statement of the book room, showing an improvement over last year.

Professor Watson, of Mount Allison, appealed for aid to wipe out the debt on the theological union. He was allowed to canvass the conference for membership fees.

Mission at Courtenay Bay.

Considerable discussion took place on the committee's report on the state of the work, submitted by Rev. H. C. Rice. The main features were as follows: That St. John city churches be authorized to organize a city mission board in accordance with the proposal of the St. John district; that it endorse the plan to purchase two lots of land at Courtenay Bay, one near the brickyard, the other near the centre of the proposed improvements.

The committee endorsed the recommendation of the St. John district regarding the forming of a conference evangelistic committee; this district being impressed with the need of deepening the spiritual life of the church, recommend that the conference choose an evangelistic committee of seven persons to study the spiritual condition of the circuits, with a view to their improvement. This committee shall obtain full information respecting the employment of a conference evangelist, the best means to make the conference gatherings more spiritually profitable; the advisability of adopting the organization known as the League of Worshipping Children, which has been so successful in England; the best means to bring a more helpful ministry to the children of the congregation either by simplification of the reception service or otherwise; the best means to secure an increased interest in the sacramental service.

In these matters the committee is to report to the next annual conference, but in all matters it shall have power to act during the interim of the conference in conformity with its constituted authority. The conference is to assume no financial liability.

The evangelistic committee will consist of Revs. G. F. Dawson, H. E. Thomas, J. M. Rice, Dr. W. Harrison, Prof. W. G. Watson and James Myles, Charles Sampson, laymen.

Rev. H. E. Thomas spoke in favor of evangelistic committees, which were a success in other parts of the world. Prominent laymen assured him they would finance the scheme outlined in the reports. No evangelist will be employed this year. The report on the state of work was adopted.

The investigating committee on the action of the conference special committee re sustentation fund grants, as complained of by Zion church, St. John, reported that this special committee was not acting within its jurisdiction in deciding that grants from the sustentation fund should not be made to certain circuits after this year.

Apart from the question of jurisdiction the action itself conflicts with the constitution of the sustentation fund.

The report was adopted.

The action of the stationing committee in constituting Oromocto a mission, was adopted by a two-thirds vote, after considerable discussion.

Rev. John Dystant, of Detroit (Mich.) superintendent of one of the state districts of the Methodist Episcopal church, and former member of the New Brunswick and P. E. Island conference, gave an interesting address, comparing the work done there and here. In Detroit, special attention was given to evangelism. There they deal with such large questions as the conquest of the world. In this conference they pay more attention to minor matters and financial details.

Progress in St. John.

At tonight's meeting the Missionary Society report was submitted. Rev. Geo. Steele explained what had been done by the church in St. John district and its present needs. Already Portland church is looking for a site for development and expansion in the North End, and the Marsh Bridge Mission is being enlarged.

Mrs. Young, representative of the W. M. S., was then heard. She reviewed the progress and aims of the society. The circles and bands now number 5,617. The amount was $12,609, an increase of $1,-239. The work in China and Japan must be extended, but Canada must not be overlooked, where there are 65 missionaries out of 84. The aim is to enlist all women i nthe church. This once done, the dance and whist club would cease to allure. A resolution of appreciation of the W. M. S. work was passed.

Rev. George Steele reported for the supernumerary special endowment fund. The work is not yet complete. The amount desired is $20,000, and there is promised $19,700, and collected $13,000. Within the next few years the funds will be better off by $25,000.

Rev. Dr. Norton, of the Nova Scotia conference, treasurer of the fund, addressed the conference. He said it was the ambition of the committee to pay claims in full in half yearly payments. The Nova Scotia conference is stirred by the liberality of New Brunswick and will do its share towards the endowment fund. This year they will be able to pay only 85 per cent of the claims.

Laymen's Missionary Association.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 13—The Laymen's Missionary Association in connection with the New Brunswick and P. E. Island Methodist Conference met yesterday with Dr. J. M. Palmer, of Sackville, presiding. There were thirty present. A letter was read from Rev. J. H. Arnup of Toronto, secretary of the laymen's movement of Canada, enclosing a resolution setting out that the time has arrived for a definite and permanent plan of appointment to membership in the dominion committee of the Methodist laymen's missionary movement, so that the Methodist church may secure the best possible results from the work of the movement.

