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London, Saturday, Sept. 8.

DOMINION DEFICIT AND DEBT.

At length the Dominion Government has issued a statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending 30th June last. Briefly it is as follows:

Revenue.....\$86,236,753
 Expenditure.....37,393,373
 Deficit.....1,156,620

In addition to this the Government has added \$4,483,948 to the public debt during the twelve months, bringing the total debt up to \$246,163,920.

DEATH OF THE PRETENDER TO THE FRENCH THRONE.

The Count of Paris, who died today, was regarded by the French Royalists as the legitimate successor to the French throne, though it cannot be said that in recent years the prospects of re-establishing monarchy have been very brilliant. If the count was not permitted to reign, however, he did not run the risk of losing his head on the scaffold, as was the fate of his great-grandfather, Philippe Egalite, who, after voting for the death of his cousin, Louis XVI., was himself made a victim of the guillotine. The count died a lingering death, surrounded by his family. His great-grandfather was in such haste to have the scaffold ceremony completed that he refused to let the executioner pull off his boots, saying: "They will come off easier after. Hurry!" The Count of Paris' father, the Duke of Orleans, eldest son of Louis Philippe, also died suddenly 50 years ago by being thrown from his carriage and fracturing his skull on the Paris pavements. It is understood, however, that the count was not averse to sharing the dangers of royalty, if he could have the honors.

IS THE CHURCH SOUND ON TEMPERANCE?

From the emphasis laid on the subject of temperance in Rev. Dr. Carman's able Presidential Message to the Methodist General Conference, it may be expected that this important body will speak and legislate in no uncertain way when the subject comes in due course to be dealt with. A good deal has happened since the last General Conference four years ago, and all we are happy to say in the direction of recognizing the evils of the liquor traffic and the necessity of combatting it with skill and resolution.

Among level-headed Christian people there is less and less inclination to rail at the somewhat indefinite abstraction called the State, for not putting down intemperance and more and more disposition towards self-examination. The best consciences of the best men and women in the churches is less and less satisfied with diverting the blame on public men of either political party, or with relegating the duty of the hour to semi-secular temperance orators. As to these orders, very admirable work has been done by them, but there is no more reason for relegating work of the moral magnitude of temperance to outside organizations than there is for relegating the teaching of the Ten Commandments to outside organizations.

As for censures on public men in general, and attacks on those loosely called "politicians," some perhaps deserve these censures; but not all; and there should be no such wholesale attacks as arise from evasion of the courageous duty of making just discriminations and just recognitions. To attack politicians in general is to do what a great English statesman declared to be a logical absurdity, namely, the bringing of an indictment against a whole nation, which includes ourselves. A general confession of the Church's own shortcomings on the subject of the liquor traffic would be more in order for some time to come than any general bill of excommunication against the shortcomings of other people, whether "politicians" or what not.

Ask yourself this question: "In how many branches of the Christian Church has any decisive attitude been assumed which brings the individual communicant straight up against his obligatory personal duty in regard to this great question?" With the exception of the Salvation Army, we do not know of any religious body in Canada which definitely bars out those unwilling (in view of the evils of the liquor traffic, and as an act of self-denial for others) to become total abstainers. Until the Church itself wakes up to a consideration of its whole duty on the greatest of moral reforms, it should, we repeat, give some portion of the time now devoted to external criticism, to self-examination.

No one can enjoy a series of good, round, mouth-filling resolutions better than the Advertiser, especially when they are read out in well-balanced, sonorous tones; but such legislative action by Christian churches as would make each denomination a compact band of total abstainers and prohibitionists, would do more in five years to destroy the liquor traffic than many tons of resolutions could effect in fifty.

—Other two young men have been drowned at Toronto because they could not swim. Why, in this land of rivers and great inland seas, is not every boy and girl taught to swim as a part of their education? To be able to keep afloat in water on an emergency is a far more necessary accomplishment than many of the "branches" now taught in the schools.

