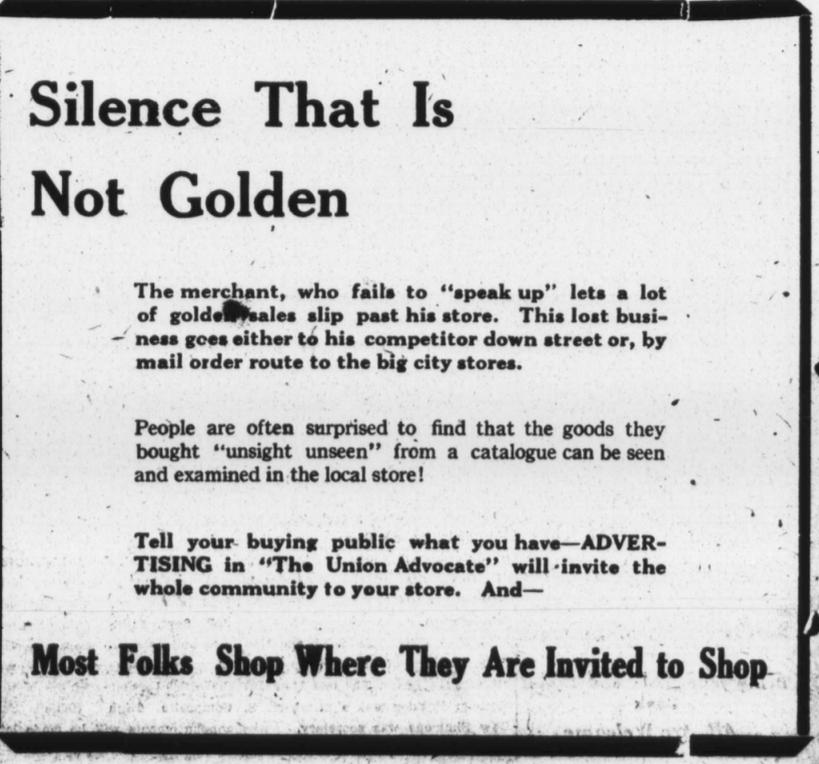


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the ears and finding their way to the earth here in to spend the winter. This makes fall ploughing and harrowing an effective means of combatting them. Another method is collecting infested ears and destroying them by feeding to hogs or chickens. The corn borer which has not made its appearance in this province bores through the stalks of the corn and occasionally the ears. It has caused great destruction elsewhere.



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