DOING NOBLY FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

Monday, Oct. 5.

During the week-end the local patriotic fund passed the $36,000 mark. A fine contribution of $1,000 from the St. John Railway Co. was the chief cause of the rapid advance. Other contributions on Saturday were:

E. T. P. Shewen, $5; Ladies' Auxiliary I. A. of M., Moncton, $41; R. D. Thompson, $5; Senator J. W. Daniel (second contribution), $50; S. W. Wilkins, $23.20; W. D. Baskin, $10; Chas. G. Brown, $5; Mrs. H. S. Bridges, $5.

Parish of Lancaster No. 2

John McCavour $2, Wm. H. Cunningham 50c, Wm. T. Cunningham $1, James Knox 50c, Elvin Knox 50c, Robt. Knox 50c, Mrs. David McCavour $1, Samuel McCavour $1, James McAfee $1, Wesley Cunningham 50c, Mrs. James Ferguson 50c, Mrs. Thomas Wilson $1, Joe Galbraith $1, Mrs. Samuel Ferguson $1, Mrs. James McCavour $1, Mr. Richard Evans $1, Mrs. Mary Wells 50c, Wm. J. McCavour 50c, John Maguire 50c, Mrs. Mikel Driscoll $1, Walter G. Evans $1, Thos. Cunningham 50c, Friend 50c, Friend 50c, Nat. Maguire $1, Friend 25c, Friend 25c, Harvey Evans $1, William Steeves $1, C. P. Hamm $1, J. Grundmark $1, David Evans $1, W. T. Penny 50c, Willie Downey $1, John Gerguson $1, Robert Ferguson 50c, Mrs. Thos. H. Galbraith $2, Friend 50c, M. K. Galbraith 50c, Geo. H. Galbraith 50c, Mrs. Wallace Galbraith 50c, J. J. Galbraith $1, Harry Galbraith $1, James Reid $1, Alexander McAllister sr $1, William K. McAllister $1, Robt. J. McKee $1, W. J. Galbraith $1, W. T. Galbraith $1, S. F. Galbraith 50c, James K. McAllister $1, Milford McAllister $1, Samuel Reed $1, Samuel Reid $1, S. Evans $1, Theo. Evans 50c, Ed. A. Galbraith $1, Edmund Wilson 50c, H. E. Galbraith $1, Geo. Dalzell $1, Stephen McCavour $1, T. J. Galbraith $1, W. J. Wilson $1, S. R. Wenn $1, Albert Wilson 50c, Thos. Galbraith 50c, Herbert Galbraith $1, Walter Wilson 50c, James Wilson 50c, Thomas Wilson $1, Mary Evans $1, George Ferguson $1, Samuel Wilson 50c, Mrs. John Wilson $1, William Wilson $1, Wm. J. Ewart $1, Friend 50c, John Galbraith $1, Andy Galbraith 50c, George Wilson $1, Friend 50c, Robert Baird $1, Andy Wilson $1, Friend 50c, Miss Sadie Odell 50c, Friend 50c, Friend 50c, Jas. H. Galbraith $1, total $72.

