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CONFERENCE.

The Business is now Fast Drawing to a Close.

A Number of Reports Were Read Today but the Work Was Chiefly of a Routine Character.

At the afternoon session of conference yesterday, the report of No. 2, superannuated fund was read by Rev. G. W. Fisher, of Moncton, showing the total assessment from the different districts of New Brunswick amount to \$1,750, and recommending that the extra amount of \$300 be also assessed. The report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Read and Rev. Dr. Sprague addressed the conference in reference to the additions being made to the Ladies' College at Mount Allison. They reported that it had been found absolutely necessary to build in order to accommodate the increasing number of students. The building would be of brick and stone and would cost \$40,000. Money was urgently needed, and they looked to the conference for assistance in raising this amount.

Dr. Borden, the principal of the Ladies' College, then told how the work was progressing at Mount Allison and how urgent was the need of a new building.

At the close of Dr. Borden's address, a resolution, moved by Rev. G. M. Campbell, was passed that the conference place on record its hearty endorsement of the action of the board of regents and proceeds at once to take subscriptions in aid of the laudable project, payment to be made as any time before January 1st, 1904, except in cases where more time is requested.

At the evening meeting addresses were made by Rev. W. C. Matthews and Rev. Dr. Chowan, of Toronto. Mr. Matthews spoke on the subject of the salaries of Methodist ministers and of their inadequacy in view of the need of clergymen being supplied with up-to-date literature.

Dr. Chowan, in addressing the conference on the temperance question, said that he and others had interviewed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues concerning legislation restricting the use of cigarettes, but that the premier treated them with every courtesy he refused to add them in this matter. Dr. Chowan in closing said that every elector should feel the great responsibility resting upon him in this matter, and cast his ballot according to his convictions. Reform in all lines depended upon the church's people standing together.

The corrected station sheet was read. Changes have been made in the following stations: Newcastle, W. Lawson; Richibucto, J. P. Estey; Milltown, Geo. W. Fisher; Wainoak, Frank Friswell; Moncton, L. J. Wilson; Murray Harbor, S. P. Parlin. This is the arrangement as it stands now.

Rev. Geo. M. Campbell was elected chairman of the district of St. John.

TODAY'S SESSION.

This morning's session opened at 9 o'clock, with President Berrie in the chair.

On motion the Rev. G. A. Ross was chosen as conference treasurer of the Epworth League.

Rev. George Fisher read a report of the board of trusts, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dec. 1st, 1902—

To cash on hand	\$26 30
To interest on investments	48 75
To interest on Bradley legacy	48 75
To interest on Jas. E. White legacy	20 00
To interest on Dear legacy	12 50
To interest on J. McHutchings legacy	12 50
Disbursed	\$181 20
By Rev. L. J. Watson, Grand Lakerel	\$48 50
By Postage and Registration	48 75
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By Rev. W. J. Clements, S. S. Spring	9 52
By Postage and express order	9 52
By Rev. E. B. Dought, S. S. Sumner	9 52
By Postage, etc.	9 52
By Treasurer of sustentation fund	12 50
By expenses of secretary	30 00
By balance on hand	30 00
Total	\$418 20

The report showed in addition to securities, already in the hands of the board and reported to the conference, there has been handed over during the year the Manser bequest of \$400; also \$250, being one half the legacy bequeathed by the late Hon. S. Prowse, of Murray Harbor South. The interest of which is to be given to the sustentation fund of the N. B. and P. E. I. conference; also the sum of \$120, being a bequest of Henry Robinson, Controller for the use of the Methodists of P. E. I. The report impressed upon the conference the great need of looking after these legacies and properties left from time to time. By Dr. Stewart moved that the proceeds from the sale of furniture of the Blackville Hall be placed in the hands of the board of trusts. Carried.

The report of the Epworth League committee was submitted. It showed an increase of nine societies, and also a marked increase in membership. The largest increase is in the St. John district, where four new societies have been added to the league.

