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Successful and Enthusiastic Gathering at Bear River, One Hundred and Twenty-five Delegates Present, Good Progress in Missionary and Temperance Work Reported.

The meeting of the Western Baptist Association at Bear River, June 15th to 23rd, was one of the most enthusiastic and successful in its history. About one hundred and twenty-five ministers and lay delegates were present. The beautiful shores of Bear River were wearing their most charming aspect, and a unanimous welcome was extended to the delegates by its hospitable people.

Rev. J. W. Bancroft, of Hill Grove, was called to the chair to conduct the opening exercises and was elected permanent moderator. Mr. Bancroft delivered an excellent sermon on Friday evening from the text, "I am the Light of the World." Rev. H. B. Smith was elected clerk; Rev. H. S. Bagnall was elected assistant clerk; Deacon Edward Clarke was elected treasurer. Quite an amount of general business was transacted. A comprehensive resume of the doings of the Association is given in the following press report from the Halifax Herald:

Bear River, June 21.—About 200 have been added by baptism, one new church has been organized, and one new church building has been dedicated. An extended and fruitful discussion was taken part in by most of the pastors present concerning the associational letters. Formerly each church sent a short letter which was read without abridgment. As this took up much time which was wanted by brethren who wished to deliver addresses on many subjects, a change was made, so that the digest of all these letters was presented in a very condensed form. The matter was finally settled by requesting all the churches to write letters, and that the clerk make the largest possible digest, so that all the facts may come before the association.

On the afternoon meeting Rev. J. W. Bancroft, who was to report on obituaries, reported that many had passed away during the year. The reports from district chairmen proved very interesting. Rev. A. S. Lewis reported from Annapolis. The system of these district congregations reaches every detail of the district, and the congregations, Rev. C. S. McLeod reported from Lunenburg county. About sixty had been added to the churches in this county during the last year.

The report on Sunday schools was presented by Rev. C. H. Haverstock of Nictaux. The report declared that at present the Sunday school more than at any time in the past, is a Bible school. The machinery appears to be of the very best character. But there appears to be a lack of spiritual strength among the workers. In the whole association there are 622 Sunday school members in 74 schools. It is hoped and expected that next year's report will show a very large increase in membership. It was felt that at least the number in the Sunday school should exceed the church membership. The report received a very earnest discussion. Many of the leading clergymen spoke strongly in favor of a Baptist Sunday school convention in this association. It is evident that the bond and muscle of this association is standing very firmly for old line Baptist doctrine.

Mr. Spurgeon, of St. John, was also called upon and made a few remarks. Saturday evening was devoted to temperance. The Baptists, in common with all religious bodies are taking special interest in this great question. The report was presented by Rev. S. W. Schurman, of Middleton. According to this report, prohibition sentiment is growing all through the great republic, to the south, but in Maritime Canada, this sentiment is less pronounced. The first speaker was Rev. W. H. Warren, of Bridgetown, lecturer of

the Grand Division Sons of Temperance. Mr. Warren took a hopeful view of the situation. This is true in a general sense. In Nova Scotia progress is being made in the right direction. The speaker made a strong plea for temperance societies, which were described as a great and growing influence for sobriety, and all that is desirable in public and private society.

The second speaker was Rev. C. S. MacLear, of New Germany. He thought that the present attitude of Nova Scotia of this question formed a critical period in the history of the province. The task of meeting this crisis, and securing a mighty victory over this great enemy is given especially to the Christian church. Again and again the church has given expression to the best kind of temperance sentiment. But, so far, it has done practically nothing. The time has come when she must act—she must fight and win, or go down herself in terrible destruction. The last speaker was Rev. S. Langille, of Hampton. Mr. Langille has been in the temperance fight for over forty years. He was formally known as the temperance building of Annapolis. He is a deeply enforced and properly trained. Judging by his address and his record, both titles describe the man. This practical temperance warrior is in favor of only the most extreme measures. He had no faith in either of the great political parties; but said that the only way to have properly enforced and properly trained temperance laws would be for Christian men to vote in accordance with their conscientious convictions.