WINNIPEG INVITES THE CONFERENCE.

Among the most pleasing and significant incidents of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, now in session in this city, is the cordial and hearty invitation from Winnipeg to that body to hold its next session in that city. And what makes this all the more significant is the fact, as we understand, that this is not the first incident of the kind that has come from the same quarter. It is not every city of considerable pretensions, even in the older parts of the Dominion, which has found it convenient to offer hospitality to so large a body for three weeks or so. This incident, therefore, illustrates the fact that the metropolis of what was but yesterday the great Lone Land, Lord Beaconsfield's "Inimitable Wilderness," though in its infancy, is already taking its place among the principal cities of the Dominion. It is not only interesting as an indication of what now is, but also a prophecy of what is to come. The blunders of politicians may for a time retard the development of that great country, but it can only be for a time, and in all probability but for a short time. The guarantee of its magnificent future lies in its vast, might almost be said its unlimited resources. These only require to be known in order to excite the interest of the world. It is in view of this fact especially that a good many people outside of the General Conference and outside of the Methodist Church will feel considerable interest in the response that shall be made to this invitation. The question of expense is, we understand, the only impediment which lies in the way of its acceptance. And this, no doubt, is serious in view of the great distance that many of the delegates have to come. It certainly seems to be a formidable journey from St. John's, Nfld., or even from Halifax, St. John or Charlottetown, to Winnipeg; but it will occur but once probably in the lifetime of the men—or a majority of them—who are the acknowledged leaders and representative men of the church today. It will scarcely be Winnipeg's turn again to entertain the General Conference during the next quarter of a century. Then it is understood that the Canadian Pacific Railway, the great central highway of the nation, so deeply are its managers impressed with the value of this visit of the representative men of the Methodist Church to the great Northwest, that it is prepared to afford them transportation at special rates which will greatly lessen the expense. In view of all these facts it is not impossible that this venerable and august body may see its way to follow the example of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and that its next place of meeting shall be the city of Winnipeg.

Of the effect of this visit of representative Methodism to the chief city of the Northwest on the interests of the church, it would, perhaps, scarcely become an outsider to speak particularly. It could, however, one would think, scarcely fail to operate beneficially. It would bring the extremists together, on a sort of common ground, in which all the outlying parts of the Dominion are equally interested. It could scarcely fail to impress all concerned with the vastness of the field committed to this great church for moral cultivation, and to stimulate their zeal and devotion. It would have the effect, too, of strengthening the bond of union between the members of the church residing in widely separated parts of the common field of the church, and as union is strength, and the spirit of oneness is like the girdle that binds up the loins, it would probably have the effect of preparing the way for greater achievements. But on patriotic grounds such a visit on the part of the representative men, lay and clerical, to Winnipeg, with the system of cheap excursions to every accessible part of that great country, would have the effect of calling attention to it and its marvelous resources as scarcely anything else would. Of course the conference will do the right thing; but we should not be surprised if it goes to Winnipeg in 1898.

Mr. Wm. J. Moule, of the C. P. R. general offices, Montreal, is on a visit to his street, Mr. Robert Moule, 496 Simcoe street.

The Methodists.

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the estimate laid down by the last General Conference, which, however, was not altogether realized. The receipts lacked \$8,147 30 of the estimate.

Conferences.	Total Received, since 1890.	Estimated by General Conference.
Toronto.....	\$3,727 67	\$4,000
London.....	2,508 93	4,000
Quebec.....	2,173 31	3,500
Bay of Quinte.....	2,474 43	3,500
Montreal.....	3,773 37	3,500
Manitoba.....	2,173 31	3,500
British Columbia.....	455 80	500
Nova Scotia.....	207 45	1,000
New Brunswick and P. E. I.....	940 65	1,000
Newfoundland.....	460 85	500
Total.....	\$22,552 70	\$30,700
Deficiency.....	8,147 30	

While Toronto followed close on Montreal on the actual amount raised, the latter conference was the only one to exceed its estimate. This caused natural jubilation among the Montreal delegates.

