

On the Road.

A RUN TO NEW BRUNSWICK.

An engagement to speak at the Maritime Union Christian Endeavor Convention at Sackville, afforded the opportunity, during the past month, to visit a few other points in the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference. The first Sunday in September was spent in the beautiful city of Fredericton, about eighty miles up the St. John river. The hospitality and heartiness of the New Brunswick people are well known, and I had the privilege of enjoying them to the fullest extent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lemont, whose acquaintance I had made four years before.

Fredericton is the capital of the Province, with a population of about 8,000. The Parliament Buildings, University, etc., add greatly to the interest of the place, while the giant trees which line the streets, and the cozy looking dwellings that are to be seen everywhere, give a comfortable appearance that causes the visitor to feel at home from the very first, and desire to stay awhile.

The first service on Sunday was at Marysville, a lumbering and manufacturing town about four miles from Fredericton. It is quite a surprise to find a church costing about \$50,000 in a place of 2,000 inhabitants, and a still greater astonishment to the visiting preacher to note that no collections are taken at any of the regular services. The explanation is found in the fact that the beautiful edifice is the gift of Mr. Gibson, who, to a very large extent, supports the cause. For many years Mr. Gibson the "lumber king" has controlled everything in and around Marysville, but his reign has been a beneficent one, and he is well liked by his employees and the people generally.

The church at Fredericton is a somewhat old fashioned wooden edifice, but spacious and comfortable. Its tall spire is surmounted by a large hand with finger pointing heaven-

ward. The superintendent of Mr. Martin Lemont. The most unique feature of the afternoon session of the school was the calling of the roll of teachers, before the devotional exercises commenced. Although it was the first Sunday after the holidays nearly every teacher was present to answer "here." Perhaps the most interesting department of the school is the Primary class, numbering about seventy bright little folks, with Mrs. Wm. Lemont as teacher.

She has a remarkable aptitude for arresting and holding the attention of the children and her ability to lead the singing is a great advantage. The primary department is really the most important part of the school, and should always have the best teacher that can be secured.

Down the St. John River by steamer was a delightful trip a description of which must be reserved to some future time.

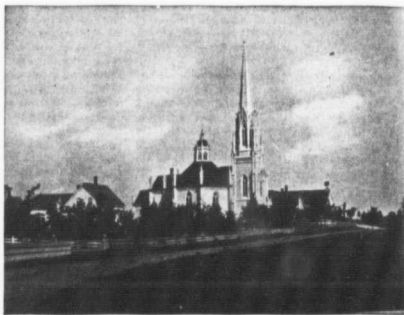
A couple of days were spent very pleasantly at Sackville, attending the Maritime Union Christian Endeavor Convention, and billeted in the hospitable home of Prof. W. W. Andrews. The University town is a splendid place for holding such a gathering. It is centrally located, and by using the Colleges, ample accommodation for delegates is provided. The Methodist Church, where the sessions were held, is a large and beautiful building which has recently been refitted and improved. It would scarcely be recognized by those who saw it three or four years ago. The picture shown in this issue gives a very good idea of the outside appearance but the interior is much prettier than the photo. The pastor, Rev. Howard Sprague, D.D., is generally recognized as one of the most eloquent preachers in the Maritime provinces. It is worth a great deal to the students of the various colleges to have the privilege of listening to a man of his calibre from Sunday to Sunday.

The addresses, papers, and discussions at the Convention were first class, special attention being given to the subject of Christian Citizenship, which was considered from various standpoints. Mr. Wm. Shaw, Treasurer of the United States of Christian Endeavor was present, and delivered several addresses which greatly pleased and profited those who heard them.

The moving spirit of the Convention was Professor W. W. Andrews, who did most of the work in preparing the programme, and also led the singing at the meetings. One whole forenoon was given up to the denominational rallies. The Methodists graciously surrendered their church to the Presbyterians and held their meeting in Beethoven Hall. Excellent papers were given on the four departments of our work, and considerable time taken up in considering the question of denominational organization. Some of the brethren were doubtful as to the wisdom of organizing the New Brunswick Conference for Epworth League work, fearing the multiplication of conventions. The general consensus of opinion, however, was that some form of denominational organization was absolutely necessary for the efficient carrying on of our own work, and that the convention could be held at the same time and place as the Christian Endeavor gathering.

Having a day to spare before going to Prince Edward Island, I visited the Nova Scotia Experimental farm at Nappan, which

is a most interesting place, and of great practical value to the farmers of the Province. Experiments in grains, fruits, vegetables, cattle, etc., are constantly being carried on, and the results given to the public in the annual reports. There is as much room for the exercise of intelligence in agriculture as in any other calling, and the farmer who desires to succeed will avail himself of every help. The creamery department of the



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Nappan farm is in the efficient hands of Mr. James Hopkins, formerly of Brownsville, Ont., who travels through the Province looking after this work. Under his direction wonderful improvement has taken place during the past seven years in the art of butter making throughout the maritime provinces.

The journey to Prince Edward Island involves a trip of about forty miles across the Straits of Northumberland. The steamer from Point du Chene is a large and luxurious one, and when the weather is propitious the trip is delightful. From Summerside to Charlottetown there runs a narrow gauge railway which seems to have been built on the zig-zag principle. The train rocks and rolls around curves and corners, and passengers who are unaccustomed to it, are fortunate if they reach their destination without developing a genuine case of "sea-sickness." "The Island," as its inhabitants are accustomed to speak of it, is about 100 miles long and forty wide. It is essentially an agricultural country, and a most beautiful one. The farmers here are almost all in a prosperous condition as the soil is fertile, and will grow almost anything that can be produced in a comparatively short summer.

Charlottetown is a pretty city of about ten thousand population, where the provincial buildings are established, for although Prince Edward is a small province it has all the paraphernalia of government, including lieutenant-governor, provincial parliament, etc. The people of "the Island" have a wide-spread reputation for hospitality, and as far as my personal experience goes I can readily account for it. It was my good fortune to be entertained by Lieut.-Col. Moore, who has charge of the militia for the province. His residence is about a mile from the city, and is located upon an arm of the sea which forms part of the harbor. A more beautiful sight than that which greets the eye from Colonel Moore's veranda could not possibly be imagined.

There are two Methodist churches in Charlottetown. Grace church is a plain frame building, holding about 500 people, with a prosperous cause under the direction of Rev. Mr. McConnell.

What is generally known as the "brick church," is a spacious edifice very much resembling the Centenary Church, Hamilton, and about the same size. Its congregation on Sunday evening was a magnificent and



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ward. The evening congregation filled the auditorium nicely. The work here ought to prosper, for the pastorate has been filled by the best men of the Conference, including in recent years such eloquent preachers as Dr. Brecken, J. J. Tessdale, and G. M. Campbell.

The Sunday School is a large one, under