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Sunday, Dec. 17, was a red-letter day for the United Baptists of the town of Hartland. Following the announcements of last week, everything was in readiness for the rededication, everybody having part in the event working overtime to help make it a success.

Sunday morning dawned with somewhat cloudy sky followed by a "considerable" downfall of snow, which, however, did not dampen to a great extent the ardor of the worshippers. The first service of the day opened at 11 with the usual formalities. The church was well-filled and the spacious new platform well adorned by a choir of twenty-five. The clergy men present were Rev. Theo. Pierce of the Methodist church, with Revs. F. S. Todd, E. A. Trites and L. E. Ackland of the Baptist communion. The opening hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy" was beautifully rendered by the choir, followed by Scripture reading, anthem and prayer; after which a solo by Mrs. F. A. Alton "Open the Gates of the Temple" was most beautifully rendered. The dedication sermon by Rev. L. E. Ackland was well chosen, his thoughts being based upon the description of Solomon's Temple and what it meant to the Hebrew people, following up the thought by the later idea of meaning of the temple by Jesus himself, concluding his sermon with the Scriptural announcement of the final word of the race to which God eventually would bring his redeemed children, that being the dwelling place of himself. It was masterfully well as eloquent. In the afternoon the music was in charge of the male choir, being assisted by members from other churches of the town. Rev. W. P. Haight of the Episcopal church also occupied the platform. Rev. L. E. Ackland preaching the afternoon sermon.

The evening service proved the greatest of all of the day, marked by the splendid spirit which prevailed from its beginning. The Rev. E. A. Trites, ex-pastor, the chief speaker of the evening, opened the service with a call for pledges for the building fund, prefacing his remarks with the financial statement of the committee, showing an expenditure of \$3,372, previous pledges of \$3374, cash to start on \$1,779.81, a balance of \$3,718.35 to produce \$700 of which had been pledged during the afternoon without special appeal. When the evening pledges were counted the magnificent sum of \$3,400 was found, \$31.61 to be applied to extra insurance, etc. Besides the cost of \$372, donations to the extent of \$124.49 in labor, material, etc., may be added. Pledges are to extend over a period of two years from date and may be paid at any time to Rev. L. York, treasurer. Truly a splendid feat of financing by both members and friends of the church. Particular mention might be made of A. W. Kyle who at the psychological moment, when the pledges showed signs of waning, came forward with the offer of 2 1/2 per cent of all pledges up to \$4000, this being the result of the offer made by Rev. E. A. Trites to do likewise.

The farewell sermon was very touching and impressive being chosen from the text "For we are co-laborers together with God." At the close of the service Deacon Hagerman extended the hearty appreciation of the church in his usual fervent manner to the retiring pastor, after which "Bless Be the Tie that Binds" was sung, followed by a short meeting of the members at which a call was extended to Rev. G. F. Bolster of the Nassau Baptist church, Wapogo, Man.

LOOKING FOR HAY

On Monday The Observer was favored with a call from Thomas M. Scott of Montreal, one of the large hay merchants. He said, "I came here with the intention of seeing the quality and prospects of the future business. Conditions of the hay market are very critical just at the moment. The farmers in the Province of Quebec are holding for summer prices which has forced the export merchants to look to New Brunswick. The demand for export hay at present is fairly brisk but will not continue should there be any rise in prices for the difference in the cost of Quebec hay and New Brunswick hay delivered at the sea-board on present prices is not over \$1.25 per ton, so should the farmer in this district lose his nerve and decide to hold instead of moving his crop when the opportunity is offering, he will run a great risk of having to dispose of it at a much lower

figure later in the season. We fully expect that the Quebec farmer will be ready to accept at least one dollar less for his hay in the near future, and when that happens, New Brunswick hay that has not already been sold will certainly be very difficult to dispose of."

QUARTERLY MEETING UNITED BAPTISTS

Held Last Week at Waterville—Profitable and Interesting

The quarterly meeting of the Second United Baptists District, comprising the churches in Carleton county, was held with the church in Waterville on Monday and Tuesday, December 11 and 12. Rev. G. N. Barton, president of the District and pastor of the Waterville church, opened the session with a brief devotional meeting, after which Rev. W. J. Alexander took the place of Rev. Malcolm Orchard, who was called away to a meeting in Montreal, and preached an eloquent sermon which greatly impressed those present.

