

EFFORTS FOR UNION TO BE CONTINUED

The Five Salient Problems Will be Dealt With.

The Denominational Representation—

Official Report of the Three Days' Proceedings Prepared by the Secretaries.

The church union conference at Toronto closed Thursday. After spending three days in deliberation on the general question of organic union and the difficulties involved in it, the joint committee representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches in Canada appointed five standing sub-committees on doctrine, polity, the ministry, administration and law, who will meet and further consider the problems which must be overcome in order to consummate the end in view.

The membership of the committee is made up of two-fifths each of Presbyterians and Methodists and one-fifth of Congregationalists. Complete satisfaction was expressed with the progressively conservative attitude taken by the conference in joint committee, and with the support given to the movement by the three denominational committees.

A statement of the three days' proceedings was given out for publication by the joint secretaries.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

The denominational committees met separately on Tuesday to talk over the lines along which their judgments on the discussions should proceed when the three committees met for conference.

The joint committee opened on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Warden being unanimously elected chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland was appointed secretary, and the Rev. F. J. Day and the Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren associate secretaries.

A resolution expressing the sense of the loss sustained by the whole church of Christ in Canada, and by the movement for organic church union, in the death of the late Principal Caven, was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Carman, and adopted by the committee by a standing vote.

The chairman gave a brief sketch of the history of the movement for church union, concluding with a statement of the proceedings of the meetings held on Tuesday by the Presbyterian committee.

While recognizing that the question of union must ultimately be decided in the manner provided by the church, this committee agrees to proceed tomorrow to conference with the committees of the Methodist and Congregational churches concerning the practicability of union, and recommends for consideration the following subjects: Doctrine, polity, training of the ministry and administration, and further recommends that after such conference has taken place the several sub-committees should meet and determine whether or not sub-committees should be appointed for the further consideration of the above mentioned subjects, and that these committees report again to the joint committee.

Dr. Sutherland stated that at the meetings held by the Methodist committee no formal resolution was adopted, but that a general conversation took place regarding certain points that would require to come up for consideration by the joint committee.

Rev. Hugh Pedley reported for the congregational committee that they had proceeded along similar lines, discussing the points at issue between the different churches, not in a spirit of trying to see how much they could secure, but rather how much they could give to the other negotiating churches.

FRANK INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS

The joint committee thereupon agreed to adopt the recommendation contained in the resolution passed by the Presbyterian committee, to consider the subjects of doctrine, polity, the training of the ministry, and administration. The discussion of these topics occupied the whole of the forenoon and the greater part of the afternoon sessions, the interchange of views being very general and exceedingly frank. The whole discussion was marked by the utmost freedom, but was pervaded throughout by a spirit of kindness and mutual forbearance. It was then decided that the three denominational committees should meet separately at 8 o'clock to consider the advisability of appointing sub-committees, which should confer further on these various topics.

FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

It was decided to appoint a small committee, consisting of a minister and layman from each of the three churches, to retire at once and draw up a list of sub-committees, assigning to each the topics that should be discussed, and determining the number of members of which it should be composed. After some discussion it was resolved to appoint a central executive committee, to be composed of one representative from each of the sub-committees, to assign any such subjects that may not have been specially assigned, and generally to act for this joint committee between its sessions. This executive committee to consist of the chairman of the three union committees of the negotiating churches, the three secretaries of this joint committee and the chairman of the sub-committees to be appointed. The following report of the committee appointed to draw up a list of sub-committees was then presented and adopted:

Your committee, appointed to frame a list of sub-committees, define the

BRITISH HERO

Of Boer War is Now in Boston.

Captain Lewis of the Canadian Scouts Stopped the Bullet of an Enemy in His Stomach.

The Boston Traveller contains the following: Captain A. W. Lewis of the Canadian Scouts (Irregulars), who is now in Boston, has chased the Boers up many a Transvaal kopje, and frankly admits he has sometimes been chased down again. He is now the friend of every soldier in South Africa.

General Cronje will speak in the Boston Theatre Sunday evening, Jan. 1.

