

METHODIST CONFERENCE

The members of the Conference arrived at Grand Bank at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, June 24th, 1916. On Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Fenwick preached a practical sermon, taking for his text psalm 10:218. At night Rev. Dr. Curtis made a strong evangelistic appeal, after which many decided to make a profession of Christian discipleship.

On Monday evening at 8 p.m. the centennial of Grand Bank Methodism was celebrated. The President of the Conference opened the service and then addresses were given by the old and present pastors of the church, their names being Rev. T. H. James, Rev. W. Swann, Rev. Dr. Curtis, Rev. Edwin Moore and Rev. Chas. Leach. There were two tablets unveiled, the first to the memory of the Rev. Richard Knight, this being unveiled by G. A. Buffet, Esq.; and the second to the memory of the Rev. John Butt, who was the only minister to die while stationed at Grand Bank.

On Wednesday the General Session of the Conference was opened when the Rev. Edwin Moore was elected President by a large majority; and the Rev. J. R. Saint was elected Secretary also by a large majority. In the afternoon Prof. Watson of Mount Allison University gave a short speech in which he referred to the fervour of the Conference, saying that it reminded him of his early days in Ontario.

On Thursday it was carried that Rev. W. Bugden be given a collecting-book, with the names of the President and the Secretary inscribed; to raise money for the Rev. Isaac French, who had suffered financial losses owing to the destruction through fire of the Trinity parsonage and its belongings. A delegation was appointed to meet Bonavista and Twillingate Quarterly Boards re the Children's Fund. In the afternoon a minute was read and adopted, recording the great services of the late Rev. George Paine to Methodism and to the Church of God. Rev. Dr. Curtis presented his educational report. He laid great stress upon the importance of education. For the teaching profession the best men in mind and body are needed. The schools should be warm, and ventilation should be adequate to the needs of the children. The speaker referred to the need of medical inspection to discover incipient cases of tuberculosis, or of defective eye-sight. While the Methodist people are 28 per cent of the people of this country yet they received 422 per cent of the total passes in the Higher Council Examinations, and most of these were in the higher grades of the eight scholarships of a hundred dollars, six of them were won by Methodists, three in the intermediate grade, and three in the preliminary. Two ideas which are being discussed by the superintendents are:—first, the training of teachers, and secondly a system of inspection on non-denominational lines. The report was received and the thanks of the Conference were given to Dr. Curtis for his work. Out of this discussion grew a discussion on non-denominational education. Motion was adopted approving of the uniting of the Protestant grant.

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DIOCESAN SYNOD Proceedings Yesterday

Thursday, July 6. His Lordship the Bishop took the chair at 3.30 p.m., and opened the proceedings with the usual prayers.

47 clergy and 30 lay delegates responded at roll call. Minutes read, passed and signed by the Bishop.

Rev. C. H. Barton presented the Report of Committee on the Ordination candidates fund; which was on motion received.

Revs. W. J. R. Higgett and Canon Smart gave notices of motion.

The remainder of the session was taken up with a discussion on the resolution introduced by Mr. L. Colley, re Lay Readers, and an interesting debate followed which brought out much valuable and useful information on the work performed by the teachers. A number of the clergy and lay delegates took part in the discussion.

The session adjourned at 5.15. Evening Session.

The Synod resumed at 7.30 with the Lord Bishop presiding, who read the usual prayers.

46 clergy and 54 lay delegates were present at roll call.

The whole evening was occupied with a lively discussion in connection with the management of Bishop Spencer Lodge, so that when the debate closed the hour for adjournment had arrived and no new business could be brought forward.

The Bishop announced that the election of the Executive Committee would take place to-morrow (Friday) evening at 9 o'clock. After giving several notices the Bishop pronounced the Benediction, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the session to a close at 10 o'clock.

(On account of whom it may concern.)

AUCTION

To-morrow Saturday, the 8th inst., at 12 o'clock, at the premises of MESSRS. SHEA & CO., a quantity of WHEAT and RYE GRAIN. Landed in a damaged condition from on board the S.S. "Lynceford," surveyed and ordered to be sold by Public Auction for the benefit of whom it may concern. P. C. O'DRISCOLL, Notary Public.

