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MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH FLOURISHING

Their 64th Annual Meeting Was Held Last Night—Reports Presented and Officers Elected

The annual meeting of the Main Street Baptist Church was held in the vestry of the church last evening and was largely attended by the members. Rev. David Hutchinson, the pastor, presided.

The first business to be dealt with was the pastor's report. This was of a very satisfactory and encouraging nature. He spoke of the success that has attended his young men's Bible class and spoke special reference to his trip across the country to British Columbia. He made over 600 pastoral calls during the year and considered the spiritual state of the church encouraging. He intimated that very shortly he would commence a series of special meetings, to last for some weeks.

A. W. Gay, the church clerk, presented his report. During the year there were received by baptism, 37; by letter, 18; by experience, 2; total, 57. The losses by death were 4; by letter, 15; total, 19. Net increase, 38. The membership is 606, made up of active, 452; non-residents, 157.

The treasurer's report presented by W. H. White was a lengthy statement, dealing fully with the financial standing of the church. The total receipts, exclusive of new rents, were \$4,529.61; the expenditures, \$4,492.12, with all bills for current expenses up to the end of the year paid.

The trustees' report was presented by R. C. Elkin, chairman, and Peter McIntyre, treasurer. They reported all the property belonging to the church to be in a good state of repair. The receipts from pew rents, including the balance on hand from 1905, amounted to \$1,600.55, and the disbursements to \$697.52. They intimated in their report that they were willing to meet with the officers of the Sunday school and consider some plans for enlarging the Sunday school building. The Sunday school has grown to such an extent that more room is needed for the successful carrying on of the work.

W. J. McAlary, presented a very satisfactory report of the membership and conduct of the Sunday school. The officers for this year are: H. V. Hayes, superintendent; Allan Niles, first assistant; W. W. Chase, second assistant; Estelle Hayes, secretary; John R. Cowan, treasurer; W. A. T. Thorne, librarian; Ella McAlary, superintendent primary department; Mrs. W. H. White, superintendent grade school department; Mrs. D. Hutchinson, first vice-president; Mrs. H. H. Roach, second vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Thorne, treasurer.

The prospects of this society during the present year are very bright. The receipts for missions during the year were \$61.10. The president for 1907 is R. W. Thorne. Mrs. F. E. Marven, secretary, and Mrs. M. E. Scott, treasurer, reported for the Ladies' Missionary Aid Society. This society had a banner year. It held some very pleasant and helpful meetings. They raised for missions \$158.60. The officers for 1907 are Mrs. R. C. Elkin, president; Mrs. D. Hutchinson, first vice-president; Mrs. H. H. Roach, second vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Thorne, treasurer.

The report of the ushers was presented by the chairman, W. G. Estabrooks.

The report of the poor committee was presented by the deacon, L. H. Thorne.

Mrs. H. H. Roach, leader of the Mission Band, reported a membership of 52. The money raised by this band amounted to \$46. The band has agreed to support and educate four children on the Baptist mission field in India.

W. H. White, chairman, reported for the music committee and A. W. Gay, for the finance committee.

The following officers were elected for the current year: A. W. Gay, church clerk; W. H. White, treasurer; Wm. Heathfield, financial secretary; W. G. Estabrooks, convener of ushers; H. H. Dunham was re-elected as a deacon for a period of three years and John R. Cowan in place of Deacon A. L. Dykeman, resigned.

The following were added to the finance committee: Allison Niles, Robert Thorne, A. H. Case, Allan A. McIntyre and Myles Morrell. The music committee of last year was re-elected. E. M. Sippell was elected as convener of the benevolent committee.

The Junior Aid Society, a new organization, under the leadership of Mrs. E. M. Sippell, although in existence for only a short time, has done some excellent work and gives promise of being a very valuable acquisition to the missionary societies of this church.

FISHERMEN WERE RESCUED

RIGA, Russia, Jan. 29.—Fourteen fishermen drifted out into the Gulf of Riga on an ice floe today. They were fishing, when the ice broke and they suddenly found themselves being blown out to sea by a strong wind. Steamers went out in search of the fishermen, and at a late hour this evening they were found and brought back here.