To this end it would recommend that the dominion committee be hereafter composed of officers of the missionary society, of members elected by the laymen's associations of the various annual conferences, one from each and such other laymen not exceeding twenty as the general board may nominate.

The resolution was passed unanimously. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. M. Palmer, of Sackville; vice-president, J. M. Lamont, of Fredericton; secy-treasurer R. D. Smith of St. John; executive, E. R. Machum and W. Hawker of St. John and C. A. Sampson of Fredericton.

A letter of condolence to Dr. J. R. Inch was passed.

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FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

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health. They will remain in Nova Scotia for the summer months.

Dr. Walter Purdy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Purdy, returned home from Montreal on Monday. Dr. Purdy is receiving the congratulations of his friends upon capturing the gold medal at McGill University this year.

The marriage of Miss Effa Almira Embree, daughter of Mrs. H. B. Embree, of this town, to Mr. Bertram E. McIsor, of River Hebert, will take place on Wednesday, June 18, at the home of the bride's mother, Lower Victoria street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Crabb and their niece, Miss Philips, of Charlottetown (P. E. I.), are guests of the St. Regis Hotel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Purdy, who have been spending the past two week's with Mr. Purdy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Purdy, left for their future home in Toronto, on Saturday.

Miss Anna Bigney arrived home from Vancouver on Friday last, called here by the very critical condition of her father, Mr. Albert Bigney. Mr. Bigney's condition remains about the same, and very grave concern is felt by his many friends and relatives.

Miss Vessie Siddall, who has been spending the winter in Ottawa, returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. J. Mariner MacLeod, of Bridgeport (Conn.), who came to Mount Allison to attend the closing exercises and who has been spending a few days in Amherst with her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. R. MacLeod, left for her home on Saturday.

Miss Kathleen O'Hearn is spending a few weeks with relatives in Dorchester and Moncton.

Miss Helen Fuller has returned from Ottawa, where she has been spending the past six months with her brother, Dr. Edward Fuller and Mrs. Fuller.

Dr. MacDougall has returned from a brief visit to Halifax.

Mr. Henry E. Allsby, graduate of Acadia University, 1913, is spending two weeks in Amherst, studying with Mr. Bradford preparatory to taking up the secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. at Truro. Mr. C. J. Riley, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Charlottetown (P. E. I.), is also spending a few days here looking into the community work programme.

Mr. A. D. Munro, of Montreal, is acting manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, during the absence of Mr. D. R. Laird from town.

Miss Amy I. Black, who is a nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, returned home last week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Hiram Black.

Mrs. B. A. Lovitt, of Yarmouth, is visiting her son, Mr. Lovitt, accountant of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and is a guest of Hotel St. Regis.

Mr. Ross Eaton, B. A., the new assistant pastor of the First Baptist church, arrived here on Saturday and entered upon his duties on Sunday.

Rev. Hamilton Wigle and Mrs. Wigle, Miss Alice Smith and her neice, Miss Fullerton, of Parrsboro, left yesterday to attend the World's Sunday School Convention which meets in Geneva, Switzerland. They will spend two months abroad.

Miss Muir, of Shelburne, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lyman Moffatt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cook announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Mr. Roy Isnor, of Halifax. The marriage will take place June 18.

Miss Blair Bent entertained at a very pleasant tea on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Bent was assisted in serving by her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Embree. Mrs. J. B. Lusby assisted in the drawing room and Misses Bessie Bent, May Purdy and Pearl Wigle in the dinig room.

Miss Alice Downey was given a very delightful surprise on Wednesday evening last, when on being invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Silliker, she was sshowered by heaps of lovely gifts in linen, silver and china and cut glass, by about fifty of her girl friends. The house was profusely decorated with apple blossoms, a wedding bell being placed in the centre of the drawing room under which the pretty little bride-elect was placed in the chair of honor while her friends extended to her every good wish for future happiness.