The resignation of Rev. L. E. Ackland of Woodstock, who has been secretary of the district for several years, was regrettably accepted. Mr. Ackland, who is leaving to assume the pastorate of the First Church in Sydney on Jan. 1, has been a tower of strength to the Baptist cause in Carleton county and it will be hard to find a more faithful secretary. A nomination committee was appointed to fill the office and also the vacant place on the executive committee by the removal of Rev. E. A. Trites. The committee nominated Rev. L. A. Farnwick for the office of secretary and the other position was left to executive to fill.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Barton presided and Rev. L. A. Farnwick conducted the devotional service, after which the reports of the churches were verbally presented by the delegates present. In the afternoon session Rev. Law Wallace, Pastor-at-Large, conducted the devotional meeting and preached from the words, "He led them forth by the right way."

Following this Mrs. Sander of Woodstock gave a most interesting address on missionary work in India, exhibiting some of the most popular idols worshipped in India. After this address Rev. L. W. Williamson gave an address and led a conference on Sunday School work. Frank Atherton, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the report of the contributions by the churches to wards denominational objects. It was shown that very few of the churches are paying any attention to this matter and expect the churches respond more generously the Home Mission work and other schemes of the church will have to be curtailed.

At the evening session the program had to be altered again owing to the absence of Reuben Hagerman and Rev. Law Wallace. After a brief devotional service conducted by Rev. G. N. Barton, Rev. L. W. Williamson preached an evangelistic sermon and led an after service in which a goodly number of those present took part. Votes of thanks were presented to the Waterville church and people for kind entertainment and it was decided to hold next meeting in Bristol.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT WATERVILLE

Miss Rowena Macleay and her little group of bright scholars were at home to their parents and friends in Waterville Hall Tuesday night where they entertained with a small Christmas tree and a well balanced program that showed such unvarying excellence as to leave no occasion for special mention. To the writer the musical numbers made the strongest appeal and it is our mind additional efforts of like quality would have met unqualified approval from the benches. The little tots showed an assurance and confidence in taking their parts that spoke well for their careful training and of course everybody will agree that in her monologue characterization of the bereaved widow, mourning the untimely demise of her dear "Joel", Gaynelle Macleay was simply a "scream".

Miss Macleay is closing her first term as a teacher and the general excellence of the program of Tuesday night indicates a degree of thoroughness of much credit to both pupils and teacher.

ahead the most popular man in these diggings, and for the next few days ought to be the sweetest and most stuck up man in seven counties.

T. W. CALDWELL, M.P. TALKS TO FARMERS

Meeting at Hartland Would Have Drawn Big Crowd but for Condition of Roads—Advocacy of Farm Loans

Thos. W. Caldwell, M. P., was the chief speaker at a meeting of Progressives held in the Star Theatre last Thursday afternoon when he detailed some of the legislation that was before parliament at the last session. He spoke of the equitable adjustment of freights between east and west, the revision of the Fertiliser Act, the Immigration Act and other questions of equal interest to a New Brunswick audience of producers. While on the subject of freight rates and their equalisation as between east and west the speaker gave a minute detail of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement and in passing expressed personal satisfaction as to the fairness of the proportional adjustment of these rates. The Fertiliser Act was explained to some extent and attention was drawn to many sections that only were made workable and any protection to the producer and shipper by the matter in hand and the great vigilance of the Progressive member for Carleton-Victoria. As to the Immigration Act, the speaker was emphatic in denouncing this law, which provides for an expenditure of some \$4,000,000 in introducing aliens into this country at a time that is inopportune, considering the home too bright business prospect and more particularly so from an agricultural standpoint. Before closing the speaker detailed what had taken place to date in advancing the project to get financial aid through the local government in some form of a government farm loan scheme.

Mr. Caldwell explained the working of laws of the kind already established in Manitoba and Ontario and asked that New Brunswick farmers as a body unite to strengthen the hands of their representatives in an endeavor to bring about some such provision for government aid in this province. Throughout the entire talk Mr. Caldwell was cool and deliberate and gave the impression that he was anxious only to get the matters taken into consideration before the meeting in a plain, logical way.