Grand Manan Contributions

Grand Manan, Sept. 30—Contributions towards the Grand Manan patriotic fund are coming in fast. Miss Ena Harvey is treasurer and Miss Ida Russell, secretary. The following subscriptions have been paid: John Cronk, $2; Neill Guptill, $1; Albert Wooster, $2; Millicent Randall, 7c.; A Friend, 25c.; Howard Wooster, $1; Quin Wilson, 25c.; Will Smith, 10c.; Ott. Green, $1; Mrs. Will Cronk, 15c.; Eva Brown, 40c.; Maurice Plant, 14c.; Grant Dakin, $2; Mrs. John Randall, 50c.; Ruth Wooster, 10c.; Lloyd Dakin, $1; Edwin Green, $2; Julia Dakin, 10c.; George Gardner, $1; A Friend, 5c.; Dr. B. F. Johnson, $5; Mrs. Geo. Brown, $1; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnson, $1; Edward Ingalls, $5; Edward Wilson, $1; Augustus O'Neil, $2; Miss MacGregor, 40c.; Ida Russell, $5; D. H. Daggett, $1; Dustin Brown, $1; Irwin Ingalls, $5; a friend, 50c.; Scott Wooster, $1; I. L. Newton, $5; Mr. Callahan, $1; Austin Cheney, $1; Mr. Randall, $1; Frank Ingalls, $1; Maud Guptill, $1; Jasper Guptill, $2; Hazel Lorimer, $1; Hazel Lafoley, 25c.; Fred Titus, $1; James McDonald, $1; John Henderson, 26c.; Clayton Dakin, 5c.; a friend, 25c.; Herbert Daggett, 10c.; Mrs. Fred McDonald, 50c.; Mrs. Leonard Foster, $2; Mrs. Mason, $2; Simeon Guptill, $1; Wesley Ingalls, $1; John Cook, $5; Willard Ingalls, $1; Gerald Russell, 25c.; William Brown, $1; James Brown, 50c. Mr. and Mrs. Scott D. Guptill, $10.00; Mrs. A. C. Guptill, $5.00; Judson Foster, $1.00; Wm. Mack, $2.00; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Guptill, $10.00; Roland Guptill, $1.00; Roy Mack, $2.00; George Cossaboom, $5.00; Walter Cronk, $1.00; Grovernor Wilson, $1.00; Harold Wilson, $1.00; A. M. Dakin, $5.00; Seward Foster, $1.00; Frederick McDonald, $1.00; Cheney, $1.00; Owen Dakin, $1.00; Newton Bros., $5.00; Frank Wilson, $1.00; Duncan McDowell, $5.00; Elmer Dakin, $1.00; Mabury Ingalls, $1.00; Chester M. Guptill, $1.00; Enoch Peters, $1.00; Arthur Foster, $1.00; Winifred Leighton, $1.00; Faye Brown, $1.00; Craig Cook, $1.00; D. I. W. McLaughlin, $1.00; Clark Young, $1.00; Allan Cossaboom, $1.00.

The following contributions are from the keeper and family of Machias, Seal Island, fog alarm station:

W. L. Harvey, $5.00; Mrs. W. L. Harvey, $1.00; Elsie M. Harvey, $1.00; Samuel Harvey, $1.00; Louise H. Harvey, $1.00; Laurier Harvey, $1.00.

Campbellton to Organize

Campbellton, N. B., Oct. 2—An enthusiastic patriotic meeting was held this evening in the council chamber of the town. Mayor A. A. Andrews was called to the chair and stirring addresses were given by a number of the citizens including Judge McLatchy, D. A. Stewart, Rev. J. E. Purdy, Charles Squires and J. H. Jenner, Capt. A. T. LeBlanc, Mayor Montgomery of Dalhousie, and Councillor John Harquail.

It was unanimously decided to organize a patriotic society for the county of Restigouche in which every parish and town would be represented, for the purpose of raising a patriotic fund on behalf of the families of the men of the county who have gone to the front.

Judge McLatchy was elected president, John T. Reed, secretary; and Justice F. F. Mathewson, treasurer. The following were elected vice-presidents: John Harquill, Mayor Montgomery, Evan Robertson, Harry Gillis, A. C. Laveque, Ned Banoir, John McLain and John Lawler, Jr. Twenty additional names were added to complete the executive and form two committees of six each for finance and relief. Daniel Richard, W. F. Napier, W. H. Miller, A. E. LeGallais, George St. Onge, F. E. Blackhall, Mrs. A. A. Andrews, Mrs. Ernest Hazelton, Mrs. M. P. Moores, A. T. LeBlanc, Dr. A. Martin, and John McLean. The committees together with the officers were called together for a meeting on Saturday evening in the town hall. The meeting was full of old-time enthusiasm and it is expected things will be made to move with a hum.