Miss Downey is one of our most popular young ladies and her departure from town is sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends. She left on Saturday for Winnipeg, where she will be married to Mr. Carl Logan and will then go on to Moose Jaw, where she will in future reside.

PARRSBORO

Parrsboro, June 12—Prof. and Mrs. Brunton, of Sackville, have taken one of Mrs. Arthur Tucker's cottages at Riverside Beach for the summer.

Mrs. F. L. Jenks, of Amherst, is visiting her son, Mrs. F. Lawson Jenks.

Miss Alice Smith and Miss Emma Fullerton left on Tuesday for a three-months' trip to Europe.

Mrs. J. A. Price, of Boston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dyas.

Miss Minnie Yorke, of Hortonville, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Howard. While getting on the train at Kentville on Saturday, Miss Yorke had the misfortune to fall and break her arm.

Miss Kathlene Copp went to Windsor yesterday to attend the closing at Edgehill.

Miss Edna McLeod returned from Regina on Monday where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. A. Corbett. She was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. McLeod.

Rev. W. J. Mihan, of Amherst, was the guest of Rev. W. B. Hamilton on Wednesday.

Mr. Aubrey Pugsley arrived home from Sackville last week, where he has been a student at Mt. Allison Academy, to spend his vaction with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Newton Pugsley.

Mrs. J. S. Henderson is visiting her sister, Miss C. R. Smith, in Amherst.

Mr. C. W. Eldergin and family are occupying Mrs. D. S. Howard's residence for the summer months.

Prof. and Mrs. Blair, of Kentville, spent Sunday in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Spicer.

Mr. W. R. Huntley was on a business trip to Halifax last week.

Mr. Lawrence Ormond is reading law in the office of Varley B. Fullerton.

Miss Winonah Durant, who is training for the nursing profession at Brockton (Mass.), is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Durant, at Riverside.

Mrs. William Ryan has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. James Brady at Woodside.

Miss McIntosh is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Dickinson.

Mrs. W. J. Mahoney, of Port Elgin, is visiting Mrs. A. W. Copp.

Mrs. Leo Gillespie is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, in Charlottetown.

Mrs. Tupper spent a few days with friends in Canning last week.

Mr. T. J. Gallagher spent the week-end with his family in town. He returned to Halifax on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Harvie are spending the week in Halifax.

Misses Lillian and Dorothy Dunham, of Canso, are guests of the Misses Elderkin.

Mrs. Holland, of Pugwash, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Warner.

Mr. James Murray, of Springhill, spent Tuesday in town with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wylie.

Mrs. R. W. Edwardes and daughter Kathleen, who have been visiting friends in Montreal for the past three months, returned on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, of Springhill, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Proctor, Sunday.

Mrs. James McCurdy and Mrs. Kelly, of Advocate, spent a couple of days in town this week with Mrs. T. J. Gallager.

Miss Doris Kanty, of St. John, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McNamara.

Miss Ada Minahan is visiting at her home in East Hansford.

Miss Sadie Hillgrove is visiting her sister, Mrs. V. P. McNamara, in Wolfville.

Mrs. J. H. Gillespie accompanied her father, Mr. Forbes, and sister, Mrs. Ketchison, who have been visiting her, to their home in Belleville (Ont.), the first of the week.

Miss Edna Thompson and Miss Bessie Proctor are spending a few days in Amherst.

Miss Kathlene Copp entertained very pleasantly at the tea hour on Thursday in honor of her guest, Miss Alice Stairs. Those present were Miss Stairs, Mrs. McCaul, Misses Warner, Aikman, Kathleen Elderkin, Forsythe, Lillian and Dorothy Dunham (Canso), Nellie and Anita Elderkin (Vancouver), Marguerite Elderkin (Weymouth), Alice Yorke, Jessie McDougall, Mary Woodworth and Bessie Kirkpatrick.

The home of Mrs. R. G. Lavers was the scene of an interesting event at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, when her third daughter, Olive (Birdie), became the bride of Mr. Morley Blenkhorn, of Canso. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Warner, in the presence of about thirty guests. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Lavers, was becomingly attired in a stylish costume of grey whipcord, and black hat with plumes. Mr. and Mrs. Blenkhorn left on the morning train for their home in Canso.

