

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The following was received too late for last issue:—

New Brunswick is in the throes of a provincial election. The date was precipitated by the resolution of the Monoton convention of the Liberal-Conservative party to run the next election on strictly party lines. To head off this move the government brought on the polling a year sooner than necessary. Hitherto the Provincial Cabinet has ignored Dominion politics, and has devoted itself with praiseworthy diligence to developing the agricultural resources of the country. Its policy has related merely to matters of provincial welfare. The attempt to turn it into an auxiliary of a Dominion party will be appreciated, as it deserves to be, next Saturday. The leading candidate on the government side for St. John is a loyal Conservative and an elder in St. Andrew's Church, Mr. George A. Robertson. His brilliant three years as Mayor, during which, mainly owing to his energetic and business-like management, St. John expended large sums on its harbor, and secured in return the winter port business, has made his election sure whatever side of politics he may espouse. He is one of the "coming men," and a worthy successor of the "Tilley and Burpees of the past. St. John has good reason to be proud of the business men whom it has sent into political life.

(The election returns have since come in, showing a great victory for the Government—40 to 4.—Editor.)

Rev. T. F. Fotheringham lectured last Friday evening to the Guild of St. Stephen's Church, St. John. Rev. D. J. Fraser, B.D., minister, lectured on "How to make our worship more worshipful." He urged a more reverential demeanor, and the use of a partial liturgy in which the congregation had an audible part. A draft outline of such a service was distributed and discussed.

It is the season of annual meetings. The congregation of New Mills, N.B., Rev. J. M. McLeod, minister, reports a sound financial state, the most notable advance on the past being the largely increased contributions to Foreign Missions. For this the ladies get due credit. A church that congratulates itself upon an advance in this respect is likely to show progress all round.

Rev. A. H. Campbell was inducted at Watford on the 23rd ult. He has occupied the field three years, two as catechist and one as ordained missionary. During that time three churches have been built, and the congregation has risen from the status of a mission field to that of an augmented congregation. There has also been a very large increase in the membership.

It is reported that the T. Eaton Company of Toronto are about to invade the Maritime Provinces, and that they will shortly open a branch departmental store at Truro. Some are loudly calling for legislation to shut them out. There ought to be "a more excellent way," of excluding them than this.

Rev. A. W. Mahon has been laid aside by the prevailing epidemic, and brethren are assisting him in pulpit supply. Rev. A. W. Lewis, B.D., of Waxeig, preached in Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, last Sabbath. Mrs. Mahon has the sympathy of all in the death of her father recently.

St. John's Church, Yarmouth, N.S., reported a balance on the right side. It was resolved to make a special effort to reduce the church debt. The minister, Rev. E. D. Millar, has been lecturing to the students of the Presbyterian College, Halifax.

Two ministers of St. John Presbytery have recently resigned. Rev. Thomas Millar, of Richmond, who has returned to Scotland in very poor health, and Rev. J. A. McLean, of Springfield.

Prof. Falconer preached in Sharon Church, Stellarton, last Sabbath, in connection with the canvas for the college building fund. The total amount subscribed now amounts to \$10,592.

The Durham, Pictou County, congregation, Rev. J. R. Coffin, minister, was so rejoiced to find itself out of debt that by a unanimous resolution it was decided to build a new organ.

Rev. J. Carruthers is lecturing on elocution to the students of the Conservatory of Music at New Glasgow.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. D. A. McLean, of Kemble, has been unanimously called to Knox Church, Tara.

The Rev. E. H. Savours has declined the call to Listowel, and his people rejoice that he has done so.

In the lecture room of the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church last night Rev. John Young gave a very interesting illustrated lecture on "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky." There was a large audience present. The lecture was in aid of the Christian Endeavor Society.

Rev. E. A. McKenzie, of Chesley, conducted anniversary services at Shallow Lake on Sunday.

Rev. John Davidson, of Dobbington, preached in Knox Church, Paisley, on Friday and Saturday last.

Mr. Fred Barron, B.A., of Knox College, son of Mr. J. L. Barron, preached at St. Andrew's Church, London, last Sunday.