The committee regretted to report a considerable decrease in the amount contributed by the Young People's Societies. They endorsed the recommendation of the Sunday school committee that the conference give its support to the project of the general secretary, which contemplates the systematic visitation of the districts.

The committee on the state of work submitted their report, showing an increase in membership in many circuits. The report dealt with the scarcity of ministers, a lamentable want of young men to carry on the work being only too apparent. Attention was drawn to the fact that greater and greater encroachments were being made upon the sanctity of the Lord's day, and the pulpit was urged to meet these conditions by impressing upon the people the importance of maintaining their obligations and duties to the Sabbath day.

Sergt. Kilpatrick, of the northern police division is on his holidays and officer Smith is doing duty as acting sergeant.

RACES CALLED OFF

Because the Fast Trotter Lord Derby is Not in Condition.

NEW YORK, June 23.—The \$10,000 match race between the famous trotters Lord Derby, 2:05 3-4, owned by E. E. Smathers of New York and Major Deimar, 2:05 1-2, trained by Alta McDonald of Philadelphia, has been declared off because Lord Derby is not in condition and the \$4,000 posted in forfeits in the hands of David Bonnor will be turned over to McDonald. These great trotters, the fastest now racing, were to have met in a match over the Empire City track at Yonkers, July 4. Two weeks ago Lord Derby, who is being trained at Hartford, Conn., pulled up lame in his left hind leg. This necessitated a rest-up in training and he is now going round, he could not be fit by July 4 and Mr. Smathers forfeited.

WILL NOT RETURN.

NEW YORK, June 23.—According to information obtained by the New York World, Senor Luis F. Corea, the Nicaraguan minister to the United States, will not return to his post and the Nicaraguan government will continue without a representative at Washington because of the failure of the Nicaraguan project, according to a compatriot of Senor Corea, the United States having decided on the completion of the Panama canal, the usefulness of a minister at Washington for the country is too poor, he said, to support one.

CORNER IN COTTON.

New Orleans Men Force the Price Up to Thirteen Cents.

New Orleans importers have complete control of the cotton market and have forced the price of the raw article up to thirteen cents. Whether this is the limit or not remains to be seen. They do not know what is not a credit to them they can raise the price considerably. The mills in the north are feeling the effect of the corner, for while they have a supply that will last them weeks or months, as the case may be, they are not sure of it. It is expected, however, that when an attempt is made to liquidate there will be a big slump and all are hoping that it will come soon.

The two St. John mills are fairly well stocked but the companies are not as least bit alarmed as last fall with the price right they made large purchases.

WATER WORKS AT BEULAH.

The annual Beulah camp meeting will be held this year at the grounds at Brown's Flats from July 5th to 17th. Already elaborate preparations are being made for the gathering and some important and extensive improvements are being made, chief among them is the introduction of the water system. Some three-quarters of a mile away there are excellent springs and these are being piped to the grounds. This is the first time that an iron pipe line has been laid to the grounds with the result that there are now in operation six fountains and four faucets. The fountains are throwing a twenty foot stream and the supply is sufficient for all purposes. The connections are of the best and there is little if any danger of the water freezing during the winter. The work was done by J. F. Bullock.

MR. ROBINSON IMPROVED.

"Lou" Robinson, the well known and popular St. John immigration inspector, who has been very ill for some time at his home in the south, has so far recovered as to be able to resume his duties. It is hardly likely that Mr. Robinson will return to this section of the country, as the climate does not seem to agree with him. Mr. Robinson's many friends here will be glad to learn of his improved health and he is sure of a hearty welcome should he again come this way.

RAMPANT ANTS.

The mild idiosyncrasy recently characterized of the Telegraph's editorial columns is spreading and the head line writer of that one-time valued journal has it now, "Rampant Ants on the Warpath," is a good head if some one had only been kind enough to write an article to fit it. It is a good head if some one had only been kind enough to write an account of an auto accident it seemed misplaced somehow. Someone ought to —; there, that'll do now.

COUNTRY VISITORS.