Mrs. Colpitts, of Winnipeg; Mrs. Geo. Landigar, of Apple River; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lavers, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith, of South Brook, and Mr. Newton Taylor, of Economy, were in town yesterday to attend the Blenkhorn-Lavers wedding.

Mr. James Eaton returned from a trip to Boston and New York on Tuesday.

Th death of Nellie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fader, occurred on Monday after a brief illness of congestion of the lungs. The deceased was twenty-one years of age. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family.

YARMOUTH

Yarmouth, N. S., June 12—Monday of this week, Yarmouth's Natal Day, was the occasion of many picnics and pleasure parties. Every available team and auto conveyed parties to the country, where the day was pleasantly spent. Several parties were entertained in some of our favorite resorts over Sunday and Monday. Among those spending the week-end at Lake Annis were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Vickery and sons and Miss Austen, of Dartmouth.

Capt. Bradford R. Hilton, who has been lying at the Yarmouth Hospital in a critical condition for a number of days, is now out of danger and is rapidly recovering.

B. B. Law, M. P., and Mrs. Law returned from Ottawa on Monday afternoon.

Dr. T. B. Flint, clerk of the house of commons, Ottawa, and Mrs. Flint will arrive home in a few days and will open their house on Argyle street for the summer months.

Mrs. R. W. E. Landry will be at home, on Prince street, on Monday and Tuesday, the 16th and 17th.

Keith F. Rogers, of this town, who recently completed his fourth year in medicine at McGill University, was successful in passing all his examinations in that year. He will arrive home about the first of July, after he has spent four weeks in the hospitals in Montreal.

Mrs. Henry Lewis and Mrs. Lewis Chipman are spending a ten days' outing at Lake Annis.

Mr. Lewis Chipman and Mr. R. W. E. Landry, barristers, of this town, were passengers to Boston last evening by steamer Prince Arthur. They will examine several witnesses before a commissioner, the evidence to be used in a breach of promise case here in the supreme court on June 24.

A local branch of the Loyal Orange Association of British America was instituted here on Thursday evening last. There are about forty charter members.

Mrs. Frank Caskill, of Hampton (N. B.), is visiting her father, Jacob Sweeney.

Mrs. Joseph S. Potts, jr., of Chicago, arrived here last Wednesday and will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stoneman.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, June 11—Rev. Thomas Pierce went to Charlottetown this week to attend the Methodist conference.

Mrs. Chesley D. Buck, who has been visiting her aunts, the Misses Jardine, Platt's Point, returned on Monday to her home in St. John.

Capt. W. E. Forbes went today to St. John to take part in the Maritime Rifle Association match, which is being held there this week.

Large catches of mackerel are being made this week. Between three and four thousand were brought in by Loggie's boats yesterday. The fish are unusually large.

Richibucto, June 12—Miss Margaret Murray, who has been visiting friends in St. John, has returned home.

Robert Beers left yesterday for Charlottetown to attend the Methodist conference, having been elected as a delegate at the district meeting last week.

Miss Oakes, of Summerside, has resigned her position as stenographer in R. O'Leary's office. Mr. Brentol, of Chatham, has been engaged as stenographer and assistant bookkeeper.

F. J. Robidoux, M. P., Dr. T. J. Bourque, M. P. P., Louis Comeau, St. John, and A. T. LeBlanc, proprietor of Hotel LeBlanc, recently spent a few days trout fishing at Portage River.

Mrs. James Haines, of Campbellton, returned home today after a short visit to friends in town.

Little Lillian and Mary Black, daughters of O. K. Black, are ill with the bad cold which is very prevalent. Little Mary is dangerously ill. Little Misses Maud and Janet, who took the cold earlier and were confined to bed for some time, have now recovered.

Mrs. James Thompson has recovered from her illness.

Mrs. Alexander Leggatt, of Pleasant Point, St. John, who has been making a lengthy visit to her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bell, returned home today.

William Laskey, of St. John, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haines.