Newcastle to Start a Patriotic Fund

Newcastle, Oct. 2—A public meeting was held last night to organize a local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Mayor Morrissy presided and explained the purpose and constitution of the society.

Mayor Morrissy explained that a soldier's wife with three children would receive $45 a month, $20 from the government and $25 from the fund. An English reservist's family would receive $17.10 from British government and $27.90 from local funds.

One woman of Newcastle, whose husband had gone to the front, had been already helped from the general relief fund lately raised. Those suffering indirectly from the war, as by loss of employment, high prices, etc, could not draw from the C. P. F. There would have to be another fund for them. Such fund was already started here.

The meeting adjourned till Friday evening, Oct. 9, at 8 o'clock, in Town Hall, for election of officers and futher organization.

Nova Scotia County Votes $1,500

Digby, Oct. 1—At a special meeting of the council for the municipality of Clare, it was decided to contribute the sum of $1,500 to the patriotic fund and to assess the same on the municipality.

40,000 FIRE IN CENTREVILLE

Fire caused serious loss in the village of Centreville, Carleton county, on Wednesday evening. It broke out in a dwelling house owned by Rev. George Beckwith, and occupied by men working on the Valley Railway, and soon spread to another house owned and occupied by Mr. Beckwith himself. Burtt's hotel, a good-sized building, was soon in flames, also the hardware store, warehouse and blacksmith shop of Delong & Clark, all of which were completely destroyed, with the greater part of the contents. The Bank of Nova Scotia had a branch office in Messrs. Delong & Clark's building and, of course, was burned out. W. T. Baldwin is the manager.

It looked at one time as if the village might be destroyed, but by the good work of the firemen and the people generally the fire was confined to the houses mentioned.

The loss will be heavy; the estimate places it at $40,000, with considerable insurance.

"Burtt's Hotel is insured with the Sun Fire Insurance Company, represented by Frank Fairweather, St. John, for $2,800. The stock of C. L. White (damaged by removal, not by fire) is insured with the Phoenix-Hartford Fire Insurance Company, represented by Knowlton & Gilchrist, St. John, for $1,500. All the damage in this case will be very small and will be caused through the removal of the goods. George Beckwith is insured with the British Colonial for $650 and with the London Mutual for $1,000.

DeLong & Clark are insured in the Dominion Fire Insurance Company for $1,000. These companies are represented by J. M. Queen & Company, of St. John.

TWENTY YEARS IN DORCHESTER

Twenty years in Dorchester penitentiary is the price which John H. Braman must pay for the shooting of Policeman Frank E. O'Leary, for which he was recently convicted on a charge of manslaughter. In addition he is yet to be sentenced for robbery charges for which his accomplice is now serving a term of seven years in Dorchester. It is possible, however, that the sentences may run concurrently.

John H. Braman will enter Dorchester penitentiary some day early this week to begin his twenty years' sentence for the shooting of Policeman Frank E. O'Leary. In all probability he will leave on Tuesday.

$15,000 FIRE IN I. C. R. FREIGHT SHED, MONCTON

Moncton, Oct. 1—The I. C. R. freight shed here was badly damaged by fire which started about 6 o'clock this evening. The shed was badly gutted and freight damaged by fire and water, the loss being estimated at $15,000. The origin of the fire is mysterious, and it is understood the I. C. R. will hold an investigation.

Moncton, Oct. 1—Albert T. Weldon, for the past five years general passenger and freight agent of the Black Diamond Steamship Company at Montreal, has been appointed assistant general freight agent of the I. C. R., with headquarters here, and arrived today to take up his new duties. Mr. Weldon was formerly divisional freight agent of the I. C. R. at Halifax, also secretary of the Halifax Board of Trade. His appointment is a popular one.

ANDOVER AND PERTH RED CROSS BRANCH

Andover, N. B., Sept. 29—As a result of a letter received by James McPhail, of Perth, from Lady Tilley, a mass meeting of the ladies of Perth and Andover was held in the court house on Monday evening and a Red Cross branch organized. Mrs. McPhail was elected president, Miss Bessie Kilburn secretary, and Mrs. A. E. Kupkey treasurer. Mrs. Jas. Tibbitts was elected honorary president, and four vice-presidents were appointed, Mrs. G. B. Peat and Mrs. Perley for Andover; Mrs. Douglas Baird and Mrs. Hefferan for Perth.