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HONOURABLE AND GALLANT GENTLEMEN

Government House, St. John's, Nfld. The Hon. J. R. Bennett, Acting Prime Minister.

Our Regiment at the front has suffered very grievous losses in action on the 1st of July, in performing the duty laid upon them by the higher commands in this terrible war.

Many of the honourable and gallant gentlemen who constitute all ranks in our Regiment have laid down their lives or have been stricken by wounds in the fighting on the 1st July. It is the noblest end of all to lay down life for the highest principles and for the honour of our Name, our Race and our Empire.

The world will ring for ever with the imperishable fame of the heroes of Newfoundland, who have made sure for all time that the Loyal Colony is worthy of its ancient name.

Apart from the early lists of wounded received on the 4th and 5th inst., which have been published this morning, I have received this day other lists of officers and men who have been killed or wounded in action or who are reported missing.

The last of these lists is very lengthy, and contains names of men who have arrived at Wandsworth Hospital, all suffering from gunshot wounds, none of which are serious. In order to save time in the publication of this list, and to relieve, to some extent, the public anxiety, I would suggest that the individual notifications to next of kin be dispensed with, in this instance, and that the list be given to the press for publication as soon as possible.

Very sorrowfully I forward these lists for publication with my heartfelt sympathy for those whose homes are stricken. W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

- 2nd Lieut. C. Bertram Dicks, 20 Flower Hill. At 8th Red Cross Hospital, Paris, July 4; gunshot wound in both thigh, serious.
2nd Lieut. Henry George Hicks, Carmantville, T.B. At 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth. Now officially reported wounded in shoulder.
2nd Lieut. Kenneth G. Goodyear, Grand Falls. At 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth. Now officially reported wounded in arm.
2nd Lieut. William V. Warren, 231 Southside. At 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; gunshot wound, fractured leg.
1847 Private Elias Luff, Campbellton, N.D.B. Seriously ill, 6th General Hospital, Rouen, July 3rd; gunshot wound, head.
492 Private Archibald Coombs, Upper Island Cove. Seriously ill, July 4th, 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital, Boulogne; wounded in right leg.
650 Private Alexander J. Myler, 13 Adelaide Street. Dangerously ill, 13th Stationary Hospital, Boulogne, July 5th; gunshot wound, chest.
697 Private Bert Jackman, 33 Angel Place. Died of shell wounds right side, 1st General Hospital, Etretat, July 5.
1896 Private William Newbury, 77 Pennywell Road. Seriously ill, gunshot wound, head, King George Hospital, London.
450 Private John C. Edwards, Pennywell Road. Seriously ill, gunshot wound, head, July 6.
1670 Private Thomas Higgins, Catalina. Dangerously ill, 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; gunshot wound, left tibia.
The following List of Casualties received 9 p.m. July 6th, 1916.
The following just arrived at the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth. All gunshot wounds—none serious.
693 Private John A. Walsh, Limeville; Signal Hill Road. Wounded, left arm.
1515 Private Hayward Jennings, More-