Captain Lewis has buried the hatchet considerably deeper than most Englishmen. During the few months he spent in the saddle, blistering under the South African sun, he had many opportunities of studying his country's enemy at close range. His range, personally, was particularly close, and that is perhaps why he is now Captain Lewis, instead of Trooper Lewis of the King's Horse.

WENT THROUGH BOER LINES. It was before the siege of Mafeking that a section of Her Majesty's army was threatened with being cut off from the main body, and some had to be sent straight through the Boer attack to warn the endangered soldiers.

A nonchalant burgher sat concealed among the rocks, smoking his smelly tobacco. But the tobacco did not affect his marksmanship, for the Mauser pellet he sent after Trooper Lewis met the young soldier squarely in the stomach, forward. They tell lovely stories about brave soldiers stopping the enemy's bullets for the honor and glory of their country.

The young soldier, with a hole clear through his chest, to his horse and finally reached the commanding officer of the detachment he was sent to warn.

Then he collapsed. The surgeon in the hospital examined both ends of the subway made by the Mauser.

"This will soon be the late Trooper Lewis," said the doctor.

"Gimme some morphine, so I can sleep," said the trooper.

BACK IN THREE WEEKS. He slept and the next day the field surgeon repaired the damage as best he could. In three weeks Trooper Lewis was back with his squadron, but he had a lieutenant's commission tucked in his shirt. In three weeks more he was made a captain and given full command of a squadron in the English cavalry.

Captain Lewis ought to be a good soldier, and he ought to be able to make good his bullets in good form. He comes of a family of soldiers — good fighters, too.

You see, Captain Lewis is not an Englishman, but a native of good old Kentucky, which sent thousands of brave men into the Confederate army. Many of Captain Lewis' relatives on his mother's side fought with Morgan in the Civil War. Captain Lewis would have been a lively rebel, probably, if he wasn't born here. He is just 20 years old now. He was born in Richmond, Madison Co., Kentucky, and was brought up in his native state. He has been in South Africa for ten years and is pretty well Anglicized — but still an American citizen.

Captain Lewis says the Boers are inactive soldiers, and that General Cronje, whom he is to bring to Boston, is one of the best leaders of men he ever knew.

An effort will be made to have General Cronje speak to the students at Harvard College, but this has not yet been fully arranged.

DOUGLAS STEVENS

Dominion Government Steamboat Inspector Passed Away Saturday.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 25.—The death occurred last evening of Douglas Stevens, Dominion government steamboat inspector. Mr. Stevens had been stationed at Toronto during the past two years directing the construction of the Dominion lightship Lurcher and one for the lakes, built at the Polson Iron Works. Four weeks ago he returned to Halifax in failing health. He learned engineering in the works of the old Nova Scotia Railway at Halifax, and for years was chief engineer on the Cunard liners running to the West Indies from this port.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD.

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 26.—A special to the Sun from Canton Point says that Alton B. Bridgway of that place, dropped dead this forenoon. He was 82 years old and an old resident.

ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM will positively cure deep-seated COUGHS, COLDS, CROUP. A 25c. Bottle for a Simple Cold. A 50c. Bottle for a Heavy Cold. A \$1.00 Bottle for a Deep-seated Cough. Sold by all Druggists.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

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CITY ISLAND, Dec. 25.—Bound south, schs Mauna Loa, from Moses' Crook, NS, for Port, Depals, Clavilla, from Eatonville, NS, for do; Kipling, from Baracoa via Providence for do; P C Pendleton, from Portland, Me, for do; G M Porter, from Calais, Me, via Newport for do; Charlotte W Miller, from Long Cove, Me, for do; George Klinek, from do for do; Mary A Hall, from High Island, Me, for Philadelphia.

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MEMORANDA.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 25.—About 300,000 laths were being taken out of the sch Rothesay, ashore on East Chop, and landed at Cottage City. More laths will have to be taken out before the vessel will be floated. She lies in an exposed position, not making much water.

Sch Prudent, from Elizabethport for St Stephen, N.B., reports Saturday in Long's Grand Sound blew a way foremast. Stopped here today for repairs.