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Monday forenoon was devoted to the temperance report, and the subject brought out one of the liveliest discussions that has ever occurred in a Baptist association. While the great dependence that a denomination places on the temperance cause, and among other favorable things in connection with their work is noticeable the thoroughly business-like manner in which they conduct their affairs. The session began with a warm social meeting. The regular meeting

Tuberculin Test for Cattle

London, June 21.—One of the best known cattle breeders in Buckinghamshire is Richard Vernon, of Hutton's, which lies on a beautiful hill overlooking the Thames, about half an hour's drive from Henley, which is famous as the great rowing centre. Mr. Vernon does not believe in the infallibility of the tuberculin test for cattle, though he says that in the majority of cases it is extremely useful.

"In my own opinion," he said to the Herald correspondent, "the tuberculin test turns out all right in about seventy-five per cent of the cases in which it is applied. I have known of many cases where animals have reacted to tests, but which when slaughtered have shown no traces of disease." "We have been very fortunate on this farm, never having had an animal react that for three or four years. One of the cows lived to be twelve years old and the issue of both were perfectly sound animals."

"Another thing which damages the value of the test—if an animal were far gone in consumption it would pass the test all right, whereas one could see by its eyes that it was unsound. Suppose a cow has caught a chill and, in consequence, her lungs are inflamed, if she were tested the chances are that she would react. Now, in a few days her lungs would heal, and she would be perfectly sound."

"I do believe that tuberculosis is more contagious than people generally suppose. If one has an animal which he thinks is affected it would be foolish to let it remain in a shed with others. In the open air it does not matter so much. I believe to a certain extent in the test, but must say it is not accurate. I could give many instances in which bulls that have reacted have afterwards been used in the herd. It is a question in my mind whether that ought to be done, but these bulls appear to have reacted successfully."

"Then another thing: a perfectly sound calf may be born of a tuberculous cow. If it is taken from its mother, and she is not allowed to suckle it, the chances are it will turn out a perfectly healthy animal." "Some time ago a man came to me wishing to buy a heifer to go to South Africa. When the veterinary surgeon came to make the tuberculin test I found that the animal was suffering from slight fever, that its temperature was 104. I knew that if it were tuberculous, and I felt sure that the animal was only suffering from a slight ailment. The veterinary surgeon, at my request, put off the test until the next morning, when the heifer's temperature was normal, 102, and, as I expected, the animal did not respond to the test and was declared to be all right."

"Another thing: the temperature of animals goes up on warm days. It also rises when the animal is in season. I would not consider a test made under these conditions as absolutely satisfactory. It is perfectly true that you may get sound animals that will react, and, on the other hand, unsound ones that will not react."

Farmers' Picnic at Truro

FARMERS' DEMONSTRATION FAVORED BY FINE WEATHER AND PATRONIZED BY GREAT CROWDS. SPLENDID PARADE OF LIVE STOCK.

Truro, June 28.—The picnic under the auspices of the Pictou Farmers' Association, which came off here yesterday, was a most successful affair. The attendance at the Agricultural college grounds was not less than 3,000 persons. Fifteen cars bringing people from Pictou were pulled into the Truro station, and from Kings county thirteen cars arrived over the D. A. R. The catering for this numerous throng was no light task, but it was satisfactorily attended to by the ladies of the Catholic church.

Principal Cumming, of the Agricultural college, occupied the chair, and speeches were made by Governor Fraser and Dr. Standish, V. S., of Walkerton, Ont., and S. A. Logan, superintendent, Truro.

One of the chief features of the day's outing was the show of live stock, which came out in good shape. The parade in the ring on the lawn was headed by the Clydesdale stallion Mantion, four years old, brought from Scotland last year, and followed by five Holsteins, led by a bull belonging to Logan Brothers, of Amherst Point, champion at Toronto, last year.

The Hackney stallion, Clive Rosendor of Ayrshire, and the Thoroughbred stallion, Lucifer II, Carriage gelding, sired by a Hackney stallion.

Herd of Shorthorns, headed by Lord Maitland, and a herd of Friesians, headed by Lord Maitland, were also present. A herd of five Clydesdale mares with foals beside them. Herd of Hereford cows. Hackney mare and foal.