- ton's Hr., N.D.B. Wounded, left arm.
1332 Private James Adams, 23 Scott Street. Wounded, left arm.
1043 Private Richard J. Roach, Lime Street. Wounded, left arm.
384 L.-Corp. William Cleary, 4 Lower Battery Road. Wounded, left arm.
1214 Private Donald S. Reid, 59 Charlton St. Wounded, left arm and left knee.
777 Private Harold J. Andrews, 80 McFarlane St. Wounded, left foot.
1884 Private Andrew X. Gooble, 1 Brazil's Square. Wounded, left foot.
35 L.-Corp. John J. Sheehan, 2 Hunt's Lane. Wounded, left foot.
429 Private Eugene Corneet, Cape St. George. Wounded, left foot.
123 Private Bernard Ryan, 195 New Gower St. Wounded, abdomen.
824 Private William P. Dalton, 46 Pleasant St. Wounded, abdomen.
1171 Private William Vickers, Bay Bulls Road. Wounded, right leg and neck.
1575 Private William John Hefford, New Harbour, T.B. Wounded, right leg.
1200 Private Michael Power, Port Rexton, T.B. Wounded, right leg.
132 Private Frank G. Gough, 14 Clifford St. Wounded, right leg.
387 L.-Corp. James Lambert, 14 Colonial St. Wounded, right leg.
1503 Private William Elgar, Pouch Cove. Wounded, right foot.
846 Private George W. McWhorter, Humbermouth. Wounded, left leg.
1641 Private William A. Pollett, New Harbour, T.B. Wounded, left leg.
752 Private William Buckley, 6 James Street. Wounded, left foot.
987 Private George McF. Gulliver, 62 Alexander St. Wounded, left foot.
1340 Private Augustus Dawson, Spaniard's Bay. Wounded, left foot.
256 Private Albert E. Metcalf, Pileoy's Island. Wounded, left foot.
1263 Private Joseph Shelley, Ladle Cove. Wounded, left foot.
1691 Private Thomas Miles, Bay L'Argent, F.B. Wounded, left foot.
1197 Private Geo. E. Hampton, Portland, B.B. Wounded, left foot.
1451 Private Lewis Northcott, Lewisporte. Wounded, left foot.
770 Private Peter F. Bennett, 24 Field Street. Wounded, left foot.
317 Sergt. George J. Winslow, 95 Circular Road. Wounded, back and arm.
1506 Private Garland Greening, Musgrave-town, B.B. Wounded, chest and scalp.
610 Private William Yetman, Brookfield, B.B. Wounded, right arm.
1492 Private Hector Moss, Jamestown, B.B. Wounded, right arm.
191 Private Hubert F. Burridge, Merrymeeting Road. Wounded, right arm.
1199 Private Joshua Short, New Bonaventure, T.B. Wounded, right arm.
1172 Private Ronald H. House, Catalina. Wounded, right arm.
1817 Private Hugh J. McDonald, Campbell's Creek, Port au Port. Wounded, right arm.
1284 Private Charles Leary, Brigus, C.B. Wounded, right arm.
269 L.-Corp. James Carter, Stephenville Crossing. Wounded, right arm.
1488 Private Ralph Nardin, Main River, St. George. Wounded, right arm.
1365 Private Edward N. Keough, 14 Chapel Street. Wounded, right arm.
877 Corp. George T. Duncan, Waterford Bridge Road. Wounded, right thigh, compound fracture arm.
1304 Private Fred. P. Coxworthy, Freshwater Road. Wounded, right wrist.
755 Private James Dempster, Waterford Bridge Road. Wounded, back.
1118 Private Harry Rowe, 72 Cabot St. Wounded, back.
695 Private James J. Gear, 7 Flower Hill. Wounded, back.
376 Private William J. Neville, 39 Young St. Wounded, back.
765 Private James F. Boland, 126 Duckworth St. Wounded, chest and back.
1591 Private Henry West, Musgrave Hr. Wounded, right hand.
815 Private Arthur Cummings, 85 Long's Hill. Wounded, head and arm.
34 L.-Corp. Ralph B. Herder, 40 Rennie's Mill Road. Wounded, nose.
18 Corp. William Trebble, 11 Knight St. Wounded, right shoulder.
76 L.-Corp. William Roost, 26 James Street. Wounded, right shoulder.
1548 Private Ebenezer Kennell, Western Bay. Wounded, right shoulder.
1392 Private John McNaughton, Blair Drummond, Pethshire, Scotland. Wounded, left thigh.
1458 Private George A. Madore, Bay of Islands. Wounded, left thigh.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

JULY 7 RICHARD B. SHERIDAN died, 1816. James P. Howley born at St. John's, 1847. John P. Grace appointed city collector, 1890. Rev. George P. Story died, 1894. General Skobloff died at Moscow, 1882. Steamer Falcon sailed to relief of Peary, wife, and party, 1894. Methodist Monthly Greeting registered, H. Lewis, proprietor, 1888. Robert Miller, Topsail, died, aged 90, 1895. Naval Review on St. Bonaventure's grounds, 1898. Miss Flynn's Art Exhibition opened in British Hall, 1898. Public meeting to discuss best sanitary measures against introduction of cholera, then very prevalent in New York and Boston; Sheriff Garrett called the meeting, 1849. Steamer Mexico, from Montreal to Bristol, lost in Straits of Belle Isle; crew saved, 1895.