The meetings are to be held once a week at the court house, the first meeting on Wednesday.

The building permits issued during September by James Carleton, building inspector, numbered seven and the total value of the new work was $10,450. In September, 1913, sixteen permits for work valued at $82,915 were issued. The total value of the permits issued from January 1, 1914, to September 30 is $444,900, as compared with $1,444,000 for the same period last year.

HAMPTON WILL ASSIST BELGIAN RELIEF WORK

Hampton, N. B., Oct. 1—(Special)—At a large and highly representative meeting of the residents of Hampton at the court house this evening, E. A. Schofield in the chair, and Frank S. Compton secretary, it was decided to assist the Belgian relief fund by money raised b ytwo concerts to be given on the afternoon and evening of Thanksgiving day, Oct. 12, and it was also decided to request the warden of the county to call a special session of the municipal council at an early date for the purpose of making a substantial grant to the patriotic fund and the Belgian relief fund, for which money and goods are urgently needed.

Committees were struck to carry out the plans suggested, who are to report at an adjourned meeting to be held at the same place on Saturday evening of this week, at 8 o'clock.

ELMER WARD, OF CHIPMAN, KILLED ON VALLEY ROAD

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 3 — Elmer Ward, of Chipman, aged twenty-five, a brakeman on the Valley Railway, was crushed between two cars at Barony last night. He was brought to the Victoria Hospital here, but died soon afterwards. The body was taken to Chipman this morning.

PORT ELGIN FAIR THE BEST YET

Sackville, N. B., Oct. 2—Perhaps the most successful fair in the history of the Westmorland & Botsford Agricultural Society was held at Port Elgin yesterday, fine weather adding much to its success. From all parts of the county people flocked to see the fine exhibits which were there in abundance. Expert judges were on hand and found considerable difficult in their work of allotting the prizes, as the competition was so keen. Great rivalry, although friendly, existed between the exhibitons, which went to show that the farmers of that vicinity are heartily in sympathy with their annual fair.

Yesterday's fair may be briefly described as excellent in all its departments, but special mention may be made of the live stock. One of the judges, speaking of the cattle, said that the stock on exhibition was the finest that he had seen at a local fair for some years. Horses, swine, sheep and poultry were all of a superior quality. Seth Jones, provincial government poultry expert, who judged the birds, paid a high tribute to some of the exhibits, referring especially to the White Wyandottes shown by John J. Sweeney, which, he said, could not be beaten anywhere.

The ladies had their usual excellent display of domestic manufacture and fancy work. The department attracted a great deal of attention and many complimentary references were made by judges and visitors to the feature of the fair.