On Sunday last Revs. A. H. Drumm, Port Elgin, and Rev. Wm. Mowat exchanged pulpits, the former taking anniversary services at Alford.

In the absence of the Rev. R. E. Knowles, the pulpit of Knox Church, Galt, last Sunday, was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Smith, for more than a quarter of a century the respected pastor of this large congregation.

Rev. E. W. Panton, M.A., of Stratford, has been speaking at Milverton on "Forestry," a subject in which he takes an intelligent interest, and one that should be well worth of more attention than he receives in this "Canada of ours."

Rev. Mr. MacPhail, of Tilbury, is recovering from the operation he underwent for appendicitis, and he will be able to return and resume his charge about March 1st. His place has been very acceptably filled by the Rev. J. R. Gilchrist, of Toronto.

At the recent anniversary services in Erskine Church, Hamilton, the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, in the course of his address, spoke in high terms of the pastor, Rev. J. G. Shearer, who, he said, "had not a lazy bone in his body." Mr. Shearer, it is certain, will not rust out. His people should not allow him to wear out before his term.

Woodstock Express: Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Kerand, and Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Chalmers, exchanged pulpits Sunday night. In the morning Dr. Mackay preached from the words, "Wilt thou be made whole?" The same congregation smiled as Rev. Dr. McMullen announced the same words as the subject of his discourse when he began his sermon at night.

An unusually large congregation attended the memorial service of the late Rev. James Pritchard, held in the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening. The Rev. H. Currie, B.A., of Theford, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon from Acts 9, 20, "He Preached Christ." The preacher's feeling reference to their late pastor's sterling worth visibly affected many of his hearers.

The building committee of St. James Church, London, comprising Dr. Thompson, T. A. Rowat, Neil McNeil, Ald. Douglas, Mr. Weir, Wm. Webster, James Gray, Rev. J. A. MacGillivray, G. McLean and Mr. Wallace, met recently. Mr. Neil McNeil was elected chairman, James Gray, secretary, and Wm. Webster, treasurer. Arrangements were made by which an effort will be made to sell the north mission property as soon as it is transferred by the people of St. Andrew's Church.

At the meeting of Guelph Presbytery two calls were presented, one from Eramosa, to the Rev. Mann, and the other from Alma and Cannon, to the Rev. Mr. McLennan. Both were unanimous and cordial. Mr. McLennan being present, the call was put into his hands, and he signified his acceptance of it. Arrangements were made for his induction in the church at Alma on 2nd of March. In the case of Eramosa, a letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Mann stating that the call, if unanimous, would be accepted by him, and arrangements were made for his induction at the church in Eramosa on 28th February.

Monday morning brought the news that the Rev. Alex. MacNabb, the active young minister of Newmarket congregation, had been suddenly called to his rest. Mr. MacNabb graduated with the Knox College class of '92, and accepted a charge at Meaford, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound. From this charge he was called to Newmarket, in the Presbytery of Toronto, and was settled there in February, 1897. He was quiet and unassuming in manner, but a devoted pastor and an earnest and vigorous preacher. He was in the prime of life, only forty-two years of age, and had won a very warm place in the affections of his people in Newmarket.

The musicale given by the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church, Woodstock, at the residence of R. R. Fulton, was a most successful and enjoyable affair. The programme was an interesting one, and was listened to with marked appreciation. Mrs. Orr, with harp accompaniment, the Misses King, Finkle, Fulton, and Smeel and Messrs. Sykes, McClellan, McLeod and King, contributed vocal numbers; Miss Claire Stewart gave a reading, Miss Sheddin a piano solo, and the Misses Hay and Holmes and Hay and Bush by piano duets. A specially attractive feature of the evening's entertainment was the Scotch stories of George Smith, told in a most inimitable manner. Several young ladies had charge of a candy table, which yielded splendid profits. Besides having had a very pleasant gathering, the ladies congratulated themselves on having netted thirty-four dollars for their church. Dr. McMullen occupied the chair, filling the duties in his usual happy manner.