Rifle Association Notes

County Rifle Match at Nictaux—Presentation of Cups to Winners—Troops for the Quebec Ter-Centenary—Ward Cup Competition.

The annual county rifle matches were held at Nictaux last Friday and Saturday and were very successful. The weather was perfect and the attendance the largest for years.

The merchants of Bridgetown, Paradise, Lawrencetown and Middleton contributed prizes in kind to such a generous degree that in the popular match at 200, 400 and 600 yards shot on Saturday every competitor secured a prize. Although shooting conditions were very favorable, there were no high scores and as far as making big scores was concerned the meet was rather disappointing. James Whyte won one cup, George H. Vroom another, and Henry Giffes (the third), while James Whyte won the grand aggregate. At the close of the matches, the various cups were presented by Mrs. G. H. Vroom, and prizes in kind by Miss McNeil, daughter of Major E. F. McNeil.

Still later in the afternoon, the team of eight, selected for the matches at Aldershot on Friday, had a scratch match with the next best eight at 600 yards. The team scored 232 points at this distance.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Vroom and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dodge entertained the members from Round Hill and Bridgetown.

A Political Utopia.

Oregon is fast getting a corner on the Utopia of politics. The millennium of the ballot may not be here, but it has reserved a berth and paid for it. Hereafter, if the law is enforced it will cost a man anywhere from \$5 to \$100 to ask another man on election day to vote for any candidate or any measure—just to ask him, not to pay him or coerce him. In their State election the other day the people put their sanction on such a measure, and they did a lot of other things that make one think the old days of the politician are passing. Hereafter it will be "political criminal" punishable by a penitentiary sentence, to lie in a newspaper or a poster about a candidate for office. Candidates are forbidden to treat, to bet on elections, directly or indirectly, to promise any political appointments, to employ workers, except challengers, on new lines to be located. In this province day rails were laid and now a steam shovel has been installed and is rapidly cutting away the earth. While a "dummy" locomotive carrying a string car is engaged carrying away the earth to fill a nearby hollow a rail is being run almost to the intercontinental track and from there will parallel the I. C. R. to the depot. Work on this division of the Transcontinental is going ahead rapidly. Close by the place where the steam shovel of the gray concrete tractors is tearing up the ground on the Transcontinental, the work in readiness for the permanent rails of the I. C. R. new shops is rapidly going forward and the Maritime Provinces today proudly present no two great undertakings, giving employment to thousands of men, being rushed forward. In addition to the hundreds of men employed on the building, work leveling the ground in readiness for the new yards and the opening up of new streets. It is a scene of tremendous activity.

Grand Trunk Pacific Reaches Moncton

Moncton, N. B., June 24.—Ralls of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway have entered Moncton and the Transcontinental, connecting the Province with the Atlantic with the Pacific coast, is no longer a matter of the future, but a present realization. Quietly, without ostentation, the rails of the new continent railway were run into Moncton, and are now stretching within a few hundred yards of the I. C. R. depot.

Several surveys had been made by the G. T. R. engineers recently, but no one except the railway contractors knew exactly where the new line was to be located. In this province day rails were laid and now a steam shovel has been installed and is rapidly cutting away the earth. While a "dummy" locomotive carrying a string car is engaged carrying away the earth to fill a nearby hollow a rail is being run almost to the intercontinental track and from there will parallel the I. C. R. to the depot. Work on this division of the Transcontinental is going ahead rapidly. Close by the place where the steam shovel of the gray concrete tractors is tearing up the ground on the Transcontinental, the work in readiness for the permanent rails of the I. C. R. new shops is rapidly going forward and the Maritime Provinces today proudly present no two great undertakings, giving employment to thousands of men, being rushed forward. In addition to the hundreds of men employed on the building, work leveling the ground in readiness for the new yards and the opening up of new streets. It is a scene of tremendous activity.

Baby Boy Drowned at Windsor Junction.

Carlton Russell, the sixteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kebo, Windsor Junction, was drowned in a small lake near his parents' home, on Saturday. The child had been playing around the house and had not been gone more than three or four minutes when it was missed. A search discovered the boy floating face downwards in the lake and although it had been only in the water a few minutes, and medical assistance was quickly secured, life could not be revived.

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