HAMPTON GIVERS TO BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Thirteen packing cases of food and clothing were shipped on Saturday from Hampton to Nova Scotia to the Belgian relief committee, the following ladies and gentlemen contributing: Mrs. Hutchings, Mrs. A. Dickson, Mrs. Jane Smith, Miss Bailey, Miss McNaught, Mrs. James Snodgrass, Mrs. W. Gilliland, Mrs. J. C. Mortimer, Mrs. W. Robinson, Miss Minner Robertson, Mrs. R. G. Flewwelling, Mrs. A. H. Chipman, Misses Howard, Mrs. E. A. Schofield, Mrs. J. Roy Campbell, Miss Mary Adams, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Logan, Miss Wright, Mrs. E. Fowler, Mrs. A. W. Hicks, Miss J. Flemming, Miss Cochrane, Mrs. W. S. Morrison, Mrs. Mrs. J. Slipp, Mrs. S. H. Flewwelling, Miss Martha Calvin, Mrs. Harry Schofield, Miss Frances Fairweather, Miss Travis, Mrs. C. J. Mersereau, Miss Carrie Smith, Mrs. Lyson Barnes, Miss Lemuel McDonough, Mrs. Arthur Sharpe, Mrs. Fred. Sproule, Mrs. Joseph McManus, Miss Currie, Miss M. Otty, Mrs. Isaac Campbell, Mrs. J. E. Angevine, Mrs. E. H. Creed, Mrs. Coalis, Mrs. Florrie Smith, Mrs. O. N. Chipman, Mrs. Noble Beatty, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. N. M. Barnes, Mrs. J. Wm. Smith, Misses Duke, Mrs. R. H. Smith, Mrs. John Frost, Mrs. W. H. Fownes, Miss Millidge Walker, Mrs. John McAvity, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Trueman Alward, Mrs. S. Wm. Barnes, Mrs. J. J. Ryan, Mrs. John Vaughan, Mrs. George Langstroth, Mrs. Cecil March, Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. G. M. McCurdy, Mrs. F. M. Humphrey, Mrs. G. M. Wilson, Mrs. H. H. Scovil, Miss Elda Smith, Mrs. H. J. Fowler, Mrs. William Robinson, Miss Ritchie, G. & G. Flewwelling Manufacturing Co., R. H. Smith, Lewis French Mercantile Co., A. B. Smith's, J. Wm. Smith, Chief Justice McLeod, Dr. Waneford, Dr. Wetmore, Dr. Smith, Mr. Harry Cowan and Mr. Otty Barnes.

P. E. I. CAR FERRY

London, Oct. 4—Hon. George H. Perley and Mrs. Perley went to Newcastle-On-Tyne yesterday in order to attend the launching of the new Prince Edward Island ferry steamer on Monday. The steamer has been built by the Armstrong Whitworth Company in their Walker yards on the Tyne, and it will be christened by Mrs. Perley. Sir Percy Girouard, one of the directors of the company, will also be present at the launching.

HARD SLEDDING FOR BORDEN CLUB AS MACHINE COG

Since the R. L. Borden club, of this city became a cog in the Conservative machine, interest in the organization has dwindled to the vanishing point. Time was when the Borden club showed some independence but when several of its more public spirited members withdrew on being denied the right to express their disapproval of the course of the dominion government in the treatment of this port, it left a rather spiritless group of young men.

The annual meeting on Friday evening was well advertised but the attendance in Room 11, Ritchie Building was very small. At the close of the meeting not even the reporter for the Standard, nor any of its editors, were taken into confidence of "The Rump."

"Sometime I will give out the officers, not just know," said H. C. Mott, the secretary after the meeting.

After a hurried and widespread canvass Saturday morning the evening papers were furnished with a report of the meeting in which it was stated that the executive had been reduced from nineteen to fourteen. It is said that a very energetic effort had to be made to secure as many as fourteen names for the executive and that one or more of the seven who resigned as a protest against the club's policy was approached with a promise that "the club would do better." This proved a poor argument however and to fill the executive the names of such gay, young blades as Miles E. Agar, ex-commissioner and Thomas Kickham had to be used.

It is also announced that the rooms of the association will not be kept open this season and an interesting rumour says that the pool table, purchased in the palmy days of the association, has been sold at a sacrifice for $70 to liquidate some small debts and the running expenses of the club.

The officers' list as completed by Saturday morning's canvas follows;

Hon. President — Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden.

President—Charles Robinson.

First Vice-President — Frank R. Fairweather.

Second Vice - President — W. W. Donohue.

Third Vice - President — Charles Wannamaker.

Treasurer—F. T. Lewis.

Secretary—H. C. Mott.

Executive—Christopher Splane, Wm. A. Shaw, J. S. Tait, W. L. Brown, M. E. Agar, Thomas Kickham, Wm. Roxborough, W. H. Harrison.

BARN BURNED AND BRUSH BLAZING AT BLINDMAN'S LAKE

Monday, Oct. 5.