Miss Sarah McDonald, graduate nurse, of Portland (Me.), is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald and child, of Portland (Me.), are visiting Mr. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick McDonald.

The three-masted schooner Howell J. Leeds, Captain Reiker, arrived this week from New York laden with hard coal for R. O'Leary.

The schooner Ruby arrived on Saturday from Loggieville, laden with salt for A. & R. Loggie.

Miss Mayme Havanagh, for several years day operator at the central telephone exchange, has accepted a telephone position at Chipman, Queens county. Miss Gerda McMinn is taking her place here for the present.

Miss Edith Fraser left this week for Berlin (N. H.)

A number of men on Tuesday succeeded in capturing a fawn which was landing at Loggie's wharf after a swim across the river. The animal was put in a stable at Hotel LeBlanc; but Bliss Stewart, one of its captors, later obtained permission from Chief Game Warden A. E. O'Leary to remove it to his own premises.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, June 12—Mrs. Reid, of St. John, is spending a few days here, guest of her son, J. Frank Reid.

Miss Pearl Babbitt, graduate nurse of Montreal General Hospital, came home on Saturday to spend the summer months.

Mrs. F. W. Barbour, of Fredericton, is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. R. Dunn.

David Lair, of Houlton (Me.), spent a few days of last week with his brother, James A. Lair.

REXTON

Rexton, N. B., June 18—Col. Sheridan, M. P. P., and Mrs. Sheridan, of Buctouche, have gone to Newton (Mass.) to attend the nurses' graduation exercises at the hospital there. Their daughter, Miss Emily, is a student at that institution and is among the graduates. They will remain in Boston two or three weeks and then visit New York and other American cities. Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan have their little daughter with them.

Rev. Mr. Hardy, wife and child have returned home from Toronto. D. A. McDonald returned home yesterday from the same place, where he was a delegate to the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Mrs. John Livingstone and children are visiting friends here.

W. A. Fraser went to Chatham Tuesday.

WELSFORD.

Welsford, June 12—James McKinney, with his nephew, Vernor, spent Sunday at Mr. McKinney's cottage here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corbett, who have ben residing at Gagetown for the past two years, arrived here yesterday to take up their residence.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson spent Sunday with Mrs. Thompson's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. John Riley.

Miss Law, of Gagetown, was the week end guest of the Misses Nason.

Alden Howe, who has been confined to his bed with tonsilitis, is now able to be around.

The many friends of Mrs. George Burton are sorry to hear that she is confined to her bed with measles, also her two sons, George and William.

Mrs. Fred. Stephens, of Westfield, with her two children, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Stephens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Soule.

George McKinney, Edward Armstrong and Wallace Nason have gone to Deer Lake on a fishing trip for a few days.

The Church of England Sewing Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. James Cochrane on Thursday of this week.

GREENWICH HILL

Greenwich Hill, June 11—Mrs. J. B. Wallace and daughter, Miss Musetta, of Boston, left for Fredericton today after spending a week with Mrs. Nettie Wallace.

Miss Stuart spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Wetmore, at Central Greenwich.

Miss Emma Schmidt, of Boston, will spend the summer with Mrs. S. Chisholm, Victoria wharf.

Captain H. L. MaKinney is spending the summer months at his cottage, the Beach House.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Day spent a few days in St. John last week.

Rev. Mr. Harvey, of Grand Manan, held service in the Baptist church here Monday evening.

Miss Annie Day is visiting friends in St. John and vicinity.

William Day has purchased a valuable Clyde mare from Mr. Barrow, of Nerepis.

W. Lee Nutter has been confined to the house for several weeks with a broken foot. The break is slowly mending.

BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B., June 12—Mr. and Mrs. S. Howard Cox returned last week from their bridal trip.

Miss Nelda Clifford is at home from Montreal to spend a vacation with her mother.

Dr. J. McNichol and Mrs. McNichol arrived this week from Vancouver (B. C.), and are receiving a warm welcome from their many Bathurst friends.

Miss B. Melvin left on Tuesday to spend a month with relatives in Vermont.