The Rev. W. G. Jordan of Strathroy, gave a thoughtful address in Convocation Hall, Kingston, last Sunday afternoon, taking his text from Romans 1, 15: "To as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also."

The anniversary services of Southside Church, Toronto, were held on Sunday. The Rev. J. A. Macdonald preached at the forenoon service. The Rev. M. N. Bejune, in the afternoon to the children of the Sabbath school, and the Rev. Prof. MacLaren in the evening. The annual social was held on Thursday evening of this week.

Anniversary services were held in the Burns Church at South Delaware on Sunday. Rev. Robt. McIntyre preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. D. R. Drummond in the afternoon. The annual entertainment took place last night and was a great success, the proceeds amounting to \$110. Rev. Robt. McIntyre occupied the chair in his customary happy manner.

Rev. J. L. Robertson, of Merriton, whose church was totally annihilated by the cyclone which caused such extensive devastation at St. Catharines and Merriton last October, visited Acton this week, says the Free Press. He addressed Knox Church in a very interesting description of the cyclone on Tuesday evening, appealing for aid in the rebuilding of the church. A liberal response was made.

The reports presented at the eleventh annual meeting of the Waterloo Presbytery Church proved the work of the congregation to be in a very satisfactory condition. Ten had been added to the membership; four been removed by death. The report of Board of Management showed the total receipts to have been \$1,334.52, of which \$1,023.78 was raised for stipend and current expenses, \$109.16 by the Sabbath school, \$79.10 by the W.F.M.S., \$51.34 by the Ladies' Aid Society, \$20.50 by the Y.P.S.C.E., and \$79.80 by the congregation for missionary schemes. A floating debt of \$450 is to be wiped off at once, and the congregation, along with the pastor, Rev. J. McNeil, B.A., enter on another year quite encouraged in their work.

It was announced from the pulpit of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church on Sunday that Rev. D. C. Hossack, the pastor, intended at once to relinquish his charge of the church, and that he had forwarded his resignation to the Toronto Presbytery. Mr. Hossack will preach his farewell sermon to his congregation next Sunday. Mr. Hossack has suffered from illness for some time past, and his physicians has decided that he must stop preaching and take a long rest. His first charge was the Presbyterian church of Orangeville. In 1889 he accepted a call to Parkdale Presbyterian Church, and his ministry there has been most successful, the church having greatly increased in strength and usefulness under his charge. His resignation will be received with much regret both by the members of his congregation and by the Presbyterians of the city.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

The new church, North Portal, was opened on February 12, being the first Presbyterian church erected in this place. The event marks an important era in the history of the town. Dedication services were conducted by Rev. George Roddick, the evening service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Yule, the resident missionary. Both services were attended by large and appreciative audiences. The church is neat and commodious, and reflects much credit on this small but liberal and enterprising congregation. A very enjoyable social was held on Monday evening. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The popular American Customs' House officer, Mr. Jones, was called to the chair, and presided with much tact and humor. Short addresses were delivered by no less than five clergymen of the different denominations.

The new church at Carman was opened under most favorable circumstances on the 12th inst. The Rev. W. R. Ross, of Belmont, who had charge of the congregation in the early days, preached in the morning and Rev. R. G. McBeth, M.A., of Winnipeg, in the afternoon and evening. The Sunday collections and subscriptions amounted to \$450. In every way the social on Monday evening was an unqualified success. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Sutherland, made an excellent chairman. Mr. J. Murray reported statements showing that the cost of the new church was \$7,600. The Ladies' Aid Society has undertaken the seating of the church, which cost about \$600, and the carpeting and matting was in the hands of the Christian Endeavor Society. Addresses suitable to the occasion were delivered by Revs. Hartley, Henderson, McBeth and Ross. The speaking was varied by vocal and instrumental music of a high order. The receipts of the evening were \$201.50.

MARRIAGES.

By the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of Three Rivers, in Bethel Church, Grande Mere, on Feb. 17, 1899, Albert Gustave Hincky to Mary Balcer, both of Germany, but presently of Grande Mere, P. Que.