One delegate, in commenting on the apparent \$2,000 increase of debt, remarked that it had been caused by the heavy law expenses in Nova Scotia and the expenses of the Ecumenical Conference. The report was referred to the finance committee.

Dr. Sutherland read the report of the church and parsonage aid fund. It showed a total income of \$24,153 92, a gross increase apparently of \$11,760 49. But taking from this some items of decrease the net increase was \$9,375 43, or a deficit between income and expenditure of \$8,801 78. Referred to committee on finance.

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IMPORTANT MOTION.
 An important motion was the following by Dr. Potts, seconded by Dr. Lathern: 1. That for guarding the religious and theological character of our higher education, and for the maintenance of the principle of connectionalism so important in the polity of Methodism, we hereby declare that it is most expedient and desirable that the heads of all our universities and theological faculties should be appointed by the General Conference.

2. That as there is diversity of provision in the charters of the several connexional institutions as to the powers vested in the different governing boards in the appointment of instructors, a commission shall be appointed by this conference, whose duties and powers shall be: (1) To examine the charters of the several universities and theological colleges in order to ascertain the facts in each case. (2) In co-operation with governing boards, to secure parliamentary legislation as may be necessary in the different provinces to give effect to these resolutions.

3. That as to instructors other than principals and deans the General Conference, or when it is not in session, the special committee of the General Conference may veto the appointment of any member of any of our theological faculties who is engaged in departments of sacred study, such as theology, apologetics, biblical criticism, exegesis, and church history.

4. That this General Conference hereby approves of the following brethren holding the offices indicated, and so far as it has power, does hereby reappoint them to the same for the ensuing quadrennium: Victoria University—President, Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., LL.D., Mount Allison University—Principal, D. Allison, LL.D.; dean of theology, Rev. C. Stewart, D.D. Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal—Principal, Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D. Wesley College, Winnipeg—Principal and dean of theology, Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D. Toyo, Eiwa Gakko Tokyo—Dean of theology, Rev. E. Crumby, B.A. and B.Sc.

The motion was referred to the committee on education.
 W. H. Withrow, secretary of the Sunday school board and Epworth League, presented his report. The figures (already published in the Advertiser) show an encouraging increase in Sunday school work. The grants to poor schools during the last quadrennium have amounted to \$19,249, an increase on the previous quadrennium of \$7,372. There were raised for missions, 1894, \$25,361; in 1890, \$23,725; in 1886, \$1,696. Statistical tables present a record of 76,129 who, during the year 1894, have taken the pledge against both liquor and tobacco—an increase of 26,710 as compared with 1890.

Re the Epworth League the report states: The growth of the League in the last quadrennium has been very remarkable. Through the sympathy and hearty co-operation of the pastors of the churches, a most valuable auxiliary for the religious training and employment of the undeveloped talent in their churches, Epworth Leagues or Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor have been established in every part of our far-extended country, from Nanaimo, B. C., to Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, and in the Bermuda Islands, to the number of 1,032, with a membership of 47,125.

At noon the conference adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Monday will be spent in committee.
 THE REV. J. C. ASH CASE.
 In this case Mr. Ash appealed against his expulsion from the ministry by the Bay of Quinte Conference. His appeal was sustained by the court of appeal last (Friday) night on the technicality that the nature of his offense was not given in the judgment of the conference. The result of this judgment is that the case goes back to the conference for further action. Mr. Ash has not had a charge for a considerable time, but up till last summer was doing college work for the denomination. The result of his present success, if ultimately confirmed, will entitle him in due course to his superannuation allowance. The judgment has occasioned considerable stir in the conference.