The residents of Sandy Point Road were startled yesterday when they received a visit from a bear accompanied by two cubs. The trio took a look around the locality but seemingly not being particularly impressed left for parts unknown. Needless to say their exit was not regretted. On the same day three deer put in an appearance, but like the bear and cubs, did not make a long stay. Their present address is not available.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The case of White vs. Hamm was continued this morning. Ralph White, plaintiff; Robert W. White, Ernest Giggie and Arthur Johnson, being on the stand for the plaintiff. Their evidence went to show that the defendant had given the plaintiff permission to use the horse over which the trouble occurred.

LATE-LOCAL NEWS.

The S. S. Bavarian arrived at Liverpool at nine o'clock this morning from Montreal.

The last rehearsal of the Chapman Choral Festival Society before August will be held this evening in the York Theatre. All members are expected to be present. There will be a meeting of the committee immediately after the rehearsal.

The fire hydrant that for so many years has hidden itself in Jardine Alley, has been moved to a more conspicuous place, at least the pipe has been changed from the alley to the corner of Walker's wharf and water Street, and a new hydrant with many mouth pieces has been put in place. The hydrant at the old Furlong Corner is also being brought into prominence and will probably be of some use in the future.

PROHIBITION.

The Methodist Conference in a Lively Discussion.

Yesterday Afternoon Was Devoted to the Prohibition of Cigarettes and Liquor in New Brunswick.

A rather animated discussion took place in the Methodist conference yesterday over the report on temperance, prohibition and moral reform. Rev. Dr. Chowan, who is secretary for that department in the general conference, was present. The first clause in the report referred to his work and was adopted.

The second clause commended the action of the Dominion W. C. T. U. in seeking the banishment of the cigarette. Dr. Chowan explained the position of legislation at Ottawa, pointing out that Mr. Bicherdi's anti cigarette bill had not the sympathy of the government and that Mr. Fitzpatrick, having proposed to destroy the measure, was proposing one himself in regard to the age limit of cigarette smokers. The conference resolution as adopted opposed any age limit.

Clause three and four relating to pledge cards and their use were adopted without much discussion. The prohibition clauses brought out the most lively debate of the session. As reported, the resolution asked the local government to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

One member pointed out that Prince Edward Island already had provincial prohibition. Dr. Chowan said that he had no objection to what had been done on earth was the good of asking a government to do what it had already done. He further inquired what sense there was in asking the province to prohibit importation when the highest courts in the land had decided that they had no power to do it. Besides, he was of the opinion that some countries—Westmorland for example, would be reluctant to give up the spirit Act.

Rev. Mr. Marshall said that if the conference desired provincial prohibition it could recognize what had been done in Prince Edward Island and ask New Brunswick to do likewise. Personally, he believed that this was shifting the burden from the dominion, where it belonged.

After further debate Rev. W. E. Johnson rose to reply to critics of the report. He observed that the conference seemed to be afraid of strong words. In former years, when an epithet was applied to the liquor traffic the conference struck out the adjective. When the report asked the ministers to preach strong sermons against it, the word "strong" had to go. The Scott Act was all right in itself, but it was not the solution. The prohibition counties by St. John. He wanted to stop the sale of liquor in this city. Stop the trade here and you could enforce the C. T. Act in the counties. He went in for strong words and resolute action. If the provincial authorities threw out the conference appeal let them do so.

J. R. Woodburn said a petition signed by 10,000 persons had been sent to Frederickton. But the government said they could do nothing. This government was completely in the hands of the liquor dealers, though one member of the administration was a member of this conference.

(Hon. H. A. McKeown was not present.)

The next speaker observed that the conference might as well whistle against the wind as to send memorials. Recommendations adopted here had no effect on election day. They were utterly disregarded.

Rev. H. Thomas, Rev. Mr. Marshall and the chairman of the committee read the resolution, which re-affirmed the doctrine of dominion prohibition as most desirable, asked for provincial prohibition in this province and recommended the church to labor for the enforcement of local option laws in the meantime.