A fierce fire, the reflection of which could be seen from the city and for miles around in all directions, burst out last night about 8.30 o'clock on the proprety of Alexander Clark, on the Loch Lomond Road, near Blindman's Lake. It raged until midnight but owing to the fact that the telephone communication was interrupted by the fire no information could be learned regarding it after 10.15 o'clock.

A large barn filled with hay on the Clark property suddenly burst into flames, presumably from spontaneous combustion. It was a seething mass in a very few moments and the fields and brush around it soon caught fire. Inquiries were made from the city and points all around as to where the fire was, the conflagration was so great.

When the last information was got concerning the blaze farmers and farm hands from the places all along the road as far as Barker's and on as far as Silver Falls were rushing to the place to help in extinguishing it. The woods had caught fire, the barn had been totally destroyed and several houses, including that occupied by Alexander Clark and his family, were in grave danger.

PART OF VALLEY RAILWAY READY LAST OF MONTH

Fredericton, Oct. 2—The St. John & Quebec Railway Company have hoped to have the St. John Valley Railway from Gagetown to Centreville ready to be taken over by the I. C. R. on Oct. 15.

S. B. Wass, the chief engineer of the road, said this morning, however, that there was some doubt as to whether the road would be entirely ready for operation on that date, but that it would be before the last of the present month.

In the meantime arrangements are being made for the construction of the link in this city to connect the portions of the line north and south of Fredericton. It was said today, however, that nothing has as yet been arranged regarding the upper portion of the line, but the upper end will be constructed as a work of the Intercolonial Railway, the route being formally approved by the city council last evening.

BRITAIN WANTS TO BUY $500,000 AMERICAN SWEATERS

Philadelphia, Oct. 5—Agents of the British government it was reported here today, are securing bids from local knit goods manufacturers for 500,000 sweaters, similar to those recently furnished the United States army. Yarn dealers have been asked to quote figures for the necessary yarns.

With Canadian Force

Capt. C. Weldon McLean, son of Col. H. H. McLean, an officer of the regular British Army of India, who came home to England when war broke out, and has been loaned by the British war office to take a command in the Canadian Horse Artillery.

ALLIES BENDING GERMAN WING

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who are contiually flitting over the lines, despite numerous casualties, discovered the movements and brought up reinforcements to meet them.

As the Germans occupy the inside of the circle, they are able to reach an appointed spot with much shorter marches. It was this that enabled them to force the advanced guards of the allies to cede a small amount of ground until further assistance came.

At one point on the allies' front, a French regiment, after a three days' spell in the trenches, on being ordered to the rear for a rest, sent a petition through their colonel to the commander asking permission to remain until the German position facing them was taken.

Brilliant Feats of Allies.

This was granted and the men advanced, and although they met with such a terrific fire from the machine guns that an advance of 800 yards took eight hours, they captured the positions and a number of prisoners. They themselves suffered severely.

French cavalry executed a daring raid back of the German lines, where they blew up a railroad tunnel and escaped before their presence was discovered.

British lancers and French troopers performed a brilliant exploit at another point. Getting between the Imperial Guard and their artillery ammunition train, by a long dashing ride, they cut off the supplies, destroyed them, so that the Guards' big guns were rendered temporarily useless.

General Gean Rousseau, of the French cavalry, died today of wounds.

Audacious espionage carried on by the Germans has caused the staff of the allies to deal severely with all strangers found within the lines. When two curious Irishmen, who were arrested yesterday, had proved their identity to the satisfaction of the officers, they were asked to go to the headquarters building, where an automobile was drawn up with two officers, apparently French, occupying the front seat. Behind them were two supposed gendarmes, with a menacled civilian between them. The staff officer said:

"This is the reason for our severity. These five men are German officers, who were captured today near the firing lines."

American Arrested in Berlin.

Berlin, Oct. 5, via The Hague to London—Edward Page Gaston, an American, who recently distributed blankets, underwear and clothing to British prisoners of war, was arrested here yesterday when about to depart from the city. The charge against him was not made public. James W. Gerard, the American embassador, is endeavoring to secure the release of Mr. Gaston.