A survey was held on the sch Frank and Ira here today and ordered that she make permanent repairs here.

Sch D J Melanson, which was afloat on the sch John J Ferry, besides having a new bowsprit and headgear, will require a new foremast and main boom.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 21.—Sch Mauna Loa, from Mosher River, N. S. for New York, reports Dec 18, about 40 miles E of Cape Cod, in heavy NE gale, about 30,000 laths on deckload were washed overboard and lost. Sch Grand Sound blew a way foremast for Bridgeport, reports this morning in getting under way off Hyannis, lost starboard anchor. Will procure anchor from Boston; from New York.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 20.—Sch Tty, from Boston for St John, N. B. went ashore on Hicks Rocks last night, but floated this morning uninjured and proceeded.

Sch Shules, N. S. for New York, while getting under way, collided with sch Clara B Rogers, from Perth Amboy for Seaport, carrying away flying jibboom and headgear, staying the Rogers' boat, breaking davits, smashing rails. The Aldine received, temporarily repaired and proceeded.

DISASTERS.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Ship Stamboul, Pelyng, who reported from Scotland, Dec 20, from Pensacola, reports that she sighted Nov 16, in lat 31, lon 57, an overturned vessel which Captain Pelyng believed to be sch Ivanhoe. He was unable to get close to it. A cablegram received from correspondents in London adds that the vessel was waterlogged and abandoned, rather than overturned, as early reported, and that it is inferred that some of the crew of seven men may have escaped).

BOSTON MARKETS. The following apple shipments from Atlantic ports were made last week: Boston, 1,885; New York, 2,789; Portland, 1,885; Halifax, 785; St. John, 772.

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AT McADAM.

Special Christmas Music in the Churches.

McADAM, Dec. 26.—On Sunday evening after evening presentation was made to the Rev. J. M. Gladstone of a gold watch, suitably engraved, by parishioners and friends. The presentation was made by L. C. Ord. Special services were held both morning and evening. Carols were sung after the evening. Mrs. L. C. Thompson of Brownville assisted, also F. K. Oliver, general foreman C. P. R. works.

In the Union church a concert was held and a Christmas tree presented Friday evening and proved a great success. A large Christmas tree was placed in the church with presents for Sunday school children, and special arrangements had been made to provide the children with a real Santa Claus. J. C. Longley enacted this part with great success, a special Eskimo dress being provided for the occasion, and great delight was given to the children by the realistic interpretation of the part. The concert was conducted by Miss Maud Lewis, and several of the items were admirably rendered. Mrs. J. Johnson gave a recitation. The Burial of Moses. Messrs. Langley and Mills sang O Who Will O'er the Downs So Free. Miss Ruth Green, daughter of Geo. Green, customs officer, aged 10, recited The Telephone Message, which was greatly appreciated. Selections were given by a chorus of 16 boys and girls which evinced careful training on the part of their teachers. Mrs. Geo. Green and Miss P. Hoyt. At the close of the concert the Rev. A. Ross received a handsome present of a fur cap and collar, which was suitably acknowledged by the rev. gentleman. Miss Maud Lewis also was the recipient of a Christmas gift in recognition of her services as organist.

FIREMAN DROWNED. HALIFAX, Dec. 25.—William Linnett, a fireman on the steamer Gulf of Anand, from St. John, fell overboard at the wharf here last night and was drowned. His body was recovered from the water and taken to the morgue. The unfortunate man belongs to London, Eng.

NARROW CHESTED, weak lunged people can't be cured by medicine. Plenty of fresh air, mild exercise and a good diet will cure them. The first sign of weakness or loss of weight is the best treatment.

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MARRIAGES. McELHENNY-RITCHIE—On Dec. 19, 1904, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. T. K. Thompson, J. R. McElhenry and Ella Ritchie, both of St. John, N. B.