CONVENERS OF COMMITTEES.
 Missionary, Dr. Sutherland, convener; General Conference Fund, Dr. Rose, convener; Course of Study, Dr. Philip, convener; Statistics, William Johnson, convener; Finance, H. P. Moore, convener; Church Union, Dr. Lathern, convener; Embarrassed Trusts, G. W. Baynon, convener; Systematic Benevolence, Dr. Parker, convener; Deacons, A. G. Donly, convener; Supernumerary Fund, Dr. Griffin, convener; Superannuation Fund, Dr. Milligan, convener; Memorials, Judge Jones, convener; Sabbath Observance, I. Tovell, convener; Book and Publishing Interests, Dr. Briggs, convener; Itinerancy, G. J. Bishop, convener; Sustenance Fund, A. L. Russell, convener; Return of Church Boards, Dr. Galbraith, convener; Discipline, Dr. Galbraith, convener; Temperance, Hon. J. W. Sifton, convener; Education, Dr. Potts, convener; Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools, Dr. Henderson, convener; State of the Work, George McRitchie, convener; Insurance of Church Property, A. Langford, convener; Conference Boundaries, Dr. Jackson, convener; Church and Parsonage Aid, J. J. Clarke, convener; Business Fraternal Delegations, Dr. Sutherland, convener.

There are five former pastors of the Dundas Methodist Church present at the conference—Dr. Ryckman, A. C. Courtice, Dr. J. Cooper Antill, Dr. Briggs and Rev. J. S. Ross.
 In view of the very many proposed amendments to the discipline the following resolution was received with laughter: Moved by Judge Dunn, seconded by Rev. D. L. Brethour, that a solemn service of humiliation and thanksgiving be held before the conference enters upon the consideration of any motions for amendments of the discipline, a solemn service of humiliation and thanksgiving be held in that we have been able as a church to worry along for the last four years under a discipline stuffed so full of errors, and that the members of the conference who have given these notices, be a committee to arrange the services. The member who has given the largest number of notices to be the convener.

No action was taken, but all saw the joke and some enjoyed it. Four pages are at the disposal of the delegates. The boys are Edward Rigby, George Harris, W. Boyd, L. Boyd.
 Miss Rigby and Miss Clement are stationed in the postoffice in Wesley Hall. Still more fun is being poked at the number of "discipline" amendments suggested. Rev. Mr. Dean (Edmonton) suggested the following notice of motion: "That, whereas, in view of the great number of changes recommended by the various conferences of the church, and indicated by the almost innumerable notices of motion presented to this General Conference for consideration and action, and whereas, it would seem that each section, sub-section, clause and paragraph, is to be amended or repealed, and that only the preface, the basis of union and covers of the book may be retained (having been overlooked), therefore, be it resolved, that the committee on nominations be instructed to nominate and appoint a vigilance committee to promptly and duly extinguish and remove from sight the remains in accordance with the latest approved sociological principles and methods of sanitation."

The court of appeal met last night and further considered the case of Rev. Mr. Ash, Bay of Quinte Conference. It reached a decision in the case after sitting until nearly midnight, but another meeting will be held to formulate a report, which will be made to the conference with the general report of the quadrennium.

Rev. Mr. Pope, the English representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Mrs. Pope are at Dr. Eccles'. The distinguished visitor was unwell and unable to appear last night.
 "I don't see the interrogation point," says Dr. Carman, when he doesn't understand a question.

Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., now pastor of the Dominion Square Methodist Church, Montreal, says: "I feel quite at home here, as Queen's Avenue Church was my first pastorate over 30 years ago."

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HOSE—Children's Plain Cotton Hose, double knee, heel and toe, worth 20c to 25c pair, Tonight 15c.

HOSE—Children's Cardinal Cotton Hose, fast dye, spliced heel and toe, worth 15c and 18c pair, Tonight 10c.

GLOVES—Ladies' Fine Wool Cashmere Gloves, worth 25c pair, Tonight 20c.

GLOVES—Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves, in tans and grays, worth \$1 25, Tonight 78c.

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