O. Turgeon, M. P. and Mrs. Turgeon have returned from Ottawa.

Rudolph Bishop, after an absence of several years, has returned from Singapore to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bishop.

The friends of A. Austin Daley regret to learn of his serious illness in a hospital in Montreal, and trust that his recovery may be rapid and complete.

Mrs. S. Howard Cox will receive her friends for the first time since her marriage, on Tuesday afternoon, from 4 till 6 o'clock.

PORT ELGIN

Port Elgin, June 12—News was received here on Wednesday evening of the death of Will Sainsbury, son of John Sainsbury, of this place, who was drowned off North Sydney. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

Mrs. Dixon Murray, who for a fortnight past has been the guest of Mrs. Mrs. William O. Murray, returned to home in Upper Dorchester on Saturday morning.

Miss May Trenholm arrived home on Saturday evening from Pawtucket (R. I.), to spend a fortnight with her mother, Mrs. Ann Trenholm.

Hugh Moore arrived home on Friday evening from Boston to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Moore.

Mrs. Blazedale and little daughter, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Moore.

M. G. Siddall went to Shediac in his auto on Wednesday returning home the same evening.

Geo. Somers, a recent graduate of Mt. Allison University, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church here on Sunday evening. A splendid sermon was enjoyed by all.

Miss A. A. Hanebry went to Melrose on Friday evening to visit friends there.

P. G. Mahoney and daughters passed through Port Elgin by auto on Friday.

The Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon in the Siddall block.

Mrs. P. S. Enman arrived home on Friday evening from visiting friends in Moncton and Salisbury.

GIRL FACES ORDEAL FOR MANY HOURS

Many Witnesses at Child Murder Trial Give Testimony at Three Sessions

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

One Man Helped Viola Reid Carry Suit Case in Which Still Living Babe Was Imprisoned if Charge and Doctor's Testimony True—Adjournment for Week.

Saturday, June 14.

The evidence for the prosecution in the case against Violet Reid, charged with the murder of her infant son, was continued all yesterday afternoon and until late last night, adjournment being taken until Friday next.

The facts of the case as brought out in yesterday's evidence go to show that the accused gave birth to a child in this city on March 23; that she left the Evangeline Home, where she was staying on April 16, with her baby, and a practically empty suit case; that she arrived at Fredericton Junction that evening with nothing but a very heavy suit case; that the dead body of an infant, identified by Miss Phoebe Cooke, of the Evangeline Home, as the one born to the prisoner, was found near Fredericton Junction, and that the accused returned to the home after the baby had been found and asked the matron to keep secret the nature of her illness when she was in the institution.

Court opened yesterday afternoon at 2.15 o'clock. P. A. Guthrie, for the defence, continued hi scross-examination of Dr. G. W. Bailey, who was the physician called when the body was found. He expressed his opinion that the child was not dead at all when it was thrown in the bushes where it was found, because it had grasped in its fist a growing weed, showing that it had moved its muscles after it had been placed there. He did not think that the cord around the neck was alone responsible for the death, but that the dampness, the atmosphere and the tightly bound wrappings also assisted in killing the infant. He refused to express an opinion as to the direct cause of the death.

Finding of Body.

Samuel Alexander, poor commissioner of Fredericton Junction, corroborated his son's evidence, given in the morning, as regards the description of the body when found.

It was his opinion that the child was not dead long before the body was found. When asked by Mr. Guthrie concerning the cord about the baby's neck, the witness said that it was not very tight.

One of the star witnesses of the investigation was David Duplissee, of Fredericton Junction.

"Do you remember anything unusual about April 28, the day the body was found?" asked Mr. Gerow.

"No," answered the witness, "but I do remember on April 16. About 7 o'clock on that evening I met the accused at Fredericton Junction. The Montreal train had just arrived from St. John, and I think she came from St. John. She was carrying a suit case, which appeared to be too heavy for her. I asked if I could assist her. She refused at first to let me carry the suit case, but later consented. I remember that it was unusually heavy. I walked with the girl from the station platform for about a quarter of a mile to a short cut that leads to her home. I left her here and gave her the suit case. In answer to quetsions put by the prosecution, the witness said that the place where the dead body was found is situated about 300 feet from the point where he left the prisoner. He remembered some warm days toward the latter part of April. A suit case was identified by him as the one which he had carried for the prisoner.