"Your heads will be whiter than mine before you get it," said Rev. E. James, referring to federal prohibition. "No, while any of us are alive will it come," he added amid signs of dissent. "Let us take hold of the traffic here. St. John is a tremendous hole in the side of the county boys send down to St. John and get liquor from wholesale firms. I never saw a county where there is so much drinking as Albert. One drug store in Hillsboro takes in \$400 per month." He went on to tell of the enormous excess business in liquor. "I have seen the express book," Mr. James went on, "and I know what I am talking about. The St. John dealers are simply flooding the place and the people are demoralized. We have arrested some of the persons concerned and have put them in irons." It was no use to talk about the Scott Act until the rum was got out of St. John.

Rev. Mr. Johnson said that the provincial government would do nothing. The opposition leader had refused to promise anything. But let the conference stand firm. Provincial prohibition would come before dominion prohibition.

DIXON-STEWART.

At eight o'clock last evening at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. E. L. Coffin, Miss Anna Bell Stewart and Frederick Dixon were united in marriage. The bridesmaid was Miss Vera Hoyt, while Jesse Strong supported the groom. The parents of the contracting parties and a large number of friends and relatives were present. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to the home of the bride where a collation was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are expected to attend the straw-hat supper to be given by the ladies' aid of St. Phillip's church on Thursday evening.

CRYSTAL WEDDING.

On Saturday evening a number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Rankin called at their residence, 50 Hasen Street, to celebrate the 15th anniversary of their wedding. Over forty people were in the party and Mr. and Mrs. Rankin were the recipients of many costly presents, principally cut glass. Whist and music helped to pass a very pleasant evening.

THE MOAT HOUSE MURDER.

Trial of the Prisoner Dougal Was Begun Yesterday.

LONDON, June 23.—The trial of Samuel Herbert Dougal on the charge of murdering Miss Camille Holland, a wealthy woman with whom he lived at the Moat House, Saffron-Walden Essex, which began at Chelmsford yesterday, was continued today. The immovable stolidity of the prisoner since his arrest continues to be one of the most interesting features of the proceedings. The prosecution closed its case this morning and Dougal, to the end, listened apparently unmoved to the accumulation of circumstantial evidence. The court was again crowded, women being especially anxious to obtain entrance. The evidence presented was simply a reiteration of the testimony at the inquest.

THE SERVIAN TROUBLE.

GENEVA, June 23.—King Peter I. of Servia, left Geneva on his way to Belgrade at 8.43 p. m. today. He was loudly cheered and was presented with many bouquets of flowers. In response to the cheering King Peter cried: "Vive La Suisse." BELGRADE, June 23.—King Peter's promotions of officers of the Geneva military delegation have given serious offense here and it is probable that they will be cancelled. It is semi-officially stated that Col. Mischich, who was gassed on Saturday as commandant of the military district of Belgrade, is not the chief conspirator, but the latter's brother. While at Geneva King Peter addressed communications to the Federal council and the Geneva municipality thanking them for their good will during his long residence in Switzerland. The authorities replied by tendering their best wishes for Peter I. of Servia.

LONDON, June 23.—King Edward has ordered the court to go into mourning for a fortnight for the late King Alexander of Servia.

BELGRADE, June 23.—The British minister to Servia left here this morning for London.

It is understood that the first bill to be submitted to King Peter will be one prepared by the minister of justice, granting amnesty for all political offences.

THE HAGUE, June 23.—The minister of the Netherlands at Belgrade has been instructed to leave the city before the arrival of King Peter at the Servian capital.

THE HENLEY REGATTA.

American Rowing Clubs Demand Reasons for Refusal of Entries.