DEATHS. BELLYEA—In St. John, Dec. 26th, Mrs. Geo. H. Bellyea, in the 42nd year of her age. (Boston papers please copy.) GALBRAITH—At St. John West, on Dec. 23rd, 1904, Frederick, son of Samuel Galbraith, in the 23rd year of his age. JONES—Cornelia A. Jones, wife of Albert B. Jones, on Dec. 24th. MILES—On Dec. 25th, 1904, Mrs. Eliza Miles, widow of the late Benjamin Miles of St. John. MILLER—At Centerton, Kings Co., N. B., on Nov. 25th, Eliza A., widow of the late George Miller, in the 88th year of her age, leaving six sons and one daughter; also one brother, a large number of grand-children, besides a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss. RAMAGE—In this city, on Dec. 24th, William J., second son of Helen A. and the late George Ramage, in the 23rd year of his age. SCOVILL—In this city, on the 24th inst., at the residence of her sister, Mrs. W. K. Crawford, 77 Sewell street, Amy A. Scovill, aged 87 years.

CORONER'S INQUEST

Found That Robert McNaughton's Death Was Due to Excessive Drinking.

CHATHAM, N. B., Dec. 24.—The coroner's inquest held to enquire into the death of Robert McNaughton concluded its business tonight. The verdict rendered was in accordance with the evidence and was as follows: "That Robert McNaughton came to his death from excessive use of alcoholic liquor and exposure on the night of Friday, the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1904, at the parish of Chatham, in the county of Northumberland." Deceased was a general favorite in town, and has been employed by Charles A. Gunn for some years at the blacksmith trade. He was the youngest son of Robert McNaughton of Black River, and a brother of Gordon McNaughton, who died in South Africa. One brother and one sister, as well as his parents, survive him. He accompanied a friend to Logville on Friday night and was allowed to return alone at about 11 o'clock, at which time it was freezing.

At midnight the team was discovered coming into town with the unfortunate young man hanging out over the side of the sleigh and quite dead, probably from suffocation and exposure. The remains were conveyed to his home in Black River and the interment will take place on Tuesday, the 27th. Coroner M. S. Benson conducted the inquest, with Wm. Kers as foreman of the jury. R. A. Lawler appeared for the local government.

CHRISTMAS AT FREDERICKTON. Fire at Stanley Destroyed Valuable Property.

FREDERICKTON, N. B., Dec. 25.—Outside of the churches, Christmas here today was quietly observed. In the churches special programmes of the music were rendered. At the Cathedral in the afternoon, a children's service was held, at which a large number of young girls and boys sang a number of carols. Dean Partridge delivered a short address on Christmas. All services were largely attended in spite of the extreme cold weather.

Samuel Blair's fine residence at Stanley, one of the best in the city, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. A great deal of the furniture was also destroyed. The house was insured for \$1,000, and only built a short time ago. There was no insurance on the furniture.

Christmas will not be observed here from a sporting standpoint until snow arrives. The curlers and horsemen are looking forward to a day of sport on the 27th, the day after Christmas. During the night the mercury dropped to 20 below, by far the coldest of the season. Shoppers had to move about in a rapid manner to keep up the circulation. Tonight promises to be another cold one.

RACE OF GIANTS REPORTED. Men Nine Feet Tall, Resembling Indians, Found in Greenland.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—After a year's visit to the land of the Eskimos, Capt. Christian Jensen of the eryolite bark Silicon, has arrived at his home here. The homeward trip from Iqviut bay, Greenland, began on Nov. 21.

A strange tale is told by Capt. Jensen of a remarkable race of giants, some of whom visited the Eskimos and Danes at the mining settlement of Arsvick, ten miles from Iqviut bay.

These people had never before been seen even by the Eskimos. They are copper-colored, and are seven, eight and even nine feet tall. In features they resemble the American Indians.

"These strange people," said Capt. Jensen, "represented to the Eskimos a traditional, almost legendary, tribe of giants, stories of which had been handed down to them until they regarded the race as mythical. They cannot speak the language of the Eskimos, and could only make known by signs that they had been driven from their homes in the interior by great storms and cold weather."

SEAS... On Her... Miles... NORFOLK, Va., by heavy seas, at least helpless on... eight miles... tonight, and faint... then carry a message... corps on shore... they had been driven from their homes in the interior by great storms and cold weather.