797 L.-Corp. Frederick Seymour, Liskeard, Cornwall, Eng. Wounded, right leg and hand.
1231 Private James J. McGrath, 30 Central St. Wounded, legs.
1781 Private Bertram F. Brown, 65 Hayward Avenue. Wounded, chest.
210 L. Corp. Robert Clark, 34 Colner's Lane. Wounded, chest.
189 Private John Lewis, Montgomeryshire. Wounded, chest.
1692 Private Herbert Sprong, Clarendville. Wounded, head.
718 Private James J. Burke, 27 Livingston St. Wounded, left wrist.
218 Private Harrison Moores, Mundy Pond Road. Wounded, left knee.
128 Private Thomas B. McGrath, Clarendville. Wounded, left shoulder.
386 L.-Corp. Thomas W. Wyatt, 292 New Gower St. Wounded, neck.
1811 Private John Ash, Hant's Harbor, T.B. Wounded, face.
97 Private William G. Dawe, 60 New Gower Street. Wounded, right hand.
1087 Private Leo Fennell, Bay du Nord, F.B. Wounded, right hand.
1473 Private Richard H. White, St. George's. Wounded, left side.
1407 Private George Cormey, Codroy. Wounded, right hip.
1585 Private James M. Cron, Harbor Grace. Wounded, right hip.
710 Private Matthew Collins, Placentia. Wounded, right hip.
1598 Private William A. Luff, Exploits, N.D.B. Wounded, right foot.
1779 Private Lawrence Kehoe, Battery Road. Wounded, right foot.
950 Private Frederick A. Lewis, 16 Colonial Street. Wounded, right buttock.
855 Private Francis E. LeMessurier, Masonic Terrace. Wounded, left hip.
1710 Private John F. Power, Fox Cove, F.B. Wounded, right arm and left leg.
239 Private Selby Clark, Whitbourne. Wounded, right jaw.
42 Private Frank G. Best, 4 Hagerly St. Wounded, right thigh.
100 Private William T. Gelately, 52 Patrick St. Wounded, right thigh.
1551 Private Joseph Doran, Trepassey. Wounded, right arm.
1164 Private George Phillips, Whitbourne. Wounded, right hand and left ear.
1198 Private Cyril Seevior, Exploits. Wounded, legs.
264 Private William J. Somerton, Bell Island, C.B. Wounded, legs.
860 Private Daniel S. Costello, Harbor Main. Wounded, left hand.
1874 L.-Corp. Arthur C. White, Catalina. Wounded, right ear and shoulder.
749 Private Edward Mansfield, 119 New Gower Street. Wounded, cheek.
147 L.-Corp. Charles J. Renouf, 159 New Gower St. Wounded, right shoulder and left knee.
367 Private Jack Squires, 11 Lime Street. Wounded, thighs. Temple. Wounded, thighs.
459 Private Stan F. Crotty, Battery Road. Wounded, thighs.
1701 Private John J. Ollphant, 1 1/2 Maxse St. Wounded, left thigh.
984 Private Cecil Green, Trinity. Wounded, left leg and left shoulder.
1011 Private James J. Kelly, Southside. Wounded, scalp.
66 Private Frank Richardson, 68 Bannerman St. Wounded, right thumb.
1917 Private Edgar Wade, Ellistown, T.B. Compound fracture, upper extremities. JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Has Kind Word for Reid Nfld. Co.

Says Our Railroad System Has Improved Considerably and Freight for Newfoundland is Handed Quicker Than Formerly—See Big Improvement all Round (Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Ere my departure for Toronto, my home town, I desire to express my deep appreciation of the treatment received from the employees of the Reid Newfoundland Company's system. I found them extremely efficient, courteous and obliging, which together with the excellent cuisine makes a business trip a very enjoyable one, and some thing to look forward to with pleasure. This is all the more remarkable as on my former visits, eight in all, the service was decidedly below par, and the roadbed in such a condition that a trip across your Island was a journey, and one dreaded by my fellow travellers, and avoided whenever possible.