NEW YORK, June 23.—At a special meeting of the Harlem Regatta Association last night, the secretary was directed to address a letter to the American Rowing Regatta Association of Philadelphia, who control the American Henley, asking for a better explanation as to the reason for returning the entries and entrance fees of C. S. Titus, "Jack" Varley and John Maloney of the Atlantic Boat Club, and Frank Vesley and Fred Budrie of the First Bohemia Boat Club. The only explanation given thus far, is that they would not be allowed to compete under rule 18. The members of the Harlem club say the rule is meaningless and ask for a detailed explanation. If a satisfactory one is not forthcoming, a letter will be addressed to the executives of all the boat clubs along the Harlem and Hudson rivers, asking that the entries of men from these clubs be withdrawn. The regatta of the American Henley is scheduled to take place July 2 on the Schuylkill. The American Rowing Association will be asked to give the explanation at once.

DECLARED NOT GENUINE.

The Papal Bull Issued by Pope Adrian IV to Henry II of England.

CHICAGO, June 23.—The papal bull, known as "Laudibilliter," over which controversy between historians have been waged for some seven centuries, is not genuine, according to the announcement of Prof. Oliver Joseph Thatcher of the University of Chicago, in a paper entitled "Studies Concerning Adrian IV," just issued from the University Press.

This conclusion is the result of a trip to Europe, a year's study in the Vatican library, and the reading of innumerable Latin documents. The laudibilliter, so-called from the occurrence of the Latin word in the salutation, has long been supposed to be a grant made by Pope Adrian IV, conferring on Henry II of England the island of Ireland.

MGR. MERRY DEL VAL PREFERRED.

ROME, June 23.—The candidate most preferred at the Vatican to succeed the late Cardinal Vaughan as archbishop of Westminster is Mgr. Merry Del Val, formerly apostolic delegate in Canada. His father was for many years Spanish ambassador to the Holy See, but his mother was English and he was born in London. To the objection regarding the nationality of his father, it is reported that Cardinal Wiseman, who was first archbishop of Westminster, was born in Seville.

EATMAN WANTS TO RUN.

Elbridge Eatman called at the Star office today to say that he would like to run an exhibition race with Dan Kiley for the benefit of those who paid money to see last night's finale. He wants the race to take place any night this week or on Monday evening. Eatman says the money put up for last evening's race has not yet been paid over.

He is also anxious to meet Frank Nagle, who issued a challenge a few days ago. Charles H. S. Knodell appeared in the police court today to answer the complaint made against him by Officer Finley for refusing to move from the corner of Coburg and Union Streets. Mr. Knodell explained the incident in a satisfactory manner and the case was

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REMOVING THE DEBRIS.

The Ruins at Hoppner Are Being Rapidly Cleared up.

HEPPNER, Ore., June 23.—The clearing away of the debris caused by the flood is progressing rapidly. The sanitary conditions of the town at present are far better than had been hoped for but every precaution is being taken to guard against an epidemic. Dr. Smith, who represents the state board of health, ordered alkali from the hills to be spread upon the streets. Four bodies were recovered yesterday, one hundred and seventy-seven bodies have been recovered and thirty-five persons are missing.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

June 23.—Sch. Wentworth, 235, Fitzpatrick, from South Amboy, coal. No. 2. Salter, from Coastwise—Sch. No. 2. Salter, from Parrboro; str. Springhill, Chambers, from Parrboro; str. Brunswick, Potter, from Canaan, N. S.; sch. Augusta Evelyn, Scovill, from fishing cruise; Laura G. Hall, Rockwell, from River Hebert, N. S.; Effort, Milner, from Annapolis, N. S.; Annie Blanche, Tutts, from Parrboro; Citizen, Woodworth, from Bear River, N. S.; Tribble, McDermann, from Westport, N. S. Cleared.

Sch. William L. Edkins, 229, Dixon, for Boston, Mass.

Coastwise—Sch. Augusta Evelyn, Scovill, for fishing cruise; Myra S. Gale, for Quaco, N. B.; str. Springhill, Chambers, for Parrboro; str. Yarmouth, Hooper, for Digby, sch. Electric Light, Bala, for Digby; sch. No. 1, Salter, for Parrboro; str. Brunswick, Potter, for Canaan.