THISTLE CURLING CLUB MADE MERRY LAST NIGHT IN HONOR OF THEIR VICTORIOUS RINKS

At what the members call the heartiest and most enthusiastic gathering ever held by the Thistle Curling Club of St. John, the two victorious Montreal rinks were formally received and thanked by the stay-at-home members. The ceremony included a banquet, formal presentation of the cup to the club by Skip Shaw, and a long and varied musical programme.

city were shown the visitors, Jimmy Mitchell especially distinguishing himself with regard to this. Mr. Lyall also made himself prominent in welcoming the St. John men. For the congratulatory telegrams sent by both Thistles and St. Andrews Mr. Chesley expressed thanks. The men from the east stood together behind the Thistles in the final, Frederickton, to victory in the granite competition at the grand bonspiel at Montreal. As each day's play brought fresh triumphs to you, we felt that you were indeed worthy representatives of our club, and as rink after rink of curlers of continental reputation went down to defeat before your canny draws, twinks and outwicks, the proud motto of the Thistles: "We

WINNERS OF THE DOUBLE RINK GRANITE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA AND THEIR TROPHY



Top row, reading from left to right: F. Watson, W. A. Shaw, J. C. Chesley, R. S. Orchard. Second row, reading from left to right: Skip J. Fred Shaw, F. F. Burpee, Skip John S. Malcolm. In front: James Mitchell.

At about 8.30 last evening the club members and invited guests took their seats at the banquet spread in the large room over the club rooms. After Chaplain Rev. Dr. Raymond had pronounced a blessing, all fell to with a will. The guests of the evening, the two victorious rinks, occupied seats near the head of the table and the most prominent place upon the festive board was given the trophy, the emblem of the double rink granite curling championship of Eastern America. This trophy is a silver loving cup, gold lined. Together with its ebony base it stands some sixteen inches high. Upon it is the following inscription:

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After sufficient time had been devoted to the good things provided, the banquet was made to the rooms below. Here it may be mentioned that to the following ladies the success of the banquet is due in a large measure: Mrs. A. B. Holly, Mrs. F. D. Miles, Miss Robertson, Mrs. C. J. Milligan, Mrs. W. A. Sharpe, the Misses McLaren, Miss Gertrude Campbell, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair and Mrs. J. Lemieux.

C. J. Milligan took the chair at the meeting of the club. He opened the proceedings with a few remarks relative to the purpose for which the members were present and proposed three cheers for the victorious eight. They were given with a will, also a tiger and another.

CUP PRESENTED TO CLUB.

Mr. Chesley replied. He thanked his fellow club-members for the reception tendered at the railway station and also for the banquet and good wishes expressed. Regarding the Montreal bonspiel he could not express his ideas more than to say that the Montrealers had treated the Thistles in the best way possible, on the ice and off. The points of interest about the

Historical Society.

At the annual meeting of the Historical Society, held last evening, the following officers were elected: Col. J. R. Armstrong, president; Rev. W. O. Raymond and Timothy O'Brien, vice-presidents; Clarence Ward, secretary; corresponding secretary, D. R. Jack; treasurer, H. H. Pickett; librarian, George A. Henderson; members of council, Rev. W. C. Gagnon, Mayor Sears, Dr. W. P. Doie and Jonas Howe.

It was decided to publish another volume of the collections of the society in time to be presented at the next session of the local legislature. The reports of the treasurer and secretary were presented and the former showed a balance of \$121 to the credit of the society.

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OPPOSITION WORRIED OVER VACANCY ON NOVA SCOTIA BENCH

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—Most of the time of the house this afternoon was taken up with a discussion of a vacancy on the supreme court bench of Nova Scotia.

R. L. Borden moved the adjournment for the purpose of bringing the matter up. Some time ago the Minister of Justice stated the vacancy was not delaying business. Mr. Borden did not agree with this. He read a letter dated January 23rd, from a member of the Nova Scotia bar, who stated that as one justice had given his time to chambers business, only four were left to sit in court.

A letter from another lawyer stated the business of the court was embarrassed by the vacancy, the absence of Mr. Justice Townsend on six months' leave, the fact that Judge Langley was on circuit and the Chief Justice in chambers.

Mr. Borden said that he had received a telegram this morning stating that injury was done the interests of parties having cases before the court by an adjournment for a week which had just been made.

In reply the Minister of Justice said it was significant that no complaint had been made to him but by the leader of the opposition. It was significant that the names of writers were not disclosed. The attorney general was not acquainted with Nova Scotia affairs, but said his information now, as six months ago, was that the cause of justice in Nova Scotia had not suffered through the delay. He said that it was not unusual in courts to have one or more judges absent for several months through illness.