Being an ex-railroad official, and also of an inquisitive turn of mind I naturally made enquiries regarding the cause of this radical change. During the trip I scrapped acquaintance with an employee, and after a desultory exchange of opinions I proached the subject of the improved conditions, and was informed the change was entirely due to the efforts of Mr. H. D. Reid, who I understand is now General Manager of the above Company, and as my new friend intimated, not in name only.

On arrival in your fair City I again had an opportunity of judging the new policy of the above Company in connection with freight transportation. During my previous visits I always anticipated a 'brush' with our business connections relative to consignments not arriving at the date specified, but this year to my great surprise the subject was not mentioned. One of my St. John's friends explained the situation briefly. Formerly the Reid people depended entirely on the different departmental heads, their judgment being final. This you will agree, Mr. Editor, was not a good working plan, and one that would easily create bad feelings and dissatisfaction particularly a firm catering to the business communities of Newfoundland, Canada and U.S.A. My friend was also loud in his praise re Mr. Reid's ability as an executive railroad official, and stated he hoped this era of better transportation facilities would be continued. I also learned Mr. Reid was not only a railroader from a clerical point of view, but one from actual experience having constructed the trunk line and connecting branches throughout your Island home, and this to my mind is rather a unique occurrence.

The roadbed is now in excellent condition, ballast having been distributed, new ties placed, side ditches nicely trimmed, etc., etc., and from my experience would judge Mr. Reid thoroughly understands his business, and I only wish we had a gentleman of his ability at the head of our intercolonial system, who would inaugurate some of his go-a-head policy in the I. R. C. officials.

From a layman's point of view their steamship service—at least on Notre Dame Bay—is also to be envied, the same state of efficiency exists. Cleanliness is the predominant feature, everything spotlessly clean, and this applies not only below but on deck. The freight situation is well in hand and officials state they can now cope with 20 per cent more freight than previously.

On my return I purpose having some of my literary friends take up this subject with a view of bettering our railway systems, and set your railroad methods as an example. Hoping that I have not tired you with this tirade on railroad matters, but Mr. Editor, I feel it my duty to state publicly what is apparent, not only to an ex-railroader, but the general travelling public, and tak this opportunity of extending to Mr. Reid my congratulations on behalf of the Canadian travellers and exporting houses.

Owing to your President, Mr. Conker being out of town I did not have an opportunity of renewing our acquaintance, and would thank you to kindly remember the writer to him on his return.

Mr. Editor by inserting the above in your next issue you will greatly oblige. Yours very truly, GEO. B. BRADFORD, St. John's, Nfld. July 7th, 1916.

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Lober Fisheries Have Slim Outlook

Packers Continue Negotiations With France to Lift Embargo—Best Customer Gone—Fear in Nova Scotia That Britain Will Follow France's Lead

HALIFAX, July 1.—The lobster packers of Eastern Canada are continuing their representation to the French Government to have the embargo against lobsters raised.

It is upon the success or failure of the present attempt to lift the embargo that the lobster season for next year also will likely be based. Should it fail, then the same reasons as justify it for France will probably influence Britain to follow the lead and business will then be for all practical purposes confined to this continent.

France alone takes a pack valued at nearly \$1,000,000, and Britain as much more. The packers have endeavored to show that lobsters are a necessity and not a luxury, and the cost in France is below the price for an equivalent weight of meat. They point out how the packing and soldering of the cans is according to the requirements in France and that lobster is a product of the colonies of Great Britain and the Allies; that lobsters are not extras, but constitute a meal, and that if the public is debarred from eating them they would need to buy more meat, which would cause an advance in the price of the latter, and the intention of economy would be defeated.

The French embargo was an unexpected blow and came just when all preparations had been completed for a usual pack during 1916, when commitments had been made and a large pack already secured in some sections, prices being based upon a normal business being done with France as in preceding years.

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