Chairman W. N. Raymond and Fred Smith, M. L. A., added a few pertinent remarks at the close of Mr. Caldwell's talk and a satisfactory meeting was closed after passing a resolution in endorsement of the projected move for government aid for New Brunswick farmers. The resolution is in substance: "That the United Farmers in session at Hartland, Dec. 15, express unanimous concurrence in the effort to secure an arrangement providing for a Provincial Farm Loan as outlined by T. W. Caldwell, M. P., along similar lines as the Farm Loan Act adopted 1917 by Manitoba and 1920 by Ontario and which have proven in both instances 100 per cent satisfactory. Further, That all United Farmers organisations throughout the province take this matter up and pass similar resolutions so as to strengthen the hands of those who will advocate the scheme before the local government."

The condition of the roads made a desirable attendance impossible and another meeting is to be arranged for at a later and possibly more propitious occasion.

The Western Union Telegraph Company is making special preparations to handle the Christmas greeting messages. The office is announced to be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all messages are to be delivered on specially decorated blanks appropriate to the occasion.

NEWS OF THE SHIRE TOWN

New Interest in Racers—Resignation of Town Manager—Other Matters

Ever since the Woodstock Driving Club came into existence its members have been noted for their keen sportmanship, their faculty of all getting together in a time of emergency and the fairness which they have treated both the horsemen and general public. Their first venture, by some individual members of the Club but not by the Club as a whole, was the purchase of Oro Fino. This horse met with hard luck and was not a success financially. However, after a lay off his present three owners claim he is ready again for the turf next season and he ought to be good in his class as he is eligible for the 2.14 paces. Last year the Club felt the need of a free-for-all pacer to compete with the Aroostook flyers. This fall they quietly threw out some string to try and land something that Woodstock people would not be ashamed to see race in the fastest company. As usual they have again demonstrated their ability and last Friday J. W. Gallagher and Robert Hamilton left for Athol, Mass., to bring home "Dan Hodgwood" with a mark on a half mile track of 2.04 1/2. This record was taken August 17, 1921, at Middleton, N. Y. Dan Hodgwood took the last heat in 2.04 1/2, the 2nd in 2.04 1/2 and was beaten the 3rd heat in 2.04 1/2 by Mary O'Connor. Adios Galy was 3rd in each heat. This looks good enough to make even John R. Braden stop some. This horse with a green trotter or pacer along here will make an attractive string for some good trainer. The Club are deserving of every success and we wish them all the good luck possible.

J. W. Gallagher's recent purchase has arrived and is true to form and description. He is one of the best built racing horses that we have ever seen and which at first glance he looks like a pony, still he tips the scales at 850 and should grow another hundred this winter.

No arrangements made yet for the Xmas evening as the free-for-all for the whole show. There will surely be some good scraps Xmas afternoon even if it has to be on the lower road.

Fraser Armstrong, Woodstock's efficient Town Manager, has resigned and is to leave March 1. Mr. Armstrong has certainly made a great success of the Town Manager scheme of running this town and Woodstock today is talked of all over Canada. The great majority of our citizens are extremely sorry to see Mr. Armstrong go but having proved himself a competent manager his services are in demand for greater achievements. Everything is running smoothly; the office is up to the minute and Mr. Armstrong's assistant, Miss Ada Wiley, has the work down fine. It is a great chance for a new man to step in. Very much different from the starting of the scheme. Mr. Armstrong had to organize every department.

Sunday's snowfall was only welcome to almost everyone. Xmas trade will be a lot brisker with good roads. The Christmas turkey is going to be costly. However, beef is cheap in this town, at least, so we should worry.

Hon. F. B. Carvell's only daughter, Mrs. Fisher, died at Ottawa last week and the remains were laid to rest here Friday. The sympathy not only of Woodstock, but of the whole country goes out to Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Carvell in their very sad bereavement.

This has been a great fall for autos and they are still running here. Another storm will probably tie them up for the season.

We wish The Observer and all its many readers a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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