Edward Page Gaston is well known in the United States and Europe as a journalist and lecturer. His home is Harvey (Ill.)

GERMAN CRITIC SEEMS SATISFIED.

London, Oct. 5—A despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Amsterdam says:

"In a long and optimistic review of the situation in both the eastern and western theatres of the war the military correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, Major Moraht, though apparently not very well pleased with the scarcity of news from general headquarters, says that the German general staff has sufficient fresh troops at its disposal to oppose any French and British tactical attempts to outflank the German right wing, and to attack the German flank.

"It is Major Moraht's opinion that the long drawn outline of the allied forces will be the cause of their final defeat.

"Reviewing the situation in the Argonnes, the writer maintains that the fall of Verdun, despite the activity of the garrison of Toul, is approaching. Though the German offensive is hindered by the strong resistance of these fortresses, this resistance will at the same time weaken the French east army."

An egotist is a man who thinks if he hadn't been born people would have wanted to know why not.

SOME RITUAL IN NEW METHODIST HYMN BOOK

General Conference Hopes to Conclude its Labors Today.

Ottawa, Oct. 5—For the first time in the history of the Methodist church in Canada, some ritual will be embodied in the new hymn book for the church. The General Conference decided on this this afternoon. The ritual will include the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the questions and answers of the Reception Service, and the General Confession of the Service of the Lord's Supper.

Discussion on the report of the hymn book committee, of which Rev. Dr. S. P. Rose, Montreal, was chairman, and Dr. A. D. Watson, Toronto, was secretary, absorbed considerable time and was the feature of the business today.

The conference plans to conclude its business tomorrow and will sit until midnight if necessary.

ELOPED WITH AN INDIAN AND HER HUSBAND'S $1,000

Deserted Husband Caught Erring Wife, Forced Her to Sign Off Claim on $2,000 in Bank and Let Her Go.

Cornwall, Ont., Oct. 5—Mrs. William Holbeck, of Duquesne (Pa.), deserted her husband last July, running off with an Indian half-breed named Frank Good and $1,000 of Mr. Holbeck's savings. The loss of the money seemed to trouble the wronged husband almost as much as the elopement of his wife, after twenty-two years of married life, but there were still $2,000 in the bank in Duquesne, and this he proceeded to safeguard.

The thousand Mrs. Holbeck had made off with had been deposited in the bank in her name, as well as the remaining $2,000—such was the husband's confidence in the wife before the Indian lured her away. First Mr. Holbeck stopped payment of the $2,000. Then he began a search for the missing woman. She was discovered yesterday near Massena (N. Y.), across the river from Cornwall, driving with her half-breed lover, and compelled in the highway to sign off her claim to the remaining $2,000. She was then allowed to go her way in peace, while the husband returned to Duquesne.

PRINCE OF WALES FUND REACHES $15,000,000

London, Oct. 5—The Prince of Wales Fund has reached $15,000,000, and the prince has issued a letter expressing his thanks for the generosity of the people.

"I trust," he says in the letter, "that the portion of the fund which will be applied to the relief of civil distress may, as far as possible, flow into productive channels, such as assisting schemes for male and female employment, and perhaps industrial training, for it is repugnant to me, as it must be to the recipients, that assistance should be distributed only in the form of doles."

GRAVES OF BRAVE ON PLAINS OF NORTHERN FRANCE

Grim Scenes in Wake of Armies as Great Battle Goes On

ONE GREAT CEMETERY

Corps of Old Men Engaged in Gruesome Task of Burying Bodies, While Women Follow and Plant Willow Crosses for Officers—How Gravedigger Slew Uhlan—An Unnatural Bonfire of Burning Bodies

(News of the World, Sept. 26).

Over the fair fields of France where lately the Germans marched and still more lately retreated, grim scenes are now being enacted from day to day. Thousands and thousands of bodies await the last services of the living, and these are now being given them as rapidly as an army corps of grave diggers can fulfil the duty.