Met Girl Coming Back.

Samuel Burns, also of Fredericton Junction, testified. He well remembered the night of April 16. He had noticed Duplissee carrying the suit case on the road up from the station, and he was surprised a few minutes later to see the girl return in the direction of the station alone. The witness expressed his surprise, and the girl replied that she had expected to meet her father, but had been disappointed, and was going back to the station. He carried her suit case for her to the platform, and was surprised at its weight.

Miss Phoebe Cooke, nurse and assistant matron of the Evangeline Home was by far the most important witness in the case. The prisoner, she said, came to the home on February 19 and remained there. On March 23 she gave birth to a boy. About fourteen days after the baby was born the girl's brother arrived at the home late at night and took away some of the girl's clothing. On April 16, the girl herself left the institution taking with her the baby and a very light suit case. She said that she was going to the depot to hand the child over to her cousin.

On May 24, the accused returned to the home and gave the witness a blanket which had been loaned to her to keep the baby warm. In the meantime, the baby had been found at Fredericton Junction. On her return the Reid girl appeared agitated. She told the witness that a police official had asked her why she had been in the Evangeline Home. She asked the witness to keep secret the nature of her illness while she was in the institution. She asked many questions regarding what action the police would take in the matter because her cousin had taken her boy away to Michigan and she did not know his address. The witness advised the girl to make a clean breast of the affair.

Not Positive.

The witness identified the articles of clothing taken off the dead child as having come from the Evangeline Home. In cross-examining the witness Mr. Guthrie asked: "Knowing that the girl's life depends upon the outcome of this, will you positively swear that this napkin taken from the infant's head, came from the home?"

Witness answered "No."

Witness on further examination by Mr. Guthrie said the clothing produced resembled closely that made at the Evangeline Home. She declared her recognition of one particular garment on account of a peculiarity on the sleeves.

Under continued examination witness stated that she stayed at Fredericton Junction in the same room as accused, and stated that under the permission of Chief Rideout, of Moncton, she (witness) told the accused to make a clean breast of the whole thing. Witness also stated in reply to examination by Mr. Guthrie that she (witness) reported back the conversation to Chief Rideout.

Mr. Guthrie: "Are you prepared to swear before this girl who is accused of this terrible crime that the body found was positively that of the one born in the home?"

Witness: "No."

The case was remanded until Friday, June 20.

AGRICULTURE

Farmers Must Find Their Own Remedy for the "Thirty-five Cent" Dollar—Middleman Has Only Farm Products Left to Exploit—Consumer's Selfishness Has Somethingto Do With It.

The subject of markets is a very large one and perplexing because of its interacting influences. Very often after a labored discussion of the whole subject the writer finds that he has arrived nowhere or back at the beginning. The subject may be treated from the viewpoint of the producer, or the railroads, or the steamship lines or the commission men, or the retailers, or the consumers—each different from any yet somewhat dependent on the other.

A good deal has been said of late in the agricultural press concerning the 35-cent dollar. The meaning, of course, is quite clear. Produce that the farmer gets 35 cents for reaches the consumer at an advance in price of 65 cents, that is, sells for $1. Now it must be patent to all that if the article can be sold by the farmer for 35 cents, the consumer should get it for less than $1; and if worth $1 to the consumer the farmer should get more than 35 cents.

If one stops and considers what one actually pays for his dinner, and compares it with value the farmer receives for same, all arrive at the one conclusion—that something is wrong with our present system of marketing. Apples for which the farmer gets $1 per barrel retail at 25 to 40 cents per peck; hundreds of tons of cabbage were plowed down as fertilizer this spring, yet the consumer paid at the rate of $40 per ton; onions return the farmer 75 cents per 100 pounds, and cost the consumer five cents per pound. For such conditions there is no one person to blame, it is our faulty system of marketing.

Exploited to Limit.