ACCIDENT ON THE I.C.R. NEAR WINDSOR JUNCTION

HALIFAX, Jan. 29.—Running at the rate of fifty miles an hour, the Maritime express, due this evening, was wrecked the other side of Windsor Junction. With the exception of the engine, baggage car, and postal car, the whole train left the rails, and the second class car toppling over on its side.

There were quite a number of passengers on the train, and their escape from death or serious injury was miraculous. Several persons were bruised and cut, but none seriously injured. The rolling stock was badly damaged, the train torn up for a distance of fifty yards, and all traffic on the road was blocked for several hours.

The train was in charge of Conductor A. B. Vance, with Driver James Clark in the cab. The train was forty minutes late and was evidently making up time. The express was an hour late on leaving Moncton, but had made up some time on the run of Truro, and is reported to have gained 15 minutes more from Truro to the time that the accident took place. The accident occurred on what is known as an "S" curve.

The train rounded the first part of the curve all right, but in rounding the second part the engine, the baggage car and the mail car broke away from the rest of the train and ran ahead for a distance of about two hundred yards.

The second class car was the first to leave the rails and fall over on the side of the track. Four other cars followed, and they were piled crosswise on the tracks. The train was composed of an engine, baggage car, mail car, diner, sleeper, first class car, second class car and colonist car. There were three passengers in the second class car, two men, a little boy, and Conductor Vance, who was talking tickets.

When the crash came the conductor was thrown to the floor of the car, and when it turned over struck against the top of the car and was jammed there with his head dangerously near the chandelier.

The passengers were also hurled about, and one man wearing a fur coat fell on top of the conductor. The latter with great presence of mind called out "Turn off the lights" to the man who was on top of him, as he (Vance) was so jammed that he had not room to extricate himself. The gentleman with the fur coat blew out the gas. Vance realized that the result of this would probably mean asphyxiation, as there was very little air in the car, and with an extra effort he succeeded in extricating his left hand and turned off the gas, but in doing so he sprained and badly bruised his hand. All of the occupants got out of the car windows safely. All the passengers in the other cars escaped safely. Wrecking trains were sent out from Halifax and Truro.

The road will not be clear before tomorrow.

VALUABLE MACHINERY DESTROYED

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 29.—The machine shop at the dry dock, with its contents, was destroyed by fire to-night. The loss will be heavy, as the building contained much valuable machinery and a lot of tools.

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NEW LIBERAL LEADER FOR ONTARIO LAYS DOWN HIS POLICY

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—George P. Graham, new leader of the Ontario Liberals laid down the Liberal policy in a notable speech in the legislature today by saying: I do not want to have any mistake and for that reason I have enumerated the things that we stand for. We stand for a practical and aggressive forestry policy; now and for the future, for the abolition of contract labor at the central prison on any terms for fair play in legitimate investments but not one cent for watered stocks, for rational capitalization and limitations of powers of such corporations as Standard Oil and other companies that are endeavoring to take money out of Canada, absolute and unassailable titles by the government for free school books as a part of the equipment of public and separate schools, for cheap power for municipalities and the people, for economical management of provincial business notwithstanding buoyancy of revenue, for absolute control by municipalities of their own streets and every encouragement to ownership and operation of their own utilities, the management of public school system by head, experienced in and conversant with system.

Dr. Stockton said there would have been no complaint if the vacancy had been caused by illness. There could be no excuse for not filling the position through lack of suitable material. Mr. Bennett denounced the vacancy as a part of the Liberal political system in Nova Scotia. He said Mr. Fielding had to bribe a member with a judgeship in order to obtain a seat. Mr. Fielding—There is not the slightest foundation for what the honorable gentleman says. G. E. Foster spoke bitterly on the vacancy and the appointment the federal administration had made. He said Mr. Fielding in reply said that Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster had carefully prepared themselves and had not given the minister of justice notice that he might be ready with his facts in reply. Had notice been given the record would have been looked up and Mr. Foster would have been found as great an offender as those of whom he complained.

No one seriously charged there had been delay in consequence of the vacancy in the Nova Scotia bench. It was significant that no member for Nova Scotia had been asked to bring this matter up or had been communicated with in regard to it. Sir John Thompson had secured a seat by appointing a member to the bench, and according to Mr. Bennett that was bribery. Sir Hector Langevin had obtained the seat of Mr. McDougall in the House of Commons by appointing that gentleman to the senate. David McKee got a senatorship and Sir Charles Tupper a constitutionality. The motion to adjourn was lost and the house went into committee on the bill to control the exportation of electric power and gas.

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