Day after day and night after night this army of old men apply themselves to their dreadful task. Their women follow behind bearing little bundles of peeled willow wands and strands of wire. They cut a few inches from each wand and bind it on crosswise with the wire. And whenever an officer is found cold and stiff amid the huddle of the dead a cross of willow wand is planted over his grave. Hour after hour, night after night, the corps of the sextons with the women ply their harrowing trade, weary and wan, marking cemetery after cemetery. . . .

Their bundles of sticks diminish as this acreage of the dead swells. One cannot call it God's acre; it is the Devil's! The dismal night glooms on, the tallow candles in the horn lanterns flicker feebly—flicker and go out. The dawn stalks up out of the east, not softly, as these September dawns should arrive to set the fairies dancing back across the glades to their daytime hiding places—not softly but with a jagged frown wrinkling heaven's brow, and the thud of guns far away marking the passage of the hours. Then come the piled rain-clouds careering overhead at the command of a relentless southwest wind. Heaven above is sobbing, sobbing. . . Now she is pouring her tears in drenching streams over the graves. The shallow trenches, packed with dead men, become quagmires, and down every little hill the water streams and bubbles. It is brown water, tinged with streaks of red.

Blood and Tears.

The British and the French are laid to rest side by side, brothers-in-arms in a common grave. On the grave of officers, as just indicated, is placed a cross, and perhaps a wreath. The bodies of the Germans are treated differently. They are collected in huge piles, and with straw and petrol are put to the flames. Some of these gravediggers have strange stories to tell. One of these men, who had followed the line of battle for thirteen miles, from his own village, Rouville, near Levignen, helping to bury the French and British dead, and helping to burn the German corpses, related his experiences to the Daily Chronicle correspondent.

His work is not nearly done, for during the fighting in the region round the forest of Villers-Cotterets 3,000 German dead have been left upon the way, and 1,000 of our allied troops. Dig as hard as he can, the gravedigger has been unable to cover up all those brothers-in-arms who lie out in the wind and the rain.

"I walked among the fields," says the correspondent, "where they lie, and among their roughly-piled graves, and not far from the piles of the enemy's dead who are awaiting their funeral pyres. My guide grasped my arm and pointed to a little dip in the ground beyond the abandoned village of Levignen. 'See there,' he said, 'they take some time to burn.' He spoke in a matter-of-fact way, like a gardener pointing to a bonfire of autumn leaves.

An Unnatural Harvest.

But there, in line with his forefinger, rose a heavy rolling smoke, sluggish in the rain under a leaden sky, and I know that those leaves yonder had fallen from the great book of human life, and this bonfire was made from an unnatural harvesting. As my guide led me through a fringe of forest land he told me his own adventures, and heaped curses upon the enemy.

He had killed one of them with his own hand. As he was walking on the edge of a wood a solitary Uhlan came riding over the field, below the crest of a little hill. He was one of the outposts of the strong force in Crepy-en-Valois, and had lost his way to that town. He demanded guidance, and to point his remarks pricked his lance at the chest of the garde champetre. But the peasant had been a soldier, and he held a revolver in the side pocket of his jacket. He answered civilly, but shot through his pocket and killed the man at the end of the lance.

The Uhlan fell from his horse, and the peasant seized his lance and carbine as souvenirs of a happy moment. But the moment was brief. A second later and the peasant was sick with fear for what he had done. If it should be discovered that he, a civilian, had killed a German soldier, every living thing in his village would be put to the sword, and among those living things were his wife and little ones.

He dragged his trophies into the forest and lay in hiding there for two days until the enemy had passed. I saw the lance—it reached from the floor to the ceiling of his cottage—and for years to come in the village of Rouville it will be the centre piece of a thrilling tale. It was only one of many that I heard on this day's tramp towards the guns."

ITALIAN ROYAL FAMILY EXPECTS AN ADDITION.

Rome, via Paris, Oct .6—Official announcement is made here that the accouchement of Queen Helena is expected next January. The king and queen already have four children—three girls and a boy.