The merchant is limited, to some extent anyway, in price and profit on his meat; the price of tea, spices and the various package goods are carefully regulated by the packer, so that the products of the farm and garden are about the only things left to exploit, and these have been exploited to the limit.

It is unfortunate that the cities' best friends should be thus treated. It is estimated that 90 per cent. of the farmers' gross sales are spent in his nearest city, while the merchant is obliged to send away to some distant market 75 per cent. of his sales for tea, sugar, spices, etc., for further supplies. This is only one other reason why the best of fellowship should exist between the city merchants and their country cousins.

The merchant—the despised middleman of the press—is not altogether to blame. It is not in every case that he gets rich. The expense of conducting his business has become very great, and is becoming greater. We do not know whether it is laziness, lassitude or a desire to become sports which has seized the people, but it is evident that service is demanded altogether out of proportion to the transaction. No man has a right to speak of the high cost of living, so long as he demands that a head of lettuce or bunch of radish should be delivered, or waste a half hour's time in inspecting same; or demand the luxury of rest rooms, elevators and the thousand and one other little attentions which increase the cost.

Must Cut the Cost.

On the whole the farmer cannot expect higher prices from the consumer than those now obtaining; nor can he, on the whole, expect much cheaper transportation by rail or water. The fact remains that the farmer is underpaid. For higher profits he must look to decreased cost of production of the unit, to decreased cost of reaching the railroad station or steamship landing, and to reduction of the present waste in marketing the produce. The application of scientific methods is helping to solve the first problem, the motor truck is helping the farmer in the second, while co-operative marketing would help in the third if given a chance.

We have no quarrel with the middleman. His work is important, and he has come to stay, but we can get along with less of them. Just in proportion as we are able to eliminate the unnecessary middlemen, just so far are we able to increase the price to the farmer and at the same time lower it to the consumer.

It is an interesting study to follow a ton of cabbage from the farm to the consumer. The transportation to the station, the freight, cartage, commission, as it passes through the hands of the wholesaler, the jobber, the retailer, all of which increase the buying price, so that the 35 cent dollar is not to be wondered at.

How to bring the producer and the consumer nearer to each other is the problem engaging much attention at present.

In Providence (R. I.) the farmers think they have solved the problem. They have purchased land and built their own market. Here they meet the consumers face to face and sell produce directly to them. Co-operative delivery to the market, selling in their own market, and enjoying the profits arising from the fruit of their labor, looks like an Utopian scheme, but why not?

Parcels Post Possibilities.

The parcels post is a factor which has in it many marketing possibilities. Many consumers have availed themselves of the opportunity of arranging with a farmer, and are having produce sent by post direct from the farm every day. True the postal authorities are the middlemen, but they are the only ones, and they are satisfied with a fair profit.

Lastly, farmers must not forget that dishonest packing is a factor in the marketing problem which they alone can solve. Every article should and must soon be exactly what it purports to be on top of the package, in the middle and at the bottom. We have known cases where large strawberries were placed on top of the box, small potatoes at the bottom of the barrel, and similar practices. These things are not only degrading to the farmer, but ruinous from the marketing standpoint. Soon, we hope, the farmers will set the quality, set the price and set the pace in the mercantile end of their business.

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NAVAL SHIPYARD AT CHARLOTTETOWN VERY UNLIKELY

Ottawa Report Not Confirmed —No Money Voted for Any Such Purpose.

Ottawa, June 15—There is no confirmation for the report sent out from Ottawa on Saturday to the effect that the government is about to establish a big shipyard at Charlottetown (P. E. I.), where small war vessels and government ships, generally, will be built in connection with a heralded policy for the revival of Canadian shipbuilding industry under the present administration.

There is no provision in the estimates for any such shipyard and the government as yet evolved no policy looking to the encouragement of shipbuilding in Canada. Premier Borden has no tangible substitute yet to offer for the Laurier naval policy in this regard.

The only plan now in view is to strengthen and develop the naval bases at Esquimalt and Halifax, involving new dockyards and future provision for ship repairing and shipbuilding plants. The details of his scheme have not yet been worked out, and no very large development in regard to governmental encouragement of shipbuilding in Canada may be expected for some considerable time to come.

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